

Train yourself to code a given variability point in the three major code based variants: parametric, polymorphic, and compositional. For instance, code HotStone winner strategies using the three techniques.

Express your solution using code fragments written using a not-too-fuzzy code editor.

Often the exercise will ask you to provide both a compositional as well as parametric/polymorphic solution. If pressed for time, focus on the compositional one.

2.4 Regarding Test Doubles and unit/integration testing

2.4.1 Regarding the theory

The central concepts are direct and indirect input, depended-on unit, and the replacement of these, as well as the different types (stubs, fake objects, spies). Next, the levels of testing (unit, integration, and system) from FRS 8.1.5. are relevant.

2.4.2 Regarding solving the exercise

Be sure to read the exercise so you solve the right exercise...

Look for the aspects of the exercise that is not under automated test control (random values, sensor values, hardware input, system clock input, etc.)—and use the standard compositional approach for encapsulating the indirect input behind interfaces.

Remember to demonstrate your ability to express the theory in concrete code by developing code fragments/diagrams.

2.5 Regarding Design patterns

2.5.1 Regarding the theory

The central theory is that of compositional design principles as the “engine” inside almost all design patterns. In addition it is obvious to include the definitions of design patterns (there are four in the book), and at least the ones in Chapter 9.

Review the design patterns in the FRS catalogue (or you can find them all in the excellent poster by Simon Kracht / find the link on weekplan 3) and review their Intent section (you can find that in the Design Pattern Index which you can download from baerbak.com under “missing insets in new printing”).

Many patterns have a rather similar structure to STRATEGY but review closely those that are a bit different. E.g. the BUILDER has its `getResult` method only in the delegates and the instance is declared by the concrete type, not by the interface type (why?); PROXY and DECORATOR has a special structure, etc. For top presentations, these details are important.

2.5.2 Regarding solving the exercise

Be sure to read the exercise so you solve the right exercise...

These exercises are typically of type “identify the pattern that can solve this problem.” If you do not immediately see which one it is, then do not panic. It is better to use the 3-1-2 process and compositional design principles to come up with a flexible compositional solution to the exercise and then we can probably discuss our way towards a concrete pattern during the examination.

Remember to demonstrate your ability to express the theory in concrete code by developing code fragments and diagrams.

2.6 Regarding Compositional design

2.6.1 Regarding the theory

The central topics are FRS Chapter 16, 3-1-2 and the compositional design principles, and Chapter 15, behaviour, responsibility, roles, and protocol.

It will be natural to connect to the themes of design patterns, frameworks, and variability management.

2.6.2 Regarding solving the exercise

The typical exercises require you to identify variability points in the problem, and use 3-1-2 and compositional design to provide as flexible solution.

2.7 Regarding Frameworks

2.7.1 Regarding the theory

Framework theory is basically the 3-1-2 process and compositional design principles but with some additional/supplementary terminology. So, be sure to include concepts like *hotspot*, *frozen spot*, and *inversion of control*, as well as understand the characteristics of frameworks. The TEMPLATE METHOD is a central pattern to understand, in both its two variants - *separation and unification*.

Time permitting in your exam planning, have a look at the source code for MiniDraw (guided by the slides and FRS 30) and review how the concepts are applied in practice.

It will be natural to connect to the themes of design patterns, compositional design principles, and variability management.