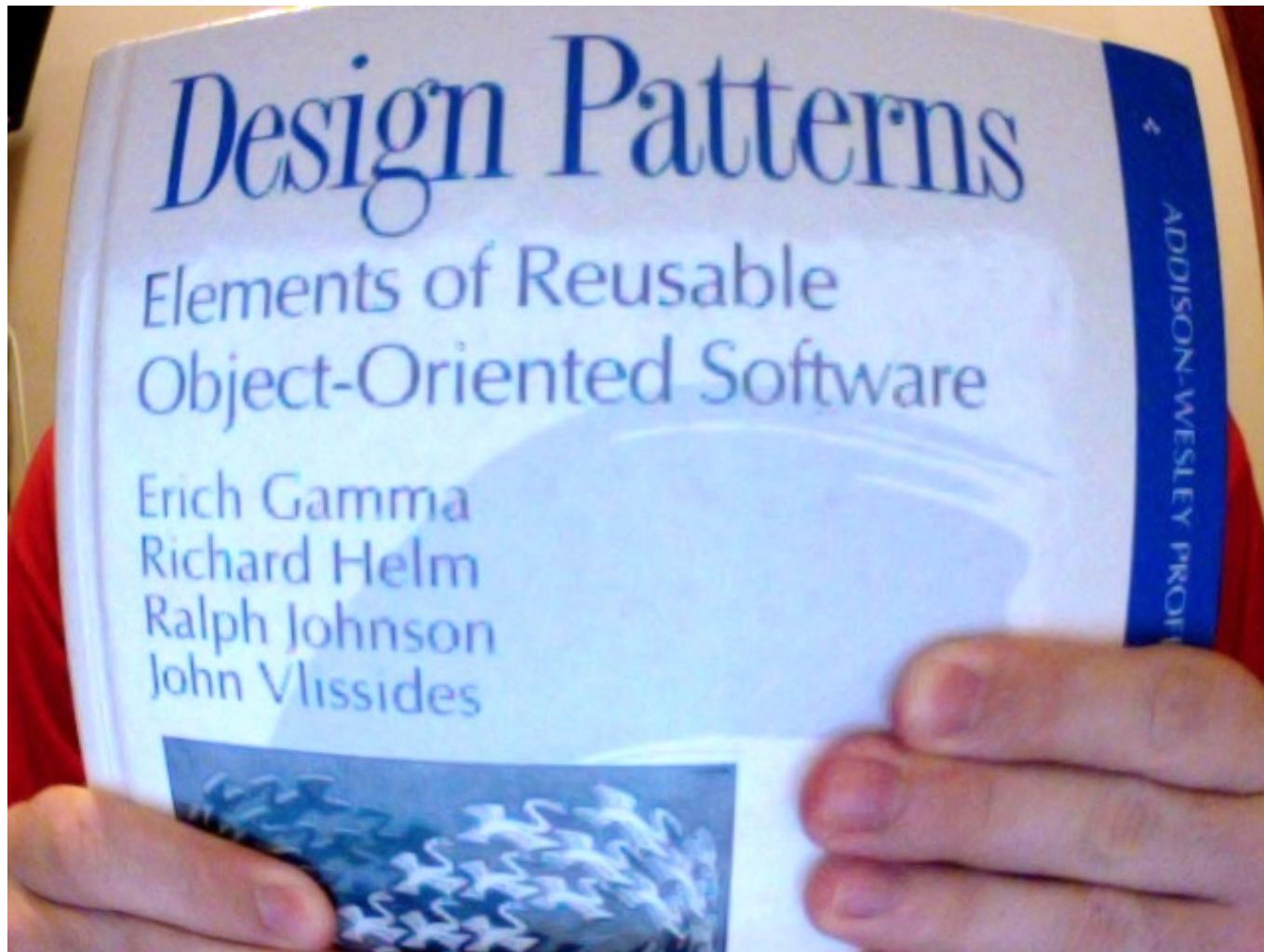


Functional Design Patterns

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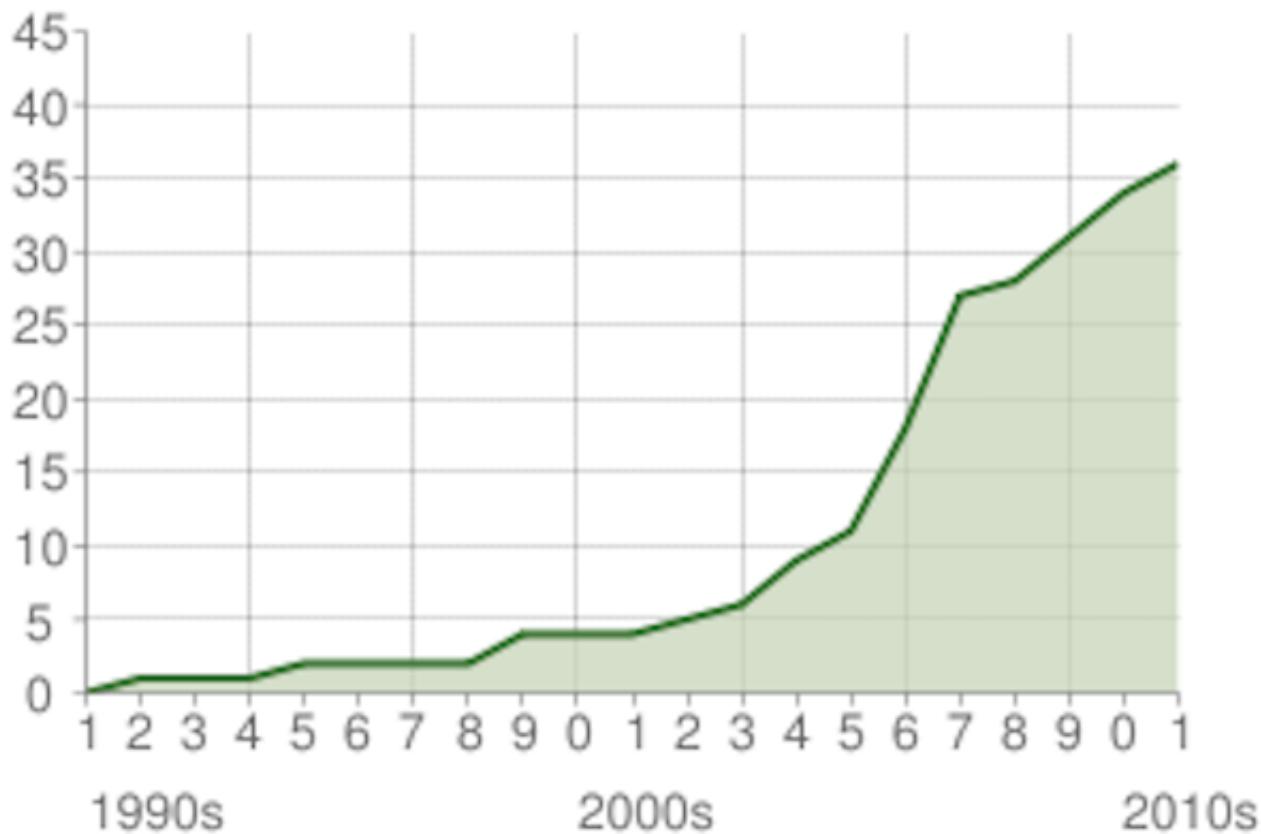


(2) Design Patterns in Dynamic Languages

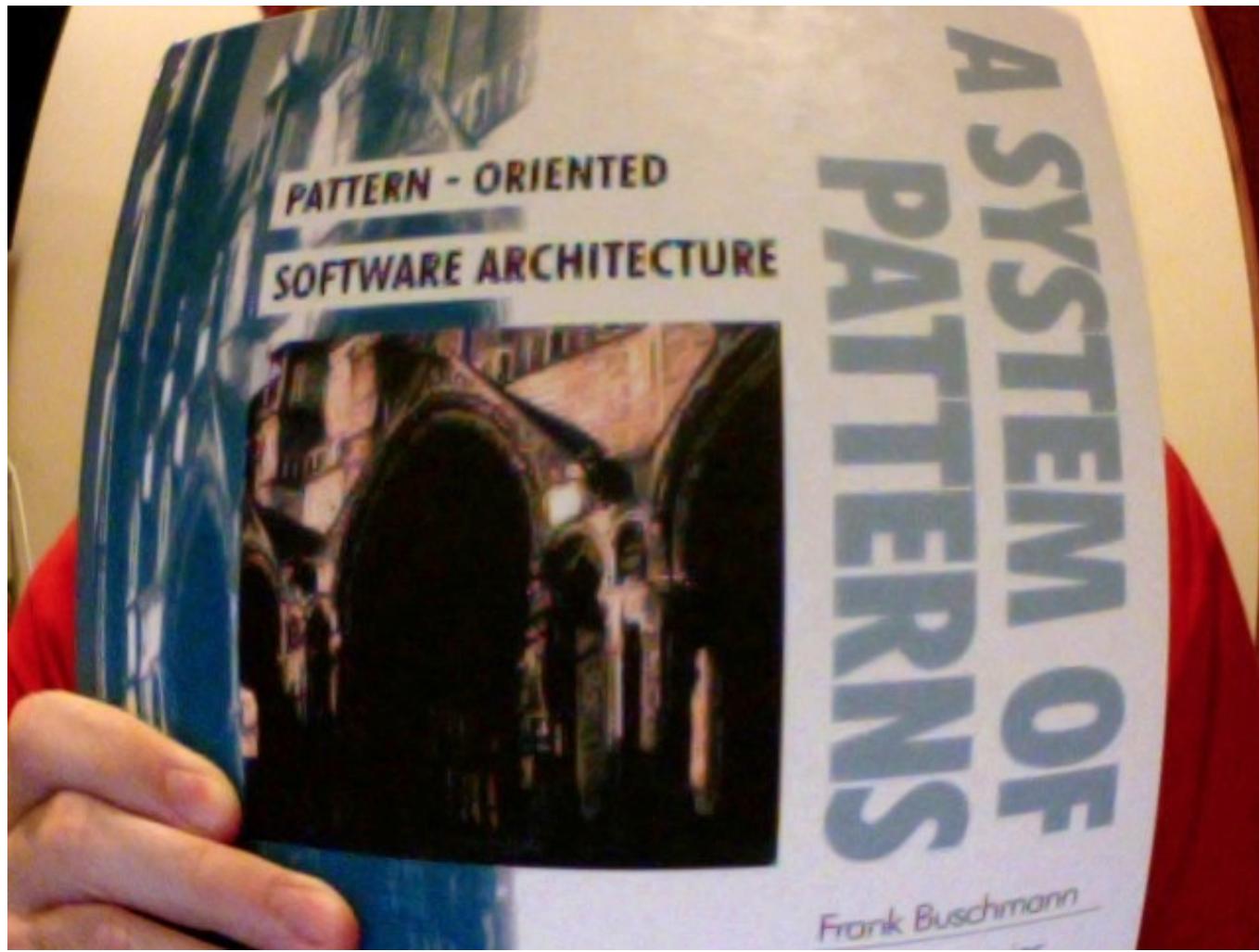
- ◆ Dynamic Languages have fewer language limitations
 - Less need for bookkeeping objects and classes
 - Less need to get around class-restricted design
- ◆ Study of the *Design Patterns* book:
 - 16 of 23 patterns have qualitatively simpler implementation in Lisp or Dylan than in C++ for at least some uses of each pattern
- ◆ Dynamic Languages encourage new designs
 - We will see some in Part (3)

Design Patterns in Dynamic Programming
(Peter Norvig, 1996-1998)

Amount of known monad tutorials



Monad Tutorials Timeline (Haskell.org)





"An architectural pattern expresses a fundamental structural organization schema for software systems. It provides a set of predefined subsystems, specifies their responsibilities, and includes rules and guidelines for organizing the relationships between them."



"A design pattern provides a scheme for refining the subsystems or components of a software system, or the relationships between them. It describes a commonly-recurring structure of communicating components that solves a general design problem within a particular context."



"An *idiom* is a low-level pattern specific to a programming language. An idiom describes how to implement particular aspects of components or the relationships between them using the features of a given language."

State Patterns



State/Event Pattern

- State is derived from previous state + input
- Many diverse inputs
- Need to recover past states
- Need to visualize intermediate states

State/Event Pattern

```
(defn update-state [current-state event]
  ;; return new state
  )
```

State/Event Pattern

Recreate any past state by reducing over events

```
(defn end-state [start-state events]
  (reduce update-state start-state events))
```

Consequences Pattern

- Each event can trigger multiple events
- Generated events cause state changes
- Need to visualize intermediate states

Consequences Pattern

```
(defn consequences [current-state event]
  ;; return a sequence of new events
  )

(defn apply-consequences [current-state event]
  (reduce update-state current-state
    (consequences current-state event)))
```

Consequences Pattern

Do you allow consequences to have consequences?

```
(defn recursive-consequences [current-state event]
  (reduce (fn [state event]
            (recursive-consequences
              state (update-state state event)))
          current-state
          (consequences current-state event)))
```

Consequences Pattern

- Consequence functions do not compose naturally
- Have to update state in between

```
(defn chain-consequences [initial-state consequence-fns]
  (loop [state initial-state
         fs      consequence-fns
         output []]
    (if (seq fs)
        (let [events   ((first fs) state)
              new-state (reduce update-state state events)]
          (recur new-state (rest fs) (into output events)))
        output)))
```

Data Building Patterns



Accumulator Pattern

- Large collection of inputs
 - Maybe larger than memory
- Small or scalar result

Accumulator Pattern

- Lazy sequences
 - map, mapcat, filter, etc.
- reduce is the universal accumulator

```
(reduce (fn [result input]
           ;; return updated result
           )
       initial-result
       inputs)
```

A Digression: MapReduce

- Input is linear, maybe larger than 1 disk
- Disks are slow and local to one machine
- Networks are slow
- Not quite map and reduce

A Digression: MapReduce

```
(defn mapper [value]
  ;; return a sequence of [key value] pairs
  )

(defn reducer [[key values]]
  ;; return a sequence of [key value] pairs
  )

(defn shuffle [pairs]
  (reduce (fn [m [k v]]
            (update-in m [k] (fn[] conj [])) v))
         {} pairs))

(defn mapreduce [inputs]
  (mapcat reducer (shuffle (mapcat mapper inputs))))
```

Reduce/Combine Pattern

- Input is tree-like
- Divide-and-conquer approach
- Combining intermediate results is *associative*
 - $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$

Reduce/Combine Pattern

```
(defn reduce-fn
  ([] ;; return initial "identity" value
   )
  ([result input] ;; return updated result
   ))  
  
(defn combine-fn
  ([] ;; return initial "identity" value
   )
  ([result-1 result-2]
   ;; return merged or combined results
   ))
```

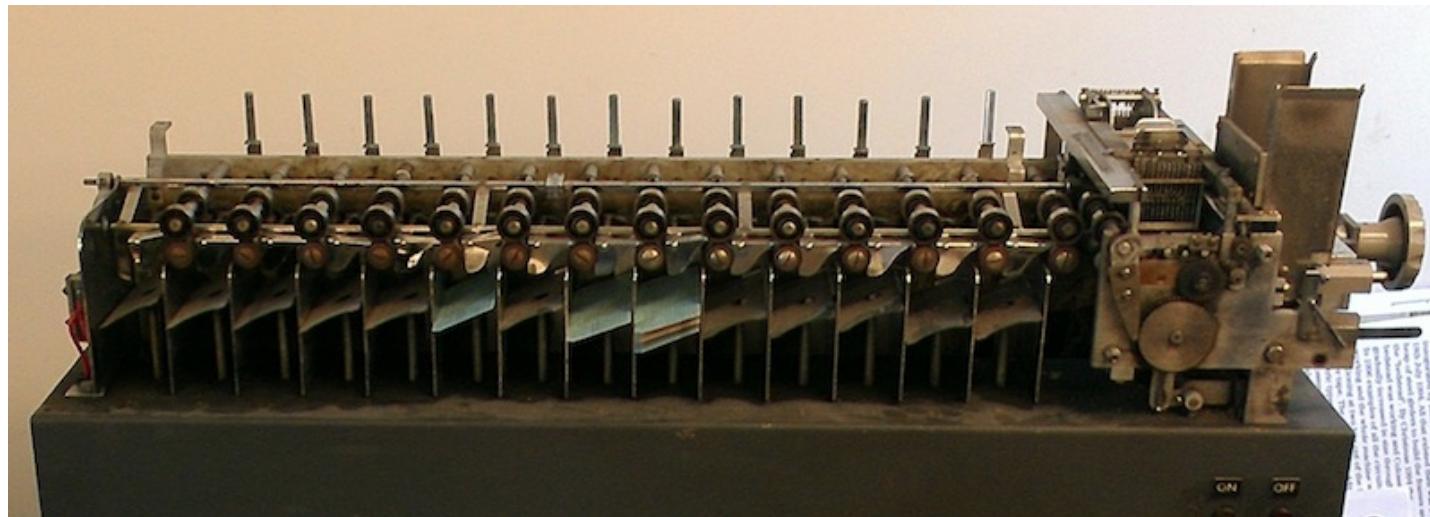
Recursive Expansion Pattern

- Build up result out of primitives
- Build abstractions in layers
- Recurse until no more work left to do
- e.g. macroexpansion, Datomic transaction fns

Recursive Expansion Pattern

```
(defn recursive-expansion [expander input]
  (let [output (expander input)]
    (if (= output input)
        input
        (recur expander output))))
```

Flow Control Patterns



Pipeline Pattern

- Process with many discrete steps
- Similar "shape" of data at each step
 - Usually a map or record
- Only one execution path

Pipeline Pattern

```
(defn large-process [input]
  (-> input
        subprocess-a
        subprocess-b
        subprocess-c))
```

```
(defn subprocess-a [data]
  (let [{:keys [alpha beta]} data]
    (-> data
        (assoc :epsilon (compute-epsilon alpha))
        (update-in [:gamma] merge (compute-gamma beta))))))
```

Wrapper Pattern

- Process with many discrete steps
- One main execution path
- Possible branch at each step

Wrapper Pattern

```
(defn wrapper [f]
  (fn [input]
    ;; ... before ...
    (f input)
    ;; ... after ...
  ))  
  
(def final-function
  (-> original-function wrapper-a wrapper-b wrapper-c))
```

Token Pattern

- May need to cancel an operation
- Operation itself is not an identity

Token Pattern

```
(defn begin [target & args]
  ;; ... begin operation or create state in target ...
  ;; Return a function:
  (fn []
    ;; ... cease operation or destroy state ...
  ))
```

Token Pattern

Variation: caller supplies token value

```
(defn add-watch [reference key function]
  ;; attach a watcher to reference
  )
```

```
(defn remove-watch [reference key]
  ;; remove the watcher
  )
```

Observer Pattern

Register an observer function with a stateful container

```
;; classic Observer:  
(observer container)
```

```
(observer new-state)  
(observer old-state new-state)
```

```
;; watches, plus token:  
(observer container old-state new-state)
```

```
(observer old-state new-state delta)
```

```
;; useful for GUIs:  
(observer old-state new-state event)
```

Strategy Pattern

- Many processes with a similar structure
- Need extension points for future variations

Strategy Pattern

```
(defprotocol Strategy
  (step-one [this operation])
  (step-two [this operation])
  (step-three [this operation]))
```

```
(defn process [strategy]
  (->> (initialize-operation)
        (step-one strategy)
        (step-two strategy)
        (step-three strategy)))
```

Strategy Pattern

```
(defmulti extensible-step (fn [strategy input] strategy))

(defn process [input strategy]
  ;; ... common behavior ...
  (extensible-step strategy input)
  ;; ... common behavior ...
  )

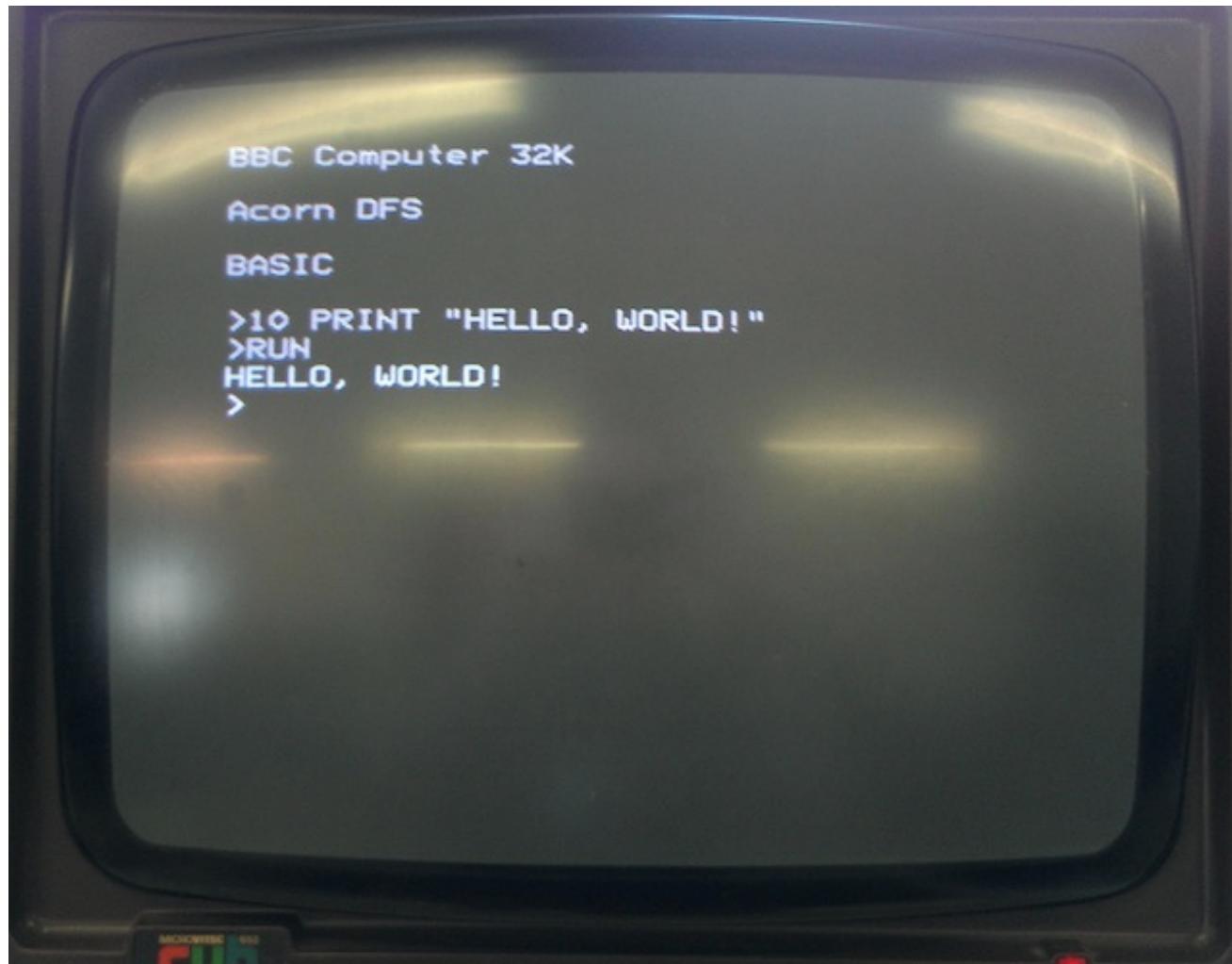
(defmethod extensible-step :strategy-one [_ input] ...)
(defmethod extensible-step :strategy-two [_ input] ...)
(defmethod extensible-step :strategy-three [_ input] ...)
```

Strategy Pattern

```
(def default-strategy
  { :step-one (fn [operation] ...)
   :step-two (fn [operation] ...)
   :step-three (fn [operation] ...)})

(def alternate-strategy
  (assoc default-strategy
    :step-two (fn [operation] ...)))

(defn process [strategy]
  (-> (initialize-operation)
       ((:step-one strategy))
       ((:step-two strategy)))
       ((:step-three strategy))))
```



The End

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- Us: closure.com, thinkrelevance.com
- JavaOne: San Francisco, CA, September 30 - October 4
- The Science of Big Data: Philadelphia, PA, October 30
- Clojure Conj: Raleigh, NC, November 15-17
 - Clojure Training: November 12-14
- ClojureScript: Up and Running early release from O'Reilly