

Lesson 9: Design Patterns in Java

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Lecture Goals

By the end of this lesson, students should be able to:

- Understand what a **design pattern** is.
- Identify main categories of design patterns.
- Implement selected **creational** and **structural** patterns.
- Use design patterns to improve code extensibility.

1 What Are Design Patterns?

A **design pattern** is a reusable solution to a commonly occurring problem in software design.

Design patterns:

- are independent of programming language,
- represent best practices,
- help structure object-oriented programs.

2 Categories of Design Patterns

Design patterns are divided into three main groups:

- **Creational** – object creation mechanisms
- **Structural** – object composition
- **Behavioral** – object interaction

3 Creational Pattern: Singleton

The **Singleton** pattern ensures that a class has:

- only one instance,
- a global access point to it.

Example: Singleton Configuration

```
class Configuration {
    private static Configuration instance;

    private Configuration() {
    }

    public static Configuration getInstance() {
        if (instance == null) {
            instance = new Configuration();
        }
        return instance;
    }

    public String getAppName() {
        return "My Application";
    }
}
```

4 Creational Pattern: Builder

The **Builder** pattern:

- separates object construction from its representation,
- is useful when constructors would have many parameters.

Example: Builder for SVG Rectangle

```
class SvgRectangle {
    private double x, y, width, height;
    private String fill;
    private String stroke;
    private double strokeWidth;

    private SvgRectangle(Builder builder) {
        this.x = builder.x;
        this.y = builder.y;
        this.width = builder.width;
        this.height = builder.height;
        this.fill = builder.fill;
        this.stroke = builder.stroke;
        this.strokeWidth = builder.strokeWidth;
    }

    public static class Builder {
        private double x, y, width, height;
        private String fill = "none";
        private String stroke = "black";
    }
}
```

```

    private double strokeWidth = 1;

    public Builder position(double x, double y) {
        this.x = x;
        this.y = y;
        return this;
    }

    public Builder size(double width, double height) {
        this.width = width;
        this.height = height;
        return this;
    }

    public Builder fill(String fill) {
        this.fill = fill;
        return this;
    }

    public Builder stroke(String stroke, double strokeWidth)
    {
        this.stroke = stroke;
        this.strokeWidth = strokeWidth;
        return this;
    }

    public SvgRectangle build() {
        return new SvgRectangle(this);
    }
}

public String toSvg() {
    return "<rect x=\"" + x + "\" y=\"" + y +
           "\" width=\"" + width + "\" height=\"" + height +
           "\" fill=\"" + fill +
           "\" stroke=\"" + stroke +
           "\" stroke-width=\"" + strokeWidth + "\" />";
}
}

```

Usage:

```

SvgRectangle rect = new SvgRectangle.Builder()
    .position(10, 10)
    .size(100, 50)
    .fill("red")
    .stroke("black", 2)
    .build();

```

5 Structural Pattern: Decorator

The **Decorator** pattern:

- allows behavior to be added dynamically,
- avoids creating many subclasses.

Example: Shape Decorator

```

interface Shape {
    String toSvg();
}

class BasicCircle implements Shape {
    public String toSvg() {
        return "<circle cx=\"50\" cy=\"50\" r=\"40\" />";
    }
}

abstract class ShapeDecorator implements Shape {
    protected Shape shape;

    ShapeDecorator(Shape shape) {
        this.shape = shape;
    }
}

class ColoredShape extends ShapeDecorator {
    private String color;

    ColoredShape(Shape shape, String color) {
        super(shape);
        this.color = color;
    }

    public String toSvg() {
        return shape.toSvg()
            .replace("/>", " fill=\"" + color + "\" />");
    }
}

```

Usage:

```

Shape circle = new ColoredShape(
    new BasicCircle(),
    "blue");
System.out.println(circle.toSvg());

```

Summary

In this lesson you learned:

- What design patterns are and how they help in OOP.
- How to use the **Singleton** pattern.

- How the **Builder** pattern simplifies object creation.
- How the **Decorator** pattern extends functionality dynamically.

6 Exercises

1. Make the **Singleton** thread-safe.
2. Extend the **Builder** to support SVG circles.
3. Create a **BorderDecorator** that adds stroke to a shape.
4. Combine Builder and Decorator in one example.
5. (Challenge) Implement a text-based menu using the Builder pattern.