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Patterns...

- « Patterns help you build on the collective experience of skilled software engineers. »
- « They capture existing, well-proven experience in software development and help to promote good design practice »
- « Every pattern deals with a specific, recurring problem in the design or implementation of a software system »
- « Patterns can be used to construct software architectures with specific properties… »

Becoming a Chess Master

- First learn rules and physical requirements
 - e.g., names of pieces, legal movements, chess board geometry and orientation, etc.
- Then learn principles
 - e.g., relative value of certain pieces, strategic value of center squares, power of a threat, etc.
- However, to become a master of chess, one must study the games of other masters
 - These games contain patterns that must be understood, memorized, and applied repeatedly
- There are hundreds of these patterns

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Becoming a Software Designer Master

- First learn the rules
 - e.g., the algorithms, data structures and languages of software
- Then learn the principles
 - e.g., structured programming, modular programming, object oriented programming, generic programming, etc.
- However, to truly master software design, one must study the designs of other masters
 - These designs contain patterns must be understood, memorized, and applied repeatedly
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Software Architecture

- A software architecture is a description of the subsystems and components of a software system and the relationships between them.
- Subsystems and components are typically specified in different views to show the relevant functional and non-functional properties of a software system.
- The software system is an artifact. It is the result of the software design activity.

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Component

- A component is an encapsulated part of a software system. A component has an interface.
- Components serve as the building blocks for the structure of a system.
- At a programming-language level, components may be represented as modules, classes, objects or as a set of related functions.

Subsystems

- A subsystem is a set of collaborating components performing a given task. A subsystem is considered a separate entity within a software architecture.
- It performs its designated task by interacting with other subsystems and components...

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Architectural Patterns

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

Design patterns

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

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Idioms

■ 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 the given language.

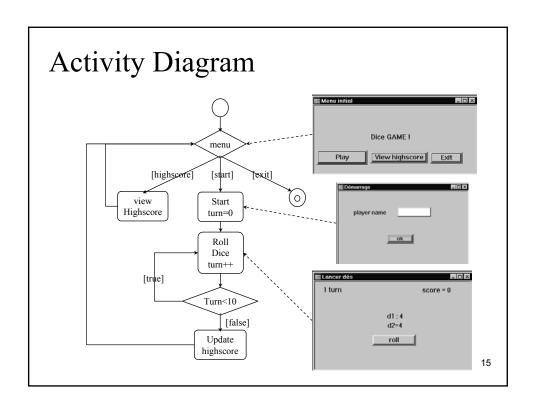
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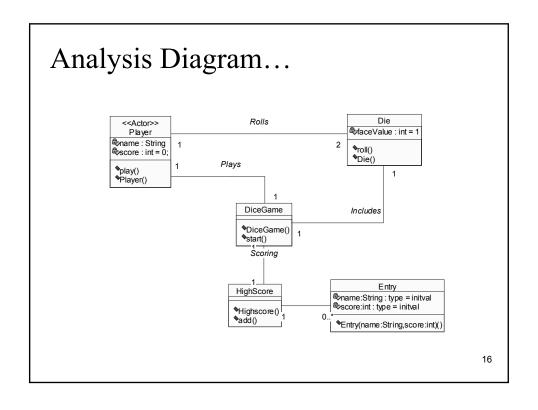
■ A framework is a partially complete software (sub-) system that is intended to be instantiated. It defines the architecture for a family of (sub-) systems and provides the basic building blocks to create them. It also defines the places where adaptations for specific functionality should be made.

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First Example

- A Dice Game
- A Player rolls 10x 2 dices
- If result = 7, score=score + 10 points
- At the end, score of the player is registred in the highscore table.





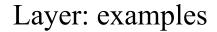
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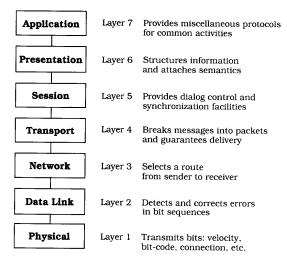
- Manage User Interface
- Manage Persistence of highscore in a file or in relational database
- Realize a layered architecture : Apply the Layer Architectural Pattern

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Layer

■ Helps structure an application that can be decomposed into groups of subtasks in which each group of subtasks is at a particular level of abstraction.

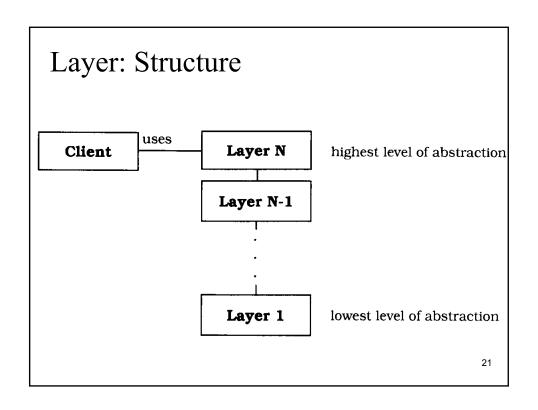


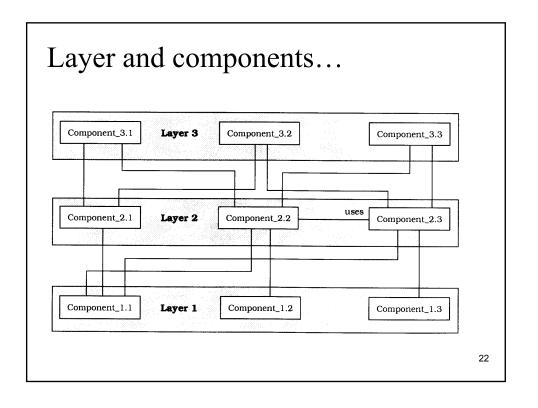


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Layer: Structure

Class Layer J Responsibility Provides services used by Layer J+1. Delegates subtasks to Layer J-1.





Layers: Variants

- Relaxed Layered System:
 - A layer « j » can use service of j-1, j-2...
 - A layer can be partially opaque
 - Some service to layer j+1, others to all upper services...
- Layering through inheritance:
 - Lower layers are implemented as base classes
 - Higher level can override lower level...

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Layers: Known Uses

- Virtual machines: JVM and binary code format
- API : Layer that encapsulates lower layers
- Information System
 - Presentation, Application logic, Domain Layer, Database
- Windows NT (relaxed for: kernel and IO and hardware)
 - System services,
 - Resource management (Object manager, security monitor, process manager, I/O manager, VM manager, LPC),
 - Kernel (exception handling, interrupt, multipro synchro, threads),
 - HAL (Hardware Abstraction Level)
 - Hardware

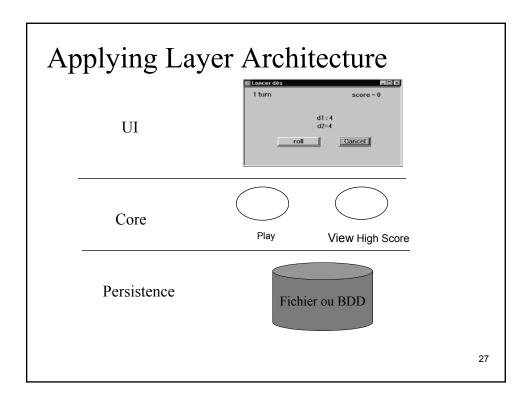
Layers: benefits

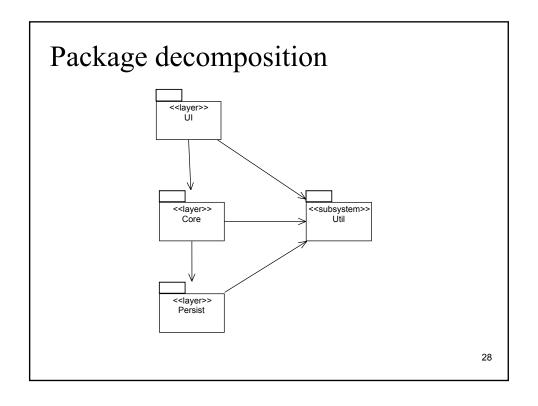
- Reuse of layers
- Support for standardization (POSIX)
- Dependencies are kept local
- Exchangeabilities :
 - Replacement of old implementation with Adapter Pattern
 - Dynamic exchange with Bridge Pattern

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Layers: Liabilities

- Cascades of changing behavior
- Lower efficiency
- Unnecessary work: functions of a layer called many times for one service
- Difficulty of establishing correct granularity of layers: Too few layers -> less benefits, too many layers -> complexity and overhead...





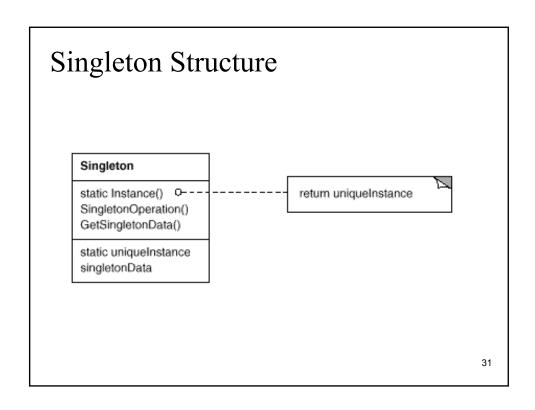
Layer « core »

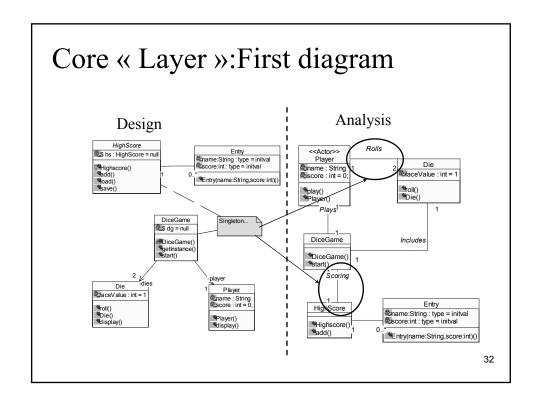
- Contain business logic classes...
- Adapt analysis classes for implementation
- Use of singleton Idiom...

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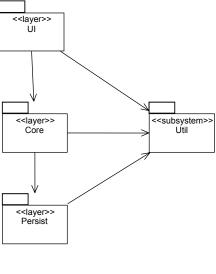
Singleton (Idiom)

■ Ensure a class only has one instance, and provide a global point of access to it.





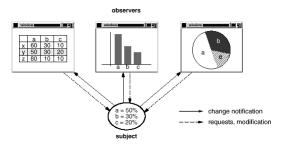
Package decomposition



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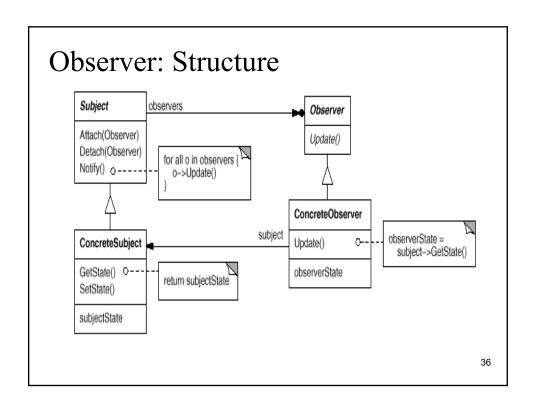
Observer

 One-to-many dependency between objects: change of one object will automatically notify observers



Observer: Applicability

- A change to one object requires changing an unknown set of other objects
- Object should be able to notify other objects that may not be known at the beginning

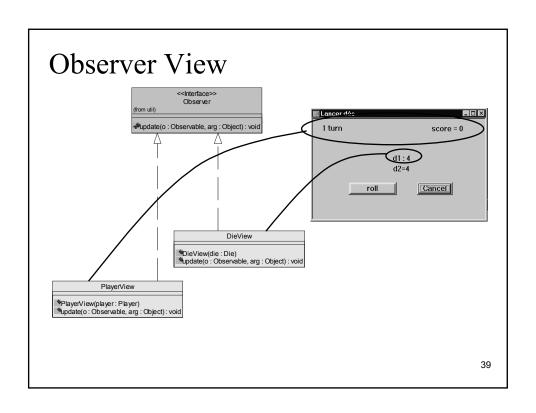


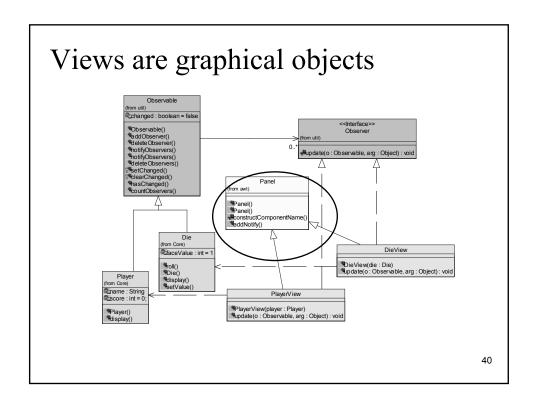
Observer: Consequences

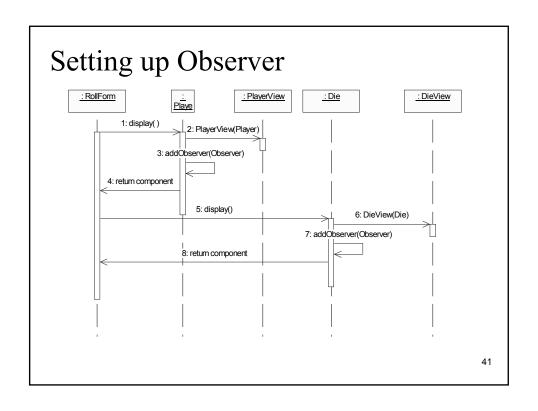
- Abstract coupling between subject and observer
- Support for broadcast communication
- Hard to maintain

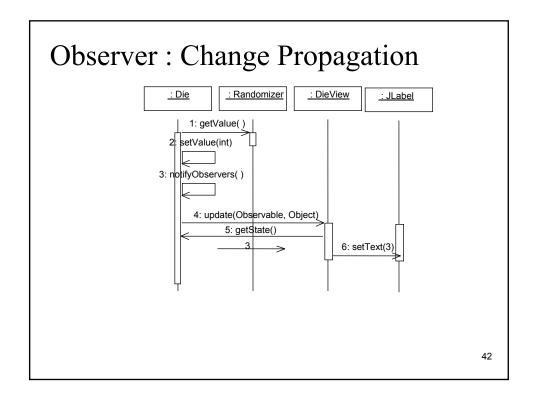
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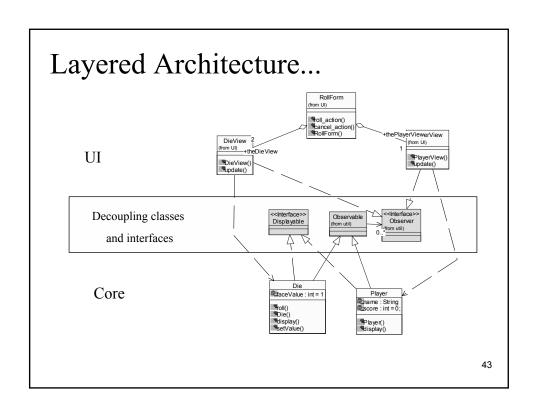
Applying Observer Pattern Observable (from util) changed : boolean = false <<Interface>> Observer *Observable() add Observer() delete Observers() notifyObservers() notifyObservers() delete Observers() update(o: Observable, arg: Object): void setChanged() clearChanged() hasChanged() countObservers() (from Core) DieView faceValue : int = 1 Die View(die: Die) up date(o: Ob servable, arg: Object): void roll() Die() display() aname : String score : int = 0; PlayerView PlayerView(player : Player) update(o : Observable, arg : Object) : void 38

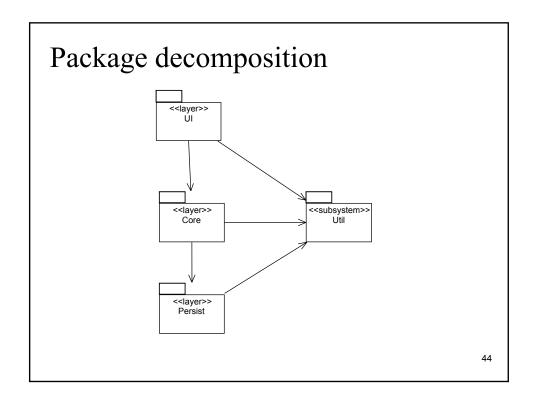












Pattern Factory Method

■ Intent

- Define an interface for creating an object, but let sub-classes decide which class to instantiate
- let a class defer instantiation to subclasses
- Also known as Virtual Constructor

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Factory Method

- Applicability: Use when
 - a class cannot anticipate the class of objects it must create
 - a class wants its subclasses to specify the objects it creates
 - classes delegate responsibility to one of several helper subclasses, and you want to localize the knowledge of which helper subclass to delegate.

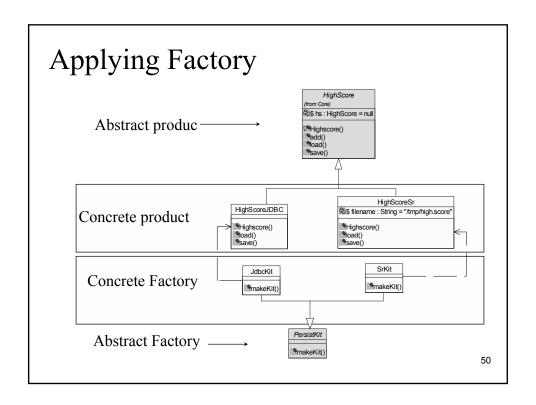
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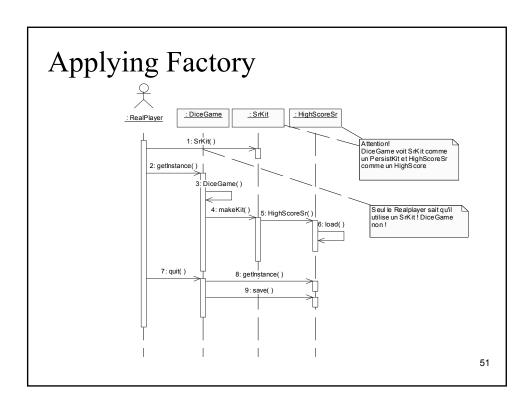
Factory method

- Consequences
 - Provide hooks for subclasses
 - connects parallel class hierarchies
- Known uses
 - MacApp, ET++
 - ClassView in smalltalk80 MVC (controller creation)
 - Orbix ORB for generating PROXY object

« Persist » Layer

- Persistence technical classes
- Ensure independence of Core/Persist
 - Be able to switch « persistent engine »
- For example:
 - Persistence via « Serialization »
 - Persistence via a relational database (JDBC).





Summary

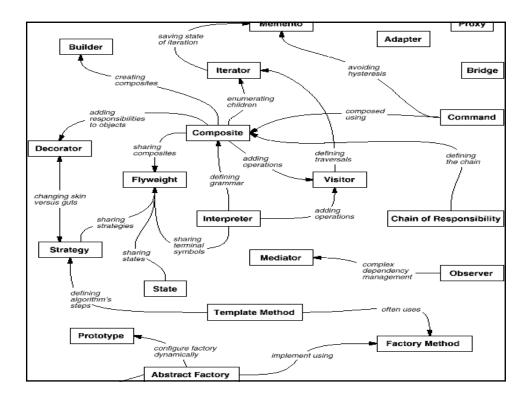
■ 1 Architectural pattern : Layer

■ 2 Design Patterns : Observer, Factory

■ 1 Idiom : Singleton

■ Pb:

- Combining pattern to combine their forces...

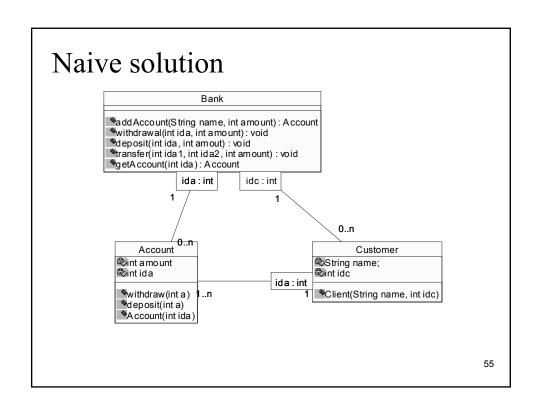


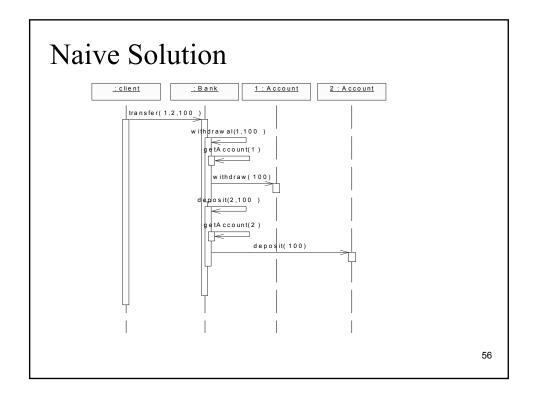
Bank example...

- A basic bank system:
 - 1 bank, n Account.
 - Each account belong to 1 client.
 - Each account is credited by an amount a money.

■ Bank functions

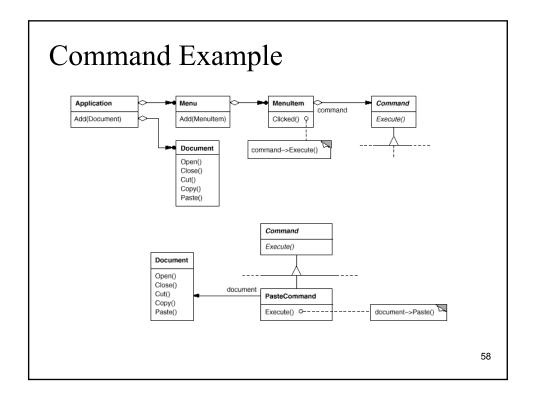
Withdrawal on an account, Credit an account,
 Transfer money from one account to another...

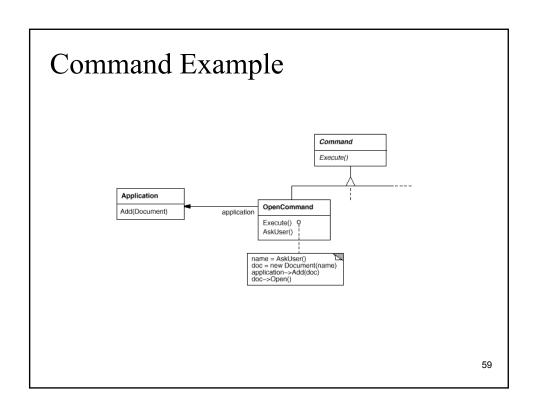


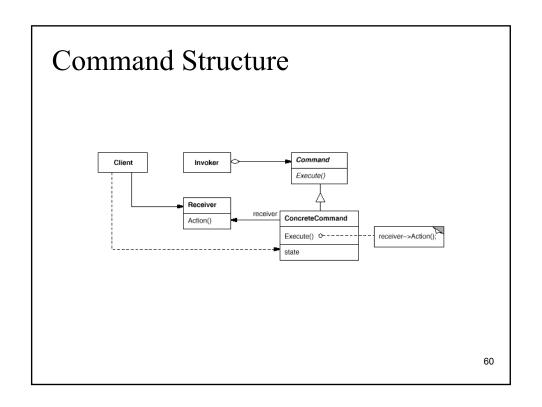


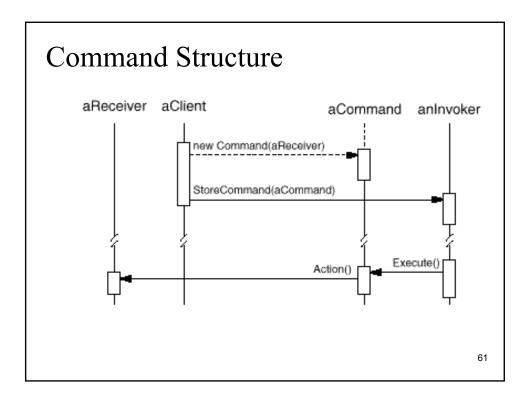
Applying Command Pattern...

■ Encapsulate a request as an object, thereby letting you parameterize clients with different requests, queue or log requests, and support undoable operations.



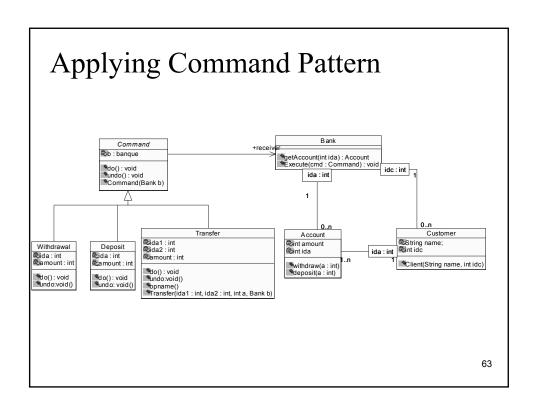


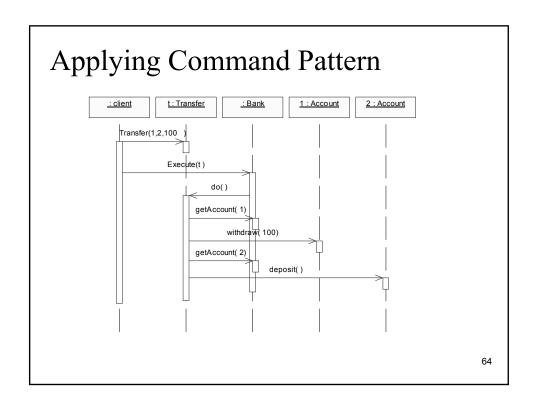




Command Consequences

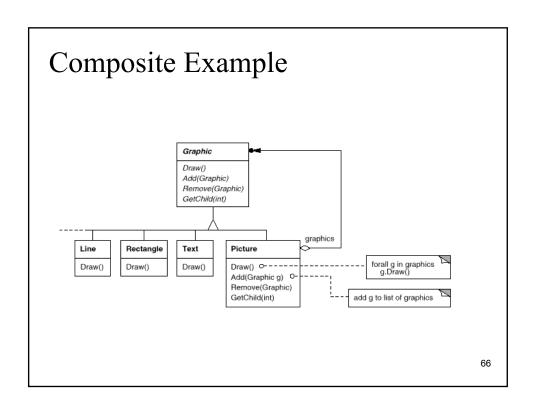
- Command decouples the object that invokes the operation from the one that knows how to perform it.
- Commands are first-class objects. They can be manipulated and extended like any other object.
- It's easy to add new Commands, because you don't have to change existing classes.

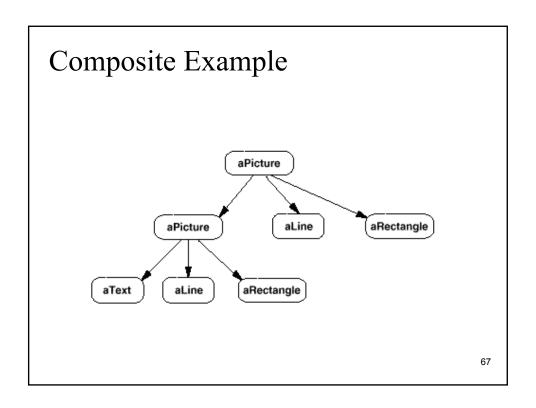


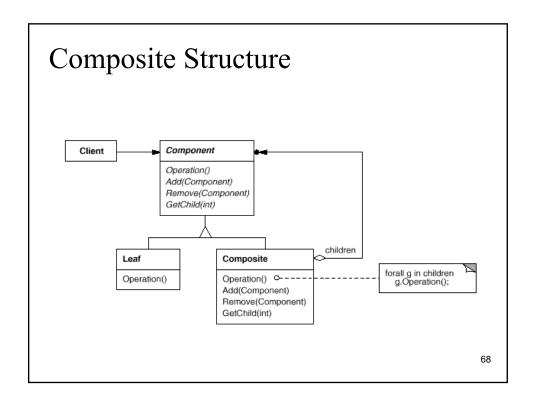


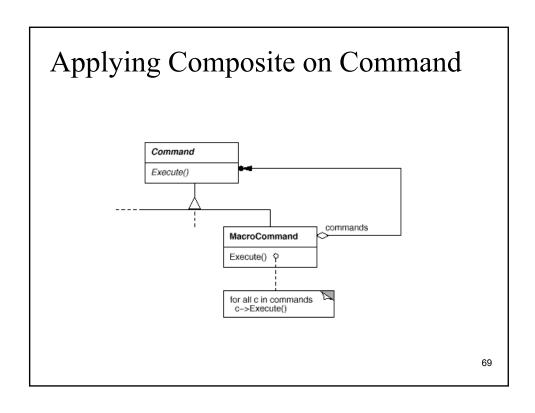
Composite Pattern

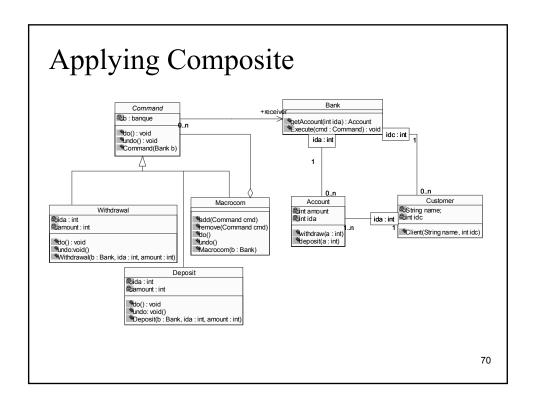
■ Compose objects into tree structures to represent part-whole hierarchies. Composite lets clients treat individual objects and compositions of objects uniformly.

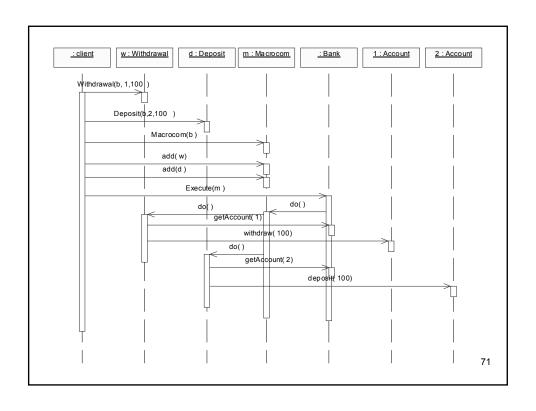


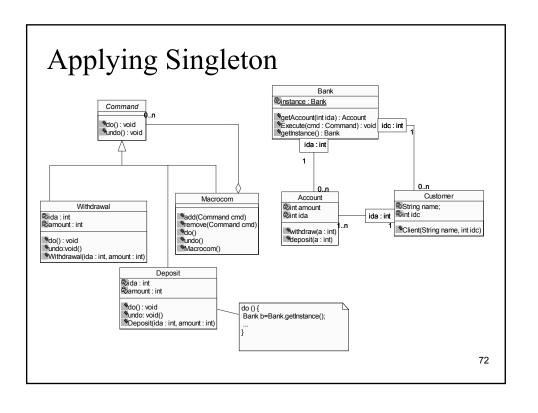












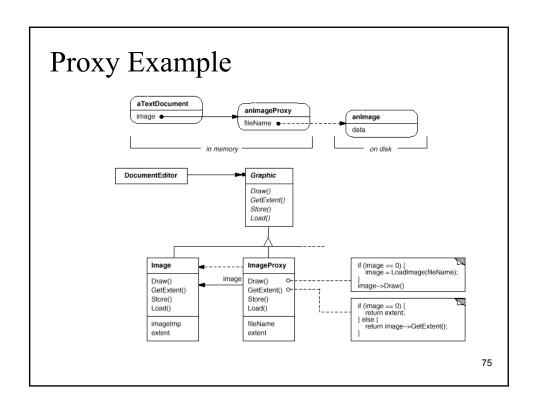
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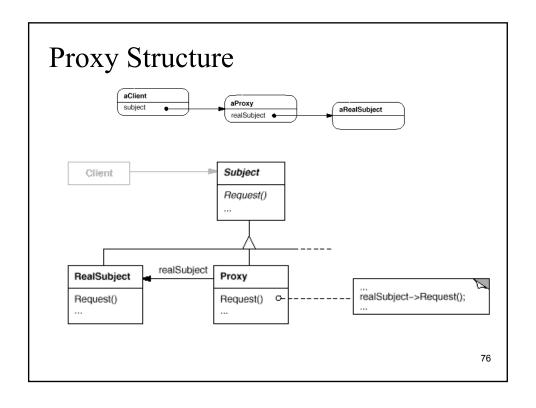
- Storing state : Memento Pattern
- Observing Account : Observer Pattern
- Visiting all object graph: Visitor Pattern
- Remote access : Proxy pattern
- ...

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Proxy Pattern

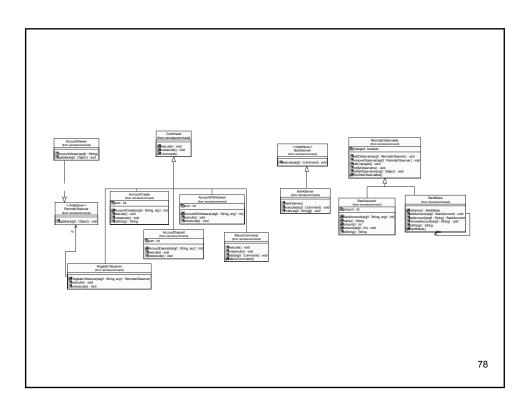
■ Provide a surrogate or placeholder for another object to control access to it.





Proxy benefits

- remote proxy can hide the fact that an object resides in a different address space.
- A virtual proxy can perform optimizations such as creating an object on demand.
- Both protection proxies and smart references allow additional housekeeping tasks when an object is accessed.

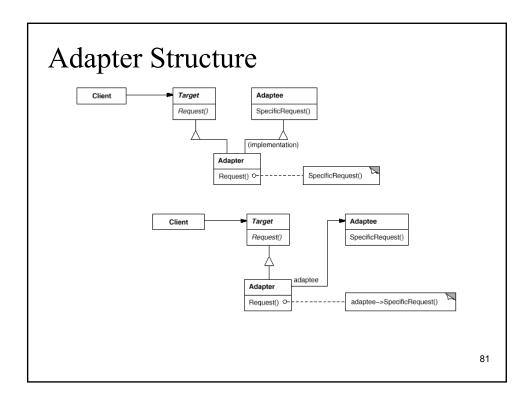


Adapter Pattern

■ Convert the interface of a class into another interface clients expect. Adapter lets classes work together that couldn't otherwise because of incompatible interfaces.

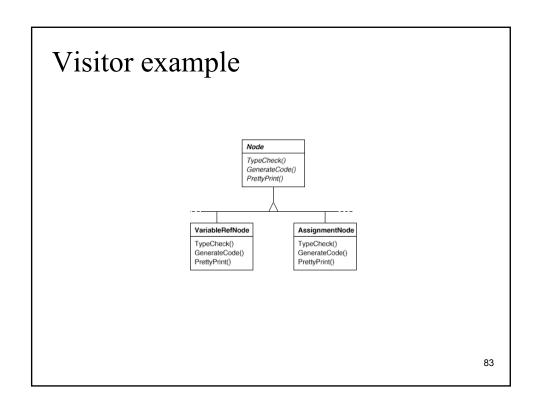
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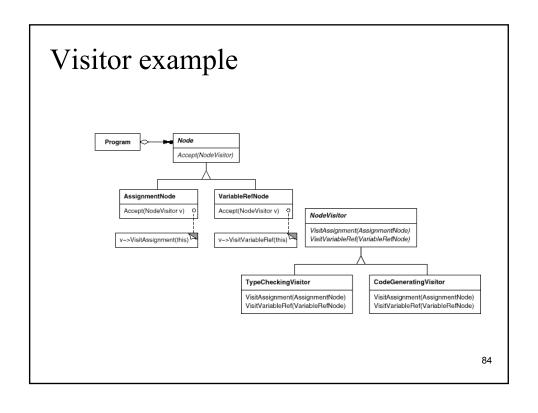
Adapter Example DrawingEditor Shape BoundingBox() CreateManipulator() TextShape BoundingBox() CreateManipulator() TextShape BoundingBox() CreateManipulator() TextShape TextSha



Visitor Pattern

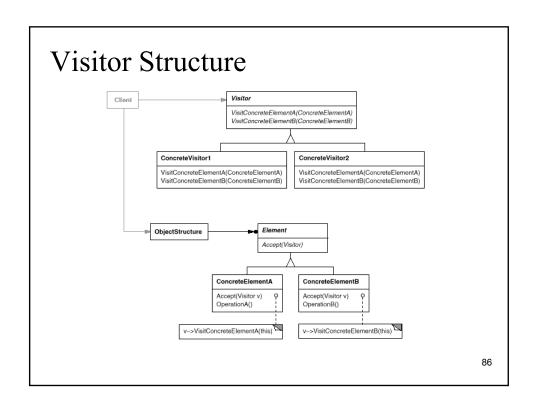
■ Represent an operation to be performed on the elements of an object structure. Visitor lets you define a new operation without changing the classes of the elements on which it operates.



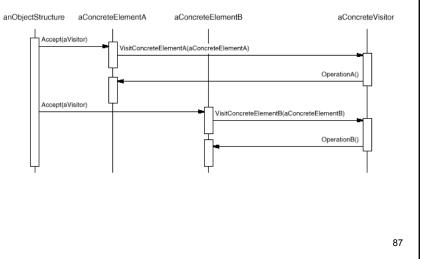


Visitor applicability

many distinct and unrelated operations need to be performed on objects in an object structure, and you want to avoid "polluting" their classes with these operations





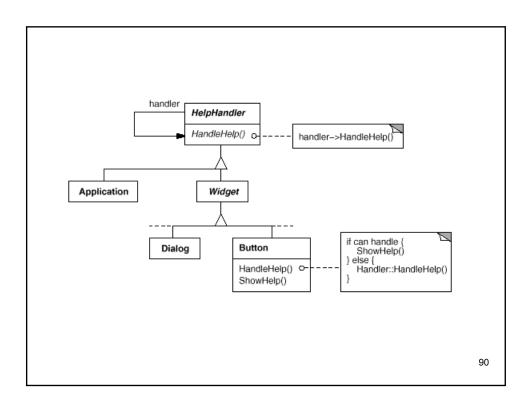


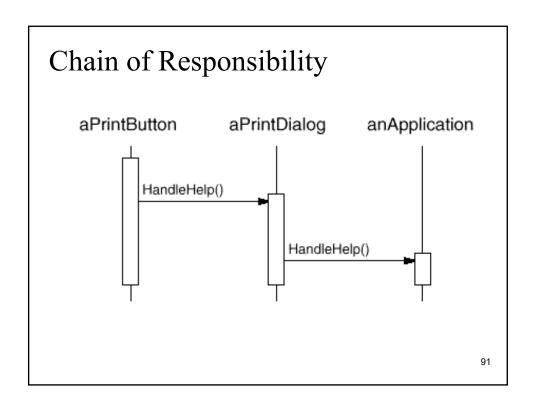
Visitor Consequences

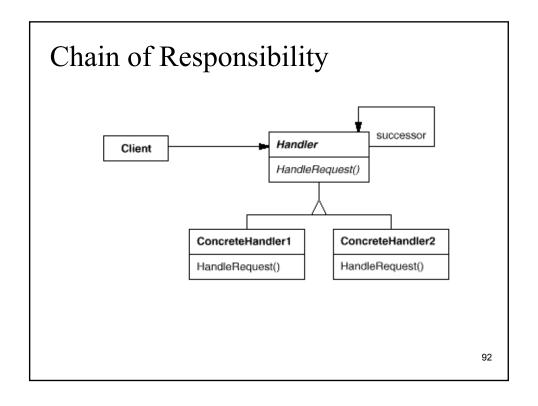
- Visitor makes adding new operations easy
- A visitor gathers related operations and separates unrelated ones
- Adding new Concrete Element classes is hard
- Visiting across class hierarchies
- Accumulating state.
- Breaking encapsulation

Chain of responsibility

Avoid coupling the sender of a request to its receiver by giving more than one object a chance to handle the request. Chain the receiving objects and pass the request along the chain until an object handles it.







Participants

- **Handler** (HelpHandler)
 - defines an interface for handling requests.
 - (optional) implements the successor link.
- ConcreteHandler (PrintButton, PrintDialog)
 - handles requests it is responsible for.
 - can access its successor.
 - if the ConcreteHandler can handle the request, it does so; otherwise it forwards the request to its successor.

Client

initiates the request to a ConcreteHandler object on the chain.

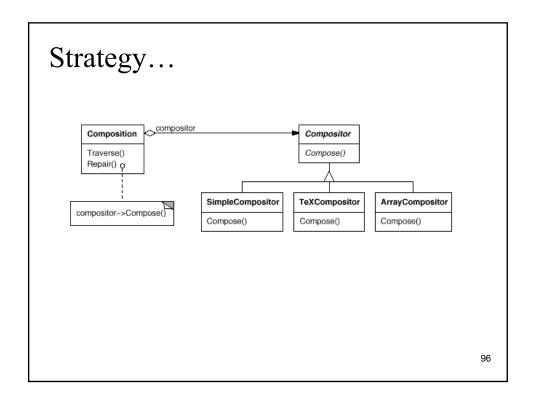
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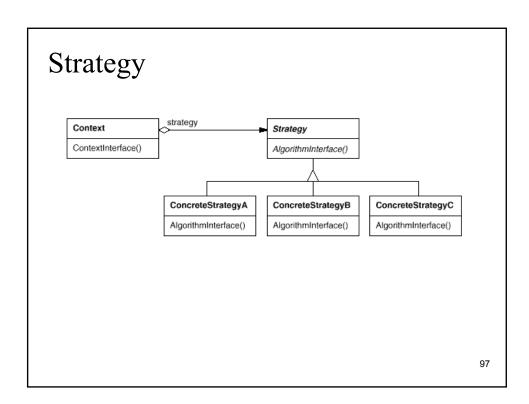
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Strategy

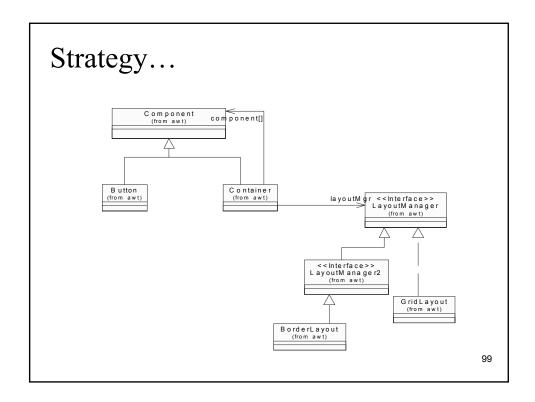
■ Define a family of algorithms, encapsulate each one, and make them interchangeable. Strategy lets the algorithm vary independently from clients that use it.





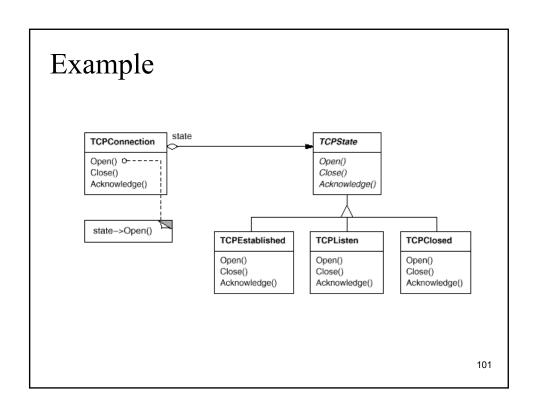
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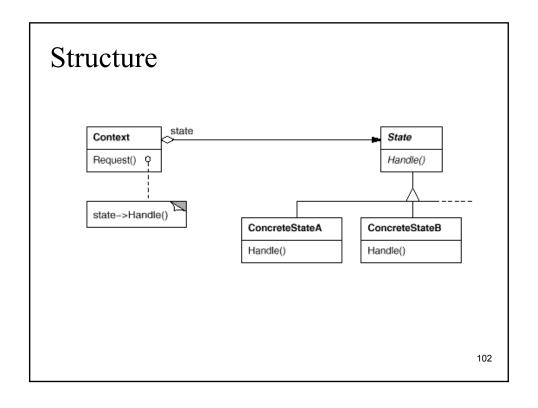
- Strategy (Compositor)
 - declares an interface common to all supported algorithms. Context uses this interface to call the algorithm defined by a ConcreteStrategy.
- ConcreteStrategy (SimpleCompositor, TeXCompositor, ArrayCompositor)
 - implements the algorithm using the Strategy interface.
- **Context** (Composition)
 - is configured with a ConcreteStrategy object.
 - maintains a reference to a Strategy object.
 - may define an interface that lets Strategy access its data.



State

Allow an object to alter its behavior when its internal state changes. The object will appear to change its class.





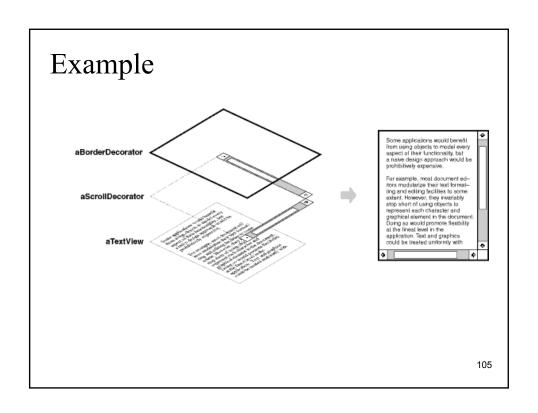
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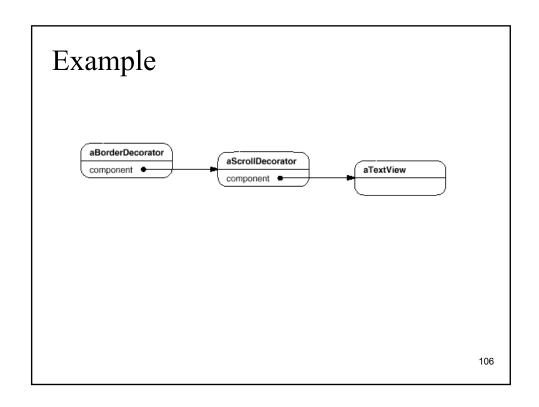
- It localizes state-specific behavior and partitions behavior for different states
- 2. It makes state transitions explicit
- 3. State objects can be shared

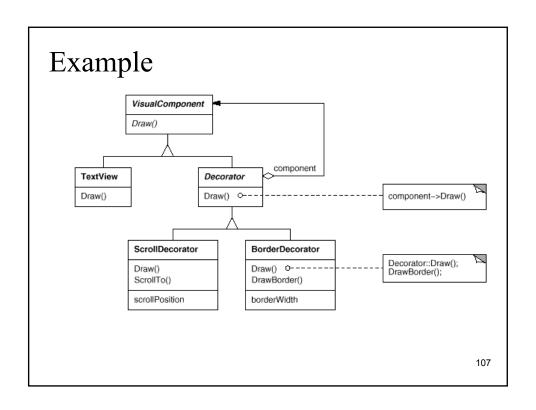
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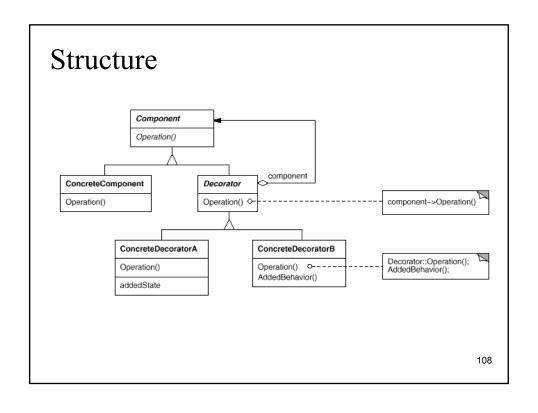
Decorator

Attach additional responsibilities to an object dynamically. Decorators provide a flexible alternative to subclassing for extending functionality.









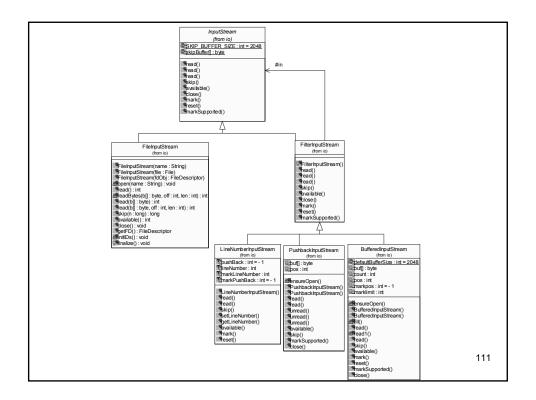
Applicability

- to add responsibilities to individual objects dynamically and transparently, that is, without affecting other objects.
- for responsibilities that can be withdrawn
- when extension by subclassing is impractical

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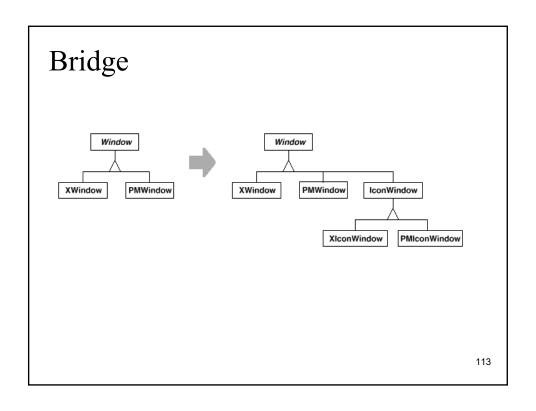
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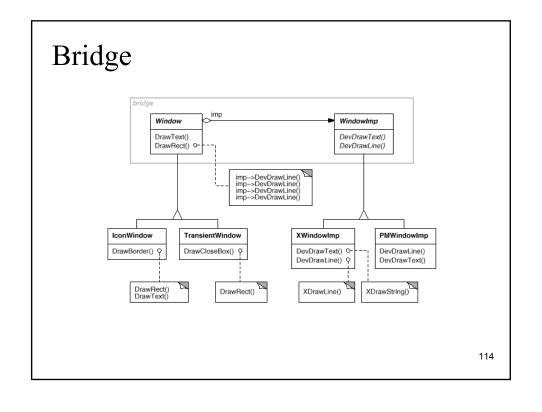
- 1. More flexibility than static inheritance
- 2. Avoids feature-laden classes high up in the hierarchy
- A decorator and its component aren't identical
- 4. Lots of little objects



Bridge

Decouple an abstraction from its implementation so that the two can vary independently.

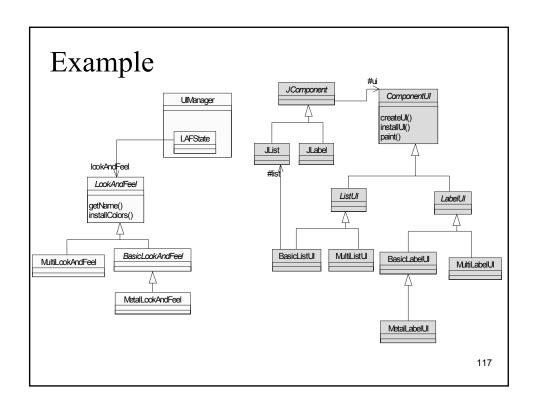


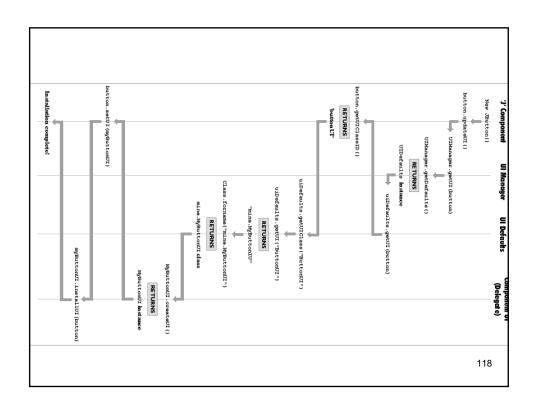


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Bridge

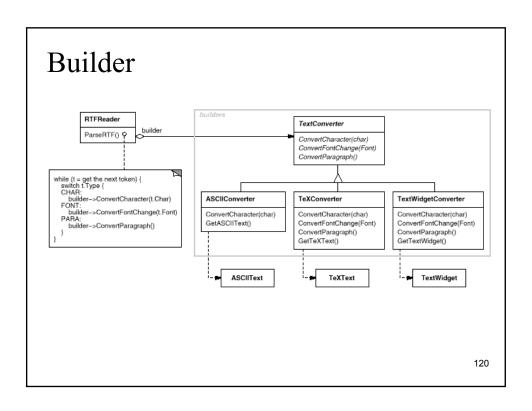
- 1. Decoupling interface and implementation
- 2. Improved extensibility
- 3. Hiding implementation details from clients

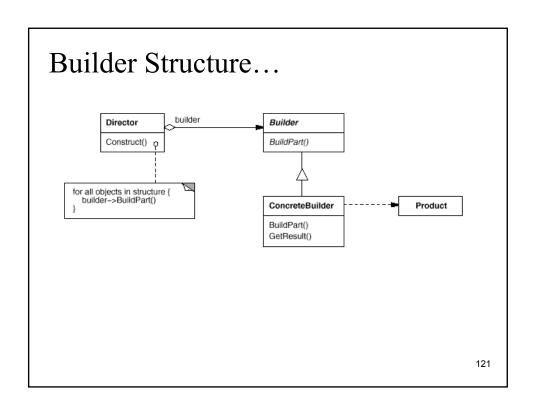


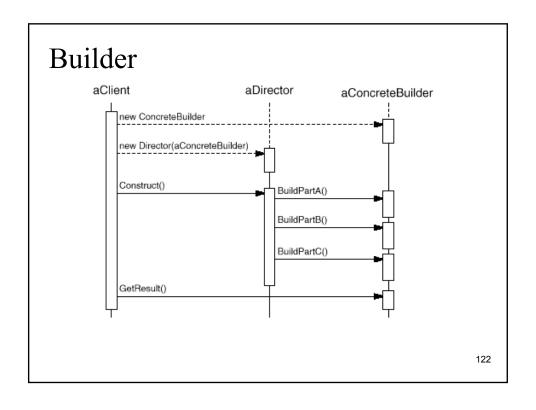


Builder

Separate the construction of a complex object from its representation so that the same construction process can create different representations.







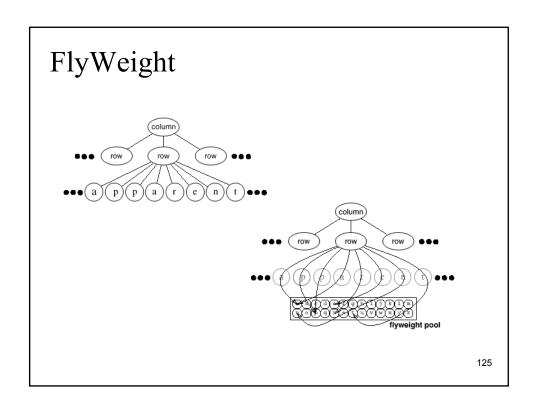
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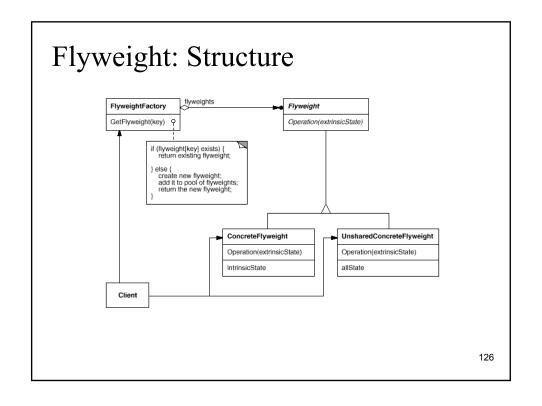
- 1. It lets you vary a product's internal representation
- It isolates code for construction and representation
- 3. It gives you finer control over the construction process

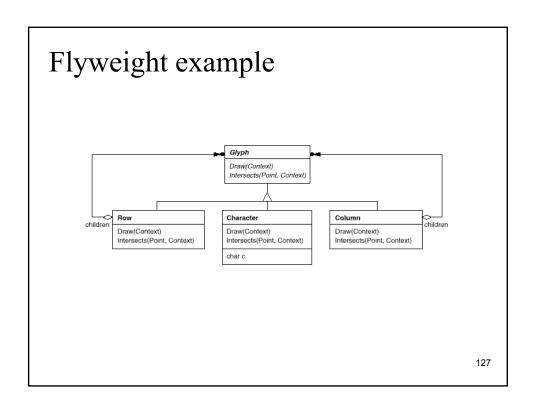
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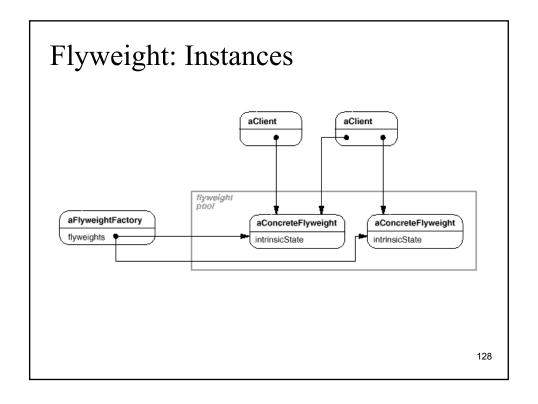
FlyWeight

■ Use sharing to support large numbers of fine-grained objects efficiently.



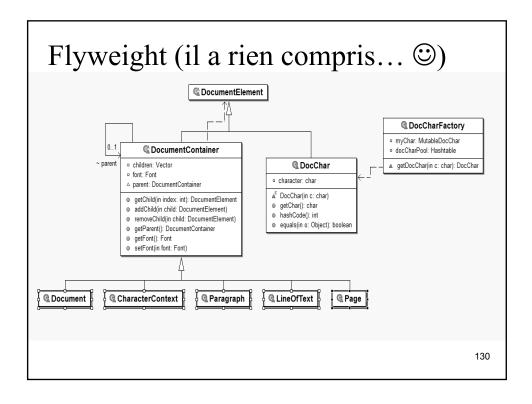






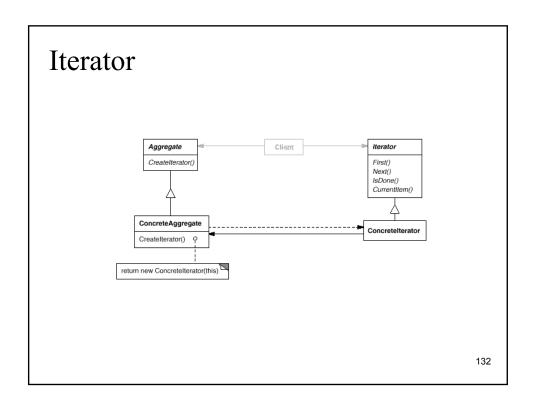
Flyweight: Applicability

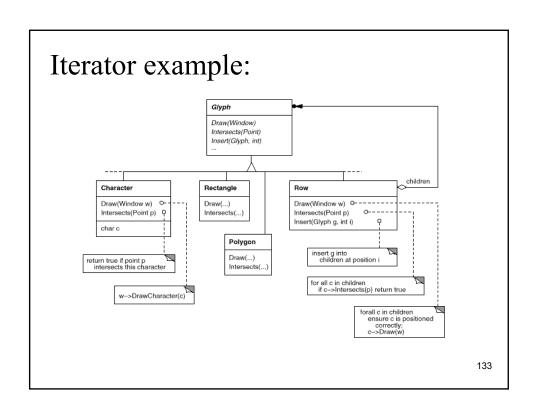
- Etat intrinsèque/extrinsèque...
- Les états extrinsèques peuvent être calculés...

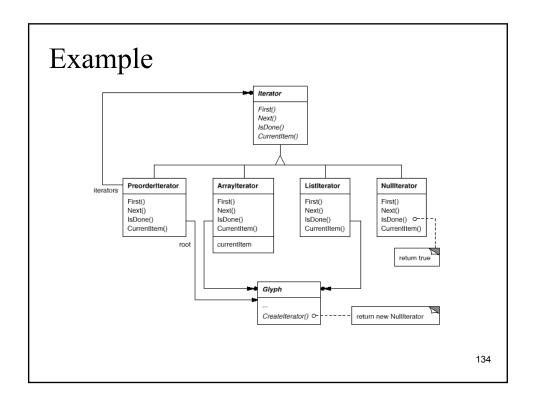


Iterator

■ Provide a way to access the elements of an aggregate object sequentially without exposing its underlying representation

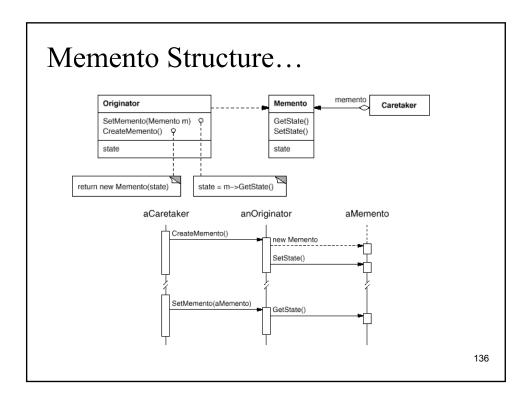






Memento

■ Without violating encapsulation, capture and externalize an object's internal state so that the object can be restored to this state later.

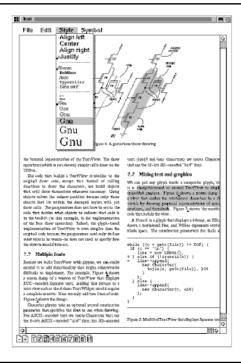


Memento...

- 1. Preserving encapsulation boundaries
- 2. It simplifies Originator
- 3. Using mementos might be expensive.
- 4. Defining narrow and wide interfaces
- 5. Hidden costs in caring for mementos

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Case Study



Design problems...

- Document structure. The choice of internal representation for the document affects nearly every aspect of Lexi's design. All editing, formatting, displaying, and textual analysis will require traversing the representation. The way we organize this information will impact the design of the rest of the application.
- □ Formatting. How does Lexi actually arrange text and graphics into lines and columns? What objects are responsible for carrying out different formatting policies? How do these policies interact with the document's internal representation?

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Design problems...

- □ Embellishing the user interface. Lexi's user interface includes scroll bars, borders, and drop shadows that embellish the WYSIWYG document interface. Such embellishments are likely to change as Lexi's user interface evolves. Hence it's important to be able to add and remove embellishments easily without affecting the rest of the application.
- □ Supporting multiple look-and-feel standards. Lexi should adapt easily to different look-and-feel standards such as Motif and Presentation Manager (PM) without major modification.

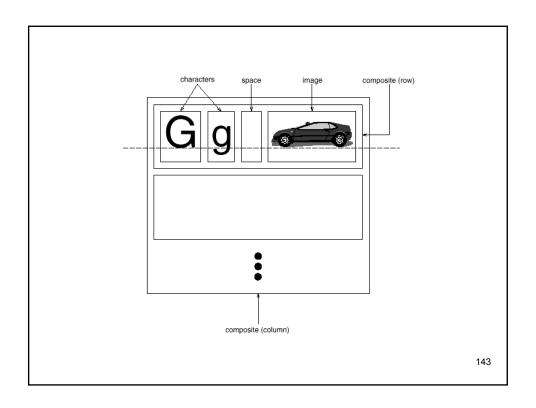
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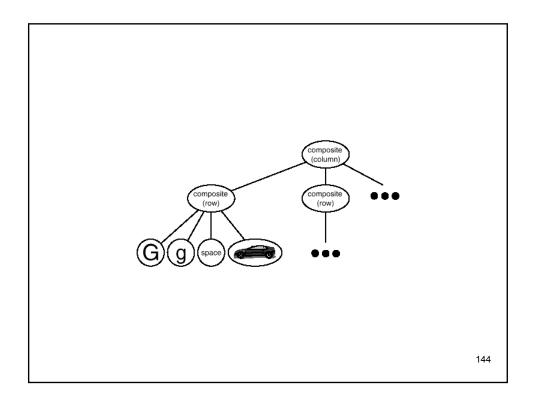
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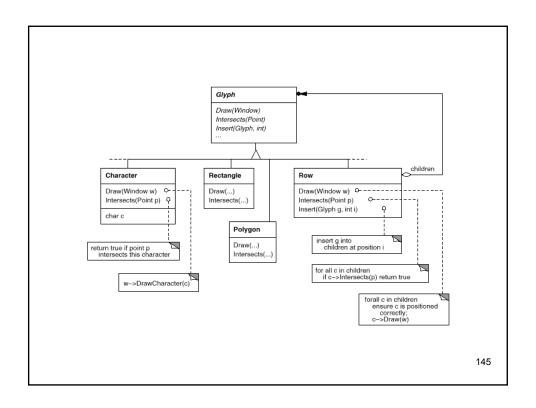
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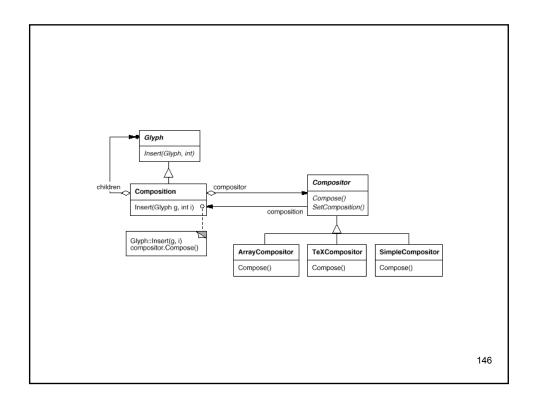
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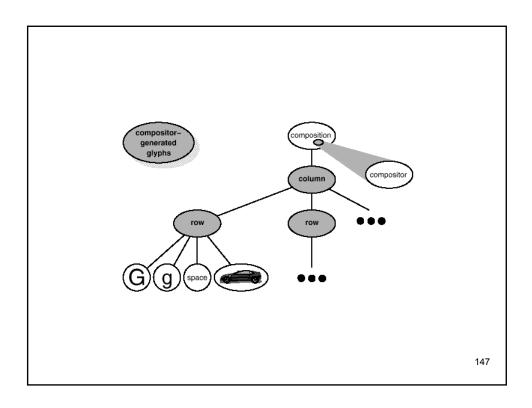
□ Spelling checking and hyphenation. How does Lexi support analytical operations such as checking for misspelled words and determining hyphenation points? How can we minimize the number of classes we have to modify to add a new analytical operation?

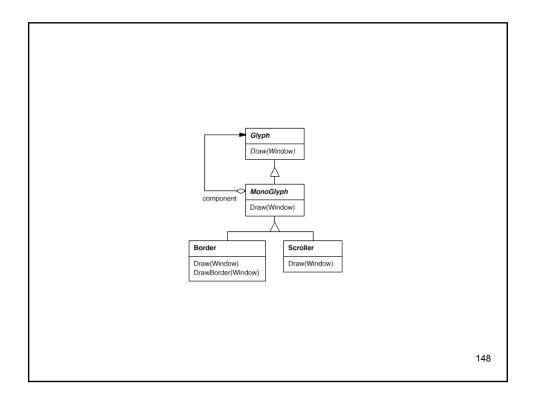


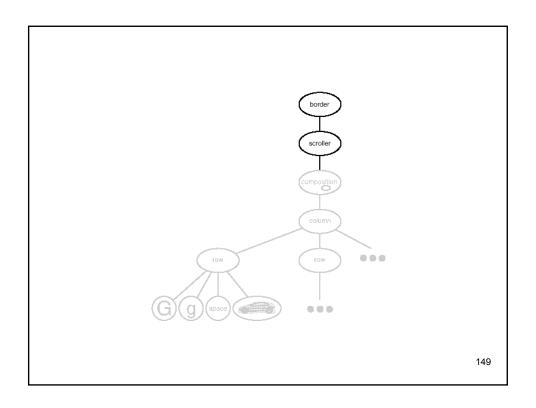


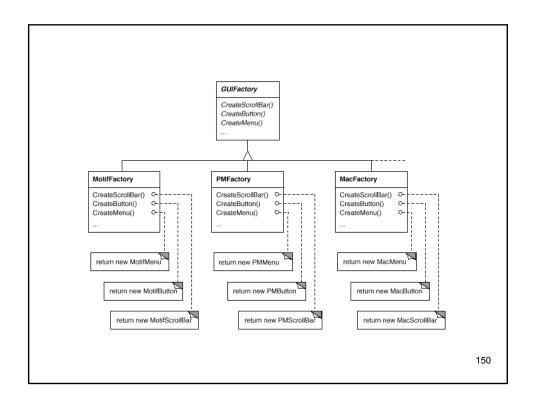


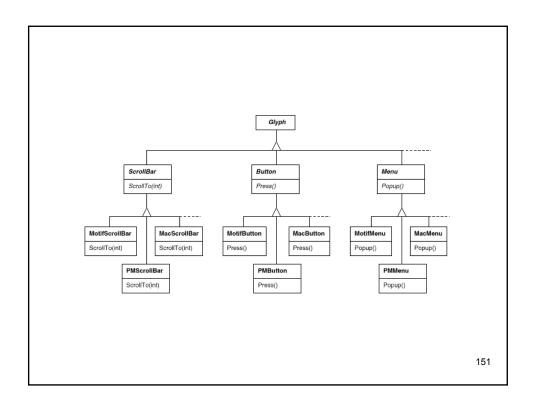


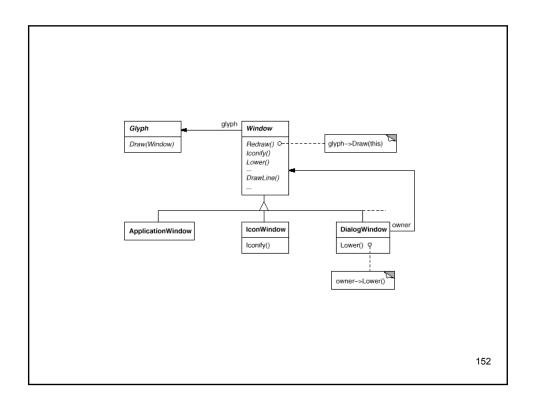


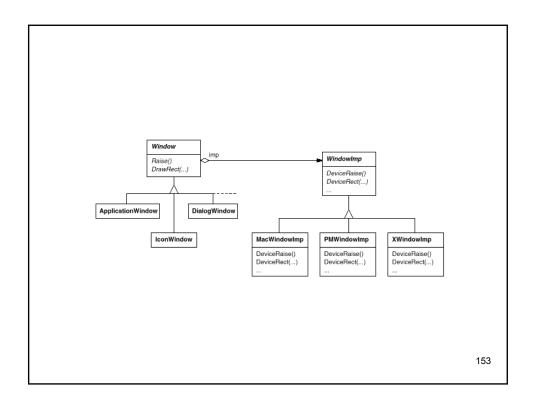


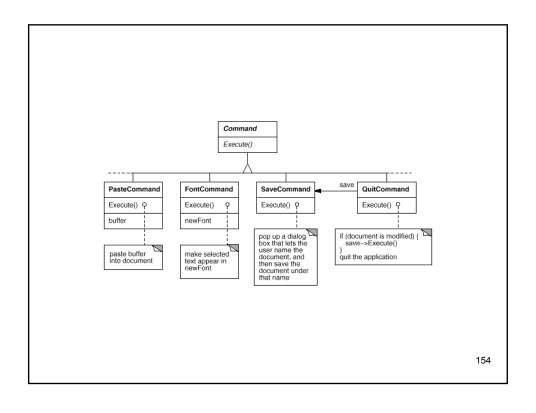


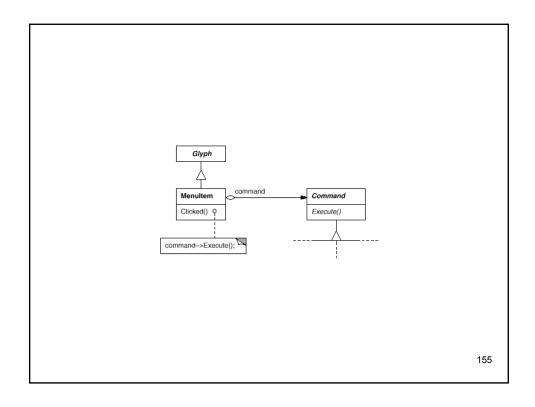


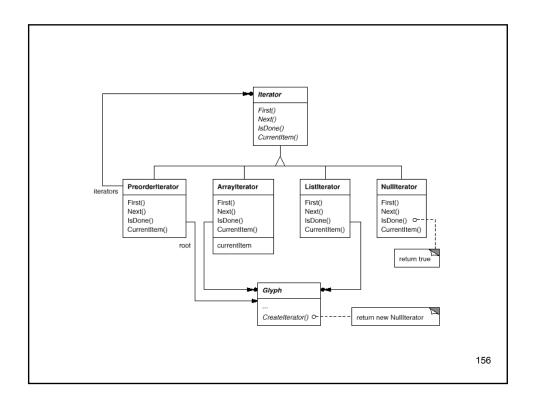


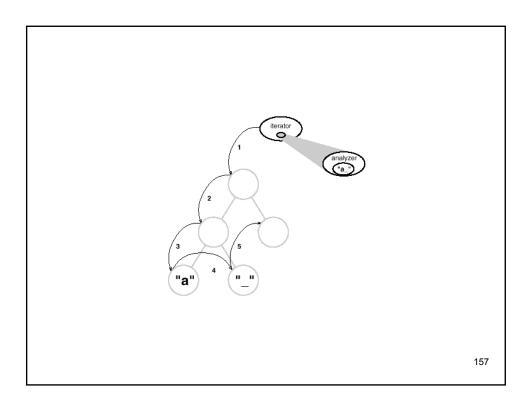


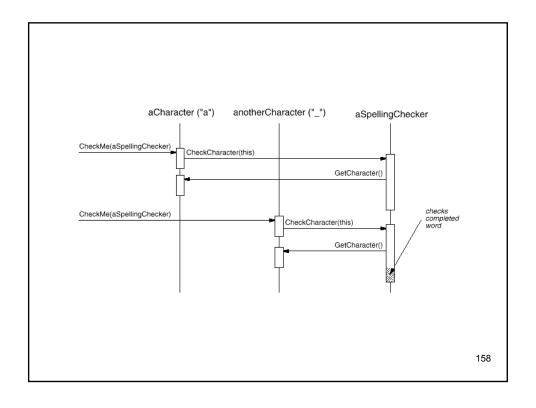












Summary (C. Alexander)

■ It is possible to create building architectures by stringing together patterns in a rather loose way. A building made like this, is an assembly of patterns. It is not dense. It is not profound. But it is also possible to put patterns together in such way that many patterns overlap in the same physical space: the building is very dense; it has many meanings captured in a small space; and through this density, it becomes profound.

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Architectural Patterns...

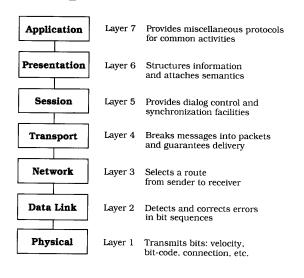
- From MUD to Structure...
 - Layers, Pipe and Filters, Blackboard
- Distributed Systems...
 - Broker, Pipe and Filters, Microkernel
- Interactive Systems...
 - MVC, PAC
- Adaptable Systems…
 - Microkernel, Reflection...

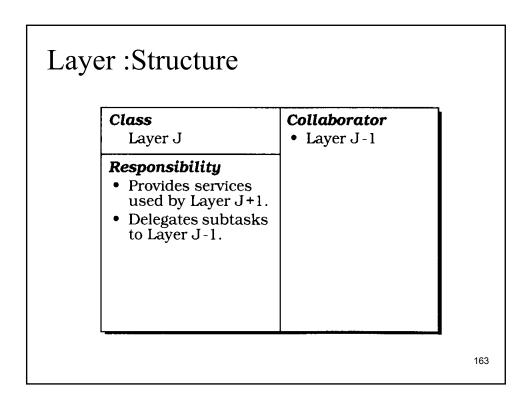
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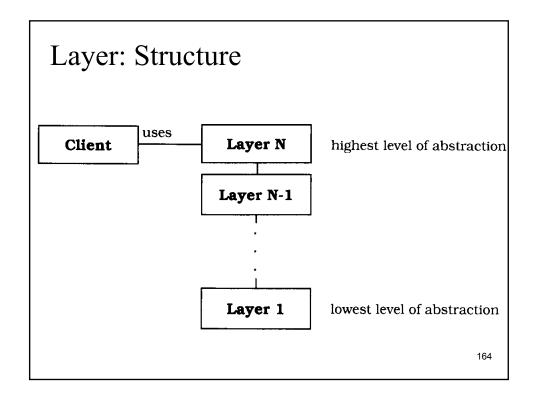
helps structure application that can be decomposed into groups of subtasks in which each group of subtasks is at a particular level of abstraction.

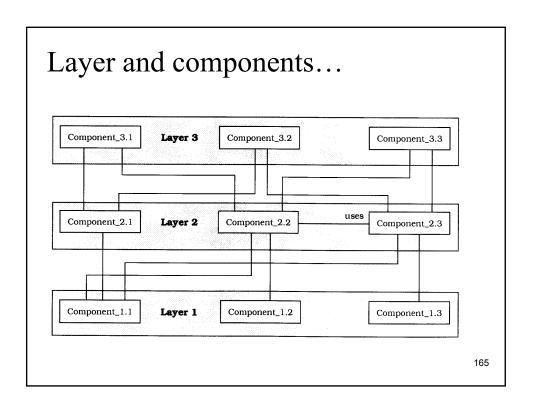
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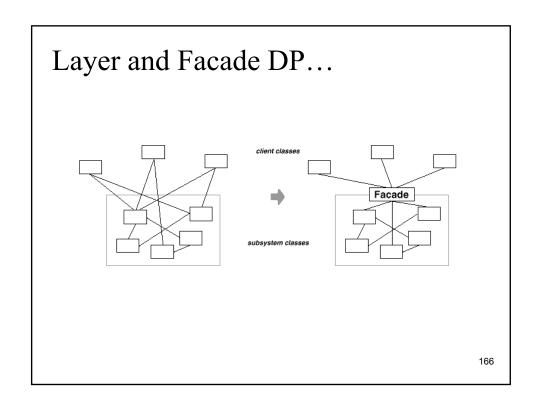
Layer: examples



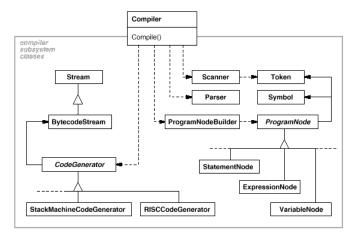








Layer and Facade DP



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Layers: Variants

- Relaxed Layered System:
 - A layer « j » can use service of j-1, j-2...
 - A layer can be partially opaque
 - Some service to layer j+1, others to all upper services...
- Layering through inheritance:
 - Lower layers are implemented as base classes
 - Higher level can override lower level...

Layers: Known Uses

- Virtual machines: JVM and binary code format
- API : Layer that encapsulates lower layers
- Information System
 - Presentation, Application logic, Domain Layer, Database
- Windows NT (relaxed for: kernel and IO and hardware)
 - System services,
 - Resource management (Object manager, security monitor, process manager, I/O manager, VM manager, LPC),
 - Kernel (exception handling, interrupt, multipro synchro, threads),
 - HAL (Hardware Abstraction Level)
 - Hardware

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Layers: benefits

- Reuse of layers
- Support for standardization (POSIX)
- Dependencies are kept local
- Exchangeabilities :
 - Replacement of old implementation with Adapter Pattern
 - Dynamic exchange with Bridge Pattern

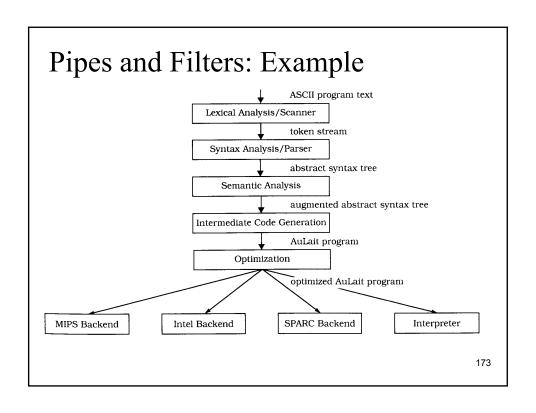
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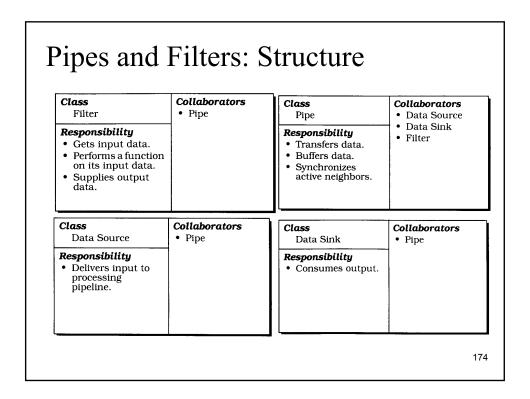
- Cascades of changing behavior
- Lower efficiency
- Unnecessary work: functions of a layer called many times for one service
- Difficulty of establishing correct granularity of layers: Too few layers -> less benefits, too many layers -> complexity and overhead...

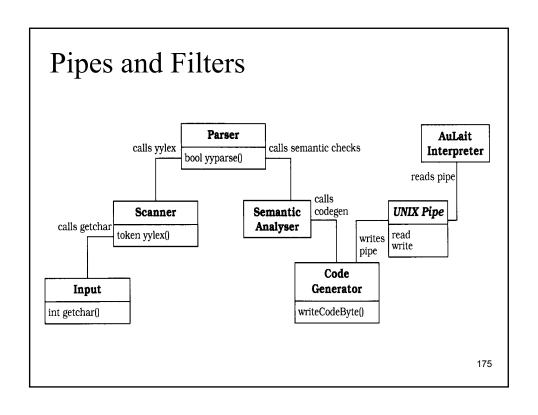
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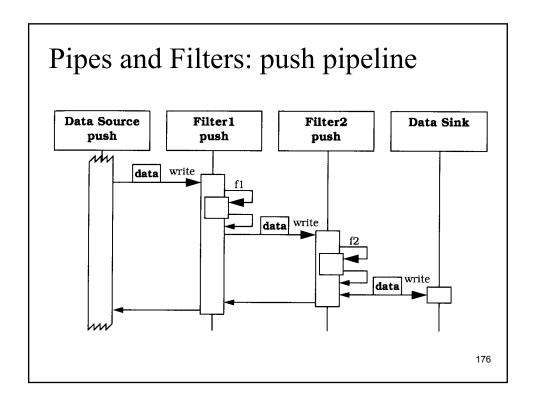
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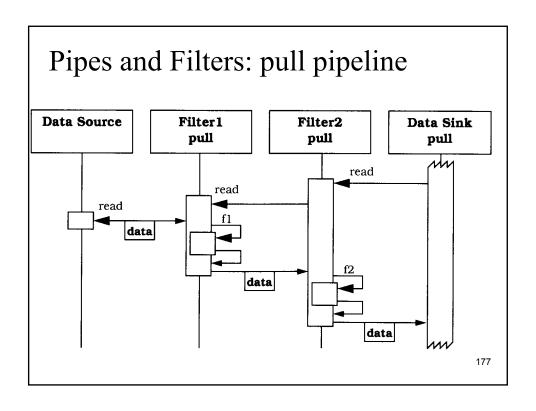
- Provides a structure for systems that process a stream of Data. Each processing step is encapsulated in a filter component. Data is passed through pipes between adjacent filters.
- Recombining filters allows the building of families of related systems.

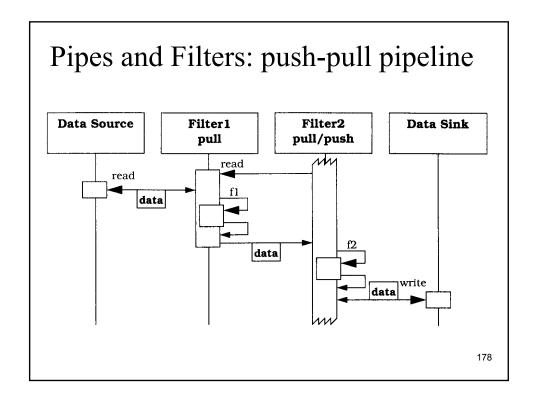


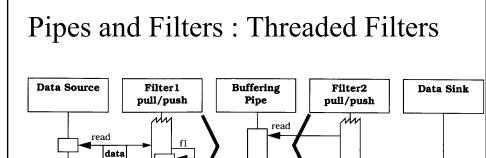












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Pipes and Filters: Known Uses

■ Unix

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- CMS Pipelines (extension IBM mainframes)
- LASSPTools (Numerical Analysis)
 - Graphical input devices (knobs or sliders)
 - Filters for numerical analysis and data extraction
 - Data sinks to produce animation from numerical data streams...
- Khoros : Image recognition...
- WEB !! Servlet !!

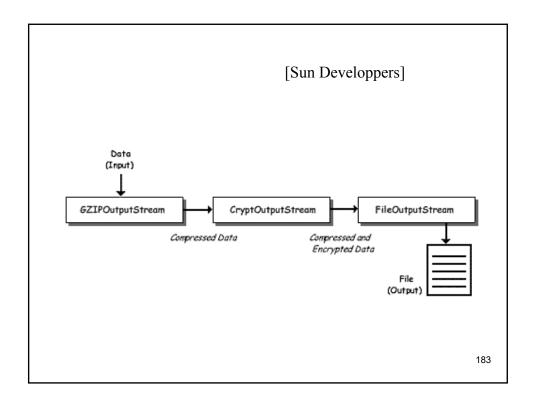
Pipes and Filters Benefits

- No intermediate file necessary (but possible)
- Flexibility by filter exchange
- Flexibility by recombination
- Reuse of filter components
- Rapid prototyping of pipeline
- Efficiency by parallel processing

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Pipes and Filters Liabilities

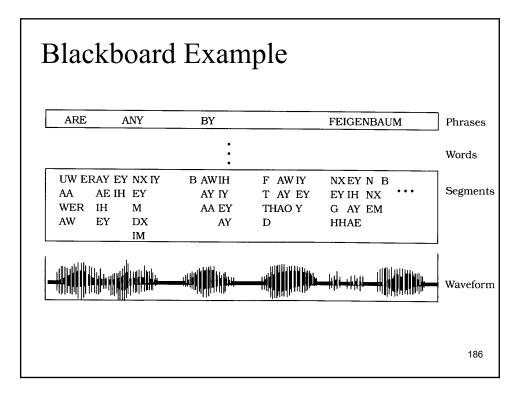
- Sharing state information is expensive or inflexible
- Efficiency gain by parallel processing is often an illusion
 - Cost of data transfer, filters that consume all data before one output, context switch on one computer, synchronization of filters via pipes
- Data transformation overhead
- Error Handling

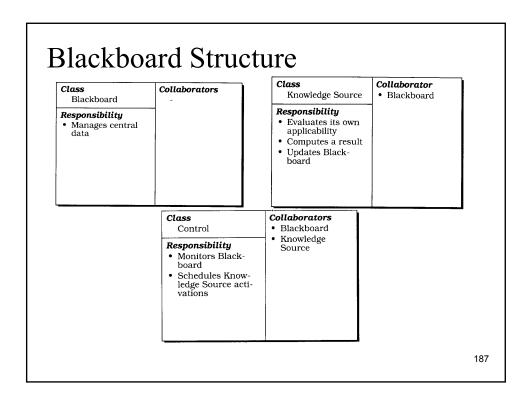


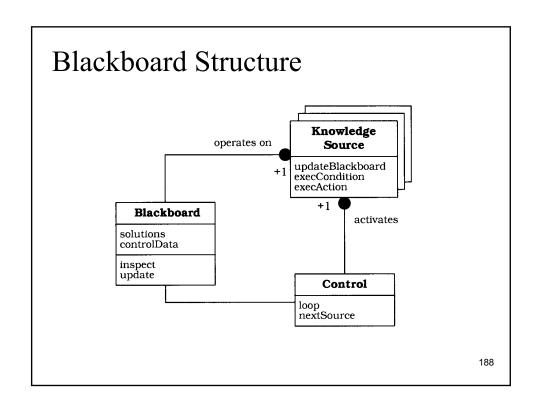


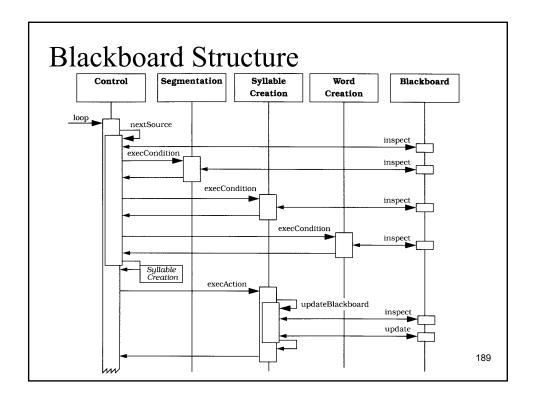
Blackboard

The Blackboard architectural pattern is useful for problems for which no deterministic solution strategies are known. Several specialized subsystems assemble their knowledge to build a possibly partial or approximate solution.









Blackboard Variants

- Production System (OPS Language)
 - Blackboard : working memory
 - Knowledge source: Condition-action rules
 - Control: conflict resolution module.
- Repository:
 - blackboard: Data,
 - Application program: knowledge source.
 - Control: user input, external program

Blackboard known uses

- HEARSAY-II: Speech recognition
- HASP/SIAP: detect enemy submarine
- Crysalis: infer three-dimensional structure of protein molecule from X-Ray diffraction Data.
- Tricero: Aircraft activities. Extend blackboard to distributed computing

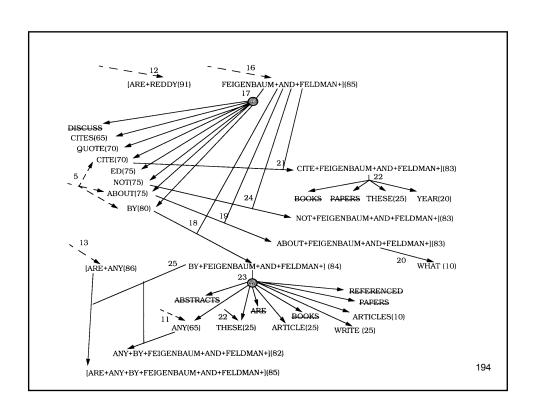
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Blackboard benefits

- Experimentation: different algo, different control heuristics
- Changeability and maintainability: separation data/control.
- Reusable knowledge source
- Support for Fault tolerance and robustness: Tolerance of noisy data...

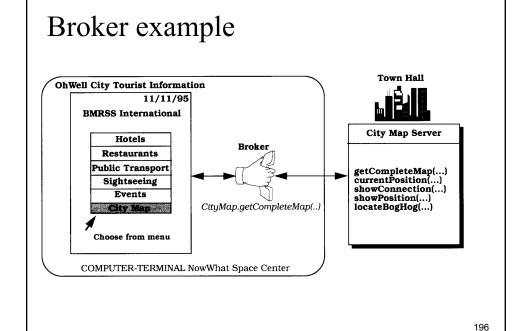
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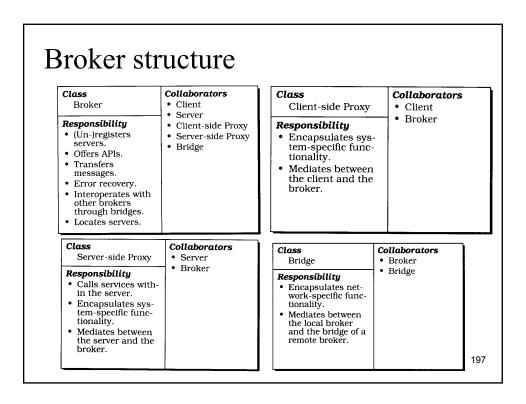
- Difficulty of testing: no deterministic algo
- No good solution is guaranteed.
- Difficulty of establishing a good control strategy
- Low efficiency: (rejecting wrong hypothesis)
- High development effort : trial-and-error programming
- No support for parallelism

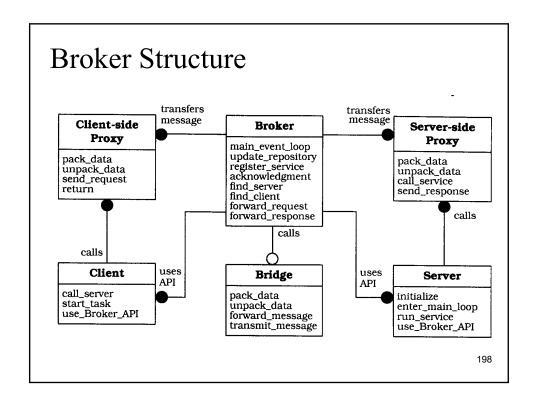


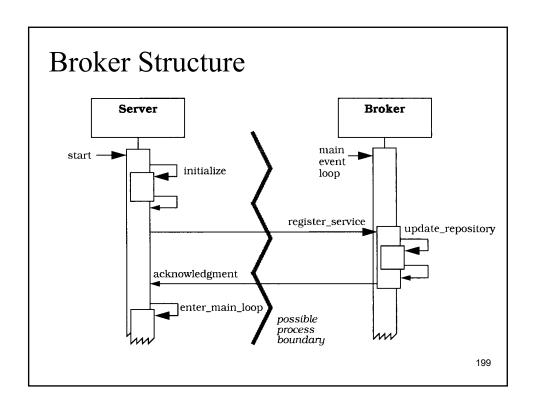
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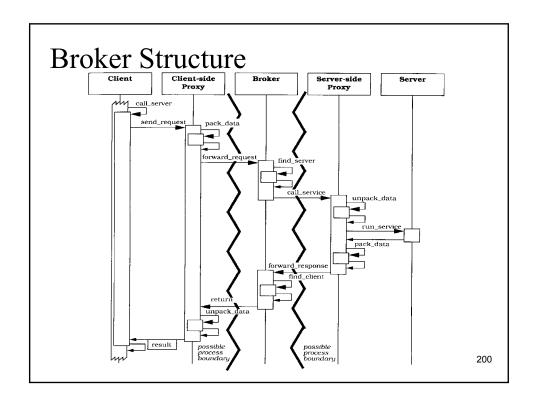
- Used to structure distributed software systems with decoupled components that interact by remote service invocation.
- A broker component is responsible for coordinating communication, such as forwarding request, as well as for transmitting result and exception.

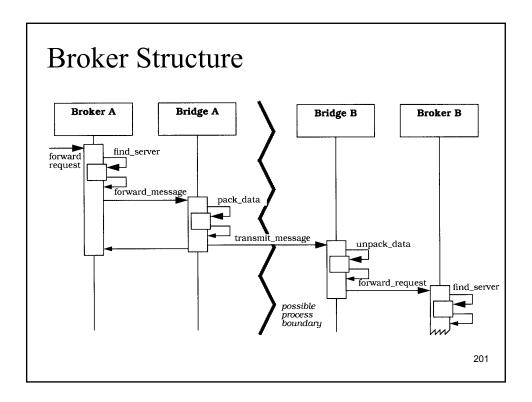












Broker Variants

- Direct Communication Broker System:
 - Direct link to server
- Message Passing Broker System
 - Focus on transmission of data. Type of the message determine the behavior of the broker...
- Trader System :
 - service identifiers are used to access server functionality. Request can be forwarded to more than one server...
- Callback broker system: event driven...

Known Uses

- **■** CORBA
- IBM SOM/DSOM
- Microsoft Ole 2.x
- ATM-P: Message passing broker.

 Telecommunication switching system based on ATM.

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Broker benefits

- Location transparency
- Changeability and extensibility of components
- Portability of a broker system (Layered)
- Interoperability between brokers (bridge)
- Reusability (of services)

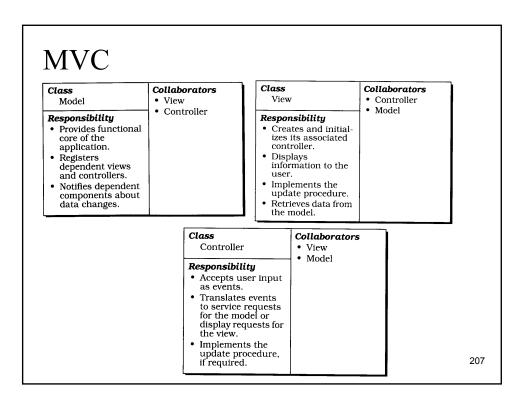
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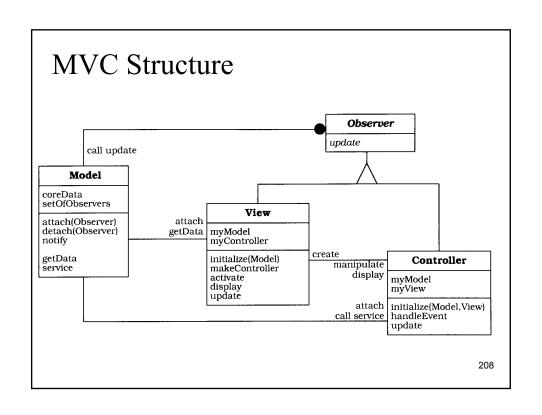
- Restricted efficiency (indirection layer)
- Lower Fault tolerance: fault a broker or a server... replication of components...
- Testability:
 - Of components (benefits)
 - Of application (liabilities)

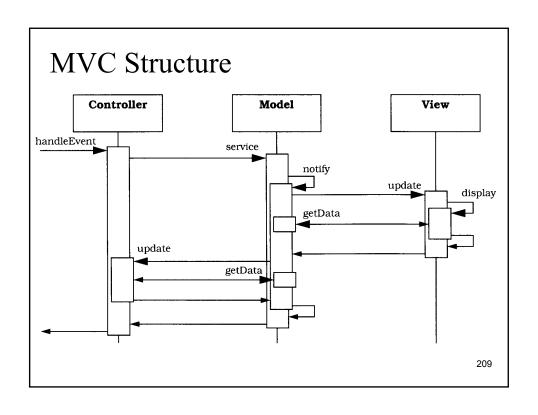
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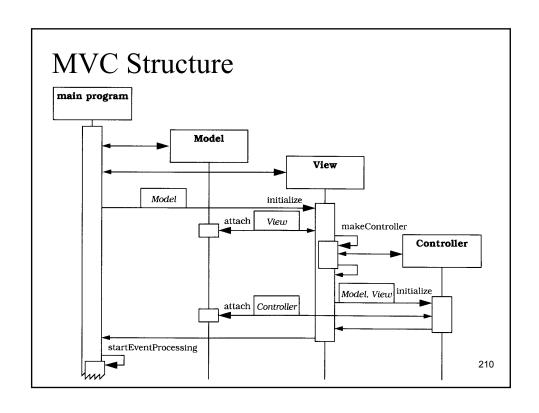
Model-View-Contoler (MVC)

- The model contains the core functionality and data?
- Views display information to the user.
- Controllers handle user input.
- A change propagation mechanism ensure consistency between user interface and the model.









MVC Known Uses

- Smalltalk
- MFC
- ET++: application Framework
- Java/Swing

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MVC benefits

- Multiple views of the same model
- Synchronized views: change propagation
- Pluggable views and controllers
- Exchangeability of 'look and feel'
- Framework potential

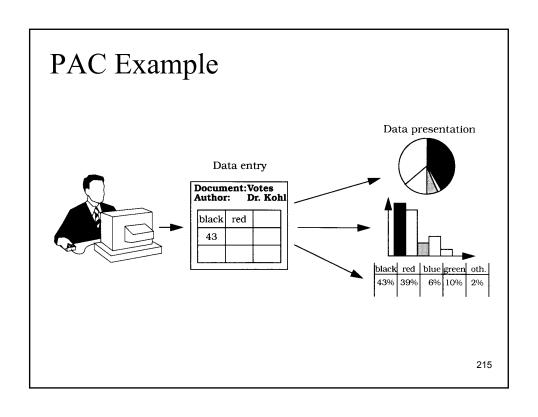
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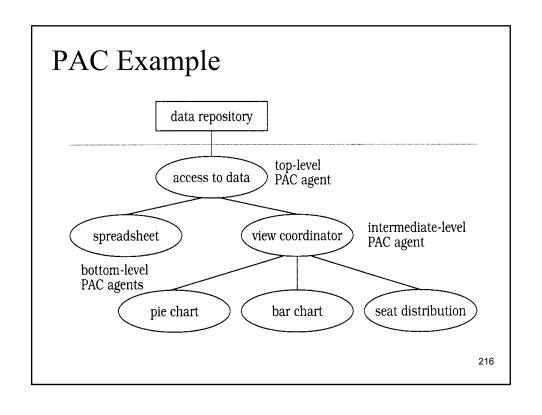
- Increased complexity
- Potential for excessive number of updates
- Intimate connection between view and controller
- Close coupling of views and controllers to a model
- Inefficiency of data access in view
- Inevitability of change to view and controller when porting
- Difficulty of using MVC with modern userinterface tools

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Presentation-Abstraction-Control

- PAC define a hierarchy of cooperating agents.
- Each agent consists of three components: presentation, abstraction, control.
- Separates human computer interaction from its functional core and its communication with other agents...





PAC Structure

Class Collaborators Intermediate-Top-level Agent level Agent Responsibility · Bottom-level Provides the func-tional core of the Agent system. Controls the PAC hierarchy. Class Bottom-level Agent

Class Collaborators Interm. -level Agent

- Top-level Agent
- Intermediatelevel Agent
- Bottom-level Agent

Responsibility

• Provides a specific view of the software or a system service, including its associated human-computer interaction.

Collaborators

Top-level Agent

Responsibility

Coordinates lower-

level PAC agents.

Composes lower-

a single unit of higher abstraction.

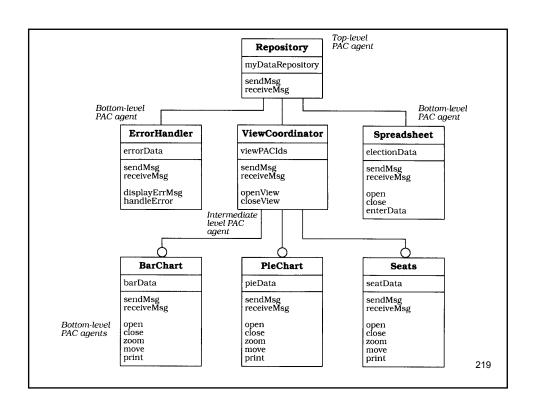
level PAC agents to

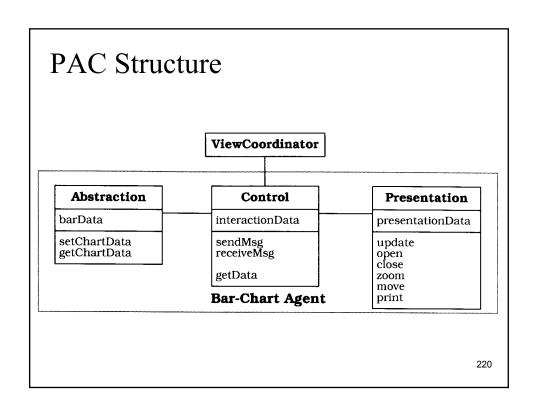
Intermediatelevel Agent

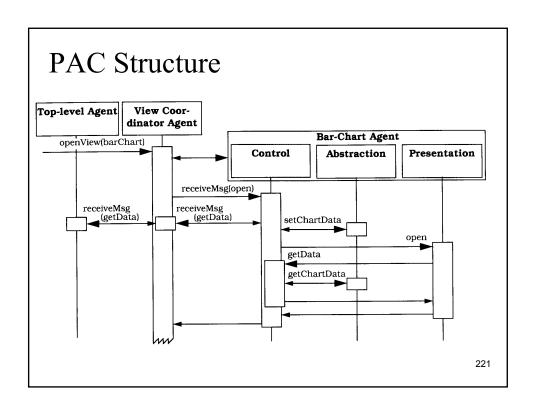
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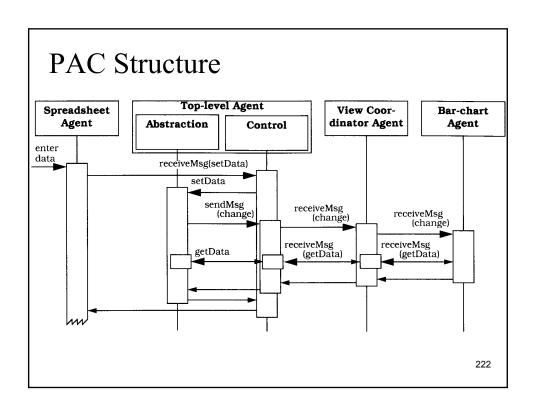
Top Level PAC

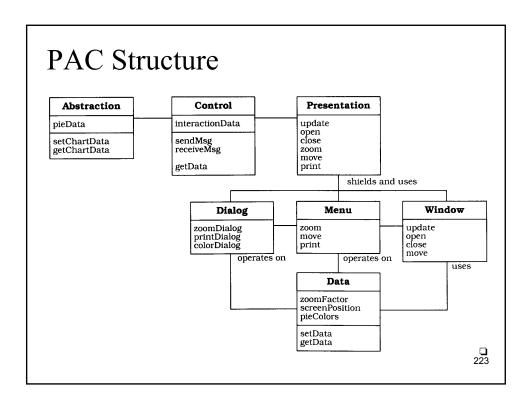
- Abstraction : Global Data model
- Presentation : Some Graphical elements
- Control:
 - Allow sub-agent to access abstraction
 - Manage hierarchy of PAC component
 - Manage info about interaction (log, check applicability of triggered application...











PAC Known Uses

- Network Trafic Management (TS93)
 - Gathering traffic data
 - Threshold checking and generation exceptions
 - Logging and routing of network exception
 - Vizualisation of traffic flow and network exceptions
 - Displaying various user-configurable views of the whole network
 - Statistical evaluation of traffic data
 - Access to historic traffic data
 - System administration and configuration

PAC Benefits

- Separation of concerns: Agent and inside an agent
- Support for change and extension
- Support for multi-tasking: each PAC agent can run its own thread on a different computer...

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PAC Liabilities

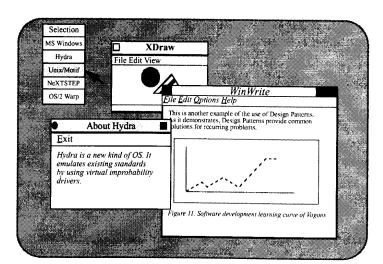
- Increased system complexity: Coordination of agents...
- Complex control component: coordonate action inside agent and with other agents...
- Efficiency : data are propagated throught the tree...
- Applicability: Not a graphic editor where each object is a PAC agent...

Microkernel

- Applies to software systems that be able to adapt to changing system requirements.
- It separates a minimal functional core from extended functionality and customer specific parts.
- The Microkernel also serves as a socket for plugging in these extensions and coordinating their collaboration.

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Microkernel



Microkernel Architecture

Class Microkernel	Collaborators • Internal Server	Class Internal Server
Responsibility Provides core mechanisms. Offers communication facilities. Encapsulates system dependencies. Manages and controls resources.		Responsibility Implements additional services. Encapsulates some system specifics.
	Class External Server	Collaborators • Microkernel
	Responsibilitu	

 Provides programming interfaces for its clients.

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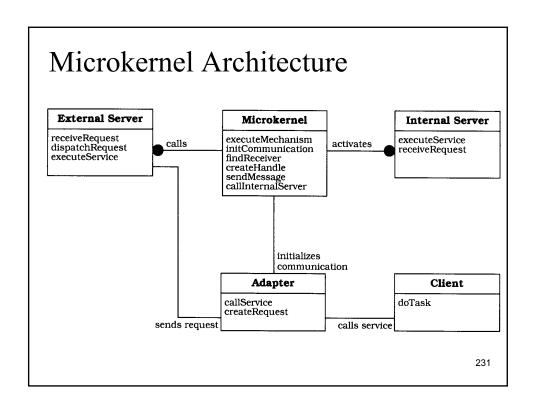
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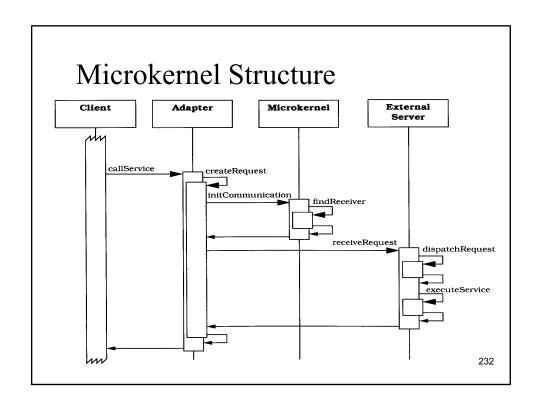
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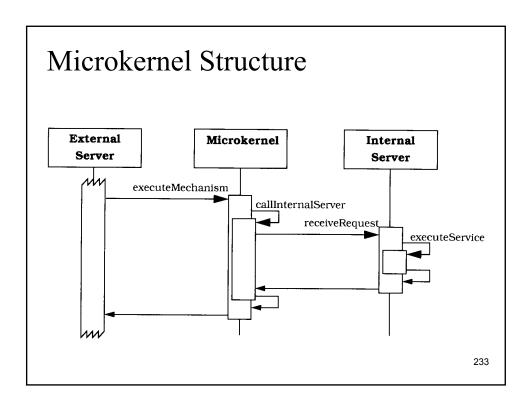
Microkernel Architecture

Class Client	Collaborators • Adapter
Responsibility • Represents an application.	

Class Adapter	• External Server
Responsibility Hides system dependencies such as communication facilities from the client. Invokes methods of external servers on behalf of clients.	Microkernel







Microkernel variants

■ Microkernel system with indirect Client-Server connections. MK establish channel of communication between client and external servers.

Microkernel known Uses

- Mach (92): Emulate other operating system (NeXTSTEP)
- Amoeba (92):
 - Kernel: process, threads system memory, communication, IO
 - Services not in the kernel are internal servers..

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Known uses

- Chorus
- WINDOWS NT:
 - External servers: OS/2.1.X, posix server and win32 server
- MKDE: Microkernel Databank Engine
 - External server : Data model of SQL database

Microkernel Benefits

- Portability : no need to port external servers...
- Flexibility and extensibility
- Separation of policy and mechanism:
 - Mechanism in kernel, policy in external servers
- Scalability
- Reliability: Distributed Microkernel...:-/
- Transparency : Microkernel ~ broker...

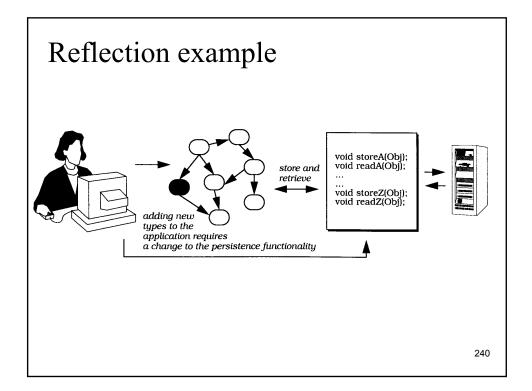
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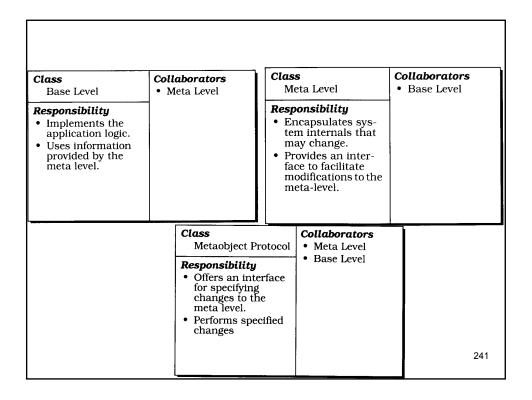
Microkernel Liabilities

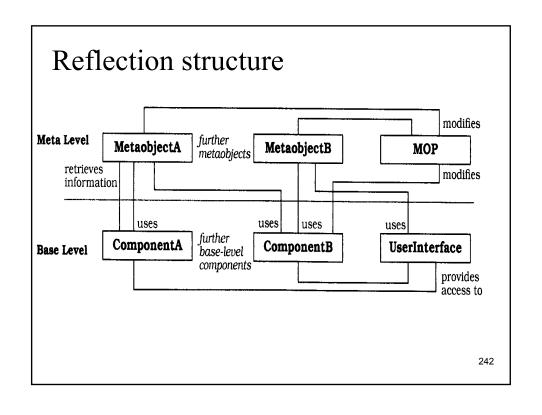
- Performance
- Complexity of design and implementation.
 - Basic functionalities of the micro-kernel ??
 - Separation mechanism/policy => deep knowledge of domain.

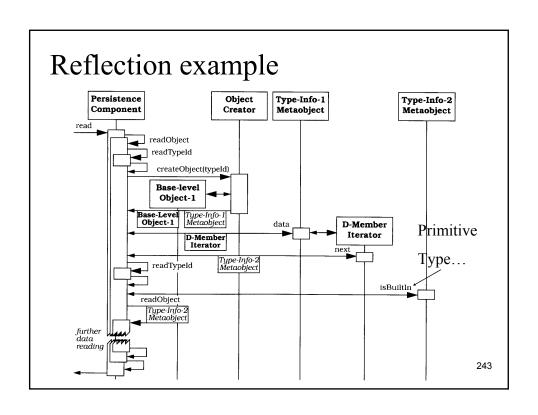
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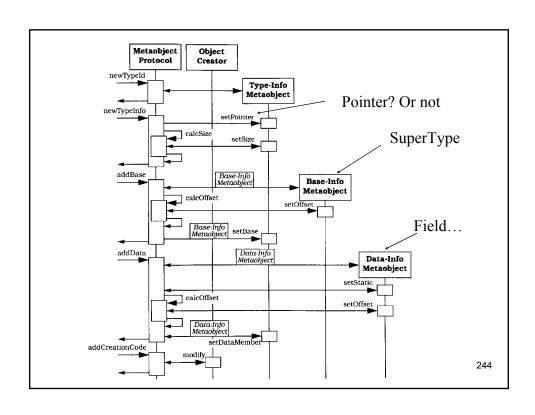
- Provides a mechanism for changing structure and behavior of software dynamically.
- Support modification of fundamental aspects: type structures and function call mechanism
- Meta-level makes the software self-aware
- Base-level includes application logic. Its implementation builds on the meta-level.











Reflection known Uses

- CLOS : generic function and generic function invocation
- MIP: run-time type information system for C++
- Pgen: persistence component for C++ based on MIP
- Ole2.0, CORBA (dynamic invocation)...

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Reflection benefits

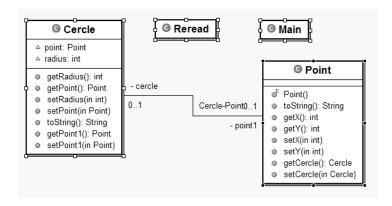
- No explicit modification of source code
- Changing a software is easy: no need for visitors, factories and strategies patterns
- Support for many kind of change

Reflection Liabilities

- Modification at the meta-level can cause damage.
- Increased number of component
- Lower efficiency
- Not all potential changes supported (only those supported by the MOP)
- Not all languages support reflection

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Reflection example



Reflection example

```
public class Main {
  public static void main(String args[]) throws Exception {
   Point p = new Point();
   p.setX(3);
  p.setY(4);
  Cercle c = new Cercle();
   c.setPoint(p);
   c.setRadius(6);
  XMLEncoder e = new XMLEncoder(new BufferedOutputStream(new FileOutputStream(args[0])));
  e.writeObject(c);
  e.close();
  System.out.println(c);
  }
}
```

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Reflection example

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<java version="1.4.2 03" class="java.beans.XMLDecoder">
<object class="Cercle">
 <void property="point">
 <object class="Point">
  <void property="x">
  <int>3</int>
  </void>
  <void property="y">
  <int>4</int>
  </void>
 </object>
 </void>
 <void property="radius">
 <int>6</int>
 </void>
</object>
</java>
```

Reflection example

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Summary (C. Alexander)

■ It is possible to build an architecture by stringing together patterns, in a rather loose way. A building made like this, is an assembly of patterns. It is not dense. It is not profound. But it is also possible to put patterns together in such way that many patterns overlap in the same physical space: the building is very dense; it has many meanings captured in a small space; and through this density, it becomes profound.

Drawbacks of Patterns

- Patterns do not lead to direct code reuse.
- Individual Patterns are deceptively simple.
- Composition of different patterns can be very complex.
- Teams may suffer from pattern overload.
- Patterns are validated by experience and discussion rather than by automated testing.
- Integrating patterns into a software development process is a human-intensive activity.