



SE 461 – Managing Software Development

Lecture – 3/28/2022

Expression Trees

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- How do we construct an expression tree based upon the valid input of our program?
 - **Last Assignment:** Infix – Postfix Conversion
 - Same approach for the tree...
- The decision process for pushing and popping operators on and off the operator stack is exactly the same as we had in the Infix-Postfix Conversion....

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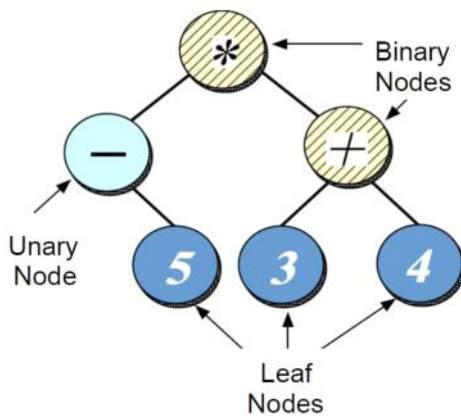
- This time around we need two stacks, not just one as we need to deal with the Operands as well as the Operators.
- Binary Tree – Binary_Op_Command
- Helpful Hint(s):
 - <https://web.archive.org/web/20160316075930/http://www.seas.gwu.edu/~csci133/fall04/133f04trees.html>
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Composite Pattern

Composite Pattern

- How can we represent the following in a tree-based structure?
– $-5 * (3 + 4)$
- What are the different components of this expression?
- How does the role of the Composite pattern fit here?

Composite Pattern



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- How can we modify our existing application to allow for such a tree-like structure?

```
class Expr_Node {
public:
    Expr_Node (void);
    virtual ~Expr_Node (void);
    // Used to traverse the tree
    virtual void eval (Expr_Result & r) = 0;
};
```

Composite Pattern

- Let us take a closer look at the previous slide for a moment...
- `class Expr_Node`
 - Base class for all nodes within the tree.
- `eval (Expr_Result & r)`
 - This is the “operation” that evaluates each node in the tree (i.e. the composite).

Composite Pattern

- How do we handle the unary node?
 - Note: There should be only one child here.

```
class Unary_Expr_Node : public Expr_Node {
public:
    Unary_Expr_Node (void);
    virtual ~Unary_Expr_Node (void);
    virtual void eval (Expr_Result & r){
        if (this->child_) this->child_->eval (r);
    }
protected:
    Expr_Node * child_;
};
```

Composite Pattern

- How do we handle the binary node?
 - Note: There should be two children here.

```
class Binary_Expr_Node : public Expr_Node {
public:
    Binary_Expr_Node (void);
    virtual ~Binary_Expr_Node (void);

    // ...

    virtual void eval (Expr_Result & r) {
        // use template method to provide common
        // behavior for all binary nodes
    }
protected:
    Expr_Node * right_;
    Expr_Node * left_;
};
```

Composite Pattern

- Let's take a look at how to use the operators:

```
class Add_Expr_Node : public Binary_Expr_Node {
public:
    Add_Expr_Node (void);
    virtual ~Add_Expr_Node (void);
    virtual void eval (Expr_Result & r);
};
```

- Here `eval` should perform that addition (+ operator) of the given expression.

Composite Pattern

- Now we can put it all together to evaluate the expression tree that we have created:

```
// 5 + 4
Expr_Node * n1 = new Number_Node (5);
Expr_Node * n2 = new Number_Node (4);
Expr_Node * expr = new Add_Node (n1, n2);

expr->eval (result);

delete expr;
```

Composite Pattern

- Consequences:
 - Defines class hierarchies consisting of primitive objects.
 - Tree structure.
 - Makes the client simple.
 - Clients can treat composite structures and individual objects uniformly.
 - Makes it easier to add new kinds of components.
 - Flexibility of your design!
 - Can make your design overly general.
 - Hard to restrict the components of a composite.

→ Abstraction vs Concretion

Builder Pattern

Builder Pattern

- Pattern Classification:
 - Creational

- Problem:
 - Building a complex object but want to shield the client from the complexity.

- Solution:
 - Separate how we construct a complex object from its representation. This shields the client.



→ Builds something complex,
while hiding the complexity from the user

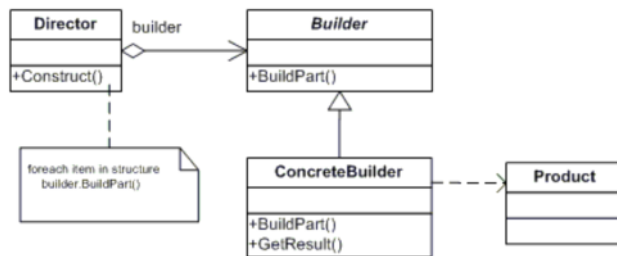
Builder Pattern - Motivation

- Have you ever been in the following situation:
 - Need to build a complex object, but want to shield the client from the complexity of building the object.
 - e.g., Converting an infix expression to a binary tree.
 - Have many ways of building the same abstraction, but with different internal representations.
 - e.g., postfix vs. binary tree representation of a infix expression.

Builder Pattern

- Analogy:
 - Each “builder” has their own method/approach for constructing a home.
 - The homeowner, however, does not care how the home is constructed.
 - The homeowner just wants their home built as promised.
- How can we translate this analogy to the software domain?

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- Let's revisit our food analogy:
 - Kids meals typically consist of a main item, a side item, a drink, and a toy.
 - There may be variations of the content contained in the meal, but the construction process is the same.
 - The same process is used across various restaurant chains.
 - Here we shield the customer from knowing how the meal is assembled – only care that it is assembled how they desired.

Builder Pattern

- Creational Patterns
 - We can use other patterns in order to actually “build” the components
- Builder vs. Abstract Factory
 - Builder focuses on constructing a complex object step-by-step.
 - Abstract Factory emphasizes a family of related products – these can be complexed or not.

You gotta have the
Structure to create
the parts



Builder Pattern



- Abstract Factory
 - Focus is on enabling polymorphic behavior.
 - We create “products” – the client does not care how they are produced, just that they end up with what they want.
- Builder Pattern
 - Focus on how a single object is constructed.
 - Here we are more concerned with how a product is actually made.

Builder Pattern

- Classic Example:
 - Making a Pizza
- In order to “build” our pizza we generally take more than step in order to create our pizza.
 - We may use different ingredients to build a specific type of pizza – and this may slightly alter the algorithm used.
- In the end we are still “building” a pizza but our approach is different.
 - An Abstract Factory could say Build_Pizza.

Builder Pattern

- Another Example:
 - Car/Truck Example
- In our Abstract Factory the client simply wanted to create a car/truck – they did not care how it was achieved or by whom.
- In the Builder we may want to build a custom truck or a truck with a certain type of engine and body style.

Builder Pattern

- Builder pattern often is used in conjunction with the Composite pattern.
- Start with the Factory pattern – transition to the Abstract Factory pattern – and end up with the Builder pattern.
- Intent of pattern in that case is really to address an anti-pattern.
 - We will address anti-patterns later in the semester.