

What is the difference between the repository pattern and the client-server pattern?

Client/Server Architectural Style

- ✓ One or many servers provide services to instances of subsystems, called **clients**.
- ✓ Each client calls on the server, which performs some service and returns the result.
- ✓ The clients know the interface of the server and the server does not need to know the interface of the client.
- ✓ The response, in general, is immediate.
- ✓ End users interact only with the client.
- Often used in the design of database systems:

Front-end: User application (client)

Back end: Database access and manipulation (server)

- Functions performed by client:

Input from the user (Customized user interface)

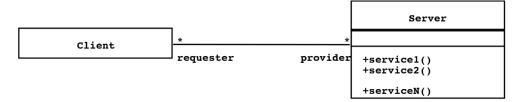
Front-end processing of input data

- Functions performed by the database server:

Centralized data management.

Data integrity and database consistency.

Database security.



Repository Architectural Style

- ✓ Subsystems access and modify data from a single data structure called the repository.
- ✓ Subsystems are loosely coupled (interact only through the repository).
- ✓ Control flow is dictated by the repository through triggers or by the subsystems through locks and synchronization primitives.

