

Strategy Design Pattern: The Duck Analogy

Core Concepts: Encapsulation & Abstract Polymorphism

1. The Problem

In standard inheritance, if we define **fly()** in a base Duck class, every subclass inherits it. This creates a behavioral nightmare where RubberDucks and WoodenDecoys start flying in your code.

2. The Solution: Encapsulation

We apply the design principle: *Identify the aspects of your application that vary and separate them from what stays the same.*

What stays the same: A duck has feathers, it swims, and it looks like a duck.

What varies: How it flies and how it quacks.

We encapsulate these varying behaviors by moving them out of the Duck class and into their own behavior classes.

3. Python Implementation (The Code)

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from abc import ABC, abstractmethod

# --- ENCAPSULATED BEHAVIORS ---

class FlyBehavior(ABC):
    @abstractmethod
    def fly(self):
        pass

class FlyWithWings(FlyBehavior):
    def fly(self):
        print("Flying with real wings! ■")

class FlyNoWay(FlyBehavior):
    def fly(self):
        print("I can't fly. I just sit there.")

class QuackBehavior(ABC):
    @abstractmethod
    def quack(self):
        pass

class Squeak(QuackBehavior):
    def quack(self):
        print("Squeak! (Rubber duck style)")

# --- ABSTRACT POLYMORPHISM ---

class Duck(ABC):
    def __init__(self, fly_behavior: FlyBehavior, quack_behavior: QuackBehavior):
        self.fly_behavior = fly_behavior
        self.quack_behavior = quack_behavior

    def perform_fly(self):
        self.fly_behavior.fly()

    def perform_quack(self):
        self.quack_behavior.quack()

# --- CONCRETE SUBCLASSES ---

class MallardDuck(Duck):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__(FlyWithWings(), Squeak())

class RubberDuck(Duck):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__(FlyNoWay(), Squeak())

# --- RUNTIME EXECUTION ---
if __name__ == "__main__":
    my_duck = RubberDuck()
    print("Rubber Duck:")
    my_duck.perform_fly()

    print("\nGiving the rubber duck a jetpack...")
    my_duck.fly_behavior = FlyWithWings()
    my_duck.perform_fly()
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4. Why This Works

Abstract Polymorphism: The Duck class relies on interfaces (FlyBehavior, QuackBehavior) rather than concrete implementations. This makes the system flexible and extensible.

Composition over Inheritance: Instead of being a flier, the Duck has a flying behavior. This allows behaviors to be swapped at runtime without modifying the Duck class.