Lecture 06

ECE 1145: Software Construction and Evolution

Design Patterns Introduction Strategy Pattern (CH 7, 8, 9)

Announcements

- Iteration 2 due Sept. 26
- Relevant Exercises: **7.5** 7.6 9.1 9.3
- Starcraft patterns: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6A29DA14366FF6C3
 - Strategy pattern: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOEsKHqLiBM
- Design patterns book (go to "Sign in" and enter your Pitt email for free access): https://learning.oreilly.com/library/view/design-patterns-elements/0201633612/

Questions for Today

How do we handle variability in software?

How do we apply patterns to design software?

Review

Case: PayStation

```
* accept legal coin
* reject illegal coin, exception
* 5 cents should give 2 minutes parking time.
* readDisplay
* buy for 40 cents produces valid receipt
* cancel resets pay station
* 25 cents = 10 minutes
* enter a 10 and 25 coin
* receipt can store values
* buy for 100 cents
* clearing after a buy operation
```

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   default:
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   insertedSoFar += coinValue;
   timeBought = insertedSoFar / 5 * 2;
 public int readDisplay() {
   return timeBought;
 public Receipt buy() {
    Receipt r = new ReceiptImpl(timeBought);
   reset();
   return r;
 public void cancel() {
   reset();
 private void reset() {
   timeBought = insertedSoFar = 0;
```

The Nightmare: Success!

AlphaTown is very satisfied!

Word has spread far and wide of our reliable software!

Now BetaTown has inquired about our parking machine software – but, they have a special request...

BetaTown: New Customer Requirements!

Progressive price model

- 1. First hour: \$1.50 (5 cents gives 2 minutes parking)
- 2. Second hour: \$2.00 (5 cents gives 1.5 minutes)
- 3. Third and following hours: \$3.00 per hour (5 cents gives 1 minute)

Maybe we will have more requests for different pricing models ??? How can we handle these two products (and future variants)?

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Problem (formulation 2): How do I introduce having two different behaviors of the rate calculation variability point such that both the cost and the risk of introducing defects are low?

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How can we handle this?

Consider:

- Most of the code is the same in the two products
- What about **real** success? 20 product variants?

Model 1: Copy

Make a copy of the source tree - one copy for AlphaTown, one for BetaTown

Model 2: Parameterization

• Throw in some 'if' statements to check whether AlphaTown or BetaTown

Model 3: **Polymorphism**

• Use inheritance, subclass PayStationImpl, override the rate calculation

Model 4: Composition

 Factor out rate calculation responsibility into an interface, create multiple concrete rate calculation classes, pay station delegates to the appropriate rate calculation object

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Copy and paste!



Also copy test cases! And rewrite any tests that are dependent on the variability point.

Code the new variant by replacing the code at the variability point.

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 - Easy to explain to new developers
- Fast!
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Summary: Quick but Dangerous! Gets worse at scale

Variability point is in a single "behavioural unit" in the addPayment method.

Make a conditional statement there

- Introduce a "town" parameter
- Switch on the parameter each time town-specific behaviour is needed

```
public class PayStationImpl implements PayStation {
  public enum Town { ALPHATOWN, BETATOWN }
  private Town town;
  public PayStationImpl( Town town ) {
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Other options:

Town is an input argument to addPayment? Town is defined in a property file? Town is defined in a database? Etc.

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Pros:

- Simple!
 - A conditional statement is easy to understand for any skill level developer team
- Avoids multiple maintenance problem!
 - One code base
 - Easier to fix defects in common behavior
 - Easier to add common features

Cons:

- Reliability concerns
- Analyzability concerns
- Responsibility erosion
- Composition problem

Reliability/quality concerns

- Risk of change by modification
 - Don't want to cause problems with AlphaTown!
 - Tests can help, but aren't foolproof
- Need to modify the existing PayStationImpl for any new rate model (e.g., in a new town)
- Requires reviewing and re-running all tests of all product variants
- Gets worse with more conditionals!

Recall:

Definition: Reliability (ISO 9126)

The capability of the software product to maintain a specified level of performance when used under specified conditions.

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```
if ( town == Town.ALPHATOWN ) {
  timeBought = insertedSoFar * 2 / 5;
} else if ( town == Town.BETATOWN ) {
  [BetaTown implementation]
} else if ( town == Town.CAMMATOWN ) {
  [GammaTown implementation]
}
```

Analyzability concerns: Code bloat

 With more variants, the switching code becomes longer and longer...

Switch creep

 One "if" often leads to more "if"s, worse with more variability dimensions

Recall:

Definition: Analyzability (ISO 9126)

The capability of the software product to be diagnosed for deficiencies or causes of failures in the software, or for the parts to be modified to be identified.

```
if ( Town == ALPHATOWN ) {
   if ( databaseServer == ORACLE && optimizingOn ) {
      if ( DEBUG ) { System.out.println( "..." ); }
      ...
   } else { if ( isMobilePayment() ) {
      discountFactor = 0.9;
      XXX
} else { ... }
```

Responsibility erosion ("feature creep")

PayStation (as-built)

- Accept payment
- Calculate parking time
- · Handle transactions (buy, cancel)
- · Know time bought, earning
- · Print receipt
- Handle variants of the product

Later ... parsing XML files, printing debug statements in the console, updating a database, handling transactions over a network ...

Beware "The Blob"

Composition problem

- A rate model that is a combination of existing ones leads to code duplication
- Example of much worse situation will be dealt with later...

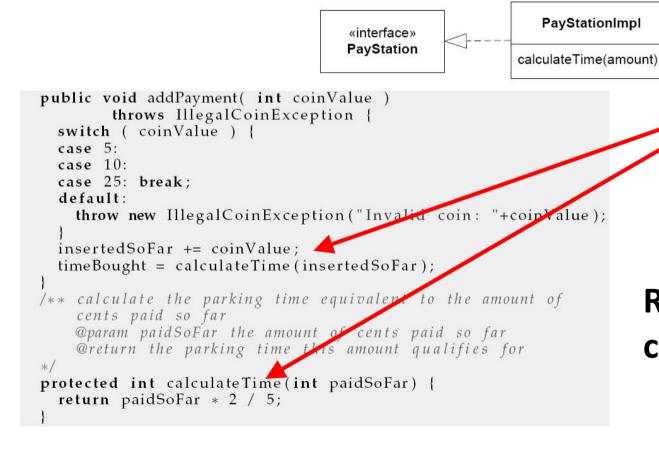
Conditional Compilation:

- In C and C++ you may alternatively use #ifdef's
- The analysis is basically the same as for parameterization, except that there is no performance penalty
 - But choice of which model to be used cannot be made at run-time.

For embedded software where the memory footprint of code is important this may be the best solution!

```
/* Main.cpp */
                                         New include
 #include "BasicFunctionality.hpp"
 #ifdef HAS ADVANCED FEATURE
 #include "AdvancedFunctionality.hpp"
 #endif
  Void main (void)
                                           New
    BasicFunctionality::doSomething()
#1fdef HAS ADVANCED FEATURE
                                           functionality
   AdvancedFunctionality::doSomething(
-#endif
   If (BasicFunctionality::getCondition() |
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                                             New code
_#endif
     false)
     Printf("Condition present");
```

Subclass and override!

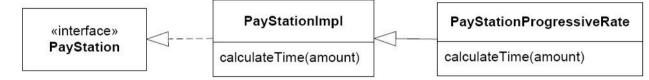


Refactor to introduce calculateTime method

PayStationProgressiveRate

calculateTime(amount)

Subclass and override!



```
public class PayStationProgressiveRate extends PayStationImpl {
  protected int calculateTime(int paidSoFar) {
    int time = 0;
    if ( paidSoFar >= 150+200 ) { // from 2nd hour onwards
      paidSoFar -= 350;
      time = 120 /*min*/ + paidSoFar / 5;
  } else if ( paidSoFar >= 150 ) { // from 1st to 2nd hour
      paidSoFar -= 150;
      time = 60 /*min*/ + paidSoFar * 3 / 10;
  } else { // up to 1st hour
      time = paidSoFar * 2 / 5;
  }
  return time;
}
```

```
Instantiation:
PayStation ps =
  new PayStationProgressiveRate();
```



Reliability

- The first time adding a new rate policy, we change by modification
- But
 - All following new requirements (regarding rate policies) can be handled by adding new subclasses, without modifying existing classes
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Analyzability

- No code bloat from conditional statements
- New classes instead!

Increased number of classes

- New subclass for each new rate policy
- i.e., instead of 43 if statements in one class, 43 subclasses

Inheritance is spent on a single type of variation

- With single inheritance, we have "wasted" it on rate policy!
 - What is next?
 "PayStationProgressiveRateButLinearOnWeekendsWithOracleDataBaseAccessDebuggingVersionAndBothCoinAndMobilePayPaymentOptions"???
 - Not great for multiple types of variants
- We will discuss this problem in detail later...

Inheritance is compile time binding

- You cannot change the rate model except by rewriting code!
- Impossible to dynamically change rate policy

Reuse across variants is difficult

- GammaTown Preview: "We want a rate policy similar to Alphatown during weekdays but similar to Betatown during weekends."
 - With some code in one superclass and some in another subclass, combining them will lead to a pretty odd design
 - Refactor into an abstract superclass that contains the rate policies?
 - But do they make sense there?

Pros:

- Avoid multiple maintenance
- Avoid reliability concerns
- Code analyzability

Cons:

- Increased number of classes
- Inheritance spent on one type of variation
- Compile-time binding
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PayStation

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- Know earning, parking time bought
- Print receipts
- Handle buy and cancel transactions

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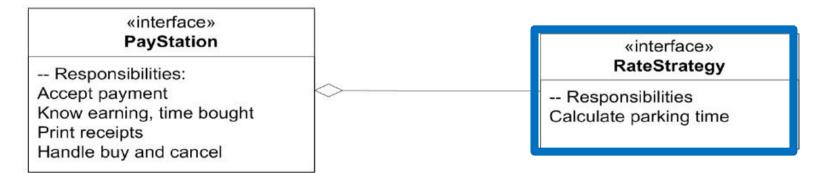
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→ Divide and conquer! (delegate)

Method: Divide responsibilities!

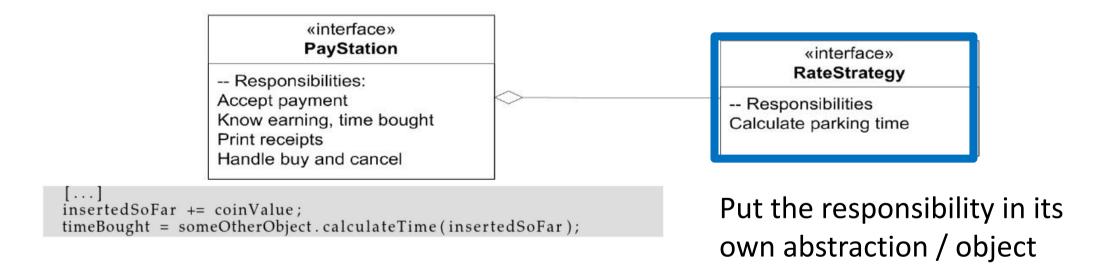
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Put the responsibility in its own abstraction / object

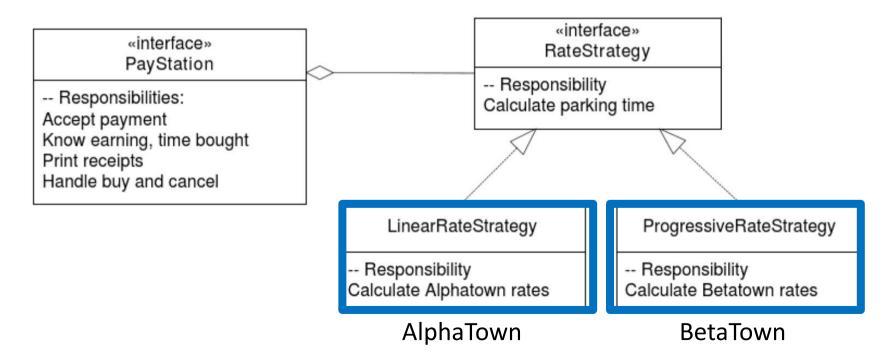
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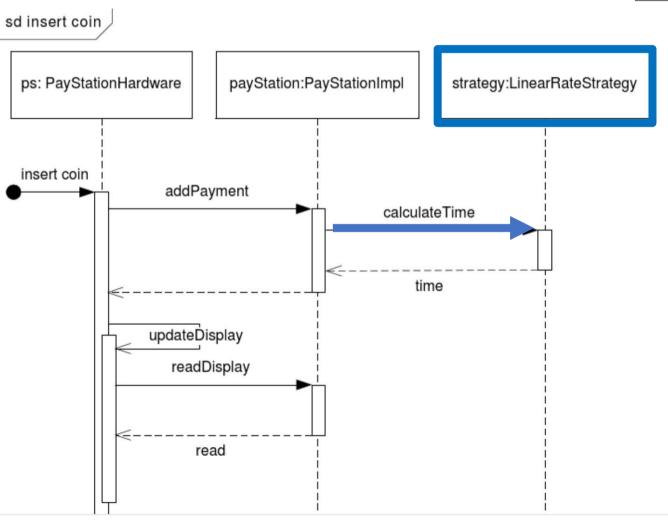


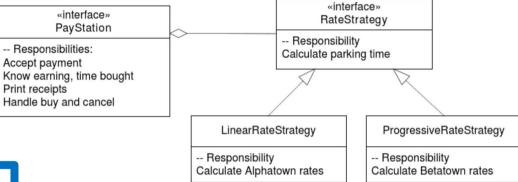
Definition: Delegation

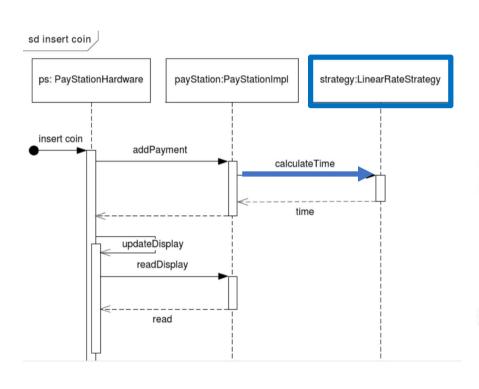
In delegation, two objects collaborate to satisfy a request or fulfill a responsibility. The behavior of the receiving object is partially handled by a subordinate object, called the **delegate**.

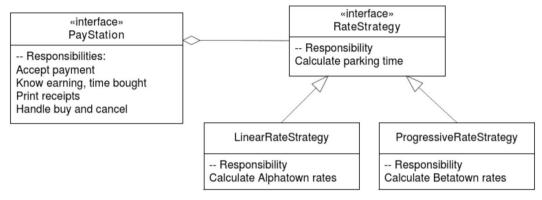


Sequence diagram









In PayStationImpl:

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/** the strategy for rate calculations */
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Several possibilities

- Constructor
- Set-method
- Creational patterns (later)

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                                                                teStrategy.calculateTime(insertedSoFar);
    @param rateStrategy the rate calculation strategy to use
public PayStationImpl( RateStrategy rateStrategy ) {
```

public class PayStationImpl implements PayStation {

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Using the constructor to define the strategy?

- Compiler will tell you that you have forgotten to make it!
- Early binding cannot be changed at run-time

Using a set-method to define the strategy?

- What if you forget to set it?
- ... but you can change your mind at run-time!



Responsibilities are clearly stated in interfaces

- Names make more sense:
 - PayStation and RateStrategy: The responsibilities
 - LinearRateStrategy ect: Concrete behavior fulfilling responsibilities
- Separating responsibilities = higher cohesion of code within each abstraction
- Easier testing, debugging



Variant selection is localized

- There is only one place in the code where we decide rate policy
 - (In the configuration/main code where we instantiate the pay station)
 - Contrast with the parametric solution
- No variant handling code in the PayStation!

Combinatorial

- We have not used inheritance, so we can still subclass (or use composition) to provide new behavior in other aspects – without interfering with the rate calculation!
- More on this later...



Increased number of objects

 Similar to the polymorphic solution, we trade complexity within the code with complexity of structure

Client objects must be aware of rate strategies

- The client (the one instantiating the PayStation) must be aware of the particular strategy object to pass to the PayStation (Context)
 - Thus, this code creates a hard binding between the two...
- Never instantiate the strategies inside the Context object (here the PayStationImpl)
 - (unless you want all the liabilities of the parametric approach!)

Pros:

- Separation of responsibilities
- Variant selection is localized
- Combinatorial
- Reliability
 - New classes for new rate policies
- Analyzability
 - No conditional statements
- Run-time binding
 - Can change rate policy while running

Cons:

- Increased number of interfaces, objects
- Client objects must be aware of strategies

3-1-2 Process

(More when we get to Compositional Design)

- 3 Find Variability: Identify some behavior that is likely to change...
 - Rate policy
- ① **Use an Interface:** State a responsibility that covers this behavior and express it in an interface

<<interface>>
 RateStrategy
-- Calculate Parkingtime

- ② **Delegate:** The parking machine now performs rate calculations by letting a delegate object do it: the RateStrategy object.
 - time = rateStrategy.calculateTime(amount);

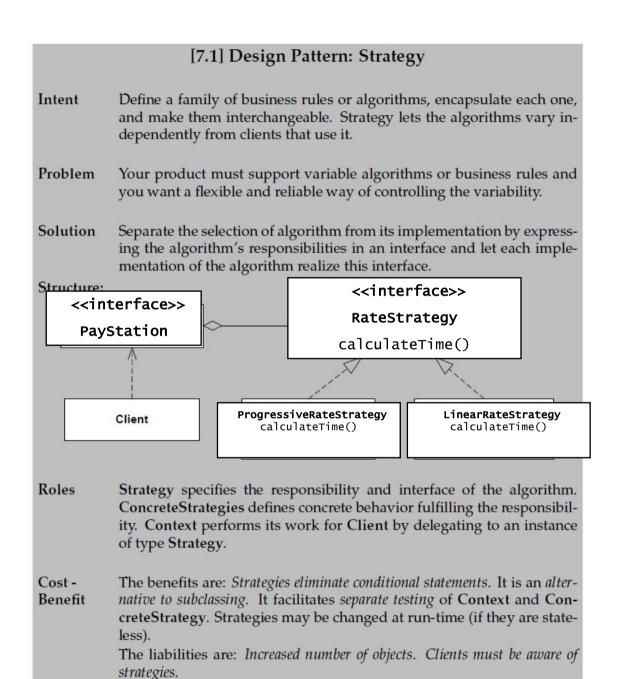
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A design pattern is a solution to a problem in a context.

"Pattern" concept originally applied to houses, urban planning

→ Patterns at different scales, can be used recursively

The collection of patterns (pattern catalog) is a design tool.

Also a **communication** tool – "pattern language".

- → Facilitate design discussions
- → Represent knowledge gained through design experience

Design patterns didn't catch on in architecture... but they did in software engineering! (~1980s)

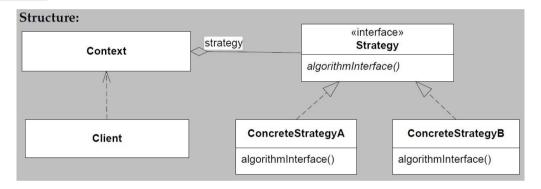
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Generally a design must have been used several times successfully (>= 3) before it is considered a "pattern".

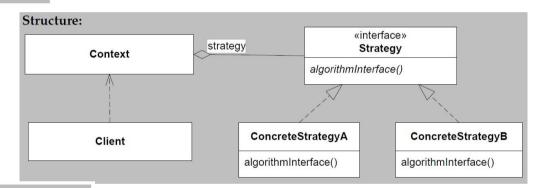
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Definition: Design Pattern (Beck et al.)

A design pattern is a particular prose form of recording design information such that designs which have worked well in the past can be applied again in similar situations in the future.

Prose form = "template", e.g.,

Name

Problem

Solution

Consequences

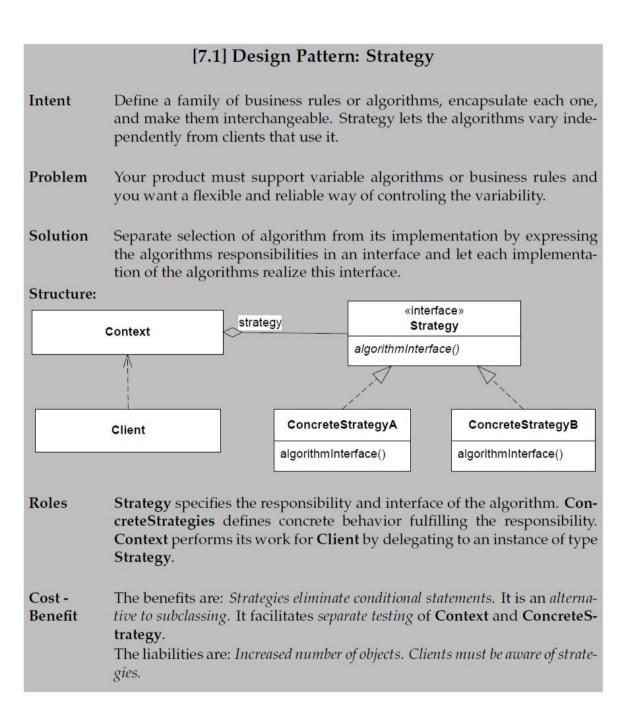
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- Solution. The solution the pattern proposes is described. In a software context
 this is often done using prose as well as diagrams that show the static and dynamic structure of the software. These diagrams are not to be copied literally
 but must be viewed as templates for the final solution.
- Consequences. Patterns represent solutions that have trade-offs. The benefits
 and liabilities must be described in order for a developer to make a qualified
 judgement whether to apply the pattern or not.

Intent

Short description

Roles

Responsibilities of each participating object/abstraction in the pattern



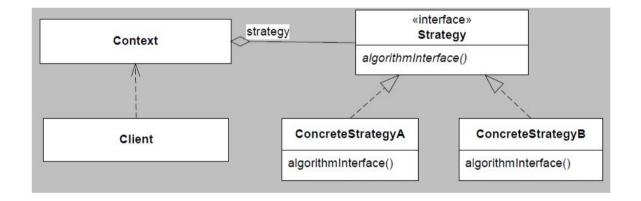
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UML Class DiagramsStructure

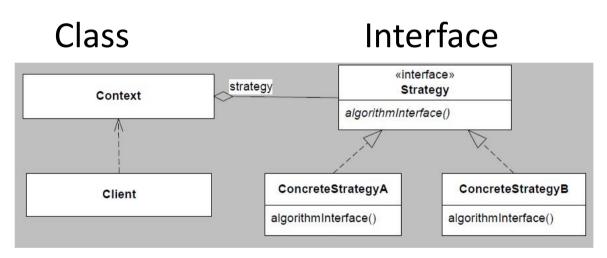
UML Sequence Diagrams

Processes



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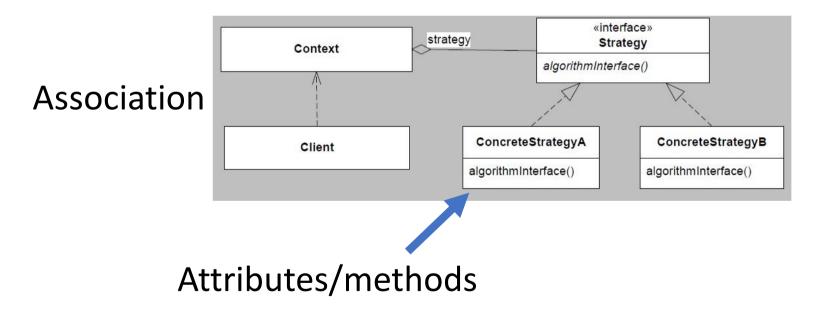
Implementations

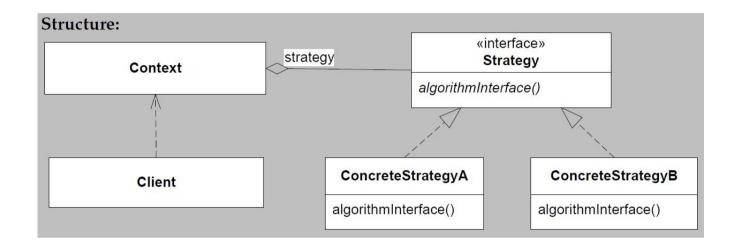
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UML Class Diagram:

Aggregation





Many patterns are structurally equal

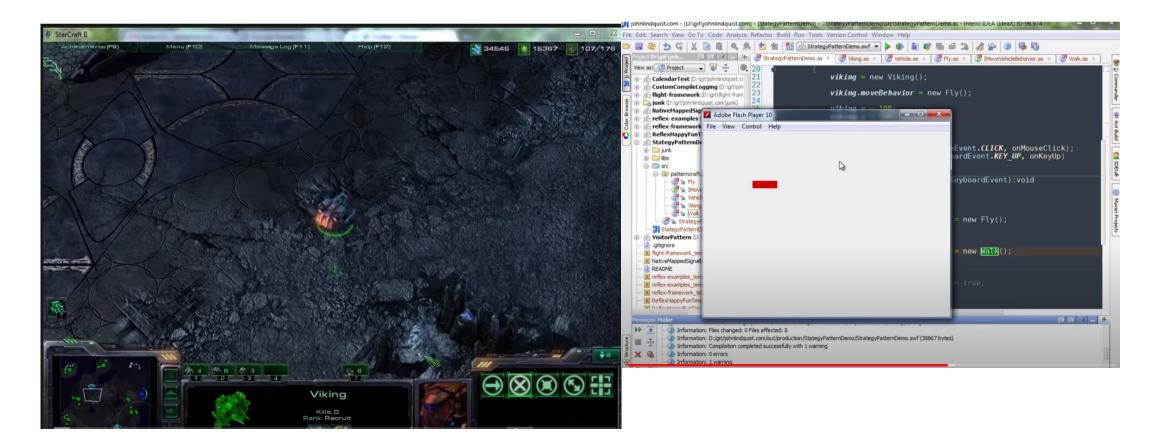
→ Their UML class diagrams are more or less identical!

Patterns are defined by the **problem they solve!**

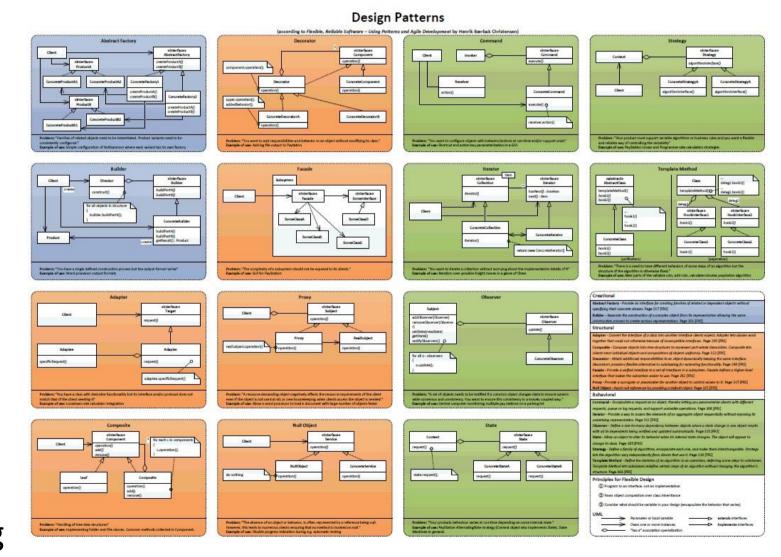
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Next time:
Refactoring
Integration Testing