Design Patterns: Structural and Behavioural

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See also: Vince Huston



Review last time: creational

Design patterns: Reusable templates for designing programs May be very high-level, indep. of prog. language Creational patterns Factory method Abstract factory • Builder Prototype Singleton



Structural patterns

- Adapter/ wrapper: Convert the interface of a class into another interface clients expect
- Bridge: split abstraction from implementation
- Composite: organize objects into trees
- Decorator: dynamically add responsibilities / functionality to an object
- Facade: hide complexities behind simple interface
- Flyweight: use sharing to support large numbers of fine-grained objects efficiently

Proxy: surrogate/placeholder for another object



Structural pattern: Adapter

Convert interface of a class so that two incompatible classes can work together



- Like converting 3-prong plug to 2-prong socket, or impedance matching electrical signals
- e.g., buy prepackaged software system, get it working with your existing system
- e.g., ClassClimate → TWU Student Portal





Structural pattern: Bridge

- Decouple an abstraction from its implementation so that the two can vary independently
- e.g., light switch abstract concept vs. implementation of kinds of switches



Structural pattern: Composite

- Tree structure for objects: treat individual objects and composites in the same way
- e.g., file directories have entries, each of which may themselves be directories
- e.g., expression trees



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Structural pattern: Decorator

- Dynamically add functionality to an object
- Use a wrapper around the object to hide core
- Wrapper may be subclassed to add functionality
- Decorating a Christmas tree







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Structural pattern: Facade

Provide a unified interface to a set of interfaces in a subsystem

- High-level interface: system is easier to use
- e.g., web front-end to complex database:

want minimal number of widgets, input boxes





Structural pattern: Flyweight

Use sharing to support lots of "small" objects

- When more objects needed, draw from shared pool on demand
- e.g., multithreaded server: pool of threads
 FlyweightFactory

e.g., array of bank tellers





Structural pattern: Proxy

Surrogate for the real object

- Control access to the real object, but still let clients think they are talking directly to it
- Use superclass over both real object and proxy
- e.g., proxy HTTP server
- e.g., bank cheque







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- Command: make requests into objects
- Iterator: access all elements of a collection
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- Observer: decouple viewers from the subject
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Behavior: Chain of responsibility

- Decouple sender from receiver by passing request along a chain of intermediate handlers
- Chain may be reconfigured dynamically
- Single pipeline, but many possible handlers
- e.g., coin passing through vending machine

(me) (my boss) (2nd level mgr) (regional mgr)



Vice president

Behavioural pattern: Command

Encapsulate a request as an object
cf. C++ function objects, callbacks
Specify: object, method, arguments
e.g., meal order at restaurant



Behavioural pattern: Iterator

- Abstract interface to traverse a collection
- Hide how the collection is stored
- Client interface: first, next, isDone
- e.g., secretary knows her own filing system; boss only needs ask for "next document"
- Python for loop through dictionaries:
 Order irrelevant





Behavioural pattern: Mediator

Simplify many-to-many relationships with one central object that all actors interact with

Loose coupling of peers

Encapsulate many interactions (e.g., methods) into one object



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Behavioural pattern: Observer

- One-to-many dependency between objects so that when the subject changes state, all its observers are notified and updated
 - e.g., many students checking TWU website for snow closures
 - e.g., server message "send to all" clients



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