Design Patterns II

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More Design Patterns

- Marker interface
  - Label semantic attributes of a class
- Observer
  - A way of notifying change to a number of classes
- State
  - Alter an object's behavior when its state changes
- Visitor
  - Defines a new operation to a class without changing class
Marker Interface Pattern

Definition
- Label semantic attributes of a class

Where to use & benefits
- Need to indicate attribute(s) of a class
- Allows identification of attributes of objects without assuming they are instances of any particular class
Marker Interface Pattern

Example
- Classes with desirable property GoodProperty
- Original
  - Store flag for GoodProperty in each class
- Using pattern
  - Label class using GoodProperty interface

Examples from Java
- Cloneable
- Serializable
Marker Interface Example

```java
public interface GoodProperty {} // no methods
class A implements GoodProperty { ... }
class B { ... }

class A goodObj = new A();
class B badObj = new B();

if (goodObj instanceof GoodProperty) ... // True
if (badObj instanceof GoodProperty) ... // False
```
Observer Pattern

Definition
- Updates all dependents of object automatically once object changes state

Where to use & benefits
- One change affects one or many objects
- Many object behavior depends on one object state
- Need broadcast communication
- Maintain consistency between objects
- Observers do not need to constantly check for changes
Observer Pattern

Example

- Multiple windows (views) for single document

Original

- Each window checks document
- Window updates image if document changes

Using pattern

- Each window registers as observer for document
- Document notifies all of its observers when it changes
public interface Observer {
    public void update(Observable o, Object a) // called when observed object o changes
}

public class Observable {
    protected void setChanged() // changed
    protected void clearChanged() // no change
    boolean hasChanged() // return changed?

    void addObserver(Observer o) // track observers
    void notifyObservers() // notify if changed,
    void notifyObservers(Object a) // then clear change
}

Observer Example
Observer Example

```java
public class MyWindow implements Observer {
    public openDoc(Observable doc) {
        doc.addObservers(this); // add window to list
    }
    public void update(Observable doc, Object arg) {
        redraw(doc); // display updated document
    }
}
```

```java
public class MyDoc extends Observable {
    public void edit() {
        ... // edit document
        setChanged(); // mark change
        notifyObservers(arg); // invokes update()
    }
}
```
State Pattern

Definition
- Represent change in an object’s behavior using its member classes

Where to use & benefits
- Control states without many if-else statements
- Represent states using classes
- Every state has to act in a similar manner
- Simplify and clarify the program
State Pattern

Example

- States representing finite state machine (FSM)
- Original
  - Each method chooses action depending on state
  - Behavior may be confusing, state is implicit
- Using pattern
  - State interface defines list of actions for state
  - Define inner classes implementing State interface
  - Finite state machine instantiates each state and tracks its current state
  - Current state used to choose action
public class FickleFruitVendor {
    boolean wearingHat;
    boolean isHatOn() { return wearingHat; }
    String requestFruit() {
        if (wearingHat) {
            wearingHat = false;
            return "Banana";
        }
        else {
            wearingHat = true;
            return "Apple";
        }
    }
}
State Example

public interface State {
    boolean isHatOn();
    String requestFruit();
}

public class WearingHat implements State;
public class NotWearingHat implements State;
public class FickleFruitVendor {
    State wearingHat = new WearingHat();
    State notWearingHat = new NotWearingHat();

    // explicitly track current state of Vendor
    State currentState = wearingHat;

    // behavior of Vendor depends on current state
    public boolean isHatOn() {
        return currentState.isHatOn();
    }
    public String requestFruit() {
        return currentState.requestFruit();
    }
}
class WearingHat implements State {
    boolean isHatOn() { return true; }
    String requestFruit() {
        currentState = notWearingHat; // change state
        return "Banana";
    }
}

class NotWearingHat implements State {
    boolean isHatOn() { return false; }
    String requestFruit() {
        currentState = wearingHat; // change state
        return "Apple";
    }
}

/// end class
Visitor Pattern

Definition
- Define operations on elements of data structures without changing their classes

Where to use & benefits
- Add operations to classes with different interfaces
- Can modify operations on data structure easily
- Encapsulate operations on elements of data structure
- Decouples classes for data structure and algorithms
- Crossing class hierarchies may break encapsulation
Visitor Pattern

Example

Print elements in collection of objects
Original
- Iterator chooses action based on type of object
- Many if-else statements
Using pattern
- Visitor interface defines actions during visit
- Visitable interface allow objects to accept visit
- Action automatically selected by polymorphic functions through double dispatch
public void messyPrintCollection(Collection c) {
    for (Object o : c) {
        if (o instanceof String)
            System.out.println("{"+o.toString()+"}"); // add {
        else if (o instanceof Float)
            System.out.println(o.toString()+"f"); // add f
        else
            System.out.println(o.toString());
    }
}
Visitor Example

```java
public interface Visitor {
    public void visit(VisitableString s);
    public void visit(VisitableFloat f);
}

public interface Visitable {
    public void accept(Visitor v);
}
```
Visitor Example

```java
public class VisitableString implements Visitable {
    private String value;
    public VisitableString(String s) { value = s; }
    public String toString() { return value.toString(); }
    public void accept(Visitor v) { v.visit(this); }
}

public class VisitableFloat implements Visitable {
    private Float value;
    public VisitableFloat(Float f) { value = f; }
    public String toString() { return value.toString(); }
    public void accept(Visitor v) { v.visit(this); }
}
```

Double dispatch
public class PrintVisitor implements Visitor {
    public void visitCollection(Collection c) {
        for (Object o : c) {
            if (o instanceof Visitable) {
                ((Visitable) o).accept(this);
            } else {
                System.out.println(o.toString());
            }
        }
    }
    public void visit(VisitableString s) {
        System.out.println("{"+s.toString()+"}");
    }
    public void visit (VisitableFloat f) {
        System.out.println(f.toString()+"f");
    }
}
UML Class Diagram of Abstract Visitor
Design Patterns – Summary

- Can be useful for designing quality software
- Successful use requires familiarity & experience
- Treat as examples of well-written code
  - Can learn how to program …
  - …by studying how good programmers write code