

Design Patterns

Elements of Reusable
Object-Oriented Software

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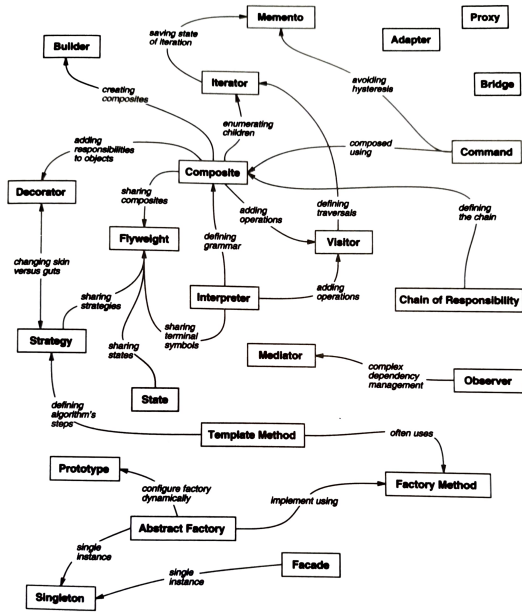


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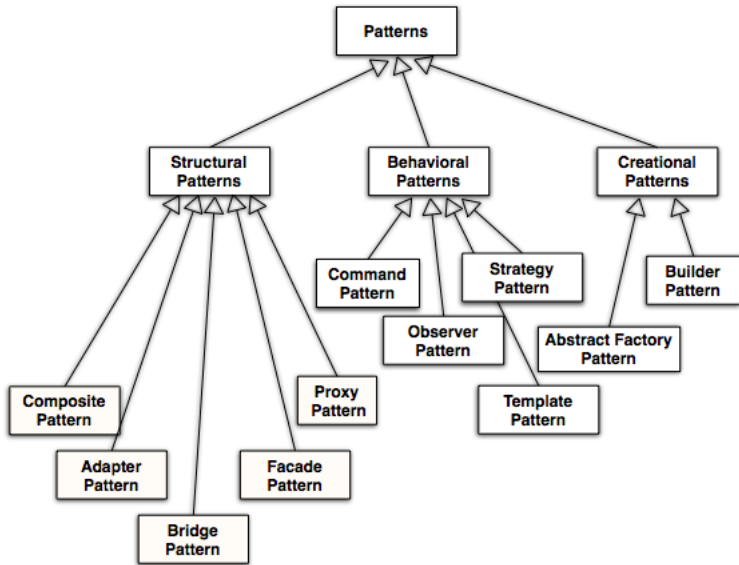
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Design Pattern Relationships



Bernd Bruegge. (I can't find this in the book.)

Cohesion. A measurement of the dependencies among classes within a subsystem. “How well a unit of code maps to a logical task of entity” (Barnes and Köllig).

Coupling. A measure of the dependencies between two subsystems. “Classes that are tightly coupled are hard to reuse in isolation, since they depend on each other. Tight coupling leads to monolithic systems, where you can’t change or remove a class without understanding and changing many other classes” (Gamma et al).

Partitions and layers. Partitions vertically divide a system into several independent subsystems that provide services on the same level of abstraction. Layers divide a system horizontally; a layer is a subsystem that provides services to a higher layer/level of abstraction.

Extensibility. The extent to which new functional requirements can be added easily to the existing system.

Scalability. The extent to which existing components can be multiplied easily in the system.

Reusability. The extent to which a module/system/subsystem can be used by another system without requiring changes in the existing system model (design reuse) or code base (code reuse).

It's also important to understand the difference between class inheritance and interface inheritance (or subtyping). Class inheritance defines an object's implementation in terms of another object's implementation. In short, it's a mechanism for code and representation sharing. In contrast, interface inheritance (or subtyping) describes when an object can be used in place of another.

It's easy to confuse these two concepts, because many languages don't make the distinction explicit.

Gamma et al, pg 17

Because inheritance exposes a subclass to details of its parent's implementation, it's often said that "inheritance breaks encapsulation." The implementation of a subclass becomes so bound up with the implementation of its parent class that any change in the parent's implementation will force the subclass to change.

Gamma et al, pg 19

Liskov substitution principle

If for each object o_1 of type S , there is an object o_2 of type T such that for all programs P defined in terms of T , the behavior of P is unchanged when o_1 is substituted for o_2 , then S is a subtype of T .

Barbara Liskov, "Data Abstraction and Hierarchy," *SIGPLAN Notices*, 23.5, May 1988.

If a value of type S can be substituted into any context where a value of type T is expected, then S is a subtype of T .

Program to an interface, not an implementation.

DP, pg 18

Favor object composition over class inheritance.

DP, pg 20

Delegation is a way of making composition as powerful for reuse as inheritance. In delegation, two objects are involved in handling a request: a receiving object delegates operations to its **delegate**.

The main advantage of delegation is that it makes it easy to compose behaviors at run-time and to change the way they're composed. DP, pg 20-21

[I]n the OO world you hear a good deal about "patterns". I wonder if these patterns are not sometimes evidence of [the need to make code transformations the compiler should do]. When I see patterns in my programs, I consider it a sign of trouble. . . Any other regularity in the code is a sign, to me at least, that I'm using abstractions that aren't powerful enough. often that I'm generating by hand the expansions of some macro that I need to write. . . .

Peter Norvig found that 16 of the 23 patterns in *Design Patterns* were "invisible or simpler" in Lisp.

Paul Graham, "Revenge of the Nerds"

Design Patterns in Dylan or Lisp

16 of 23 patterns are either invisible or simpler, due to:

- ◆ **First-class types (6):** Abstract-Factory, Flyweight, Factory-Method, State, Proxy, Chain-Of-Responsibility
- ◆ **First-class functions (4):** Command, Strategy, Template-Method, Visitor
- ◆ **Macros (2):** Interpreter, Iterator
- ◆ **Method Combination (2):** Mediator, Observer
- ◆ **Multimethods (1):** Builder
- ◆ **Modules (1):** Facade