

CSE 403 Lecture 15

Design Patterns (cont.) and Coding

Experts vs. Novices

- Experience
- Higher level thought
 - Chunking, Idioms, Techniques, Examples
- Design patterns
 - An attempt to capture the expertise of OO software designers

Case study

- Lexi Editor (Calder)
 - Document structure
 - Composition pattern
 - Flyweight pattern
 - Formatting
 - Strategy pattern
 - Embellishing UI
 - Decorator pattern

Lexi patterns

- Multiple look and feel standards
 - Abstract factory pattern
- Multiple window systems
 - Bridge pattern
- User operations
 - Command pattern
- Spelling checking and hyphenation
 - Iterator and Visitor pattern

UI Embellishment

- Add border or scrollbar to component
- MonoGlyph extends Glyph
- Border extends MonoGlyph
- ScrollBar extends MonoGlyph

- Decorator Pattern

Multiple look and feel standards

- Motif menus, Mac menus
- `GuiFactory guiFactory = new MotifFactory();`
- `ScrollBar sb = guiFactory.CreateScrollBar();`
- `Button bu = guiFactory.CreateButton();`

- Abstract Factory Pattern

Supporting Multiple Window Systems

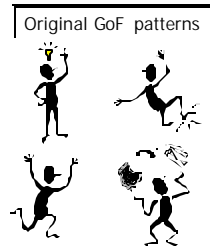
- Window Class Hierarchy
- WindowImp Class Hierarchy
 - Extend WindowImp for each different system
 - Avoid polluting Window Class with system dependencies
- Bridge Pattern
 - Link between Window and WindowImp

User commands and spell check/hyphenation

- User commands
- Command Pattern
 - Includes Undo functionality
- Spell check and hyphenation
 - Iterate over words of document
 - Iterator Pattern and Visitor pattern

Classification of patterns

- Creational
 - Abstract factory, builder, factory method, prototype, singleton
- Structural
 - Adapter, bridge, composite, decorator, façade, flyweight, proxy
- Behavioral
 - Chain of responsibility, command, interpreter, iterator, mediator, memento, observer, state, strategy, template method, visitor



Code


- “Where the rubber meets the road”
- The code defines what actually happens when you run a program
 - No matter what the requirements are, no matter what the design is, no matter what the documentation says

Guidelines

- In general, you can't generalize about the best way to program
- In theory, there is no difference between theory and practice
- A good programmer will write good programs in any language; a bad programmer will write bad programs in any language

The problem

- In any language, there are many ways to do effectively the same thing
 - `if ((a==b) && (c==d)) ...`
 - `if (a==b) if (c==d) ..`
- Tons of examples
 - Error codes via return values or parameters?
 - Null terminated strings vs. explicit lengths
 - `for` vs. `while` vs. repeat loops



The question


- When you have lots of choices of how to do things, how do you choose?
- Can you make better and worse choices?
 - Absolutely
- Why is this true?
 - Sometimes equivalent pieces of code aren't equivalent, but in subtle ways
 - When someone (maybe you) reads it later on, some approaches may be more clear



IOCCC


- International Obfuscated C Code Contest
 - <http://www.ioccc.org/>

```
int i;main(){for(;i[*]i++;i){--i;}*read('-'-'-',i+++hell
o, world!\n', '/' '/' /);read(j,i,p){write(j/p+p,i---j,i/i);}
```




A better example ☺

```
#include <stdio.h>
char *T="TeJkLMaYOCE]bZRske[Sidu^V\X\|/_<[<-90!~$434./2>]s",
K[3][1000],*F,*X,*A,*M[2],*J,*r[4],*g,*N,*Y,*Q,*W,*k,*D,*X0(*r fr [r[3]=M[1-
(x&&1)][*r=W,1,2]=*Q+2,1]=x+1+Y,*g+=(((x&7)-1)>1)-
1)?*r:r[x>3],(+x<*r)&&X0;}E0{A}[X(x=0,g=j),x=&(*T>A*3),J[(x[F]-
W*x)*A*7]=g[x&3]*A*(M)[2+(x&1)]g=j+(x[k]-W)*A*7)-
A,g[1]=(*M)[*g=M[T+=A-1][x&1]x&1][A*=1]&&(E0,J+=W);}0{(E(-q&&&
0);}B0{*J&&B((D=*J,O[2]-D&&D<k[1]&&(*g+=+1),(D-W&&D-9&&D-
10&&D-13)&&(*r&&(*g+=+0)*r=1)[64<D&&D<91&&(*r=0,*g+=+D-
63)]D>=97&&D<123&&(*r=0,*g+=+D-95)]{D;k[3]}
}&&(*r=0,*g+=+12)]{D>k[3]&&D<k[1]-1&&(*r=0,*g+=+D-47)J++);}({
}(putchar(A);)b0{((A>(*K)[D*W+r[2]*Y+x]),+x<Y)&&b0;}10
){(b(D=q[g],x=0,A=W),++q<(*r+1)-Y*(r+1);Y)&&0;}R0{(A=(t(q=
0),r[1])0,++r[2]-N)&&R0;}O0{((r[2]=0,R(1)),r[1]-q)&&O(g=-q);}
C0{(*J=gets(K[1]))&&C((B(g=K[2]),*r=(t(*r&&(*g+=+0)),(*r)[r]=g
K[2],g=K[2],r[1]&&O0));}main0{C((J=(A=0)[K],A[M]=F=(k=(
M[A])=(O=T+(q=(Y=(W=32)-(N=4))))+N)+2)+7)+7),Y=N<<(*r=1-
A));}
```




Coding standards

- Many projects have standards to which every member is supposed to adhere
 - These are almost always written standards
 - Adherence is usually an informal issue, but sometimes is done through inspections and in some cases using compliance checking tools
- Goals include making it faster to write code (fewer decisions) and making it easier to read code (less context switching)



Language-specific

- Coding standards are almost always language-specific
- Many of the examples (today) are in C/C++
 - GNU's coding standards, *Writing Solid Code*
- In some cases, a better language would alleviate the need for the standard
- But standards are always useful, regardless of language



Standards can cover...

- Layout guidelines
 - Parameters, variable declarations, etc.
 - Indentation (spaces, tabs, etc.)
 - Long expressions
- Naming schemes
- Commenting guidelines
- Restrictions on usage of the language



More naming

- Many projects have naming conventions, even if not as strict as Hungarian
 - Do your variables start with a capital letter?
 - Do you separate sub-words with capital letters or underscores or something else?
 - Do you capitalize class names but not instance names?
- Remember, the goal is to allow you to spend more time on the hard and interesting stuff