

# Structural Design Patterns

# Amazon web services

- Applied for grant
- No guarantees yet
- Might provide some cash for each student.



# Picture diagram question

We mean an architectural diagram, like the ones from the architecture lecture (January 19)

# System Design and Planning Presentations

- Presentations due by class on Friday, Feb 4
- Turnin online (class web page) and also bring to class on memory stick
- Present – 10 min followed by Q&A:
  - What is it that you're building (remind us!)
  - What's your approach to building it and what challenges might you meet
  - How you will achieve your goals with the time and resources allocated

Convince us that you're on track  
for a successful delivery!

# Structural patterns: Wrappers

- Problem: incompatible interfaces
- Solution: a thin veneer over an encapsulated class
  - modify the interface
  - extend behavior
  - restrict access
- The encapsulated class does most of the work

# Types of wrappers

Pattern	Functionality	Interface
Adapter	same	different
Decorator	different	same
Proxy	same	same

# Adapter

- Change an interface without changing functionality
  - rename a method
  - convert units
  - implement a method in terms of another
- Example: angles passed in radians vs. degrees

# Adapter example: scaling rectangles

```
interface Rectangle {
    // grow or shrink this by the given factor
    void scale(float factor);
    ...
    float getWidth();
    float area();
}

class quadrupler {
    void quadruple(Rectangle r) {
        ...    r.scale(4);    ...
    }
}
```



# Adapting scaled rectangles via subclassing

```
class ScaleableRectangle1
  extends NonScaleableRectangle implements Rectangle {
  void scale(float factor) {
    setWidth(factor * getWidth());
    setHeight(factor * getHeight());
  }
}
```

# Could we use this class instead?

```
class NonScaleableRectangle {  
    void setWidth(float width) { ... }  
    void setHeight(float height) { ... }  
    ...  
}
```

# Adapting scaled rectangles via delegation

Delegation: forward requests to another object

```
class ScaleableRectangle2 implements Rectangle {
    NonScaleableRectangle r;
    ScaleableRectangle2(NonScaleableRectangle r) {
        this.r = r;
    }

    void scale(float factor) {
        setWidth(factor * getWidth());
        setHeight(factor * getHeight());
    }

    float getWidth() { return r.getWidth(); }
    float circumference() { return r.circumference(); }
    ...
}
```

# Decorator

- Add functionality without changing the interface
- Add to existing methods to do something additional  
(while still preserving the previous specification)
- Not all subclassing is decoration

# Decorator example: Bordered windows

```
- interface Window {  
-     // rectangle bounding the window  
-     Rectangle bounds();  
-     // draw this on the specified screen  
-     void draw(Screen s);  
-     ...  
- }  
  
- class WindowImpl implements Window {  
-     ...  
- }
```

# Bordered windows: two ways

- Via subclassing:

```
- class BorderedWindow1 extends WindowImpl {  
-     void draw(Screen s) {  
-         super.draw(s);  
-         bounds().draw(s);  
-     }  
- }
```

- Via delegation:

```
- class BorderedWindow2 implements Window {  
-     Window innerWindow;  
-     BorderedWindow2(Window innerWindow) {  
-         this.innerWindow = innerWindow;  
-     }  
-     void draw(Screen s) {  
-         innerWindow.draw(s);  
-         innerWindow.bounds().draw(s);  
-     }  
- }
```

Delegation permits multiple borders on a window and a window that is both bordered and shaded (or either one of those)

# Proxy

- Same interface and functionality as the wrapped class
- Control access to other objects
  - communication: manage network details when using a remote object
  - locking: serialize access by multiple clients
  - security: permit access only if proper credentials
  - creation: object might not yet exist (creation is expensive)
    - hide latency when creating object
    - avoid work if object is never used

# Subclassing vs. delegation

- Subclassing
  - automatically gives access to all methods of superclass
  - built into the language (syntax, efficiency)
- Delegation
  - permits cleaner removal of methods (compile-time checking)
  - wrappers can be added and removed dynamically
  - objects of arbitrary concrete classes can be wrapped
  - multiple wrappers can be composed
- Some wrappers have qualities of more than one of adapter, decorator, and proxy



# Composite pattern

- Composite permits a client to manipulate either an atomic unit or a collection of units in the same way
- Good for dealing with part-whole relationships

# Composite example: Bicycle

- Bicycle
  - Wheel
    - Skewer
    - Hub
    - Spokes
    - Nipples
    - Rim
    - Tube
    - Tire
  - Frame
  - Drivetrain
    - ...
  - ...

# Methods on components

```
class BicycleComponent {
    int weight();
    float cost();
}

class Skewer extends BicycleComponent {
    float price;
    float cost() { return price; }
}

class Wheel extends BicycleComponent {
    float assemblyCost;
    Skewer skewer;
    Hub hub;
    ...
    float cost() {
        return assemblyCost
            + skewer.cost()
            + hub.cost()
            + ...;
    }
}
```

# Composite example: Libraries

- Library

- Section (for a given genre)
- Shelf
- Volume
- Page
- Column
- Word
- Letter

```
interface Text {  
    String getText();  
}
```

```
class Page implements Text {  
    String getText() {  
        ... return the concatenation of the column texts ...  
    }  
}
```

# Traversing composites

Goal: perform operations  
on all parts of a composite

# Abstract syntax tree (AST) for Java code

```
class PlusOp extends Expression { // + operation
    Expression leftExp;
    Expression rightExp;
}

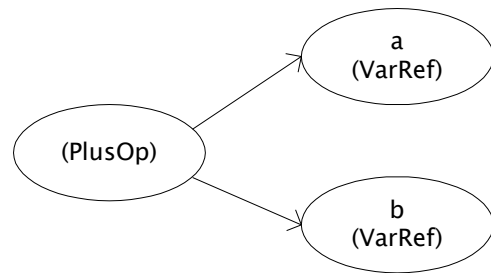
class VarRef extends Expression { // variable reference
    String varname;
}

class EqualOp extends Expression { // equality test a==b;
    Expression lvalue; // left-hand side; "a" in "a==b"
    Expression rvalue; // right-hand side; "b" in "a==b"
}

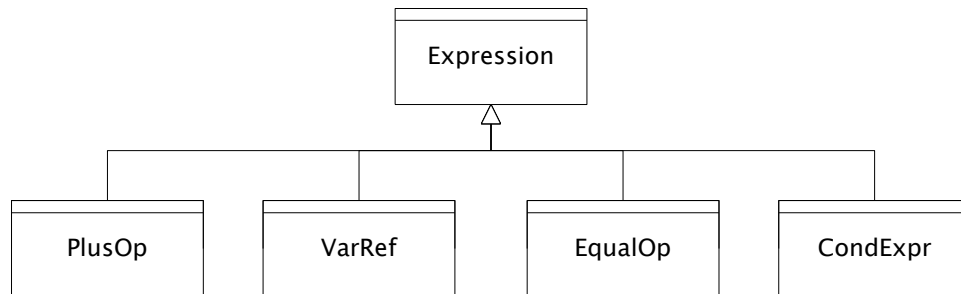
class CondExpr extends Expression { // a?b:c
    Expression condition;
    Expression thenExpr; // value of expression if a is true
    Expression elseExpr; // value of expression if a is false
}
```

# Object model vs. class hierarchy diagram

- AST for "a + b":



- Class hierarchy for Expression:



# Perform operations on ASTs

- Need to write code in each of the cells of this table:

		Objects	
		CondExpr	EqualOp
Operations	typecheck		
	pretty-print		

- Question: Should we group together the code for a particular operation or the code for a particular expression?



# Interpreter and procedural patterns

- **Interpreter**: collects code for similar objects and spreads apart code for similar operations
  - easy to add objects, hard to add operations
- **Procedural**: collects code for similar operations and spreads apart code for similar objects
  - easy to add operations, hard to add objects
  - example: visitor pattern
- Interpreter and procedural have classes for objects
  - the code for operations is similar;  
the question is where to place that code
- Selecting between interpreter and procedural:
  - Are the algorithms central? Are the objects?  
(Is the system operation-centric or object-centric?)
  - What aspects of the system are most likely to change?

# Interpreter pattern

- Add a method to each class for each supported operation

```
- class Expression {  
-     ...  
-     Type typecheck();  
-     String prettyPrint();  
- }  
  
- class EqualOp extends Expression {  
-     ...  
-     Type typecheck() { ... }  
-     String prettyPrint() { ... }  
- }  
  
- class CondExpr extends Expression {  
-     ...  
-     Type typecheck() { ... }  
-     String prettyPrint() { ... }  
- }
```

# Procedural pattern

Create a class per operation, with a method per operand type

```
class Typecheck {
    // typecheck "a?b:c"
    Type tcCondExpr(CondExpr e) {
        Type condType = tcExpression(e.condition); // type of "a"
        Type thenType = tcExpression(e.thenExpr); // type of "b"
        Type elseType = tcExpression(e.elseExpr); // type of "c"
        if ((condType == BoolType) && (thenType == elseType)) {
            return thenType;
        } else {
            return ErrorType; }
    }

    // typecheck "a==b"
    Type tcEqualOp(EqualOp e) {
        ...
    }
}
```

# Definition of tcExpression (in procedural pattern)

```
- class Typecheck {  
-   ...  
-   Type tcExpression(Expression e) {  
-     if (e instanceof PlusOp) {  
-       return tcPlusOp((PlusOp)e);  
-     } else if (e instanceof VarRef) {  
-       return tcVarRef((VarRef)e);  
-     } else if (e instanceof EqualOp) {  
-       return tcEqualOp((EqualOp)e);  
-     } else if (e instanceof CondExpr) {  
-       return tcCondExpr((CondExpr)e);  
-     } else ...  
-     ...  
-   }  
  
- }
```

Maintaining this code is tedious and error-prone.

The cascaded if tests are likely to run slowly.

This code must be repeated in PrettyPrint and every other operation class.

# Visitor pattern: a variant of the procedural pattern

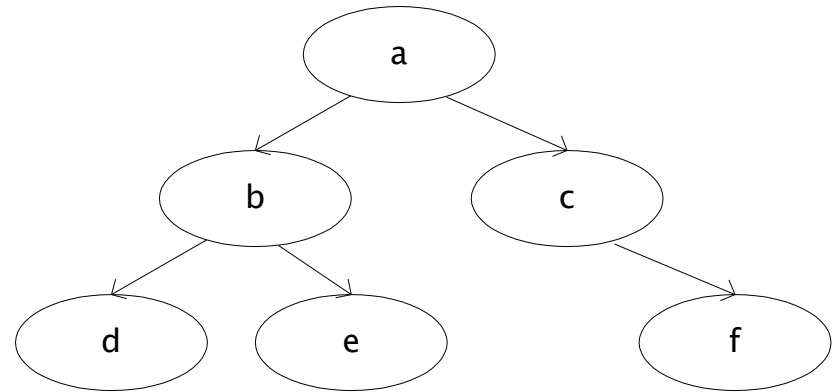
- Visitor encodes a traversal of a hierarchical data structure
- Nodes (objects in the hierarchy) accept visitors
- Visitors visit nodes (objects)

```
class Node {
    void accept(Visitor v) {
        for each child of this node {
            child.accept(v);
        }
        v.visit(this);
    }
}
class Visitor {
    void visit(Node n) {
        perform work on n
    }
}
```

**`n.accept(v)`** performs a depth-first traversal of the structure rooted at **`n`**, performing **`v`**'s operation on each element of the structure

# Sequence of calls to accept and visit

- a.accept(v)
  - b.accept(v)
  - d.accept(v)
  - v.visit(d)
  - e.accept(v)
  - v.visit(e)
  - v.visit(b)
  - c.accept(v)
  - f.accept(v)
  - v.visit(f)
  - v.visit(c)
  - v.visit(a)
- Sequence of calls to visit: d, e, b, f, c, a



# Implementing visitor

- You must add definitions of visit and accept
- Visit might count nodes, perform typechecking, etc.
- It is easy to add operations (visitors), hard to add nodes (modify each existing visitor)
- Visitors are similar to iterators:  
each element of the data structure is presented in turn to the visit method
  - Visitors have knowledge of the structure, not just the sequence

# Calls to `visit` cannot communicate with one another

- One solution: an auxiliary data structure
- Another solution: move more work into the visitor itself

```
class Node {
    void accept(Visitor v) {
        v.visit(this); }
}
class Visitor {
    void visit(Node n) {
        for each child of this node {
            child.accept(v); }
        perform work on n
    }
}
```

- Information flow is clearer (if visitor depends on children)
- Traversal code repeated in all visitors