

Section 9: Design Patterns

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What Is A Design Pattern

- A standard solution to a common programming problem
- A technique for making code more flexible
- Shorthand for describing program design and how
 program components are connected

Creational Patterns

- Problem: Constructors in Java are not flexible
 - o Always return a fresh new object, never reuse one
 - Can't return a subtype of the class they belong to
- Solution: Creational patterns!
 - o Sharing
 - Singleton
 - Interning
 - Flyweight
 - Factories
 - Factory method
 - Factory object
 - o Builder

Creational Patterns: Sharing

- The old way: Java constructors always create a new object
- Singleton: only one object exists at runtime
- Interning: only one object with a particular (abstract) value exists at runtime
- Flyweight: separate intrinsic and extrinsic state, represents them separately, and interns the intrinsic state



- For a class where only one object of that class can ever exist
- "Ensure a class has only one instance, and provide a global point of access to it." -- GoF, Design Patterns
- Two possible implementations
 - Eager initialization: creates the instance when the class is loaded to guarantee availability
 - Lazy initialization: only creates the instance once it's needed to avoid unnecessary creation

• Eager initialization

```
public class Bank {
    private static Bank INSTANCE = new Bank();
```

```
// private constructor
private Bank() { ... }

// factory method
public static Bank getInstance() {
    return INSTANCE;
}
Bank b = new Bank();
Bank b = Bank.getInstance();
```

Lazy initialization

```
public class Bank {
    private static Bank INSTANCE;
```



- Would you prefer eager or lazy instantiation for an HTTPRequest class?
 - handles authentication
 - o definitely needed for any HTTP transaction
- Would you prefer eager or lazy instantiation for a Comparator class?
 - o compares objects
 - $\circ\,$ may or may not be used at runtime

```
public class HttpRequest {
    private static class HttpRequestHolder {
        public static final HttpRequest INSTANCE =
            new HttpRequest();
    }
}
```

```
/* Singleton - Don't instantiate */
private HttpRequest() { ... }
```

```
public static HttpRequest getInstance() {
    return HttpRequestHolder.INSTANCE;
```

```
}
```

public class LengthComparator implements Comparator<String> {
 private int compare(String s1, String s2) {
 return s1.length()-s2.length();
 }

```
/* Singleton - Don't instantiate */
private LengthComparator() { ... }
private static LengthComparator comp = null;
```

```
public static LengthComparator getInstance() {
    if (comp == null) {
        comp = new LengthComparator();
    }
    return comp;
}
```



- Similar to Singleton, except instead of just having one object per class, there's one object per <u>abstract value</u> of the class
- Saves memory by compacting multiple copies

Interning

```
public class Point {
```

```
private int x, y;
```

```
public Point(int x, int y) {
    this.x = x;
    this.y = y;
}
public int getX() { return x; }
public int getY() { return y; }
```

```
@Override
public String toString() {
    return "(" + x + "," + y + ")";
}
```

Interning

```
public class Point {
```

}

```
private static Map<String, Point> instances =
    new WeakHashMap<String, Point>();
```

```
public static Point getInstance(int x, int y) {
    String key = x + ``,", + y;
    if (!instances.containsKey(key))
        instances.put(key, new Point(x,y));
    return instances.get(key);
}
```

```
private final int x, y; // immutable
private Point(int x, int y) {...}
```

Requires the class being interned to be immutable. Why?



- What if Points were represented in polar coordinates?
- What further checks are necessary to make sure these kinds of Points are interned correctly?

Interning

public class Point {

private static Map<String, Point> instances =
 new WeakHashMap<String, Point>();

```
public static Point getInstance(double r, double theta) {
    double normalizedTheta = normalize(theta);
    String key = r + "," + normalizedTheta;
    if (!instances.containsKey(key))
        instances.put(key,
            new Point(r, normalizedTheta));
    return instances.get(key);
}
private final double r, theta; // immutable
private Point(double r, double theta) {...}
```

Why do we need to normalize?

Factories

- Suppose we want a constructor for Set that takes a list as a parameter, and produces a TreeSet if the list is sorted, and a HashSet otherwise.
- Is this possible?

Factories

- Factories solve the problem that Java constructors cannot return a subtype of the class they belong to
- Two options:
 - Factory method
 - Helper method creates and returns objects
 - Method defines the interface for creating an object, but defers instantiation to subclasses
 - Factory object
 - Abstract superclass defines what can be customized
 - Concrete subclass does the customization, returns appropriate subclass

Factory Method

public static Set produceSet(List list) {

```
if (isSorted(list)) {
```

```
return new TreeSet(list);
```

```
} else {
```

```
return new HashSet(list);
```

```
}
```

```
Factory Object
```

```
interface SetFactory {
    Set getSet();
}
class HashSetFactory implements SetFactory {
    public Set getSet() {
        return new HashSet();
    }
}
```

Builder

- The class has an inner class Builder and is created using the Builder instead of the constructor
- The Builder takes optional parameters via setter methods (e.g., setX(), setY(), etc.)
- When the client is done supplying parameters, she calls build() on the Builder, finalizing the builder and returning an instance of the object desired
- Useful when you have many constructor
 parameters
 - $_{\odot}$ It is hard to remember which order they should all go in
- Easily allows for optional parameters
 - If you have n optional parameters, you need 2ⁿ constructors, but only one builder

Builder

```
public class NutritionFacts {
         // required
         private final int servingSize, servings;
         // optional
         private final int calories, fat, sodium;
         public NutritionFacts(int servingSize, int servings) {
                  this(servingSize, servings, 0);
         }
         public NutritionFacts(int servingSize, int servings, int calories) {
                  this (servingSize, servings, calories, 0);
         }
         public NutritionFacts(int servingSize, int servings, int calories, int fat) {
                  this (servingSize, servings, calories, fat, 0);
         }
         public NutritionFacts(int servingSize, int servings, int calories, int fat,
         int sodium) {
                  this.servingSize
                                    = servingSize;
                  this.servings
                                     = servings;
                  this.calories
                                    = calories;
                  this.fat
                                    = fat;
                  this.sodium
                                    = sodium;
         }
```

Builder

```
public class NutritionFacts {
          private final int servingSize, servings, calories, fat, sodium;
          public static class Builder {
                     // required
                     private int servingSize, servings;
                     // optional, initialized to default values
                     private int calories = 0;
                     private int fat = 0;
                     private int sodium = 0;
                     public Builder(int servingSize, int servings) {
                                this.servingSize = servingSize;
                                this.servings = servings;
                     public Builder calories(int val) { calories = val; return this; }
                     public Builder fat(int val) { fat = val; return this; }
                     public Builder sodium(int val) { sodium = val; return this; }
                     public NutritionFacts build() { return new NutritionFacts(this); }
           }
          public NutritionFacts(Builder builder) {
                     this.servingSize = builder.servingSize;
                     this.servings
                                       = builder.servings;
                     this.calories = builder.calories;
                                     = builder.fat;
                     this.fat
                     this.sodium = builder.sodium;
          }
```

Structural Patterns

- Problem: Sometimes difficult to realize relationships between entities
 - Important for code readability
- Solution: Structural patterns!
 - We're just going to talk about wrappers, which translate between incompatible interfaces

Pattern	Functionality	Interface	Purpose
Adapter	same	different	modify the interface
Decorator	different	same	extend behavior
Proxy	same	same	restrict access



- Changes an interface without changing functionality
 - Rename a method
 - o Convert units
- Examples:
 - Angles passed in using radians vs. degrees
 - o Bytes vs. strings

Decorator

- Adds functionality without changing the interface
 Add caching
- Adds to existing methods to do something additional while still preserving the previous spec
 Add logging
- Decorators can remove functionality without changing the interface

o UnmodifiableList with add() and put()



- Wraps the class while maintaining the same interface and functionality
- Integer vs. int, Boolean vs. boolean
- Controls access to other objects
 - Communication: manage network details when using a remote object
 - Security: permit access only if proper credentials
 - Creation: object might not yet exist because creation is expensive

Activity

Adapter, Builder, Decorator, Factory, Flyweight, Intern, Model-View-Controller (MVC), Proxy, Singleton, Visitor, Wrapper

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 - Proxy