

Inf1B

Object Design

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Basic Object Design Principles

Cohesion describes how well a unit of code maps to a logical task or entity. *A good OO design aims for high cohesion.*

Coupling describes the interconnectedness of classes. *A good OO design aims for loose coupling.*

Cohesion Example

```
public static final int FOX_WIN_ROW = 0;

public static boolean isFoxWin(String foxPos) {
    // error handling code omitted ...

    String rowCoord = boardCoords.substring(1);
    int foxRow = Integer.parseInt(rowCoord) - 1;

    boolean isWin = foxRow == FOX_WIN_ROW;
    return isWin;
}
```

In this code, the method does two things at the same time.
What if the coordinate format would change?

Cohesion Example

```
private static final int FOX_WIN_ROW = 0;

private static int getRowCoord(String boardCoords) {
    String rowCoord = boardCoords.substring(1);
    int row = Integer.parseInt(rowCoord) - 1;
    return row;
}

public static boolean isFoxWin(String foxPos) {
    // error handling code omitted ...

    int foxRow = getRowCoord(foxPos);

    boolean isWin = foxRow == FOX_WIN_ROW;
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```

This code is now more cohesive and coordinate format changes would only have to be addressed in one place.

Cohesion Example

Code duplication can be a sign of poor cohesion.

Demo

Coupling Example

```
public static boolean isFoxWin(String foxPos) {
    if (!isBoardCoordinate(pos)) {
        throw new IllegalArgumentException("Given position must"
            + " be a valid board coordinate but is: " + pos);
    }

    int foxRow = getRowCoord(foxPos);

    boolean isWin = foxRow == FOX_WIN_ROW;
    return isWin;
}
```

Responsibility Driven Design and **Encapsulation** help to loosen coupling within code.

Coupling Example

```
public static boolean isFoxWin(BoardCoordinate foxPos) {  
    Objects.requireNonNull(foxPos, " ... ");  
  
    boolean isWin = foxPos.getRow() == FOX_WIN_ROW;  
    return isWin;  
}
```

The BoardCoordinate class guarantees valid data and takes responsibility for coordinate translation. Also, it can be changed internally without affecting the game logic.

Coupling Example

```
public class BoardCoordinate {
    private final int row;
    private final int column;

    public BoardCoordinate(int row, int column) {
        if (row < 0 || column < 0) {
            throw new IllegalArgumentException("Invalid ...");
        }
        this.row = row;
        this.column = column;
    }

    public int getRow() { return row; }
    public int getColumn() { return column; }

    @Override
    public String toString() {
        String rowRepr = "" + (row + 1);
        String columnRepr = "" + (char)('A' + column);
        return columnRepr + rowRepr;
    }
}
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Those are known as *int enum pattern* or *String enum pattern*.

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Luckily, Java offers a way to overcome all of those with the **enum type**:

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In Java, enums are full-fledged classes that export one instance for each enumeration constant via a public static final field.

Enums are type safe

```
private static Figure swapPlayers(Figure currentTurn) {  
    if (currentTurn == Figure.FOX) {  
        return Figure.HOUND;  
    } else {  
        return Figure.FOX;  
    }  
}
```

All of the following would cause a **compiler error**.

```
Figure nextToMove = swapPlayers(Orange.TEMPLE);  
Figure nextToMove = swapPlayers(Figure.CAT);  
Figure nextToMove = swapPlayers(0);
```

Enums are efficient

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private static Figure swapPlayers(Figure currentTurn) {  
    if (currentTurn == Figure.FOX) {  
        return Figure.HOUND;  
    } else {  
        return Figure.FOX;  
    }  
}
```

Comparison is fast because only references need to be compared.

Enums can be iterated

```
for (Apple apple : Apple.values()) {  
    // do what you want  
}
```

Each enum class automatically comes with a **values** method which returns a collection of all available enum instances.

Enums can be printed

```
for (Apple apple : Apple.values()) {  
    System.out.println(apple.name());  
    // or just use toString()  
}
```

Output

```
FUJI  
PIPPIN  
GRANNY_SMITH
```

Each enum class provides a named string for all of its instances.

Enums can be parsed

```
String userInput = "BLOOD";  
Orange myFruit = Orange.valueOf(userInput);
```

The **valueOf** method allows parsing string values to corresponding enum types. But beware, illegal strings will cause an exception.

Advanced Enum Programming

Since enums are full-fledged classes, much more is possible than mentioned above:

- ▶ specify methods
- ▶ associate data with each constant
- ▶ ...

Comparing Objects

Java rules for comparison

For Primitives use `==`

For Object References use `==`

For Object States use `equals` (if it is implemented)

Custom Types in HashMaps

You can also put your own data types into a [HashMap](#):

```
HashMap<String, Circle> data = new HashMap<String, Circle>();  
data.put("Small", new Circle(2));  
data.put("Large", new Circle(200));
```

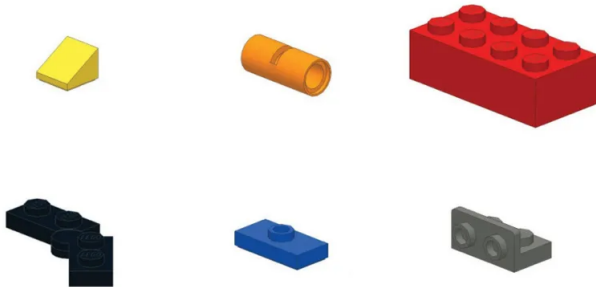
Using custom types as keys, is more tricky: You will have to make sure they have an `equals` method and produce the same hash code.

How do you properly implement
equals and hashCode?

Demo

Design Patterns

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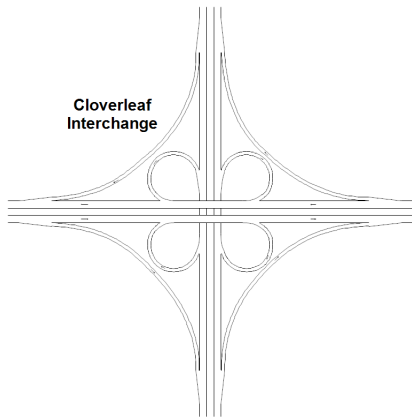


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Design Patterns

Software Design Patterns are **blueprints** of solutions for common software design problems.



Classification

- ▶ Creational Patterns
- ▶ Structural Patterns
- ▶ Behavioural Patterns

Creational Example: Singleton

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    private final DBConnection connection;  
  
    public Database() {  
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Globally available instance not guaranteed!

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Add private static field for storing the singleton instance.

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    public static Database getInstance() {  
        // ?  
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Declare public static creation method to access the singleton instance.

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    public static Database getInstance() {
        if(dbase == null) dbase = new Database();
        return dbase;
    }

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Lazily create the instance of the singleton if necessary and return it.

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Make the singleton constructor private.

Creational Example: Singleton Solution!

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    Database db = Database.getInstance();  
    db.query(args[0]);  
}
```

In a client, use the `getInstance` method to access the singleton.

Structural Example: Facade

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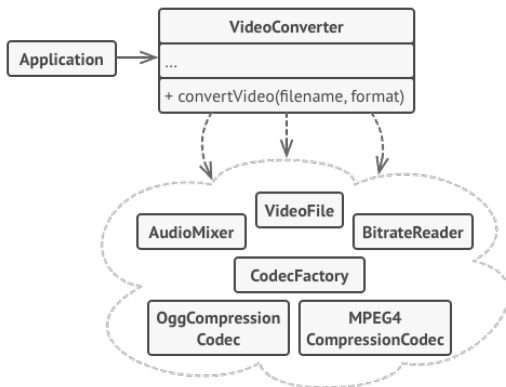
What if a new version of this library is suddenly broken?

What if you find a better library?

Structural Example: Facade

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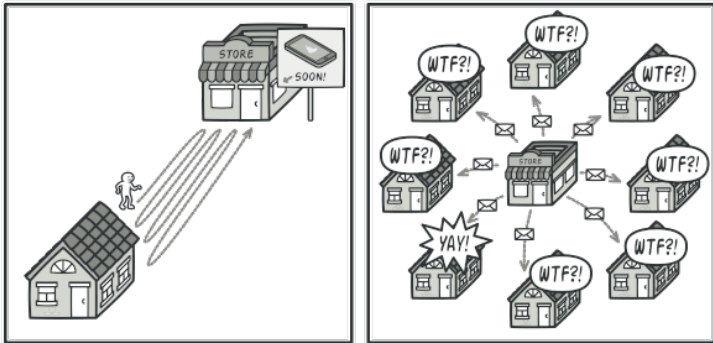
Use a facade class which provides a simple interface to the library code.



Behavioural Example: Observer

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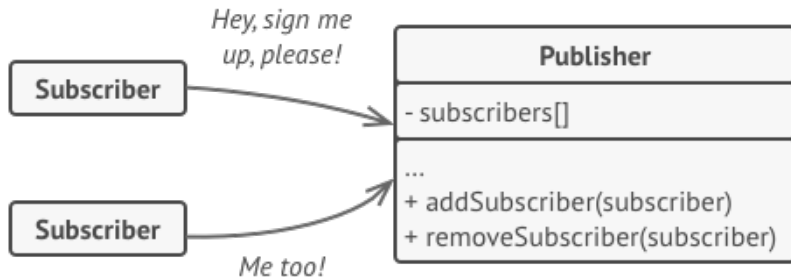
How to best communicate events between classes?



Source: <https://refactoring.guru/design-patterns/observer>

Behavioural Example: Observer

Solution



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Design Pattern Catalog

A large catalog of common design patterns exists:

<https://refactoring.guru/design-patterns/catalog>

Reading

Books

- ▶ **Objects First** *Chapter 8*
- ▶ **Effective Java** by Joshua Bloch
- ▶ **Design Patterns: Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software** by Erich Gamma, Ralph Johnson, John Vlissides, Richard Helm

Web Resources

- ▶ <https://refactoring.guru/design-patterns>

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