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;
 return isWin:
```

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.



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 \mid | 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 know as int enum pattern or String enum pattern.

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public static final int ORANGE_NAVEL = 0; public static final int ORANGE_TEMPLE = 1; public static final int ORANGE_BLOOD = 2;

This type of pattern has many shortcomings:

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- string enum constants can cause performance problems due to string comparisson



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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

```
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.

```
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-fleged classes, much more is possible than mentioned above:

specify methods

...

associate data with each constant

Comparing Objects

Java rules for comparrisson

For Primitives use == For Object References use == For Object States use equals (if it is implemented) Custom Types in HashMaps

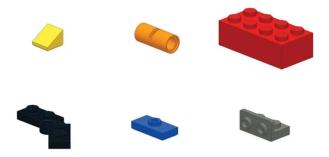
You can also put your own data types into a HashMap:

```
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.

Design Patterns

Towards Software Engineering



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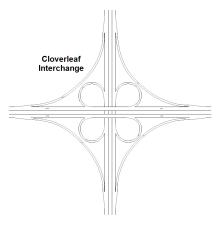


First learn your basic tools and material. Then build large houses ...or even cities.

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Design Patterns

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



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Classification

- Creational Patterns
- Structural Patterns
- Behavioural Patterns

Creational Example: Singleton

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Globally available instance not guaranteed!

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```
public class Database {
    private static Database dbase;
    private final DBConnection connection;
    public Database() {
        connection = new DBConnection("myuser",
                             "myhost", "mydatabase");
        connection.connect():
    }
    public List<String> query(String q) { ...
}
```

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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        connection.connect();
    }
    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.

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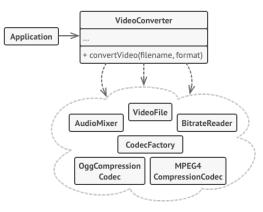
What if a new version of this library is suddenly broken?

What if you find a better library?

Structural Example: Facade

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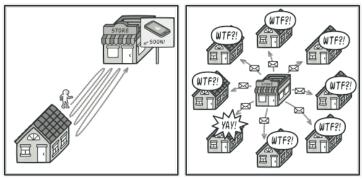
Use a facade class which provides a simple interface to the library code.



Behavioural Example: Observer

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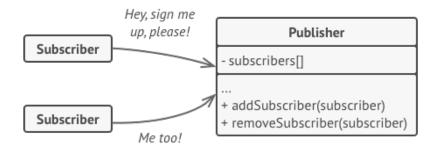
How to best communicate events between classes?



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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