

Design Patterns

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Design Patterns Background

The Origins of Design Patterns

On Vocabulary



Janousek single scull

55-60kg

Croker blades

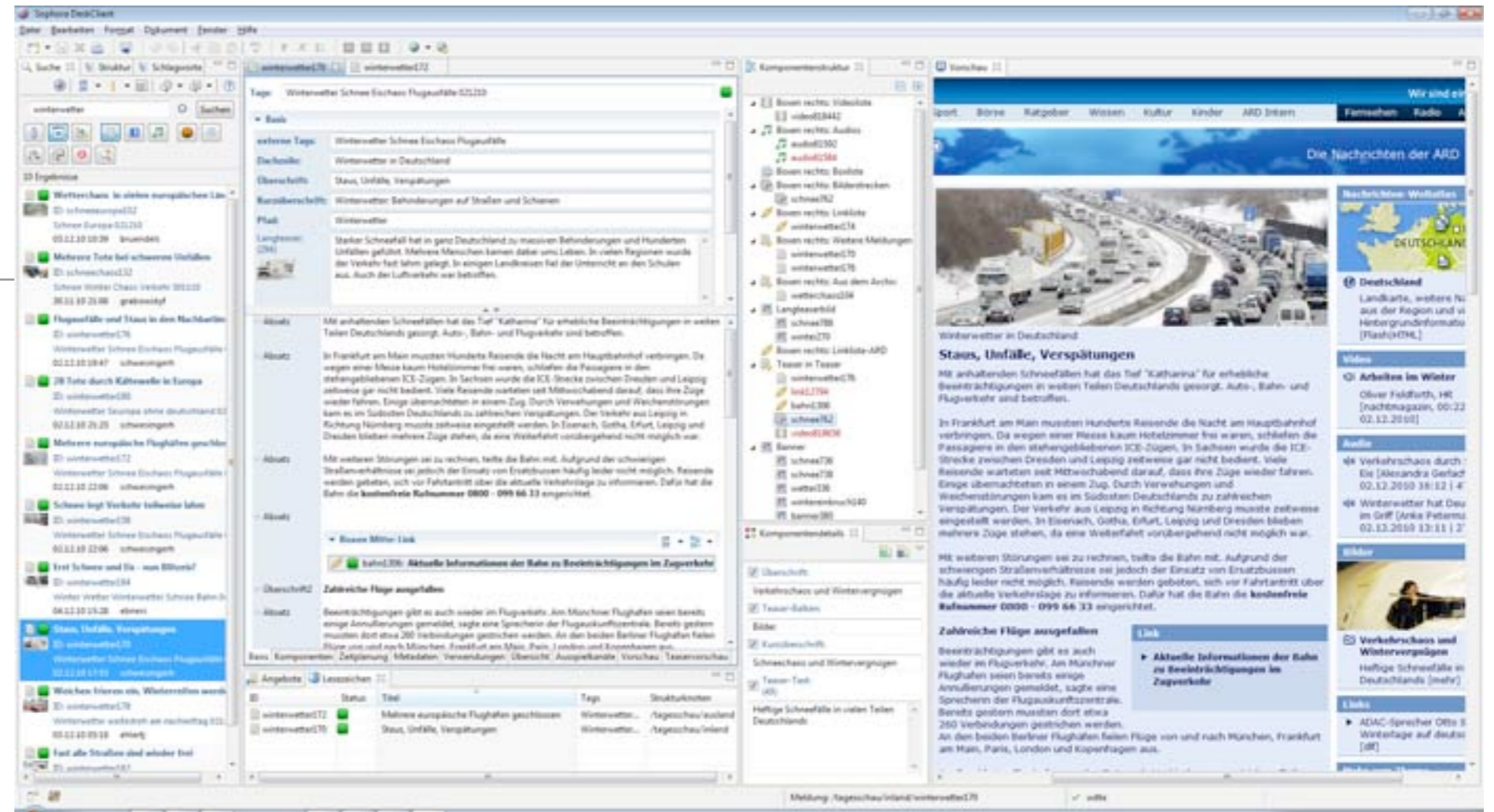
Carbon Honeycomb

J13 Heavyweight Mould

Rowfit wing rigger



Patterns Vocabulary



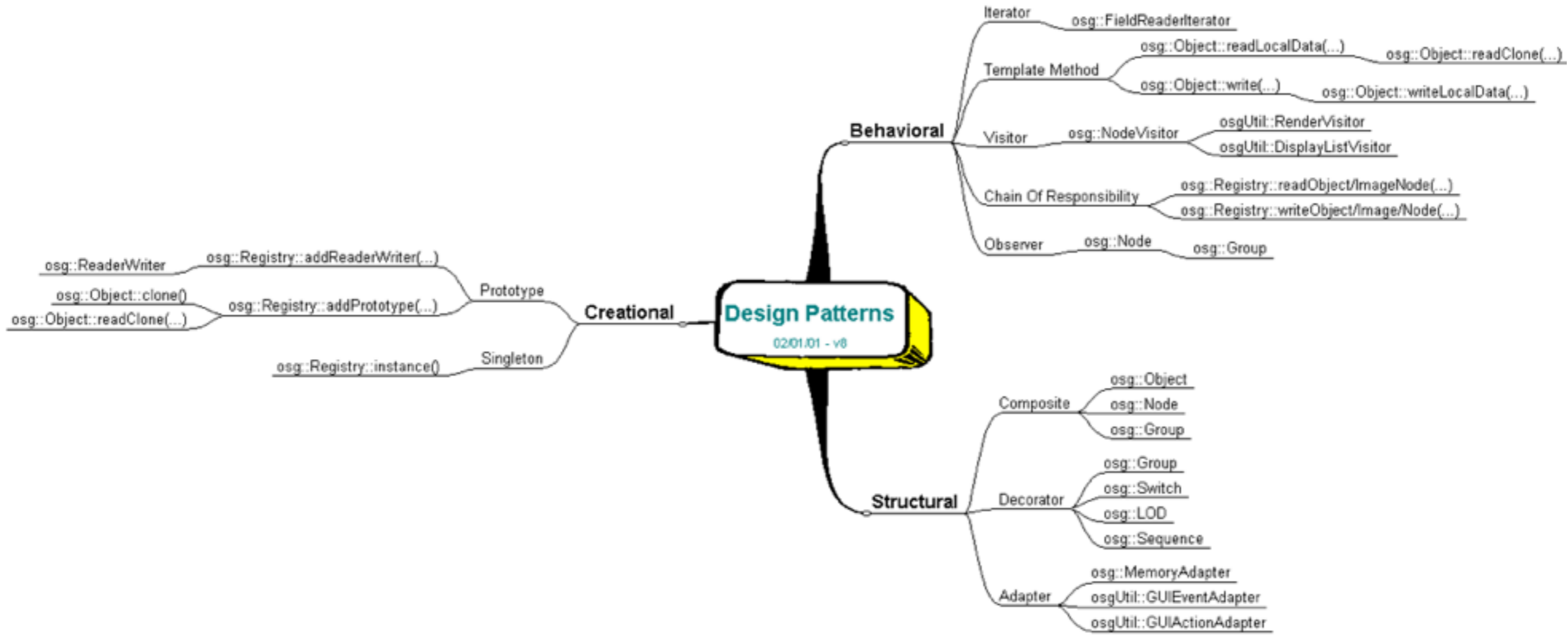
- Hierarchical MVC UI Design
- Command pattern supporting multi-level undo/redo, incorporating Prototype based command creation.
- Composite contact list organisation
- Visitor contact search facility
- Strategy report generators



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An early MindMap of the Design Patterns that are used in the OpenSceneGraph.



Purpose of Design Pattern

1.Reuse

- ▶ Reuse elegant, proven and high quality designs across multiple contexts

2.Flexibility

- ▶ Introduce greater flexibility into the design

3.Documentation

- ▶ Improving the documentation and maintenance of existing system by furnishing an explicit specification of class and object interactions and their intent

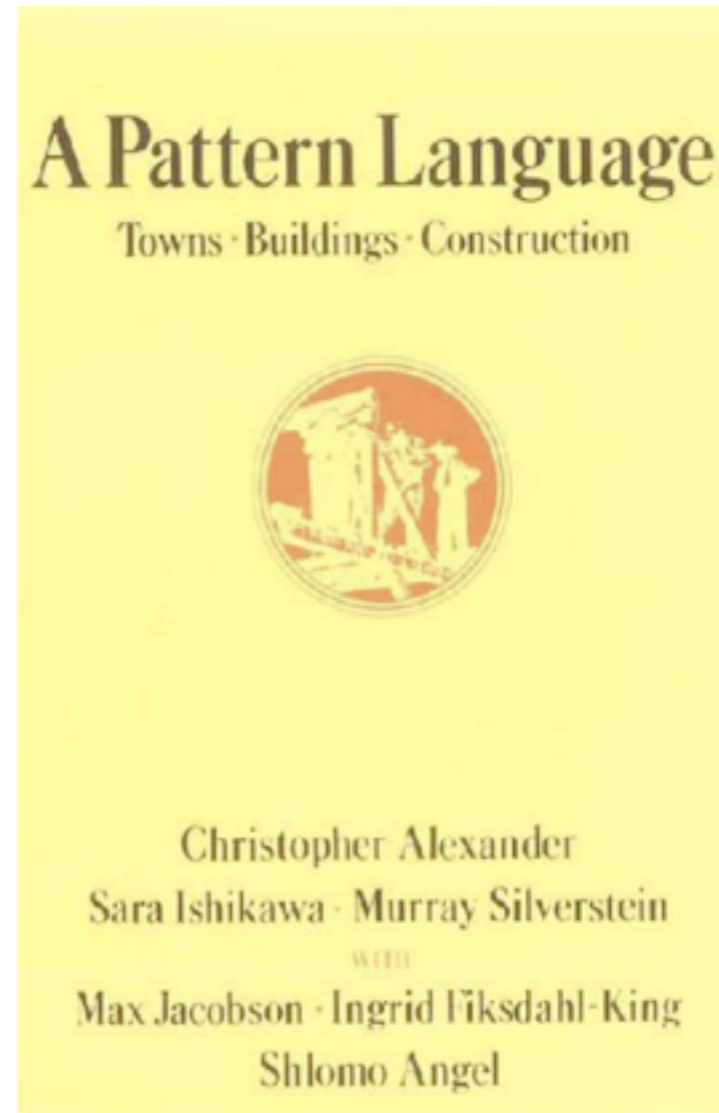
Origins

- "Each pattern describes a problem which occurs over and over again in our environment, and then describes the core of the solution to that problem, in such a way that you can use this solution a million times over, without ever doing it the same way twice."

Christopher Alexander, *A Pattern Language: Towns/Buildings/Construction*,
1977

- A object-oriented design pattern systematically names, explains and evaluates an important and recurring design in object-oriented systems

Origins



Alexander & Patterns

- Alexander studied the problem of objective quality by making observations of buildings, towns, streets, gardens, any spaces that human beings have built
 - ▶ He reasoned that high quality constructs had things in common
 - ▶ Architectural structures differed from each other even if they were of the same type solving the same problem. Yet different solutions were of high quality.
 - ▶ He understood that structures could not be separated from the problem they are solving
- He proposed that different structures yielded a high quality solution to similar problems and extracted the similarity of the structures, the core of the solution, which he calls a pattern:
 - ▶ solutions to a problem in a context
 - ▶ 253 patterns covering regions, towns, transportations, homes offices, rooms, lighting, gardens, ...
 - ▶ each pattern defines subproblems solved by other smaller patterns

Patterns in Software Design



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Elements of Reusable
Object-Oriented Software

Erich Gamma
Richard Helm
Ralph Johnson
John Vlissides



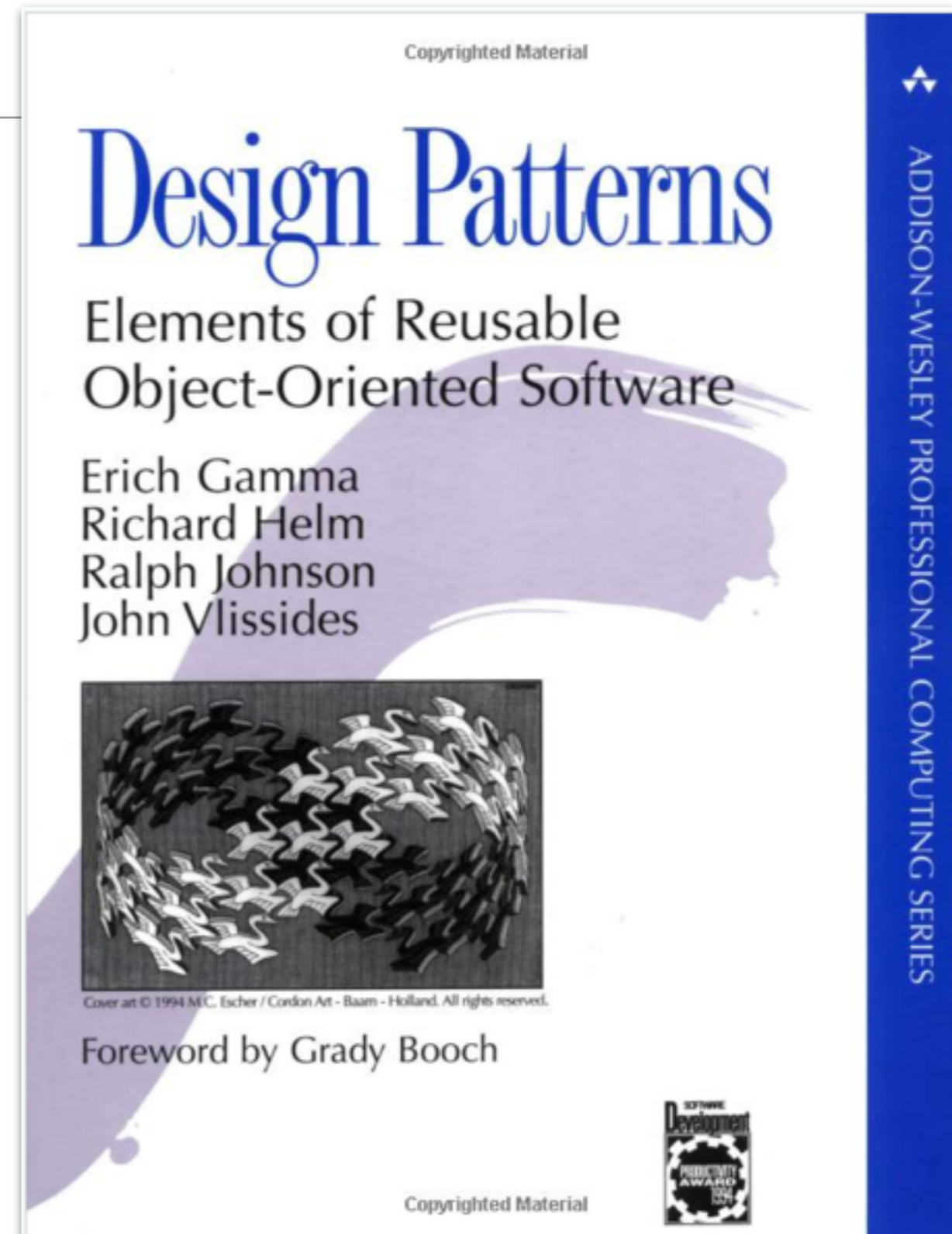
Foreword by Grady Booch














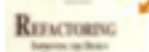
ADDISON-WESLEY PROFESSIONAL COMPUTING SERIES

GoF

- The landmark book on software design patterns is:
Design Patterns: Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software
Erich Gamma, Richard Helm,
Ralph Johnson, John Vlissides
Addison-Wesley, 1995
- This is also known as the GOF (“Gang-of-Four”) book.
- Design Patterns help you break out of first-generation (naive) OO thought patterns



Regularly Appears in top-10 programming lists

	1 Design Patterns: Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software by Erich Gamma ★★★★★ 4.09 avg rating — 1,149 ratings score: 387, and 5 people voted
	2 Code Complete by Steve McConnell ★★★★★ 4.26 avg rating — 988 ratings score: 300, and 3 people voted
	3 Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs by Harold Abelson ★★★★★ 4.55 avg rating — 403 ratings score: 297, and 4 people voted
	4 The C Programming Language by Brian W. Kernighan ★★★★★ 4.37 avg rating — 1,232 ratings score: 294, and 3 people voted
	5 The Pragmatic Programmer: From Journeyman to Master by Andrew Hunt ★★★★★ 4.34 avg rating — 1,493 ratings score: 291, and 3 people voted
	6 Refactoring: Improving the Design of Existing Code by Martin Fowler ★★★★★ 4.27 avg rating — 634 ratings score: 289, and 3 people voted
	1. The Algorithm Design Manual by Steve Skiena \$62.87 Used & New from: \$50.00 ★★★★★ (24 customer reviews)
	2. Introduction to Algorithms (Includes CD-Rom) by Thomas H. Cormen \$120.72 Used & New from: \$23.00 ★★★★★ (115 customer reviews) 4 customer discussions
	3. Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs - 2nd Edition (MIT Electric Used & New from: \$29.99 ★★★★★ (171 customer reviews) 3 customer discussions
	4. The Pragmatic Programmer: From Journeyman to Master by Andrew Hunt \$35.24 Used & New from: \$22.76 ★★★★★ (168 customer reviews) 1 customer discussion
	5. Mastering Regular Expressions by Jeffrey E F Friedl \$26.99 Used & New from: \$16.97 ★★★★★ (146 customer reviews)
	6. Design Patterns: Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software by Richard Hel \$40.65 Used & New from: \$22.00 ★★★★★ (297 customer reviews) 1 customer discussion
	7. Refactoring: Improving the Design of Existing Code by Kent Beck \$44.00 Used & New from: \$25.00

Pattern Definition

- Each design pattern systematically:

- ▶ Names
- ▶ Explains
- ▶ Evaluates

an important and recurring design in object-oriented systems.

- Patterns capture this design experience in a form that can be effectively communicated.
- Often presented as a catalogue.

To What End?

- Make it easier to reuse successful designs and architectures.
- Express proven techniques making them accessible to developers of new systems.
- Help developers choose appropriate design alternatives that make a system reusable and avoid options that compromise reusability.
- Improve the documentation and maintenance of existing systems by furnishing an explicit specification of class and object interactions and their underlying intent.

Design Pattern Characteristics

- Design patterns represent solutions to problems that arise when developing software within a particular context
 - ▶ Patterns = Problem/Solution pair in Context
- Capture static and dynamic structure and collaboration among key participants in software designs
 - ▶ key participants – an abstraction that occurs in a design problem
 - ▶ useful for articulating the how and why to solve non-functional forces.
- Facilitate reuse of successful software architectures and design

Documenting Patterns

- GoF used a standard procedure to describe and document design patterns.
 - ▶ Increases understandability.
 - ▶ Many books have adopted the similar approach.
- By documenting the design pattern, knowledge becomes explicit, instead of in the designer's head.
 - ▶ Patterns are often presented as pattern catalogues
 - ▶ Important they are presented in a systematic form as a semi- formal document.

GoF Pattern Format

- **Pattern Name and Classification**

- ▶ The pattern's name conveys the essence of the pattern succinctly. A good name is vital, because it will become part of your design vocabulary. The pattern's classification reflects a specific scheme (Creational, Behavioural, Structural).

- **Intent**

- ▶ A short statement that answers the following questions: What does the design pattern do? What is its rationale and intent? What particular design issue or problem does it address?

- **Also Known As**

- ▶ Other well-known names for the pattern, if any.

- **Motivation**

- ▶ A scenario that illustrates a design problem and how the class and object structures in the pattern solve the problem. The scenario will help you understand the more abstract description of the pattern that follows.

- **Applicability**

- ▶ What are the situations in which the design pattern can be applied? What are examples of poor designs that the pattern can address? How can you recognize these situations?

- **Structure**

- ▶ A graphical representation of the classes in the pattern using UML. Usually class diagrams and interaction diagrams.

GoF Pattern Format

- **Participants**

- ▶ The classes and/or objects participating in the design pattern and their responsibilities.

- **Collaborations**

- ▶ How the participants collaborate to carry out their responsibilities.

- **Consequences**

- ▶ How does the pattern support its objectives? What are the trade-offs and results of using the pattern? What aspect of system structure does it let you vary independently?

- **Implementation**

- ▶ What pitfalls, hints, or techniques should you be aware of when implementing the pattern? Are there language-specific issues?

- **Sample Code**

- ▶ Code fragments

- **Known Uses**

- ▶ Examples of the pattern found in real systems. We include at least two examples from different domains.

- **Related Patterns**

- ▶ What design patterns are closely related to this one? What are the important differences? With which other patterns should this one be used?

Catalogues

Resources

1: Context

2: Template/Strategy

3: Command

4: *Prototype*



Pattern Catalogues (pdf)



Pattern Catalogues (web)



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