Design Patterns

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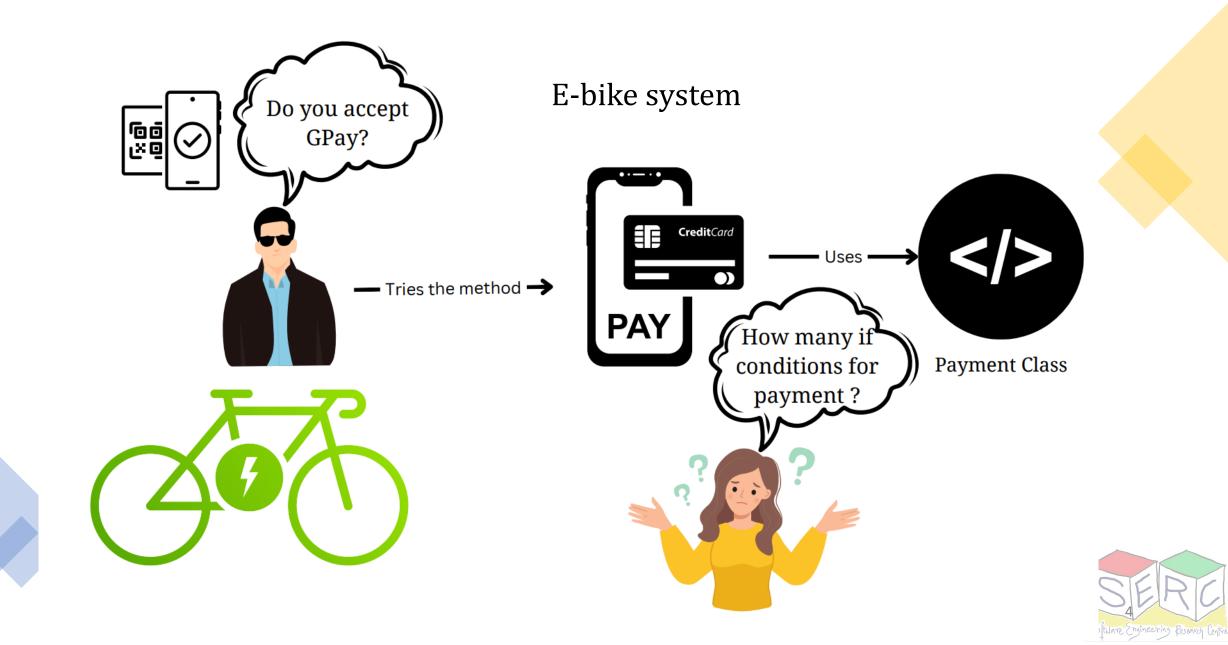
Sources:

- **1. Design Patterns: Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software** by Erich Gamma, Richard Helm, Ralph Johnson and John Vlissides
- 2. Head first Design Patterns, Second Edition, Eric Freeman and Elisabeth Robson



Strategies can be different: Strategy Pattern! [Behavioral]

Meet the Strategy Pattern!



Meet the Strategy Pattern

- What if you want to alter objects behavior at run-time?
- What if there are similar objects but the way they work is different?
- Each variety of algorithm may require its own set of data and functions



Intent

Define a family of algorithms, encapsulate each one and ensure they are interchangeable. Strategy lets algorithm change depending on the client, who is using it

Also Known As: Policy

Motivation

- Different algorithms will be appropriate at different times
- Promotes maintainability
- Two key objects: *Context and Strategy*

Example: Think of Google maps -> selection of mode of transport





Applicability

- Many related classes differ only in their behavior
- There is a need for different variants of an algorithm
- Algorithm might require data that client needs not know about avoid exposing algorithm specific data structures
- Class defines many behaviors and these appear as multiple conditional statements



Structure

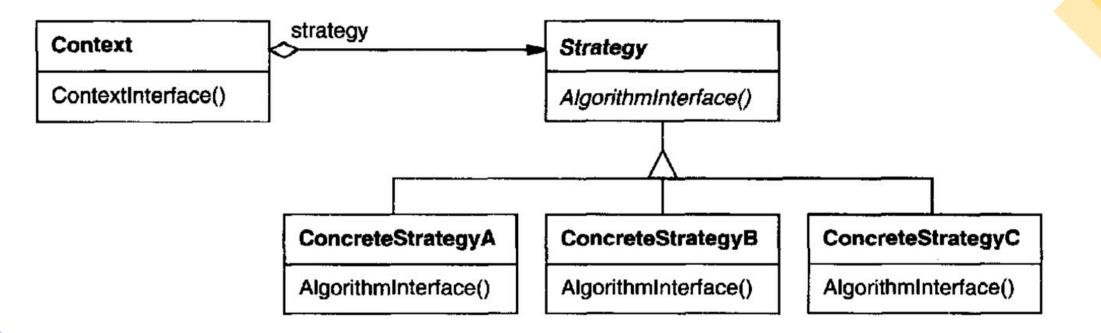




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Participants Strategy(PaymentType)

• Interface common to all algorithms. Used by context

ConcreteStrategy (DebitCard)

• Implements algorithm using strategy interface

Context (Booking)

- Configured with ConcreteStrategy object
- Maintains reference to a Strategy object
- Can define interface for Strategy to access data





Consequences

- Families of related algorithms
 - Hierarchies of strategy classes define a family of algorithms or behaviors
 - Inheritance can help in factoring out common functionality
- Alternative to subclassing
 - Inheritance is another mechanism Hard-wires context [coupling!]
- Eliminates conditional statements
 - Encapsulates behavior separately [Good solution for long method smell]
- If the number of variations are less Don't overcomplicate!
- Classes must be aware of different possible strategies



Implementation

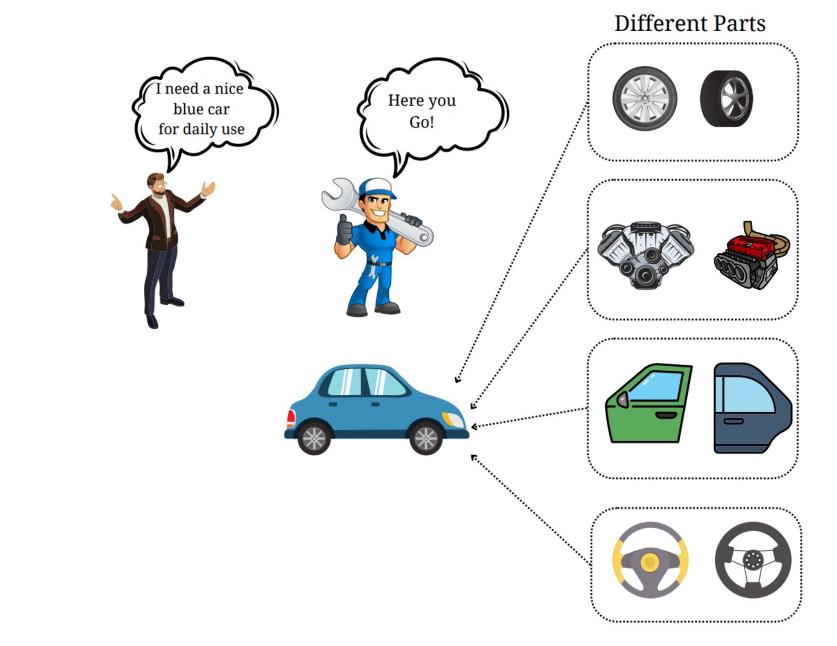
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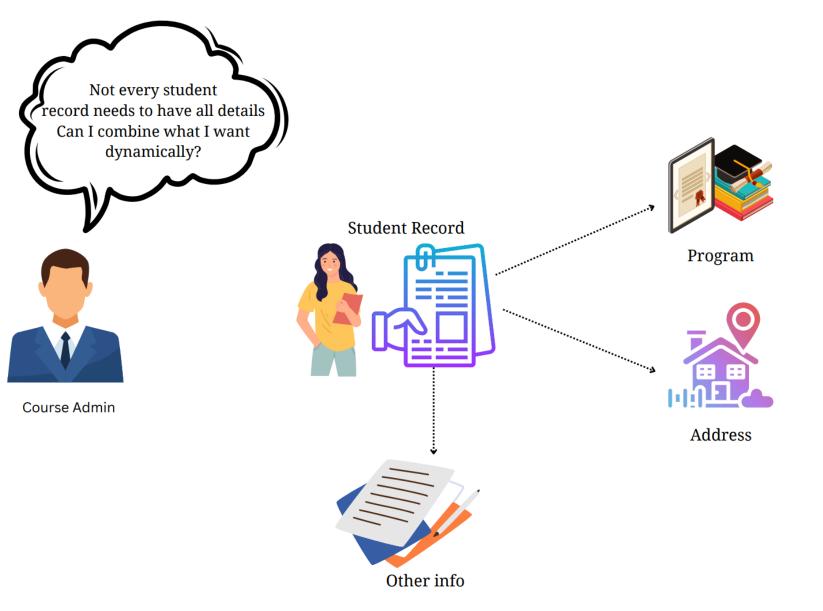
How about building things: Builder Pattern! [Creational]

Meet the Builder Pattern!





Meet the Builder Pattern!





How to dynamically build the different types of student records?

Meet the Builder Pattern

- What if there is a complex object?
- Can we avoid instantiation of a huge constructor?
- Not every time all constructor parameters are required
- Allows extraction of object construction code to separate object
- Creation of an object is just about assembling other objects step by step
- A very decoupled approach to creation



Intent

Separate construction of complex object from representation such that same construction process can result in different representations

Also Known As: Builder

Motivation

- Separate object construction from business logic
- Promote readability and understandability
- Three key objects: *Director, Builder, Product*

Example: Builder to build different types of vehicles [Each has engine, tyre, etc]



Applicability

- Algorithm for creating the object must be independent
 - Different parts may make up the object
 - Need not worry about how they are put together
- Construction of different representations of the object needs to be supported



Structure

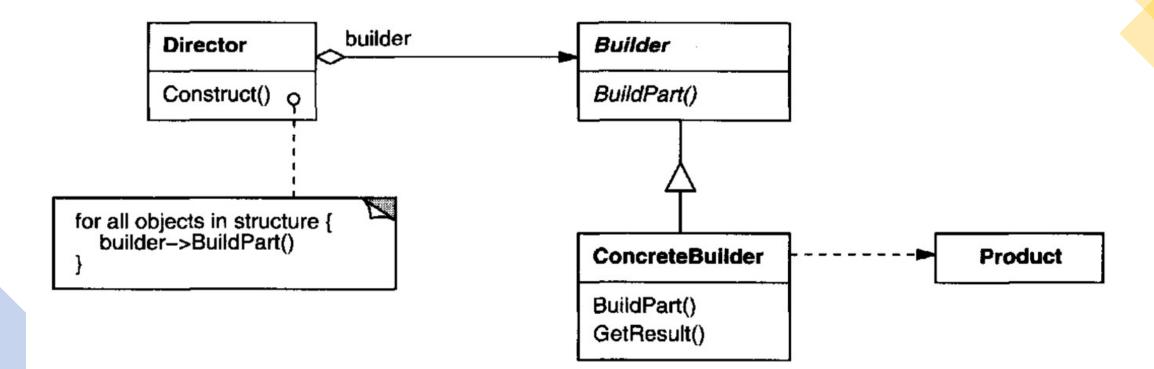




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Participants Builder (StudentBuilder)

• Defines the interface for creating parts of a product object

ConcreteBuilder (ConcreteStudentBuilder)

• Assembles the parts to create product by implementing builder interface

Director (StudentDirector)

• Constructs an object using the builder interface

Product (Student)

- Complex object under construction
- Includes classes that define the different parts





Consequences

- Easily vary products internal representation
 - Director gets the abstract interface to build a product
 - All that needs to be done is to define a new kind of builder
- Isolate code for representation and constructions
 - Concrete builder contains code for building a kind of product
 - Directors can reuse builders to build different variants of product
- More control over the construction process
 - Step by step approach under directors control Focus is on the process
- The overall code complexity increases due to multiple classes
 - Benefits in the long run



Implementation

Check the source code given along: StudentRecordBuilder





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