

CS3219 Cheatsheet

Software Engineering Principles

Principle of Modularity

- Shorter development time
- Better flexibility
- Better comprehensibility
- Decomposition of a big chunk into smaller well defined interfaces
- Way of managing the complexity

Software Design Patterns

- Design Pattern: A solution to a problem in a context
- Tried and tested solutions to common problems in software design

Creational

- Provide ways to instantiate single objects or groups of related objects.

Builder Pattern

- Separate construction of a complex object from its representation so that the same construction process can create different representations
- Enforces a step-by-step process to construct a complex object as a finished product.
- Finished products can have different representations
- Good when designing classes where there are few compulsory parameters with optional / identical arguments for some

Prototype pattern

- Create an object by cloning another object
- Do not create a new object for each client requesting it
- Create a single prototype and make copies of it for each of the client

Structural Patterns

- Provide a manner to define relations between classes or objects

Adapter Pattern

- Convert the interface of a class into another interface that the client expects
- Let classes work together that couldn't otherwise due to incompatible interfaces.
- Used when an incompatible module needs to be integrated with an existing module without any source code modifications.

Facade Pattern

- Provide a simple unified interface to a set of interfaces in a subsystem.
- Delegates client requests to appropriate subsystem classes.
- Implement subsystem functionality. Subsystems are used by the facade but not the other way around.

Behavioural Patterns

- Define manners of communication between classes and objects

Observer Pattern

- Let objects observe the behaviour of other objects so they can stay in sync
- A change to one object requires notifying others.
- Participants
 - Interface of abstract class defining the operations for attaching and de-attaching observers to the subject
 - Concrete subject class: Maintain the state of the object and when a change in the state occurs it notifies the attached observers
 - Observer: Interface of abstract class defining the operations to be used to notify this object

Mediator Pattern

- Define an object that encapsulates how a set of objects interact to reduce coupling
- Delegates the routing of requests, messages, data that they exchange with other objects to the mediator.
- Allows loose coupling between sets of objects by handling the interactions between the objects
- Participants
 - Mediator Base: Abstract class that declares methods for communicating with Colleague objects
 - Concrete Mediator: Implements Mediator. Maintains and coordinates Colleague objects. Holds references to the colleague that it serves
 - Colleague Base: An abstract class for the colleague objects. Defines a single protected field that holds a reference to a mediator
 - Concrete Colleague: The concrete colleagues communicate with each other via the mediator. Send and receive methods are used to send messages to and receive messages from the mediator.

Memento Pattern

- Without violating encapsulation, allow client to capture an object's state and restore
- Facilitates the current state of an object to be stored without breaking the rules of encapsulation
- The originating object can be modified as required but can be restored to the saved state at any time.
- Participants
 - Caretaker: Originator class to save and restore internal state
 - Originator: Defines operation for saving its current state and restoring to a previous state.
 - Memento: Stores an originator's internal state. Only originator that create the memento can access it

State Pattern

- Allow an object to alter its behaviour when internal state changes

- Domain objects often have a concept of state
- Behaviour of domain object depends on its state
- Client requests may change the state forcing the object to behave differently after being invoked
- Participants
 - Context
 - Provides an interface to client to perform some action
 - Delegates state specific requests to the Concrete State subclass that defines the current state
 - State: An interface that encapsulates the behaviour associated with a particular state of the Context
 - Concrete State: Concrete class that implements a behaviour associated with a state of the context.

Strategy Pattern

- Represent a behaviour that parameterizes an algorithm for behaviour or performance
- Define family of algorithms, encapsulate each one, and make them interchangeable.
- Let algorithm vary independently from the clients that use it.
- Participants
 - Strategy: An interface common to all supported algorithm-specific classes.
 - Concrete Strategy: Implements the algorithm using the strategy interface.
 - Context
 - Provides the interface to client for encrypting data.
 - Maintains a reference to a strategy object and its instantiated and initialized by clients with concrete strategy object.

Other Patterns

Data Transfer Object

- Batch up multiple remote calls by encapsulating data that needs to travel from one application / subsystem to another
- Good for situations where there are multiple remote calls in a single call

Software Architectures

N tier Architecture

- Each layer is independent during development
- Each layer has a distinct and specific responsibility
- Example: Computer Networks

Pipe and filter

- Data Enters the system and then flows through the each component 1 at a time until the data ends up at a data sink
- A series of transformations on successive pieces of input data
- Each component takes a set of inputs and returns a set of outputs

- Connector -> Transmit output of one pipe into input of another pipe
- Filter -> Transform the input and return to output

Shared repository

- Maintains all data in a central repository shared by all functional components of the data-driven application
- Let availability, quality and state of the data trigger and coordinate the control flow of the application
- Components
 - A central data structure that represents the current state
 - A collection of independent components that operate on the central data store
- Connectors
 - Interactions between the repository and the other components
 - Varies between systems
- EG: Interpreter with Shared Symbol Table, IDEs

Implicit Invocation / Event Driven Architecture

- An event announcement implicitly causes the invocation of procedures in other modules
- Components announce/ broadcast 1 or more events
- Other components register interest in event by associating a function to that event
- When event is announced, it invoke all procedures which are registered
- Components are loosely coupled
- Components
 - Interface provides both a collection of procedures and a set of events
- Connectors
 - Procedure call
 - Bindings between events and procedures
- EG: Pub Sub Systems

Hexagonal Architecture / Ports and Adapters

- 3 Blocks of code
 - User interface (UI)
 - Application Core / Business Logic
 - Infrastructure
- Adapters
 - Located outside the application core
 - Primary / Driving Adapters: Tell the application to do something
 - Secondary / Driven Adapters: Told by the application to do something
- Ports
 - An entry point to the application core
 - A specification of how to use the application core
 - Located within the application core
- Application Layer
 - Organising the application core
 - Several different processes that can be triggered in the application core by one or more user interface

- Contains the interfaces + Ports
- Domain Layer
 - Contains the data and logic to manipulate data
 - Independent of the business logic that trigger it
- Domain Service
 - Handles logic that span multiple domain model objects
 - Receives a set of entities and performs business logic on them
- Domain Model
 - Contains the business objects that represents something in the domain
 - When an entity changes, a Domain Event is triggered and it carries the changed property values.
 - Represents a view of the problem domain
- Flow of control is inwards
- Dependencies go inwards

Command Query Responsibility Segregation

- Separate commands from queries
- A command model and a query model
 - Each model can have their own operations and representations of data
- Commands
 - Operations that change the application state and return no data
 - Have side effects
- Queries
 - Operations that return data
 - No side effects

Domain Driven Design

- Does not dictate any specific architectural style
- Only requires the model to be isolated from the technical complexities so that it can focus on domain logic concerns
- User Interface Layer
 - Interaction with external systems
 - Gateway to the effects that a human, an application or a message will have on the domain
 - Requests will be accepted from this layer and the response will be shaped in this layer and displayed to the user.
- Application layer
 - It is the layer where business process flows are handled
 - The capabilities of the application can be observed in this layer
 - Direct clients of the domain model
 - Does not process business logic themselves
- Domain Layer
 - Core of the application
 - Where all the business logic is implemented
 - Kept away from dependencies as much as possible
 - Third Party libraries should not be added as much as possible
 - Focus on simulating the business processes

- Kept agnostic from the infrastructure code.
- Infrastructure layer
 - Layer that accesses external services such as database, messaging systems and email services
 - External Services integration, repositories and persistence frameworks are implemented here
 - Dependent on the domain layer for domain objects and the repository contracts

Microservices

- An independent, standalone capability designed as an executable that communicates with other microservices
- Standard lightweight inter-process communication
- Organized around business capabilities
- Loosely coupled
 - Highly maintainable and testable
- Owned by a small team
- Independently deployable
- Loose coupling
 - Limits the different types of calls from one service to another
 - Related behaviour to be together and unrelated behaviour elsewhere

Monolith

- Simple to develop: Many development tools
- Simple to deploy: Simple deploy the WAR file
- Simple to scale: Just run multiple copies
- Single large code base
 - Hard for new developers to learn
- Frequent deployments gets difficult
- Scaling the application can be difficult
 - Each copy will need to access all the data

Model View Controller

- MVC
 - Model: Data
 - View: Presentation
 - Controller: Logic
- Benefits
 - Separation of Concerns
 - Facilitates extensibility

Model View Adapter

- All communication between model and view must flow through a controller / adapter
- Controller becomes a communication hub
- Accepting change notification from model objects and UI Events

Model View Presenter

- Model: Represents business entities or domain model
- View: Lightweight. Only contains UI Elements
 - Passive View: View doesn't know model
 - Active View: Data binding or simple code in View
- Presenter: Presents user actions to the backend system. Presents to user after getting response

Presentation Model

Model View View-Model

- A structural design pattern that separates the object into three distinct types
- View: Similar to View in Presentation Model
- View Model: Equal to Presentation Model
- Model: Business logic layer of the application

Web MVC

- Same as MVC but controller also handles the initial HTTP request

Flux

- Action: Raised by View when user interacts with UI
- Dispatcher: Holds context to data store and propagates the action from View to store.
- Stores: Registered with dispatcher and respond to it
- Views: Respond to the change event and make appropriate changes