

Principles of Software Construction: Objects, Design, and Concurrency

Libraries and Frameworks

(Design for large-scale reuse)

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Midterm is next Thursday, we will release sample questions this week.

HW5:

- Decoupling game from god cards
 - Specific requirement: base game must not depend on god cards
 - General expectation: keep coupling low (*something* in the back end will have to select & set up god cards)
 - Think: What patterns can you use?
- Picking god cards
 - Should be a way to play without god cards
 - Should be a way to assign them – doesn't have to exactly follow Santorini rules (but it's nice!), random is OK.

Earlier in this course: **Class-level** reuse

Language mechanisms supporting reuse

- Inheritance
- Subtype polymorphism (dynamic dispatch)
- Parametric polymorphism (generics)*

Design principles supporting reuse

- Small interfaces
- Information hiding
- Low coupling
- High cohesion

Design patterns supporting reuse

- Template method, decorator, strategy, composite, adapter, ...

* Effective Java items 26, 29, 30, and 31

Where Does That Get Us?

	<i>Small scale:</i> One/few objects	<i>Mid scale:</i> Many objects	<i>Large scale:</i> Subsystems
<i>Design for</i>	Subtype	Domain Analysis ✓	GUI vs Core ✓
understanding	Polymorphism ✓	Inheritance & Del. ✓	Frameworks and Libraries , APIs
change/ext.	Information Hiding, Contracts ✓	Responsibility Assignment,	Module systems, microservices ✓
reuse	Immutability ✓	Design Patterns, Antipattern ✓	(Testing for) Robustness
robustness	Types ✓	Promises/ Reactive P. ✓	CI ✓, DevOps, Teams
...	Unit Testing ✓	Integration Testing ✓	

Reuse and variation: Family of development tools

The image displays the Eclipse IDE interface with two main development environments open:

- Java Environment (Left):** The editor shows `Backend.java` with a comment: `/**
 * @author E.S. de Boer
 */`. The Package Explorer on the left shows a project structure for `nu.fw.jeti.jabber` with sub-packages like `Backend.java`, `JID.java`, and `JIDStatus.java`.
- C/C++ Environment (Right):** The editor shows `main.c` with a comment: `/* fork() demonstration
 * Create FORK_WORKERS child processes, all doing some kind of
 * work before exiting. This demonstrates how fork() can
 * be used to offload work, typically for a network service or
 * some other process that can't block while doing something
 * time-consuming.
 */`. The Package Explorer on the right shows a project structure for `C/C++` with files like `errno.h`, `signal.h`, and `unistd.h`.

In the foreground, a **DefaultName** palette is open, showing a tree structure of objects:

- `DefaultName`
 - `defaultname`
 - `123`
 - `qqq`
 - `456`

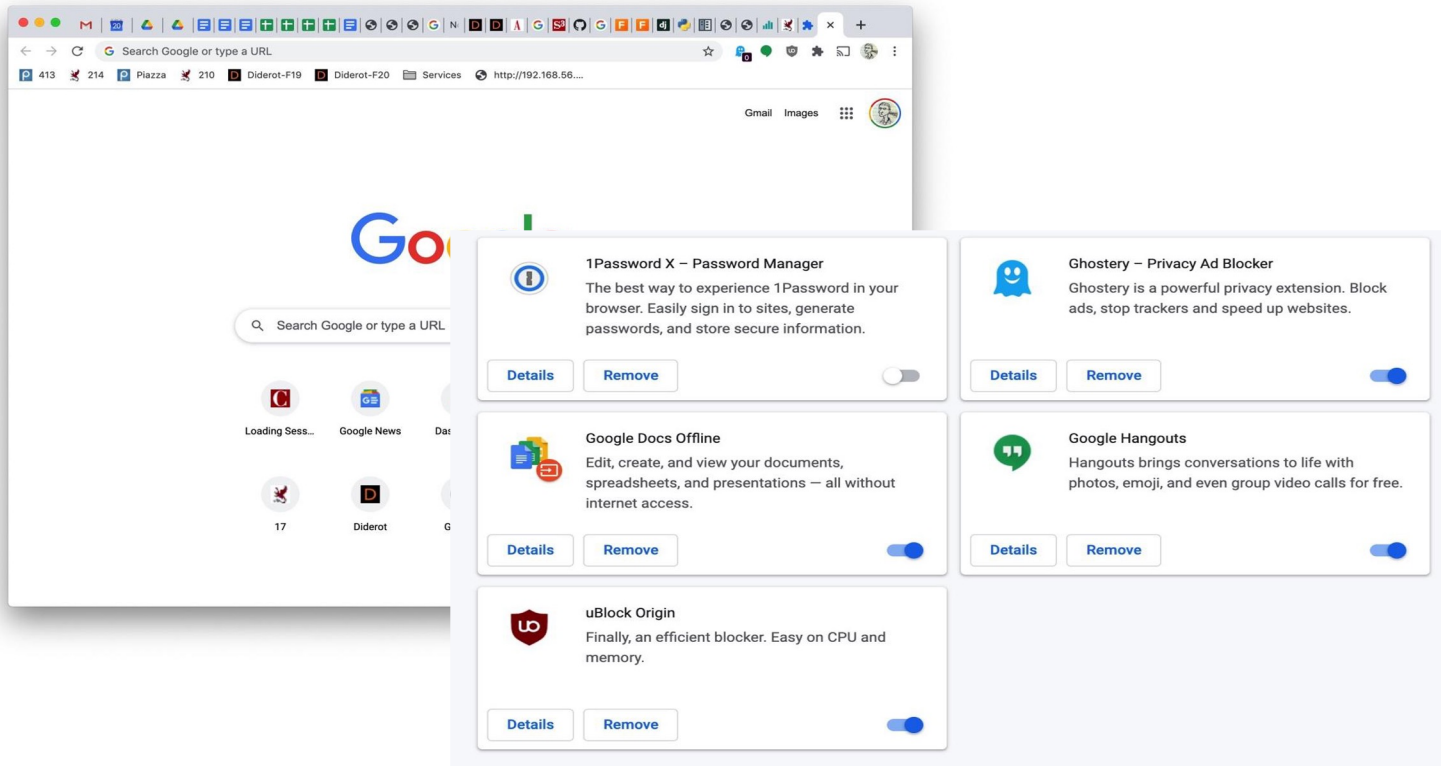
The palette also lists various object types such as `EPackage`, `EClass`, `EDataType`, `EEnum`, `EAnnotation`, `EOperation`, `EAttribute`, and `EEnumLiteral`.

Reuse and variation: Eclipse Rich Client Platform

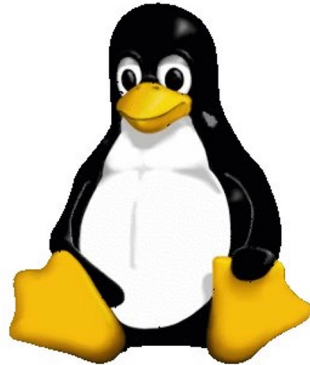
The screenshot displays the ForeFlight application window with the following sections:

- Left Panel:** A tree view of airports categorized by state (TX, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI). A list of Wisconsin airports is shown, including KAIG - Antigo, WI, KATW - Appleton, WI, KASX - Ashland, WI, etc.
- Weather Details Panel:**
 - Airport:** DANE COUNTY REGIONAL-TRUAX FIELD
 - Observations/Forecasts:** Thurs Feb 16 9:53 AM EST
 - Alerts:** Winds are close to set limit of 16 kts, Visibility is below set limit of 3 SM, Minimum cloud layer height worse than set limit of 1000 feet.
 - Weather Conditions:** Includes a cloud icon, a sky diagram with cloud layers (OVC at 8000, BKN at 1200, 100), a "LIFR" (Low Visibility) warning box, and a thermometer showing 20°F.
 - Weather Report:** Airport: DANE COUNTY REGIONAL-TRUAX FIELD, ID: KMSN, Status: Wx Report download successful, Report Date: Feb 16, 2006 9:53:00 AM (22 minutes ago), Report Period: Observed at Thurs Feb 16 9:53 AM EST, Wind Speed: 15.0 kts, Wind Direction (mag): 20°, Temperature: 24.8°F (-4°C), Dewpoint: 21.2°F (-6°C), Pressure: 29.88 in. Hg, Visibility: 0.25 sm, Report Type: Broken clouds at 100 feet, Overcast at 1200 feet, Weather Conditions: Heavy Snow, Moderate Blowing Snow.
- Runways Panel:** KMSN Runways, Magnetic deviation: 2E, Elevation: 887 ft. Includes a runway diagram and details: Wind (mag): 15 kts from 20°, X-wind: 2 kts from the left for 03, Predicted Active: 03, Width: 150 feet, Length: 7200 feet, Surface: Good CONC.
- Right Panel:** Airport Links (KMSN on Google Maps, KMSN AirNav.com Page, etc.) and Nearby Airports (KDLL - Baraboo, WI - 29.72 NM, etc.).

Reuse and variation: Web browser extensions



Reuse and variation: Flavors of Linux



```
Linux Kernel v2.6.18-53.1.14.el5.customxen Configuration

Arrow keys navigate the menu. <Enter> selects submenu --->.
Highlighted letters are hotkeys. Pressing <Y> includes, <N> excludes,
<M> modularizes features. Press <Esc><Esc> to exit, <?> for Help, </>
for Search. Legend: [*] built-in [ ] excluded <M> module <> module

[*] Provide NFS client caching support (EXPERIMENTAL)
[*] Allow direct I/O on NFS files (EXPERIMENTAL)
<M> NFS server support
[*] Provide NFSV3 server support
[*] Provide server support for the NFSv3 ACL protocol extension
[*] Provide NFSV4 server support (EXPERIMENTAL)
--- Provide NFS server over TCP support
--- Root file system on NFS
--- Secure RPC: Kerberos V mechanism (EXPERIMENTAL)

v(*)

<Select> < Exit > < Help >
```



Reuse and variation: Product lines



Today: Reuse **at scale**

- Examples, terminology
- Whitebox and blackbox frameworks
- Design considerations
- Implementation details
 - Responsibility for running the framework
 - Loading plugins

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Terminology: Library



- **Library**: A set of classes and methods that provide reusable functionality
- Client calls library; library executes and returns data
- Client controls
 - Program structure
 - Control flow

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public MyWidget extends JContainer {
    public MyWidget(int param) {
        // setup internals, without rendering
    }

    // render component on first view and resizing
    protected void paintComponent(Graphics g) {
        // draw a red box on this component
        Dimension d = getSize();
        g.setColor(Color.red);
        g.drawRect(0, 0, d.getWidth(), d.getHeight());
    }
}
```

your code



Library

- E.g.: Math, Collections, I/O, command line parsing

Terminology: Frameworks



- **Framework**: Reusable skeleton code that can be customized into an application
- Framework calls back into client code
 - The Hollywood principle: “Don’t call us. We’ll call you.”
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 - Program structure
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Library

- E.g.: VSCode, Firefox, IntelliJ, NanoHttpd, Express, Android, React?

A calculator example (without a framework)

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public class Calc extends JFrame {
    private JTextField textField;
    public Calc() {
        JPanel contentPane = new JPanel(new BorderLayout());
        contentPane.setBorder(new BevelBorder(BevelBorder.LOWERED));
        JButton button = new JButton();
        button.setText("calculate");
        contentPane.add(button, BorderLayout.EAST);
        textField = new JTextField("");
        textField.setText("10 / 2 + 6");
        textField.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(200, 20));
        contentPane.add(textField, BorderLayout.WEST);
        button.addActionListener(/* calculation code */);
        this.setContentPane(contentPane);
        this.pack();
        this.setLocation(100, 100);
        this.setTitle("My Great Calculator");
        ...
    }
}
```



A simple example framework

- Consider a family of programs consisting of a button and text field only:



- What source code might be shared?

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}
```



A simple example framework

```
public abstract class Application extends JFrame {
    protected String getApplicationTitle() { return ""; }
    protected String getButtonText() { return ""; }
    protected String getInitialText() { return ""; }
    protected void buttonClicked() { }
    private JTextField textField;
    public Application() {
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    }
}
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Using the example framework

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    protected String getButtonText() { return "calculate"; }  
    protected String getInitialText() { return "(10 - 3) * 6"; }  
    protected void buttonClicked() {  
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this, "The result of " + getInput() +  
            " is " + calculate(getInput()));  
    }  
    private String calculate(String text) { ... }  
}
```

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textField.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(200, 20));  
contentPane.add(textField, BorderLayout.WEST);  
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this.setContentPane(contentPane);  
this.pack();
```

Using the example framework again

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    protected String getInitialText() { return ""; }  
}
```

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    protected void buttonClicked() {  
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this, "The result of " + getInput() +  
            " is " + calculate(getInput()));  
    }  
    private String calculate(String text) { ... }  
}
```

```
public class Ping extends Application {  
    protected String getApplicationTitle() { return "Ping"; }  
    protected String getButtonText() { return "ping"; }  
    protected String getInitialText() { return "127.0.0.1"; }  
}
```

General distinction: Library vs. framework



user
interacts

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Library



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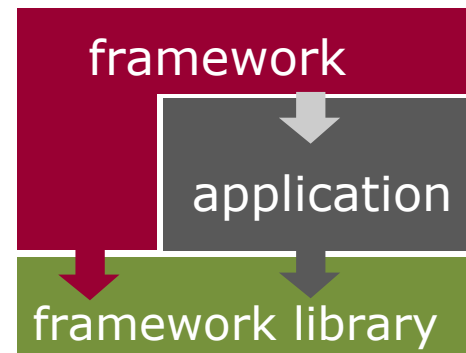
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Framework

Libraries and frameworks in practice

- Defines key abstractions and their interfaces
- Defines object interactions and invariants
- Defines flow of control
- Provides architectural guidance
- Provides defaults



credit: Erich Gamma

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Express/NanoHttpd: Framework or Library? (include rationale, andrewID)

① Start presenting to display the poll results on this slide.

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Handlebars: Framework, or Library? (include rationale, andrewID)

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Is Santorini a Framework?



More terms

- **API:** Application Programming Interface, the interface of a library or framework
 - Also used for the interface of a network service
- **Client:** The code that uses an API
- **Plugin:** Client code that customizes a framework
- **Extension point:** A place where a framework supports extension with a plugin

More terms

- ***Protocol***: The expected sequence of interactions between the API and the client
- ***Callback***: A plugin method that the framework will call to access customized functionality
- ***Lifecycle method***: A callback method that gets called in a sequence according to the protocol and the state of the plugin

Today: Libraries and frameworks for reuse

- Terminology and examples
- **Whitebox and blackbox frameworks**
- Designing a framework
- Implementation details

WHITE-BOX VS BLACK-BOX* FRAMEWORKS

* outdated terms, not aware of common replacements; maybe Inheritance-Based vs Delegation-Based Frameworks

Whitebox (inheritance-based) frameworks

- Extension via subclassing and overriding methods
- Common design pattern(s):
 - Template method
- Subclass has main method but gives control to framework

Blackbox (delegation-based) frameworks

- Extension via implementing a plugin interface
- Common design pattern(s):
 - Strategy
 - Command
 - Observer
- Plugin-loading mechanism loads plugins and gives control to the framework

Is this a whitebox or blackbox framework?

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    protected void buttonClicked() { ... }  
}
```

An example blackbox framework

```
public class Application extends JFrame {
    private JTextField textField;
    private Plugin plugin;
    public Application() { }
    protected void init(Plugin p) {
        p.setApplication(this);
        this.plugin = p;
        JPanel contentPane = new JPanel()
        contentPane.setBorder(new BevelBorder(BevelBorder.LOWERED));
        JButton button = new JButton();
        button.setText(plugin != null ? plugin.getButtonText() : "ok");
        contentPane.add(button, BorderLayout.EAST);
        textField = new JTextField("");
        if (plugin != null) textField.setText(plugin.getInitialText());
        textField.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(200, 20));
        contentPane.add(textField, BorderLayout.WEST);
        if (plugin != null)
            button.addActionListener((e) -> { plugin.buttonClicked(); } );
        this.setContentPane(contentPane);
    }
}
```

```
public interface Plugin {
    String getApplicationTitle();
    String getButtonText();
    String getInitialText();
    void buttonClicked();
    void setApplication(Application app);
}
```


Which version do you prefer? Why?

- Blackbox or whitebox?

An example blackbox framework

```
public class Application extends JFrame {  
    private JTextField textField;  
    private Plugin plugin;  
    public Application() { }  
    protected void init(Plugin p) {  
        p.setApplication(this);  
        this.plugin = p;  
    }  
}
```

```
public interface Plugin {  
    String getApplicationTitle();  
    String getButtonText();  
    String getInititalText();  
    void buttonClicked() ;  
    void setApplication(Application app);  
}
```

```
public class CalcPlugin implements Plugin {  
    private Application app;  
    public void setApplication(Application app) { this.app = app; }  
    public String getButtonText() { return "calculate"; }  
    public String getInititalText() { return "10 / 2 + 6"; }  
    public void buttonClicked() {  
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "The result of "  
            + app.getInput() + " is "  
            + calculate(app.getInput()));  
    }  
    public String getApplicationTitle() { return "My Great Calculator"; }  
}
```

An aside: Plugins could be reusable too...

```
public class Application extends JFrame implements InputProvider {  
    private JTextField textField;  
    private Plugin plugin;  
    public Application() { }  
    protected void init(Plugin p) {  
        p.setApplication(this);  
        this.plugin = p;  
    }  
}
```

```
public interface Plugin {  
    String getApplicationTitle();  
    String getButtonText();  
    String getInititalText();  
    void buttonClicked() ;  
    void setApplication(InputProvider app);  
}
```

```
public class CalcPlugin implements Plugin {  
    private InputProvider app;  
    public void setApplication(InputProvider app) { }  
    public String getButtonText() { return "calculate"; }  
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            + calculate(app.getInput()));  
    }  
}
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    String getInput();  
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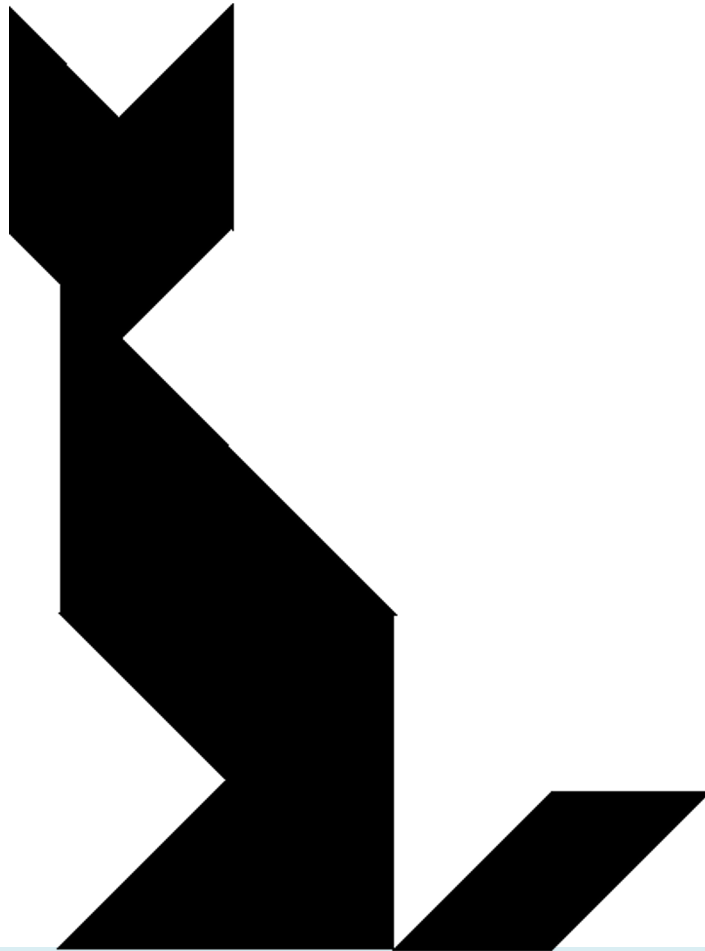
Frameworks summary

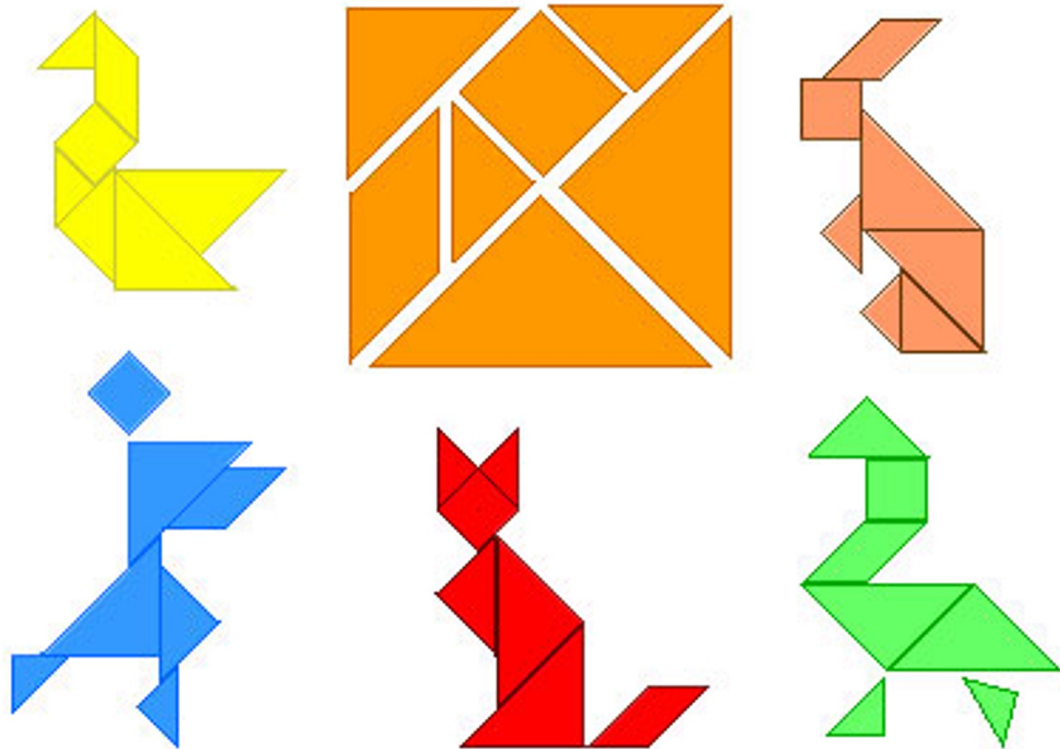
- Whitebox frameworks use subclassing
 - Allows extension of every nonprivate method
 - Need to understand implementation of superclass
 - Only one extension at a time
 - Easily supports recursive references (framework to plugin and vice versa)
 - Often so-called developer frameworks
- Blackbox frameworks use composition
 - Allows extension of functionality exposed in interface
 - Only need to understand the interface
 - Multiple plugins
 - Often provides more modularity
 - Often so-called end-user frameworks, platforms

Framework design considerations

- Once designed there is little opportunity for change
- Key decision: Separating common parts from variable parts
 - What problems do you want to solve?
- Possible problems:
 - Too few extension points: Limited to a narrow class of users
 - Too many extension points: Hard to learn, slow to extend
 - Too generic: Little reuse value

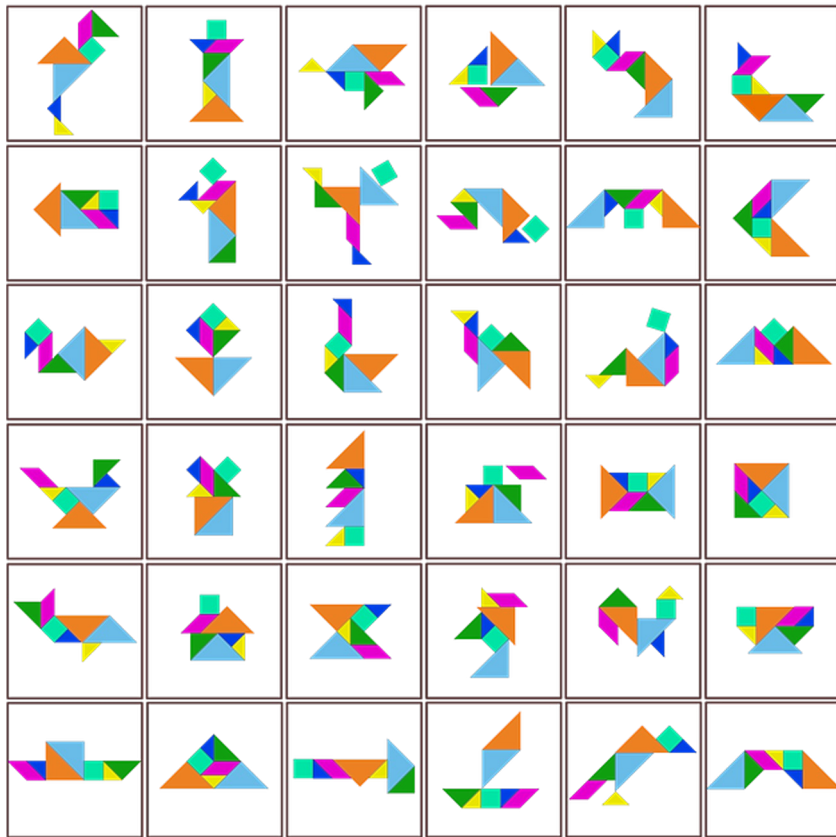
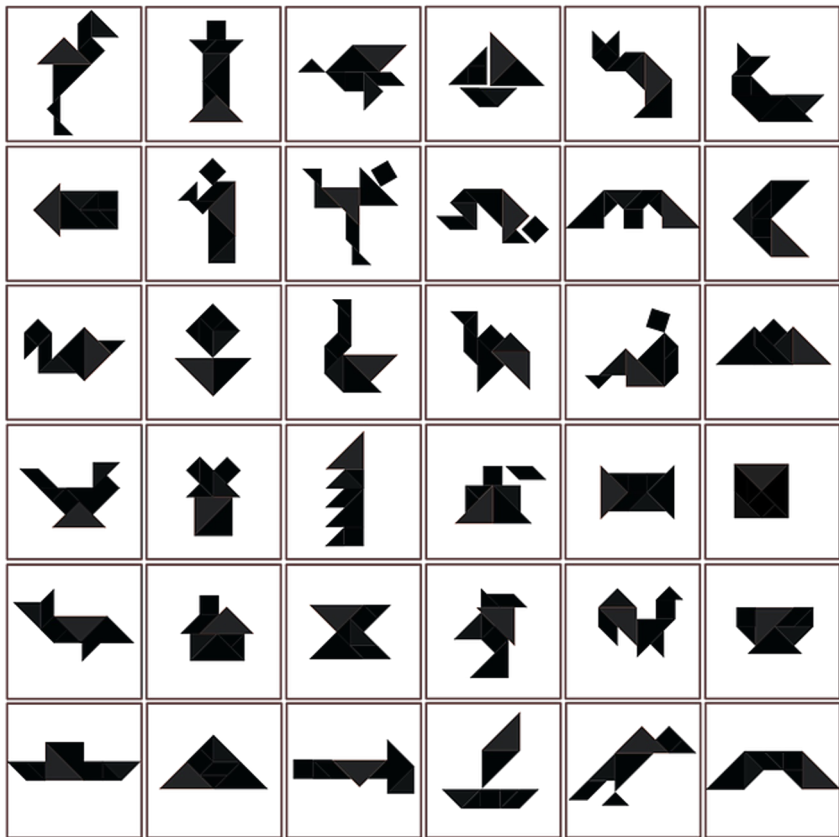
USE VS REUSE: DOMAIN ENGINEERING





(one modularization: tangrams)

Tangrams



The use vs. reuse dilemma

- Large rich components are very useful, but rarely fit a specific need
- Small or extremely generic components often fit a specific need, but provide little benefit

“maximizing reuse minimizes use”

C. Szyperski

Domain engineering

- Understand users/customers in your domain: What might they need? What extensions are likely?
- Collect example applications before designing a framework
- Make a conscious decision what to support (*scoping*)
- e.g., the Eclipse policy:
 - Plugin interfaces are internal at first
 - Unsupported, may change
 - Public stable extension points created when there are at least two distinct customers

Discussion question

- How would you redesign your Santorini program to make it into a framework?

The cost of changing a framework

```
public class Application extends JFrame {
    private JTextField textfield;
    private Plugin plugin;
    public Application(Plugin p) { this.plugin=p; p.setApplication(this); init(); }
    protected void init() {
        JPanel contentPane = new JPanel(new BorderLayout());
        contentPane.setBorder(new BevelBorder(BevelBorder.LOWERED));
        JButton button = new JButton();
        if (plugin != null)
            button.setText(plugin.getButtonText());
        else
            button.setText("calculate");
        contentPane.add(button);
        textfield = new JTextField(20);
        if (plugin != null)
            textfield.setText(plugin.getInitialText());
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "The result of " +
            textfield.getInput() + " is " +
            Application.getText());
    }
}

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    public void buttonClicked() {
        application.showMessageDialog(null, "The result of " +
            application.getInput() + " is " +
            application.getText());
    }
}

class CalcStarter {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        new Application(new CalcPlugin()).setVisible(true);
    }
}
```

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```

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        JButton button = new JButton();
```

```
        if (plugin != null)  
            button.setText(plugin.getButtonText());
```

```
        else  
            button.setText("Calculate");
```

```
        contentPane.add(button, BorderLayout.CENTER);
```

```
        textfield = new JTextField(20);
```

```
        contentPane.add(textfield, BorderLayout.NORTH);
```

```
        if (plugin != null)  
            textfield.setText(plugin.getInitialText());
```

```
        textfield.addActionListener(button);
```

```
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "The result of "
```

```
            textfield.getInput() + " is "
```

```
            Application.getText());
```

```
        setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
```

```
        setTitle(plugin.getTitle());
```

Consider adding an extra method.
Requires changes to *all* plugins!

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    void buttonClicked();  
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}
```

```
public class CalcPlugin implements Plugin {
```

```
    private Application application;
```

```
    public void setApplication(Application app) { this.application = app; }
```

```
    public String getButtonText() { return "calculate"; }
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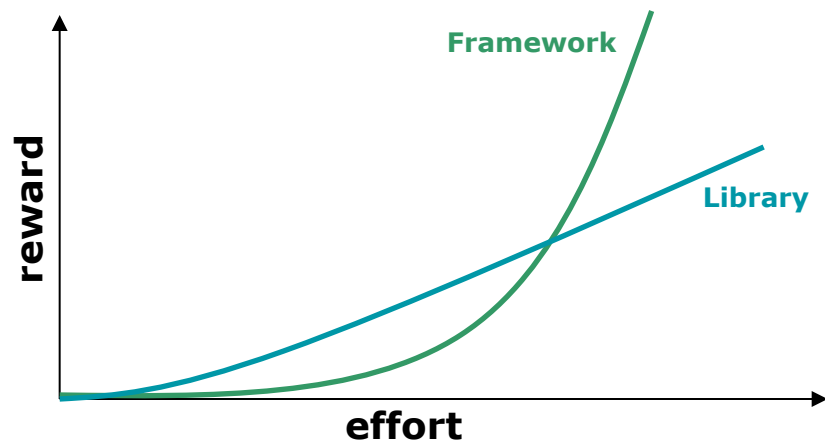
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```

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```

Learning a framework

- Documentation
- Tutorials, wizards, and examples
- Communities, email lists and forums
- Other client applications and plugins



Typical framework design and implementation

Define your domain

- Identify potential common parts and variable parts

Design and write sample plugins/applications

Factor out & implement common parts as framework

Provide plugin interface & callback mechanisms for variable parts

- Use well-known design principles and patterns where appropriate...

Get lots of feedback, and iterate

FRAMEWORK MECHANICS

Running a framework

- Some frameworks are runnable by themselves
 - e.g. Eclipse, VSCode, IntelliJ
- Other frameworks must be extended to be run
 - MapReduce, Swing, JUnit, NanoHttpd, Express

Methods to load plugins

1. Client writes main function, creates a plugin object, and passes it to framework
(see blackbox example above)
2. Framework has main function, client passes name of plugin as a command line argument or environment variable
(see next slide)
3. Framework looks in a magic location
Config files or .jar/.js files in a plugins/ directory are automatically loaded and processed
4. GUI for plugin management
E.g., web browser extensions

An example plugin loader using Java Reflection

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    if (args.length != 1)
        System.out.println("Plugin name not specified");
    else {
        String pluginName = args[0];
        try {
            Class<?> pluginClass = Class.forName(pluginName);
            new Application((Plugin)
pluginClass.newInstance()).setVisible(true);
        } catch (Exception e) {
            System.out.println("Cannot load plugin " + pluginName
                + ", reason: " + e);
        }
    }
}
```

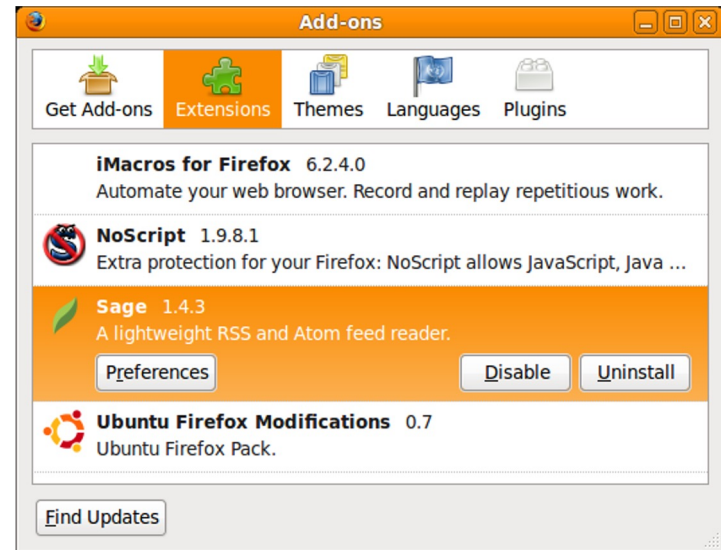
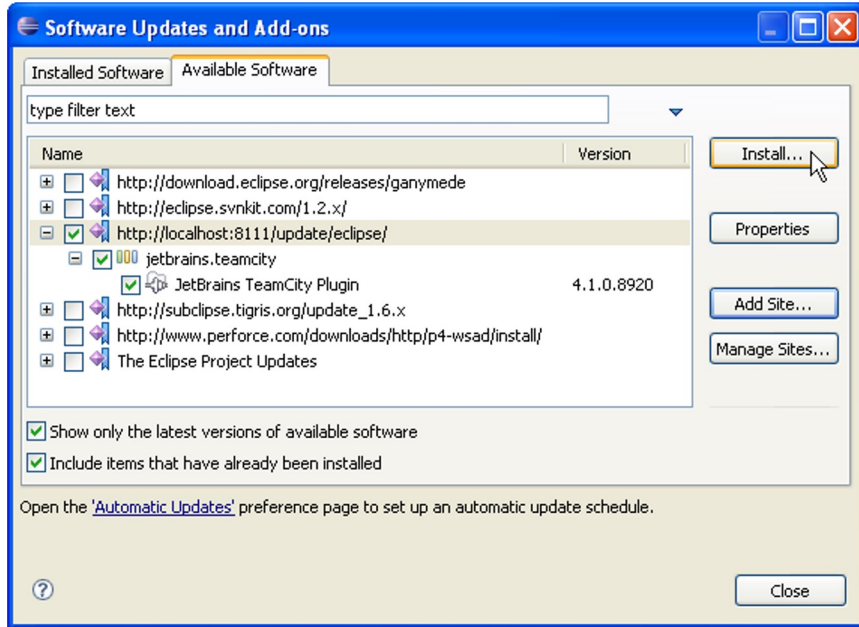
An example plugin loader in Node.js

```
const args = process.argv
if (args.length < 3)
    console.log("Plugin name not specified");
else {
    const plugin = require("plugins/"+args[2]+".js")()
    startApplication(plugin)
}
```

Another plugin loader using Java Reflection

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    File config = new File(".config");  
    BufferedReader reader = new BufferedReader(new FileReader(config));  
    Application = new Application();  
    Line line = null;  
    while ((line = reader.readLine()) != null) {  
        try {  
            Class<?> pluginClass = Class.forName(line);  
            application.addPlugin((Plugin) pluginClass.newInstance());  
        } catch (Exception e) {  
            System.out.println("Cannot load plugin " + line  
                + ", reason: " + e);  
        }  
    }  
    reader.close();  
    application.setVisible(true);  
}
```

GUI-based plugin management



Supporting multiple plugins

- Observer design pattern is commonly used
- Load and initialize multiple plugins
- Plugins can register for events
- Multiple plugins can react to same events
- Different interfaces for different events possible

```
public class Application {
    private List<Plugin> plugins;
    public Application(List<Plugin> plugins) {
        this.plugins=plugins;
        for (Plugin plugin: plugins)
            plugin.setApplication(this);
    }
    public Message processMsg (Message msg) {
        for (Plugin plugin: plugins)
            msg = plugin.process(msg);
        ...
        return msg;
    }
}
```


Example: An Eclipse plugin

- A popular Java IDE
- More generally, a framework for tools that facilitate “building, deploying and managing software across the lifecycle.”
- Plugin framework based on OSGI standard
- Starting point: Manifest file
 - Plugin name
 - Activator class
 - Meta-data

```
Manifest-Version: 1.0
Bundle-ManifestVersion: 2
Bundle-Name: MyEditor Plug-in
Bundle-SymbolicName: MyEditor;
singleton:=true
Bundle-Version: 1.0.0
Bundle-Activator:
    myeditor.Activator
Require-Bundle:
    org.eclipse.ui,
    org.eclipse.core.runtime,
    org.eclipse.jface.text,
    org.eclipse.ui.editors
Bundle-ActivationPolicy: lazy
Bundle-RequiredExecutionEnvironment:
    JavaSE-1.6
```

Example: An Eclipse plugin

- plugin.xml
 - Main configuration file
 - XML format
 - Lists extension points
- Editor extension
 - extension point: org.eclipse.ui.editors
 - file extension
 - icon used in corner of editor
 - class name
 - unique id
 - refer to this editor
 - other plugins can extend with new menu items, etc.!

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<?eclipse version="3.2"?>
<plugin>

  <extension
    point="org.eclipse.ui.editors">
    <editor
      name="Sample XML Editor"
      extensions="xml"
      icon="icons/sample.gif"
      contributorClass="org.eclipse.ui.texteditor.BasicText
      EditorActionContributor"
      class="myeditor.editors.XMLEditor"
      id="myeditor.editors.XMLEditor">
    </editor>
  </extension>

</plugin>
```

Example: An Eclipse plugin

- At last, code!
- XMLEditor.java
 - Inherits TextEditor behavior
 - open, close, save, display, select, cut/copy/paste, search/replace, ...
 - REALLY NICE not to have to implement this
 - But could have used ITextEditor interface if we wanted to
 - Extends with syntax highlighting
 - XMLDocumentProvider partitions into tags and comments
 - XMLConfiguration shows how to color partitions

```
package myeditor.editors;

import org.eclipse.ui.editors.text.TextEditor;

public class XMLEditor extends TextEditor {
    private ColorManager colorManager;

    public XMLEditor() {
        super();
        colorManager = new
            ColorManager();
        setSourceViewerConfiguration(
            new
XMLConfiguration(colorManager));
        setDocumentProvider(
            new
XMLDocumentProvider());
    }

    public void dispose() {
        colorManager.dispose();
        super.dispose();
    }
}
```

Example: A JUnit Plugin

```
public class SampleTest {
    private List<String> emptyList;

    @Before
    public void setUp() {
        emptyList = new ArrayList<String>();
    }

    @After
    public void tearDown() {
        emptyList = null;
    }

    @Test
    public void testEmptyList() {
        assertEquals("Empty list should have 0 elements",
            0, emptyList.size());
    }
}
```

Here the important plugin mechanism is Java annotations

Summary

- Reuse and variation essential
 - Libraries and frameworks
- Whitebox frameworks vs. blackbox frameworks
- Design for reuse with domain analysis
 - Find common and variable parts
 - Write client applications to find common parts