Object-Oriented Software Engineering Using UML, Patterns, and Java



Lecture Plan

- Part 1
 - Operations on the object model:
 - Optimizations to address performance requirements
 - Implementation of class model components:
 - Realization of associations
 - Realization of operation contracts
- Part 2
 - Realizing entity objects based on selected storage strategy
 - Mapping the object model to a storage schema
 - Mapping class diagrams to tables

Problems with implementing an Object Design Model

- Programming languages do not support the concept of UML associations
 - The associations of the object model must be transformed into collections of object references
- Many programming languages do not support contracts (invariants, pre and post conditions)
 - Developers must therefore manually transform contract specification into source code for detecting and handling contract violations
- The client changes the requirements during object design
 - The developer must change the contracts in which the classes are involved
- All these object design activities cause problems, because they need to be done manually.



Model Transformation

- Takes as input a model conforming to a meta model (for example the MOF metamodel) and produces as output another model conforming to the metamodel
- Model transformations are used in MDA (Model Driven Architecture).

Model Transformation Example





```
Refactoring : Pull Up Field
                             public class User {
                               private String email;
                             }
                             public class Player extends User {
public class Player {
                               //...
  private String email;
  //...
                             }
}
                             public class LeagueOwner extends
public class LeagueOwner {
                               User {
  private String eMail;
                               //...
 //...
                             }
}
                             public class Advertiser extends
public class Advertiser {
                               User {
  private String
                               //...
  email_address;
                             }.
 //...
}
```

Refactoring Example: Pull Up Constructor Body





Forward Engineering Example



More Forward Engineering Examples

- Model Transformations
 - Goal: Optimizing the object design model
 - ➡ Collapsing objects
 - Delaying expensive computations
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 - Goal: Implementing the object design model in a programming language
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Collapsing Objects

Object design model before transformation:



Turning an object into an attribute of another object is usually done, if the object does not have any interesting dynamic behavior (only get and set operations).

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Forward Engineering: Mapping a UML Model into Source Code

- **Goal**: We have a UML-Model with inheritance. We want to translate it into source code
- **Question**: Which mechanisms in the programming language can be used?
 - Let's focus on Java
- Java provides the following mechanisms:
 - Overwriting of methods (default in Java)
 - Final classes
 - Final methods
 - Abstract methods
 - Abstract classes
 - Interfaces.

Realizing Inheritance in Java

- Realisation of specialization and generalization
 - Definition of subclasses
 - Java keyword: extends
- Realisation of simple inheritance
 - Overwriting of methods is not allowed
 - Java keyword: final
- Realisation of implementation inheritance
 - Overwriting of methods
 - No keyword necessary:
 - Overwriting of methods is default in Java
- Realisation of specification inheritance
 - Specification of an interface
 - Java keywords: abstract, interface.

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Mapping Associations

- 1. Unidirectional one-to-one association
- 2. Bidirectional one-to-one association
- 3. Bidirectional one-to-many association
- 4. Bidirectional many-to-many association
- 5. Bidirectional qualified association.

Unidirectional one-to-one association



Bidirectional one-to-one association



Bidirectional one-to-many association



Bidirectional many-to-many association



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Implementing Contract Violations

- Many object-oriented languages do not have built-in support for contracts
- However, if they support exceptions, we can use their exception mechanisms for signaling and handling contract violations
- In Java we use the try-throw-catch mechanism
- Example:
 - Let us assume the acceptPlayer() operation of TournamentControl is invoked with a player who is already part of the Tournament
 - UML model
 - In this case acceptPlayer() in TournamentControl should throw an exception of type KnownPlayer
 - Java Source code.

 The first step in constructing an exception handler is to enclose the code that might throw an exception within a try block. In general, a try block looks like the following:



- Each catch block is an exception handler and handles the type of exception indicated by its argument.
 - The argument type, ExceptionType, declares the type of exception that the handler can handle and must be the name of a class that inherits from the **Throwable** class. The handler can refer to the exception with name.
- try {

...

code

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• The catch block contains code that is executed if and when the exception handler is invoked.

```
try {
   code
}
catch (ExceptionType name) {
...
}
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...
}
```

- The following are examples of exception handlers
- The first handler, in addition to printing a message, throws a user-defined exception: SampleException(e).

```
try {
```

 The **finally** block always executes when the try block exits. This ensures that the finally block is executed even if an unexpected exception occurs.







Implementing a Contract

Check each precondition:

- Before the beginning of the method with a test to check the precondition for that method
 - Raise an exception if the precondition evaluates to false

Check each postcondition:

- At the end of the method write a test to check the postcondition
 - Raise an exception if the postcondition evaluates to false. If more than one postcondition is not satisfied, raise an exception only for the first violation.

Check each invariant:

 Check invariants at the same time when checking preconditions and when checking postconditions

Deal with inheritance:

 Add the checking code for preconditions and postconditions also into methods that can be called from the class.

Summary

- Strategy for implementing associations:
 - Be as uniform as possible
 - Individual decision for each association
- Example of uniform implementation
 - 1-to-1 association:
 - Role names are treated like attributes in the classes and translate to references
 - 1-to-many association:
 - "Ordered many" : Translate to Vector
 - "Unordered many" : Translate to Set
 - Qualified association:
 - Translate to Hash table

Additional Slides





A complete implementation of the Tournament.addPlayer() contract

