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Design Patterns

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Introduction

**pattern** noun 1 a model, guide or set of instructions for making something • *a dress pattern*. 2 a decorative design, often consisting of repeated motifs, eg on wallpaper or fabric. 3 a piece, eg of fabric, as a sample. 4 any excellent example suitable for imitation. 5 a coherent series of occurrences or set of features • *a pattern of events*. verb (*patterned, patterning*) (usually *pattern something on another thing*) to model it on another type, design, etc.

ETYMOLOGY: 14c as *patron*; French, from Latin *patronus* example or defender.

SOURCE - Chambers 21st Century Dictionary
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**design** verb (*designed, designing*) 1 to develop or prepare a plan, drawing or model of something before it is built or made. 2 *formal* to plan, intend or develop something for a particular purpose. noun 1 a plan, drawing or model showing how something is to be made. 2 the art or job of making such drawings, plans, etc. 3 the way in which something has been made. 4 a picture, pattern, arrangement of shapes, etc used eg as decoration. 5 a plan, purpose or intention. **designable** adj. **designedly** adverb intentionally; on purpose. **designing** adj, derog using cunning and deceit to achieve a purpose. **designingly** adverb. **by design** intentionally. **have designs on someone** or **something** to have plans to appropriate them or it.

ETYMOLOGY: 16c: from French *désigner*.

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design pattern
programming
A description of an object-oriented design technique which names, abstracts and identifies aspects of a design structure that are useful for creating an object-oriented design. The design pattern identifies classes and instances, their roles, collaborations and responsibilities. Each design pattern focuses on a particular object-oriented design problem or issue. It describes when it applies, whether it can be applied in the presence of other design constraints, and the consequences and trade-offs of its use.

"Design Patterns: Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software", Erich Gamma, Richard Helm, Ralph Johnson, and John Vlissides].
(1997-07-21)

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1970’s - **Christopher Alexander** (an architect) worked on « *Pattern Languages* » which were applied in many domains:

*a structured method of describing good design practices within a field of expertise.*

Using a pattern language permits non-experts in a field to successfully solve very large, complex design problems.

A single problem is documented with its typical place (the syntax), and use (the grammar) with the most common and recognized good solution seen in the real world, like the entries seen in dictionaries.

Such an entry is considered to be a single design pattern; and a rich set of patterns form a language.
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Early research:


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Breakthrough into mainstream: Gang of Four (GOF)

*Design Patterns: Abstraction and Reuse of Object-Oriented Design*, Erich Gamma, Richard Helm, Ralph Johnson and John Vlissides, 1993
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Further reading:

• *Design Patterns for Object-Oriented Software Development*, Pree and Sikora, 1997

• *The origins of pattern theory: the future of the theory, and the generation of a living world*, C. Alexander, 1999


• *What Is Web 2.0: Design Patterns and Business Models for the Next Generation of Software*, O'Reilly, 2007
Definitions

Alexander:

As an element in the world, each pattern is a relationship between a certain context, a certain system of forces which occurs repeatedly in that context, and a certain spatial configuration which allows these forces to resolve themselves.

As an element of language, a pattern is an instruction, which shows how this spatial configuration can be used, over and over again, to resolve the given system of forces, wherever the context makes it relevant.

Each pattern describes a problem that 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.
Definitions

Erich Gamma (GoF):

Patterns provide you with tools that help you with design problems. They do so not by giving a pat solution but by explaining trade-offs. Even though patterns are abstracted from concrete uses, they also provide you valuable implementation hints. From my perspective it is the fact that patterns are implementable that makes them so valuable.

Patterns are distilled from the experiences of experts. They enable you to repeat a successful design done by someone else. However, since patterns enable many implementation variations you still have to keep the brain turned on.

Since patterns provide you with names for design building blocks they provide you with a vocabulary to describe and discuss a particular design.

I think patterns as a whole can help people learn object-oriented thinking: how you can leverage polymorphism, design for composition, delegation, balance responsibilities, and provide pluggable behavior.
Elements of Design Patterns

• Pattern Name

• Problem statement - context where it might be applied

• Solution - elements of the design, their relations, responsibilities, and collaborations (including a template of the solution)

• Consequences - Results and trade-offs
The **23 GoF patterns** are generally considered the foundation for all other patterns. They are categorized in three groups: *Creational*, *Structural*, and *Behavioral*.

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Design pattern composition: MVC example

Traditional version of MVC as a compound pattern
Design pattern composition: MVC example

Alternative version of MVC as a compound pattern
Learning by PBL

• The best way to learn about patterns is to look at examples.

• We shall do these in UML/Java, but any (OO) language can be used to model/implement/re-use a pattern.

• It is best if you discover patterns yourself, rather than being shown them – but this is not guaranteed to happen!

• You can also read about them. A good web site is: http://sourcemaking.com/design_patterns