Principles of Software Construction: Objects, Design, and Concurrency

Part 2: Designing (sub-) systems

Design for large-scale reuse: Libraries and frameworks

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Administrivia

- Homework 4b due Thursday
- Homework 4a feedback available
  - Can regain up to 75% of lost Homework 4a credit
    - Directly address TA comments when you turn in Homework 4c
    - Turn in revised design documents + scans of our feedback + description of what you changed (process details TBD)
- Next required reading due Tuesday after spring break
  - Effective Java, Items 51, 60, 62, and 64

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Key concepts from last Thursday

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- Java Collections
  - Design patterns to achieve various design goals
    - Iterator to abstract internal structure
    - Decorator to alter behavior at runtime
    - Template method and factory method to support customization
    - Adapter to convert between implementations
    - Strategy pattern for sorting
    - Marker interface to refine a specification
  - For widespread use:
    - Design for extensibility, reuse
    - Design for change
    - Prelude to API design

Convenience Implementations

- `Arrays.asList(Object[] a)`
  - Allows array to be "viewed" as List
  - Adapter to Collection-based APIs
- …

The adapter pattern

- Problem: You have a client that expects one API for a service provider, and a service provider with a different API
- Solution: Write a class that implements the expected API, converting calls to the service provider's actual API
- Consequences:
  - Easy interoperability of unrelated clients and libraries
    - Client can use unforeseen future libraries
  - Adapter class is coupled to concrete service provider, can make it harder to override service provider behavior

The adapter pattern, illustrated

Have this

and this?

Use this!

Key concepts from last Thursday

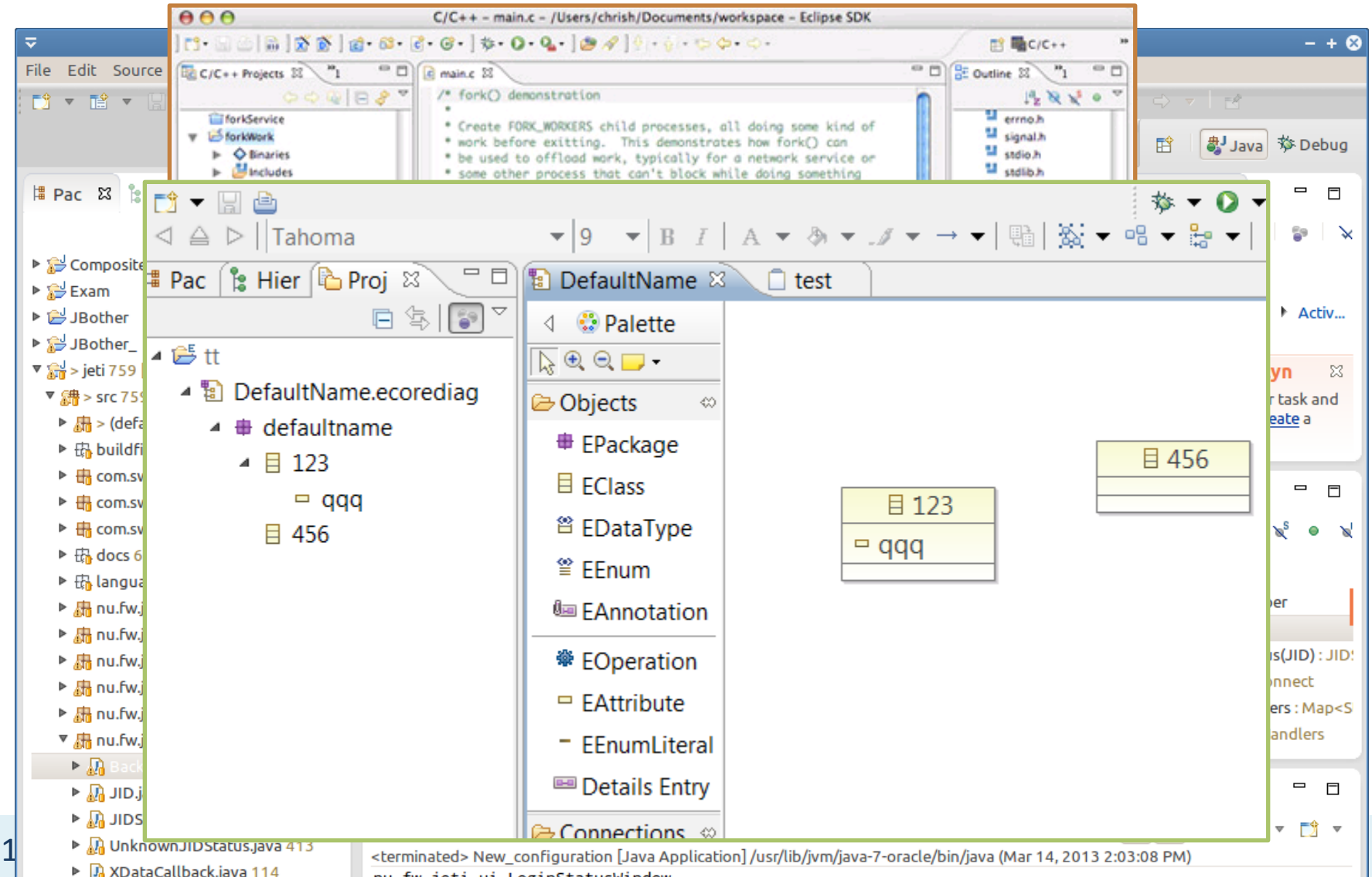
- **It takes a lot of work to make something that appears obvious**
  - Coherent, unified vision
  - Willingness to listen to others
  - Flexibility to accept change
  - Tenacity to resist change
  - Good documentation!
- **It's worth the effort!**
  - A solid foundation can last two+ decades

Learning goals for today

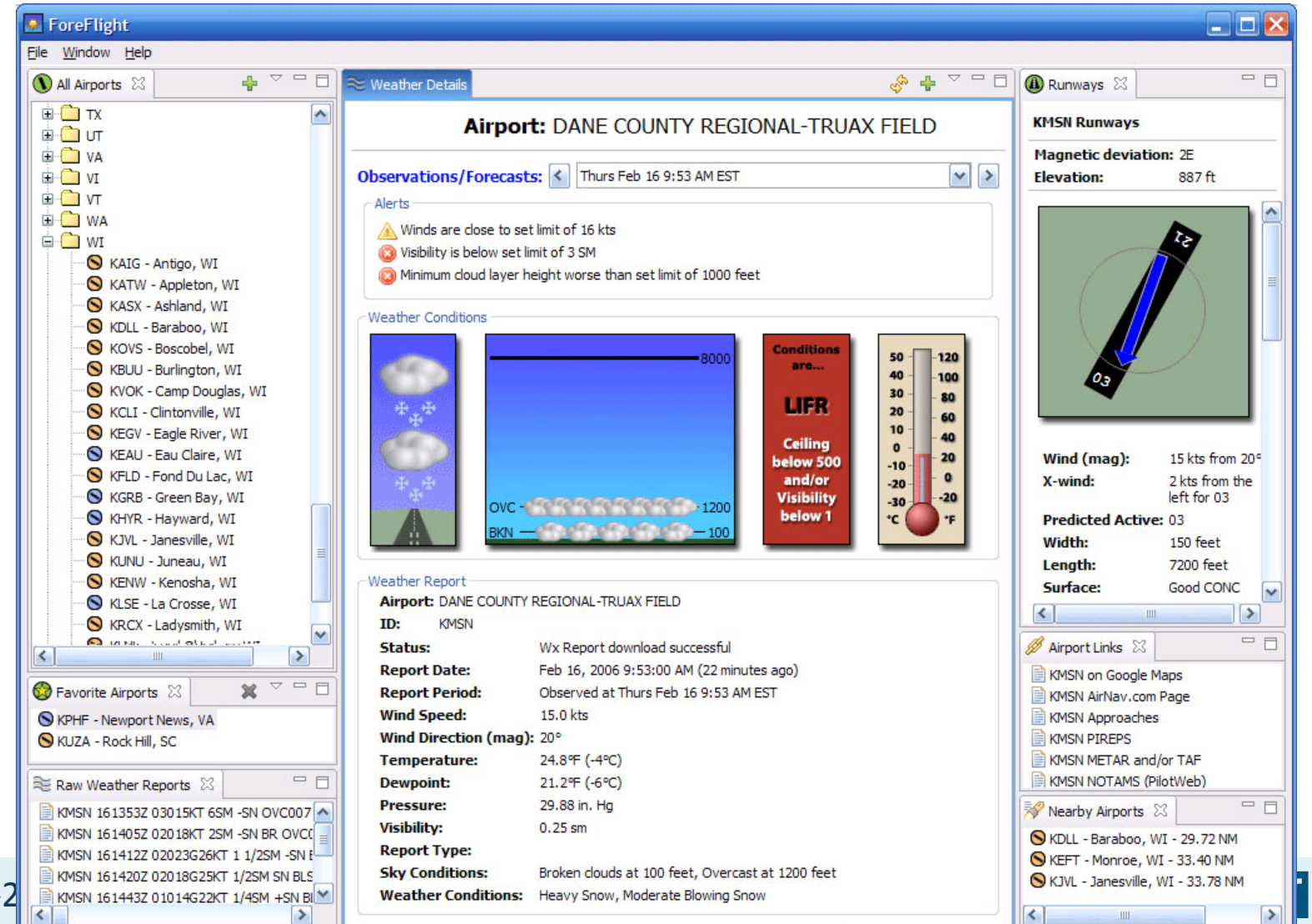
- Describe example well-known example frameworks
- Know key terminology related to frameworks
- Know common design patterns in different types of frameworks
- Discuss differences in design trade-offs for libraries vs. frameworks
- Analyze a problem domain to define commonalities and extension points (cold spots and hot spots)
- Analyze trade-offs in the use vs. reuse dilemma
- Know common framework implementation choices

Today: Libraries and frameworks for reuse

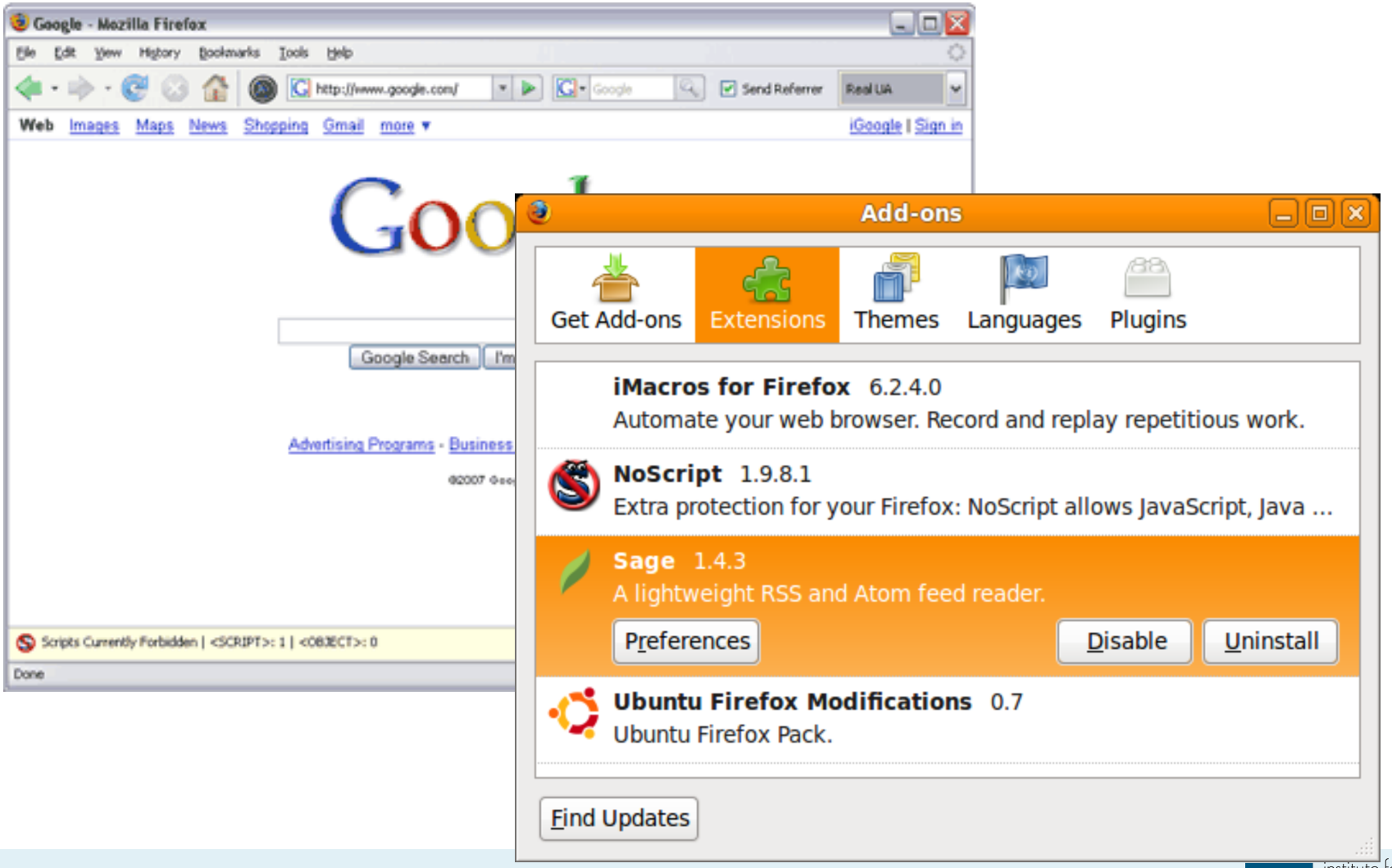
Reuse and variation:
Family of development tools



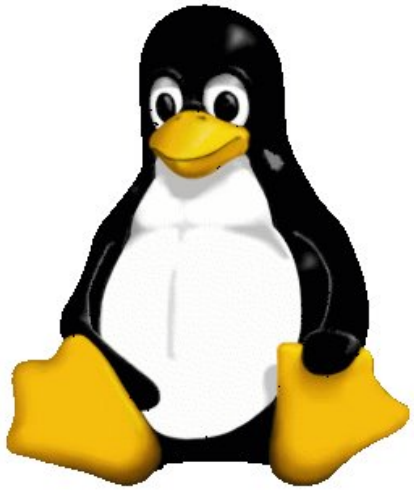
Reuse and variation:
Eclipse Rich Client Platform

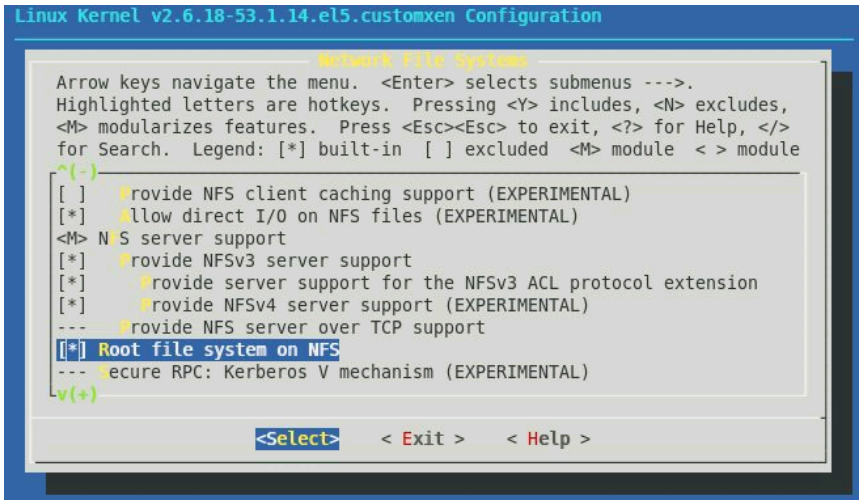


Reuse and variation: Web browser extensions



Reuse and variation: Flavors of Linux





Reuse and variation: Product lines

Earlier in this course: Class-level reuse

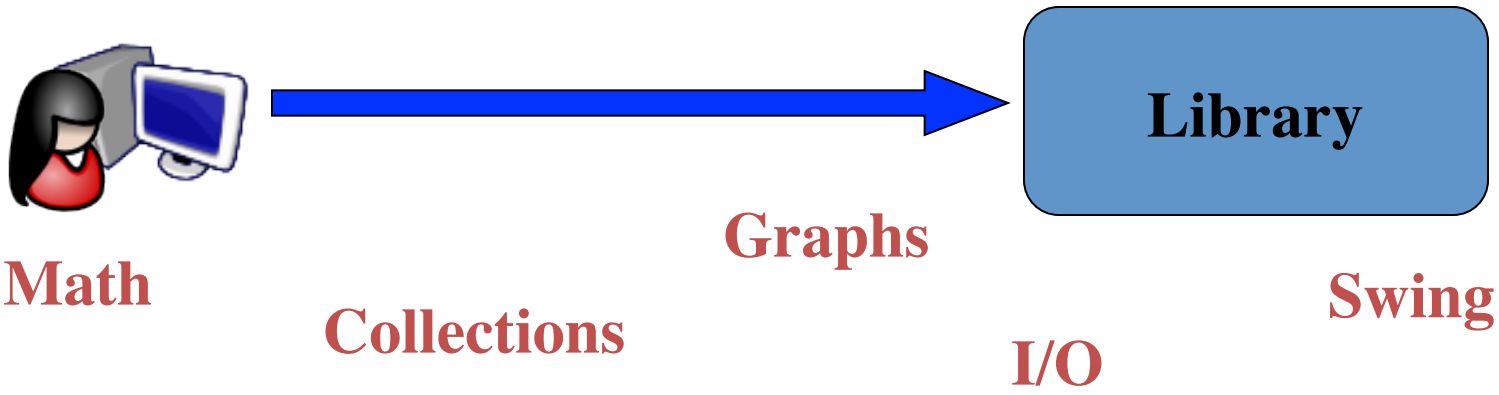
- Language mechanisms supporting reuse
  - Inheritance
  - Subtype polymorphism (dynamic dispatch)
  - Parametric polymorphism (generics)
- Design principles supporting reuse
  - Small interfaces
  - Information hiding
  - Low coupling
  - High cohesion
- Design patterns supporting reuse
  - Template method, decorator, strategy, composite, adapter, …

Today: Libraries and frameworks for reuse

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

Terminology: Libraries

- Library: A set of classes and methods that provide reusable functionality



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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your code

Framework

Eclipse **Firefox** **Swing**

Applet **Spring**

A calculator example (without a framework)


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  public Calc() {
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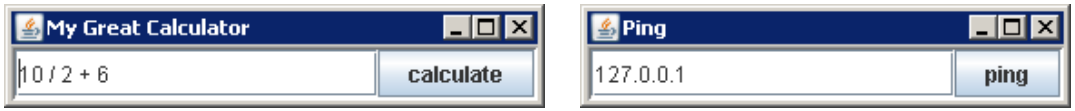
      contentPane.setBorder(new BevelBorder(BevelBorder.LOWERED));
      JButton button = new JButton();
      button.setText("calculate");
      contentPane.add(button, BorderLayout.EAST);
      textField = new JTextField("");
      textField.setText("10 / 2 + 6");
      textField.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(200, 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

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  protected String getButtonText() { return "calculate"; }
  protected String getInititalText() { 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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  protected String getButtonText() { return "ping"; }
  protected String getInititalText() { return "127.0.0.1"; }
  protected void buttonClicked() { ... }
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General distinction: Library vs. framework

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Library

user interacts

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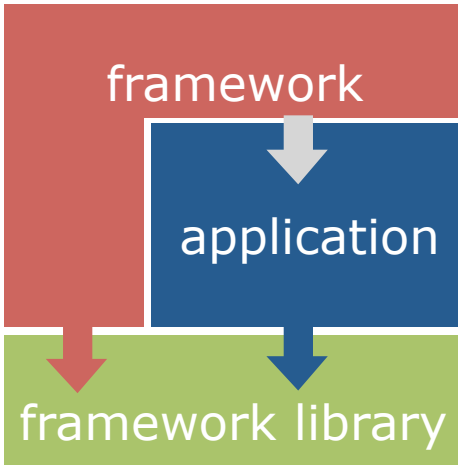
Framework

Libraries and frameworks in practice

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



credit: Erich Gamma

Framework or library?

- Eclipse
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Framework or library?

- Eclipse
- Java Collections
- The Java Logging Framework
- Java Cryptographic Extensions
- Wordpress
- Django

- On a piece of paper:
  1. Describe the software (<= one sentence)
  2. Describe one way the software is like a library.
  3. Describe one way the software is like a framework.

A Carcassonne framework?

More terms

- *API*: Application Programming Interface, the interface of a library or framework
- *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

WHITE-BOX VS BLACK-BOX FRAMEWORKS

Whitebox frameworks

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

Blackbox frameworks

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Is this a whitebox or blackbox framework?

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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 JPa
      contentPane.setBorder(new Be
      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.getInititalText());
      textField.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(200, 20));
      contentPane.add(textField, BorderLayout.WEST);
      if (plugin != null)
          button.addActionListener((e) -> { plugin.buttonClicked(); } );
      this.setContentPane(contentPane);
      ...
  }
  public String getInput() { return textField.getText(); }
}
```

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

An example blackbox framework

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  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 "
                + application.getInput() + " is "
                + calculate(application.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);
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public interface InputProvider {
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}
```

```
}
```

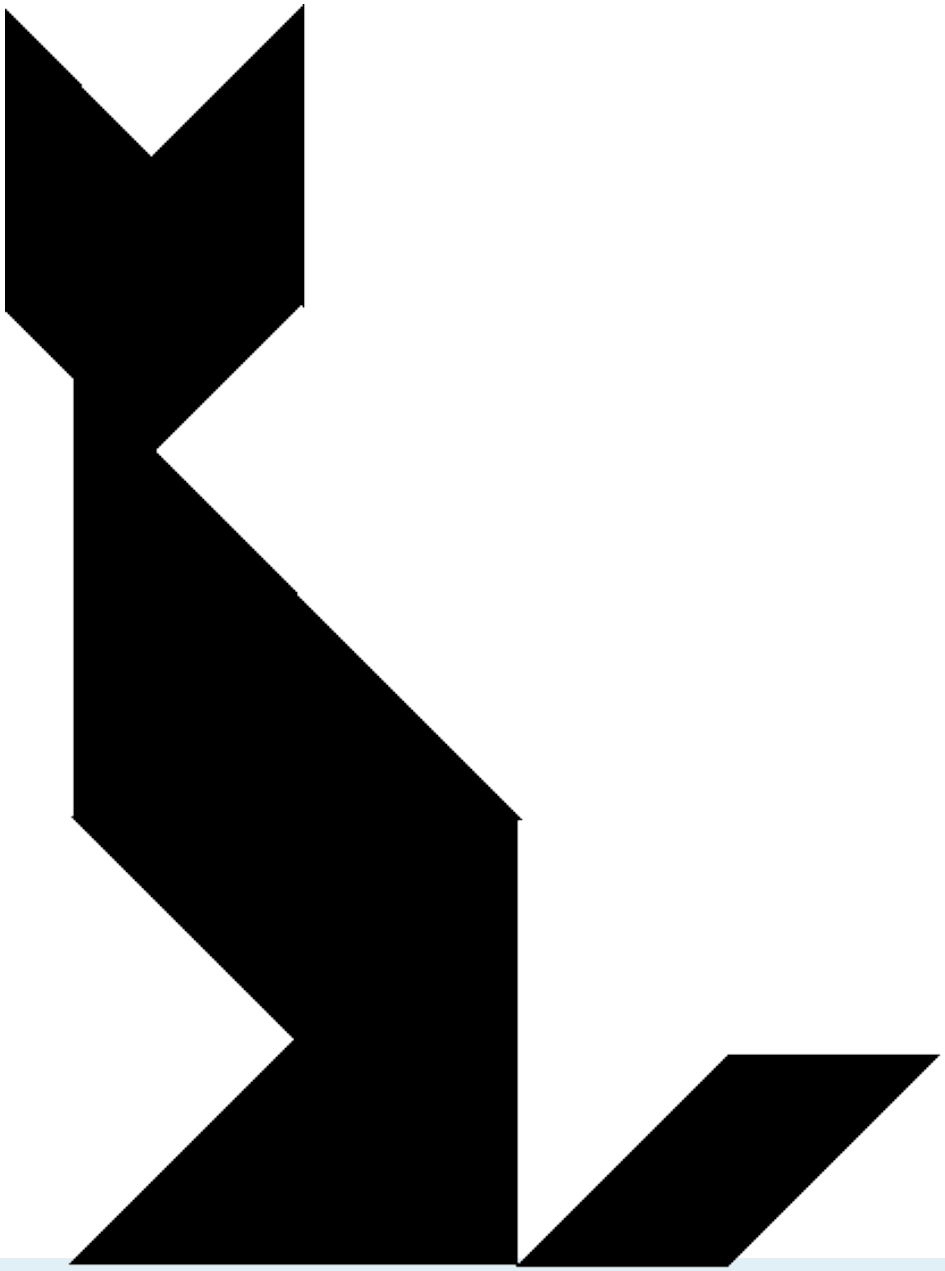
Whitebox vs. blackbox framework summary

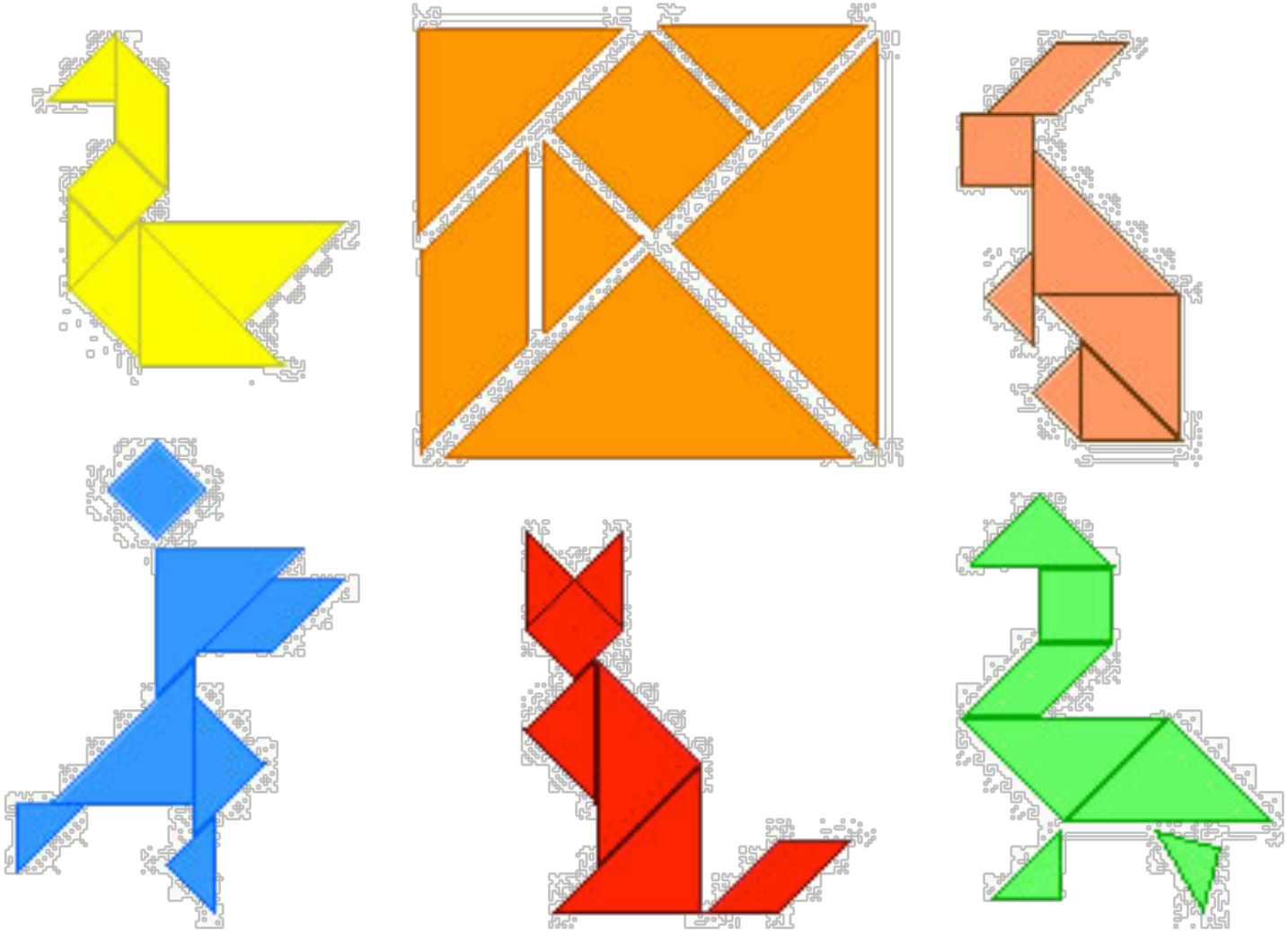
- Whitebox frameworks use subclassing
  - Allows extension of every nonprivate method
  - Need to understand implementation of superclass
  - Only one extension at a time
  - Compiled together
  - Often so-called developer frameworks
- Blackbox frameworks use composition
  - Allows extension of functionality exposed in interface
  - Only need to understand the interface
  - Multiple plugins
  - Often provides more modularity
  - Separate deployment possible (.jar, .dll, …)
  - 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
  - Too generic: Little reuse value

USE VS REUSE: DOMAIN ENGINEERING





(one modularization: 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

Not discussed here…

- Processes & policies for domain engineering
- Framework implementation details
  - Mechanics of running the framework
  - Mechanics of loading plugins

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