

Learning From Real Examples

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What You Will Learn

- Thinking about design
- Comparing design
- Techniques also applicable to code/design review



Studying a Sokoban Implementation



Looking at the Model

- Block
 - EmptyBlock
 - Wall
- GameModel
- GameState
- Maze
- MazeTemplate
- MoveResult
 - Move
 - Push
 - NoMove

We will come back later...



Views

AthensSokobanWindow GameView **AthensGameView** C **NiceView** C **PacmanView** Ĉ SimpleColorView C Ċ TranscriptGameView



Views are Decoupled from Model

Good decomposition View/UIs

- Support multiple views
- Logic of displaying is encapsulated in different objects



Let us Guess the Model

- Wall
- Floor
- Box
- Robot
- Target
- Board





Comparing Models

- Wall
- Floor
- Box
- Robot
- Target

Instead we got

- Block
 - EmptyBlock
 - Wall

Let us study that...





Checking API

Type checks and disguided type checks

- often violate the "Don't Ask, Tell" principle
- favor hardcoded conditional design

For example:

- isEmptyBlock
- isWall

Let us check the way this API is used



Too Many ifs....

```
GameView >> drawBlock: aBlock on: aCanvas
 (aBlock isWall) ifTrue: [self drawWall: aCanvas].
 (aBlock isEmptyBlock) ifTrue: [
   (aBlock hasPlayer) ifTrue: [
    (aBlock hasTarget) ifTrue: [ self drawTargetAndPlayer: aCanvas ].
    (aBlock hasTarget) ifFalse: [self drawPlayer: aCanvas]].
   (aBlock hasPlayer) ifFalse: [
    (aBlock hasBox) ifTrue: [
      (aBlock hasTarget) ifTrue: [ self drawTargetAndBox: aCanvas ].
     (aBlock hasTarget) ifFalse: [self drawBox: aCanvas]].
    (aBlock hasBox) ifFalse: [
       (aBlock hasTarget) if True: [self drawTarget: aCanvas].
       (aBlock hasTarget) ifFalse: [self drawEmptyBlock: aCanvas]].
```



Analysis....

- Changing a block is difficult
- Reuse logic (in another game) is impossible
- Logic is complex





- The model only defines
 - EmptyBlock and
 - Wall
- There is no Player, no Target, no Box abstraction
- Too much logic is put in EmptyBlock



A Better Model

- Block
 - Box
 - BoxOnTarget
 - EmptyBlock
 - Player
 - PlayerOnTarget
 - Wall



A Possible Solution

GameView >> drawBlock: aBlock on: aCanvas (aBlock isWall) ifTrue: [self drawWall: aCanvas]. (aBlock isEmptyBlock) ifTrue: [

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Becomes

AthensGameView >> drawBlock: aBlock on: aCanvas aBlock drawOn: aCanvas view: self

Wall >> drawOn: aCanvas view: aView aView drawWall: aCanvas

EmptyBlock >> drawOn: aCanvas view: aView aView drawEmptyBlock: aCanvas



A Possible Solution: Telling instead of Asking

AthensGameView >> drawBlock: aBlock on: aCanvas aBlock drawOn: aCanvas view: self

Tells the block that it should be drawn...

Wall >> drawOn: aCanvas view: aView aView drawWall: aCanvas

The wall tell the canvas that it should be drawn as a wall



A Possible Solution: Telling instead of Asking

Analysis

- The canvas has still the knowledge how to draw but does not ask the object about its kind.
- The canvas just tells a block to draw itself
- The current block tells the canvas to draw it accordingly

(see Lecture on double dispatch)



Back to the Model

What are:

- MoveResult
 - Move
 - Push
 - NoMove
- Kind of Command objects
- Good to support Undo



Studying the API

MoveResult >> isMove ^ false

MoveResult >> isPush ^ false

```
GameState >> moveBy: aDirection

| moveResult |

moveResult := maze moveBy: aDirection.

(moveResult isMove) ifTrue: [ moves := moves + 1 ].

(moveResult isPush) ifTrue: [

pushes := pushes + 1.

moves := moves + 1 ].

self addMoveResult: moveResult.
```

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Do not ask tell

GameState >> moveBy: aDirection | moveResult | moveResult := maze moveBy: aDirection. moveResult updateGameState: self. self addMoveResult: moveResult.

Move >> updateGameState: aGameState aGameState incrementMoves

Push >> updateGameState: aGameState super updateGameState: aGameState. aGameState increasePushes

NoMove >> updateGameState: aGameState self



Conclusion

- Messages act as a dispatcher
- Avoid conditional when possible
- Tell do not ask objects



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