

CPS122 - OBJECT-ORIENTED SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

Excerpts from an example of the Observer Pattern

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/** Display a GUI and allow user to change it. This is an abstract class -
 * concrete subclasses must specify conversion to/from celsius
 */
abstract class TemperatureDisplay extends Frame implements Observer
{
    private Label label;
    private TextField data;
    private Temperature temperature;

    /** Constructor
     * @param description descriptive label to show
     * @param temperature Temperature object whose value is to be shown
     */
    protected TemperatureDisplay(String description, Temperature temperature)
    {
        ...
        temperature.addObserver(this); // THIS DISPLAY WILL BE UPDATED WHENEVER
        ...                             // ANY DISPLAY CHANGES THE TEMPERATURE
    }

    /** Convert value in system used by this object to celsius
     * @param value value to convert
     * @return equivalent celsius value
     */
    protected abstract double toCelsius(double value);

    /** Convert a celsius value to system used by this object
     * @param celsius celsius value to convert
     * @return equivalent value in system used by this object
     */
    protected abstract double fromCelsius(double celsius);

    /** Method required by Observer interface - update display when model is
     * changed
     * @param o the Observable object that changed
     * @param arg the argument to the notifyObservers() method of object
     */
    public void update(Observable o, Object arg)
    {
        double newValue = ((Temperature) o).get(); // THIS METHOD IS CALLED
        data.setText("" + fromCelsius(newValue)); // WHENEVER THE TEMPERATURE
        // CALLS notifyObservers()
    }

    /** Change the temperature recorded by the model as a result of a change
     * made by the user to the value shown in this window.
     */
    private void changeTemperature()
    {
        try
        {
            double newValue = Double.valueOf(data.getText()).doubleValue();
            temperature.set(toCelsius(newValue));
        }
        catch(NumberFormatException exception)
        {
            data.setText("Malformed number");
            data.selectAll();
        }
    }
}
}
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/** Concrete implementation of TemperatureDisplay for Fahrenheit system
 */
class FahrenheitDisplay extends TemperatureDisplay
{
    public FahrenheitDisplay(Temperature temperature)
    {
        super("Fahrenheit", temperature);
    }

    protected double toCelsius(double value)
    {
        return (value - 32) * 5 / 9;
    }

    protected double fromCelsius(double celsius)
    {
        return 32 + 1.8 * celsius;
    }
}

/** Concrete implementation of TemperatureDisplay for Celsius system
 */
class CelsiusDisplay extends TemperatureDisplay
{
    ...
}

/** Concrete implementation of TemperatureDisplay for Kelvin system
 */
class KelvinDisplay extends TemperatureDisplay
{
    ...
}

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/** Store a temperature and make it available for access/update by GUI
 */
class Temperature extends Observable
{
    private double value;           // recorded internally in Celsius
    ...

    /** Accessor for temperature
     * @return temperature (in celsius)
     */
    public double get()
    {
        return value;
    }

    /** Mutator - set temperature to new value
     * @param celsius new temperature (in celsius)
     */
    public void set(double celsius)
    {
        value = celsius;
        setChanged();           // THESE CAUSE ALL OBSERVING DISPLAYS
        notifyObservers();      // TO BE UPDATED
    }
}

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