Visibility and Mapping Designs to Code Curt Clifton Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

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Exam 1 Results

Max: 96
Mean: 85.7
Min: 67.5

Number of Students in each Score Range



Visibility

Visibility

- An object B is visible to an object A if A can send a message to B
- Related to, but not the same as:
 - Scope
 - Access restrictions (*public*, *private*, etc.)
- What are four common ways that B can be visible to A?

Attribute Visibility

Object A has attribute visibility to object B if ...

- A has an attribute that stores B
- Quite permanent
- Most common

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Parameter Visibility

- Object A has parameter visibility to object B if
 B is passed in as an argument to a method of A
 Not permanent, disappears when method ends
- Second most common
- Methods often convert parameter visibility to attribute visibility

Local Visibility

Object A has local visibility to object B if ...

- B is referenced by a local variable in a method of A
- Not permanent, disappears when leaving variable's scope
- Third most common
- Methods often convert local visibility to attribute visibility

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Global Visibility

- Object A has global visibility to object B if ...
 B is stored in a global variable accessible from A
 Very permanent
- Least common (but highest coupling risk)



Cartoon of the Day



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From Design to Code

So Far...

Depending on the system, many of these steps might just be sketches!

- Created Domain Model from requirements and use cases
- Used System Sequence Diagrams to identify system operations
- Clarified system operations with Operation Contracts
- Assigned "doing" responsibilities with Interaction Diagrams (Communication and Sequence Diagrams)
- Assigned "knowing" responsibilities with Design Class
 Diagrams

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Next Up

Use design documents to start writing code

But the Design Isn't Done!

- More design will happen during coding
- The design documents (or sketches) provide a starting point
- More design (and probably more analysis) will be done in future iterations

Create Class Definitions from DCDs



Create Methods from Interaction Diagrams



Implementation of enterItem(ItemID id, int qty)



Collections



public class Sale {

private List<SalesLineItem> lineItems = new ArrayList<SalesLineItem>();

Guideline: If an object implements an interface, use the interface type for the variable.

What Order?

Typically, least coupled to most coupled. Why?

