



Fundamentals of multilayer architecture

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- In this topic we will look at the fundamentals of *multilayer* architecture.
- It is a basic architecture for the design of applications with important integration needs.

- We will not worry about obtaining good designs at the component level of each layer.
- This is dealt with by disciplines such as:
 - Human-computer interaction
 - Programming
 - Design patterns
 - Databases

- We will take care of quality from an *architectural* point of view.
- Architecture* is the fundamental organization of a system, expressed in its components, their relationships with each other, and in the environment and principles that guide its design and evolution.

- In particular, we will look at the multilayer architecture and its fundamental patterns.
 - The catalog contains 21 patterns
 - We will see a basic multilayer with 4 patterns
- Although these patterns are drawn from web engineering*, they are also applicable to non-web applications.

^{*}http://www.corej2eepatterns.com/index.htm

• According to Christopher Alexander, "a *pattern* describes a problem that occurs over and over again in our environment, as well as the solution to that problem in such a way that you can apply this solution a million times, without doing the same thing twice".

- Although Alexander was referring to patterns in cities and buildings, what he says is also valid for OO design patterns.
- We can say that the design patterns:
 - They are simple and elegant solutions to specific OO software design problems.
 - They represent solutions that have been developed and have evolved over time.

- Design patterns do not take into account issues such as:
 - Data structures
 - Domain-specific designs
- They are descriptions of classes and related objects that are particularized to solve a general design problem in a given context.

- Each design pattern identifies:
 - Participating classes and instances
 - Roles and collaborations of these classes and instances
 - The distribution of responsibilities

- Some pattern sources:
 - GRASP*, by Craig Larman
 - Gang of Four (GoF) patterns, by Eric Gamma et al.
 - Core J2EE patterns, by Alur et al.
 - Patterns of Enterprise Application Architecture, by Fowler et al.
 - SOA Design Patterns, by Thomas Erl

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Single-layer architecture Features

• The single-layer architecture does not divide the system into presentation, business and integration.

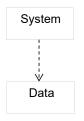
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Integración

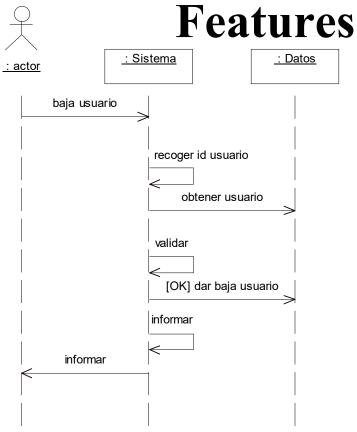
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Single-layer architecture Features



System classes

Single-layer architecture



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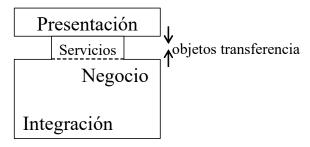
System behavior

Single-layer architecture Advantages and disadvantages

- Advantages
 - Conceptual simplicity
- Inconveniences
 - Neither the user interface, the business logic nor the data
 representation can be modified without affecting the other layers.
 - Factual complication

Two-layer architecture Features

- The two-layer architecture differentiates between the presentation layer and the rest of the system.
- Does not differentiate integration business



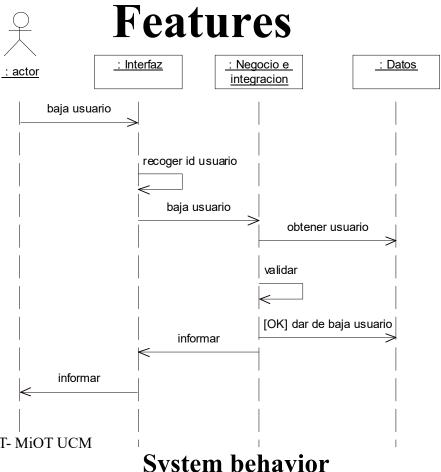
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Two-layer architecture Features



System classes

Two-layer architecture



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System behavior

Two-layer architecture Advantages and disadvantages

Advantages

- Allows changes to the user interface or to the rest of the system without mutual interference
- Factual simplicity

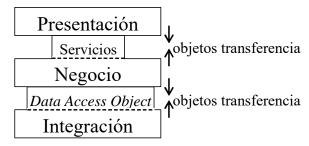
• Inconveniences

- More architectural complication than single-layer architecture
- Cannot change business logic or data representation without mutual interference

Two-layer architecture Related patterns

- Although not strictly necessary, it is often used:
 - MVC

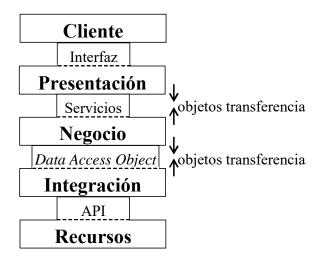
• The multilayer architecture considers a presentation layer, a business layer, and an integration layer.



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- The *presentation layer* encapsulates all the presentation logic required to serve clients accessing the system.
- The business layer provides the system services
- The *integration layer* is responsible for communication with external resources and systems.

- In reality, the architecture is *five-tiered*, as it includes the client and resource layers
- The *client layer* represents all the devices or clients of the system that access the system. It is above the presentation layer
- The *resource layer* contains the business data and external resources. It is under the integration layer

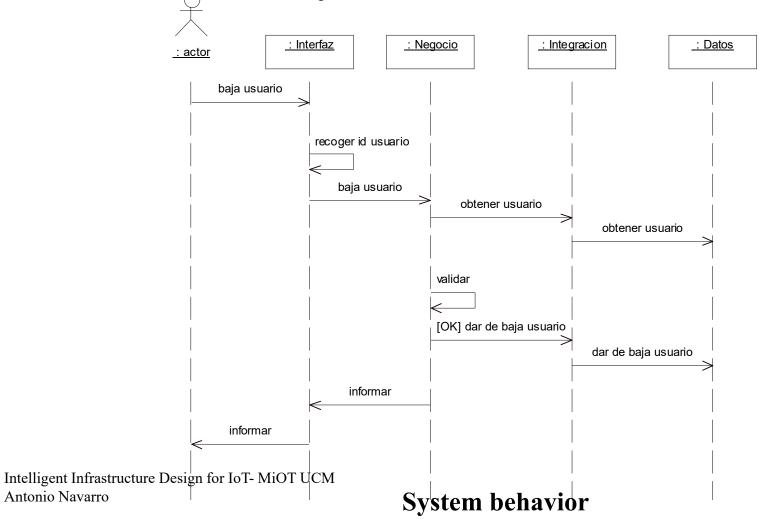


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System classes

Multilayer archit. Features



- Note that these are *logical* layers
- *Physical* layers are another matter
- Thus, the web presentation layer and the business logic could be on the same machine or on different machines.

- Advantages
 - Any layer can be modified without affecting the others.
 - Factual simplicity?
- Inconveniences
 - Increased architectural complexity

- Advantages:
 - Integration and reusability
 - Encapsulation
 - Distribution
 - Partitioning
 - Scalability
 - Improved performance
 - Improved reliability

- Manageability
- Increased consistency and flexibility
- Support for multiple customers
- Independent development
- Rapid development
- Packaging
- Configurability

- Disadvantages:
 - Possible loss of performance and scalability
 - Security risks
 - Component management

Multilayer architecture Related patterns

- Related patterns:
 - Presentation
 - Front controller
 - Application Controller
 - MVC
 - Business
 - Transfer
 - Application service

Multilayer architecture Related patterns

- Object of business
- Integration
 - Data Access Object (DAO)
 - Domain store

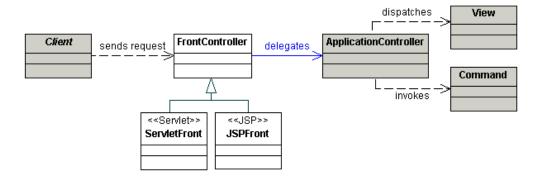
- Purpose
 - Provides an access point for handling requests from the presentation layer
- Also known as
 - Front controller

Motivation

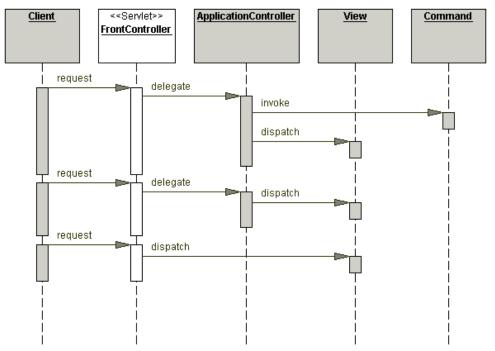
- Avoiding duplicate control logic is desired
- You want to apply a common logic to different requests
- You want to separate the processing logic of the system from the view
- It is desired to have centralized and controlled access points to the system.

- It must be applied when
 - You want to have an initial point of contact for handling requests, centralizing control logic and managing request handling activities.

• Structure



Structure of the front controller pattern



Interaction of related objects by the front controller

- Consequences
 - Advantages:
 - Centralizes control
 - Improved application management
 - Improved reuse
 - Improved separation of roles
 - Inconveniences
 - In large applications it can grow very large

• Example code

```
protected void processRequest(HttpServletRequest request,
HttpServletResponse response) throws ServletException,
java.io.IOException {
    String page;
    ApplicationResources resource =
ApplicationResources.getInstance();
    try {
        RequestContext requestContext =
        new RequestContext(request, response);
```

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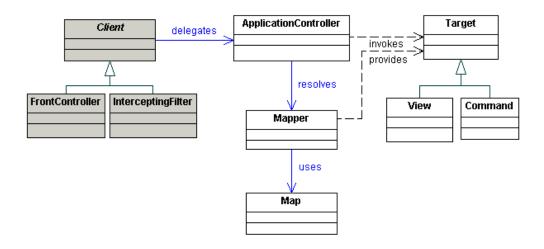
- Purpose
 - We want to centralize and modularize the management of actions and views.
- Also known as
 - Application controller

Motivation

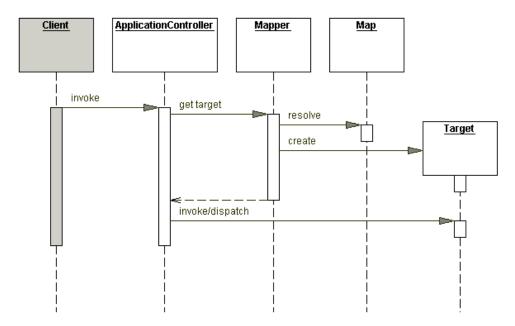
- You want to reuse the view and action management code.
- You want to improve the extensibility of request handling (e.g. add use cases to an application incrementally).
- Improved code modularity and maintainability is desired,
 facilitating application extension and testing of request handling
 code independently of the web container.

- It must be applied when
 - You want to centralize the retrieval and invocation of request processing components, such as commands and views.

• Structure:



Structure of the application controller pattern



Interaction between related objects by application controller

- Consequences
 - Advantages
 - Improved modularity
 - Improved reuse
 - Improved extensibility
 - Inconveniences
 - Increases the number of objects involved
 - In large applications it can grow very large

• Example code

```
interface ApplicationController
{
    ResponseContext handleRequest(RequestContext requestContext);
    void handleResponse(RequestContext requestContext,
ResponseContext responseContext);
}
```

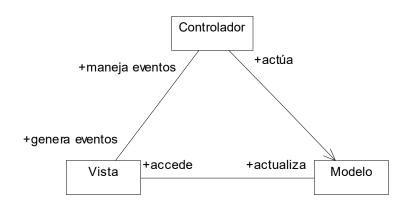
```
class WebApplicationController implements ApplicationController
{
    public ResponseContext handleRequest(RequestContext requestContext)
{
        ResponseContext responseContext = null;

try {
        String commandName = requestContext.getCommandName();
```

- In some frameworks the front and application controller are merged.
- Let's look at a more *classic* MVC
- The *Model View Controller MVC* pattern/architecture divides an interactive application into three components:
 - The *model* contains the basic functionality and data.
 - The *views* display/gather information to/from the user.
 - Controllers mediate between views and model

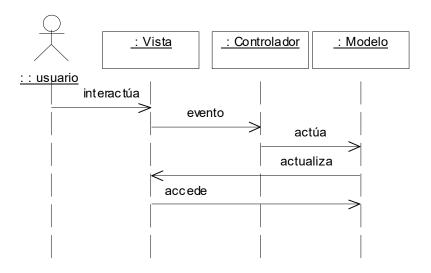
- The MVC pattern has two variants:
 - Active model
 - Passive model

• Participants in MVC. Active model:



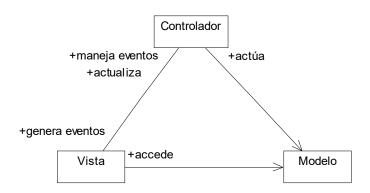
Participants in MVC. Active model

• Interaction in MVC. Active model:



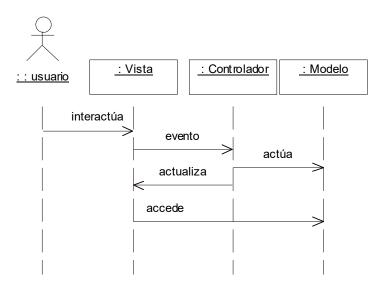
Interaction in MVC. Active model

• Participants in MVC. Passive model:



Participants in MVC. Passive model

• Interaction in MVC. Passive model:



Interaction in MVC. Passive model

- Advantages:
 - Model independent of output representation and input behavior
 - There can be multiple views for the same model
 - Independent interface/logic changes
- Disadvantages:
 - Complexity

```
class Controller implements ActionListener{
.....
    public void actionPerformed (ActionEvent e)
    {
        model.sum();
    }
}
```

```
class Model {
  int value;
  IVista vista;
    .....
  void sum()
      { value++;
            view.update(this); }
  int getValue()
      { return value; }
}
```

```
public interface IVista {
   void update(Object updated);
}
```

```
class Vista extends JFrame implements IVista {
    .....

public void update (Object o) {
    Model model= (Model) or;
    Integer i= new Integer(model.getValue());
    value.setText(i.toString()); }
......
}
```

- In the previous example:
 - The view that sends events to the controller is the same view that receives model/controller updates.
 - Match the interface event handler and the business event handler
- In general, this is unreasonable (e.g. web applications).

- Regarding the number of controllers, there may be:
 - One per event
 - One per functionality/stimulus set
 - One per application

• Example code*

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```
public class GUIAltaUser extends JFrame {
..............

   public GUIAltaUser()
   { setTitle("User registration");
     JPanel panel= new JPanel();
     JLabel lName= new JLabel("Name:");
     final JTextField tName= new JTextField(20);
     JLabel lEMail= new JLabel("e-mail:");
     final JTextField tName= new JTextField(20);
     final JTextField tEMail= new JTextField(20);
     JButton accept= new JButton("Accept");
     JButton cancel= new JButton("Cancel");
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```

```
panel.add(lName);
panel.add(tName);
panel.add(lEMail);
panel.add(tEmail);
panel.add(accept);
panel.add(cancel);
getContentPane().add(panel);
```

```
accept.addActionListener(new ActionListener()
    { public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e)
        { setVisible(false);
            String name= tName.getText();
            String eMail= tEMail.getText();
            TUsuario tU= new TUsuario(nombre , eMail);
            Controller.getInstance().
            action(Events.ALTA_USER, tU);
      }
}
```

```
public class Controller {
    ........
    //this is a controller access option
    //a services and GUI
    //there may be more advanced ones
    private SAUsUser saUser;
    private IGUI gui;
```

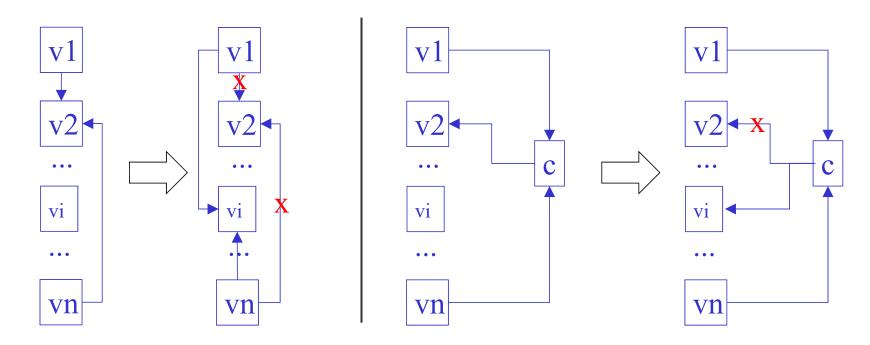
```
public interface IGUI {
   // we do not use java.util.Observer
   //because it forces the data to be observable
  void update(int event, Object data);
}
```

public class GUIBiblioteca extends JFrame implements IGUI {

```
private static GUIBiblioteca guiLibrary guiLibrary;
private IGUIUser guiUser;
private IGUIPublication guiPublication;
private IGUIPrestamo guiPrestamo;
private Controller controller;
```

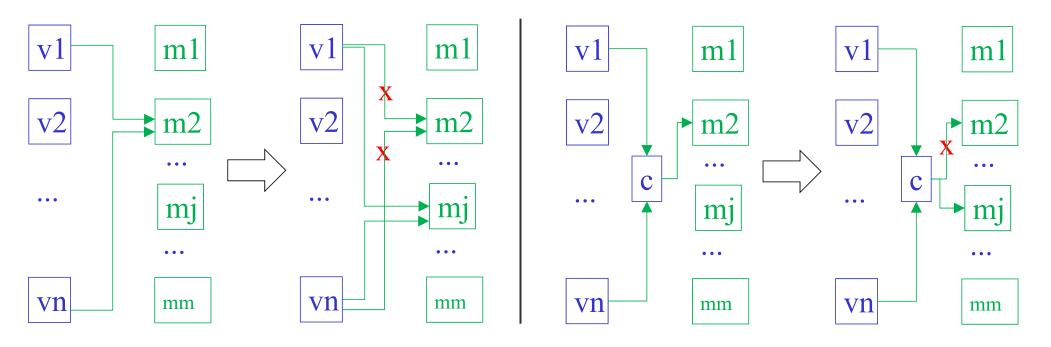
• Comments:

- The MVC pattern is a particular case of the *observer* pattern.
- Views in MVC can be nested. In this way a view would be a particular case of the *composite* pattern
- By centralizing the interaction between views, and between views and model, it is easier to change both view selection and model selection.



Changes without controller

Changes with controller



Changes without controller

Changes with controller

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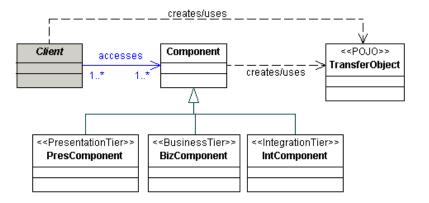
- Purpose
 - Independence of data exchange between layers
- Also known as
 - Transfer

Motivation

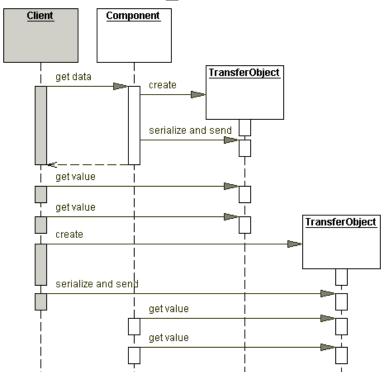
- If we want to make the layers independent, they cannot have knowledge of the representation of the entities of our system within each layer.
- For example, if we access relational databases, clients should be aware of the existence of *columns* in the data.

- It must be applied when
 - You do not want to know the internal representation of an entity within a layer.
- Note
 - As a communication mechanism between layers, they are serializable objects.

• Structure



Structure of the transfer pattern



Interaction between objects related by the transfer pattern

- Consequences
 - Advantages
 - Helps to make layers independent
 - Inconveniences
 - Significantly increases the number of objects in the system

• Example code

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```
public TUsuario implements Serializable {
  public int id;
  public String name;
  public String eMail;
  public boolean active;
  public TUsuario(String nombre, String eMail)
  { this.id=0; this.name= name;
     this.eMail= eMail; this.active= true; }
  public TUsuario(int id, String nombre, String
                     eMail, boolean active)
  { this.id= id; this.name= name;
     this.eMail= eMail; this.asset= asset; }
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```

```
public int getId()
{ return id; }

public String getName()
{ return name; }

public String getEMail()
{ return eMail; }

public boolean getActive()
{ return active; }
```

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• Purpose

- Allows you to access the data layer (resources, in general),
 providing object-oriented representations (e.g. transfer objects) to your clients.
- Also known as
 - Data access object
 - Data access object

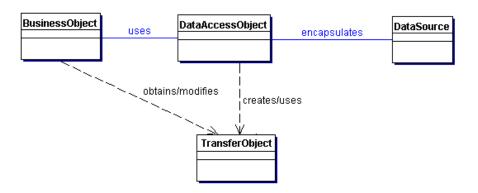
Motivation

- Information systems (and many programs) store user data
- This data usually has a structure, which is embodied in a representation system (e.g., relational, XML).

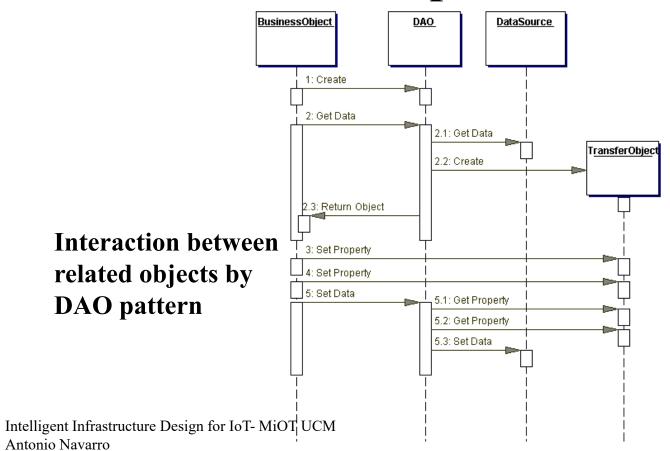
- Handling this data forces to:
 - Know the access mechanisms of the data management system (e.g., database, operating system, etc.).
 - Know the representation of data in the data management system (e.g., columns, elements, bytes, etc.).
- A business layer customer should be independent of these issues

- Thus, the data layer could be changed without affecting the business layer. Only the integration layer, which is lighter than the business layer, would have to be updated.
- It must be applied when
 - You want to make data representation and access independent of data processing.

• Structure



DAO pattern structure



- Consequences
 - Advantages:
 - It separates the processing of data from its access and structure.
 - Allows the business layer to be separated from the data layer.
 - Inconveniences
 - Increases the number of objects in the system

- Let's see a simple example of a DB connection from
- The code:
 - Connects to a database
 - Send a query
 - Process the result

```
Statement stmt = con.createStatement();
ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT a, b, c FROM Table1");
while (rs.next()) {
   int x = rs.getInt("a");
   String s = rs.getString("b");
   float f = rs.getFloat("c");
   }
} finally {
      if (stmt != null) pstmt.close();
      if (con != null) con.close();
   }
}
```

• Let's see another simple example, extracted from the same site, which makes an *update*

```
import java.sql.*;
public class UpdateCar {
    public static void UpdateCarNum(int carNo, int empNo)throws
SQLException {
```

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• Example code

```
public interface DAOUsuario {
   public int create(TUser tUser);
   public TUser read(int id);
   public Collection<TUser> readAll();
   public TUser readByName(String name);
   public int update(TUser tUser);
   public int delete (int id);
}
```

```
public class DAOUsuarioImp implements DAOUsuario {
.....

public int create(TUser tUser)
{
   int id= -1;
   //connection to the database
   PreparedStatement ps;

   ps = connection.prepareStatement("INSERT INTO user (name, eMail, active) VALUES (?,?,?,?)", Statement.RETURN_GENERATED_KEYS);
   ps.setString(1, tUser.getName());
   ps.setString(2, tUser.getEMail());
   ps.setBoolean(3, tUser.getActive());
   ps.execute();
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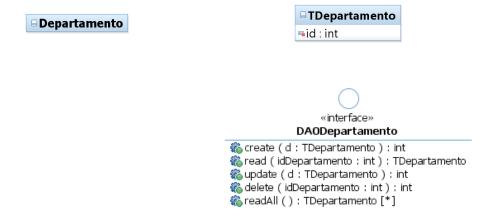
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- Although it is obvious in these slides, it is essential that DAOs capture and trigger the corresponding exceptions when accessing external resources.
- Thus, the business layer will know what has happened if there has been some kind of access failure.

NOTE

– Although, in general, DAOs should only have the CRUD operations (Create, Read, Update and Delete), it is possible that in a multi-tier architecture without business objects, we may need to enrich the DAOs to facilitate the management of the 1..n and m..n relations.

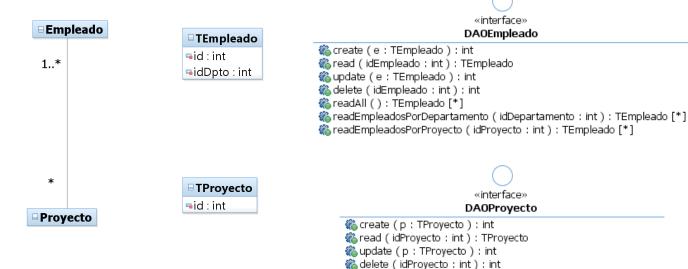
- For a class:



– For a class, N end of a relation 1..N



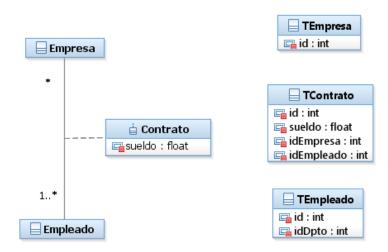
- For two extreme classes of a relation M..N



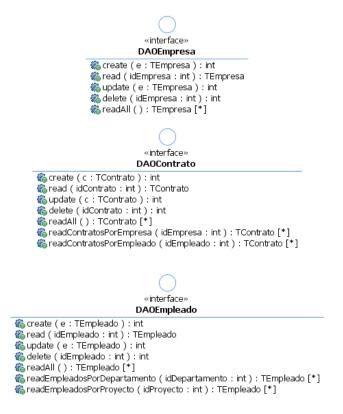
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readProyectosPorEmpleado (idEmpleado : int) : TProyecto [*]

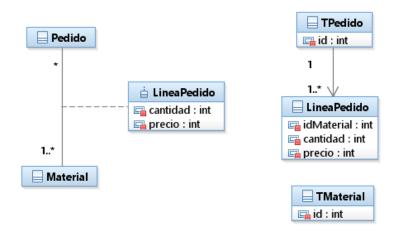
– In the case of an association class, it is like two relations 1..N:

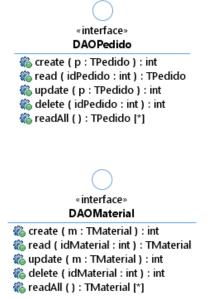


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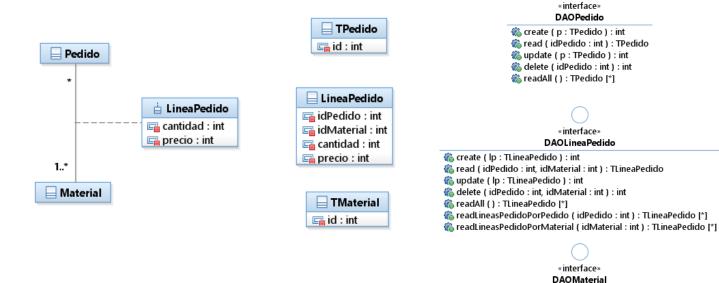
 Unless we think that the intermediate class does not have sufficient entity (i.e. does not have its own ID)





• In the latter case, if the order lines, despite not being accessed outside the order transfer, are updated frequently (e.g. due to changes in orders), it might be appropriate to give them DAO, but not application service.

– In any case, this option seems *cleaner*



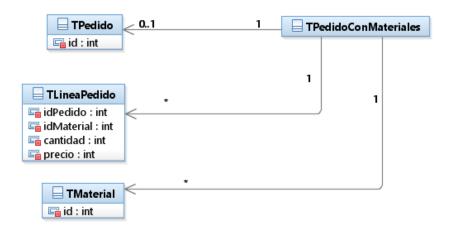
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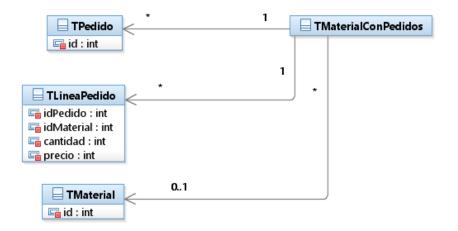
🖚 update (m : TMaterial) : int 🖚 delete (idMaterial : int) : int

readAll (): TMaterial [*]

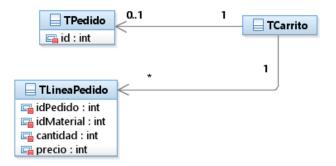
• This option together with a TOA (e.g. an HS operation) would allow to read an order with its materials.



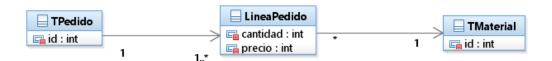
• Or a material with the orders in which it appears



• Or even a trolley



- Martin Fowler is more pragmatic and would return a network of transfers created on demand from the union of use cases.
 - This option however, generates networks of *pruned* objects in order to solve both the cycling and loading problem of all referenced elements.



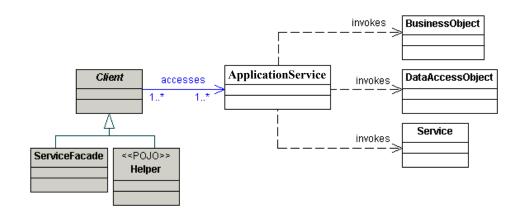
- Purpose
 - Centralizes business logic.
- Also known as:
 - Application service

Motivation

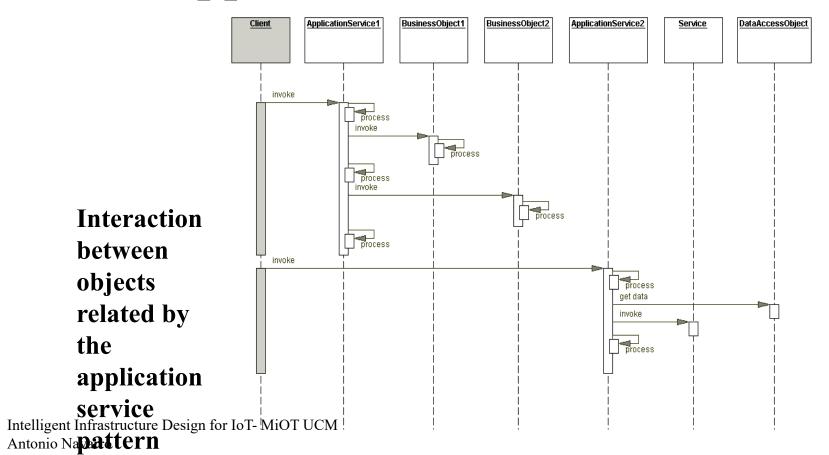
- In a multi-tier architecture, the business logic must be somewhere.
- Putting it in the controller would couple presentation and business
- Putting it in the DAO would couple business and integration
- That is why we include it in the application services.

- It must be applied when
 - You want to represent a business logic that acts on different business services or *objects*
 - You want to group related functionalities
 - You want to encapsulate logic that is not represented by business objects.

• Structure



Structure of the application service pattern



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- Consequences
 - Advantages
 - Centralizes business logic
 - Improved code reusability
 - Avoids code duplication
 - Simplifies the implementation of facades
 - Inconveniences
 - Introduces one more level of indirection

• Example code:

```
public interface SAUser {
  public int create(TUser tUser);
  public TUser read(int id);
  public Collection<TUser> readAll();
  public int update(TUser tUser);
  public int delete (int id);
}
```

```
public class SAUsuarioImp implements SAUsuario {
   public int create(TUser tUser)
   { int id= -1;
      DAOUsuario daoUsuario;
      if (tUser!=null)
      { //access to DAO implementation
           tUser read=
                daoUser.readByName(tUser.getName());
      if (read==null) id= daoUser.create(tUser);
      }
      return id;
   }
}
```

Note

- Although in the *Core J2EE Patterns* book example, application services collaborate with each other to obtain business objects (and by extension, data), this approach could complicate data consistency validations in a non-EJB multi-user environment.
- In any case, note that the application service invoked in the example (t136), does not seem to access persistent information.

• Note

- Application services do not usually have attributes to make them lighter in weight.
- So where are the objects that have business attributes and operations?
- These objects are the business objects

- Purpose
 - Represent business logic and domain model in object-oriented terms
- Also known as:
 - Business object

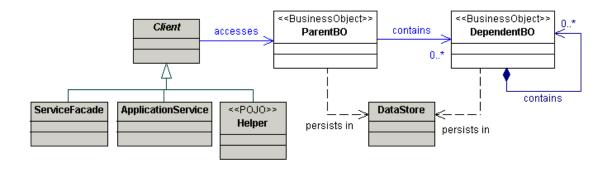
Motivation

- When there is little or no business logic, applications can allow clients to access the data layer directly.
- Thus, a business layer component (e.g., UserImpServices) could access a DAO directly.
- However, if there are a large number of computational processes associated with the data in the client, these processes should be encapsulated in an object representing a business object.

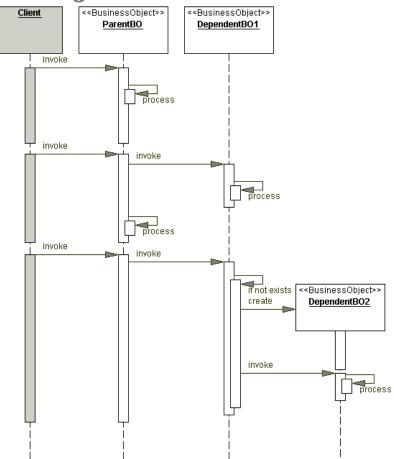
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- Should be applied when:
 - A conceptual model with advanced validation rules and business logic is available.
 - You want to separate the business logic from the rest of the application.
 - You want to centralize the business logic
 - You want to increase the reusability of the code

• Structure

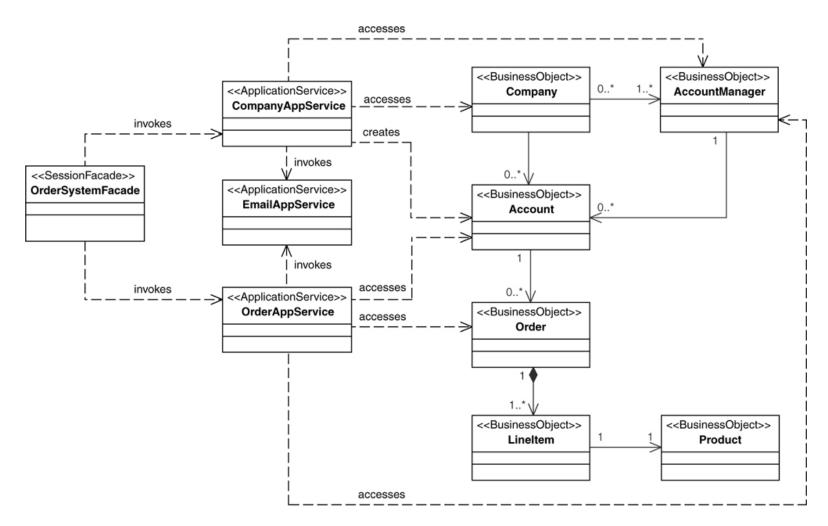


Structure of the business object pattern



Interaction between objects related by the business object pattern

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- Consequences
 - Advantages
 - Promotes an object-oriented approach in the implementation of the business model.
 - Centralizes business behavior, promoting reusability.
 - Avoid code duplication

- Inconveniences
 - Adds an indirection layer
 - Can produce "inflated" objects of functionality
 - Persistence of these business objects

• Example code

```
public class Employee {
    private int id;
    private String name;
    private long salary;
    private Department department;

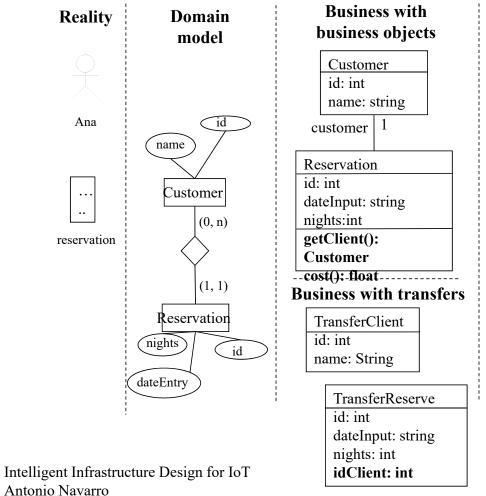
Department getDepartment()
    { return department; }
```

```
public class Department {
    private int id;
    private String name;
    private Collection<Employee> employees;

public int getId() {
    return id; }

public Collection<Employee> getEmployees() {
    return employees;}
```

Note



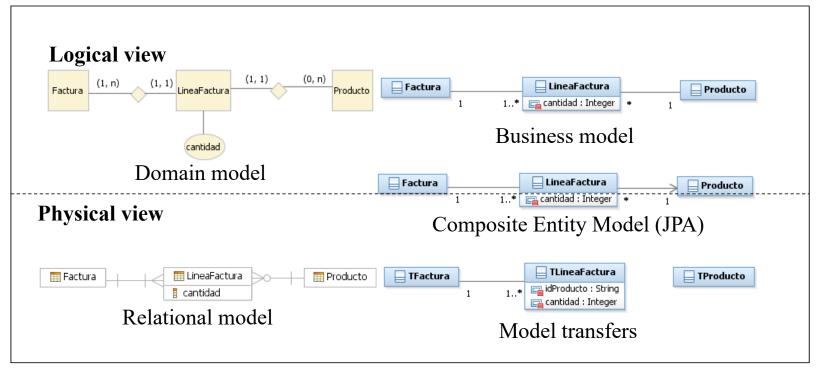
Resources

```
<!element customer (id, name, revCli)>
......
<!element reservation (id, name, cliRev)>
......
```

Relationships between reality, domain, business and resources

- There is a fairly direct equivalence between:
 - Domain and business model
 - Tables and transfers
 - The composite entities would be something like an intermediate view between the domain model and the model proposed by the transfers.

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Equivalences between different models

- Purpose
 - You want to separate the persistence from the object model.
- Also known as:
 - Domain store
 - Unit of work + Query object + Data mapper + Table data gateway
 + Dependent mapping + Domain model + Data transfer object +
 Identity map + Lazy load

Motivation

- Many systems have a complex object model that requires sophisticated persistence strategies.
- These strategies should be independent of the business objects, so that they are not coupled with a specific warehouse.

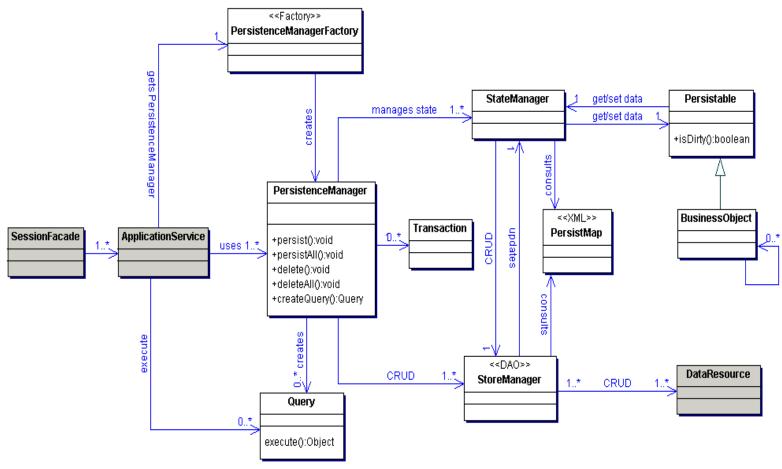
- Thus, four simultaneous problems must be solved:
 - Persistence
 - Dynamic load
 - Transaction management
 - Concurrence

Context

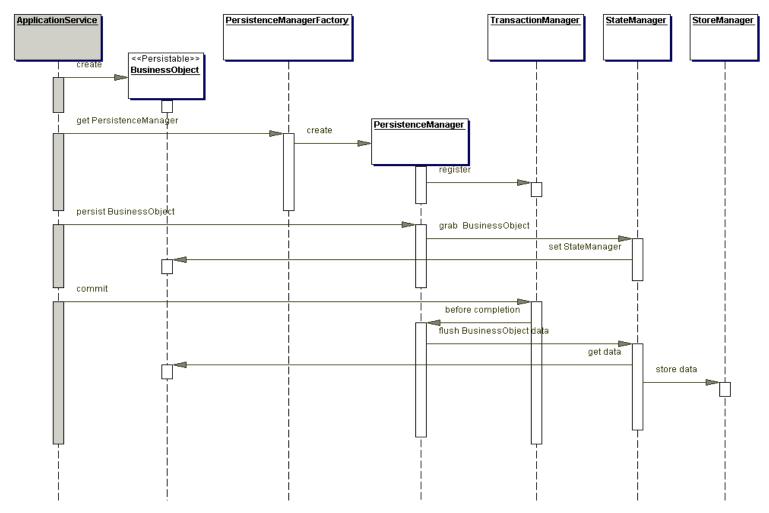
- You want to omit persistence details in the business objects.
- The application could run in a web container
- The object model uses inheritance and complex relationships

- Solution
 - Using a domain store to transparently persist an object model

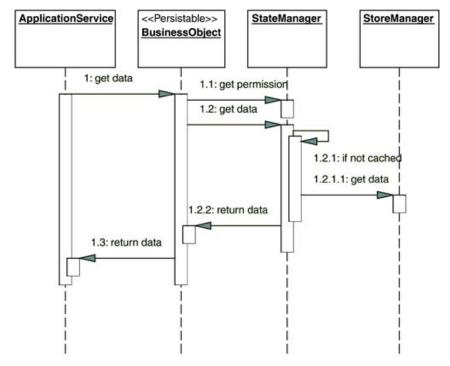
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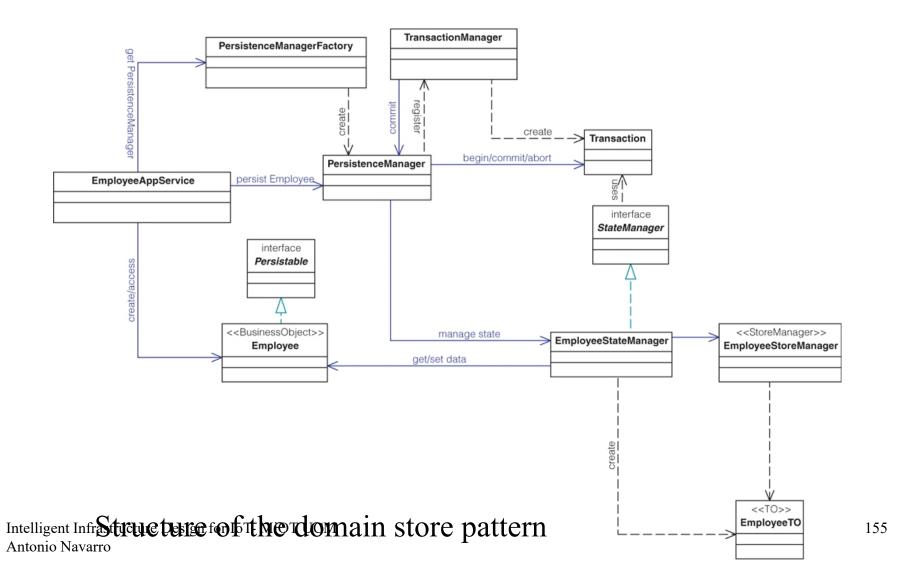
Structure of the domain store pattern

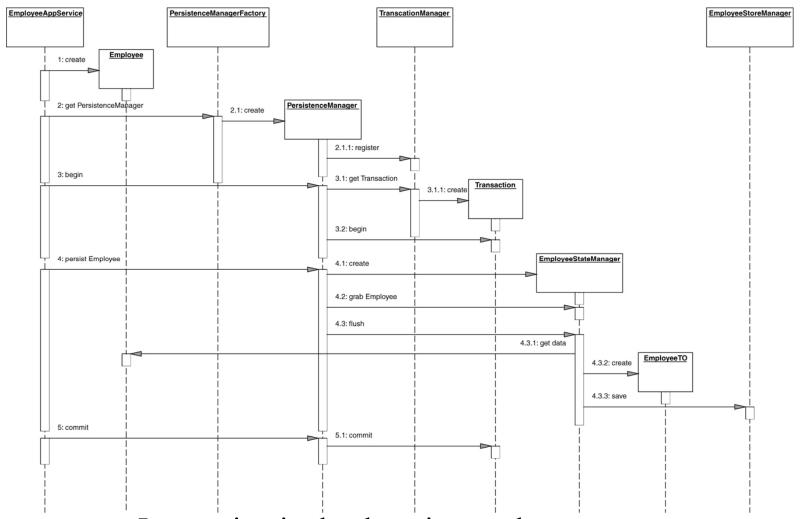


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Access to simple attributes of a business object





Interaction in the domain warehouse pattern

Note

- Double package structure:
 - Layers
 - Modules

	presentation	business	integration
users			
copies			
loans			
searches			

• Design subsystems/code packages: layer-driven, with replicated modules

- presentation
 - users
 - copies
 - loans
 - searches
- business
 - users
 - copies
 - loans
 - searches
- integration
 - users
 - copies
 - loans
 - searches

Conclusions

- This topic introduces the basic patterns of multilayer architecture.
- We have seen a VERY basic multilayer. Missing:
 - Business objects
 - Dynamic load
 - Concurrence
 - Transactional