

Lecture 9 / Tutorial 8 Software Contracts

Design by contracts
Programming by contracts

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Today...

1. Sign a contract
2. Design by contract
3. Programming by contract
4. Summary
5. Questions and Answers

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1. Sign a Contract

Having done one module, to swap with other team, you can sign a contract with other teams:

- *Name of Team A:*
- *Name of Team B:*
- *Team A is responsible for the module*
- *Team B is responsible for the module*
- *Terms on functionalities and qualities*
- *Terms on intellectual properties: license*
- *Terms on compensation for failures*
- *And so on ...*
- *Signature*

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2. Design by contracts

- Why design contracts? Verification and Validation
 - _____ checks whether the end-product meets the customer requirements
 - _____ check whether the product of current phase preserves the requirements of the product of the previous phase
- In object-oriented software construction, a design contract consists of such obligations
 - Pre-conditions and post-condition for a _____
 - Invariants for a _____
- Inheritance can extend the design contracts
 - precondition of A.foo() implies precondition of B.foo()
_____ extends _____
 - postcondition of C.bar() implies postcondition of D.bar()
_____ extends _____
 - invariant of E implies invariant of F
_____ extends _____

Reference

Bertrand Meyer. "Object-oriented software construction". Prentice Hall, 1997.

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3. Programming by contracts

How to guarantee the design contracts?

Today we show three techniques:

- Assertions
- Unit tests
- Class wrappers

3.1 Assertions

- Assertions are *debug* statements inserted into the normal statements to check on the conditions

```
float division(float a, float b) {
    assert(______);
    float c;
    // c = f(a, b)
    assert(______);
    return c;
}
class number {
    int n;
    // invariant: n>0
    void inc() { assert(______)... assert(______); }
    void dec() { assert(______)... assert(______); }
}
```

- Assertions can be _____ before the code is released

3.2 Unit tests

- One can guarantee the correctness through unit tests, for example:
 - `junit.framework.Assert.assertTrue("output matches input", nodiff);`
 - `junit.framework.Assert.assertEquals("output matches input", output, expected_output);`
 - `junit.framework.Assert.assertNotNull("output matches input", object);`
 - *And so on*

3.3 Class wrappers

- Having a class wrapper is more convenient
- Example

```
class Number {
    NumberImpl n;
    float division(float a, float b) {
        assert(b!=0);
        float c = n.division(a, b);
        assert(c*a == b);
        return c;
    }
}
```

- Question: The _____ design pattern is used in the above example
- Advantages over assertions and unit tests
 - Better than assertions: _____
 - Better than unit tests: _____
- Reference
- <http://www.ddj.com/documents/s=1640/ddj0503f/>

4. Summary

- What is “design by contracts”
- How to implement the contracts
- Think about how to enforce your customer contracts with your developer contracts?
- Questions and answers...

On Web Service Deployment

- What's more
 - We have a course forum
<http://seawolf.cdf.toronto.edu:9192/ece450>
- If you want to deploy the web service in the lab
 - We have a Tomcat/MySQL server in the Linux Lab of CDF
 - Production <http://werewolf.cdf.toronto.edu:9192/production>
 - Sand box: <http://werewolf.cdf.toronto.edu:9192/sandbox>
 - Put your binary files into
 - /u/yijun/.ece450/production
 - /u/yijun/.ece450/sandbox
 - Ask me to create a mysql database for you if necessary