

# Fourth "Killer Examples" for Design Patterns and

Previous workshops: OOPSLA '02, Seattle •

## Pedagogical Process of Teaching Design Patterns

Sample patterns:

Iterator

Strategy

...

1. Use it

1.1 Use an instance of Iterator to go through a collection.

2.1 Use an instance of Iterator to go through a collection.

...

2. Conceptualize it

1.2 General concept of an Iterator.

2.2 General concept of Strategy.

...

3. Build it

1.3 Create a class that implements the Iterator interface

2.3.a Create a class that implements Comparator.  
2.3.b Create a class hierarchy that implements Strategy.

...

4. Analyze/study high quality code

1.4 Separate Iterator to access private parts of a collection

2.4 GoF presentation of Strategy

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5. Design and construct Software using DPs

6. Evaluate software

Iterative Design Process

e.g.

Testing Mock-ups (Stubs)

A workshop to share ideas, specifically "killer examples", on how to teach

**Fundamental Object-Oriented (OO) principles and Design Patterns**

primarily in an objects-first CS1-CS2 sequence.

### INDUSTRIAL EXAMPLES

*Using Design Patterns to Help Test Your Classes and Functions*

*Message-Oriented Middleware Cache Pattern – A Pattern in a SOA Environment*

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Results from this year's workshop

Intra Pattern

Inter Patterns

# Objects First Workshop, OOPSLA '05, San Diego

OOPSLA '03, Anaheim • OOPSLA '04, Vancouver

## Killer Example

The Jargon File defines a "killer app" as an "application that actually makes a sustaining market for a promising but under-utilized technology."

In the same vein, we take a "killer example" to be one which provides clear and compelling motivation for some concept.

## TEACHING EXAMPLES

*Design Patterns  
in JDK Collections*

Christine Bouamalay

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*Killer Lab: Flow Simulation  
and Lead Poisoning Study*

James Heliotis & Carl Lutzer

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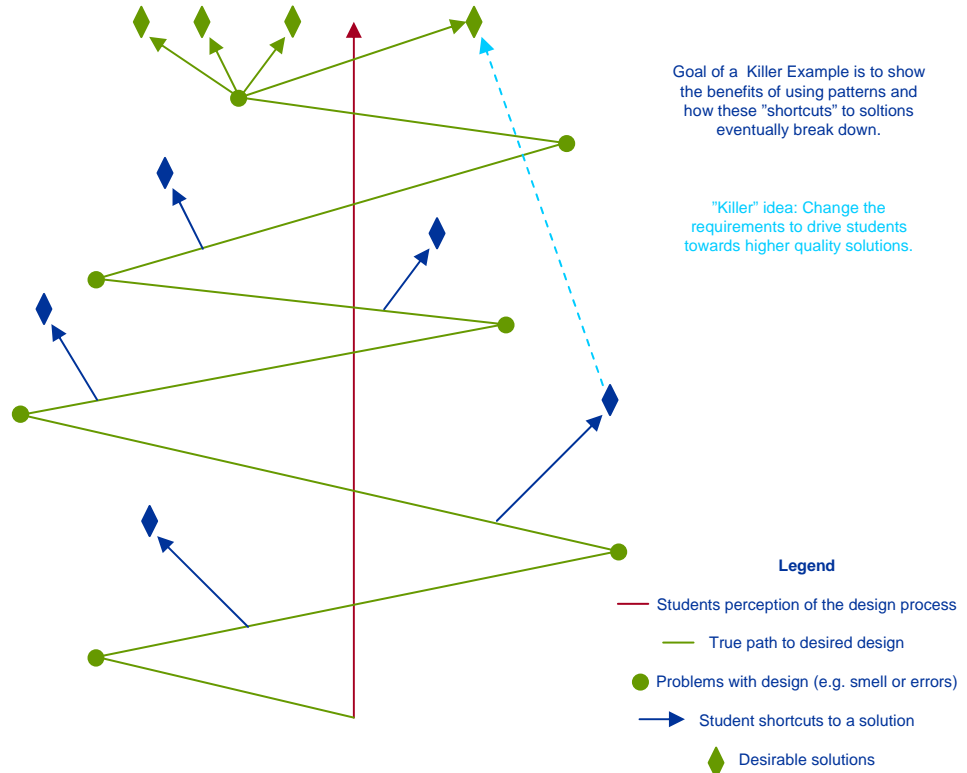
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## A View of the Design Process ...

Increasing Quality of Solution



Goal of a Killer Example is to show the benefits of using patterns and how these "shortcuts" to solutions eventually break down.

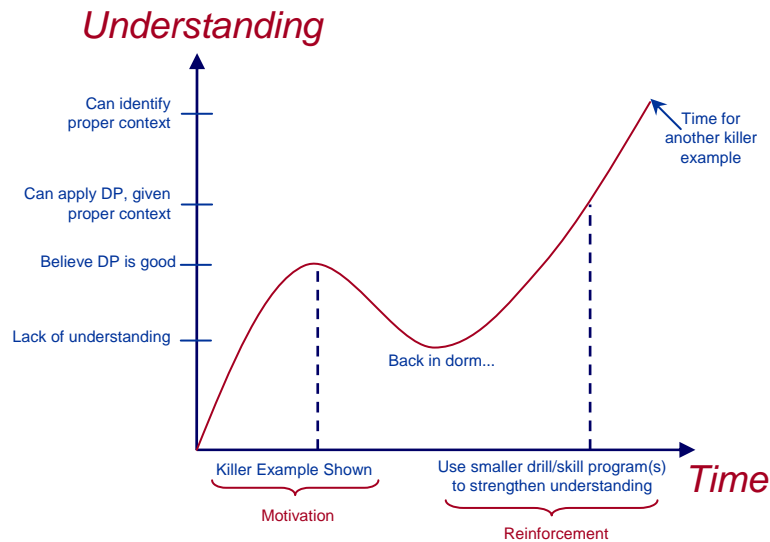
"Killer" idea: Change the requirements to drive students towards higher quality solutions.

### Legend

- Students perception of the design process
- True path to desired design
- Problems with design (e.g. smell or errors)
- ➔ Student shortcuts to a solution
- ◆ Desirable solutions

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## Caspersen's Curve



Killer Examples must be an integral component of a larger, cohesive OO curriculum.

They do not exist in a vacuum, but rather as part of a deliberate pedagogical progression that drives from motivation to comprehension.

## Killer



OOPSLA 2002 WORKSHOP

- Composition Framework—D. Skrien (Colby College)
- Configuration Puzzles—J. Heliotis and S. Marshall (RIT)
- Developing an Elevator Control System—C. Nevison (Colgate) and B. Wells (South Fork High School)
- Java Power Tools—R. Rasala, V. K. Proulx and J. Raab (Northeastern)
- Kaleidoscope—M. R. Wick (University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire)
- Properties of a "Killer Example" – S. Sendall (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology)



OOPSLA 2004 WORKSHOP

- Generic Data Access in Microsoft .NET—Joe Hummel (Lake Forest College)
- Applying the Extension Object Pattern to the Software Communication Architecture—D. Paniscotti and B. Trask (SDR Products)
- Presentation Application ("PowerPoint")—S. Stuurman (Open University, The Netherlands) and G. Florijn (SERC)

# Examples



OOPSLA 2003 WORKSHOP

A simple calculator for novice learning – J. Bergin (Pace University)

Interactive Program Guide – Asher Sterkin (NDS Technologies)

The Need for Killer Example for Object-Oriented Frameworks – M. E. Caspersen and H. B. Christensen  
(University of Aarhus)

Foundation for Object-Oriented Graphics – R. Rasala (Northeastern University)

## Motivation for Teaching Design Patterns

We want a systematic way to solve complex problems (need solutions that scale up).  
Design patterns support the building of correct, robust, flexible & extensible software in  
an efficient manner (time & \$).

Important underlying principles which allow us to reach our goals:

*Abstraction*

*Invariant/variant decoupling  
(commonality/variability analysis)*

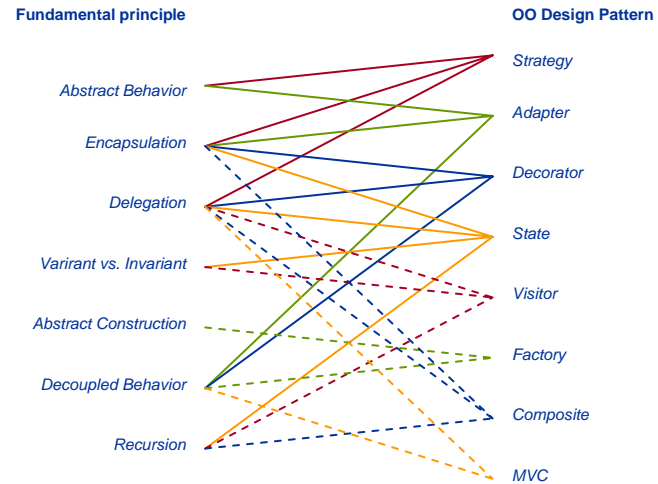
*Parameterization*

*Extreme encapsulation  
(high abstraction; program to invariant behavior; decoupling to manage complexity)*

The underlying principles are applied at different levels:  
method, class, pattern, and framework.

# Wong's Mapping

## Underlying Principles



DPs can be used to illustrate fundamental CS principles.

Each DP illustrates multiple principles.  
Each principle can be shown with several different DPs.

DP change and shape the way we look at problems.

Highlights from previous workshops