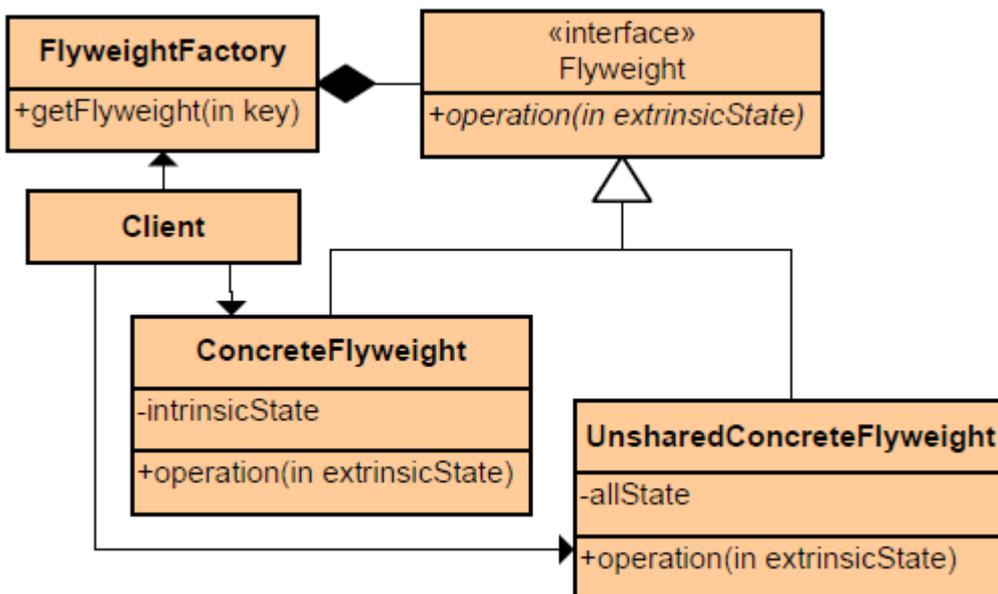


Flyweight

Structural Pattern

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[flyweight1.cpp](#)

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
#include <vector>
```

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#define NUMBER_OF_SAME_TYPE_CHARS 3;

/* Actual flyweight objects class (declaration) */
class FlyweightCharacter;

/*
   FlyweightCharacterAbstractBuilder is a class holding the properties
   which are shared by
   many objects. So instead of keeping these properties in those objects
   we keep them externally making
   objects flyweight. See more details in the comments of main
   function.
*/
class FlyweightCharacterAbstractBuilder {
    FlyweightCharacterAbstractBuilder() {}
    ~FlyweightCharacterAbstractBuilder() {}
public:
    static std::vector<float> fontSizes; // lets imagine that sizes be
    may of floating point type
    static std::vector<std::string> fontNames; // font name may be of
    variable length (lets take 6 bytes is average)

    static void setFontsAndNames();
    static FlyweightCharacter createFlyweightCharacter(unsigned short
    fontSizeIndex,
        unsigned short fontNameIndex,
        unsigned short positionInStream);
};

std::vector<float> FlyweightCharacterAbstractBuilder::fontSizes(3);
std::vector<std::string>
FlyweightCharacterAbstractBuilder::fontNames(3);
void FlyweightCharacterAbstractBuilder::setFontsAndNames() {
    fontSizes[0] = 1.0;
    fontSizes[1] = 1.5;
    fontSizes[2] = 2.0;

    fontNames[0] = "first_font";
    fontNames[1] = "second_font";
    fontNames[2] = "third_font";
}

class FlyweightCharacter {
    unsigned short fontSizeIndex; // index instead of actual font size
    unsigned short fontNameIndex; // index instead of font name

    unsigned positionInStream;

public:
```

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    FlyweightCharacter(unsigned short fontSizeIndex, unsigned short
fontNameIndex, unsigned short positionInStream):
        fontSizeIndex(fontSizeIndex), fontNameIndex(fontNameIndex),
positionInStream(positionInStream) {}
    void print() {
std::cout << "Font Size: " <<
FlyweightCharacterAbstractBuilder::fontSizes[fontSizeIndex]
        << ", font Name: " <<
FlyweightCharacterAbstractBuilder::fontNames[fontNameIndex]
        << ", character stream position: " << positionInStream <<
std::endl;
    }
    ~FlyweightCharacter() {}
};

```

```

FlyweightCharacter
FlyweightCharacterAbstractBuilder::createFlyweightCharacter(unsigned
short fontSizeIndex, unsigned short fontNameIndex, unsigned short
positionInStream) {
    FlyweightCharacter fc(fontSizeIndex, fontNameIndex,
positionInStream);

    return fc;
}

```

```

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    std::vector<FlyweightCharacter> chars;

    FlyweightCharacterAbstractBuilder::setFontNamesAndSizes();
    unsigned short limit = NUMBER_OF_SAME_TYPE_CHARS;

    for (unsigned short i = 0; i < limit; i++) {
        chars.push_back(FlyweightCharacterAbstractBuilder::createFlywei
ghtCharacter(0, 0, i));
        chars.push_back(FlyweightCharacterAbstractBuilder::createFlywei
ghtCharacter(1, 1, i + 1 * limit));
        chars.push_back(FlyweightCharacterAbstractBuilder::createFlywei
ghtCharacter(2, 2, i + 2 * limit));
    }
    /*

```

Each char stores links to its fontName and fontSize so what we get is:

each object instead of allocating 6 bytes (convention above) for string and 4 bytes for float allocates 2 bytes for fontNameIndex and fontSizeIndex.

That means for each char we save $6 + 4 - 2 - 2 = 6$ bytes.

Now imagine we have `NUMBER_OF_SAME_TYPE_CHARS = 1000` i.e. with

our code

we will have 3 groups of chars with 1000 chars in each group which will save us

$$3 * 1000 * 6 - (3 * 6 + 3 * 4) = 17970 \text{ saved bytes.}$$

$3 * 6 + 3 * 4$ is a number of bytes allocated by `FlyweightCharacterAbstractBuilder`.

So the idea of the pattern is to move properties shared by many objects to some

external container. The objects in that case don't store the data themselves they

store only links to the data which saves memory and make the objects lighter.

The data size of properties stored externally may be significant which will save REALLY

huge amount of memory and will make each object super light in comparison to it's counterpart.

That's where the name of the pattern comes from: flyweight (i.e. very light).

```
*/  
for (unsigned short i = 0; i < chars.size(); i++) {  
    chars[i].print();  
}  
  
std::cin.get(); return 0;  
}
```

flyweight2.cpp

```
#include <iostream>  
#include <string.h>  
  
using namespace std;  
  
class Icon  
{  
public:  
    Icon(char *fileName)  
    {  
        strcpy(_name, fileName);  
        if (!strcmp(fileName, "go"))  
        {  
            _width = 20;  
            _height = 20;  
        }  
        if (!strcmp(fileName, "stop"))  
        {
```

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        _width = 40;
        _height = 40;
    }
    if (!strcmp(fileName, "select"))
    {
        _width = 60;
        _height = 60;
    }
    if (!strcmp(fileName, "undo"))
    {
        _width = 30;
        _height = 30;
    }
}
const char *getName()
{
    return _name;
}
void draw(int x, int y)
{
    cout << "    drawing " << _name << ": upper left (" << x << ", "
<< y <<
        ") - lower right (" << x + _width << ", " << y + _height <<
        ")" <<
        endl;
}
private:
    char _name[20];
    int _width;
    int _height;
};

class FlyweightFactory
{
public:
    static Icon *getIcon(char *name)
    {
        for (int i = 0; i < _numIcons; i++)
            if (!strcmp(name, _icons[i]->getName()))
                return _icons[i];
        _icons[_numIcons] = new Icon(name);
        return _icons[_numIcons++];
    }
    static void reportTheIcons()
    {
        cout << "Active Flyweights: ";
        for (int i = 0; i < _numIcons; i++)
            cout << _icons[i]->getName() << " ";
        cout << endl;
    }
private:

```

```
enum
{
    MAX_ICONS = 5
};
static int _numIcons;
static Icon *_icons[MAX_ICONS];
};

int FlyweightFactory::_numIcons = 0;
Icon *FlyweightFactory::_icons[];

class DialogBox
{
public:
    DialogBox(int x, int y, int incr): _iconsOriginX(x),
    _iconsOriginY(y),
        _iconsXIncrement(incr){}
    virtual void draw() = 0;
protected:
    Icon *_icons[3];
    int _iconsOriginX;
    int _iconsOriginY;
    int _iconsXIncrement;
};

class FileSelection: public DialogBox
{
public:
    FileSelection(Icon *first, Icon *second, Icon *third):
    DialogBox(100, 100,
        100)
    {
        _icons[0] = first;
        _icons[1] = second;
        _icons[2] = third;
    }
    void draw()
    {
        cout << "drawing FileSelection:" << endl;
        for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
            _icons[i]->draw(_iconsOriginX + (i *_iconsXIncrement),
    _iconsOriginY);
    }
};

class CommitTransaction: public DialogBox
{
public:
    CommitTransaction(Icon *first, Icon *second, Icon *third):
    DialogBox(150,
```

```
    150, 150)
{
    _icons[0] = first;
    _icons[1] = second;
    _icons[2] = third;
}
void draw()
{
    cout << "drawing CommitTransaction:" << endl;
    for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
        _icons[i]->draw(_iconsOriginX + (i *_iconsXIncrement),
        _iconsOriginY);
}
};

int main()
{
    DialogBox *dialogs[2];
    dialogs[0] = new FileSelection(FlyweightFactory::getIcon("go"),
    FlyweightFactory::getIcon("stop"),
    FlyweightFactory::getIcon("select"));
    dialogs[1] = new
    CommitTransaction(FlyweightFactory::getIcon("select"),
    FlyweightFactory::getIcon("stop"),
    FlyweightFactory::getIcon("undo"));

    for (int i = 0; i < 2; i++)
        dialogs[i]->draw();

    FlyweightFactory::reportTheIcons();
}
```

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