

software studio

abstract data types

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review: why abstract types?

code organization

- › abstract types raise level of client code
- › extend repertoire of types beyond the built-ins

rep invariants

- › can ensure that invariants are maintained locally

plugins

- › can replace ADT with different implementation
- › eg, can stub network interface

rep independence

- › can change rep without changing client
- › choice of rep is an encapsulated “design secret”

hiding the rep using closures

in conventional language

- › hide the rep using namespace qualifiers (eg, *private*)

in functional language

- › can hide the rep using closures

an abstract type

```
var Color = function (r, g, b) {
  var color = {};
  var rgb = [r, g, b];
  color.red = function () {return r;}
  color.green = function () {return g;}
  color.blue = function () {return b;}
  color.toCSS = function () {
    return "rgb(" + rgb.join(",") + ")";
  }
  return color;
}

var show = function (c) {
  document.body.style.backgroundColor = c.toCSS();
};
```

```
> blue = Color(0,0,255);
Object
> show(blue)
undefined
```

how is
rep
hidden?

using *this*

```
var Color = function (r, g, b) {  
  var rgb = [r, g, b];  
  this.red = function () {return r;}  
  this.green = function () {return g;}  
  this.blue = function () {return b;}  
  this.toCSS = function () {  
    return "rgb(" + rgb.join(",") + ")";  
  }  
}
```

```
> blue = new Color(0,0,255);  
Color  
> show(blue)  
undefined
```

prototype method

```
Color.prototype.distance = function (c) {  
  var sq = function (x) {return x * x;};  
  return Math.sqrt(  
    sq(c.red() - this.red()) +  
    sq(c.green() - this.green()) +  
    sq(c.blue() - this.blue()));  
}
```

```
> red = new Color (255,0,0);  
green = new Color (0,255,0);  
Color  
> red.distance(green);  
360.62445840513925
```

a mutable type

```
var ColorChart = function () {
  // mapping from color names to color objects
  var name_to_color = {};

  // adds mapping from name to color
  this.add = function (name, color) {
    name_to_color[name] = color;
  };

  // returns undefined if no match
  this.lookup = function (name) {
    return name_to_color[name];
  };

  // returns name of color closest to argument
  this.findBestMatch = function (color) {
    var MAX = 500; // larger than any RGB distance
    var shortest_distance = MAX; var best_match;
    for(var name in name_to_color) {
      if(name_to_color.hasOwnProperty(name)) {
        var c = name_to_color[name];
        distance = c.distance(color);
        if (distance < shortest_distance) {
          shortest_distance = distance;
          best_match = name;
        }
      }
    };
    return best_match;
  };
}
```

finding lego color matches

```
var lego_colors = [  
  ["White", [242, 243, 242]],  
  ["Grey", [161, 165, 162]],  
  ...]
```

```
var lego_color_chart = new ColorChart();  
lego_colors.each(function (nc) {  
  var name = nc[0]; var color = nc[1];  
  lego_color_chart.add(nc[0], new Color(color[0], color[1], color[2]));  
});
```

```
> var c = new Color(100,50,150);  
Color  
> document.body.style.backgroundColor = c.toCSS();  
"rgb(100,50,150)"  
> var n = lego_color_chart.findBestMatch(c);  
undefined  
> n  
"Bright violet"  
> var c2 = lego_color_chart.lookup(n);  
> document.body.style.backgroundColor = c2.toCSS();  
"rgb(107,50,123)"
```


rep invariant for Color

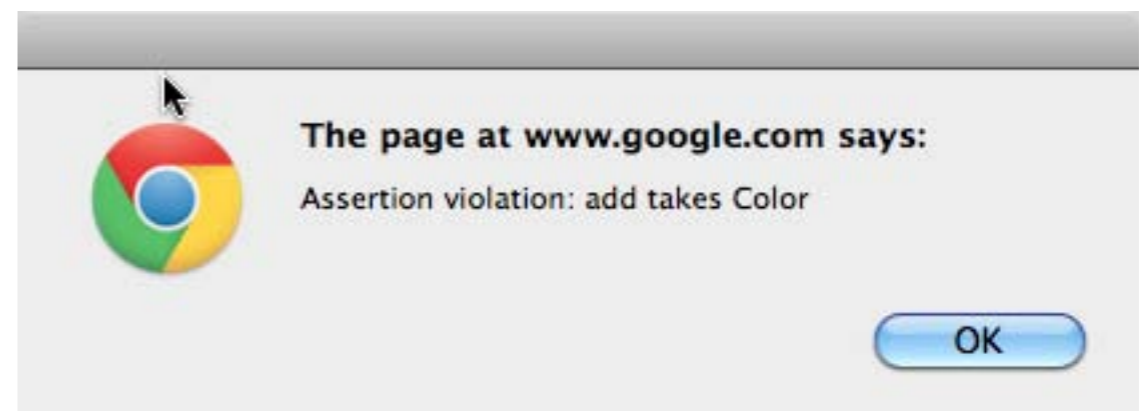
```
var Color = function (r, g, b) {  
  var rgb = [r, g, b];  
  var inRange = function (x) {return x >= 0 && x <= 255;}  
  this.checkRep = function () {  
    return inRange(r) && inRange(g) && inRange(b);}  
  ...  
}
```

```
> red = new Color (255,0,0);  
Color  
> red.checkRep()  
true  
> red = new Color (256,0,0);  
Color  
> red.checkRep()  
false
```

asserting argument type

```
var assert = function (msg, pred) {  
  if (!pred) alert ("Assertion violation: " + msg);  
}  
  
var ColorChart = function () {  
  var name_to_color = {};  
  
  // adds mapping from name to color  
  this.add = function (name, color) {  
    assert ("add takes Color", color instanceof Color)  
    name_to_color[name] = color;  
  };  
  ...  
}
```

```
> legoColorChart.add ("black", [0,0,0]);  
undefined
```



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