



A Systematic Literature Mapping on the Relationship Between Design Patterns and Bad Smells

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- Conclusion
- Future Work

INTRODUCTION

Design Pattern

• General Solution to recurrent problems in software architecture

• Aims at creating high quality software systems.

• Good programming practices

Bad Smell

• Symptoms of problems in the source code or structure of a software

• Affect negatively the software quality



Problem

- Software systems that apply design patterns are free of bad smells?
- What are the findings in the literature about this question?

Systematic Literature Mapping

- Why?
 - More comprehensive than literature review
- Aim: collect evidence regarding relationship between design pattern and bad smell

SYSTEMATIC LITERATURE MAPPING PROCESS



- Research Questions
- Search String
- Electronic Databases
- Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

- Search Process
- Studies Selection Process
- Results Summarization

- Analysis of Results
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Research Questions

RQ1. How has the literature addressed the relationship between design patterns and bad smells?

RQ2. Has the literature explored co-occurrence between design patterns and bad smells?

Research Questions

RQ2.1. Which bad smells and design patterns are addressed by the literature for identifying co-occurrences?

RQ2.2. What co-occurrences have been identified by the studies?

RQ2.3. Which techniques have been used in the literature to find/establish co-occurrence?

Search String

("code smell" OR "code smells" OR "bad smell" OR "bad smells" OR "anti pattern" OR antipatterns" OR "anti-pattern") AND ("design patterns" OR "design pattern")

Electronic Databases

#	Database	Address
1	ACM Digital Library	http://dl.acm.org/
2	Compendex (Engineering Village)	https://www.engineeringvillage.com
3	IEEE	http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/
4	Science Direct	http://www.sciencedirect.com/
5	Scopus	http://scopus.com/
6	Springer	http://link.springer.com/
7	Web of Science	http://webofknowledge.com/

Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

Inclusion Criteria		
Papers published in English		
Complete papers		
Papers published in Computer Science		
Papers available in electronic format		
Papers published in conferences or journals		
Papers related to the search string terms		
Exclusion Criteria		
Documents classified as tutorial posters papels lectures round tables theses dissertations book		

Documents classified as tutorial, posters, panels, lectures, round tables, theses, dissertations, book chapters and technical report

Duplicate papers

Papers that can not be located



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Search Process

#	Database	Returned Studies
1	ACM Digital Library	12
2	Compendex (Engineering Village)	57
3	IEEE Xplore	0
4	Science Direct	176
5	Scopus	86
6	Springer	433
7	Web of Science	31
Tot	al	795

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RESULTS

RQ1. How has the literature addressed the relationship between design patterns and bad smells?

Category	Amount of Studies
Impact on software quality	7
Refactoring	5
Co-occurrence	4
Total	16

RQ2. Has the literature explored co-occurrence between design patterns and bad smells?

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RQ2.1. Which bad smells and design patterns are addressed by the literature for identifying co-occurrences?

Study	Design Pattern
Cardoso and Figueiredo	Adapter, Command, Composite, Decorator, Factory Method, Observer, Prototype, Proxy, Singleton, Strategy, State, Template Method and Visitor
Jaafar et al.	Command, Composite, Decorator, Factory Method, Observer and Prototype
Jaafar et al.	Command, Composite, Decorator, Factory Method, Observer and Prototype
Walter and Alkhaeir	Adapter, Command, Composite, Decorator, Factory Method, Observer, Prototype, Proxy, Singleton, Strategy, State, Template Method and Visitor

Study

Brown et al. (1998) Fowler and Beck (1999)

Cardoso and Figueiredo	-	Duplicate Code	God Class
Jaafar et al.	Anti Singleton, Blob, Class Data Should Be Private, Complex Class , Spaghetti Code and Swiss Army Knife	Long Method, Long Parameter List, Message Chain, Refused Parent Bequest and Speculative Generality	-
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Walter and Alkhaeir	-	Data Class, Data Clumps, Feature Envy and Message Chains	External Duplication, God Class and Schizophrenic Class

C+udv	Tools			
Study	Design Pattern	Bad Smell		
Cardoso and Figueiredo	DPDSS	JDeodorant and PMD		
Jaafar et al.	DeMIMA	DECOR		
Jaafar et al.	DeMIMA	DECOR		
Walter and Alkhaeir	DPDSS	InCode		

RQ2.2. What co-occurrences have been identified by the studies?

Study	Design Pattern	Bad Smell	
Cardoso and	Command	God Class	
Figueiredo	Template Method	Duplicate Code	
	Command	Speculative Generality	
Inofor at al		Class Data Should Be Private	
Jaalal et al.		Long Method	
		Long Parameter List	
Walter and	Composite	Data Class	
Alkhaeir		God Class	

RQ2.3. Which techniques have been used in the literature to find/establish the co-occurrence?

Study	Method Used
Cardoso and Figueiredo	Association Rules
Jaafar et al.	Fischer's Exact Test
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Walter and Alkhaeir	Association Rules

THREATS TO VALIDITY

• Search String

• Electronic Database

• Language of documents restrict to English

CONCLUSION

- Systematic Literature Mapping studies
 - Impact on Software Quality
 - Refactoring
 - Co-occurrence

• Co-occurrence is a current topic

• GOF design patterns

- Bad Smells
 - Brown et al. (1998)
 - Fowler and Beck (1999)
 - Lanza and Marinescu (2006)
- Command, Template Method and Composite were those that presented co-occurrence
- Situations
 - Misuse or inappropriate application of design pattern
 - Excessive assignment of functionality to the design patterns internal components

FUTURE WORK

• Investigate other kinds of co-occurrence relationship

• Investigate the design patterns, bad smells and software failures relationship

• Build a refactoring recommendation system





THANK YOU!

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SUMARIZATION OF SELECTED STUDIES

#	Title	Author	Year	Relationship
1	Assessment of Design Patterns During Software Reengineering: Lessons Learned from a Large Commercial Project	Wendorff	2001	Impact on software quality
2	Coupling of Design Patterns: Common Practices and Their Benefits	McNatt & Bieman	2001	Impact on software quality
3	Defect frequency and design patterns: An empirical study of industrial code	Vokac	2004	Impact on software quality
4	Do Design Patterns Impact Software Quality Positively?	Khomh & Gueheneuce	2008	Impact on software quality
5	Automated refactoring to the Strategy design pattern	Christopoulou et al.	2012	Refactoring
6	Analysing Anti-patterns Static Relationships with Design Patterns	Jaafar et al.	2013	Co-occurrence
7	A multiple case study of design pattern decay, grime, and rot in evolving software systems	Izurieta & Bieman	2013	Impact on software quality
8	Code Quality Cultivation	Speicher	2013	Impact on software quality

Selected Studies to conduct Systematic Literature Mapping

#	Title	Author	Year	Relationship
9	Automated pattern-directed refactoring for complex conditional statements	Liu et al.	2014	Refactoring
10	Automatic recommendation of software design patterns using anti-patterns in the design phase: A case study on abstract factory	Nahar & Sakib	2015	Refactoring
11	A proposal of software maintainability model using code smell measurement	Wagey et al.	2015	Impact on software quality
12	Co-Occurrence of Design Patterns and Bad Smells in Software Systems: An Exploratory Study	Cardoso & Figueiredo	2015	Co-occurrence
13	ACDPR: A Recommendation System for the Creational Design Patterns Using Anti-patterns	Nahar & Sakib	2016	Refactoring
14	Evaluating the impact of design pattern and anti-pattern dependencies on changes and faults	Jaafar et al.	2016	Co-occurrence
15	The relationship between design patterns and code smells: An exploratory study	Walter & Alkhaeir	2016	Co-occurrence
16	Automated refactoring of super-class method invocations to the Template Method design pattern	Zafeiris et al.	2017	Impact on software quality

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