

TESNA Game: A Serious Game for Understanding Socio-Technical Coordination Problems

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Pattern Name	Conway's Law (Conway 1968)	Code Ownership Pattern (Coplien 1994)		
Problem: A problem growing from the Forces.	Aligning Organization and Architecture	A <i>Developer</i> cannot keep up with a constantly changing base of implementation code.		
Context: The current structure of the system giving the context of the problem	An architect and development team are in place.	A system with mechanisms to document and enforce the software architecture, and developers to write the code		
Forces: Forces that require resolution	Architecture shapes communication paths in the organization. Formal Organization shapes architecture.	Most design knowledge lives in the code; navigating unfamiliar code to explore design issues takes time. Not everyone can know everything all the time.		
Solution: The solution proposed for the problem	Make sure organization is compatible with the architecture	Each code module in the system is owned by a single <i>Developer</i> . Except in exceptional and explicit circumstances, code may be modified only by its owner.		
Resulting Context : Discusses the context resulting from applying the pattern. In particular, trade-offs should be mentioned	The organization and product architecture will be aligned.	The architecture and organization will better reflect each other.		
Design Rationale/Related patterns: The design rationale behind the proposed solution. Patterns are often coupled or composed with other patterns, leading to the concept of pattern language.	Historical	Lack of code ownership is a major contributor to discovery effort in large-scale software development today.		



Problems with Socio-Technical Patterns

- 1. Hard to implement: as the problems are hard to find How does the manager recognize the pattern problems?
- 2. Very little published research on their empirical validation





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Player	Question 1		Question 2		Cor	Ch	Imp	Wor	Diff
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd					
1	В	С	С	С	1	1	0	0	0
2	А	D	С	С	2	1	1	0	1
3	D	C	С	С	1	1	0	1	-1
4	А	А	В	В	0	0	0	0	0
5	С	D	С	С	2	1	1	0	1
6	D	С	С	D	0	2	0	2	-2
7	С	А	В	С	1	2	1	0	1
8	С	С	С	С	1	0	0	0	0
9	А	D	В	В	1	1	1	0	1
10	С	С	В	В	0	0	0	0	0
11	С	С	С	С	1	0	0	0	0
12	А	D	В	С	2	2	2	0	2
13	D	D	С	В	1	1	0	1	-1
14	D	D	С	С	2	0	0	0	0
15	С	D	В	С	2	2	2	0	2
16	В	С	D	С	1	2	1	0	1

Player	Qu	estion 1	Question 2		Cor	Ch	Imp	Wor	Diff
16	В	С	D	С	1	2	1	0	1
17	С	D	С	D	1	2	1	1	0
18	C	D	А	С	2	2	2	0	2
19	C	С	C	С	1	0	0	0	0
20	C	С	С	С	1	0	0	0	0
21	D	D	С	С	2	0	0	0	0
22	C	D	С	С	2	1	1	0	1
23	D	Α	С	В	0	2	0	2	-2
24	D	Α	C	C	1	1	0	1	-1



<u>Results</u>

- On an average 0.96 questions were answered correctly the first time
- On average, players answered 1.17 questions correctly after playing the game



The Game URL

http://www.tesna.org -> TESNA Game

OR

http://tesnatool.googlepages.com/tesnagame



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Questions ?