

Design Patterns Simplified by Beth Katz

David Geary's design pattern column [1] described many of the most used design patterns. Students should be able to find an article that inspires them to use a design pattern.

In this short example paper, I attempt to show the format I wish to see in the submitted papers. This is the Times New Roman serif font at 11 point. The line spacing on the paragraphs is 1.5. There is a 6 point space before each paragraph. I left the title and my name in 12 point.

All of those settings are easily set in the Paragraph panel of Microsoft Word. I believe they can also be set in Mac's TextEdit using RTF (Rich Text Format). Although I started this paper in Word, I'm finishing it in TextEdit.

Also note that there should be only one space after periods when using a variable-width font. The two-space after a period guideline was for typewriters that had fixed-width fonts.

One goal of this assignment is to read and understand a technical article. The other goal is to summarize it clearly. The grading rubric [2] emphasizes technical content, organization, and language use; however, the mechanics of writing are also important. The writing should help the reader understand. It should not get in the way of understanding.

[1] "Java Design Patterns" in *JavaWorld*, David Geary, 2001-2003, <http://www.javaworld.com/columns/jw-java-design-patterns-index.html>

[2] "Grading Rubric for Technical Writing," multiple sources, <http://cs.millersville.edu/~katz/cs420/paperGradingRubric.html>