

# Interpreter

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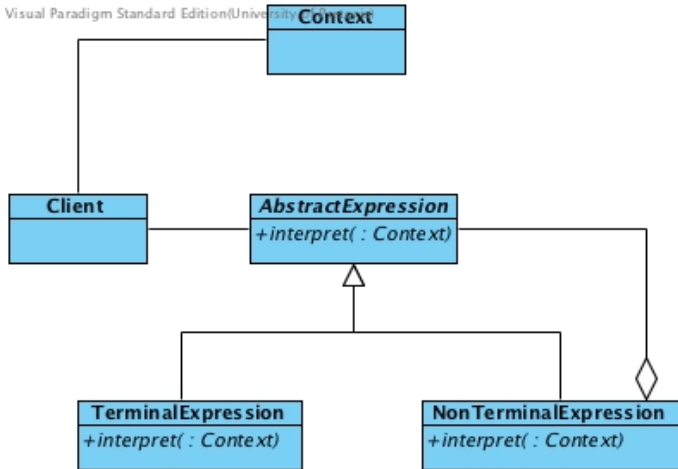
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**Name and Classification:** Interpreter,  
Class Behavioural

**Intent:** “Given a language, define a representation for its grammar along with an interpreter that uses the representation to interpret sentences in the language.”

(GoF:243)



- Client: manipulates the abstract syntax tree that represents a sentence in a language
- Context: information required by the interpreter

- `AbstractExpression`: declares an `interpret` method, for a particular context, that is common to all nodes in the expression tree.

- TerminalExpression: implements the interpret method for terminal symbols in the language. Each terminal symbol in a sentence will have an instance defined
- NonterminalExpression: every rule in the grammar is represented by a non-terminal. A rule comprises of a sequence of terminals and/or non-terminals.

- **Composite** forms the basis for the abstract syntax tree.
- **Iterator** can be used to traverse the abstract syntax tree and visitor is used to maintain behaviour of the nodes in the abstract syntax tree.

```
BooleanExpression ::= Constant |  
                  VariableExpression |  
                  NotExpression |  
                  AndExpression |  
                  OrExpression  
AndExpression ::= BooleanExpression '&&' BooleanExpression  
OrExpression  ::= BooleanExpression '||' BooleanExpression  
NotExpression ::= '!' BooleanExpression  
Constant ::= true | false  
VariableExpression ::= 'a' | 'b' | ... { 'a' | 'b' | ... }*
```



```
#ifndef BOOLEANEXPRESSION_H
#define BOOLEANEXPRESSION_H

class Context;

class BooleanExpression
{
public:
    explicit BooleanExpression(void);
    virtual ~BooleanExpression(void);

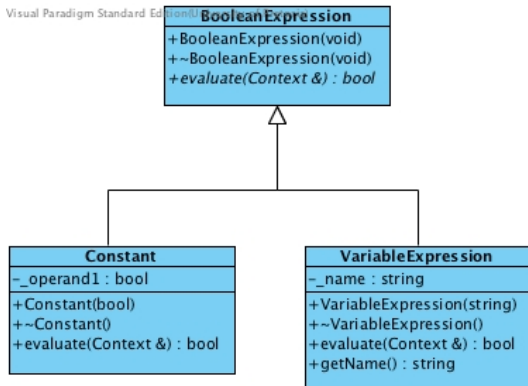
    virtual bool evaluate(Context&) = 0;
};
#endif

// explicit keyword prevents compiler from making
// implicit conversions
```

```
BooleanExpression :: BooleanExpression (void)  
{  
}
```

```
BooleanExpression :: ~ BooleanExpression (void)  
{  
}
```

## TerminalExpression participants: Constant and VariableExpression



```
Constant::Constant(bool op1)
{
    _operand1 = op1;
}

bool Constant::evaluate(Context& aContext)
{
    return (_operand1);
}

Constant::~~Constant(void)
{
}
```

```
VariableExpression :: VariableExpression (const std::string name)
{
    _name = name;
}

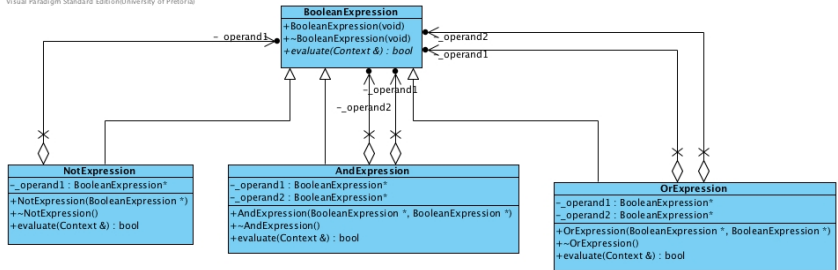
VariableExpression :: ~ VariableExpression (void)
{
}

bool VariableExpression :: evaluate (Context& aContext)
{
    return aContext.lookup (_name);
}

std::string VariableExpression :: getName ()
{
    return _name;
}
```

## NonterminalExpression participants: NotExpression, AndExpression, OrExpression

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```
NotExpression :: NotExpression ( BooleanExpression* op1 )
{
    _operand1 = op1;
}

bool NotExpression :: evaluate ( Context& aContext )
{
    bool operEval = !_operand1->evaluate ( aContext );

    return operEval;
}

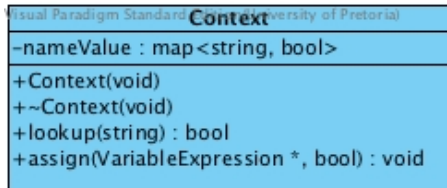
NotExpression :: ~ NotExpression ( void )
{
}
}
```

```
AndExpression :: AndExpression ( BooleanExpression* op1 ,  
                                BooleanExpression* op2 )  
{  
    _operand1 = op1;  
    _operand2 = op2;  
}  
  
bool AndExpression :: evaluate ( Context& aContext )  
{  
    bool oper1Eval = _operand1->evaluate ( aContext );  
    bool oper2Eval = _operand2->evaluate ( aContext );  
  
    return oper1Eval && oper2Eval;  
}  
  
AndExpression :: ~ AndExpression ( void )  
{  
}
```



```
OrExpression :: OrExpression ( BooleanExpression* op1 ,  
                               BooleanExpression* op2 )  
{  
    _operand1 = op1;  
    _operand2 = op2;  
}  
  
bool OrExpression :: evaluate ( Context& aContext )  
{  
    bool oper1Eval = _operand1->evaluate ( aContext );  
    bool oper2Eval = _operand2->evaluate ( aContext );  
  
    return oper1Eval || oper2Eval;  
}  
  
OrExpression :: ~ OrExpression ( void )  
{  
}
```

## Context participant



```
Context::Context(void)
{
}

Context::~~Context(void)
{
}

bool Context::lookup(const std::string paramName) const
{
    if (nameValue.find(paramName) != nameValue.end())
        return nameValue.find(paramName)->second;

    return false;
}

void Context::assign(VariableExpression* anExpression,
                    bool xBoolValue)
{
    nameValue[anExpression->getName()] = xBoolValue;
}

```

```
int main() {
    BooleanExpression* expression;
    Context context;
    bool result;

    VariableExpression* x = new VariableExpression("X");
    VariableExpression* y = new VariableExpression("Y");
    VariableExpression* z = new VariableExpression("zValue");

    expression = new OrExpression(
        new AndExpression (new Constant(true), x),
        new AndExpression (y, new NotExpression(z)));

    context.assign(x, false);    context.assign(y, false);
    context.assign(z, false);    // false = 0, true = 1

    result = expression->evaluate(context);
    cout << "Overall result is "
         << (result == 0 ? "false": "true") << endl;
    return 0;
}
```