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### **EMPAT: Evolvable Modularity Patterns**

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Modularity and hierarchical structures are widely accepted and touted in many disciplines as essential elements of design and engineering. In seminal books, like “The Sciences of the Artificial” by Herbert Simon (1969), and “The Power of Modularity” by Carliss Baldwin and Kim Clark (2000), the main concepts and advantages of modularity have been presented in a domain-independent analysis. In several disciplines, knowledge for the design of modular and hierarchical architectures, is collected and represented in design patterns, providing solutions to recurring problems. Even though their origins lie in the field of architecture, patterns and pattern approaches have seen their most extensive use and development in computing and software engineering domains.

Modular structures and design patterns are in general associated with advantages like complexity reduction, evolvability and reuse. However, when examining the evolution of modular structures under change, a far more complex behavior becomes apparent. Some modular structures are impressive examples of evolvability, whereas others seem to severely lack flexibility, from software systems requiring ever increasing maintenance budgets, to the massive investments required to develop a new airplane which is seemingly merely a larger version of an existing model.

The goal of EMPAT is to explore the potential of Patterns for modular architectures, in order to provide the levels of evolvability required in the ever faster changing world we currently live in. Since, at their core, patterns are a method to collect and transfer knowledge; these patterns may be discipline-dependent, as well as generic or discipline-independent. They may also imply the adaptation of a pattern solution to another domain. EMPAT invites contributions about pattern approaches that provide some features regarding evolvability that can be proven ex-ante. The topic of evolvable design patterns seems highly relevant today, if only because it is related to some of the most pressing challenges our society faces: scalability and sustainability of man-made artifacts.

Topics of EMPAT encompass, but are not limited to:

- Basics on evolvable patterns
- Evolvability analysis of pattern frameworks, models, and languages
- Collection and dissemination of patterns exhibiting evolvability

- Knowledge transfer methods for evolvable patterns
- Domain-oriented patterns exhibiting evolvability
- Reuse of patterns exhibiting evolvability

### **Important Datelines**

- Inform the Chair: As soon as authors decided to submit and secured the financial support
- Submission: January 15
- Notification with comments: January 25
- Registration: February 5
- Camera ready: February 8

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