

Observer and Mediator Pattern

Observer Pattern

- Observer pattern is used when there is one-to-many relationship between objects such as if one object is modified, its dependent objects are to be notified automatically.
- **The Observer Pattern provides an object design where subjects and observers are loosely coupled. WHY? How?**
- Observer pattern falls under behavioral pattern category.

Observer Pattern

Observer pattern uses three actor classes. Subject, Observer and Client.

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Subject.java

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;

public class Subject {

    private List<Observer> observers = new ArrayList<Observer>();
    private int state;

    public int getState() {
        return state;
    }

    public void setState(int state) {
        this.state = state;
        notifyAllObservers();
    }

    public void attach(Observer observer){
        observers.add(observer);
    }

    public void notifyAllObservers(){
        for (Observer observer : observers) {
            observer.update();
        }
    }
}
```

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Observer.java

```
public abstract class Observer {  
    protected Subject subject;  
    public abstract void update();  
}
```

BinaryObserver.java

```
public class BinaryObserver extends Observer{  
  
    public BinaryObserver(Subject subject){  
        this.subject = subject;  
        this.subject.attach(this);  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public void update() {  
        System.out.println( "Binary String: " + Integer.toBinaryString( subject.ge  
    }  
}
```

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OctalObserver.java

```
public class OctalObserver extends Observer{

    public OctalObserver(Subject subject){
        this.subject = subject;
        this.subject.attach(this);
    }

    @Override
    public void update() {
        System.out.println( "Octal String: " + Integer.toOctalString( subject.getState() ) );
    }
}
```

HexaObserver.java

```
public class HexaObserver extends Observer{

    public HexaObserver(Subject subject){
        this.subject = subject;
        this.subject.attach(this);
    }

    @Override
    public void update() {
        System.out.println( "Hex String: " + Integer.toHexString( subject.getState() ) );
    }
}
```

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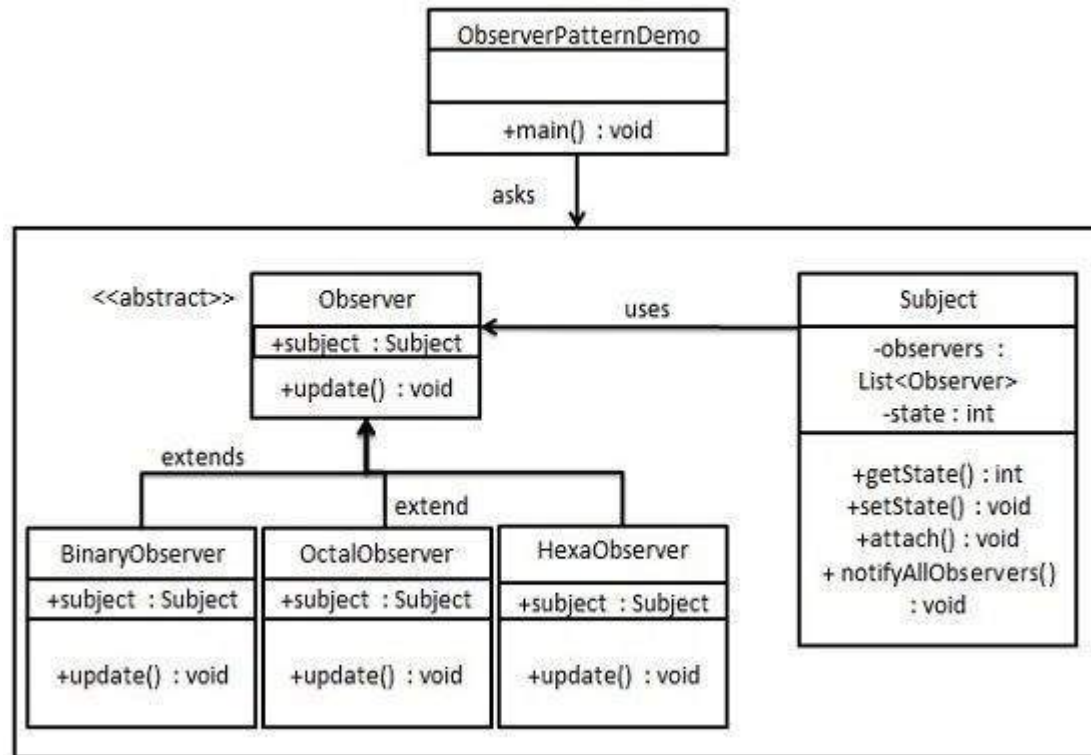
ObserverPatternDemo.java

```
public class ObserverPatternDemo {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Subject subject = new Subject();  
  
        new HexaObserver(subject);  
        new OctalObserver(subject);  
        new BinaryObserver(subject);  
  
        System.out.println("First state change: 15");  
        subject.setState(15);  
        System.out.println("Second state change: 10");  
        subject.setState(10);  
    }  
}
```

Verify the output.

```
First state change: 15  
Hex String: F  
Octal String: 17  
Binary String: 1111  
Second state change: 10  
Hex String: A  
Octal String: 12  
Binary String: 1010
```

UML Diagram for the Observer Pattern



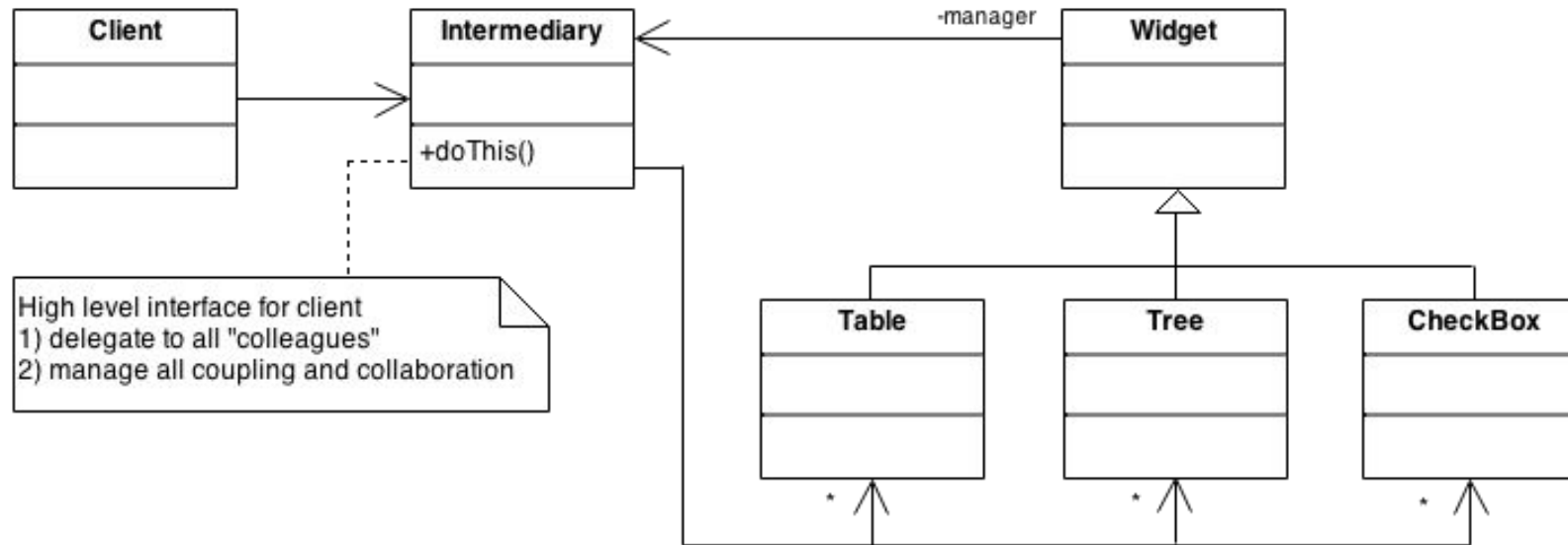
Problem

- What if the relationship is many-to-many?

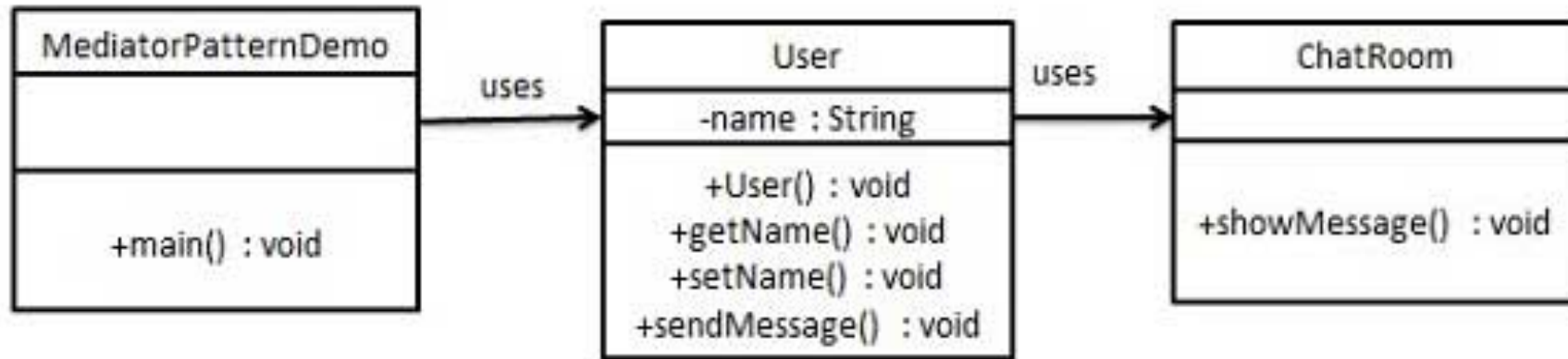
Mediator Pattern

- Mediator pattern is used to reduce communication complexity between multiple objects or classes.
- This pattern provides a mediator class which normally handles all the communications between different classes and supports easy maintenance of the code by loose coupling.
- Mediator pattern falls under behavioral pattern category.

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HW

- Learn writing a code on mediator.
- Think on the situations where we can use observer or mediator pattern.
- Differences between observer and mediator.

HW

- Prepare a 3 minute presentation on you assignment 1 (combining strategy, factory and abstract factory)