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State in C++



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State design pattern - an FSM with two states and two events (distributed transition logic - logic in the derived state classes).



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```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
class Machine
{
    class State *current;
public:
    Machine();
    void setCurrent(State *s)
    {
        current = s;
    }
    void on();
    void off();
};

class State
{
public:
    virtual void on(Machine *m)
    {
        cout << "    already ON\n";
    }
    virtual void off(Machine *m)
    {
        cout << "    already OFF\n";
    }
};

void Machine::on()
{
    current->on(this);
}

void Machine::off()
{
    current->off(this);
}

class ON: public State
{
public:
    ON()
    {
        cout << "    ON-ctor ";
    };
    ~ON()
    {
        cout << "    dtor-ON\n";
    };
    void off(Machine *m);
};

class OFF: public State
{
public:
    OFF()
    {
        cout << "    OFF-ctor ";
    };
    ~OFF()
    {
        cout << "    dtor-OFF\n";
    };
    void on(Machine *m)
    {
        cout << "    going from OFF to ON";
        m->setCurrent(new ON());
        delete this;
    }
};
```

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```
void ON::off(Machine *m)
{
    cout << "    going from ON to OFF";
    m->setCurrent(new OFF());
    delete this;
}

Machine::Machine()
{
    current = new OFF();
    cout << '\n';
}

int main()
{
    void(Machine:: *ptrs[])() =
    {
        Machine::off, Machine::on
    };
    Machine fsm;
    int num;
    while (1)
    {
        cout << "Enter 0/1: ";
        cin >> num;
        (fsm. *ptrs[num])();
    }
}
```

Output

```
OFF-ctor
Enter 0/1: 0
    already OFF
Enter 0/1: 1
    going from OFF to ON    ON-ctor    dtor-OFF
Enter 0/1: 1
    already ON
Enter 0/1: 0
    going from ON to OFF    OFF-ctor    dtor-ON
Enter 0/1: 1
    going from OFF to ON    ON-ctor    dtor-OFF
Enter 0/1: 0
    going from ON to OFF    OFF-ctor    dtor-ON
Enter 0/1: 0
    already OFF
Enter 0/1:
```

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