State Pattern

Jumper Example

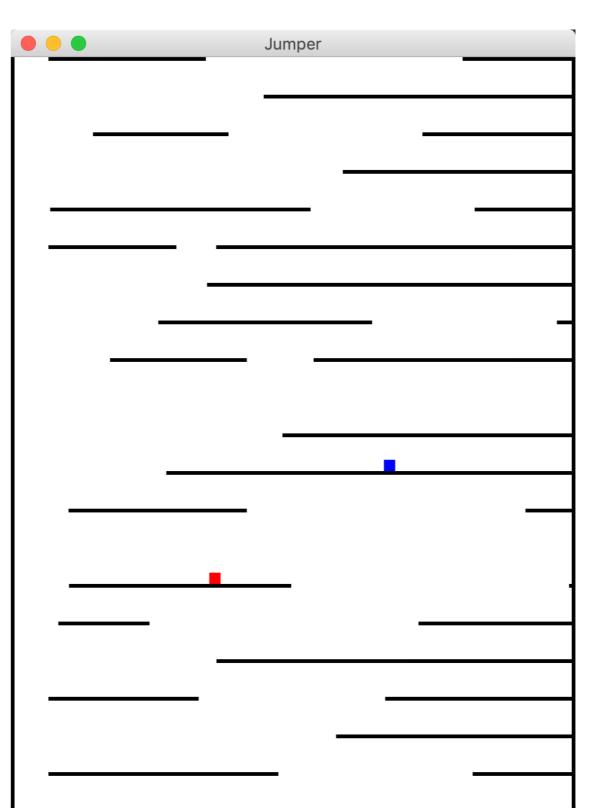
Lecture Question

During Lecture

Jumper

- 2 Player vertical scrolling platform
- Screens scrolls up as the players climb the platforms
- The bottom of the screen is game over

 Goal: Climb faster than the other player



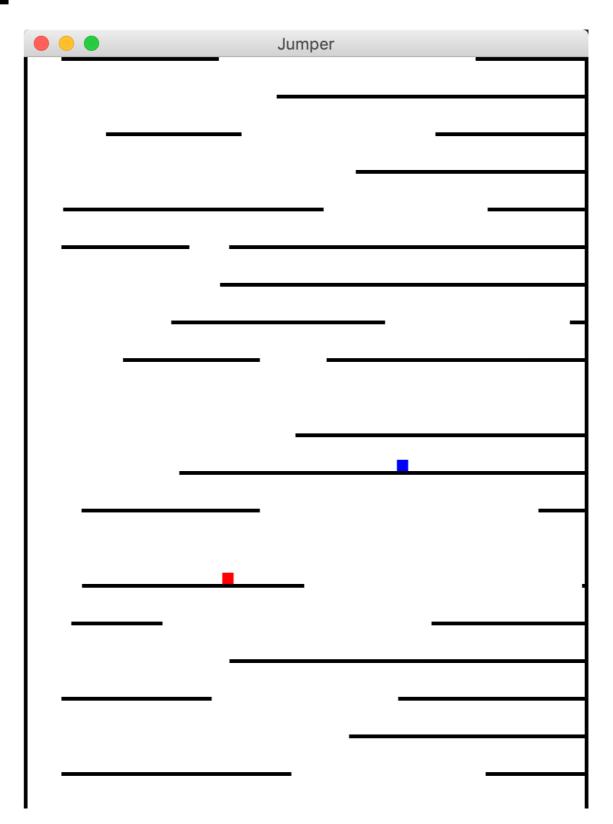
Jumper

We've already seen

Physics

Next week

- GUI
- Keyboard inputs
- MVC architecture



Jumper - Physics

Walls and Platforms extend StaticObject

 Add behavior after collision with player

```
class JumperObject(location: PhysicsVector, dimensions: PhysicsVector)
extends StaticObject(location, dimensions){
  val objectID: Int = JumperObject.nextID
  JumperObject.nextID += 1
}
```

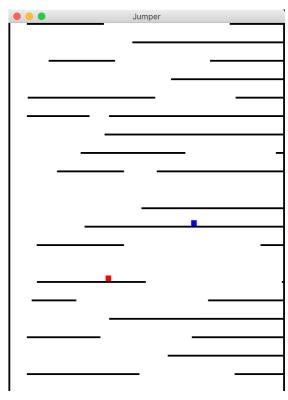
```
class Wall(location: PhysicsVector, dimensions: PhysicsVector) extends JumperObject(location,
dimensions){

    override def collideWithDynamicObject(otherObject: DynamicObject, face: Integer): Unit = {
        if(face == Face.negativeX){
            otherObject.velocity.x = 0.0
            otherObject.location.x = this.location.x - otherObject.dimensions.x
        }else if(face == Face.positiveX){
            otherObject.velocity.x = 0.0
                  otherObject.location.x = this.location.x + this.dimensions.x
        }
    }
}
```

Jumper - Physics

Players extend DynamicObject

- Physics engine applies since all objects in our game are StaticObjects or DynamicObject
- The Player class will set its own velocity based on user inputs
 - Velocities are updated by gravity and collisions
 - User inputs are effectively the "intended" velocity
- How does the Player set its velocity?



Jumper - Player

How does the Player set its velocity?

- User inputs
- States! <-- Good stuff

Only 3 inputs to control each player

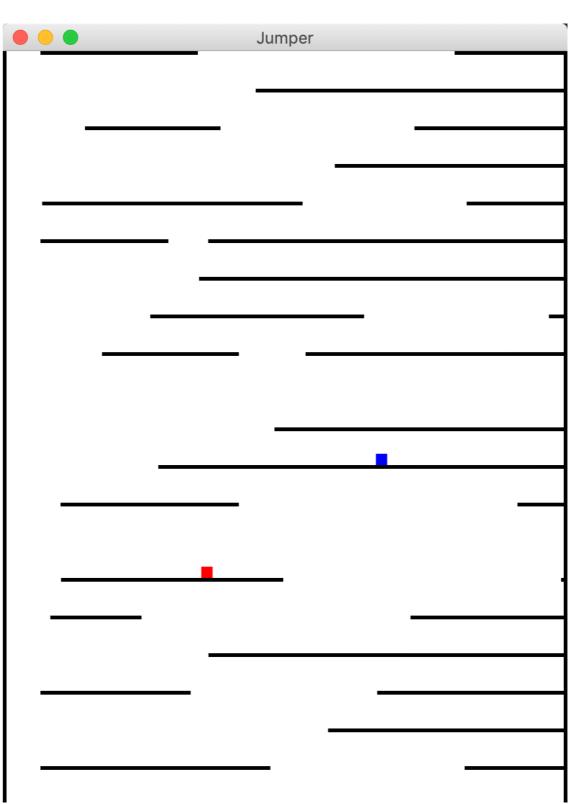
- Left button
- Right button
- Jump button

Player 1:

• a, d, w

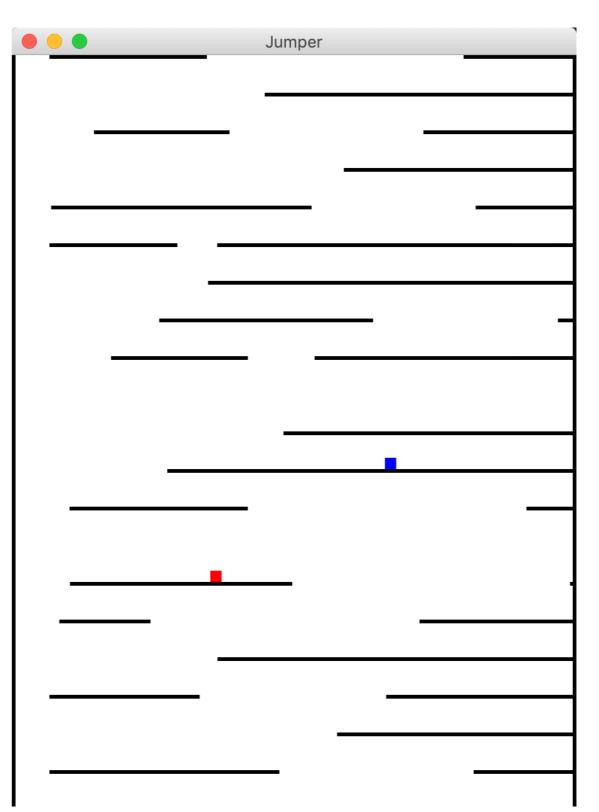
Player 2:

Left, right, up arrows



Each player should

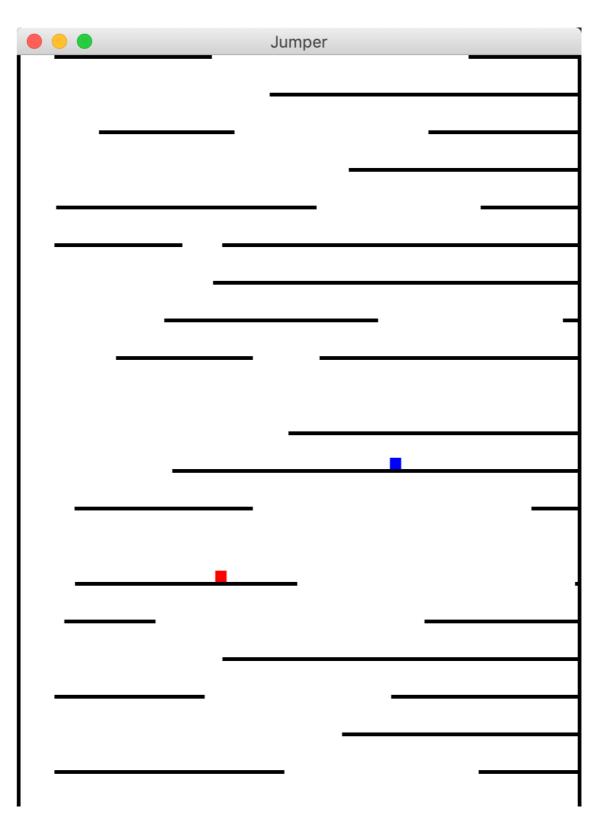
- Walk left and right when keys are pressed
- Jump when jump is pressed
- Jump higher if walking instead of standing still
- Jump at different heights based on how long the jump button is held after a jump
- Move left and right slower while in the air if the direction is changed
- Jump through platforms while jumping up
- Land on platforms while falling down
- Fall if walked off a ledge
- Block all inputs if the bottom of the screen is reached



Player behavior

We could write all this behavior without the state pattern

- Code will likely be hard to follow
- Difficult to add new features



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How to implement these features?

- Write your API
 - What methods will change behavior depending on the current state of the object
 - These methods define your API and are declared in the base state class
- Decide what states should exist
 - Any situation where the behavior is different should be a new state
- Determine the transitions between states

Lecture Question

Due: During Lecture

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API:

- left/right/jump pressed or released
 - 6 methods
- Land on a platform

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States:

- Standing
- Walking
- Jumping/Rising
- Falling
- Dead (Bellow Screen)

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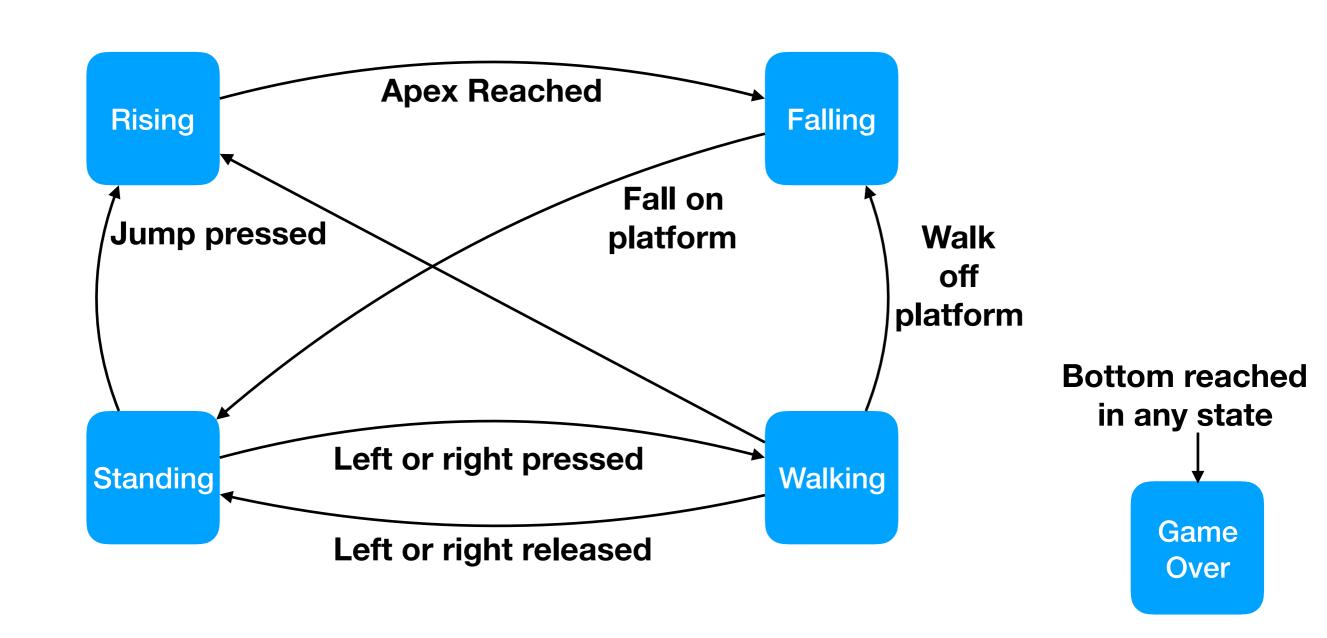
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State Transitions:

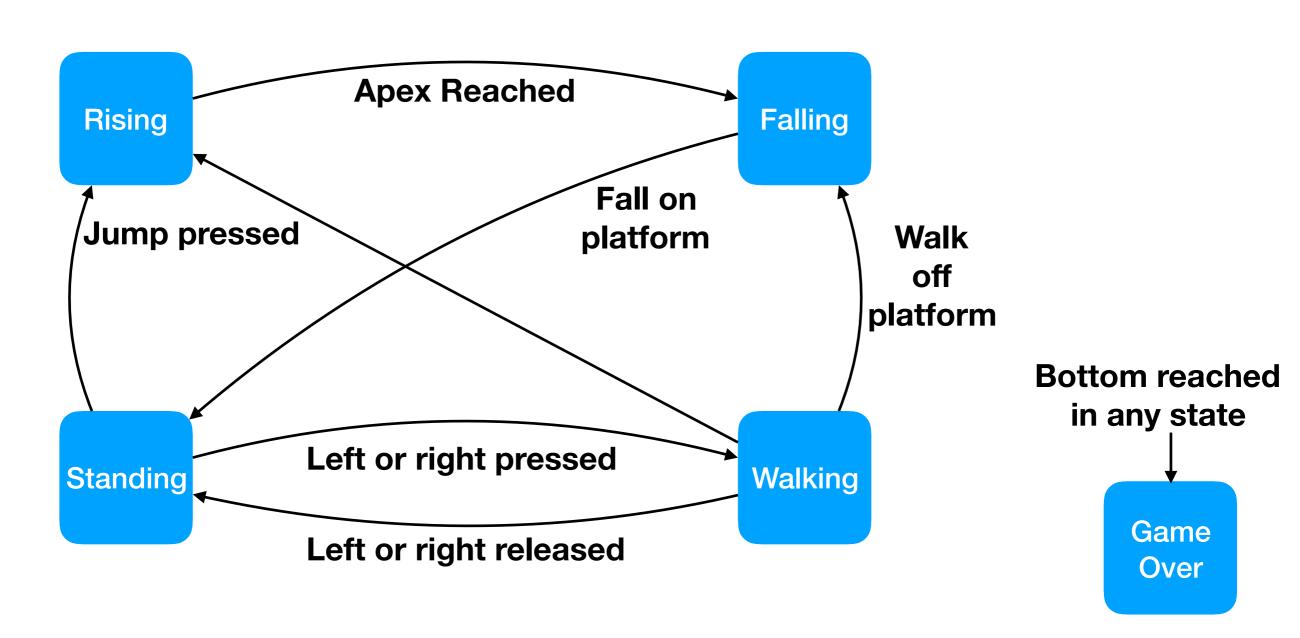
- Standing -> Walking
 - left/right pressed
- Walking -> Standing
 - left/right released
- Walking/Standing -> Jumping
 - Jump pressed
- Falling -> Standing
 - Land on a platform
- Walking -> Falling
 - Walk off a platform
- Jumping -> Falling
 - Apex of jump reached
- Any -> GameOver
 - Reach the bottom of the screen

Let's visualize the states and transitions in a state diagram



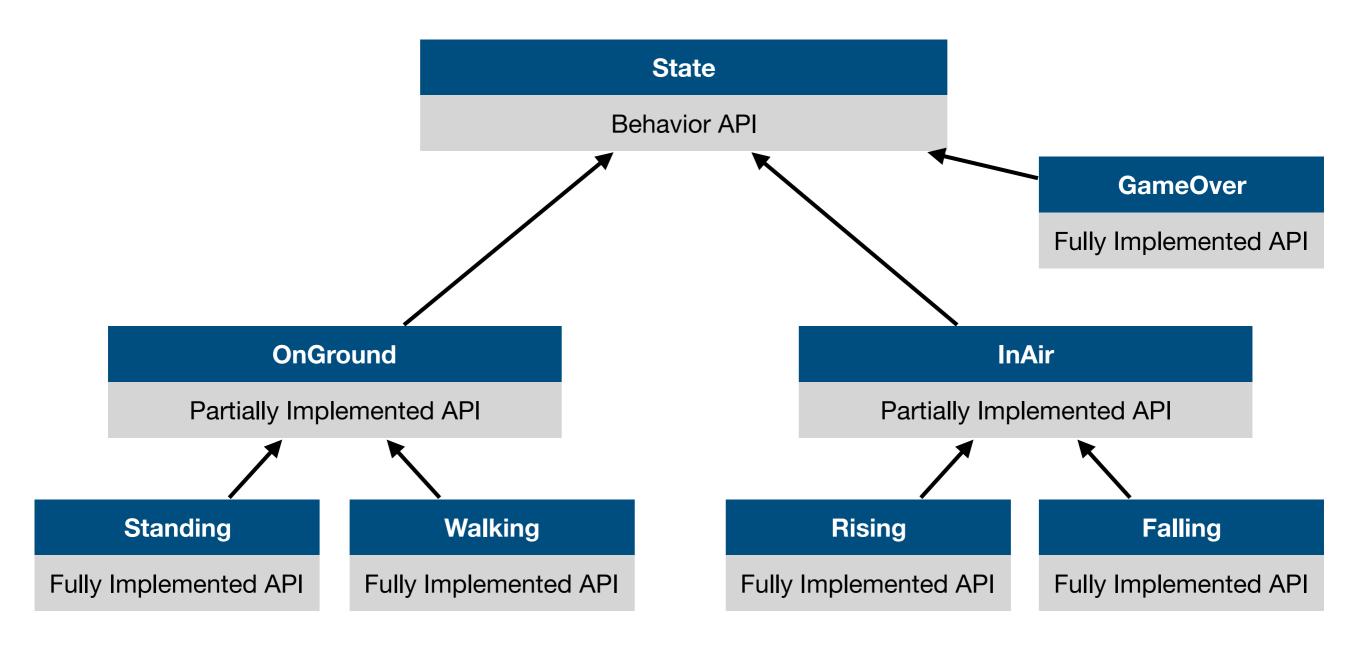
For each state implement the API methods with the desired behavior in that state

Add default behavior in the state subclass



Use inheritance to limit duplicate code

Factor out common behavior between states into new classes



Adding Functionality

Task: Add a double jump to Jumper

- How can we add a double jump?
 - Players can jump 1 additional time while in the air

- With poor design
 - This could be extremely difficult!
 - May required modifying a significant amount of existing code

- With our state pattern
 - No problem at all

Adding Functionality

Task: Add a double jump to Jumper

- Add functionality to existing states
 - Rising and Falling states now react to the jump button by jumping again (Set velocity.z to the jump velocity)
- We'll add new states
 - RisingAfterDoubleJump/FallingAfterDoubleJump
 - Extend Rising/Falling respectively
 - Override the jump button press to do nothing
- Update state transitions
 - Press jump from Rising/Falling transitions to the respective AfterDoubleJump state
 - Reaching the apex in RisingAfterDoubleJump transitions to FallingAfterDoubleJump (Not Falling)

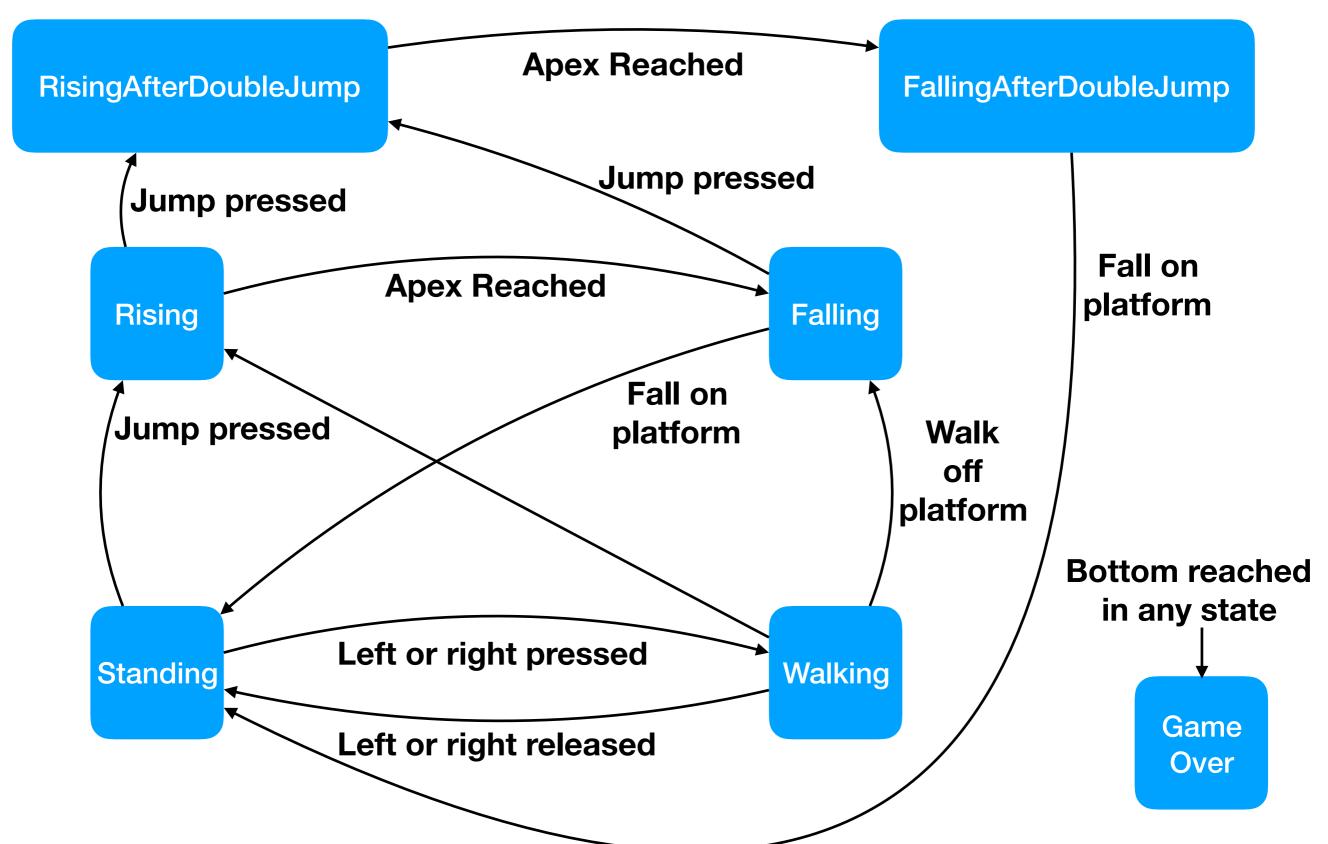
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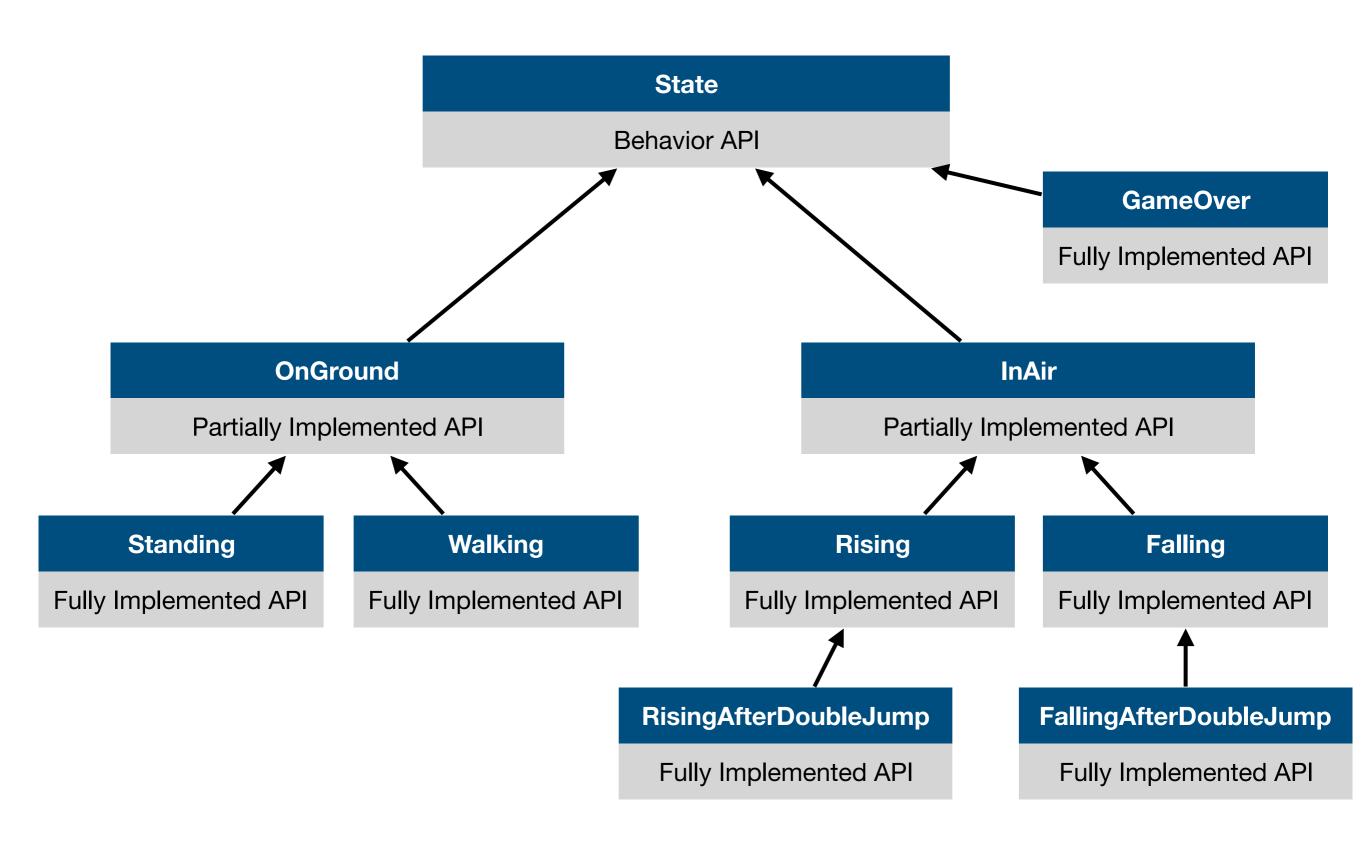
Task: Add a double jump to Jumper

- This task could have been completed with a boolean flag instead of using new states
- If this approach is used for many features the code will be harder to maintain
- More to the point: What if your professor says you can't use control flow, but you have a situation where a button should only work once?
 - Try adding more states

```
var usedDoubleJump = false

override def jumpPressed(): Unit = {
   if(!this.usedDoubleJump) {
     player.velocity.z = player.standingJumpVelocity
     this.usedDoubleJump = true
   }
}
```





Lecture Question

Since there is no lecture question to work on tonight

- Start your Calculator!
 - You will need to start early to do well on this homework
 - You have all the concepts you need for this homework
 - Start by designing your calculator like we just did with Jumper

Lecture Question

If you want extra practice:

- Add a running state to Jumper
 - If you are in the walking state for a more than one second the player will move faster and jump higher