

# How to code a *FSM* with *statemachine API*?

## SwingStates-like

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Create a new class extending *StateMachine*

Create a state:  
declare an attribute of type *State* inside the *StateMachine*

Create a transition:  
declare an attribute of type *Transition* inside the *State*

Define the destination state of the transition:  
redefine its method *goTo()*

Describe the actions to be performed during the transition: redefine its method *action()*

If you need a guard to activate the transition:  
also redefine its method *guard()*

# How it works?

```

/*
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 */
package fr.lienac.statemachine;

import java.util.HashMap;
import java.util.Map;
import java.util.ArrayList;

import java.lang.reflect.ParameterizedType;

public class StateMachine {

    protected State current = null;
    protected State first = null;

    public State getCurrentState() { return current; }

    public <Event> void handleEvent(Event evt) {
        current.handleEvent(evt);
    }

    private void goTo(State s) {
        if (current != s) {
            current.leave();
            current = s;
            current.enter();
        }
    }
}

```

Pass all events to the state machine via its public method `handleEvent (...)`

```

public class State {

    public State() {
        initialize();
    }

    private void initialize() {
        // first state is the initial state
        if (first == null) {
            first = this;
            current = first;
        }
    }

    protected void enter() {}
    protected void leave() {}

    Map<Object, ArrayList<Transition>> transitionsPerType = new HashMap<>();
    // with static type checking
}

```

...to specify if necessary in the concerned states, by redefining the associated methods.

If there is a state change, we can make any pre/post treatments...

... which redirects them to the method `handleEvent (...)` of the current state...

```

// Hack for generics reflection: Two arguments if generic classes
// are not allowed for reflection to find out unless...
// they come from a generic superclass, so here it is
private class MotherOfAllTransitions<EventT> {}

public class Transition<EventT> extends MotherOfAllTransitions<EventT> {

    public Transition() {
        // generics reflection to get the specific event type from the generic type specified in this class
        ParameterizedType parameterizedType = (ParameterizedType) this.getClass().getGenericSuperclass();
        Class clazz = (Class) parameterizedType.getActualTypeArguments()[0];

        // register transition in state
        Transition t = this;
        ArrayList<Transition> ts = transitionsPerType.get(clazz);
        if (ts == null) {
            ts = new ArrayList<>();
            ts.add(t);
            transitionsPerType.put(clazz, ts);
        } else {
            ts.add(t);
        }
    }

    protected EventT evt;

    protected boolean guard() { return true; }
    protected void action() {}
    protected State goTo() { return current; }

    protected <EventT> void handleEvent(EventT evt) {
        ArrayList<Transition> ts = transitionsPerType.get(evt.getClass());
        if (ts == null) return;
        for (Transition t : ts) {
            t.evt = evt;
            if (t.guard()) {
                t.action();
                StateMachine.this.goTo(t.goTo());
                break;
            }
        }
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```

...to specify if necessary in the concerned transitions by redefining the associated methods (which will have access to the event via the attribute `evt`)

If the guard is satisfied then activate the transition, i.e. perform any action and state change...

The library `statemachine` is designed for genericity:

```
public <Event> void handleEvent(Event evt)
```

As a parametric type, `Event` represents any type.

We can therefore use any class as an "event" potentially triggering a transition:

- a `real event` from any library (*JavaFX, Swing, Android...*),
- or even better, an `agnostic class` representing an event.

The whole logic (of an interaction or of the state changes of a component) can thus be extracted and reused with several libraries.

# Reusability

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**Agnostic classes representing events, provided by the library (but we can use anything else).**

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**Agnostic events can be used/created by the developer to replace events coming from the used library.**  
**This indirection makes the whole logic described by the *FSM* completely agnostic, thus completely reusable in other projects, even with other libraries.**

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# Access to data conveyed by the "events"

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Whatever its type, the "event" instance transmitted to the state machine via its method

public <Event> void handleEvent(Event evt) can be accessed from the redefined methods of a transition thanks to its protected attribute evt.

The agnostic classes provided by the library are simple objets holding in public properties the information you need to make the state machine work:

- Point p
- Item graphicItem
- ...