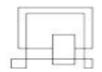
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# Software Development with UML and Java 2

# Today's plan

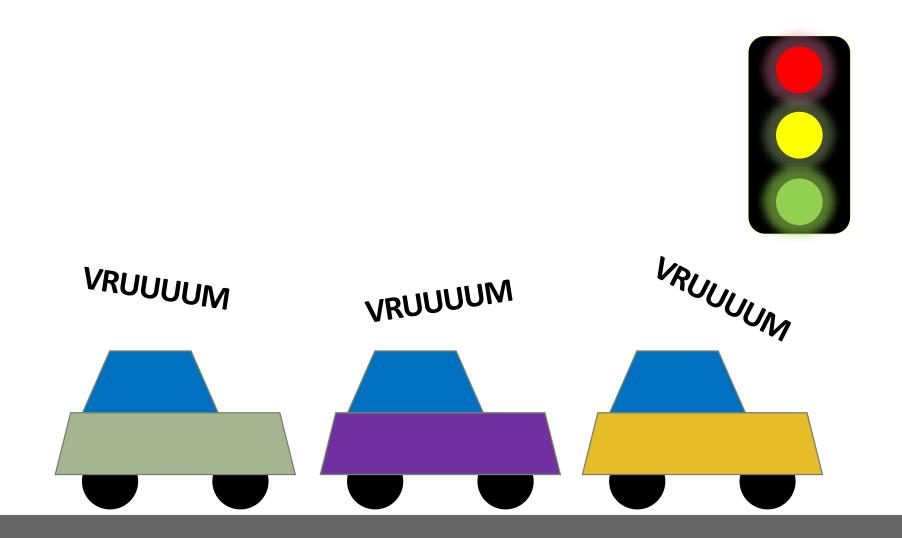
Trying a new approach

- First an exercise, 20 min
- Talk about exercise
- Then an exercise, 20 min
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- Then today's topic
- Then informative stuff
- Then more exercises

#### The exercise

About cars reacting to the change of lights of a traffic light

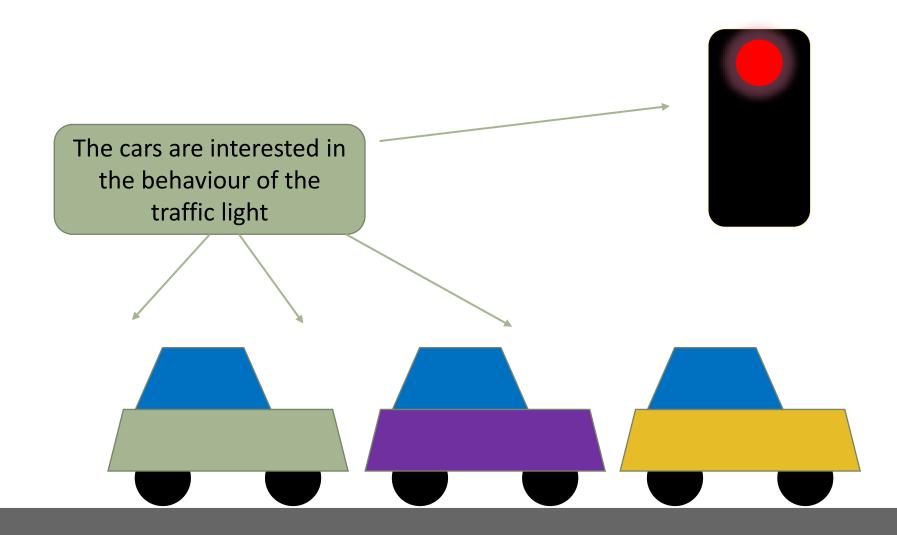
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# Implementation, your exercise

- Traffic light class
- Car class (multiple instances)

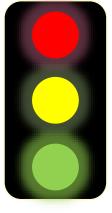
- Light changes → Cars react.
- I'll give you parts of the code

We need a main method to instantiate the traffic light and cars

```
private String[] lights = {"GREEN",
                 "YELLOW", "RED", "YELLOW"};
    private int lightIndex = 2;
    public void SimulateTrafficLight()
throws
   InterruptedException {
       for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {</pre>
          Thread. sleep(1000);
          lightIndex = (++ lightIndex) % 4;
          currentLight = lights[lightIndex];
          System.out.println("\nLight is "
                        + currentLight);
```

```
public void ReactToLight(String currentLight)
   if("GREEN".equals(currentLight)) {
       System.out.println("Car " +
                            id + " drives");
   } else if("YELLOW".equals(currentLight)) {
       if("RED".equals(previousLight)) {
          System.out.println("Car " + id +
                     " turns engine on");
       } else {
          System.out.println("Car " + id + "
                            slows down");
   } else if("RED".equals(currentLight)) {
       System.out.println("Car " + id
                                + " stops");
   previousLight = currentLight;
  Notice field variables
  marked with purple text
```

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private String[] lights = {"GREEN",
              "YELLOW", "RED", "YELLOW"};
private int lightIndex = 2;
public void start() throws
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       lightIndex = (++ lightIndex) % 4;
       currentLight = lights[lightIndex];
       System.out.println("\nLight is "
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```



# Follow up

• How did you solve it?

#### Next step

- Add two new traffic light watchers:
  - Pedestrian -> stops for green, walks when the light is red
  - Taxi -> doesn't care about yellow

```
public void setLight(String currentLight) {
    if ("GREEN".equals(currentLight)) {
        System.out.println("Taxi " + id + " drives super fast");
    } else if ("RED".equals(currentLight)) {
        System.out.println("Taxi " + id + " stops with screething tires");
    }
}
```

```
public void setLight(String currentLight) {
   if ("GREEN".equals(currentLight)) {
        System.out.println("Pedestrian " + id + " waits");
   } else if ("RED".equals(currentLight)) {
        System.out.println("Pedestrian " + id + " walks");
   }
}
```

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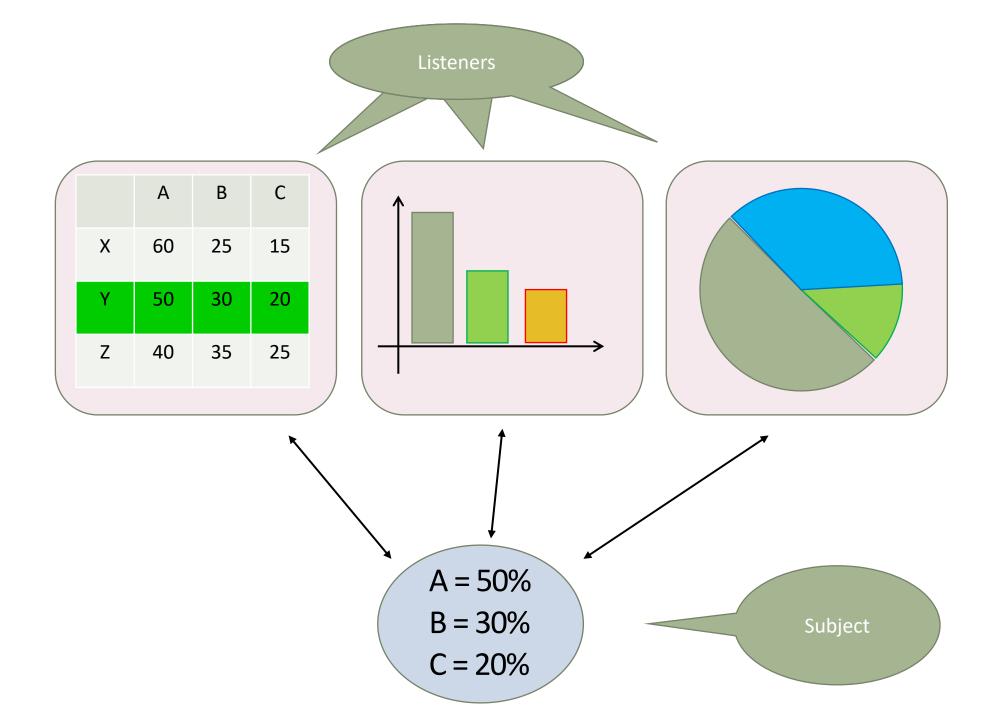
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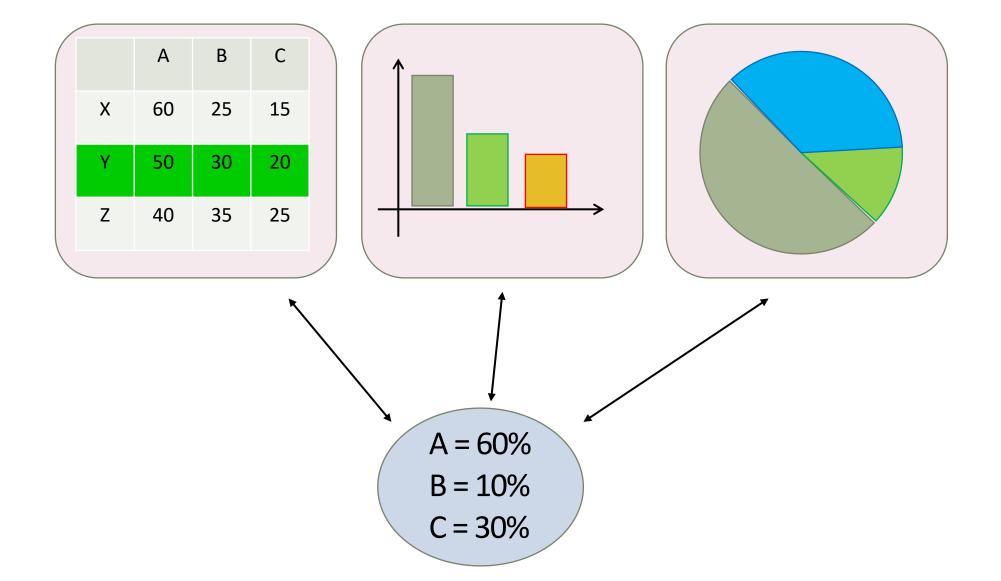
- General solutions to common problems
- Usually a way to structure your code to obtain
  - Flexibility
  - Reusability
  - Loose couplings
  - Improved code structure/architecture
- Almost every pattern uses interfaces one way or the other
- Each pattern is used to solve a specific problem
- We'll see about 8 patterns in SDJ2
- There are 24 famous "basic" patterns, from Gamma et al. (1995)
- Plenty have appeared since

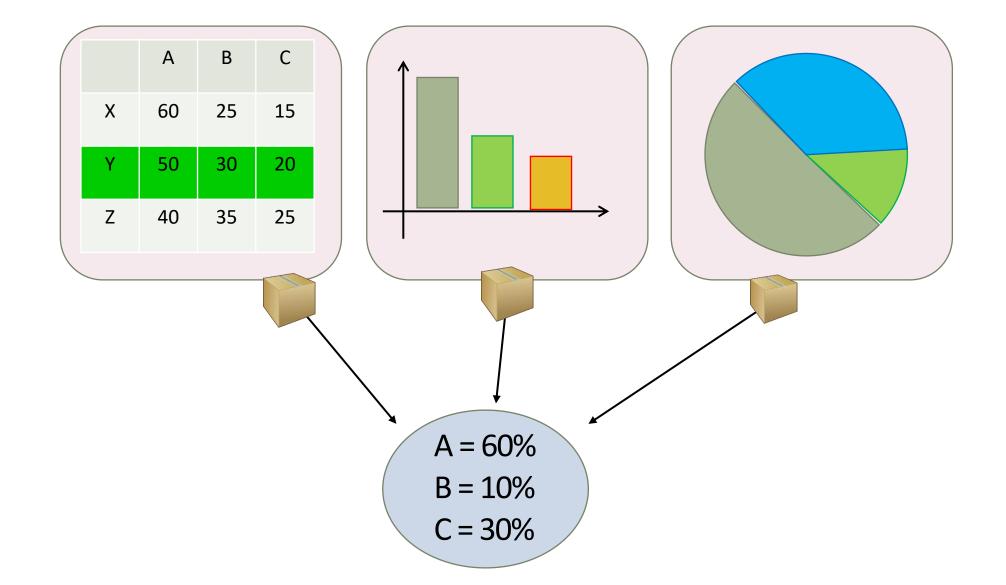
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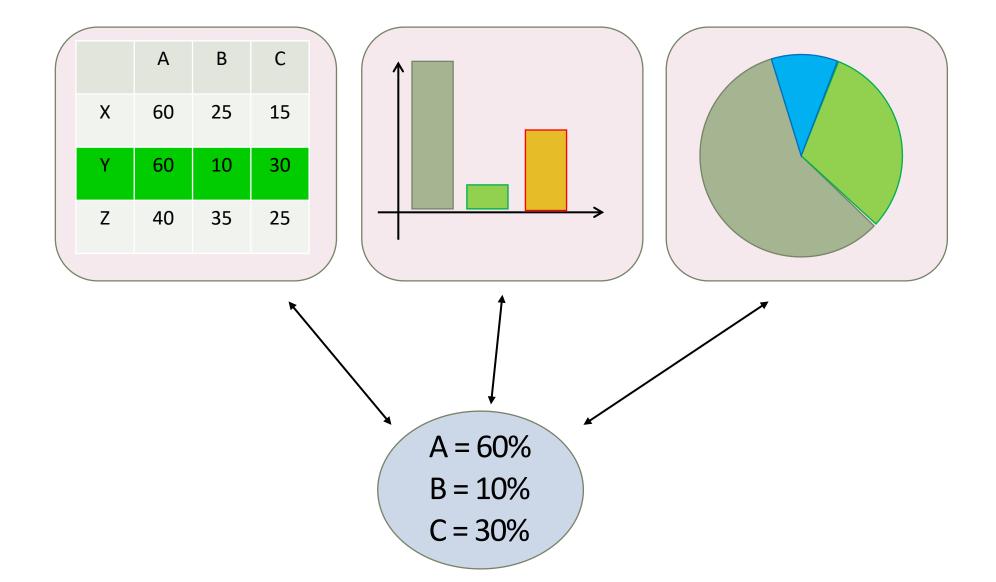
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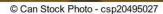


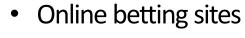
# Soccer example











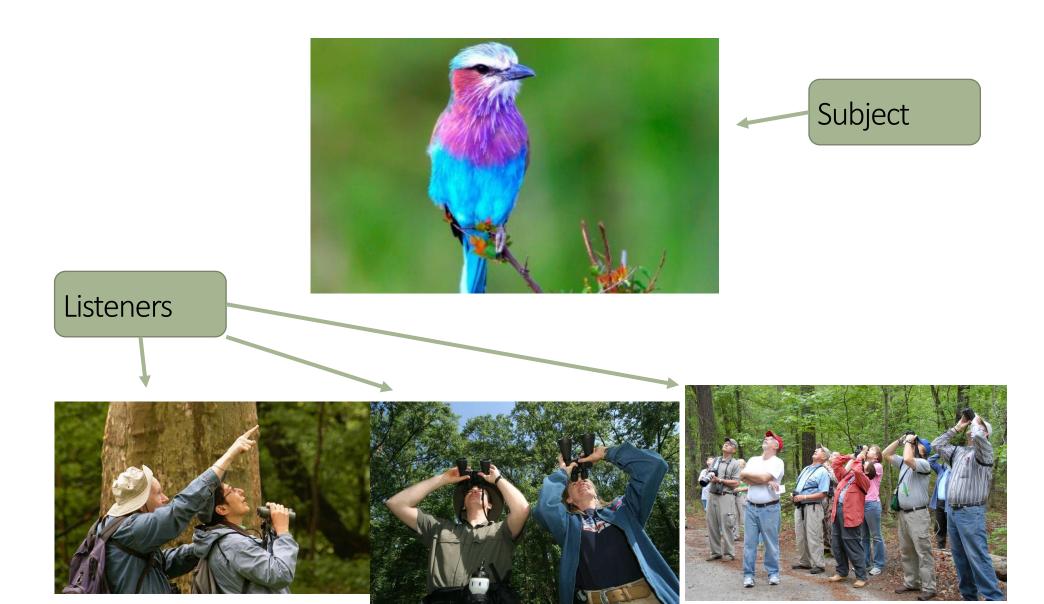
- Online live-score
- Medics
- SMS live updates







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- In all cases many objects are interested in one object
- Listeners are interested in the Subject

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## Design Pattern: Observer

#### Problem

• You have a number of (maybe different) classes, which are interested in the state/data/behaviour of another class.

#### Intent

- Define a many-to-one relationship between objects so that when one object changes state, all its interested objects are notified
- One broadcast to many

#### Example

- One class calculates some data, and other classes want to display them in different ways
- Button listeners, listeners in JavaFX

## Observer design pattern – the basic idea

- 1) A class (Listener) subscribes to a service (Subject)
- 2) Listener gets a "message" every time there is an update
- 3) Listeners act upon the update

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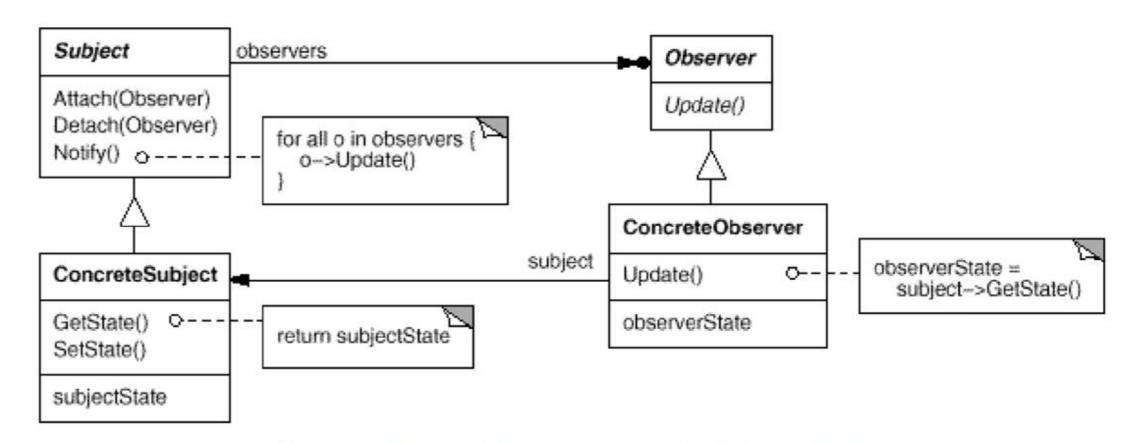
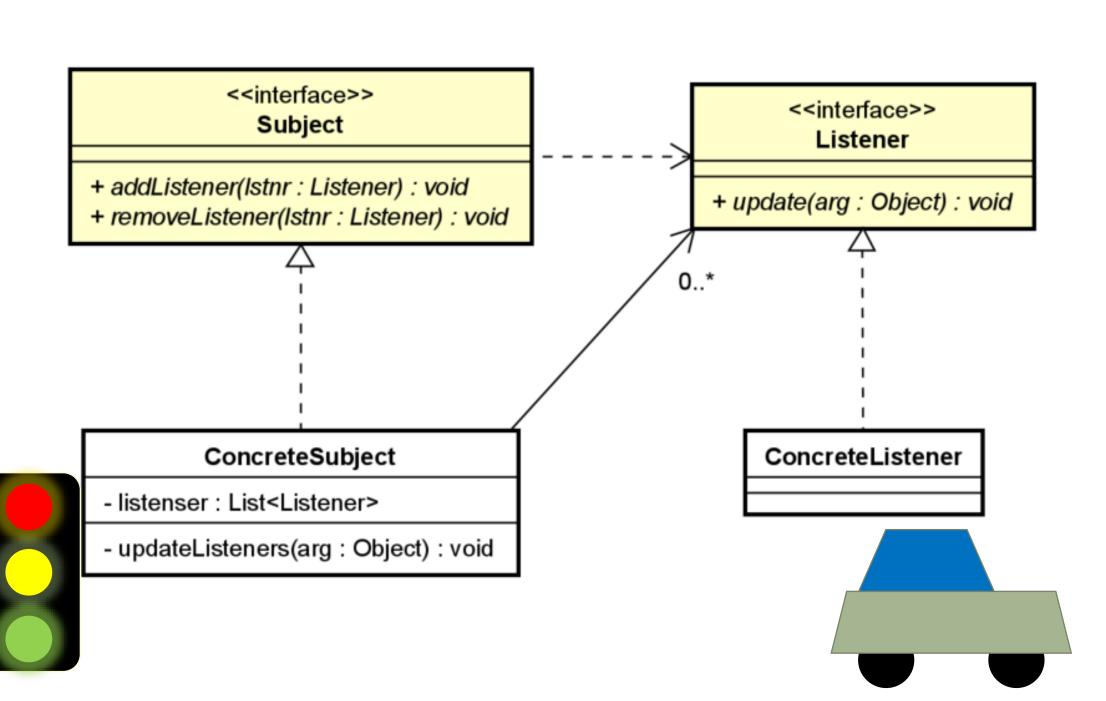
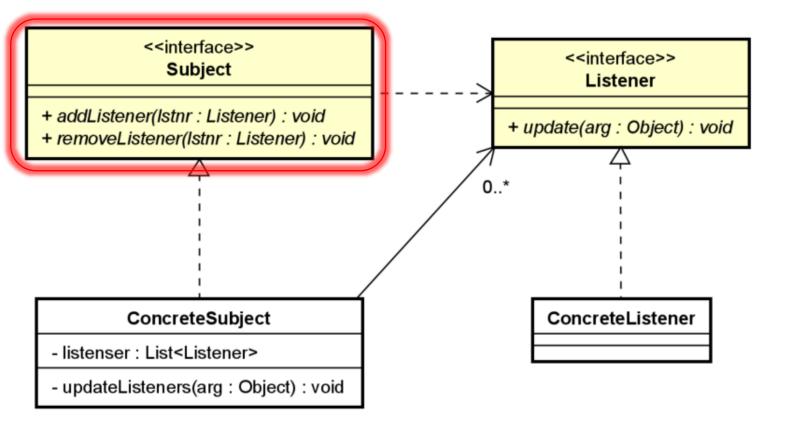


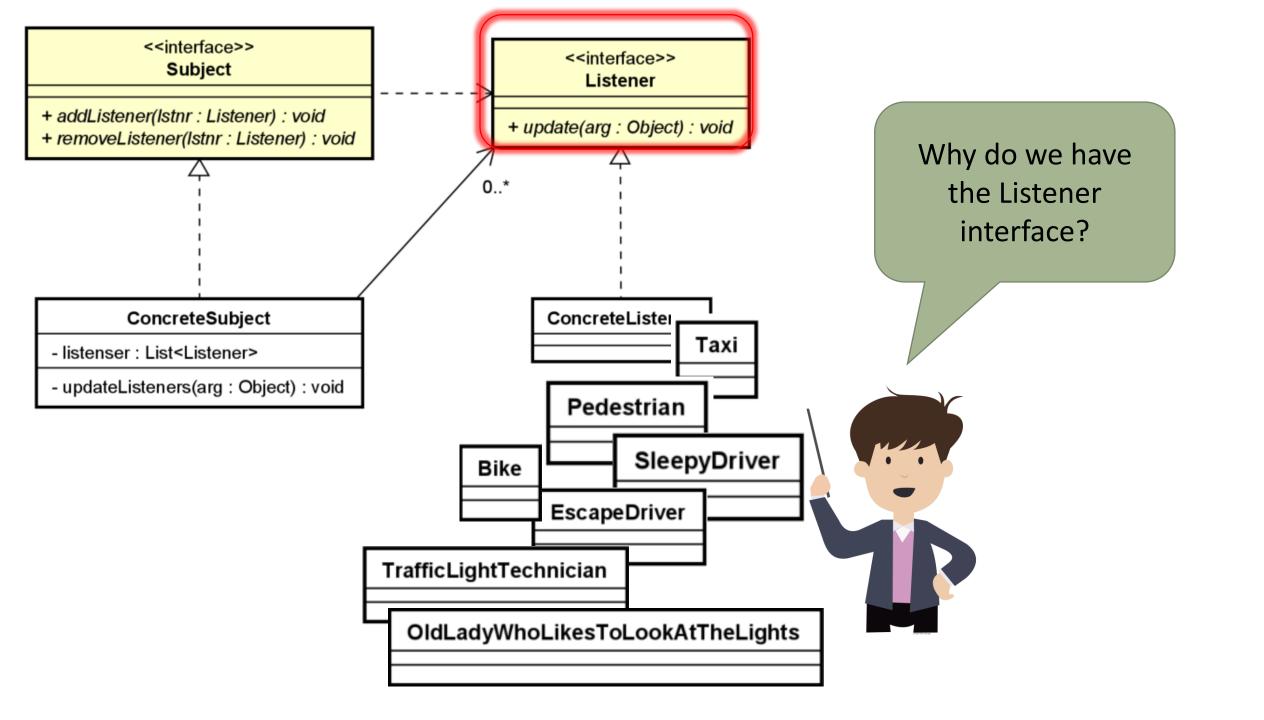
Figure 1: Observer (Gamma, et al., 1995) page 294.

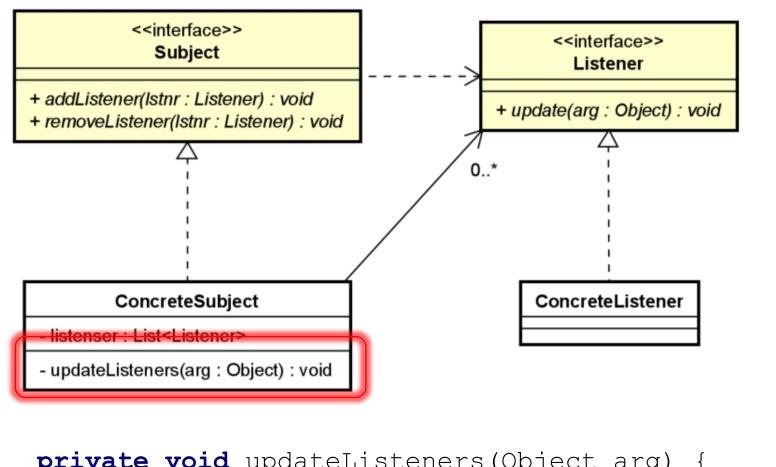




Why do we have the Subject interface?



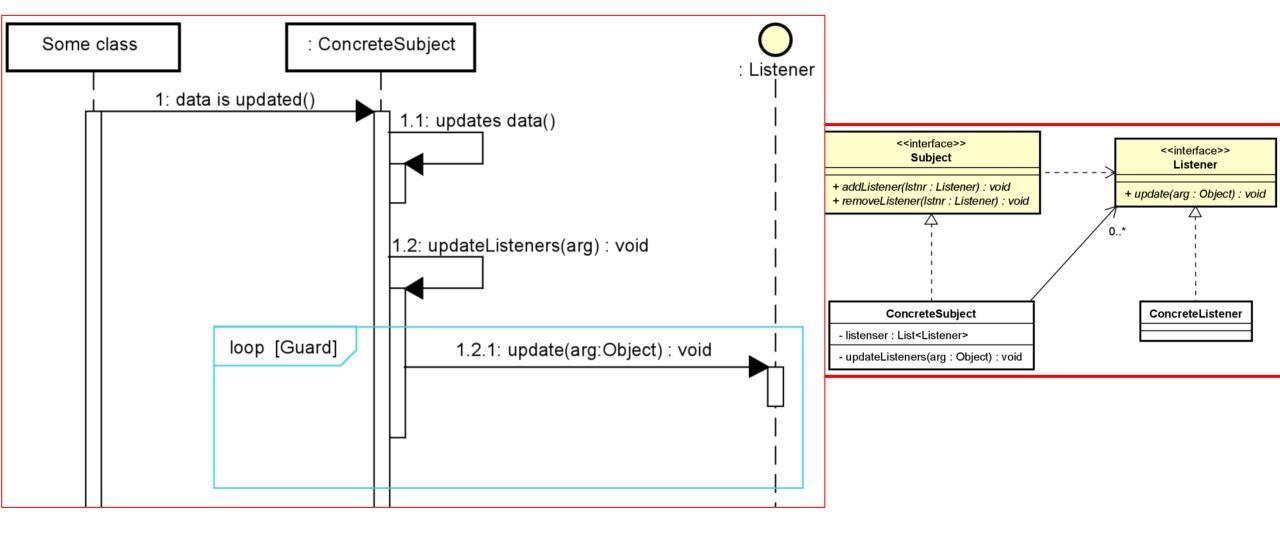




private void updateListeners(Object arg) {
 for (Listener listener : listeners) {
 listener.update(arg);
 }
}
Have you seen
this type of loop?

What do we put in updateListeners method?

We say "the subject fires an event"



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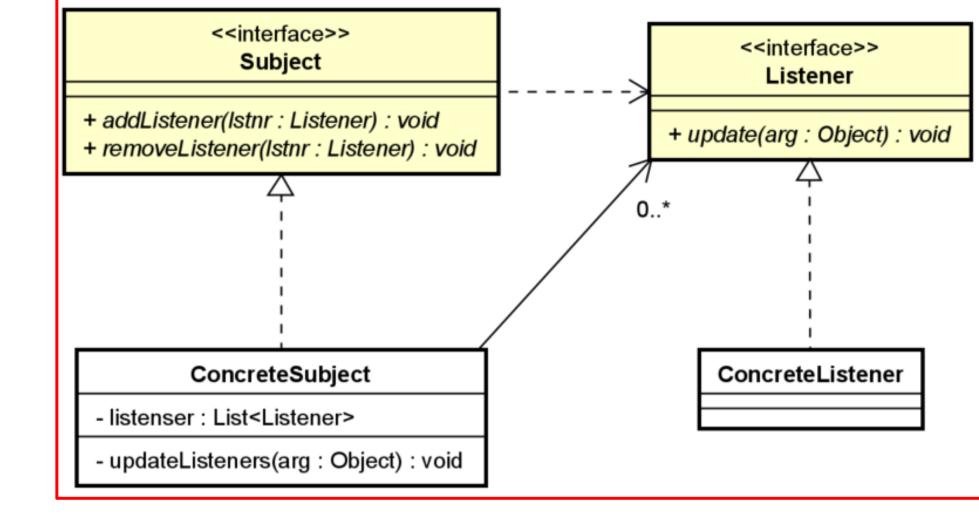
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# Pros/cons?

• Benefits?

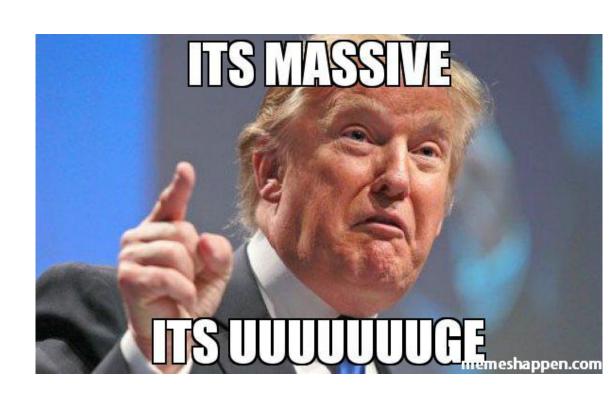
• Drawback?



- The traffic light doesn't care that I added a new Listener, the Taxi.
- It will just notify all who's interested that something changed
- I can now add all kinds of new Listeners, e.g. escape drivers, pedestrians, etc.

#### without changing existing code.

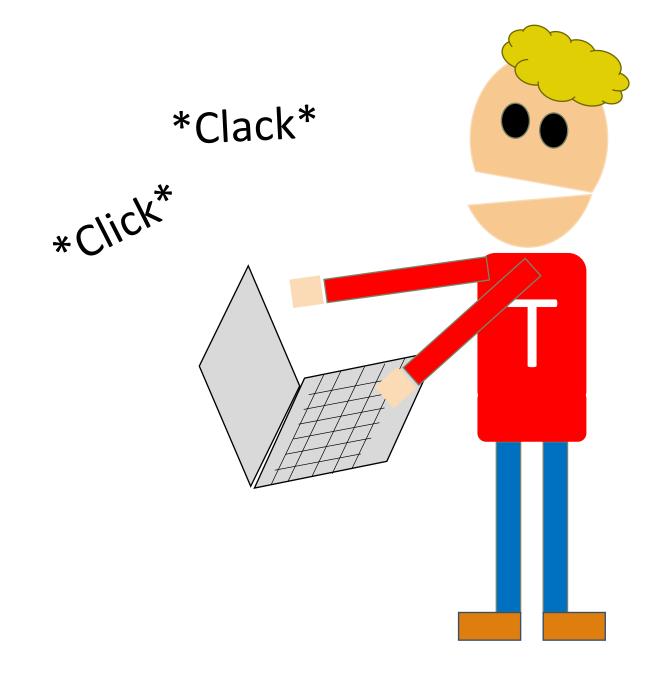
Huge benefit. Loose coupling



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Applying the observer pattern to the traffic light example



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#### Informative stuff

• Two videos to follow up on the Observer pattern.

Debugging tutorial

• Notice comments below slides.

Exercises

If you want a good grade



- Britney Spears