

# Learning Object-Oriented Programming, Design and TDD with Pharos

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# Illustrations

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# Beacons and Satellites

In this chapter you will build a simulator for beacons and satellites. Beacons are in the sea and collect data and from time to time they should synchronise with satellites to send data.

In reality, satellites broadcast signals and beacons are polling at regular interval for signals, then once they know that they are in range based on the first signal, a communication is established and data is exchanged.

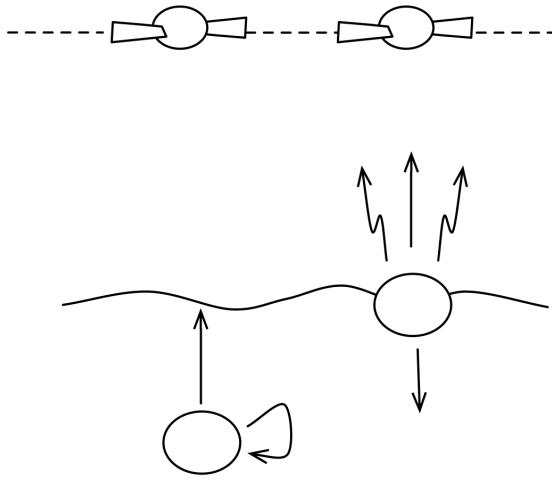
In the simulator we will present how we can implement communication between loosely coupled objects. You will build step by step different variations around the observer/observable idiom. This idiom is important since it is used in Model-View-Controller and Self addressed stamped envelope (S.A.S.E) patterns. Beacons will register to satellites and when the satellites are in range they will notify the beacons interested in the notification.

## 1.1 Description

A beacon is inside the sea and it collects data. It is fully autonomous. After a certain period of time it migrates to the surface waiting to send the data it collected. To communicate with satellites, a satellite should be available, i.e., within the zone where the beacon is.

A satellite is moving around earth at a certain speed and ranging a portion of sea. It can only communicate with beacons within such range.

The system is fully dynamic in the sense that new beacons may be added or removed. Satellites may be present or not.



**Figure 1-1** Beacons and Satellites.

## 1.2 A simple model

```
Object subclass: #Satellite
  instanceVariableNames: 'observers'
  classVariableNames: ''
  package: 'SatelliteAndBeacon'

Satellite >> initialize
  observers := OrderedCollection new

Object subclass: #Beacon
  instanceVariableNames: 'data'
  classVariableNames: ''
  package: 'SatelliteAndBeacon'
```

## 1.3 V1: Simple observer / observable

We start with a simple schema where beacons

- register to satellites and
- when the satellites are in range they notify the beacons that registered.

### Registration

A beacon register to a satellite as follows:

## 1.4 V1 Implementation

```
[ Satellite >> register: aBeacon  
  self addObserver: aBeacon
```

### Notification

```
[ Satellite >> position: aPoint  
  position := aPoint.  
  self notify
```

```
[ Satellite >> notify  
  observers do: [ :aBeacon | aBeacon satellitePositionChanged: self ]
```

## 1.4 V1 Implementation

???

## 1.5 V2: Analysis

This first implementation has several drawbacks.

- One of the problem is that the message is hardcoded.
- Second Imagine that the satellite should emit different notification for its position, protocol to be used, frequency.... and each kind of beacon can register for the notification kinds that fits it. We must have a list of each kind of observed property.

## 1.6 V2: Introducing events

```
[ Satellite >> register: aBeacon forEvent: aEventClass  
  aSatellite1 addObserver: aBeacon1 with: aEventClass  
  
[ Satellite >> addObserver: anObserver with: anEventClass  
  observerDict at: anEventClass ifAbsentPut: [OrderedCollection new].  
  (observerDict at: anEventClass) add: anObserver  
  
[ Satellite >> position: aPoint  
  position := aPoint.  
  self notify: (PositionChanged with: self)  
  
[ Satellite >> notify: anEvent  
  (observersDict at: anEvent class) ifPresent: [ :aBeaconList |  
    aBeaconList do: [:aBeacon| anEvent fireOn: aBeacon ]
```

## Implementation

```
[ Object subclass: #SBEvent
  instanceVariableNames: 'observable'
  classVariableNames: ''
  package: 'SatelliteAndBeacon'

[ SBEvent subclass: #SBPositionChanged
  instanceVariableNames: ''
  classVariableNames: ''
  package: 'SatelliteAndBeacon'

[ SBEvent subclass: #SBProtocolChanged
  instanceVariableNames: ''
  classVariableNames: ''
  package: 'SatelliteAndBeacon'

[ SBPositionChanged >> fireOn: anObserver
  anObserver salelittePositionChanged: observable

[ SBProtocolChanged >> fireOn: anObserver
  anObserver salelitteProtocolChanged: observable
```

## V2 analysis

### Advantages

- we reuse the same mechanism for different kind of observable properties.

### Drawbacks

- One event means that the message is also hardcoded. There is tight dependencies between the event type and the kind of behavior that is available on the observer side.

## 1.7 V3 Specifying the message

Now the observer can specify the message that it wants to receive.

```
[ aSatellite1 when: SBPositionChanged send: #readyForHandShakeWith:
  to: aBeacon1

[ aSatellite1 when: SBProtocolChanged send: #useProtocol: to: aBeacon1

[ Satellite >> when: anEventClass send: aSelector to: anObserver
  observerDict at: anEventClass iAbsentPut: [OrderedCollection new].
  (observerDict at: anEventClass) add: (aSelector -> anObserver)

[ Satellite >> position: aPoint
  position := aPoint.
  self notify: (PositionChanged with: self)
```



```
[ Satellite >> notify: anEvent
  (observersDict at: anEvent class) ifPresent: [ :aBeaconList |
    aBeaconList do: [ :aBeaconAssoc |
      aBeaconAssoc value perform: aBeaconAssoc key with: anEvent) ]
```

## 1.8 V5 Factoring out the announcer

The notification and management at notification should be packaged as a separate class so that we can reuse it by just delegating to it.

```
[ Object subclass: #BSAnnouncement
  instanceVariableNames: 'selector observer'

[ Object subclass: #BSAnnouncer
  instanceVariableNames: 'observerDict'

BSAnnouncer >> when: anEventClass send: aSelector to: anObserver
  observerDict at: anEventClass iAbsentPut: [ OrderedCollection new]
  .
  (observerDict at: anEventClass) add:
    (BSAnnouncement send: aSelector to: anObserver)

BSAnnouncer >> notify: anEvent
  (observersDict at: anEvent class) ifPresent: [ :aBeaconList |
    aBeaconList do: [ :anAnnouncement |
      anAnnouncement observer
        perform: anAnnouncement selector
          with: anEvent) ]

[ Satellite >> notify: anEvent
  self announcer notify: anEvent

[ Satellite >> when: anEventClass send: aSelector to: anObserver
  self announcer when: anEventClass send: aSelector to: anObserver
```

## 1.9 Discussion about lookup of events



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