

DESIGN PATTERNS

<Patterns>

- You need to hang a poster on the wall...
 - What do you do?
- You need to write a term paper...
 - How should it be organized?

Design Patterns

- Design patterns (DPs) are...
 - Strategies for your “toolkit of ideas”
 - Templates for solutions
 - Codified best practices
 - Ideas for how to organize code
- Design patterns are not...
 - Architectural styles (DPs are too low level)
 - Code libraries (DPs are ideas, not code)

Design Patterns

- Primary goals of DPs
 - To help maintainability, flexibility, other quality attributes
 - To help system designers make good decisions
- There are a few dozen very common OO patterns
 - Patterns exist for other kinds of non-OO systems.
 - Patterns are recognizable based on their *structure and their purpose*.

Example system

- Kiva system to connect lenders with borrowers
- How could we use DPs to implement Kiva?
- How could we use DPs to implement a better Kiva???

The screenshot displays the Kiva website interface. At the top, the Kiva logo is accompanied by the tagline "loans that change lives". Navigation links include Home, Kiva Gifts, Login, Register, Do More, My Basket, and Help Center. Below the navigation bar are tabs for LEND, ABOUT, COMMUNITY, JOURNALS, and MY PORTFOLIO.

The main content area features a central diagram titled "What is Kiva?" which explains the platform's mission: "Kiva lets you lend to a specific entrepreneur, empowering them to lift themselves out of poverty." This diagram is flanked by icons for "Lenders" (YOU) and "Entrepreneurs".

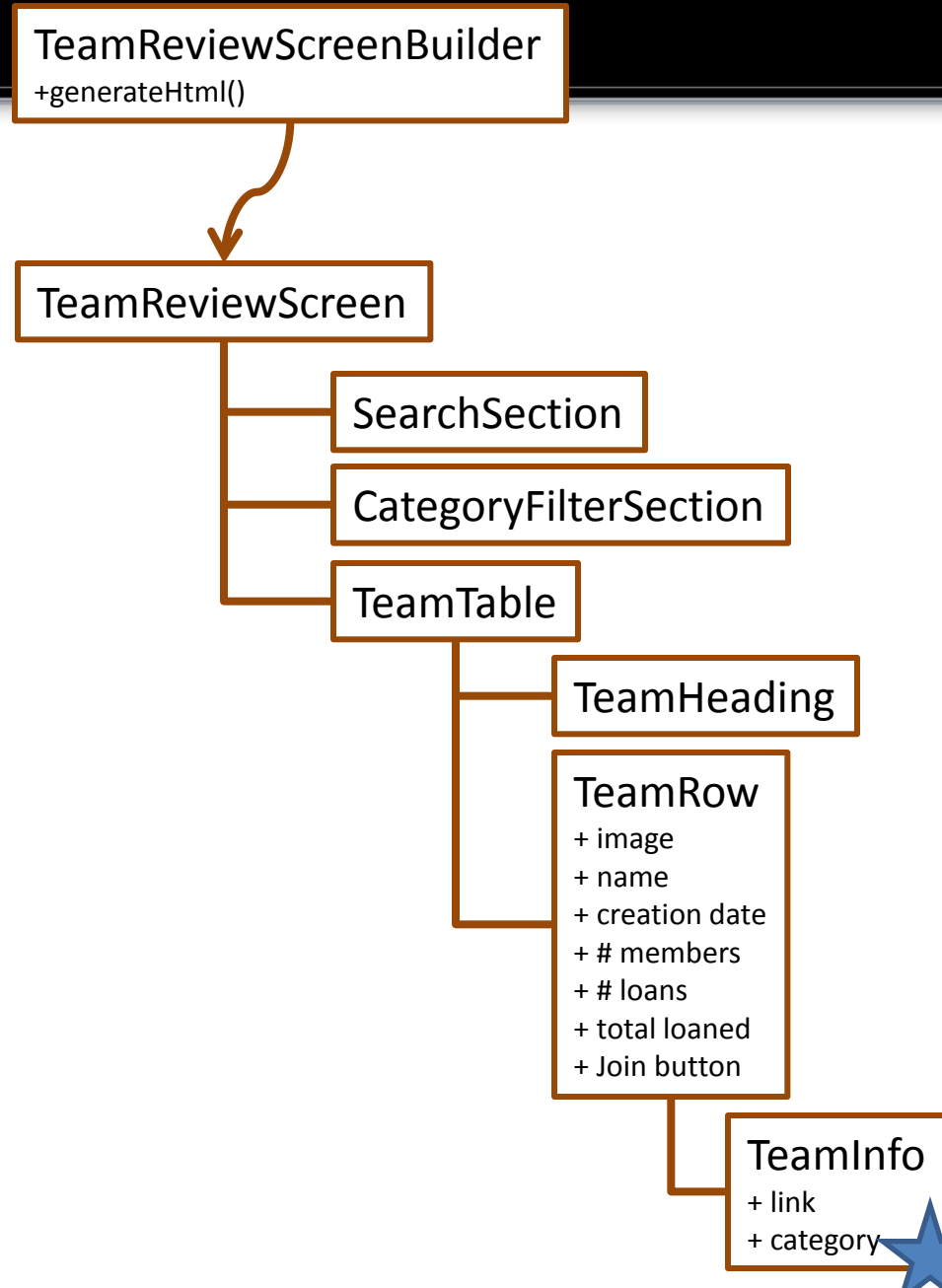
On the left side, there is a section titled "Impact This Week" stating "1 loan every 14 seconds." Below this is a "Check out Kiva Alerts!" section with a description: "Alerts you when loans of your interest appear on Kiva." and an "Alert me!" button. Further down is a link to "Check out more developer apps in the Kiva App Gallery".

On the right side, there is a "Featured Entrepreneurs" section. It includes a large photo of a group of people, identified as the "Mujeres Unidas Group" in Paraguay, engaged in retail. A description mentions their location in Quindiy and a distance of 18km from the nearest office. Below the photo is a "LEND NOW" button with a dropdown menu set to "\$25" and a progress bar showing "\$2,900" raised, with "55% raised" indicated.

At the bottom, there is a "Latest Activity" section showing a timestamp of "3:28 pm PDT" and a small image of a person. Below the featured entrepreneurs, there is a row of "More Featured Entrepreneurs" with several small thumbnail images.

Knows how to create a complex object

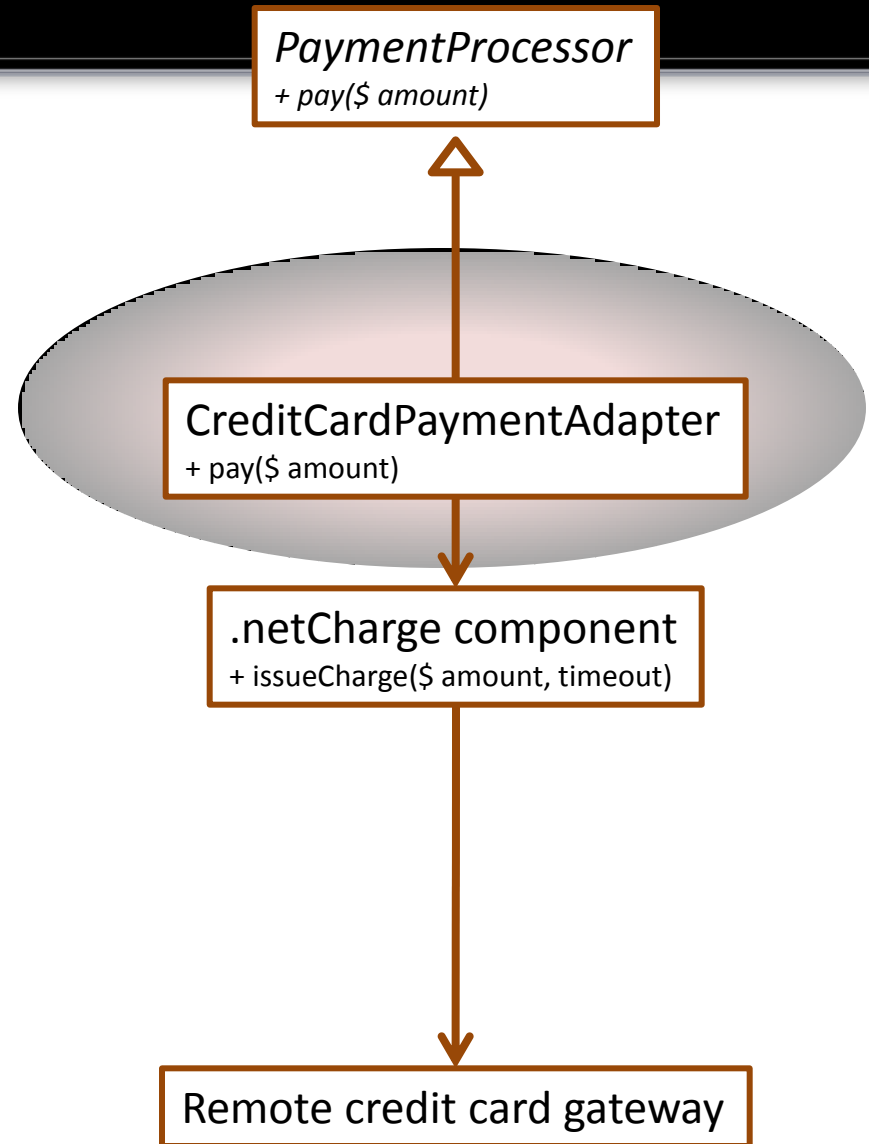
Use when instantiating an object requires filling it with parts or otherwise lengthy configuration



Adapter

Converts one interface to another by wrapping

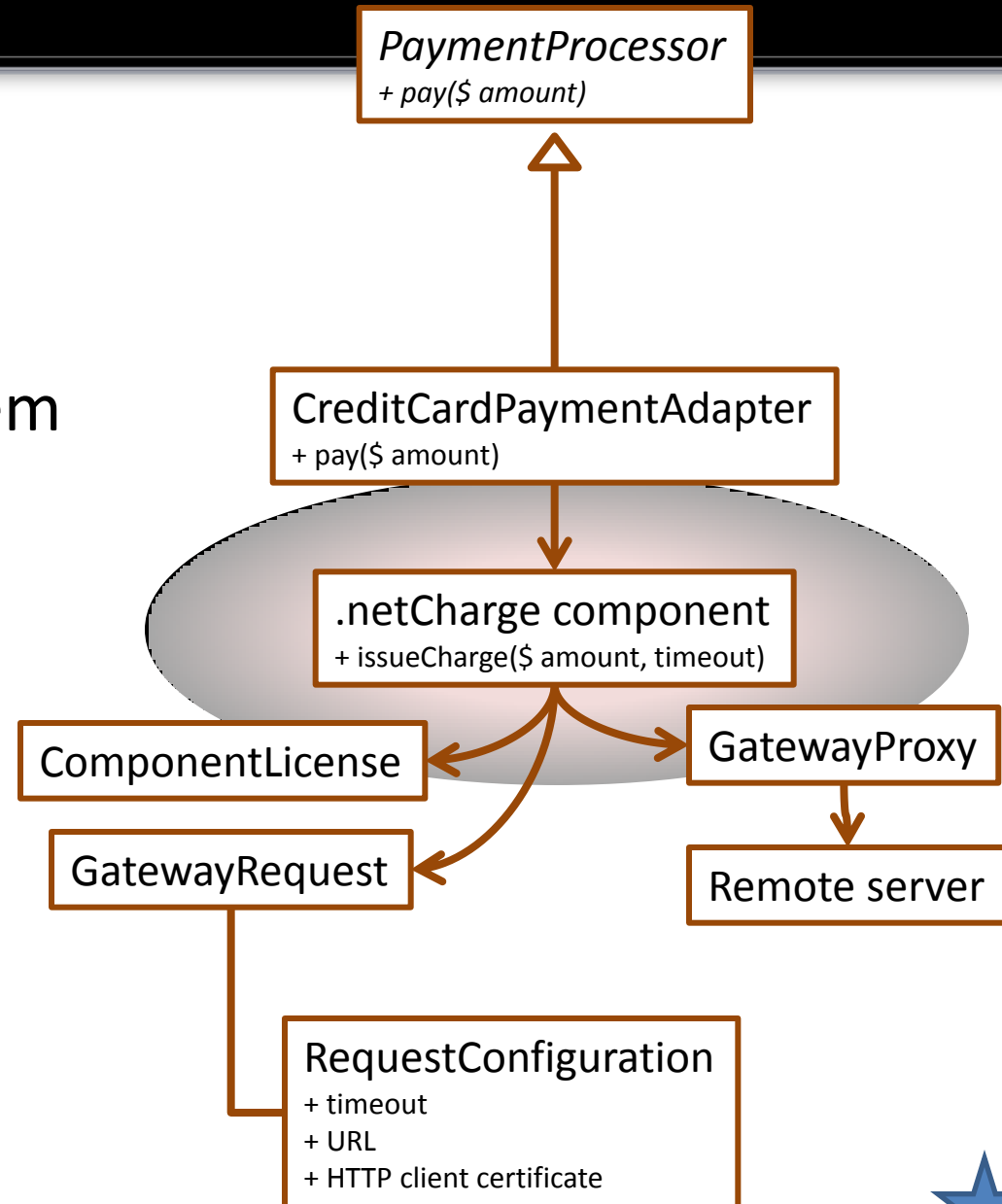
Use to overcome incompatibility



Facade

Object that provides a unified, high-level interface to a subsystem

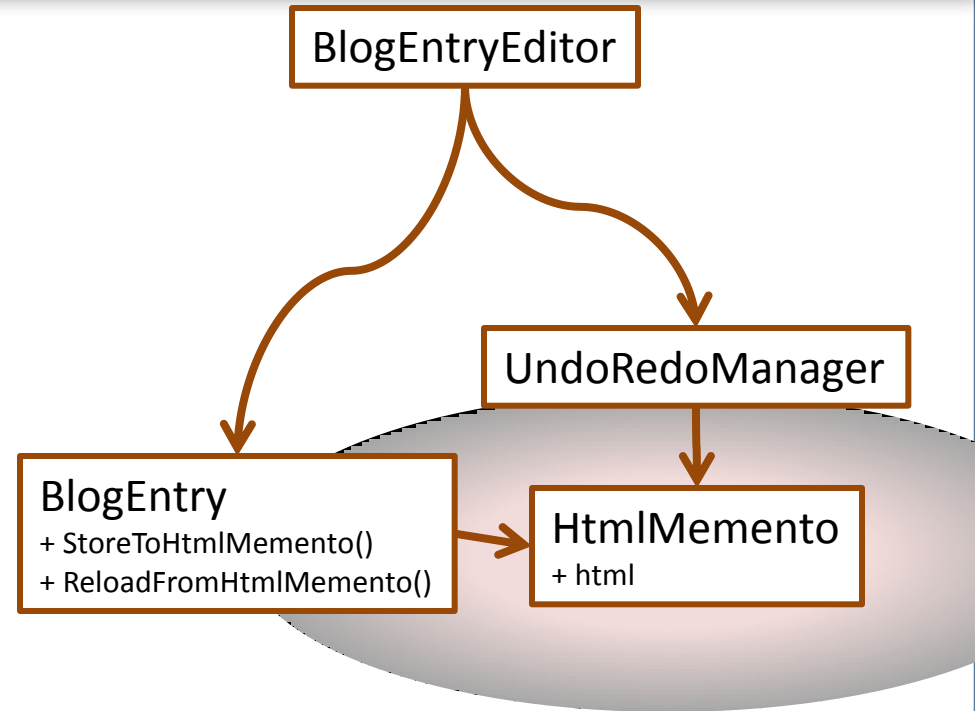
Use when calling a subsystem requires a frequent series of complex lines of code



Memento

Encapsulate state in an object

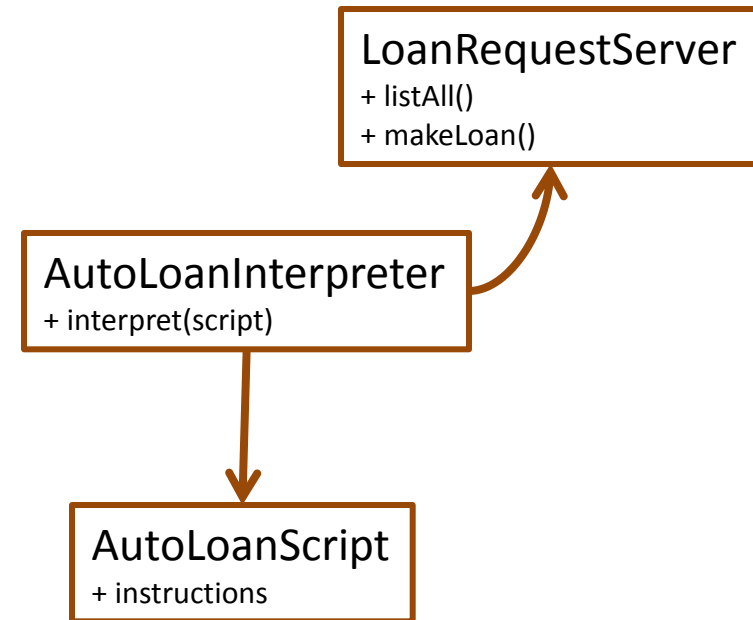
Use if you might want to return to a certain state later



Interpreter

Parses and acts on
instructions written in a
certain syntax

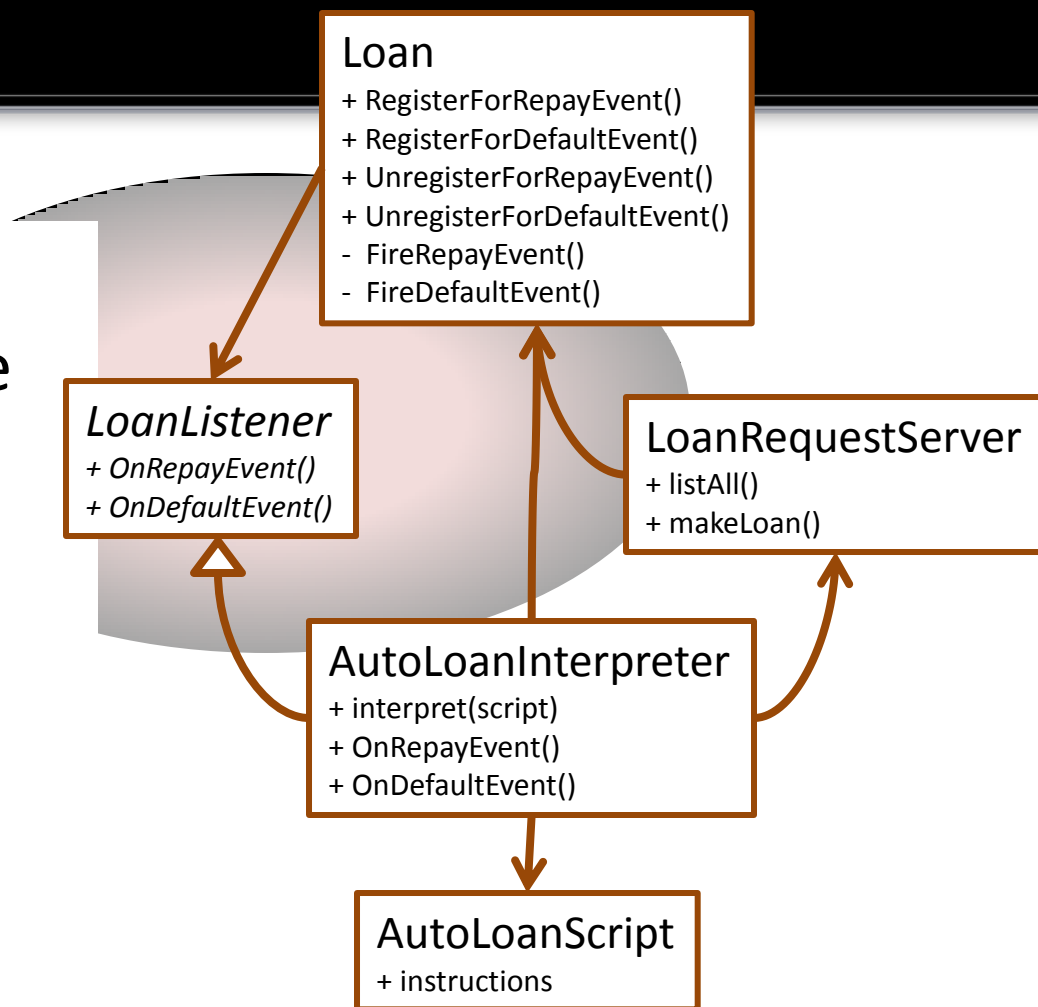
Use to add scriptability



Observer

Watching for another
object to change state

Use in any event-driven
design



Which pattern would you use?

- You are building a cool 3D game. Your company licenses a big, ugly library that implements the 3D mathematics.

Builder

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Which pattern would you use?

- Your application might crash at any time. You want your application to save its state so that if it crashes, then it can auto-recover.

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Which pattern would you use?

- Your application should run after any student uploads a homework to Blackboard.

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Which pattern would you use?

- Your application needs to generate PDF files (from scratch).

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Which pattern would you use?

- You want to let users create and run macros inside your application.

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Which pattern would you use?

- Your company already implemented a component that almost implements the interface that you need, but not quite.

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Which pattern would you use?

- You have a component that needs to implement three very slightly different interfaces.

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Which pattern would you use?

- Your program has to create some big, ugly record objects before inserting them into a database.

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Now go read about these

(They are usually on the final exam!)

- **Use the textbook and/or Wikipedia**
 - Template method
 - Factory method
 - Strategy
 - Decorator
 - Composite
 - Visitor
- **Ask yourself: What is each of these patterns good for?**
 - If you can't figure it out, then talk with your instructor!

