Design Patterns

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Memento

Design Pattern

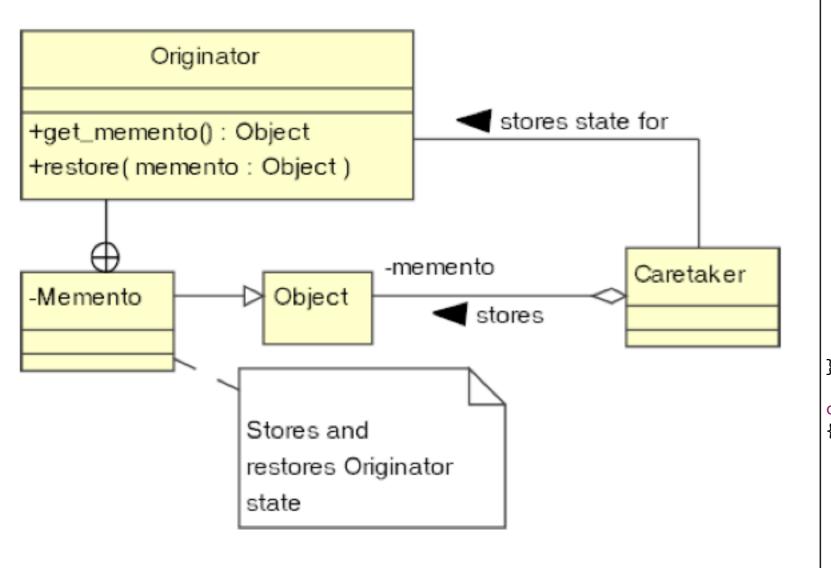
Intent

 Encapsulate an object's state in such a way that no external entity can know how the object is structured. An external object (called a caretaker) can store or restore object.

Structure

- Originator: Creates a memento that holds a "snapshot" of its current state.
- Memento: Stores the internal state of the Originator in a way that does not expose the structure of the Originator.
- Supports a "wide" interface used by the originator and a "narrow" interface used by everyone else.
- Caretaker: Stores the mementos, but never operates on them

Example



```
package scratch;
class Originator
  private String state;
  private int
                 more;
  private class Memento
    private String state = Originator.this.state;
                         = Originator.this.more;
    private int more
    public String toString()
      return state + "," + more;
  }
  public Object get_memento()
    return new Memento();
  public void restore(Object o)
   Memento m = (Memento) o;
    state = m.state;
    more = m.more;
class Caretaker
            memento;
  Object
 Originator originator;
  public void capture_state()
   memento = originator.get_memento();
  public void restore_yourself()
    originator.restore(memento);
```

Advantages

- Allows an object's state to be stored externally in such a way that the maintainability of the program is not compromised.
- Allows a "caretaker" object to store states of classes that it knows nothing about.

Disadvantages

- Versioning can be difficult if the memento is stored persistently. The originator must be able to decipher mementos created by previous versions of itself.
- It's often unclear whether a memento should be a "deep" copy of the Originator. (i.e. should recursively copy not just references, but the objects that are referenced as well). Deep copies are expensive to manufacture. Shallow copies can cause memory leaks, and referenced objects might change values.
- Caretakers don't know how much state is in the memento, so they cannot perform efficient memory management.

Another Example

```
class Memento
{
   private String state;

   public Memento(String stateToSave)
   {
      state = stateToSave;
   }

   public String getSavedState()
   {
      return state;
   }
}
```

```
class Caretaker
{
  private List<Memento> savedStates = new ArrayList<Memento>();

public void addMemento(Memento m)
  {
    savedStates.add(m);
  }

public Memento getMemento(int index)
  {
    return savedStates.get(index);
  }
}
```

```
class Originator
 private String state;
  * lots of memory using private data that does not have to be saved. Instead
  * we use a small memento object.
                                                                   class MementoExample
  public void set(String state)
                                                                     public static void main(String[] args)
   System.out.println("Originator: Setting state to " + state);
   this.state = state;
                                                                       Caretaker caretaker = new Caretaker();
                                                                       Originator originator = new Originator();
                                                                       originator.set("State1");
                                                                       originator.set("State2");
  public Memento saveToMemento()
                                                                       caretaker.addMemento(originator.saveToMemento());
                                                                       originator.set("State3");
   System.out.println("Originator: Saving to Memento.");
                                                                       caretaker.addMemento(originator.saveToMemento());
   return new Memento(state);
                                                                       originator.set("State4");
                                                                       originator.restoreFromMemento(caretaker.getMemento(1));
  public void restoreFromMemento(Memento memento)
   state = memento.getSavedState();
   System.out.println("Originator: State after restoring from Memento: " + state);
```

JDK Examples

Usage

A byte array is about as black as a box can be. *Decorator* is used, here, to produce a system of streams that manufacture the memento. This example also nicely illustrates a flaw in *Decorator*—that you sometimes have to access an encapsulated decorator to do work.

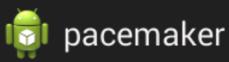
Memento in Android

```
public class MyActivity implements Parcelable
 public Long
  public String type;
 public String location;
  public double distance;
 //...
 public MyActivity(Parcel in)
   this.type = in.readString();
   this.location = in.readString();
   this.distance = in.readDouble();
 }
 @Override
 public int describeContents()
    return 0;
 @Override
 public void writeToParcel(Parcel dest, int flags)
    dest.writeString(type);
   dest.writeString(location);
    dest.writeDouble(distance);
 public static final Parcelable.Creator<MyActivity> CREATOR = new Parcelable.Creator<MyActivity>()
    public MyActivity createFromParcel(Parcel in)
      return new MyActivity(in);
    public MyActivity[] newArray(int size)
      return new MyActivity[size];
 };
```

Model Object implements
 'Parcelable'

Memento





Enter Activity Details

Enter Activity type...

Enter Location...

Distance

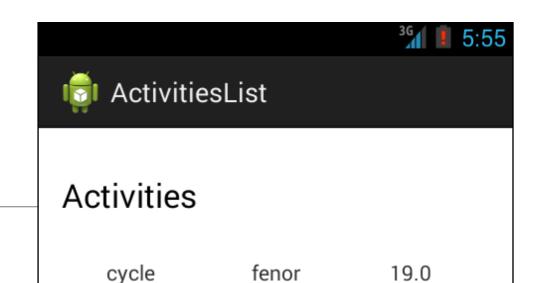
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Create Activity

Memento



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```
public class ActivitiesList extends AppCompatActivity
 private ListView activitiesListView;
  @Override
 protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState)
   super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
   setContentView(R.layout.activity_activities_list);
    Bundle extras = getIntent().getExtras();
   List<MyActivity> activities = extras.getParcelableArrayList("activities");
   activitiesListView = (ListView) findViewById(R.id.activitiesListView);
   for (MyActivity activity : activities)
      Log.v("Pacemaker", "Activity: " + activity);
   ArrayAdapter<MyActivity> activitiesAdapter = new ArrayAdapter<MyActivity>(this, android.R.layout.simple_list_item_1, activities);
    activitiesListView.setAdapter(activitiesAdapter);
    activitiesAdapter.notifyDataSetChanged();
```



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