State

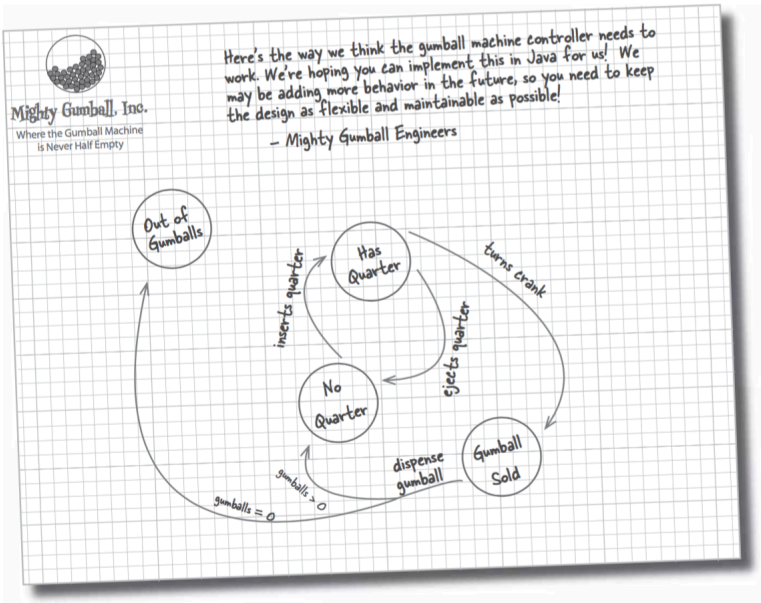
Contents are from “Design Patterns” and “Head First Design Patterns”

State

- Intent
  - Allow an object to alter its behavior when its internal state changes. The object will appear to change its class.

Applicability

- Use the State pattern when
  - An object's behavior depends on its state, and it must change its behavior at run-time depending on that state.
  - Operations have large, multipart conditional statements that depend on the object's state. This state is usually represented by one or more enumerated constants. Often, several operations will contain this same conditional structure. The State pattern puts each branch of the conditional in a separate class.



1. First, gather up your states:

2. Next, create an instance variable to hold the current state, and define values for each of the states:

Let's just call "Out of Gumballs" "Sold Out" for short.

```
final static int SOLD_OUT = 0;
final static int NO_QUARTER = 1;
final static int HAS_QUARTER = 2;
final static int SOLD = 3;

int state = SOLD_OUT;
```

Here's each state represented as a unique integer...

...and here's an instance variable that holds the current state. We'll go ahead and set it to "Sold Out" since the machine will be unfilled when it's first taken out of its box and turned on.

3. Now we gather up all the actions that can happen in the system:

These actions are the gumball machine's interface – the things you can do with it.

Dispense is more of an internal action the machine invokes on itself.

Looking at the diagram, invoking any of these actions causes a state transition.

4 Now we create a class that acts as the state machine. For each action, we create a method that uses conditional statements to determine what behavior is appropriate in each state. For instance, for the insert quarter action, we might write a method like this:

```
public void insertQuarter() {
    if (state == HAS_QUARTER) {
        System.out.println("You can't insert another quarter");
    } else if (state == SOLD_OUT) {
        System.out.println("You can't insert a quarter, the machine is sold out");
    } else if (state == SOLD) {
        System.out.println("Please wait, we're already giving you a gumball");
    } else if (state == NO_QUARTER) {
        state = HAS_QUARTER;
        System.out.println("You inserted a quarter");
    }
}
```

Each possible state is checked with a conditional statement...

...and exhibits the appropriate behavior for each possible state...

...but can also transition to other states, just as depicted in the diagram.

```
public class GumballMachine {

    final static int SOLD_OUT = 0;
    final static int NO_QUARTER = 1;
    final static int HAS_QUARTER = 2;
    final static int SOLD = 3;

    int state = SOLD_OUT;
    int count = 0;

    public GumballMachine(int count) {
        this.count = count;
        if (count > 0) {
            state = NO_QUARTER;
        }
    }

    public void insertQuarter() {
        if (state == HAS_QUARTER) {
            System.out.println("You can't insert another quarter");
        } else if (state == NO_QUARTER) {
            state = HAS_QUARTER;
            System.out.println("You inserted a quarter");
        } else if (state == SOLD_OUT) {
            System.out.println("You can't insert a quarter, the machine is sold out");
        } else if (state == SOLD) {
            System.out.println("Please wait, we're already giving you a gumball");
        }
    }
```

Here are the four states; they match the states in Mighty Gumball's state diagram.

Here's the instance variable that is going to keep track of the current state we're in. We start in the SOLD_OUT state.

We have a second instance variable that keeps track of the number of gumballs in the machine.

The constructor takes an initial inventory of gumballs. If the inventory isn't zero, the machine enters state NO_QUARTER, meaning it is waiting for someone to insert a quarter, otherwise it stays in the SOLD_OUT state.

Now we start implementing the actions as methods....

When a quarter is inserted, if....

a quarter is already inserted we tell the customer;

otherwise we accept the quarter and transition to the HAS_QUARTER state.

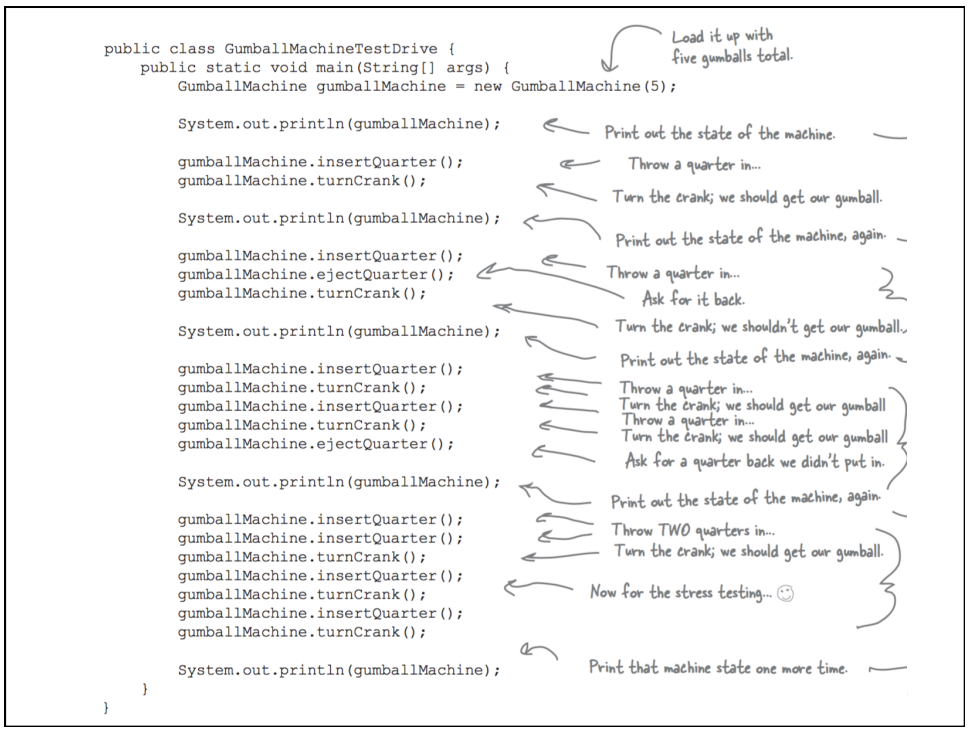
If the customer just bought a gumball he needs to wait until the transaction is complete before inserting another quarter.

and if the machine is sold out, we reject the quarter.


```
public void ejectQuarter() {
    if (state == HAS_QUARTER) {
        System.out.println("Quarter returned");
        state = NO_QUARTER;
    } else if (state == NO_QUARTER) {
        System.out.println("You haven't inserted a quarter");
    } else if (state == SOLD) {
        System.out.println("Sorry, you already turned the crank");
    } else if (state == SOLD_OUT) {
        System.out.println("You can't eject, you haven't inserted a quarter yet");
    }
}

public void turnCrank() {
    if (state == SOLD) {
        System.out.println("Turning twice doesn't get you another gumball!");
    } else if (state == NO_QUARTER) {
        System.out.println("You turned but there's no quarter");
    } else if (state == SOLD_OUT) {
        System.out.println("You turned, but there are no gumballs");
    } else if (state == HAS_QUARTER) {
        System.out.println("You turned...");
        state = SOLD;
        dispense();
    }
}

public void dispense() {
    if (state == SOLD) {
        System.out.println("A gumball comes rolling out the slot");
        count = count - 1;
        if (count == 0) {
            System.out.println("Oops, out of gumballs!");
            state = SOLD_OUT;
        } else {
            state = NO_QUARTER;
        }
    } else if (state == NO_QUARTER) {
        System.out.println("You need to pay first");
    } else if (state == SOLD_OUT) {
        System.out.println("No gumball dispensed");
    } else if (state == HAS_QUARTER) {
        System.out.println("No gumball dispensed");
    }
}
```




```
public class GumballMachineTestDrive {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        GumballMachine gumballMachine = new GumballMachine(5);

        System.out.println(gumballMachine);

        gumballMachine.insertQuarter();
        gumballMachine.turnCrank();

        System.out.println(gumballMachine);

        gumballMachine.insertQuarter();
        gumballMachine.ejectQuarter();
        gumballMachine.turnCrank();

        System.out.println(gumballMachine);

        gumballMachine.insertQuarter();
        gumballMachine.turnCrank();
        gumballMachine.insertQuarter();
        gumballMachine.turnCrank();
        gumballMachine.ejectQuarter();

        System.out.println(gumballMachine);

        gumballMachine.insertQuarter();
        gumballMachine.insertQuarter();
        gumballMachine.turnCrank();
        gumballMachine.insertQuarter();
        gumballMachine.turnCrank();
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        gumballMachine.turnCrank();

        System.out.println(gumballMachine);
    }
}
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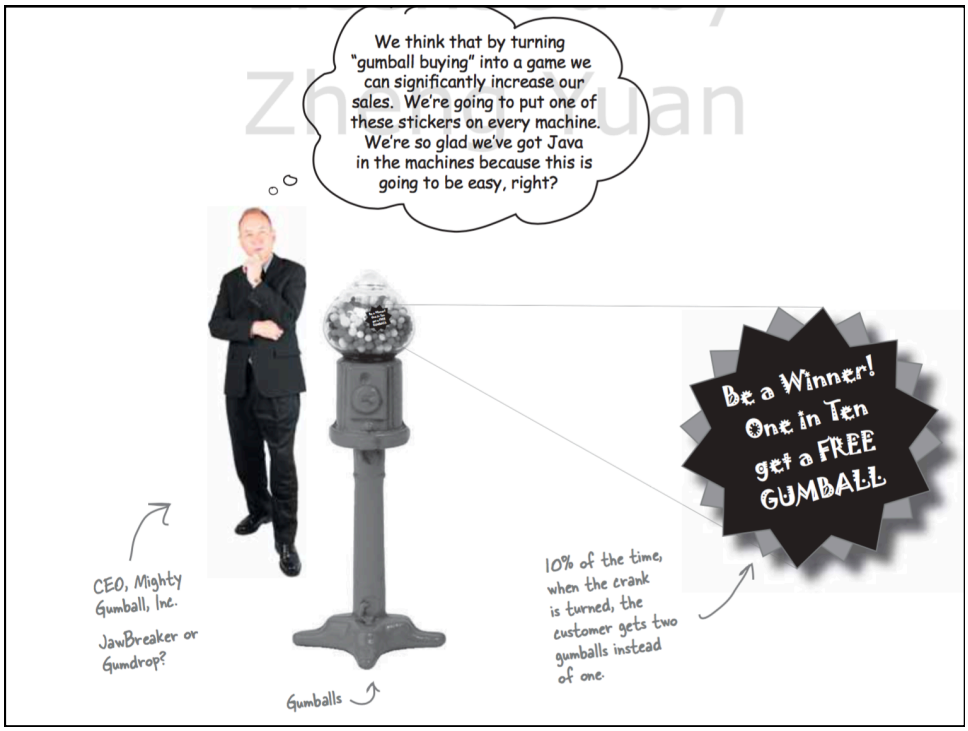



```
final static int SOLD_OUT = 0;
final static int NO_QUARTER = 1;
final static int HAS_QUARTER = 2;
final static int SOLD = 3;


public void insertQuarter() {
    // insert quarter code here
}

public void ejectQuarter() {
    // eject quarter code here
}

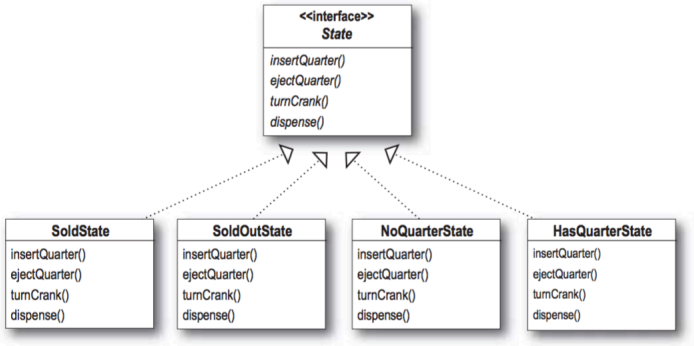
public void turnCrank() {
    // turn crank code here
}

public void dispense() {
    // dispense code here
}
```

First, you'd have to add a new WINNER state here. That isn't too bad...

... but then, you'd have to add a new conditional in every single method to handle the WINNER state; that's a lot of code to modify.

turnCrank() will get especially messy, because you'd have to add code to check to see whether you've got a WINNER and then switch to either the WINNER state or the SOLD state.



First we need to implement the State interface.

We get passed a reference to the Gumball Machine through the constructor. We're just going to stash this in an instance variable.

If someone inserts a quarter, we print a message saying the quarter was accepted and then change the machine's state to the HasQuarterState.

You'll see how these work in just a sec...

You can't get money back if you never gave it to us!

And, you can't get a gumball if you don't pay us.

We can't be dispensing gumballs without payment.

```
public class NoQuarterState implements State {
    GumballMachine gumballMachine;

    public NoQuarterState(GumballMachine gumballMachine) {
        this.gumballMachine = gumballMachine;
    }

    public void insertQuarter() {
        System.out.println("You inserted a quarter");
        gumballMachine.setState(gumballMachine.getHasQuarterState());
    }

    public void ejectQuarter() {
        System.out.println("You haven't inserted a quarter");
    }

    public void turnCrank() {
        System.out.println("You turned, but there's no quarter");
     }

    public void dispense() {
        System.out.println("You need to pay first");
    }
}
```

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public class GumballMachine {

    final static int SOLD_OUT = 0;
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    final static int SOLD = 3;

    int state = SOLD_OUT;
    int count = 0;
```

In the GumballMachine, we update the code to use the new classes rather than the static integers. The code is quite similar, except that in one class we have integers and in the other objects...

Old code

```
public class GumballMachine {

    State soldOutState;
    State noQuarterState;
    State hasQuarterState;
    State soldState;

    State state = soldOutState;
    int count = 0;
```

New code

All the State objects are created and assigned in the constructor.

This now holds a State object, not an integer.

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```
public class GumballMachine {

    State soldOutState;
    State noQuarterState;
    State hasQuarterState;
    State soldState;

    State state = soldOutState;
    int count = 0;

    public GumballMachine(int numberGumballs) {
        soldOutState = new SoldOutState(this);
        noQuarterState = new NoQuarterState(this);
        hasQuarterState = new HasQuarterState(this);
        soldState = new SoldState(this);
        this.count = numberGumballs;
        if (numberGumballs > 0) {
            state = noQuarterState;
        }
    }

    public void insertQuarter() {
        state.insertQuarter();
    }

    public void ejectQuarter() {
        state.ejectQuarter();
    }

    public void turnCrank() {
        state.turnCrank();
        state.dispense();
    }

    void setState(State state) {
        this.state = state;
    }

    void releaseBall() {
        System.out.println("A gumball comes rolling out the slot...");
        if (count != 0) {
            count = count - 1;
        }
    }
```

Here are all the States again...

...and the State instance variable.

The count instance variable holds the count of gumballs – initially the machine is empty.

Our constructor takes the initial number of gumballs and stores it in an instance variable.

It also creates the State instances, one of each.

If there are more than 0 gumballs we set the state to the NoQuarterState.

Now for the actions. These are VERY EASY to implement now. We just delegate to the current state.

Note that we don't need an action method for dispense() in GumballMachine because it's just an internal action; a user can't ask the machine to dispense directly. But we do call dispense() on the State object from the turnCrank() method.

This method allows other objects (like our State objects) to transition the machine to a different state.

The machine supports a releaseBall() helper method that releases the ball and decrements the count instance variable.

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```
public class HasQuarterState implements State {
    GumballMachine gumballMachine;

    public HasQuarterState(GumballMachine gumballMachine) {
        this.gumballMachine = gumballMachine;
    }

    public void insertQuarter() {
        System.out.println("You can't insert another quarter");
    }

    public void ejectQuarter() {
        System.out.println("Quarter returned");
        gumballMachine.setState(gumballMachine.getNoQuarterState());
    }

    public void turnCrank() {
        System.out.println("You turned...");
        gumballMachine.setState(gumballMachine.getSoldState());
    }
    public void dispense() {
        System.out.println("No gumball dispensed");
    }
}
```

When the state is instantiated we pass it a reference to the GumballMachine. This is used to transition the machine to a different state.

An inappropriate action for this state.

Return the customer's quarter and transition back to the NoQuarterState.

When the crank is turned we transition the machine to the SoldState state by calling its setState() method and passing it the SoldState object. The SoldState object is retrieved by the getSoldState() getter method (there is one of these getter methods for each state).

Another inappropriate action for this state.

Now, let's check out the SoldState class...

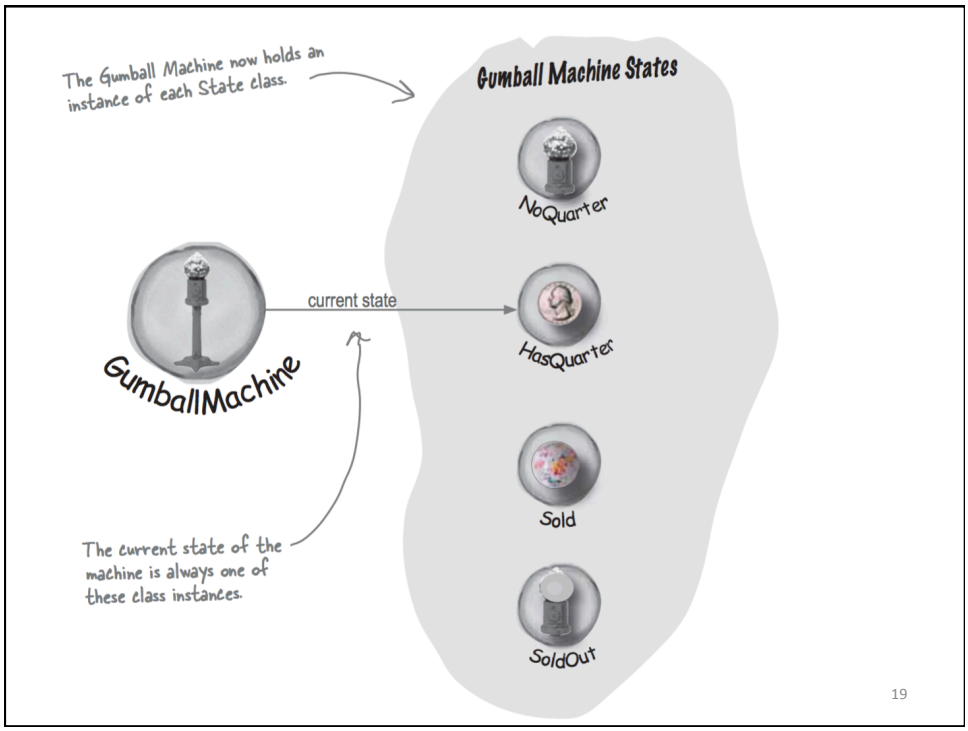
```
public class SoldState implements State {
    //constructor and instance variables here

    public void insertQuarter() {
        System.out.println("Please wait, we're already giving you a gumball");
    }

    public void ejectQuarter() {
        System.out.println("Sorry, you already turned the crank");
    }

    public void turnCrank() {
        System.out.println("Turning twice doesn't get you another gumball!");
    }

    public void dispense() {
        gumballMachine.releaseBall();
        if (gumballMachine.getCount() > 0) {
            gumballMachine.setState(gumballMachine.getNoQuarterState());
        } else {
            System.out.println("Oops, out of gumballs!");
            gumballMachine.setState(gumballMachine.getSoldOutState());
        }
    }
}
```

Here are all the inappropriate actions for this state

And here's where the real work begins...

We're in the SoldState, which means the customer paid. So, we first need to ask the machine to release a gumball.

Then we ask the machine what the gumball count is, and either transition to the NoQuarterState or the SoldOutState.


The Gumball Machine now holds an instance of each State class.
Gumball Machine States
NoQuarter
current state
HasQuarter
GumballMachine
Sold
The current state of the machine is always one of these class instances.
SoldOut

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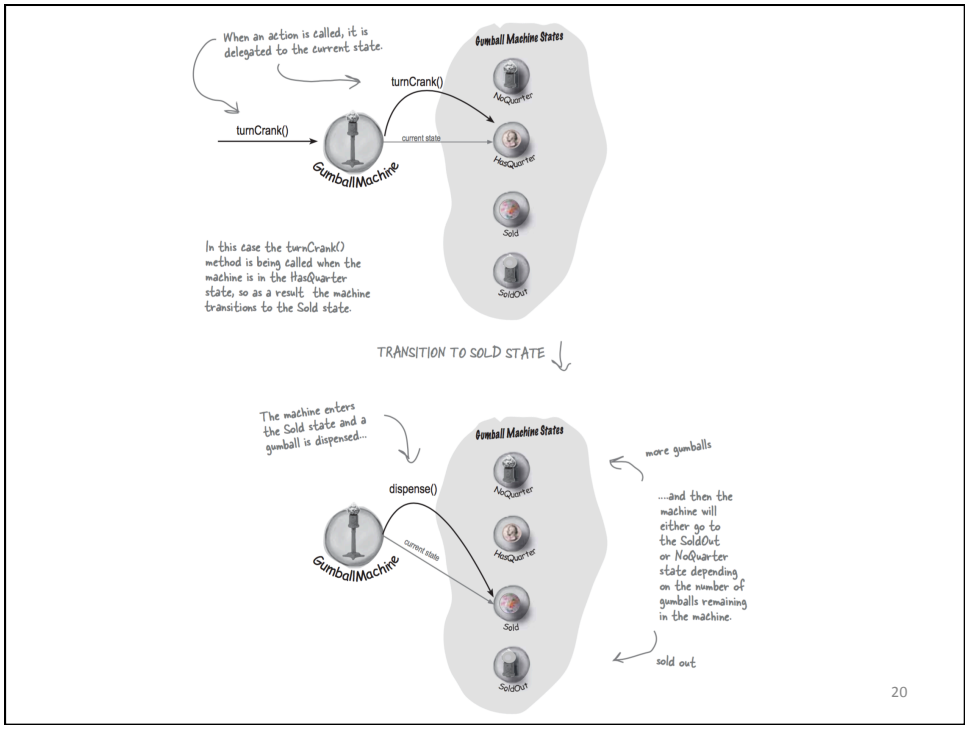
When an action is called, it is delegated to the current state.
Gumball Machine States
turnCrank()
NoQuarter
turnCrank()
current state
HasQuarter
GumballMachine
Sold
In this case the turnCrank() method is being called when the machine is in the HasQuarter state, so as a result the machine transitions to the Sold state.
SoldOut
TRANSITION TO SOLD STATE
The machine enters the Sold state and a gumball is dispensed...
Gumball Machine States
more gumballs
dispense()
NoQuarter
....and then the machine will either go to the SoldOut or NoQuarter state depending on the number of gumballs remaining in the machine.
HasQuarter
current state
GumballMachine
Sold
sold out
SoldOut

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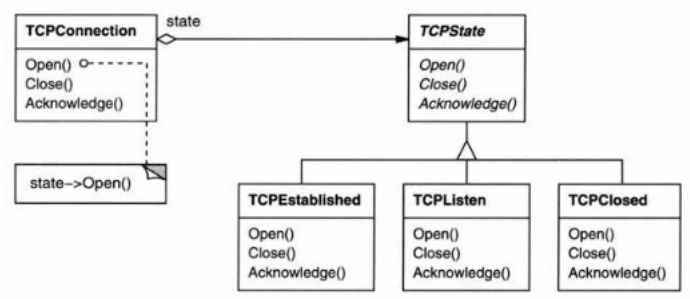
Example

- TCP Connection
  - Established, Listening, Closed
  - Different reaction to requests based on state



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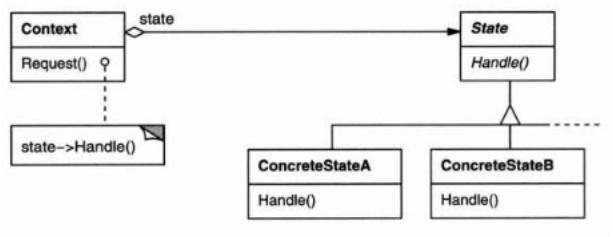

Collaborations

- Context delegates state-specific requests to the current ConcreteState object.
- A context may pass itself as an argument to the State object handling the request.
- Context is the primary interface for clients. Clients can configure a context with State objects.
- Either Context or the ConcreteState subclasses can decide which state succeeds another and under what circumstances.

Consequences

- The State pattern puts all behavior associated with a particular state into one object.
  - Because all state-specific code lives in a State subclass, new states and transitions can be added easily by defining new subclasses.
- If-statements: Centralized in a single class. However, requires changing multiple locations when a new state is added.
  - Might be preferred if few, stable states.

Consequences

- It makes state transitions explicit.
  - When an object defines its current state solely in terms of internal data values, its state transitions only show up as assignments to some variables.
- State objects can be shared.
  - If they have no instance variables

Implementation

- Creating and destroying state objects
  - Create on demand, destroy immediately
  - Create initially, never destroy.
- State Objects are usually **Singletons**.

Implementation

- Who defines the state transitions?
  - Context: Less flexible. Has to know all concrete states. Centralized control.
  - State classes: Increases inter-class dependencies.
- Using table to map data/input to a state
  - Separate state transition, action mechanism from the actual data
  - Table lookup may be inefficient
  - Transitions are less explicit, harder to understand