

Module 19: "Command"



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Introductory Example: Moving Parts

```
public class Light
{
    private bool _on;

    public Light() => _on = false;

    public void Toggle()
        => _on = !_on;
}
```

```
Light light = new Light();

string input = Console.ReadLine();
if( input.ToLower() == "toggle" )
{
    light.Toggle();
}
```



Challenges

- ▶ How do we decouple the client from the actual light?
- ▶ What if we want to toggle more lights?
- ▶ What if we want to control other kinds of lights?
- ▶ What if we want to support timed controls?

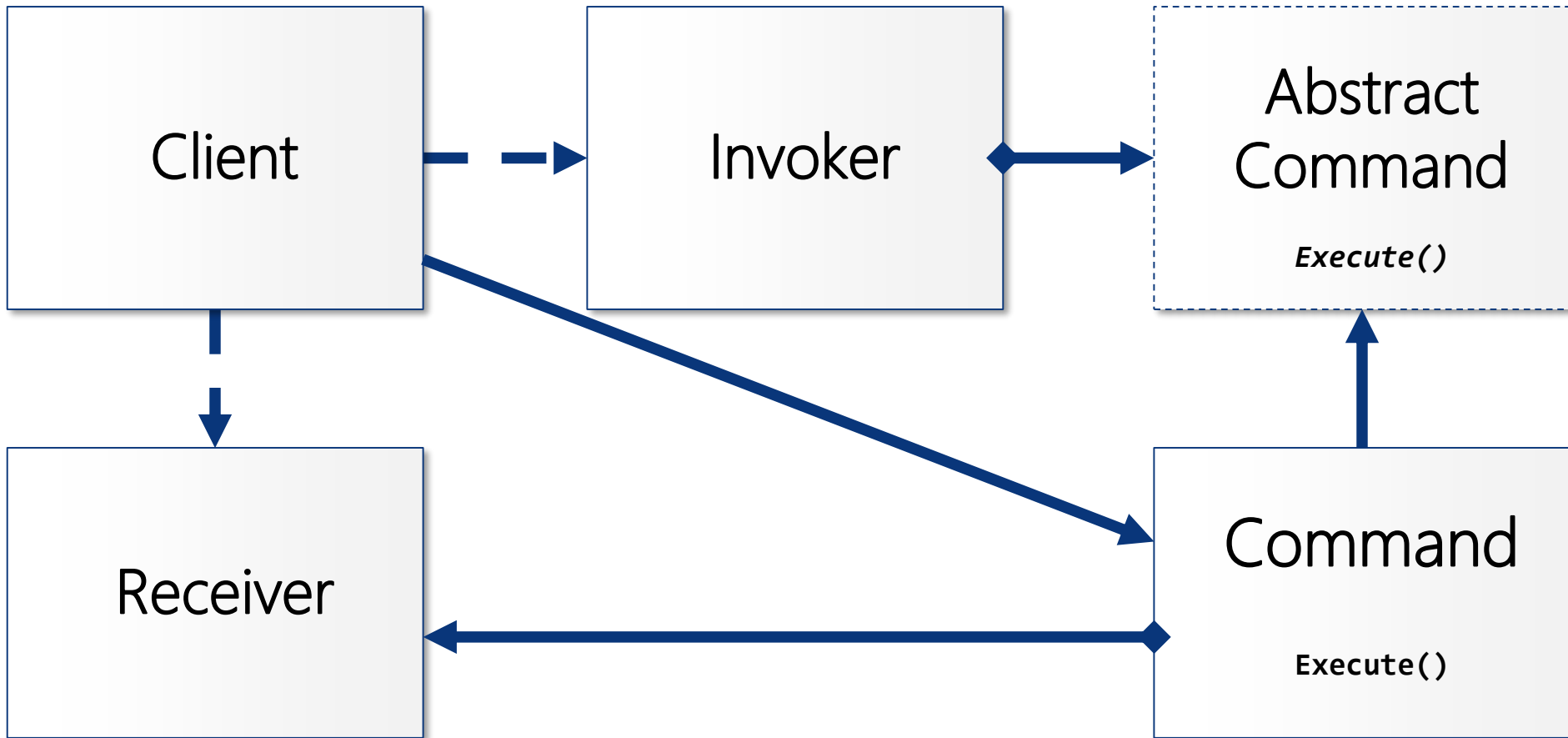


Pattern: Command

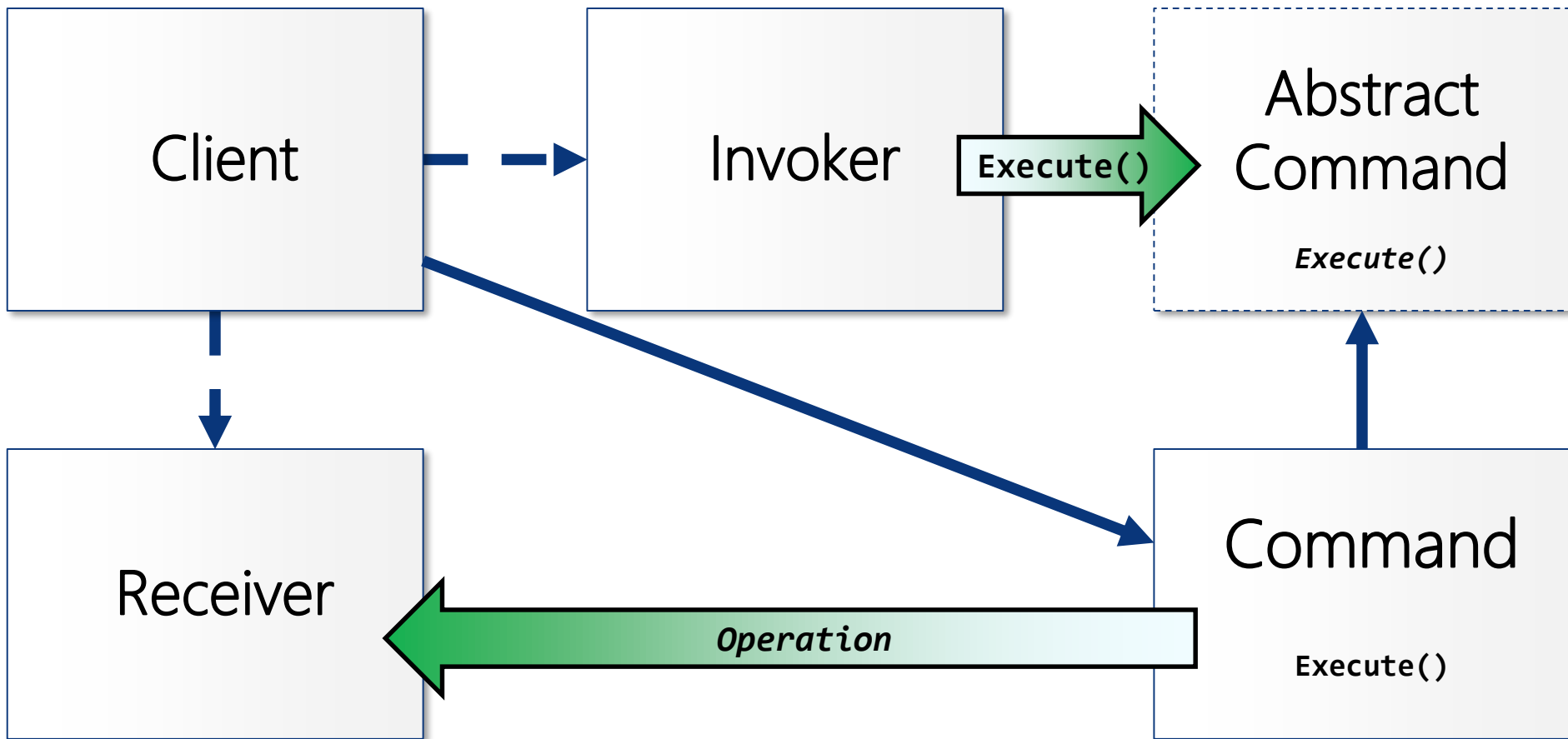
- ▶ *Encapsulate a request as an object, thereby letting you parameterize clients with different requests, queue or log requests, and support undoable operations.*
- ▶ Purpose
 - A class delegates a request to command object instead of implementing directly
 - Decouples the invoker of a request from how it is executed.
- ▶ Origin: Gang of Four



Overview of Command Pattern



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- ▶ Client
 - Creates Command and Invoker and supplies Invoker with Command
- ▶ Abstract Command
 - Interface or abstract class defining general **Execute()** method
- ▶ Command
 - Concrete command class encapsulating action and parameter to **Execute()** at Receiver
- ▶ Invoker
 - Invokes Command without knowing contents of command object
- ▶ Receiver
 - Performs specified action when Invoker executes command object



.NET Framework Example: WPF Commands

- ▶ Commands have already been built into Windows Presentation Foundation
 - See Module 18: "Memento" Example

```
<Button Command="{Binding AddGuestCommand}">Add</Button>  
<Button Command="{Binding UndoCommand}">Undo</Button>
```

```
public class RelayCommand : ICommand  
{  
    public RelayCommand( Action<object> execute,  
                        Predicate<object> canExecute )  
    { ... }  
}
```

Command Extensions and Variations

- ▶ Invocations often use parameters
 - These are stored within the Command object
- ▶ Commands are usually constructed by factories
- ▶ Possible extensions to the **ICommand** interface
 - **Validate()**
 - **Execute()**
 - **Undo()**





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