



# BEHAVIOURAL DP

Lecture 11

# CONTENT

## Design Patterns

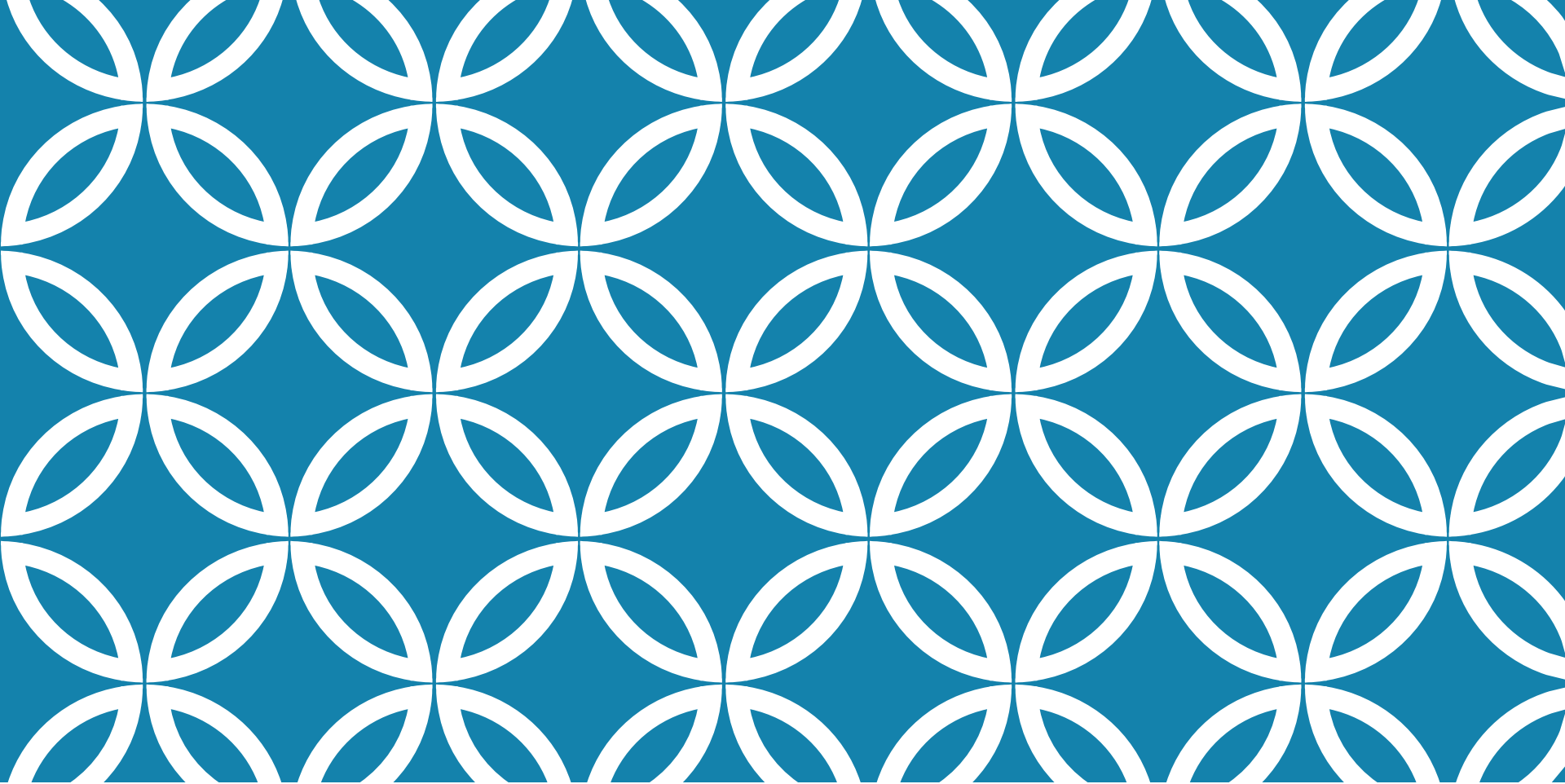
- Creational Patterns
- Structural Patterns
- Behavioural Patterns
  - Observer
  - Strategy
  - State
  - Command
  - Chain of Responsibility

# REFERENCES

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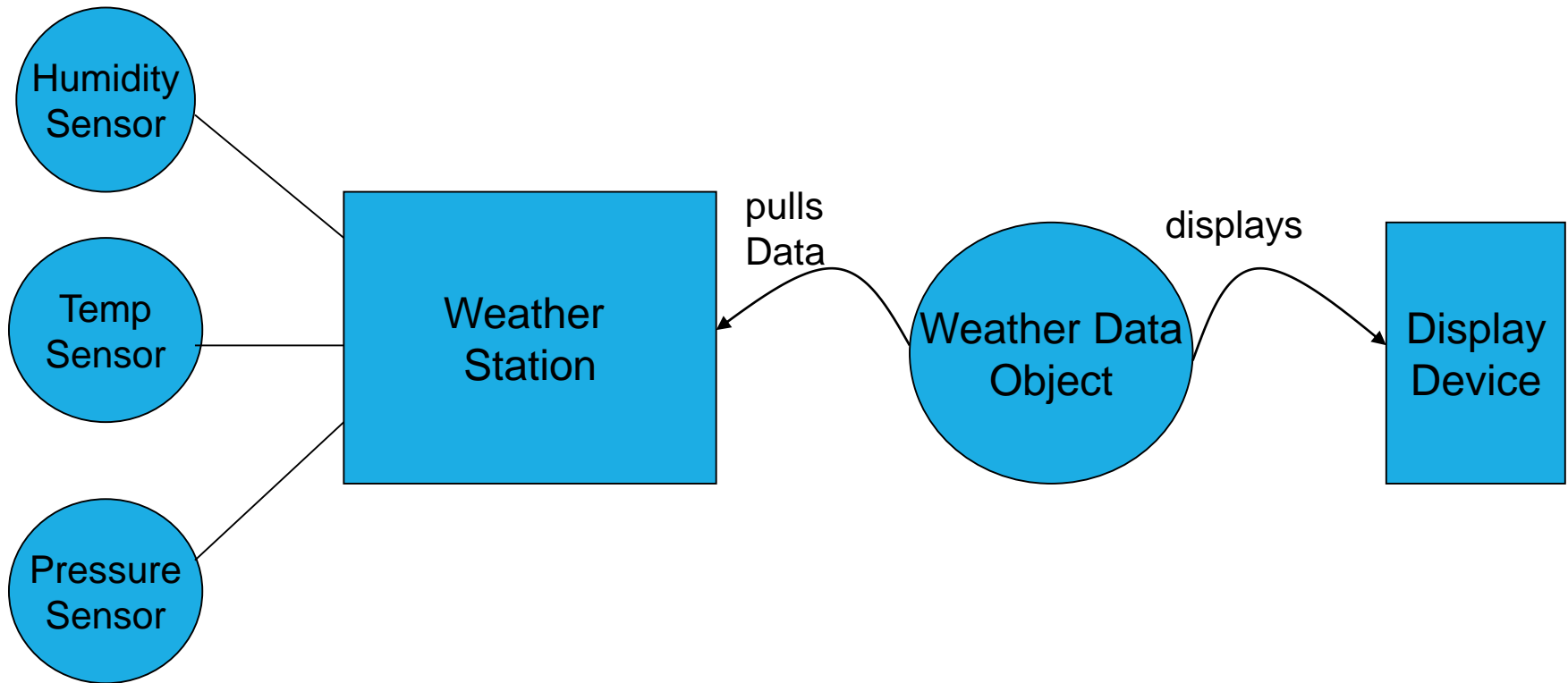
# BEHAVIOURAL PATTERNS

- are concerned with **algorithms** and the **assignment of responsibilities** between objects.
- describe **patterns of communication** between classes/objects.
- **class** patterns use inheritance to distribute behavior between classes.
- **object** patterns use object composition rather than inheritance.

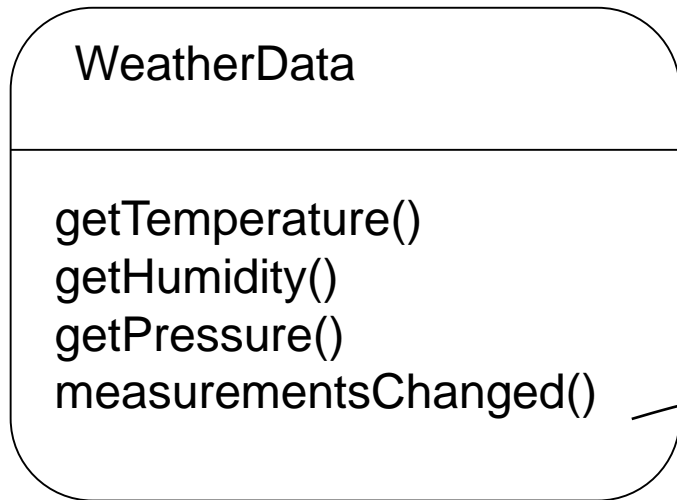


# OBSERVER PATTERN

# WEATHER MONITORING APPLICATION



# WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?



```
/* Call this method whenever
measurements are updated
*/

public void measurementsChanged() {
    // your code goes here
}
```

Update three  
different displays

# PROBLEM SPECIFICATION

- WeatherData class has three getter methods
- measurementsChanged() method called whenever there is a change
- Three display methods needs to be supported:
  - current conditions,
  - weather statistics and
  - simple forecast
- System should be expandable



# FIRST IMPLEMENTATION IDEA

```
public class WeatherData {  
    public void measurementsChanged() {  
        float temp = getTemperature();  
        float humidity = getHumidity();  
        float pressure = getPressure();  
        currentConditionsDisplay.update (temp, humidity,  
pressure);  
        statisticsDisplay.update (temp, humidity, pressure);  
        forecastDisplay.update (temp, humidity, pressure);  
    }  
    // other methods  
}
```

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```

Area of change which can be  
Managed better by encapsulation

By coding to concrete implementations  
there is no way to add additional display  
elements without making code change <sup>10</sup>

# BASIS FOR OBSERVER PATTERN

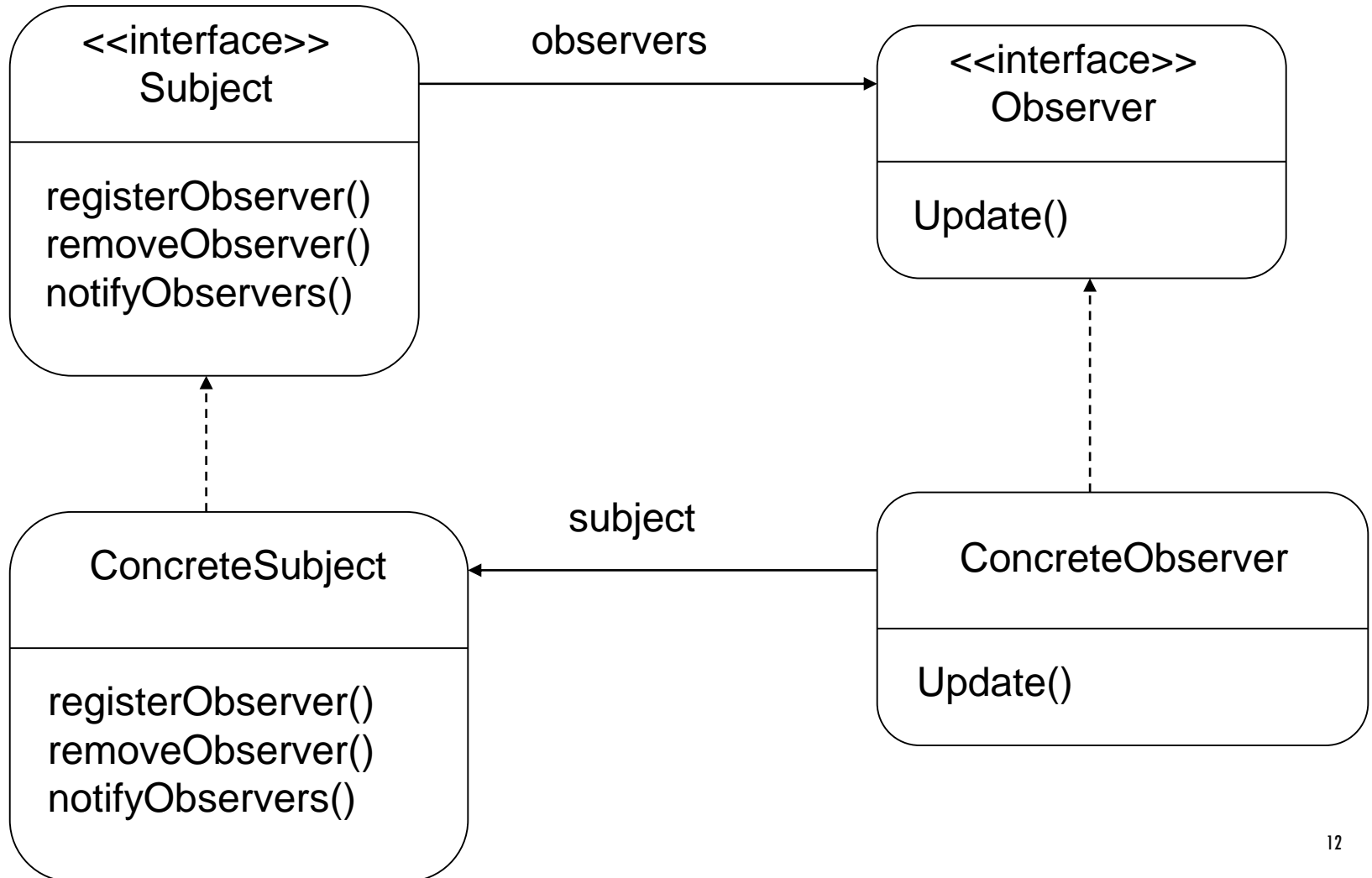
Fashioned after the publish/subscribe model

Works off similar to any subscription model

- Buying newspaper
- Magazines
- List servers

**The Observer Pattern** defines a one-to-many dependency between objects so that when one object changes state, all of its dependents are notified and updated automatically.

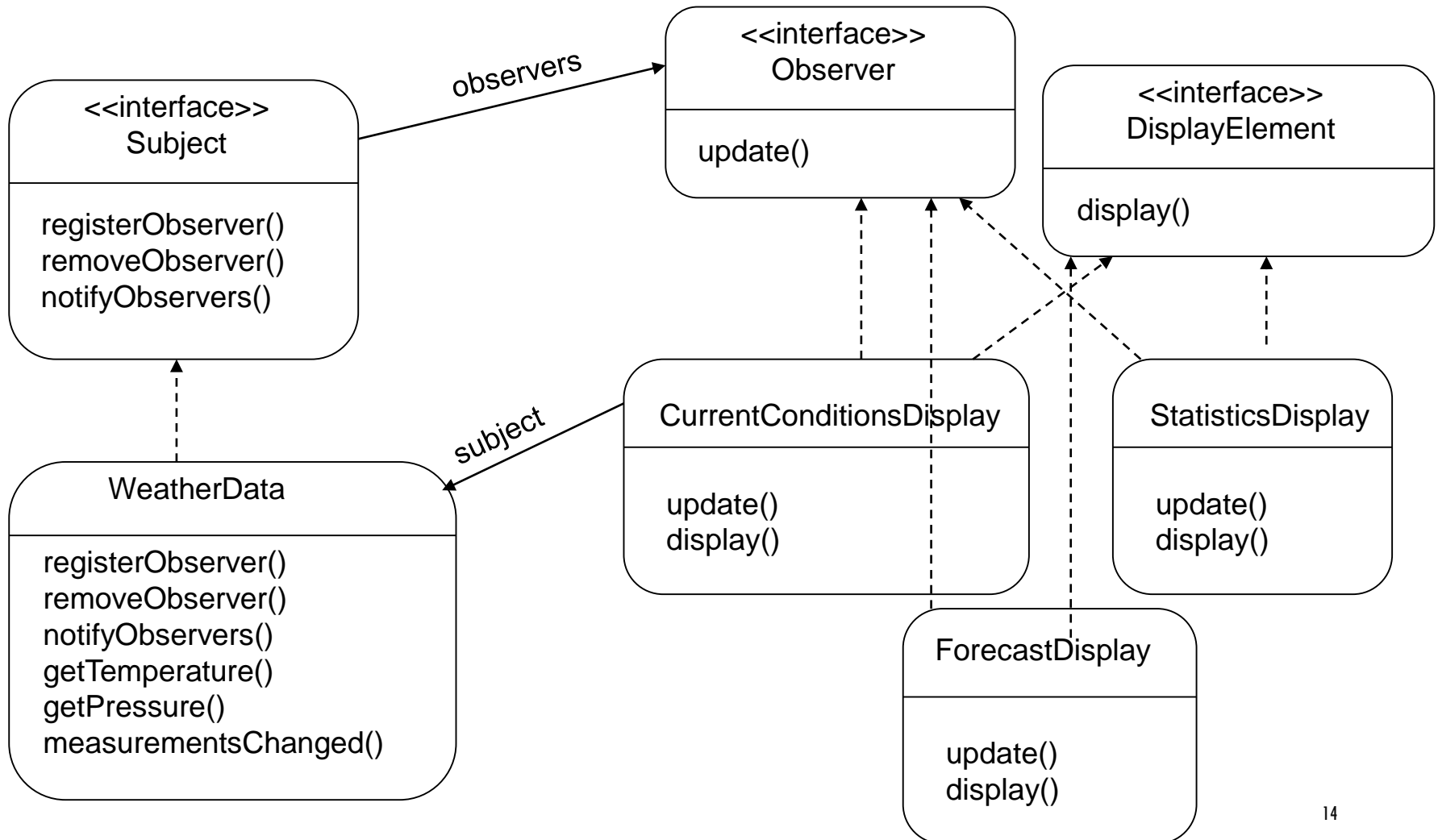
# OBSERVER PATTERN — CLASS DIAGRAM



# POWER OF LOOSE COUPLING

- The only thing that the subject knows about an observer is that it implements an interface
- Observers can be added at any time and subject need not be modified to add observers
- Subjects and observers can be reused or modified without impacting the other [as long as they honor the interface commitments]

# WEATHER DATA REVISITED



# WEATHER DATA INTERFACES

```
public interface Subject {  
    public void registerObserver(Observer o);  
    public void removeObserver(Observer o);  
    public void notifyObservers();  
}  
  
public interface Observer {  
    public void update(float temp, float humidity, float  
        pressure);  
}  
  
public interface DisplayElement {  
    public void display();  
}
```

# IMPLEMENTING THE SUBJECT INTERFACE

```
public class WeatherData implements Subject {  
    private ArrayList observers;  
    private float temperature;  
    private float humidity;  
    private float pressure;  
  
    public WeatherData() {  
        observers = new ArrayList();  
    }  
    ...}
```



# REGISTER AND UNREGISTER

```
public void registerObserver (Observer o) {  
    observers.add(o) ;  
}
```

```
public void removeObserver (Observer o) {  
    int i = observers.indexOf(o) ;  
    if (i >= 0) {  
        observers.remove(i) ;  
    }  
}
```

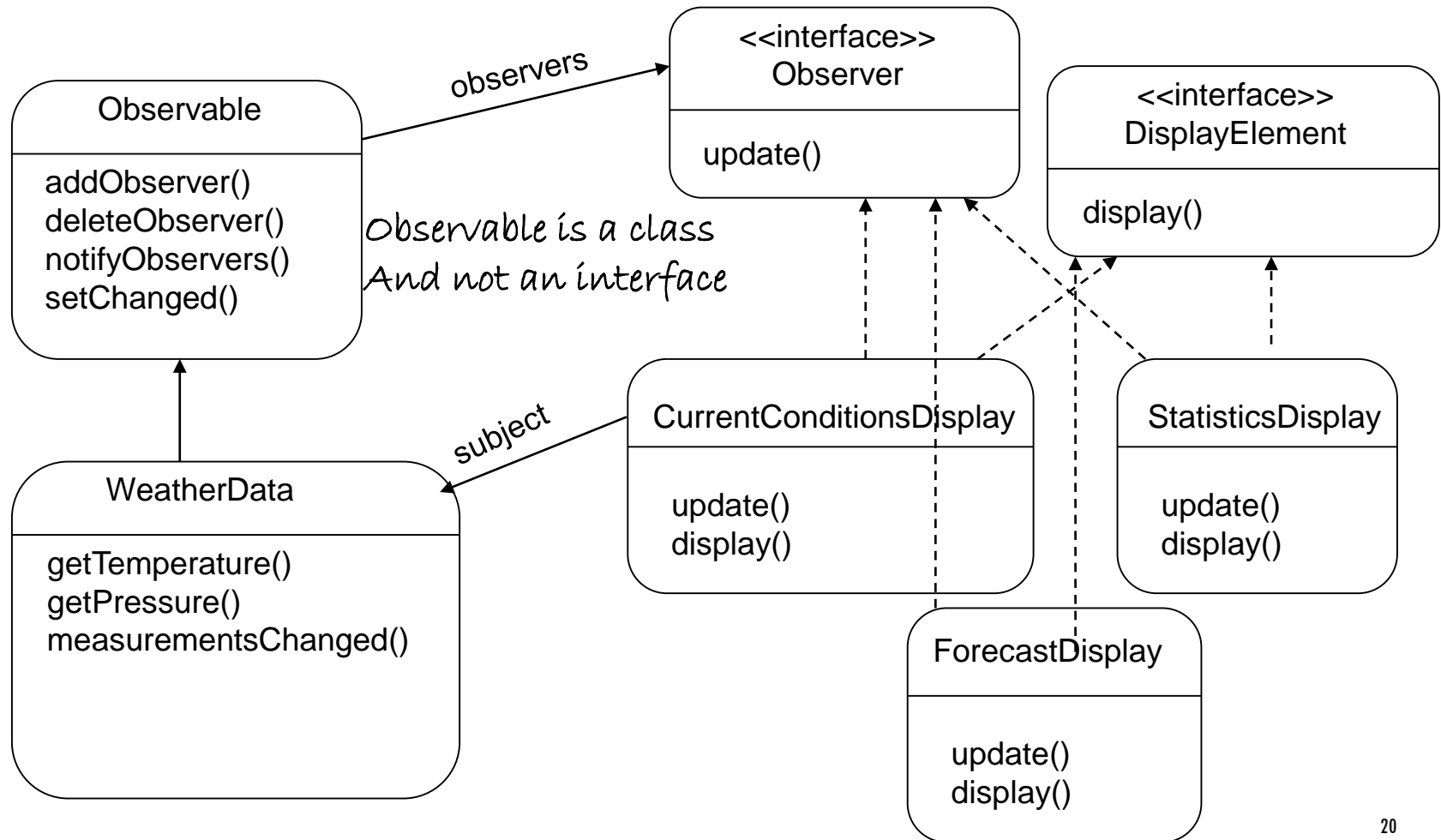
# NOTIFY METHODS

```
public void notifyObservers() {  
    for (int i=0; i<observers.size(); i++)  
    {  
        Observer observer = (Observer)observers.get(i);  
        observer.update(temperature, humidity, pressure);  
    }  
}  
  
public void measurementsChanged() {  
    notifyObservers()  
}
```

# DISCUSSION

- The notification approach used so far **pushes** all the state to all the observers
- One can also just send a notification that some thing has changed and let the observers **pull** the state information
- Java observer pattern support has built in support for both push and pull in notification
  - **java.util.Observable**
  - **java.util.Observer**

# JAVA OBSERVER PATTERN — WEATHER DATA



# PROBLEMS WITH JAVA IMPLEMENTATION

Observable is a class

- You have to subclass it
- You cannot add observable behavior to an existing class that already extends another superclass
- ***You have to program to an implementation – not interface***

Observable protects crucial methods

- Methods such as `setChanged()` are protected and not accessible unless one subclasses `Observable`.
- ***You cannot favor composition over inheritance.***

You may have to write your own observer interface if Java utilities don't work for your application

# CHANGING THE "GUTS" OF AN OBJECT ...

## Control

- "shield" the implementation from direct access (**Proxy**)

## Decouple

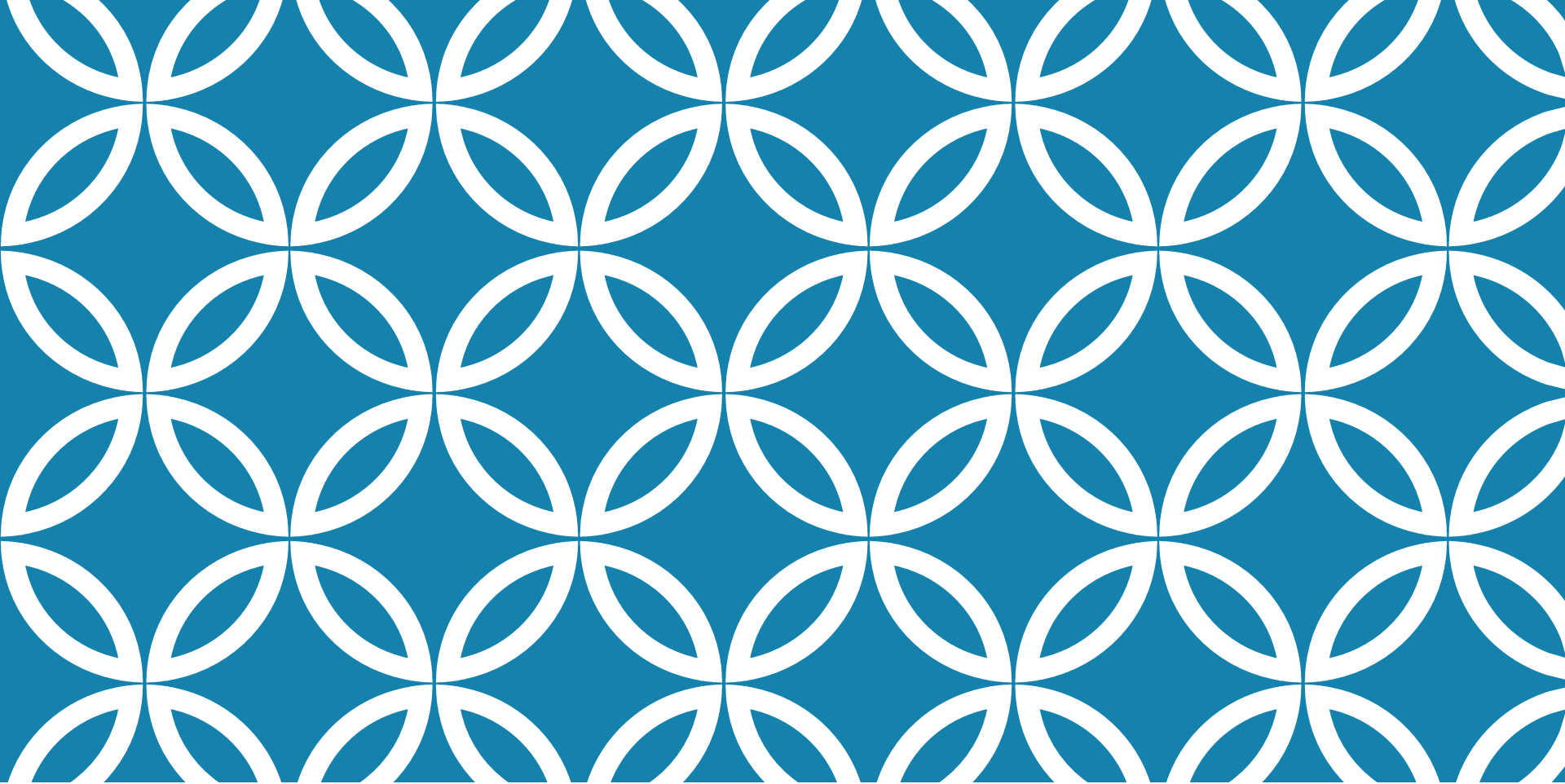
- let abstraction and implementation vary independently (**Bridge**)

## Optimize

- use an alternative algorithm to implement behavior (**Strategy**)

## Alter

- change behavior when object's state changes (**State**)



# STRATEGY PATTERN

# JAVA LAYOUT MANAGERS

GUI container classes in Java

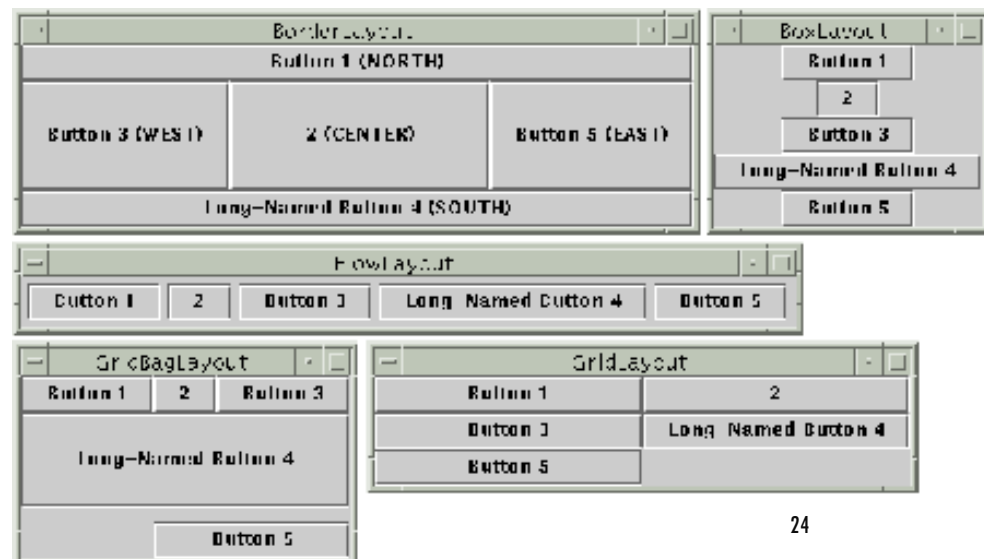
- frames, dialogs (top-level)
- panels (intermediate)

Each container class has a layout manager

- determine the size and position of components
- 20 types of layouts
- ~40 container-types
- imagine to combine them freely by inheritance

Consider also sorting...

- open-ended number of sorting criteria





# BASIC ASPECTS

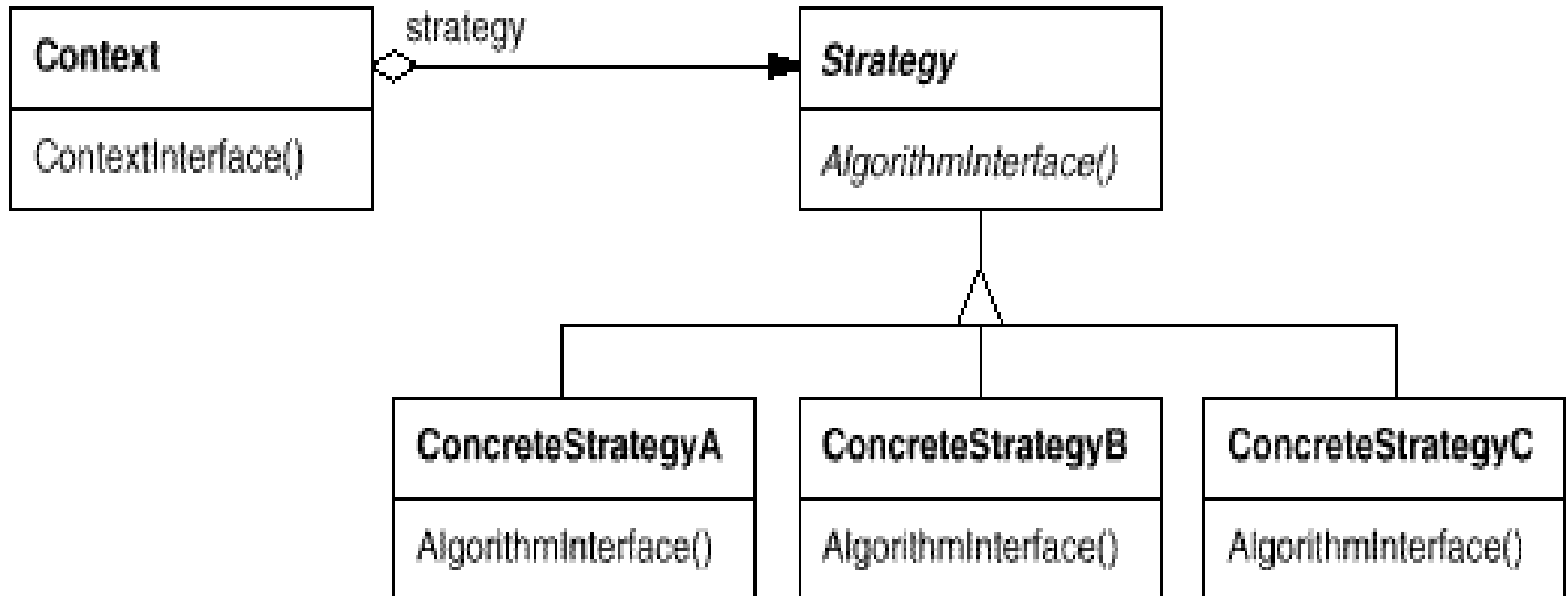
## **Intent**

- Define a family of algorithms, encapsulate each one, and make them interchangeable
- Let the algorithm vary independently from clients that use it

## **Applicability**

- You need different variants of an algorithm
- An algorithm uses data that clients shouldn't know about
  - avoid exposing complex, algorithm-specific data structures
- Many related classes differ only in their behavior
  - configure a class with a particular behavior

# STRUCTURE



# PARTICIPANTS

## Strategy

- declares an interface common to all supported algorithms.
- Context uses this interface to call the algorithm defined by a ConcreteStrategy

## ConcreteStrategy

- implements the algorithm using the Strategy interface

## Context

- configured with a ConcreteStrategy object
- may define an interface that lets Strategy objects to access its data

# CONSEQUENCES

## Families of related algorithms

- usually provide different implementations of the same behavior
- choice decided by time vs. space trade-offs

## Alternative to subclassing

- see examples with layout managers
- We still subclass the strategies...

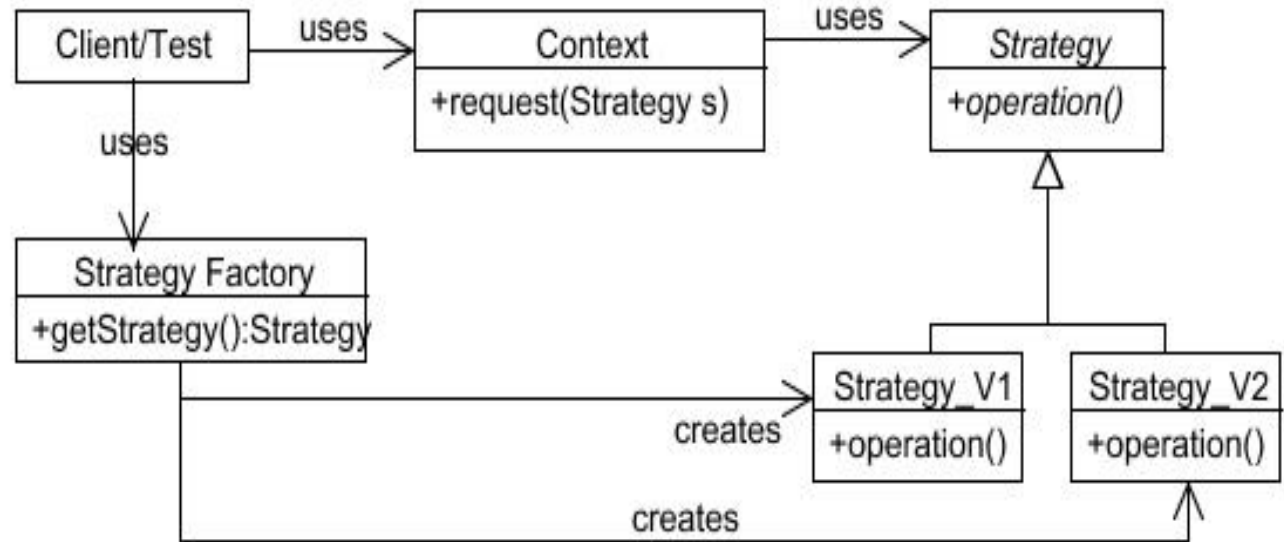
## Eliminates conditional statements

- many conditional statements → "invitation" to apply Strategy!

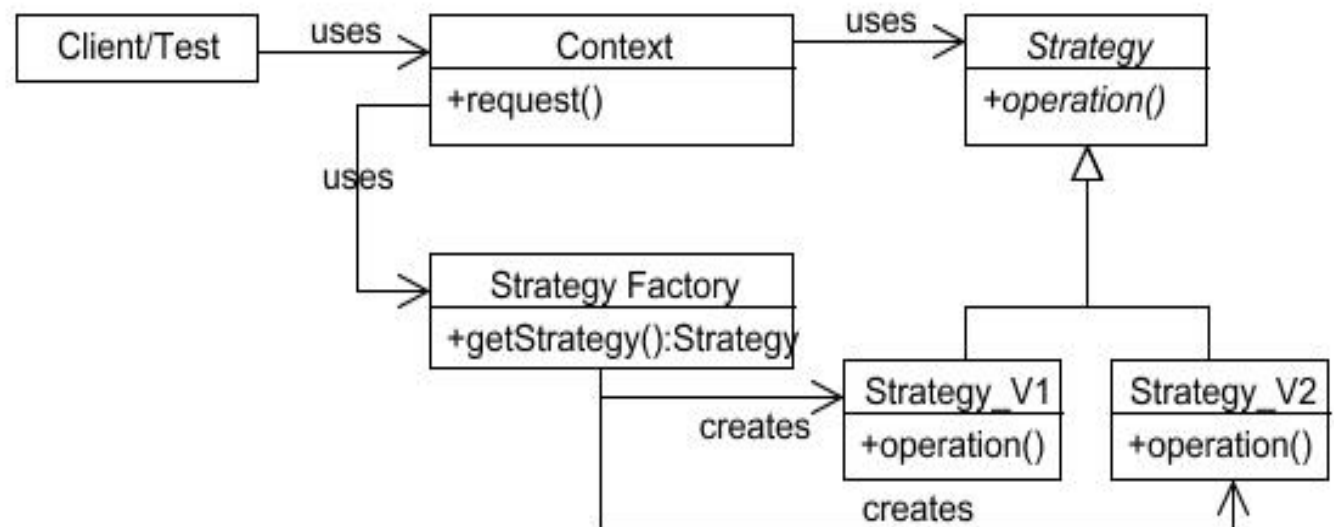
# ISSUES

Who chooses  
the strategy?

**Client**



**Context**



# IMPLEMENTATION

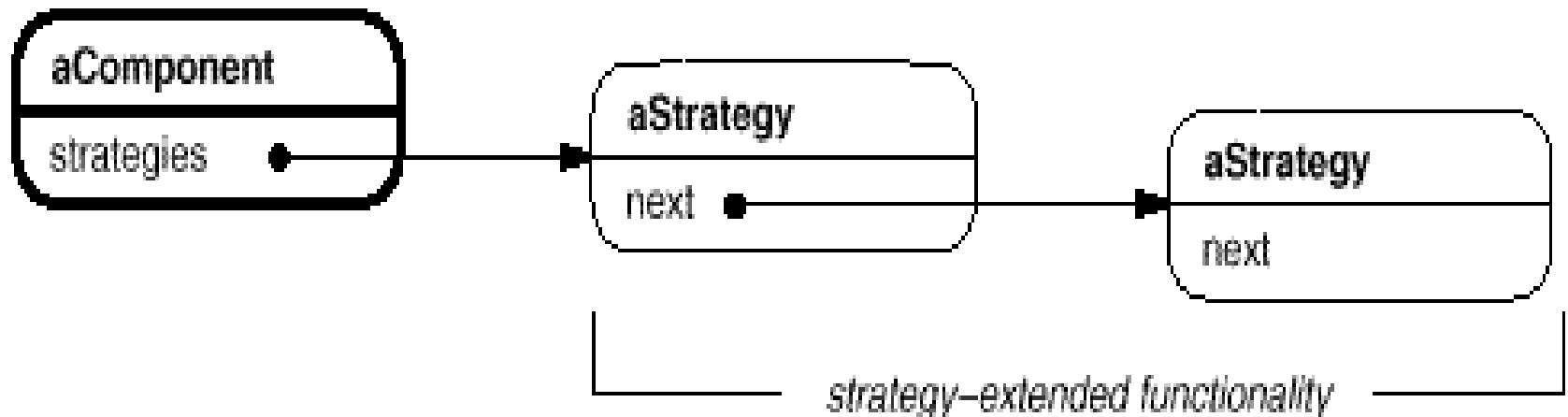
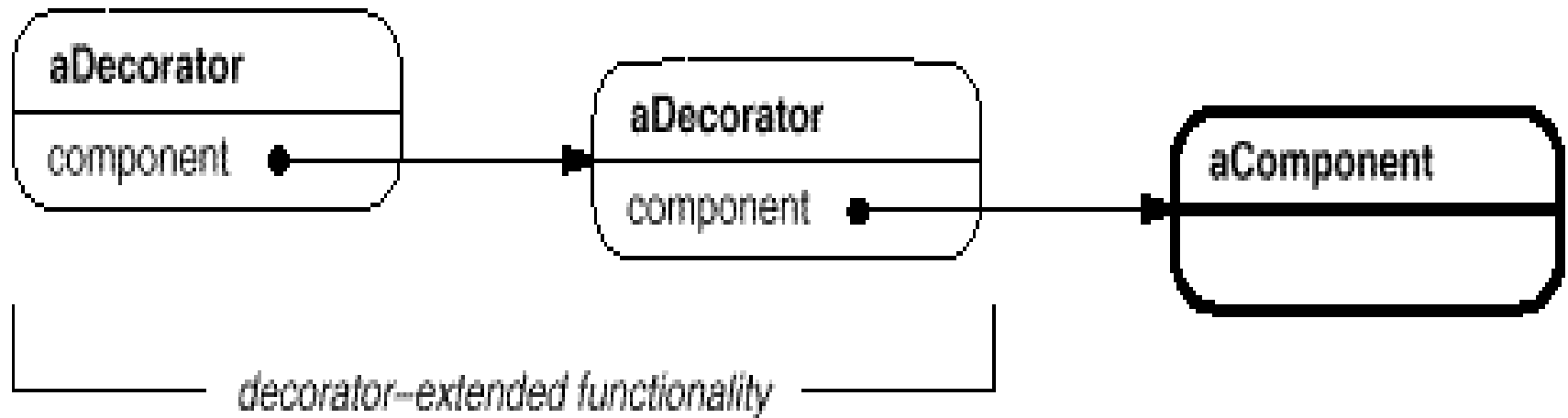
How does data flow between Context and Strategies?

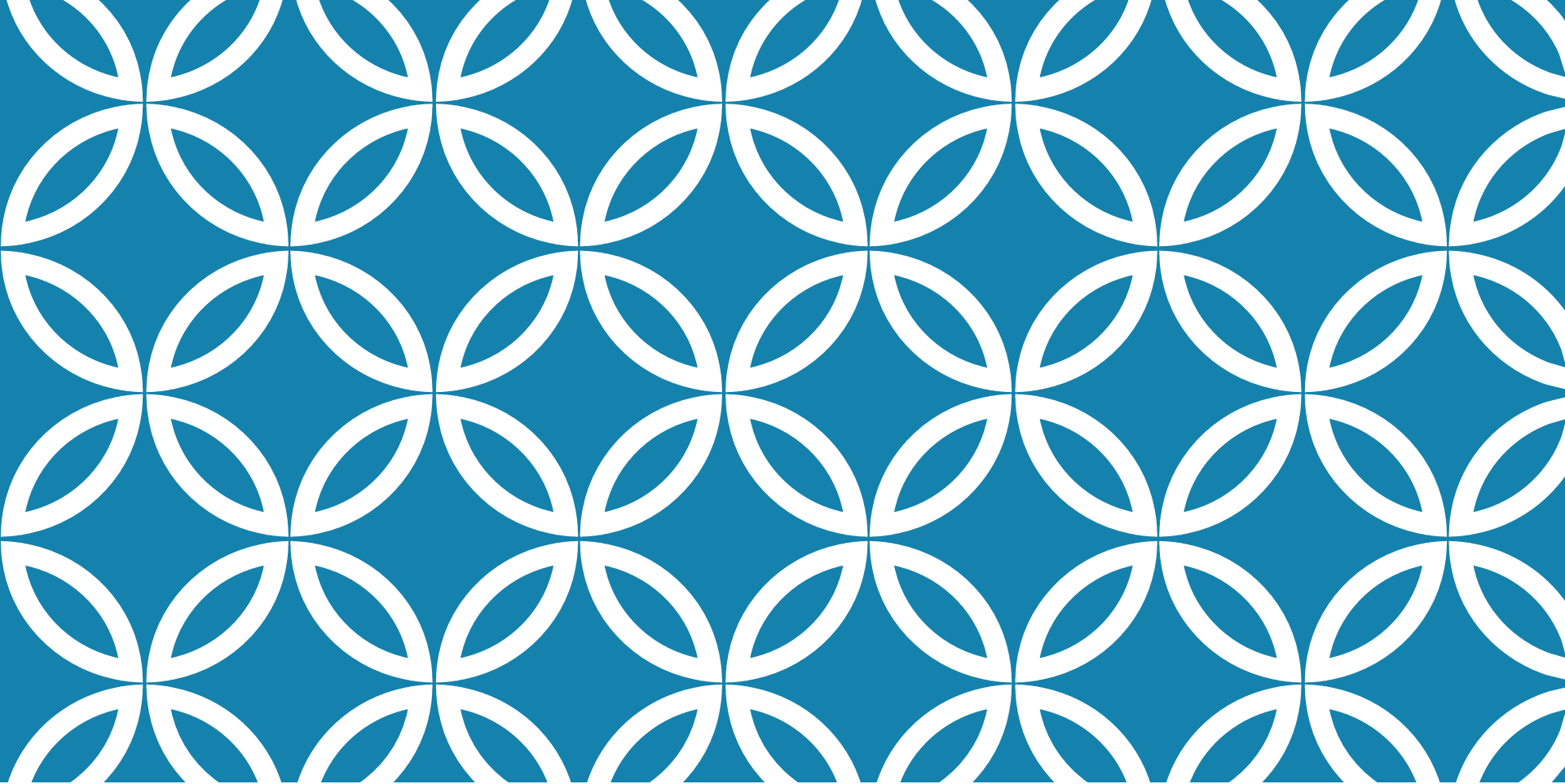
- **Approach 1:** take data to the strategy
  - decoupled, but might be inefficient
- **Approach 2:** pass Context itself and let strategies take data
  - Context must provide a more comprehensive access to its data => more coupled
- In Java, the strategy hierarchy might be **inner classes**

Making Strategy object optional

- provide Context with default behavior
  - if default used no need to create Strategy object
- don't have to deal with Strategy unless you don't like the default behavior

# DECORATOR VS. STRATEGY





# STATE PATTERN



# EXAMPLE: SPOP

SPOP = **S**imple **P**ost **O**ffice **P**rotocol

- used to download emails from server

SPOP supports the following commands:

- USER <username>
- PASS <password>
- LIST
- RETR <message number>
- QUIT

USER & PASS commands

- USER with a username must come first
- PASS with a password or QUIT must come after USER
- If the username and password are valid, the user can use other commands

# SPOP (CONTD.)

## LIST command

- Arguments: a message-number (optional)
- Returns: size of message in octets
  - if message number, returns the size of that message
  - otherwise return size of all mail messages in the mail-box

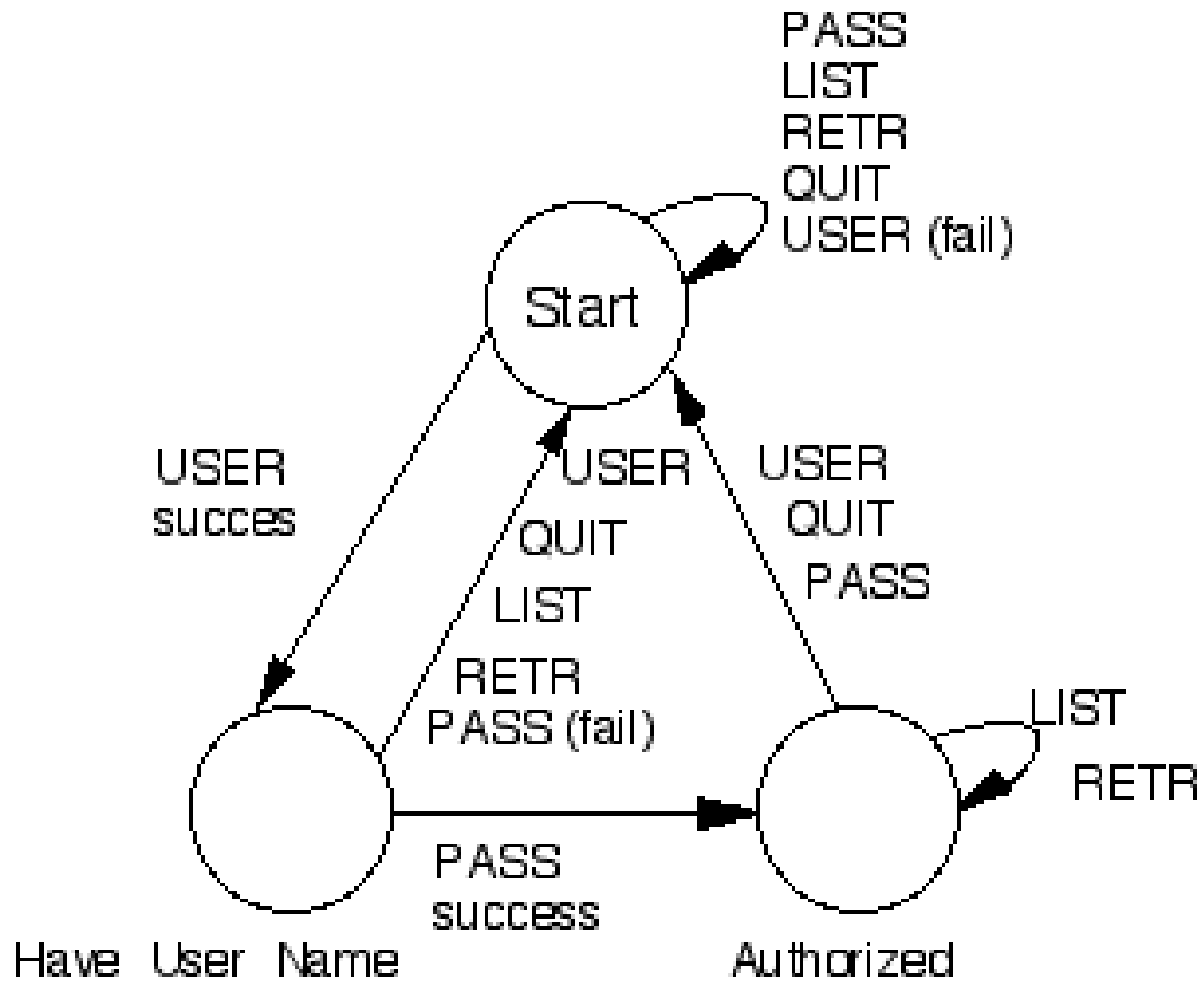
## RETR command

- Arguments: a message number
- Returns: the mail message indicated by that number

## QUIT command

- Arguments: none
- updates mailbox to reflect transactions taken during the transaction state, the logs user out
- if session ends by any method except the QUIT command, the updates are not done

# SPOP STATES



# THE "DEAR, OLD" SWITCHES IN ACTION

Think about adding a new state  
to the protocol...

Why?

- object's behavior depends  
on its state

```
class Spop {
    static final int HAVE_USER_NAME = 2;
    static final int START = 3;
    static final int AUTHORIZED = 4;

    private int state = START;

    String userName;
    String password;

    public void user( String userName ) {
        switch (state) {
            case START:
                this.userName = userName;
                state = HAVE_USER_NAME;
                break;

            case HAVE_USER_NAME:
            case AUTHORIZED:
                endLastSessionWithoutUpdate();
                goToStartState()
        }
    }
}
```

```
public void pass( String password ) {
    switch (state) {
        case START:
            giveWarningOfIllegalCommand();
            break;
        case HAVE_USER_NAME:
            this.password = password;
            if (validateUser())
```

# BASIC ASPECTS OF STATE PATTERN

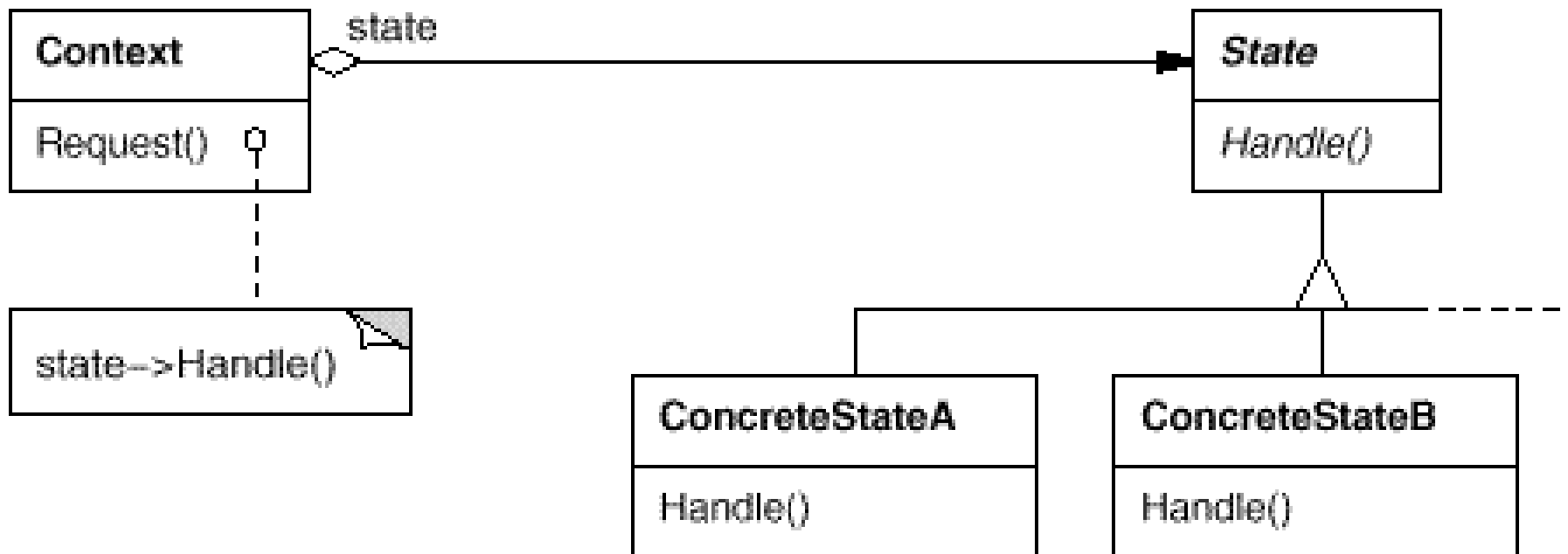
## **Intent**

- allow an object to alter its behavior when its internal state changes
  - object will appear to change its class

## **Applicability**

- object's behavior depends on its state
- it must change behavior at run-time depending on that state
- operations with multipart conditional statements depending on the object's state
  - state represented by one or more enumerated constants
  - several operations with the same (or similar) conditional structure

# STRUCTURE



# PARTICIPANTS

## **Context**

- defines the interface of interest for clients
- maintains an instance of `ConcreteState` subclass

## **State**

- defines an interface for encapsulating the behavior associated with a particular state of the `Context`

## **ConcreteState**

- each subclass implements a behavior associated with a state of the `Context`

# COLLABORATIONS

Context delegates state-specific requests to the State objects

- the Context may pass itself to the State object
  - if the State needs to access it in order to accomplish the request

State transitions are managed either by Context or by State

- see discussion on the coming slides

Clients interact exclusively with Context

- but they might configure contexts with states
  - e.g initial state



# CONSEQUENCES

**Localizes** state-specific behavior and **partitions** behavior for different states

- Put all behavior associated with a state in a state-object
- Easy to add new states and transitions
  - context becomes O-C
- Behavior spread among several State subclasses
  - number of classes increases, less compact than a single class
  - good if many states...

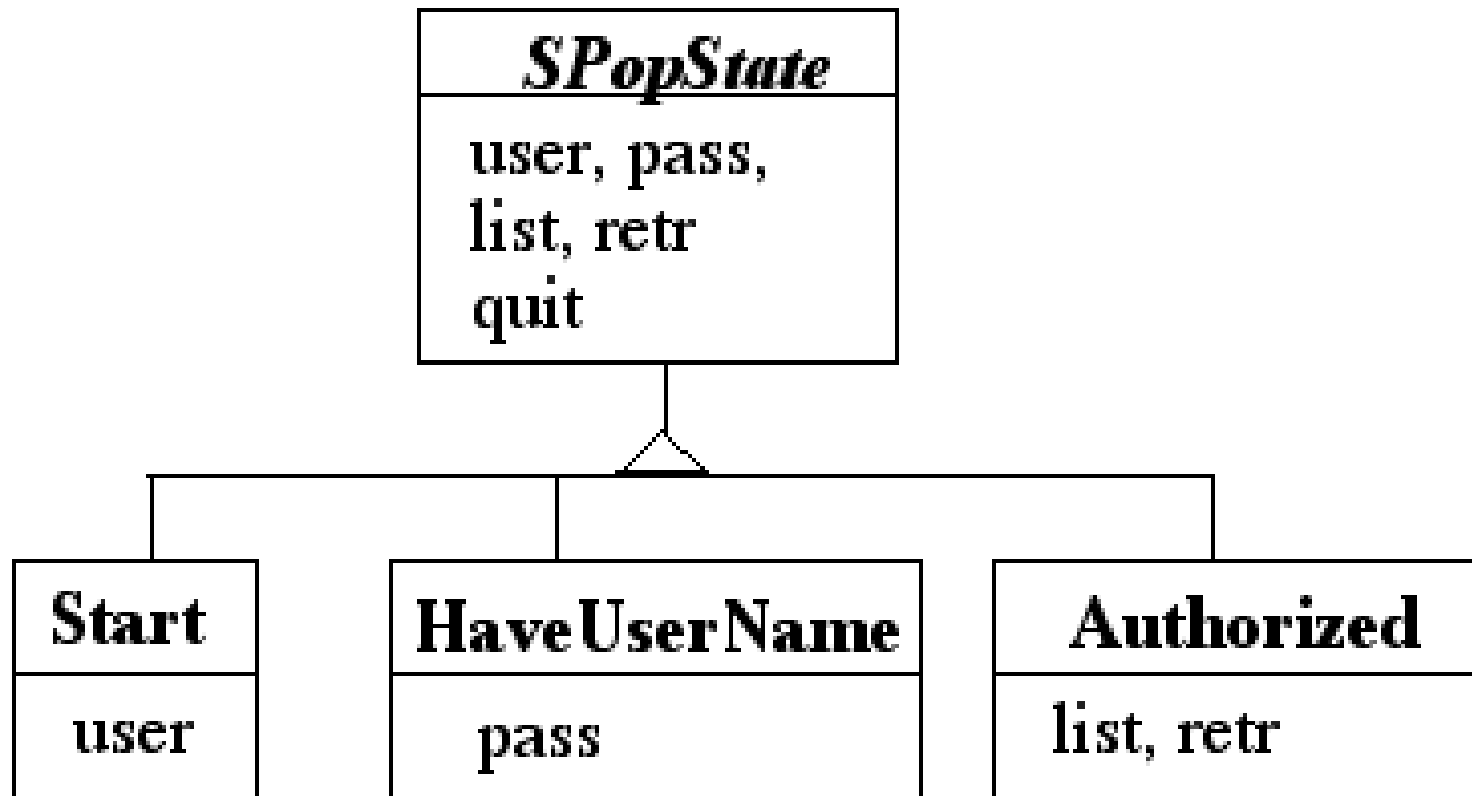
Makes state transitions explicit

- Not only a change of an internal value
- **States receive a full-object status!**
- Protects Context from inconsistent internal states

# APPLYING STATE TO SPOP

```
class SPop {  
    private SPopState state = new Start();  
    public void user( String userName ) {  
        state = state.user( userName );  
    }  
    public void pass( String password ) {  
        state = state.pass( password );  
    }  
    public void list( int messageNumber ) {  
        state = state.list( messageNumber );  
    }  
    // . . .  
}
```

# SPOP STATES



# HOW MUCH STATE IN THE STATE?

Let's identify the roles...

- **SPop** is the Context
- **SPopState** is the abstract State
- **Start**, **HaveUserName** are ConcreteStates

All the state and *real* behavior is in SPopState and subclasses

- this is an extreme example

In general Context has data and methods

- besides State & State methods
- this data will not change states

Only some aspects of the Context will alter its behavior

# WHO DEFINES THE STATE TRANSITION?

The Context if ...

- ...states will be **reused** in different state machines with different transitions
- ... the criteria for changing states are fixed

```
class Spop {  
    private SPopState state = new Start();  
  
    public void user( String userName ) {  
        state.user( userName );  
        state = new HaveUserName( userName );  
    }  
  
    public void pass( String password ) {  
        if ( state.pass( password ) )  
            state = new Authorized( );  
        else  
            state = new Start();  
    }  
}
```

## OR...THE STATES

More flexible to let State subclasses specify the next state

```
class SPop {
    private SPopState state = new Start();

    public void user( String userName ) {
        state = state.user( userName );
    }

    public void pass( String password ) {
        state = state.pass( password );
    }

    public void list( int messageNumber ) {
        state = state.list( messageNumber );
    }

    // . . .
}

class Start extends SPopState {
    public SPopState user( String userName ) {
        return new HaveUserName( userName );
    }
}

class HaveUserName extends SPopState {
    String userName;

    public HaveUserName( String userName ) {
        this.userName = userName;
    }
}
```

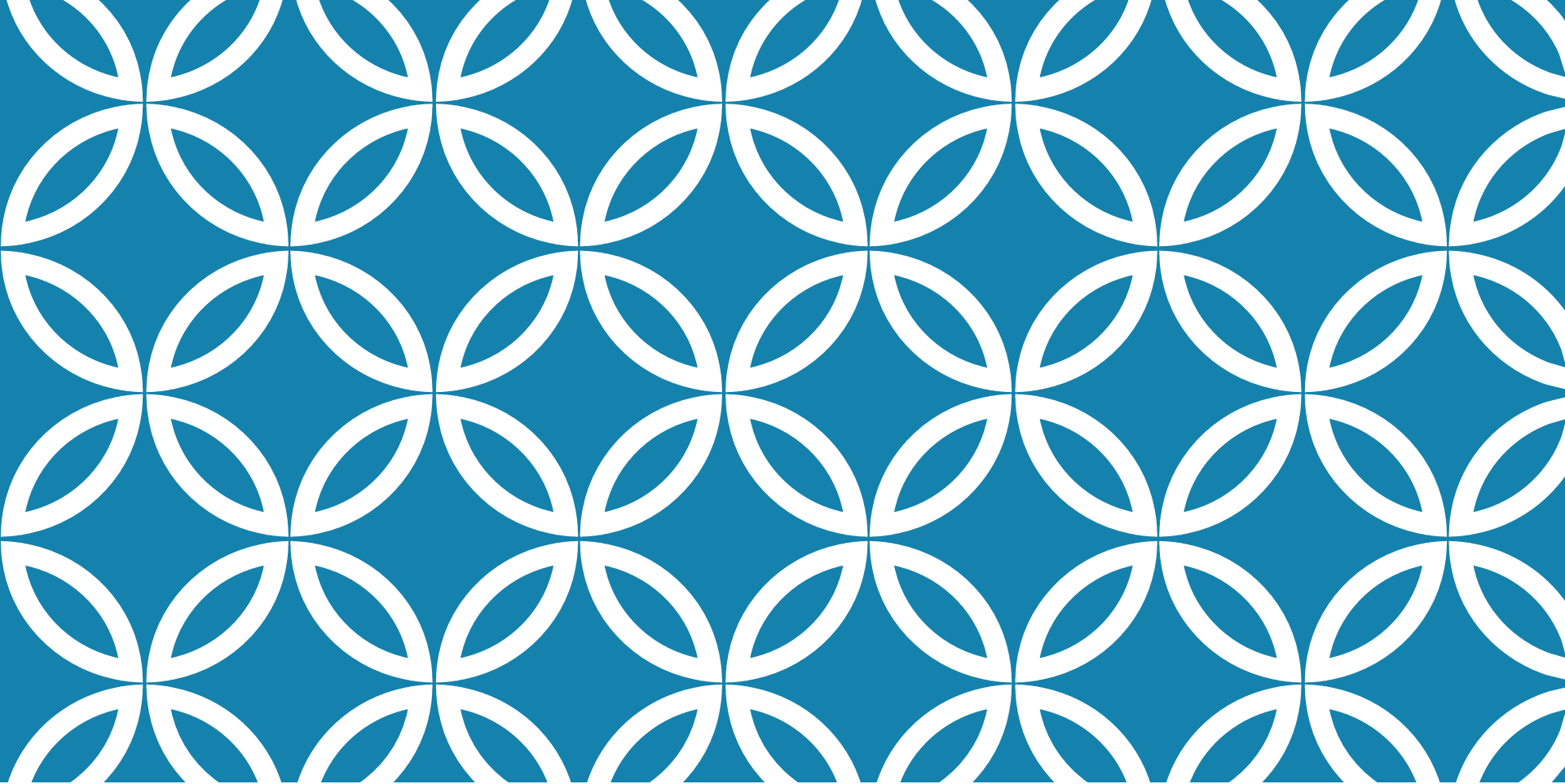
# STATE VERSUS STRATEGY

## Rate of Change

- Strategy
  - Context object usually contains one of several possible **ConcreteStrategy** objects
- State
  - Context object often changes its **ConcreteState** object over its lifetime

## Visibility of Change

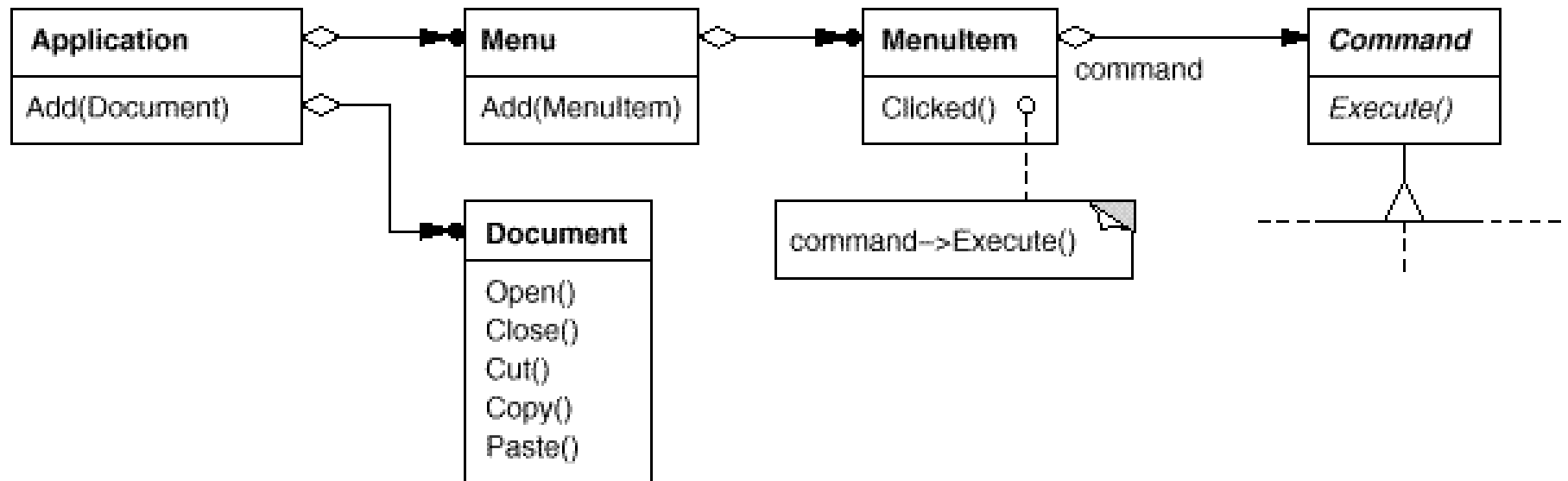
- Strategy
  - All **ConcreteStrategy** do the same thing, but differently
  - Clients do not see any difference in behavior in the Context
- State
  - **ConcreteState** acts differently
  - Clients see different behavior in the Context



# COMMAND PATTERN



# MENU ITEMS USE COMMANDS



# BASIC ASPECTS

## Intent

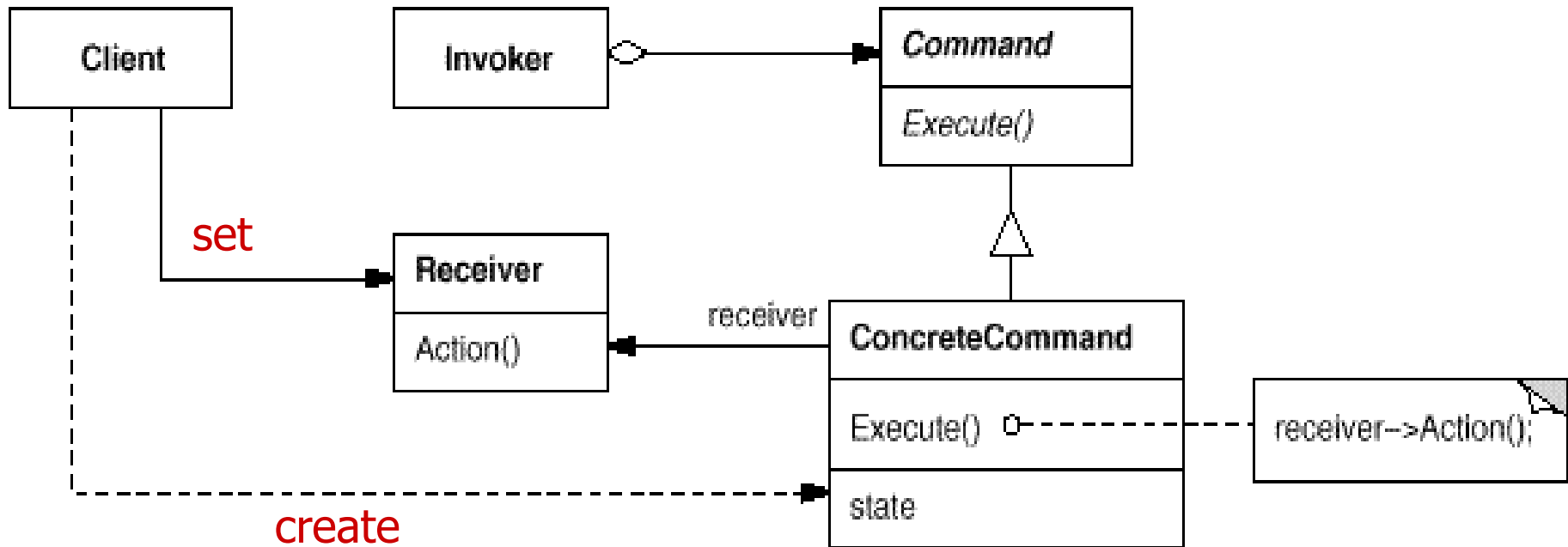
- Encapsulate requests as objects, letting you to:
  - parameterize clients with different requests
  - queue or log requests
  - support undoable operations

## Applicability

- Parameterize objects
- Specify, queue, and execute requests at different times
- Support undo
  - recover from crashes → needs undo operations in interface
- Support for logging changes
  - recover from crashes → needs load/store operations in interface
- Model transactions

# STRUCTURE

Holds command



Transforms: `concreteReceiver.action()` in `command.execute()`

# PARTICIPANTS

## **Command**

- declares the interface for executing the operation

## **ConcreteCommand**

- binds a request with a concrete action

## **Invoker**

- asks the command to carry out the request

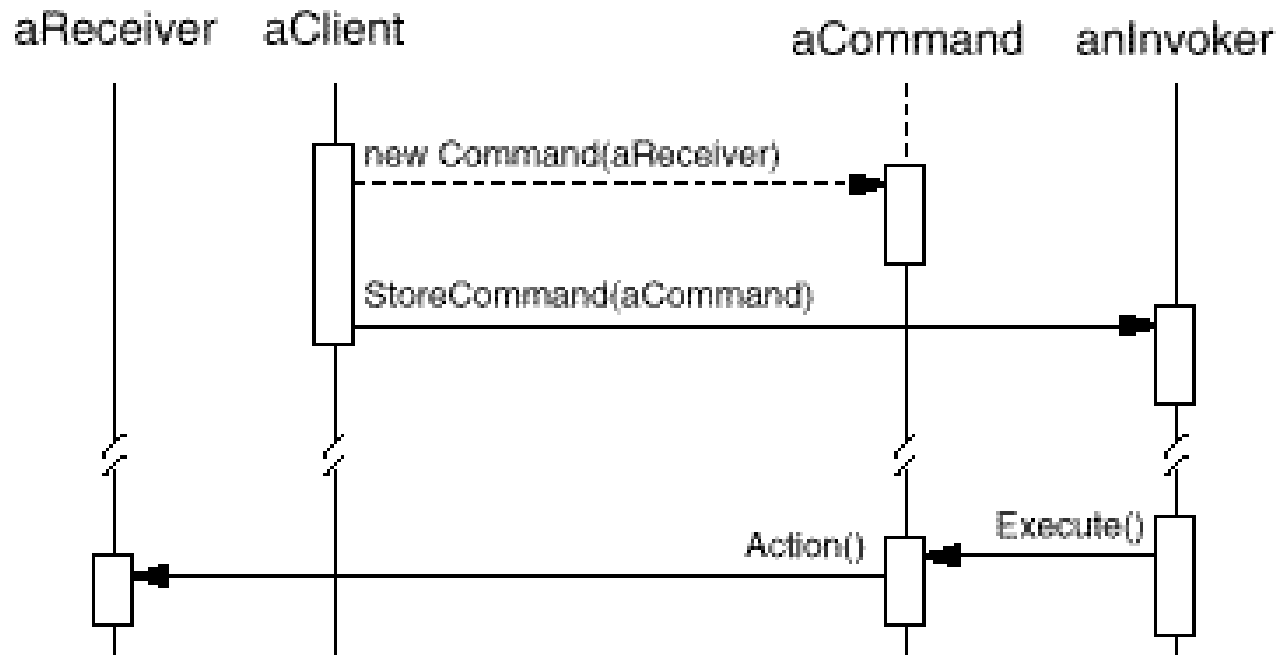
## **Receiver**

- knows how to perform the operations associated with carrying out a request.

## **Client**

- creates a ConcreteCommand and sets its receiver

# COLLABORATIONS



Client → ConcreteCommand

- creates and specifies receiver

Invoker → ConcreteCommand

ConcreteCommand → Receiver

# CONSEQUENCES

Decouples Invoker from Receiver

Commands are **first-class objects**

- can be manipulated and **extended**

Composite Commands

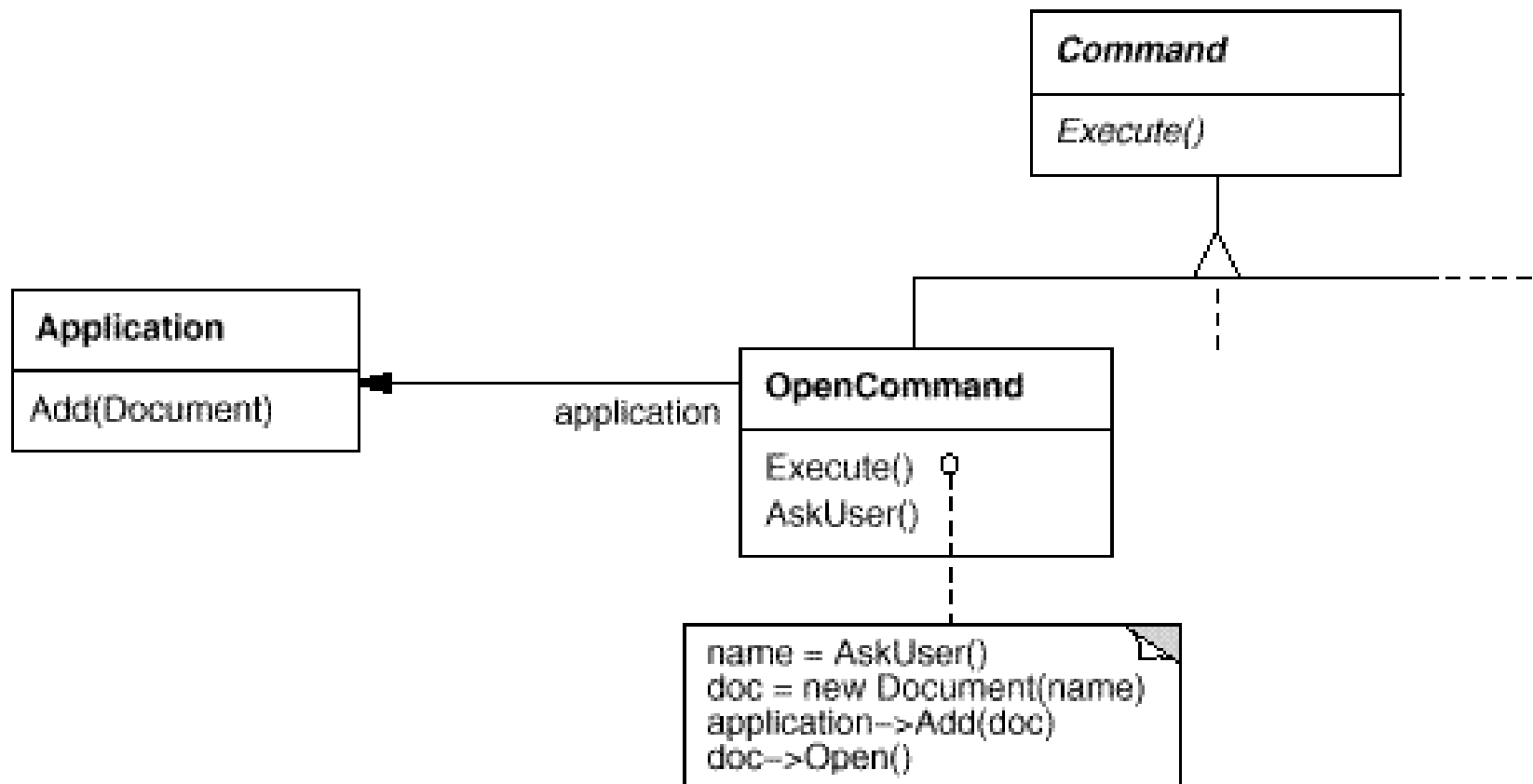
- see also *Composite* pattern

Easy to add new commands

- Invoker does not change
- it is Open-Closed

Potential for an excessive number of command classes

# EXAMPLE: OPEN DOCUMENT



# “INTELLIGENCE” OF COMMAND OBJECTS

## "Dumb"

- delegate everything to Receiver
- used just to decouple Sender from Receiver

## "Genius"

- does everything itself without delegating at all
- useful if no receiver exists
- let ConcreteCommand be independent of further classes

## "Smart"

- find receiver dynamically



# UNDOABLE COMMANDS

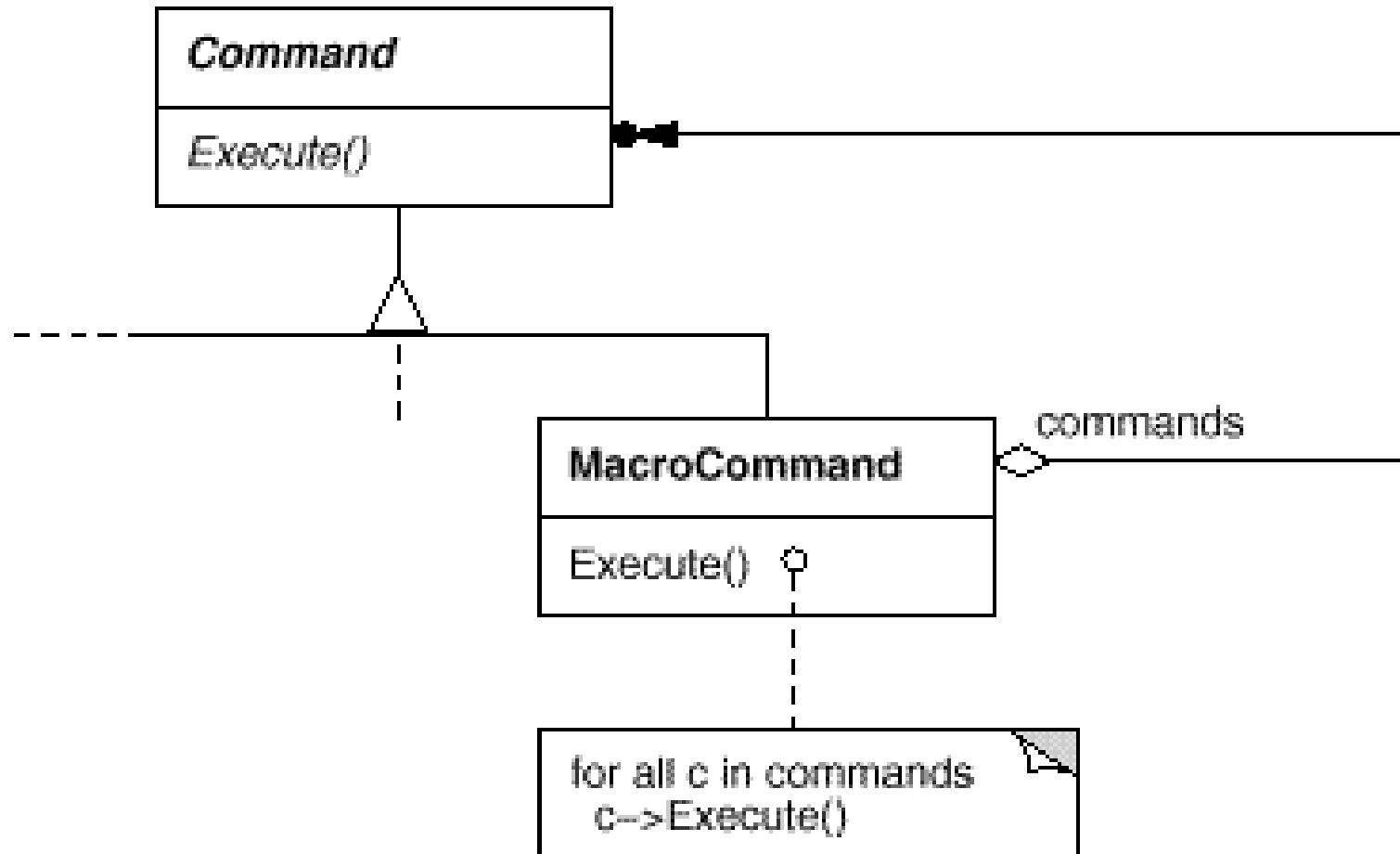
Need to store additional state to reverse execution

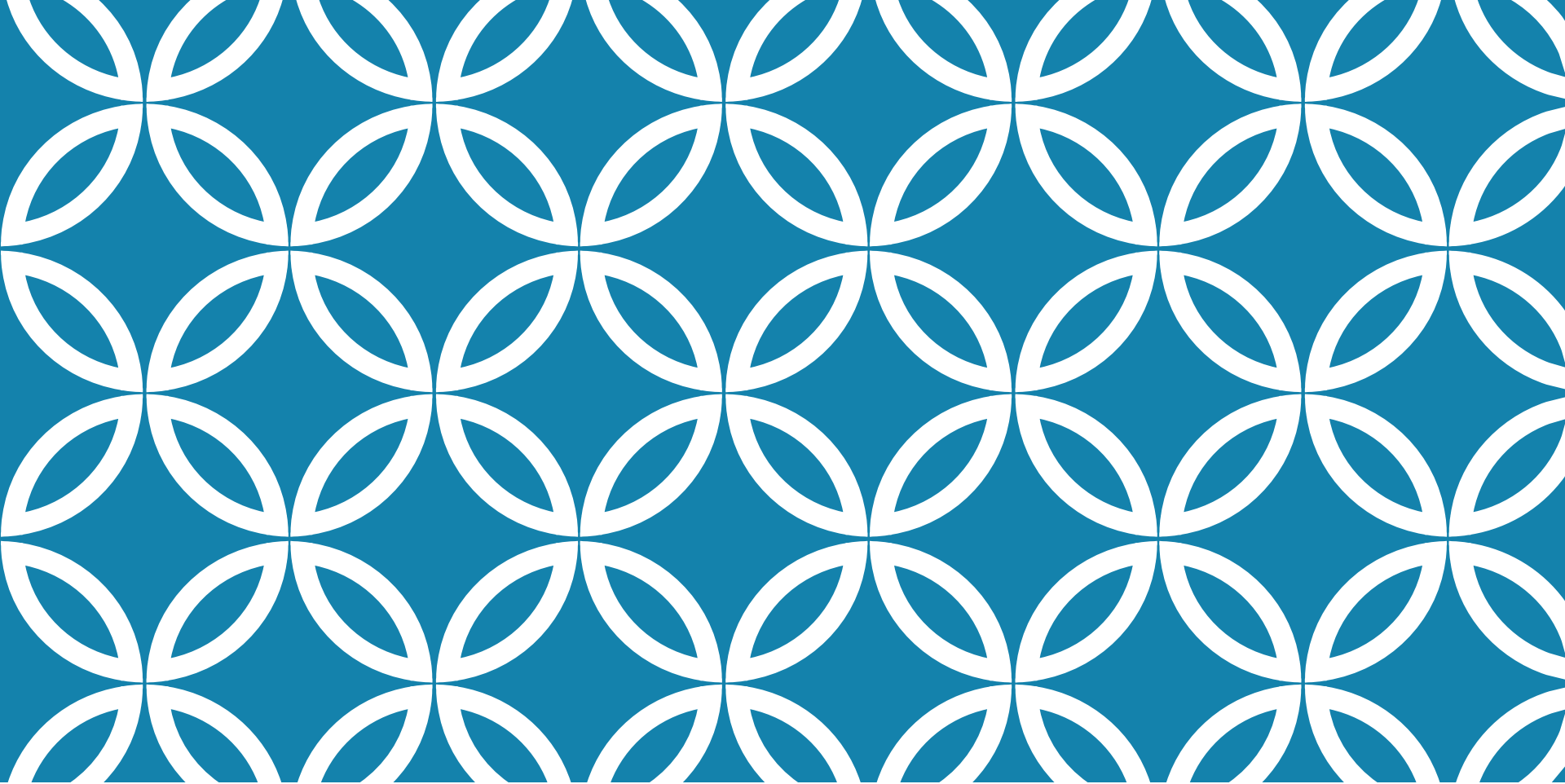
- receiver object
- parameters of the operation performed on receiver
- original values in receiver that may change due to request
  - receiver must provide operations that makes possible for command object to return it to its prior state

History list

- Sequence of commands that have been executed
  - used as LIFO with reverse-execution  $\Rightarrow$  undo
  - used as FIFO with execution  $\Rightarrow$  redo
- Commands may need to be copied
  - when state of commands change by execution

# COMPOSED COMMANDS





# CHAIN OF RESPONSIBILITY PATTERN

# BASIC ASPECTS

## Intent

- Decouple sender of request from its receiver
  - by giving more than one object a chance to handle the request
- Put receivers in a chain and pass the request along the chain
  - until an object handles it

## Motivation

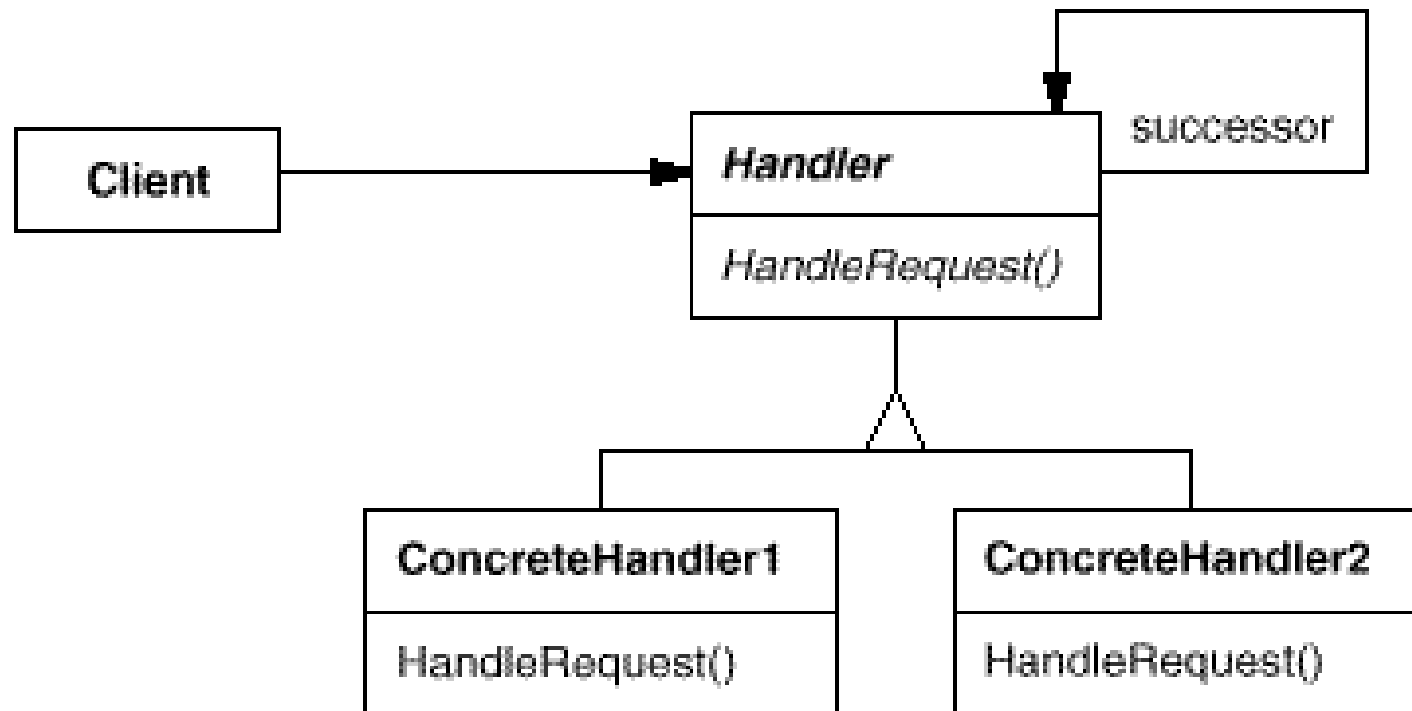
- context-sensitive help
  - a help request is handled by one of several UI objects
- Which one?
  - depends on the context
- The object that initiates the request does not know the object that will eventually provide the help

# WHEN TO USE?

## **Applicability**

- more than one object may handle a request
  - and handler isn't known a priori
- set of objects that can handle the request should be dynamically specifiable
- send a request to several objects without specifying the receiver

# STRUCTURE



# PARTICIPANTS & COLLABORATIONS

## **Handler**

- defines the interface for handling requests
- may implement the successor link

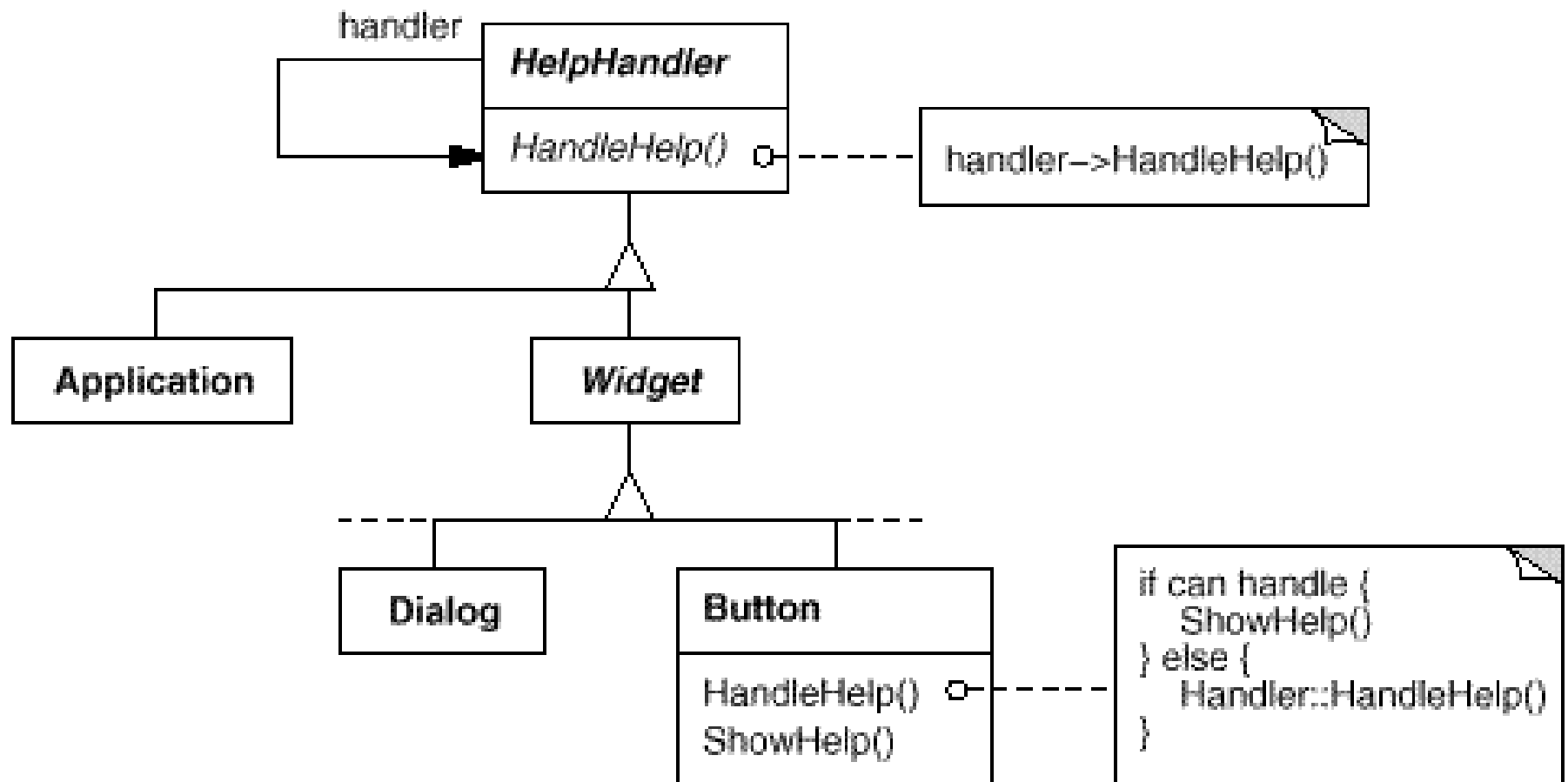
## **ConcreteHandler**

- either handles the request it is responsible for ...
- ... or it forwards the request to its successor

## **Client**

- initiates the request to a ConcreteHandler object in the chain

# THE CONTEXT-HELP SYSTEM





# CONSEQUENCES

## **Reduced Coupling**

- frees the client (sender) from knowing who will handle its request
- sender and receiver don't know each other
- instead of sender knowing all potential receivers, just keep a single reference to next handler in chain.
  - simplify object interconnections

## **Flexibility** in assigning responsibilities to objects

- responsibilities can be added or changed
- chain can be modified at run-time

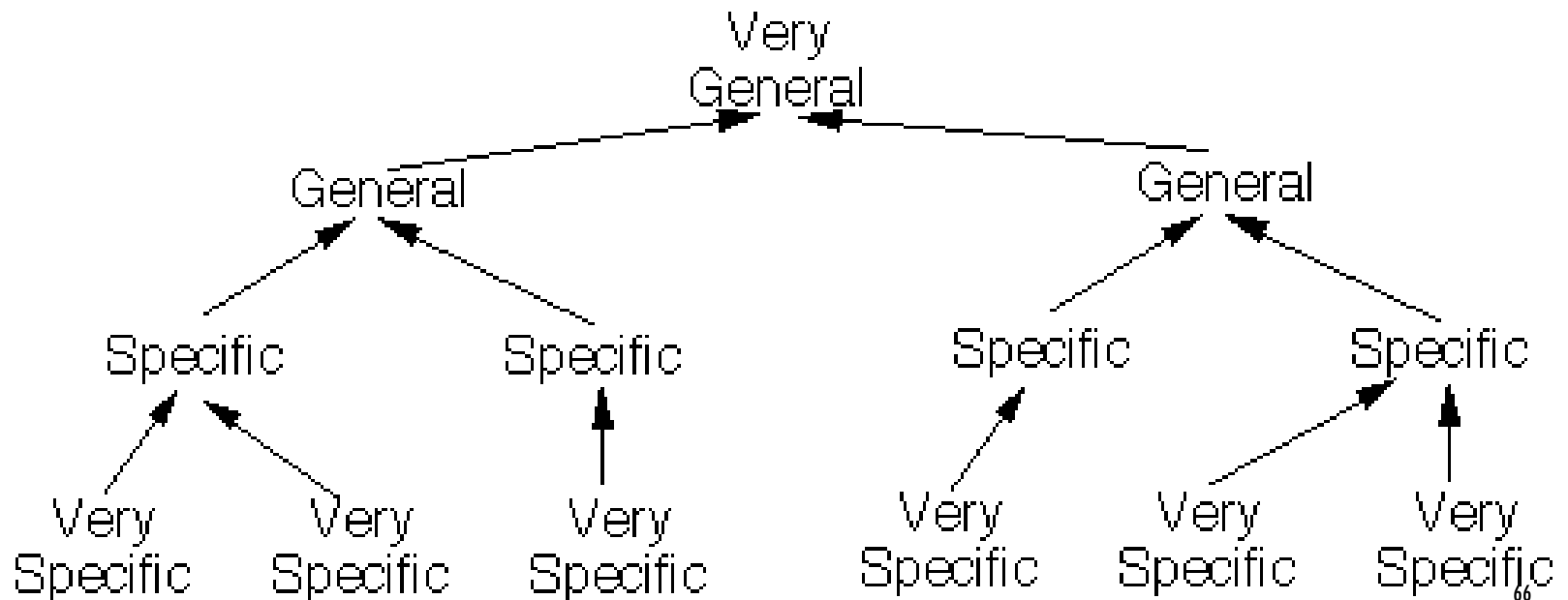
## **Requests can go unhandled**

- chain may be configured improperly!!

# HOW TO DESIGN CHAINS OF COMMANDS?

Like the military

- a request is made
- it goes up the chain of command until someone has the authority to answer the request



# IMPLEMENTING THE SUCCESSOR CHAIN

## Define new link

- Give each handler a link to its successor

## Use existing links

- concrete handlers may already have pointers to their successors
- references in a part-whole hierarchy
  - can define a part's successor
- spares work and space ...
- ... but it must reflect the chain of responsibilities that is needed

# REPRESENTING MULTIPLE REQUESTS USING ONE CHAIN

Each request is hard-coded

- convenient and safe
- not flexible (limited to the fixed set of requests defined by handler)

```
abstract class HardCodedHandler {  
    private HardCodedHandler successor;  
  
    public HardCodedHandler( HardCodedHandler aSuccessor)  
        { successor = aSuccessor; }  
  
    public void handleOpen()  
        { successor.handleOpen(); }  
  
    public void handleClose()  
        { successor.handleClose(); }  
  
    public void handleNew( String fileName)  
        { successor.handleNew( fileName ); }  
}
```

## Unique handler with parameters

- more flexible
- but it requires conditional statements for dispatching request
- less type-safe to pass parameters

```
abstract class SingleHandler {
    private SingleHandler successor;

    public SingleHandler( SingleHandler aSuccessor) {
        successor = aSuccessor;
    }

    public void handle( String request) {
        successor.handle( request );
    }
}

class ConcreteOpenHandler extends SingleHandler {
    public void handle( String request) {
        switch ( request ) {
            case "Open" : // do the right thing;
            case "Close" : // more right things;
            case "New" : // even more right things;
            default: successor.handle( request );
        }
    }
}
```

# DECORATOR VS. CHAIN OF RESPONSIBILITY

| Chain of Responsibility  | Decorator   |
|--|---|
| Comparable to “event-oriented” architecture  | Comparable to layered architecture (layers of an onion)   |
| The "filter" objects are of equal rank   | A "core" object is assumed, all "layer" objects are optional  |
| User views the chain as a "launch and leave" pipeline  | User views the decorated object as an enhanced object   |
| A request is routinely forwarded until a single filter object handles it. many (or all) filter objects <i>could</i> contrib. to each request's handling. | A layer object always performs pre or post processing as the request is delegated.  |
| All the handlers are peers (like nodes in a linked list) – "end of list" condition handling is required.   | All the layer objects ultimately delegate to a single core object - "end of list" condition handling is not required. <sup>70</sup> |

# NEXT TIME

Quality attributes

- Representation
- Strategies