Behavioral Pattern: Memento

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Coming Up

Describing the memento pattern

- Storing a command's state to support undo actions

Structure of the memento pattern

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Use cases for this pattern

Pattern consequences

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Describing the Memento Pattern

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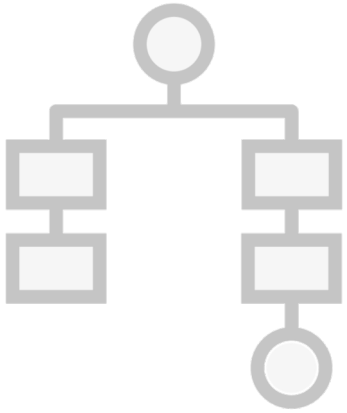

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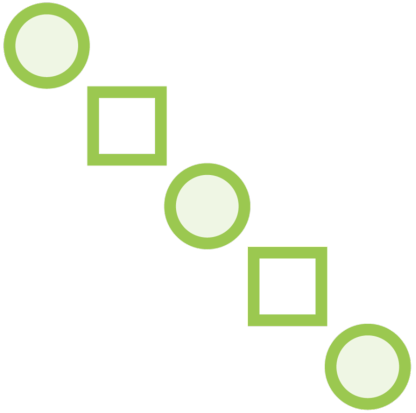

Behavioral

Memento

The intent of this pattern is to capture and externalize an object's internal state so that the object can be restored to this state later, without violating encapsulation.

Describing the Memento Pattern

Supporting undo when working with commands

- Consider the command as a class that has internal state that needs to be stored

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Making internal state public breaks encapsulation

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AddEmployeeToManagerListMemento
// contains state
// allows access to state

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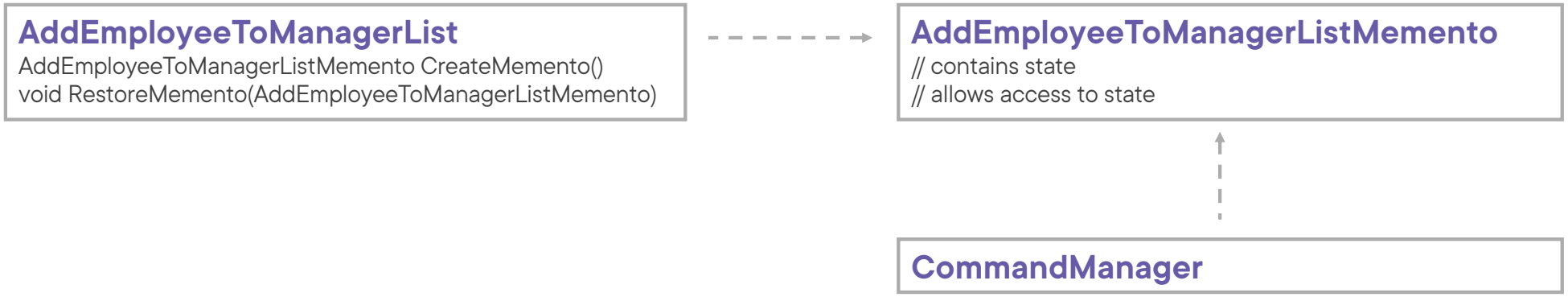
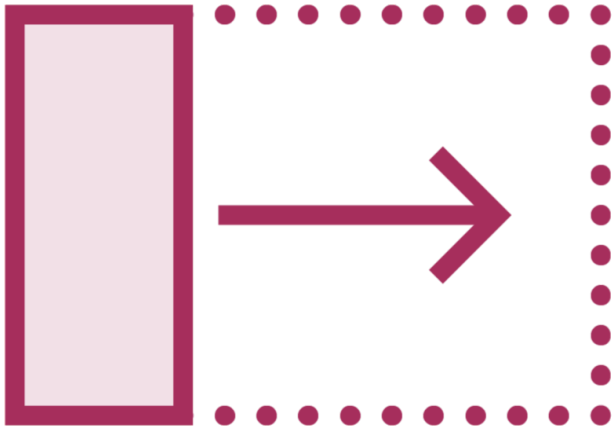
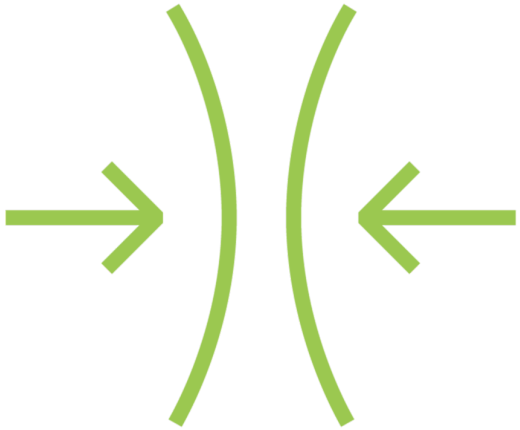


Provide 2 Interfaces to the Memento



Wide interface, used by the command to create the memento



Narrow interface, used by the command manager

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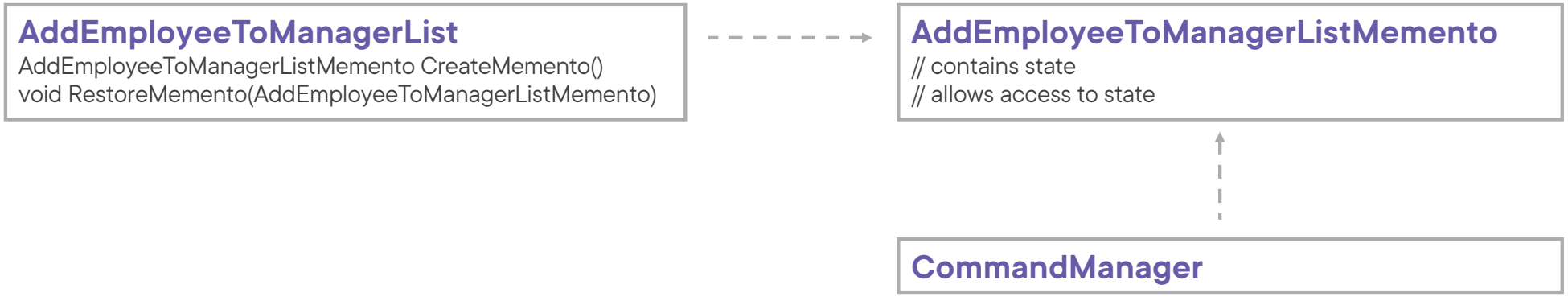

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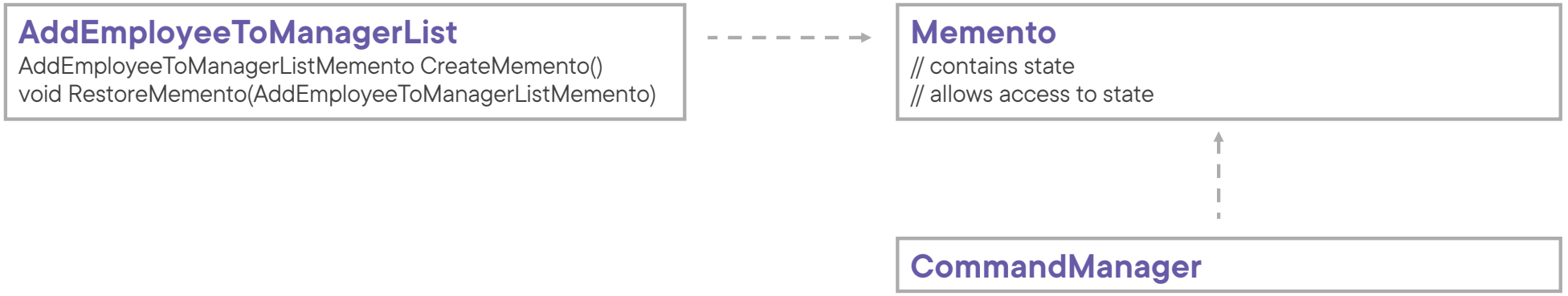

Memento stores the internal state of the originator. The state should be protected against access by other objects as much as possible.

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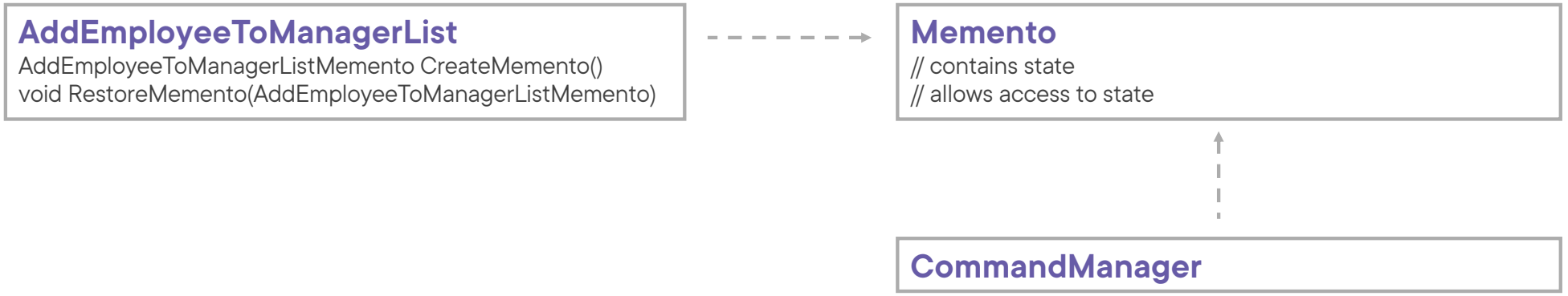

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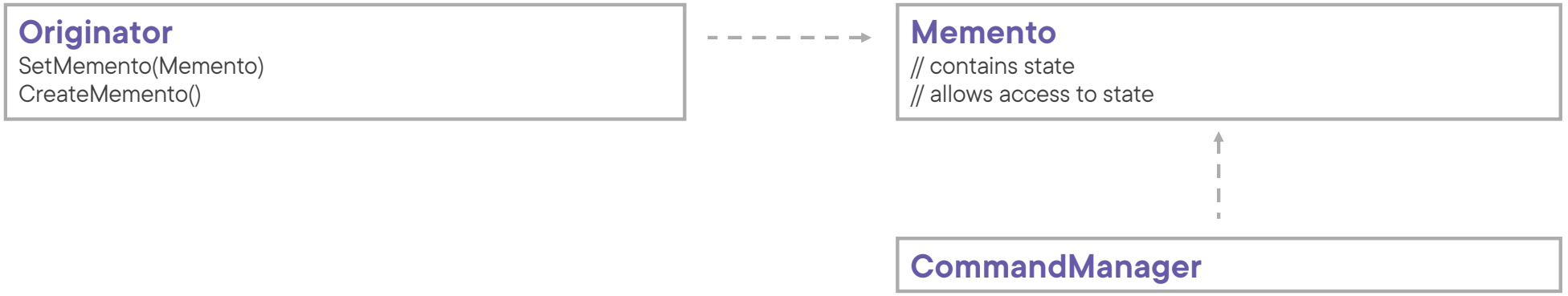

Originator creates a **Memento** with a snapshot of its internal state. It also uses the **Memento** to restore its internal state.

Caretaker keeps the **Memento** safe, and shouldn't operate on or examine its contents.

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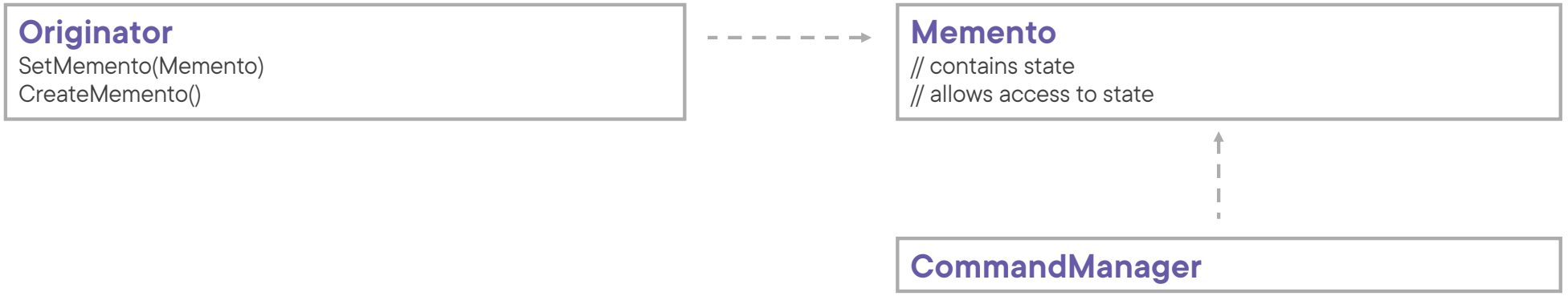

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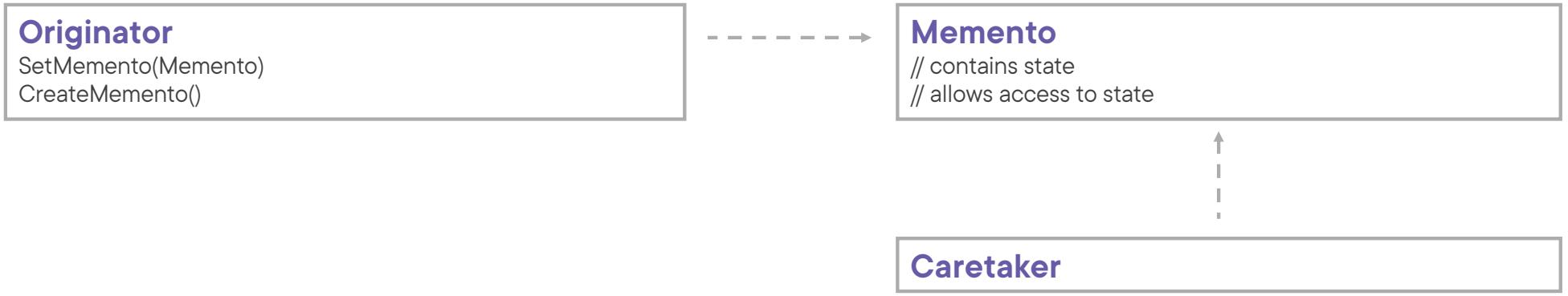
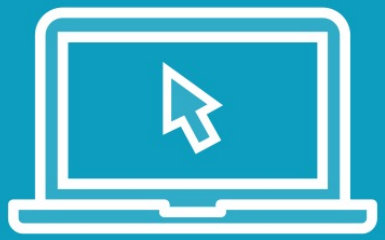


Demo



Implementing the memento pattern

Use Cases for the Memento Pattern

When part of an object's state must be saved so it can be restored later on

AND when a direct interface to obtaining the state would expose implementation details and break encapsulation

Pattern Consequences

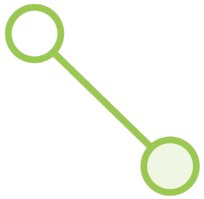
It preserves encapsulation boundaries

It simplifies the originator

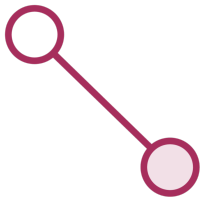
Using mementos might be expensive

It can introduce complexity to your code base

Related Patterns



Command
Can use a memento to store and restore its state



Iterator
Memento can be used to capture the current iteration state and potentially roll it back

Summary

Intent of the memento pattern:

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Implementation:

- Make the distinction between a narrow and a wider interface to the memento

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