

# Imperative Programming 3

## Design Patterns

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# Average vs. Best Programmer

- Initial coding time
  - studies from 1968 to 2000 showed 20x ratio
- Debugging time
  - 20x ratio
- Program execution speed
  - 10x ratio
- 80% contributions from 20% of programmers
  - At the end of this course, you will be in the top-20%

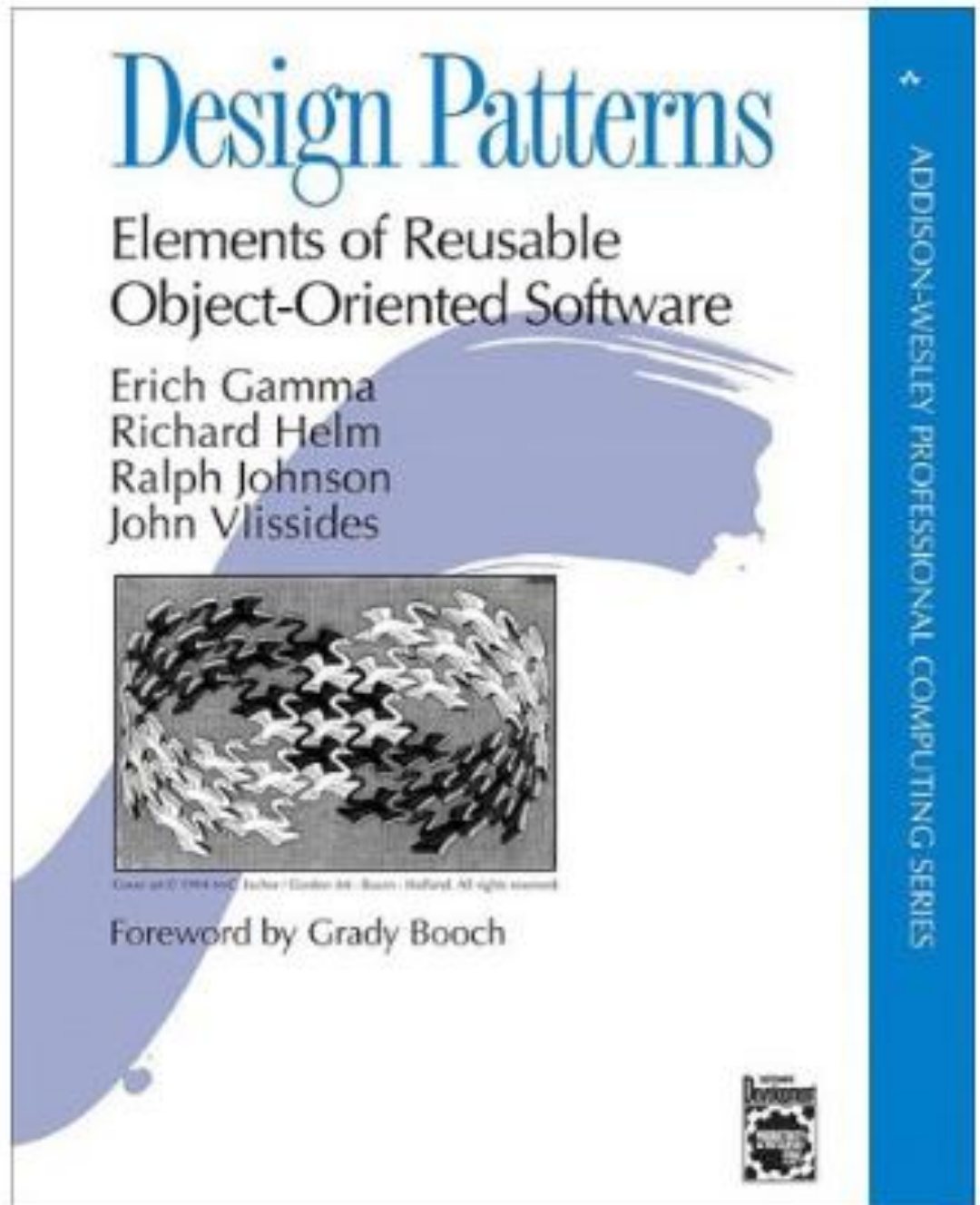
# Challenges in Software Engineering

- Designing good object-oriented software
  - suitable classes? interfaces? inheritance? relationship?
  - experienced designers can get it right
  - novices spend lots of time and make mistakes
- Experience = toolbox of reusable solutions
  - classify problems and apply solution templates

# Design Patterns

Each **pattern** describes a **problem** which occurs over and over again in our environment, and then describes the core **solution** to that problem, in such a way that you can **use** the solution a million times over, without ever doing it the same way twice.

Christopher Alexander (1977)



## ***Creational Patterns***

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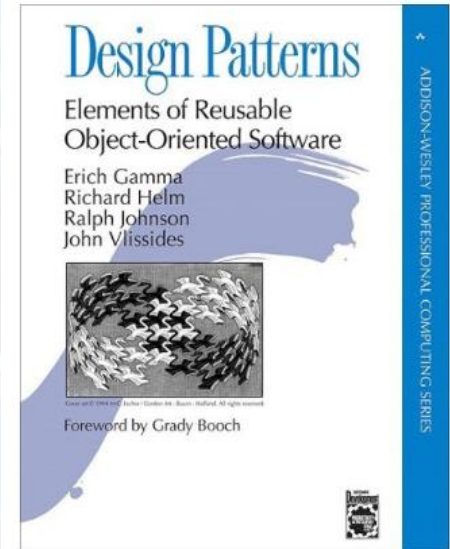
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## ***Architectural***

Model-View-Controller  
Service-oriented Architecture

***Concurrency Patterns:*** Active Object  
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## ***Behavioral Patterns***

Chain of Responsibility  
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Mediator  
Memento  
Observer  
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Strategy  
Template Method  
Visitor

# Basic Design Patterns

- Encapsulation
- Inheritance
- Exceptions

# Encapsulation

- Problem = exposure can lead to...
  - violation of representation invariant
  - dependencies that hamper implementation changes
- Solution = **hide components**
- Consequences
  - interface may not provide all desired operations
  - indirection may reduce performance

# Inheritance

- Problem = similar abstractions...
  - have similar fields and methods
  - repeating them => tedious, error-prone, unmaintainable
- Solution = inherit default members
  - correct implementation selected via runtime dispatching
- Consequences
  - code for a subclass not contained all in one place
  - fragile base class problem
  - runtime dispatching introduces performance overhead



# Exceptions

- Problem = errors occur in one place...
  - but should be handled in another part of the code
  - shouldn't clutter code with error recovery
  - shouldn't mix return values with error codes
- Solution = specialised language structure
  - throw exception in one place, catch & handle in another

# Exceptions in Scala

- Exceptions in **Scala** are, naturally, objects
- To *raise* an exception: **throw** an object

```
def subSequence(start: Int, end: Int):  
    CharSequence = {  
    if (start < 0 || end < start || len < end)  
        throw new IndexOutOfBoundsException()  
  
    getString(start, end-start)  
}
```

- Execution then continues at the nearest exception handler... (if none, program crashes)

# Exceptions in Scala

- Exception handling = enclose the code throwing an exception in a **try/catch** statement

```
try {  
    // code that might throw an exception  
}  
catch {  
    case ex: ExceptionType1 => {  
        println("Problem: " + ex)  
    }  
    case ex: ExceptionType2 => {...}  
}
```

# Exceptions in Scala

- **finally** blocks are always executed (cleanup)
- User-defined exceptions

```
case class UnderAgeException(message: String) extends  
    Exception(message)  
  
def buyCigarettes(customer: Customer): Cigarettes =  
    if (customer.age < 16) throw  
        UnderAgeException("Customer must be older than 16")  
    else new Cigarettes
```

- Runtime and static checks: assert, require, assume

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  - hard to know layer at which exception will be handled
  - evil temptation to use this for normal control flow

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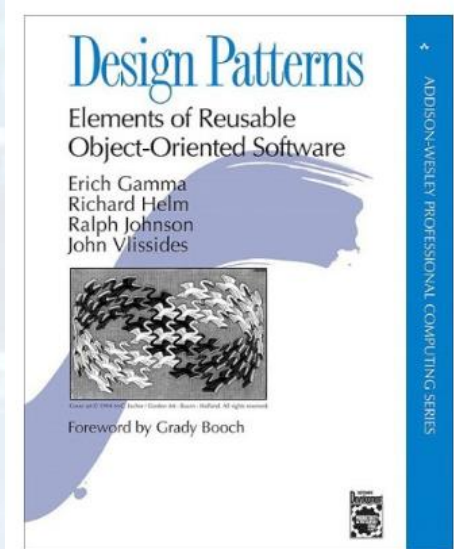
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# Iterator pattern

- Problem = accessing all items in some collection
  - requires specialized traversal
  - exposes underlying details of how collection is stored
- Solution = implementation does traversal
  - results returned via standard interface
- Consequences
  - iteration order constrained by implementation

# The Iterator interface

```
trait Iterator[T] {  
  def hasNext(): Bool  
  def next(): T  
}
```

Interface independent of  
what's being iterated over

- External iterators
  - client controls iteration by calling *hasNext()*, *next()*
  - default in most imperative languages like Java, C++



# The Iterable interface

```
trait Iterable[T] {  
  def iterator(): Iterator[T]  
}
```

# Internal iterators

- Accept a method to execute on all elements of a collection

```
someList.foreach(x => print(x))
```

- Mostly in languages with anonymous (lambda) functions and closures, like Scala, Ruby, ML, etc.

```
def foreach[U](f: Elem => U): Unit = {  
  val it = iterator  
  while (it.hasNext) f(it.next())  
}
```

# Case Study: Text Editor

# Introducing the Case Study

- To really appreciate the power of OOP ideas for developing larger programs we need to look at a (fairly) large program;
- In this part of the course, we will examine a program to implement a simple text-editor, originally written by Mike Spivey
- This program contains around 2000 LoC, and illustrates many design principles...

# How do you start?

- When faced with the problem of designing a fairly large program, remember the slogans:

**“Separation of concerns”**

**“Stability under change”**

# How do you start?

- There is no 'royal road' to the ideal design, but it can be helpful to:
  - List the *concerns* of the program;
  - List the likely *changes*;

# So what are the concerns?

- A ***text editor*** is likely to be concerned with the following things:
  - Manipulating some text and keeping a current position within it;
  - Getting keyboard input from the user, and interpreting it as commands or new pieces of text;
  - Obeying these commands by moving the current position around, changing the text, and maybe saving it and loading it to/from files;
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**Question: What are the nouns in this description?**



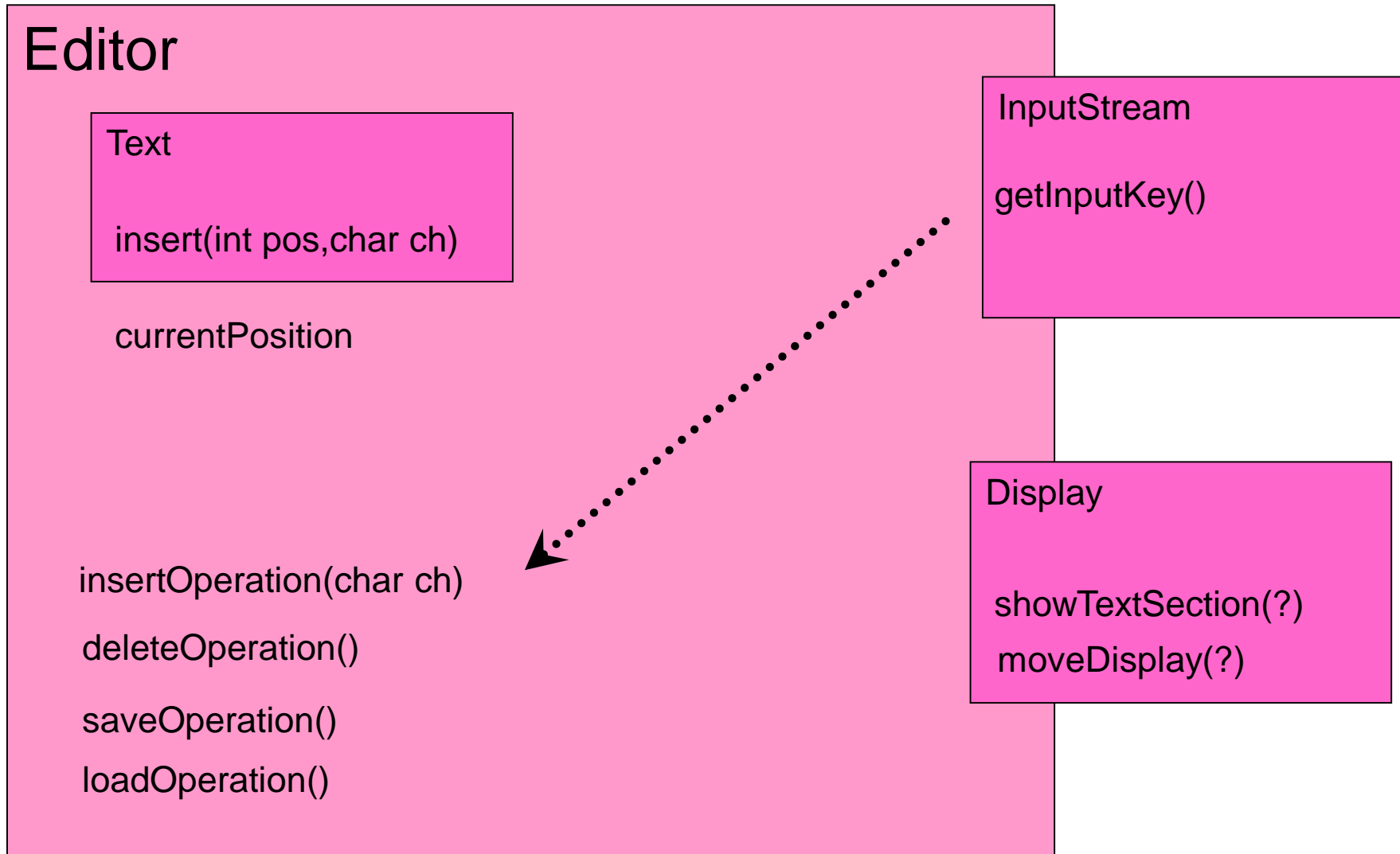
# Nouns

# So what are the likely changes?

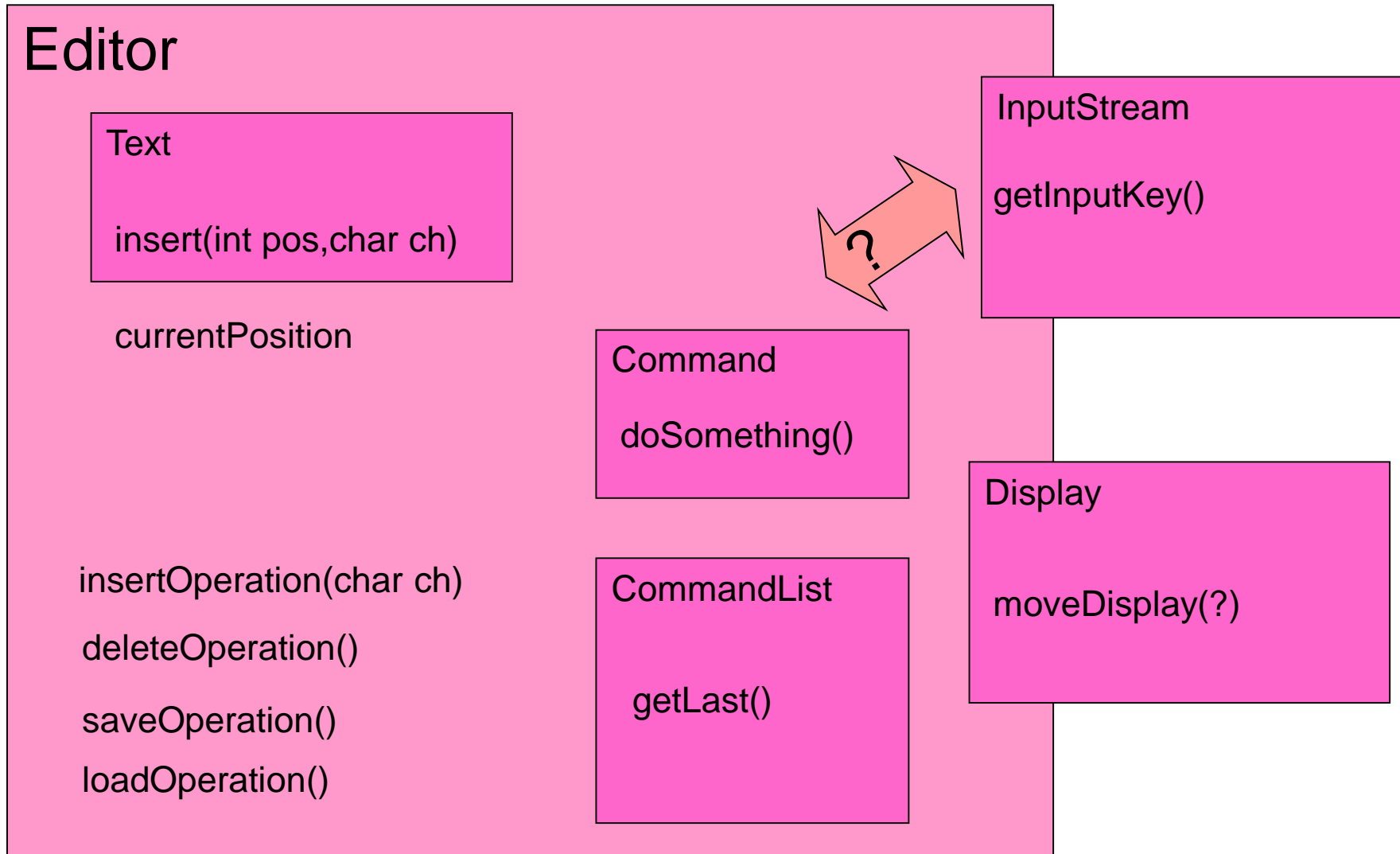
- A ***text editor*** is likely to experience the following changes during its lifetime:
  - Changes to the way text is stored – perhaps to allow larger texts, or faster access, maybe allowing more than one text;
  - Changes to the input source;
  - Changes to the way the input is interpreted – maybe giving new names/keys to commands;
  - Changes to the commands that are available;
  - Changes to the way text is displayed, perhaps to show larger or smaller portions, or move around differently when the editing position is changed;
  - Changes to the kind of screen or display device that the text is displayed on – maybe allowing more than one;

# Nouns + *Changes*

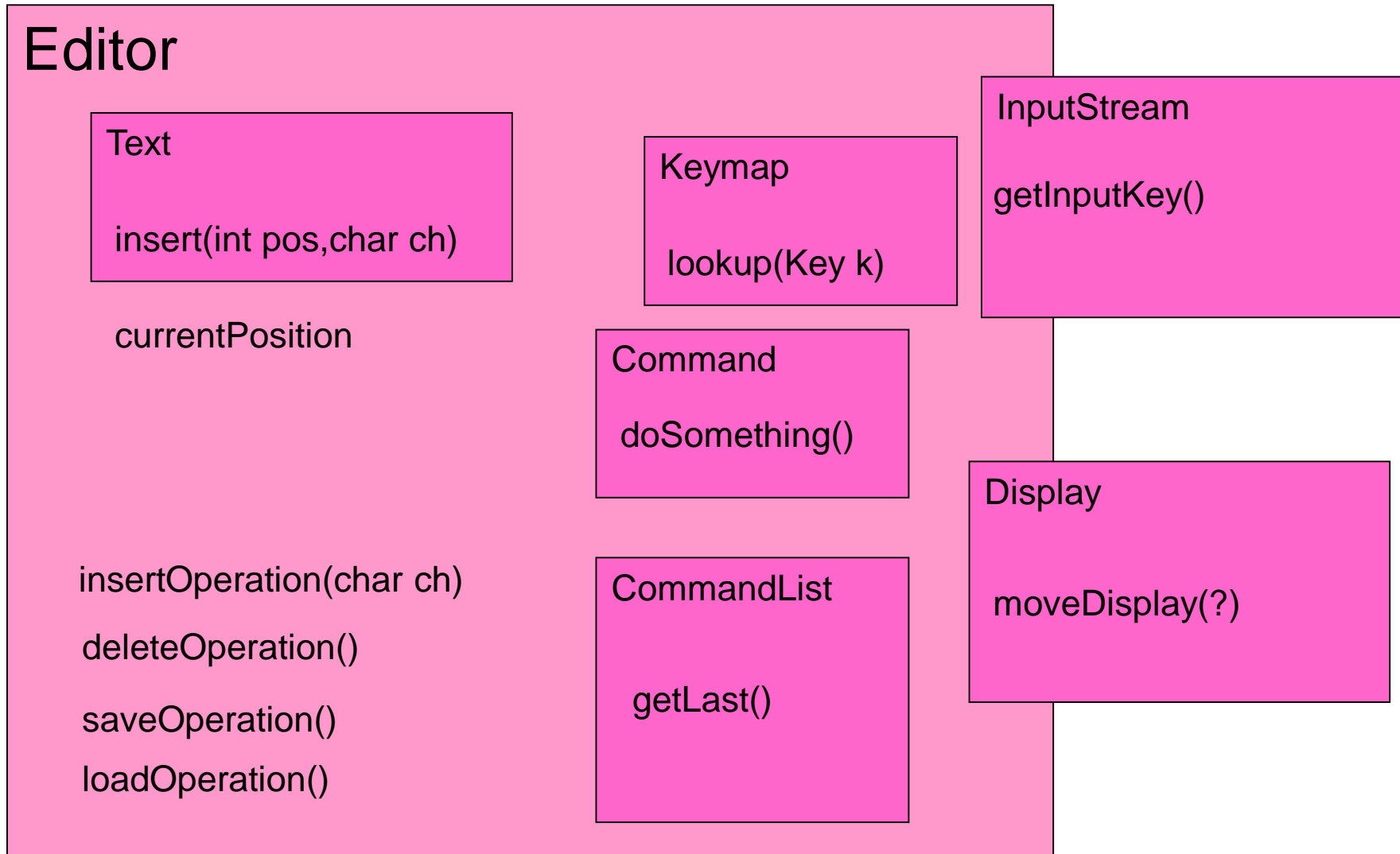
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# Summary

- Design patterns
  - can capture the experience of the best programmers
- Basic patterns:
  - encapsulation, inheritance, exceptions
- The Iterator pattern
- Designing an Editor...

See also *Head First Design Patterns*: Chapters 1 & 9