# Behavioral

#### General:

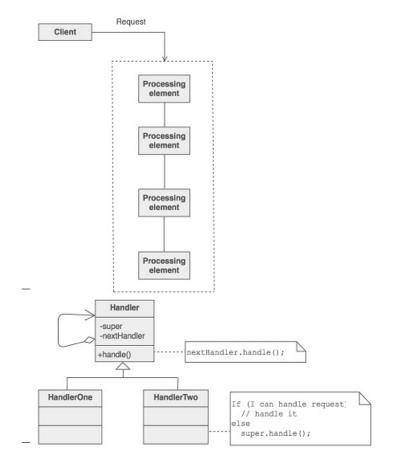
Identify common communication patterns between objects and realize these patterns

## Chain of Responsibility:

# • Definition/Use

- command objects are handled or passed on to other objects by logic-containing processing objects
- avoid coupling the sender of a request to its receiver by giving more than one object a chance to handle the request

### • Structure



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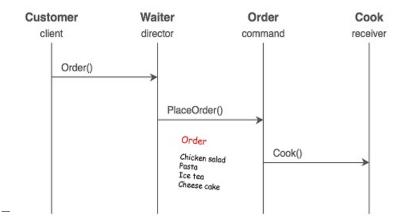
- base class maintains a next pointer
- if the request needs to be "passed on", then the derived class "calls back" to the base class, which delegates to the "next" pointer

#### Command:

## • Definition/Use

- command objects encapsulate an action and its parameters
- Need to issue requests to objects without knowing anything about the operation being requested or the receiver of the request
- separation provides flexibility in the timing and sequencing of commands
- command objects can be thought of as "tokens", created by one client that knows what need to be done, passed to another client that has the resources for doing it

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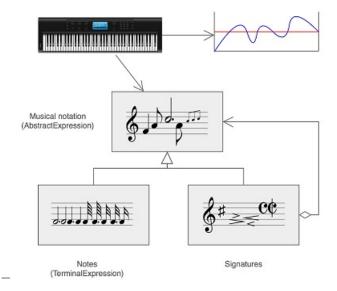
- define a Command interface with a method signature like execute()

#### Interpreter:

### • Definition/Use

- implement a specialized computer language to rapidly solve a specific set of problems
- map a domain to a language, the language to a grammar, and the grammar to a hierarchical object
- oriented design

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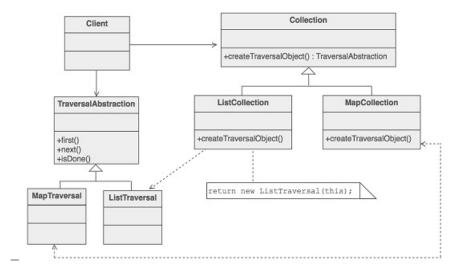
- the pattern doesn't address parsing. When the grammar is very complex, other techniques (such as a parser) are more appropriate

#### Iterator:

## • Definition/Use

- iterators are used to access the elements of an aggregate object sequentially without exposing its underlying representation
- need to "abstract" the traversal of wildly different data structures so that algorithms can be defined that are capable of interfacing with each transparently

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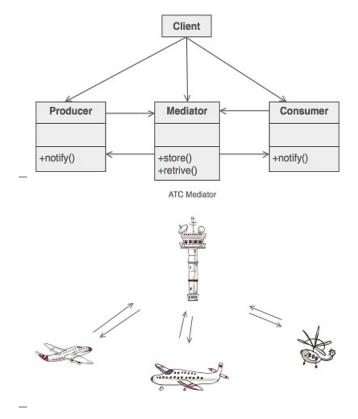


clients use the first(), is\_done(), next(), and current\_item() protocol to
 access the elements of the collection class

### **Mediator:**

- Definition/Use
  - provides a unified interface to a set of interfaces in a subsystem
  - promotes loose coupling by keeping objects from referring to each other explicitly

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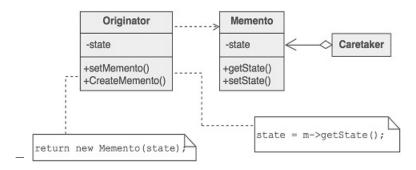
- be careful not to create a "controller" or "god" object

### Memento:

• Definition/Use

- provides the ability to restore an object to its previous state (rollback)
- pattern defines three distinct roles
  - \* originator: the object that knows how to save itself
  - \* caretaker : the object that knows why and when the originator needs to save and restore itself
  - \* memento: the lock box that is written and read by the originator, and shepherded by the caretaker

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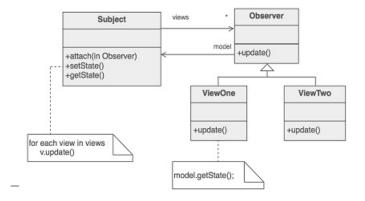
- identify the roles of "caretaker" and "originator"

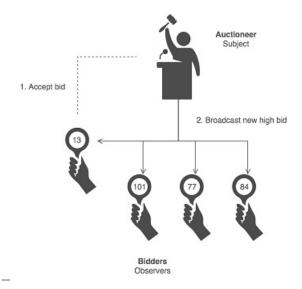
## Observer(Publish/Subscribe or Event Listener):

## • Definition/Use

- objects register to observe an event that may be raised by another object
- defines a one
- to
- many relationship so that when one object changes state, the others are notified and updated automatically

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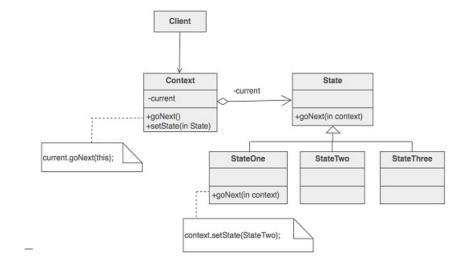


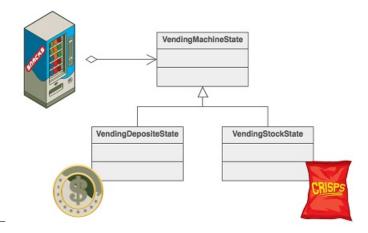
- subject broadcasts events to all registered observers

## State:

- Definition/Use
  - a clean way for an object to partially change its type at runtime
  - a monolithic object's behavior is a function of its state

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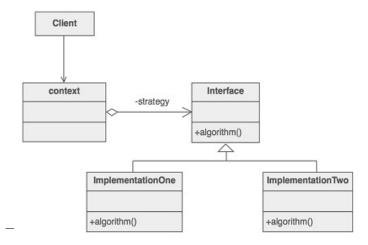


- pattern does not specify where the state transitions will be defined
  - \* the "context" object
  - \* each individual State derived class
    - · advantage is ease of adding new State derived classes
    - $\cdot$  disadvantage is each State derived class has knowledge of (coupling to) its siblings, which introduces dependencies between subclasses

## Strategy:

- Definition/Use
  - algorithms can be selected on the fly
  - defines a set of algorithms that can be used interchangeably

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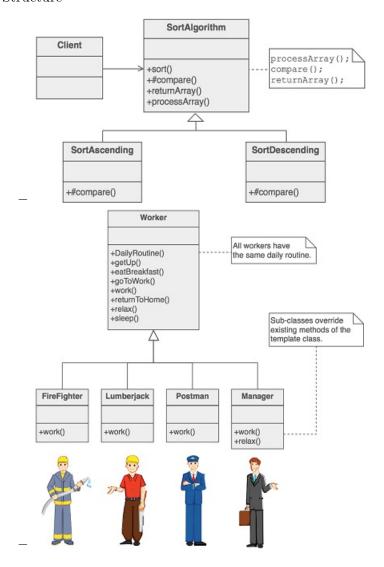
 identify an algorithm (i.e. a behavior) that the client would prefer to access through a "flex point"

## Template method:

### • Definition/Use

- describes the program skeleton of a program
- component designer decides which steps of an algorithm are invariant (or standard), and which are variant (or customizable)

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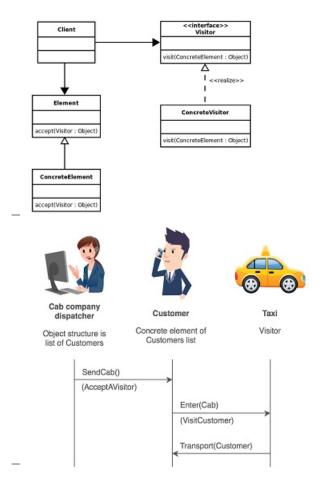


### • Notes

 examine the algorithm, and decide which steps are standard and which steps are peculiar to each of the current classes

#### Visitor:

- Definition/Use
  - a way to separate an algorithm from an object
- Structure



### • Example

```
public interface CharacterVisitor {
   public void visit(char aChar);
}

public class MyString {

// ... other methods, fields

// Our main implementation of the visitor pattern
   public void foreach(CharacterVisitor aVisitor) {
```

```
int length = this.length();
   // Loop over all the characters in the string
   for (int i = 0; i < length; i++) {</pre>
     // Get the current character, and let the visitor visit it.
     aVisitor.visit(this.getCharAt(i));
 }
// ... other methods, fields
}// end class MyString
public class MyStringPrinter implements CharacterVisitor {
  // We have to implement this method because we're implementing the
     CharacterVisitor
  // interface
 public void visit(char aChar) {
   // All we're going to do is print the current character to the standard
   System.out.print(aChar);
 // This is the method you call when you want to print a string
 public void print(MyString aStr) {
   // we'll let the string determine how to get each character, and
   // we already defined what to do with each character in our
   // visit method.
   aStr.foreach(this);
 }
} // end class MyStringPrinter
```

 if you have and will always have only one visitor, you'd rather implement the composite pattern

### Comparison:

- chain of Responsibility, command, mediator, and observer, address how you can decouple senders and receivers, but with different trade
- offs
  - chain of Responsibility passes a sender request along a chain of potential receivers
- command and memento act as magic tokens to be passed around and invoked at a later time
  - in command, the token represents a request

- in memento, it represents the internal state of an object at a particular time
- polymorphism is important to command, but not to memento because its interface is so narrow that a memento can only be passed as a value