

DEFINITION OF ITERATOR PATTERN

The Iterator Pattern provides a way to access elements of a collection sequentially without exposing the underlying structure of the collection.

It allows traversal of data without depending on the internal implementation.

Follows the Behavioral category of design patterns.

COMPONENTS -

- Concrete Aggregate: Implements the collection and returns an iterator instance
- Iterator Interface: Declares methods like Next(), HasNext()
- Concrete Iterator: Implements the iterator and keeps track of the current position

WHEN SHOULD WE USE THIS:

- 1. You have a collection (list, tree, array, etc.) and want to loop through its elements.
- 2. You want to hide the internal structure of the collection.
- 3. You need multiple types of iteration (e.g., forward, backward, custom).
- 4. You want to implement your own custom collection class.

REAL WORLD APPLICATION:-

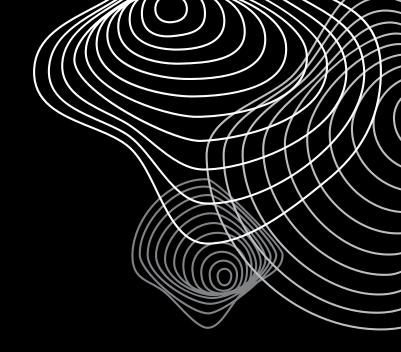
Custom lists in C#
File readers
Menu systems in games or apps
Paginated results

ADVANTAGES:-

- 1. Simplifies traversal of collections.
- 2. Hides internal structure of collections.
- 3. Supports multiple traversals (e.g., forward, reverse).
- 4. Makes code cleaner and more maintainable.
- 5. Can be generic to support multiple data types.

DISADVANTAGES:-

- 6. More classes to write (extra boilerplate).
- 7. Custom iterators can be harder to maintain for complex collections.
- 8. Not as efficient for some special data structures (like graphs, trees without built-in iterators).



2. OBSERVER DESCRIPTION PATERS

DEFINITION OF OBSERVER PATTERN

COMPONENTS -

Defines a one-to-many dependency between objects so that when one object changes state, all its dependents are notified and updated automatically.

In the Observer Design Pattern, an object (called a Subject) maintains a list of its dependents (called Observers). It notifies them automatically whenever any state changes.

1. Subject: They are also called Publishers. When a change occurs to a subject, it should notify all its Subscribers/Observers.

2. Observers: They are also called subscribers. They listen to the changes in the subjects.

WHEN SHOULD WE USE THIS:

- -When a change to one object requires changing others, you don't know how many objects need to be changed.
- -When an object should be able to notify other objects without making assumptions about who these objects are.

REAL WORLD APPLICATION:-

Weather Station and Mobile Apps.

YouTube Channel.

ADVANTAGES:-

- 1. Loose Coupling:- The Subject and Observers are independent. The subject doesn't need to know how observers work.
- 2. Easy to Add/Remove Observers:- You can add or remove observers at runtime without changing the subject's code.
- 3. Real-Time Updates:- All observers get immediate notifications when something changes.

DISADVANTAGES:-

- 1. Memory Leaks (if not handled well):- If you forget to unsubscribe an observer, it might stay in memory, causing performance issues.
- 2. Order of Notification is Not Guaranteed:- If the update order is important, you might need extra logic to control it.

