

Module 18:

"Memento"

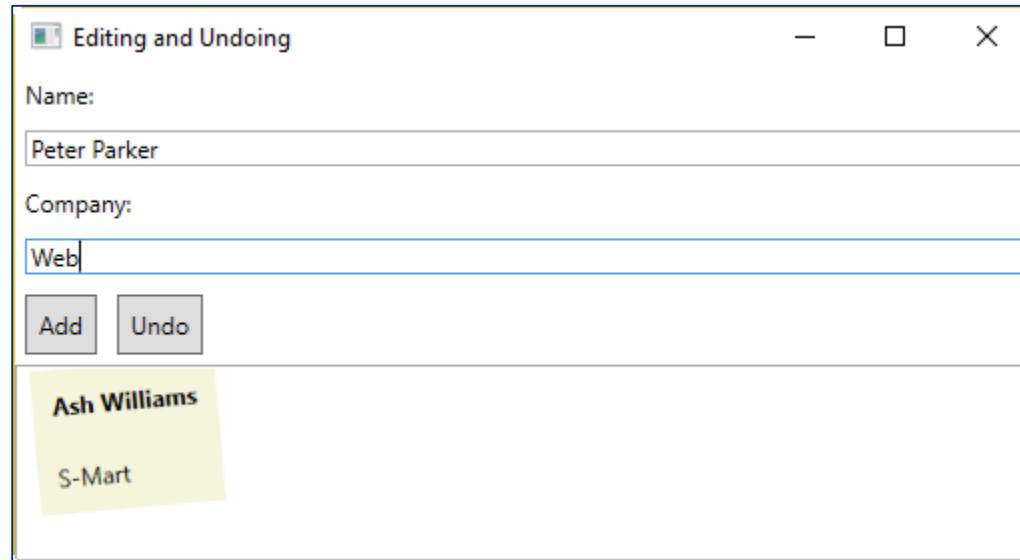


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- ▶ Overview of Memento Pattern
- ▶ Reusability vs. Encapsulation

Introductory Example: Editing and Undoing



The screenshot shows a window titled "Editing and Undoing" with standard window controls. It contains two text input fields: "Name:" with the value "Peter Parker" and "Company:" with the value "Web". Below these fields are two buttons labeled "Add" and "Undo". At the bottom, there is a list of entries on a light yellow background, showing "Ash Williams" and "S-Mart".

```
readonly struct Guest
{
    public string Name { get; }
    public string Company { get; }
}
```

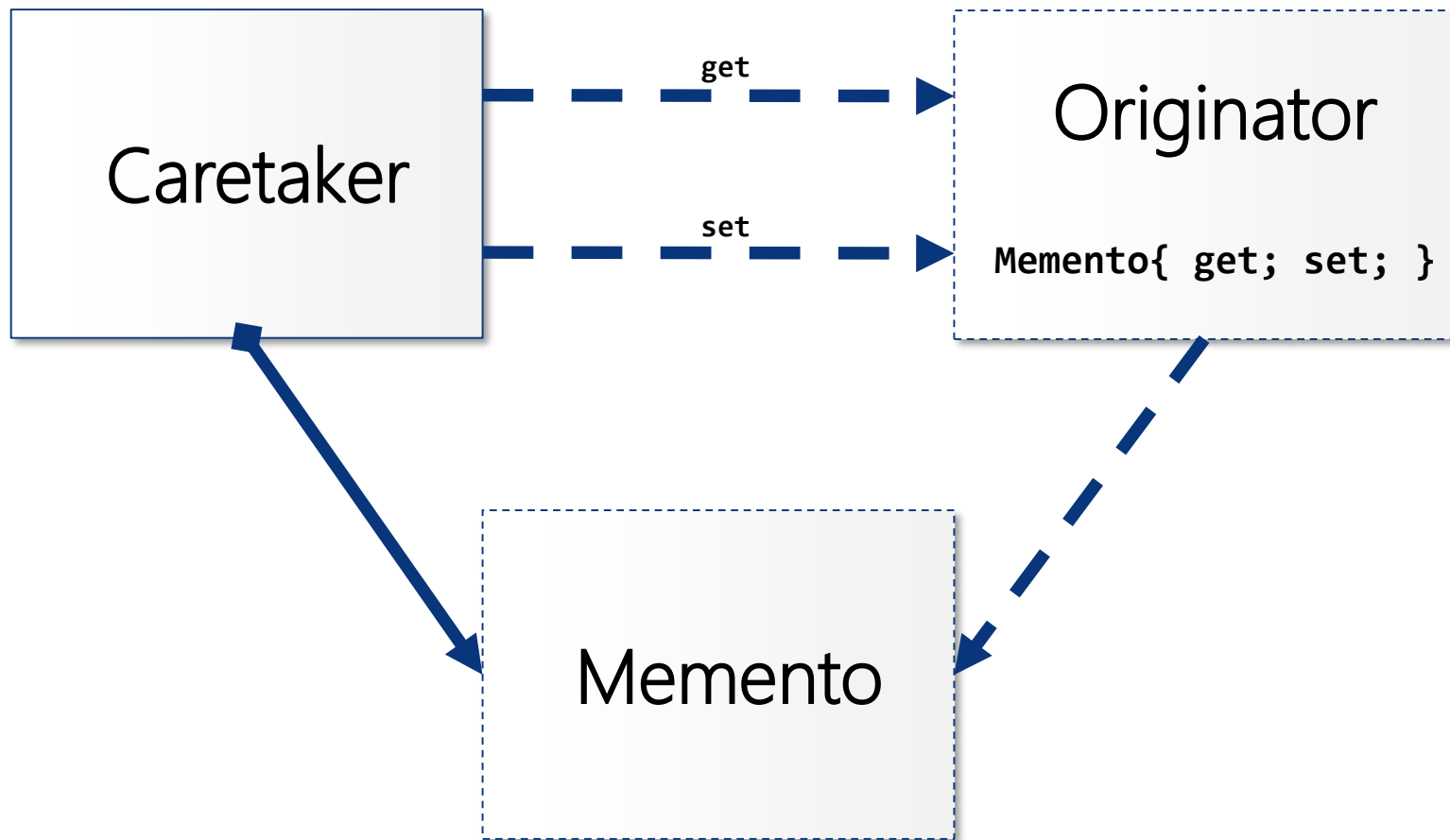
Challenges

- ▶ How do we implement undo?
- ▶ How do we externally save the internal state?
- ▶ Is it possible to do so without breaking the encapsulation of the object, i.e. exposing internal state?
- ▶ And how do we ensure only the object itself can access the state when externalized...?

Pattern: Memento

- ▶ *Without violating encapsulation, capture and externalize an object's internal state so that it can be restored to this state later.*
- ▶ Outline
 - Make object itself responsible for saving its internal state to a memento object.
 - Make object itself responsible for restoring its internal state from a memento object
- ▶ Origin: Gang of Four

Overview of Memento Pattern



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- ▶ Caretaker
 - Concrete class controlling the create/restore of Originator state
 - Retrieves and sets Memento on Originator
- ▶ Originator
 - Concrete class containing state to be externalized
 - Implements a property exposing Memento object
- ▶ Memento
 - Interface (or occasionally concrete class) containing externalized version of Originator state

Reusability vs. Encapsulation

- ▶ It is not hard to create a reusable setup for Memento
 - `IMemento<T>`
 - `Originator<T>`
 - ...
- ▶ But this allows everyone to "see" externalized state
- ▶ Consider creating an "anonymous" interface implemented by class internal to Originator

```
public interface IMemento
{
    object State { get; }
}
```




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