



# Robotics Programming Laboratory

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Lecture 6:

Patterns

(with material by other members of the  
team)

# Note about these slides

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For a more extensive version (from the “Software Architecture” course), see

[http://se.inf.ethz.ch/courses/2011a\\_spring/soft\\_arch/lectures/o4\\_softarch\\_patterns.pdf](http://se.inf.ethz.ch/courses/2011a_spring/soft_arch/lectures/o4_softarch_patterns.pdf)

The present material is a subset covering the patterns of direct relevance to the Robotics Programming Laboratory

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Example **Web of Shopping** (C. Alexander, A pattern language)

**Conflict:** Shops rarely place themselves where they best serve people's needs and guarantee their own stability.

**Resolution:** Locate a shop by the following steps:

- 1) Identify and locate all shops offering the same service.
- 2) Identify and map the location of potential consumers.
- 3) Find the biggest gap in the web of similar shops with potential consumers.
- 4) Within the gap locate your shop next to the largest cluster of other kinds of shops.

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- Patterns can be applied to many areas, including software development



Design pattern:

- A document that describes a general solution to a design problem that recurs in many applications.

Developers adapt the pattern to their specific application.

Since 1994, various books have catalogued important patterns. Best known is *Design Patterns* by Erich Gamma, Richard Helm, Ralph Johnson, John Vlissides, Addison-Wesley 1994.

# Why design patterns?

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“Designing object-oriented software is hard and designing reusable object-oriented software is even harder.” Erich Gamma

- Experienced object-oriented designers make good designs while novices struggle
- Object-oriented systems have recurring patterns of classes and objects
- Patterns solve specific design problems and make OO designs more flexible, elegant, and ultimately reusable

# Benefits of design patterns

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- Capture the knowledge of experienced developers
- Publicly available repository
- Common pattern language
- Newcomers can learn & apply patterns
- Yield better software structure
- Facilitate discussions: programmers, managers





- A design pattern is an architectural scheme — a certain organization of classes and features — that provides applications with a standardized solution to a common problem.



## Creational

- Abstract Factory
- Singleton
- Factory Method
- Builder
- Prototype

## Structural

- Adapter
- Bridge
- Composite
- Decorator
- Façade
- Flyweight
- Proxy

## Behavioral

- Chain of Responsibility
- Command (undo/redo)
- Interpreter
- Iterator
- Mediator
- Memento
- Observer
- State
- Strategy
- Template Method
- Visitor

## Non-GoF patterns

- Model-View-Controller

# A pattern is not a reusable solution

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Solution to a particular recurring design issue in a particular context:

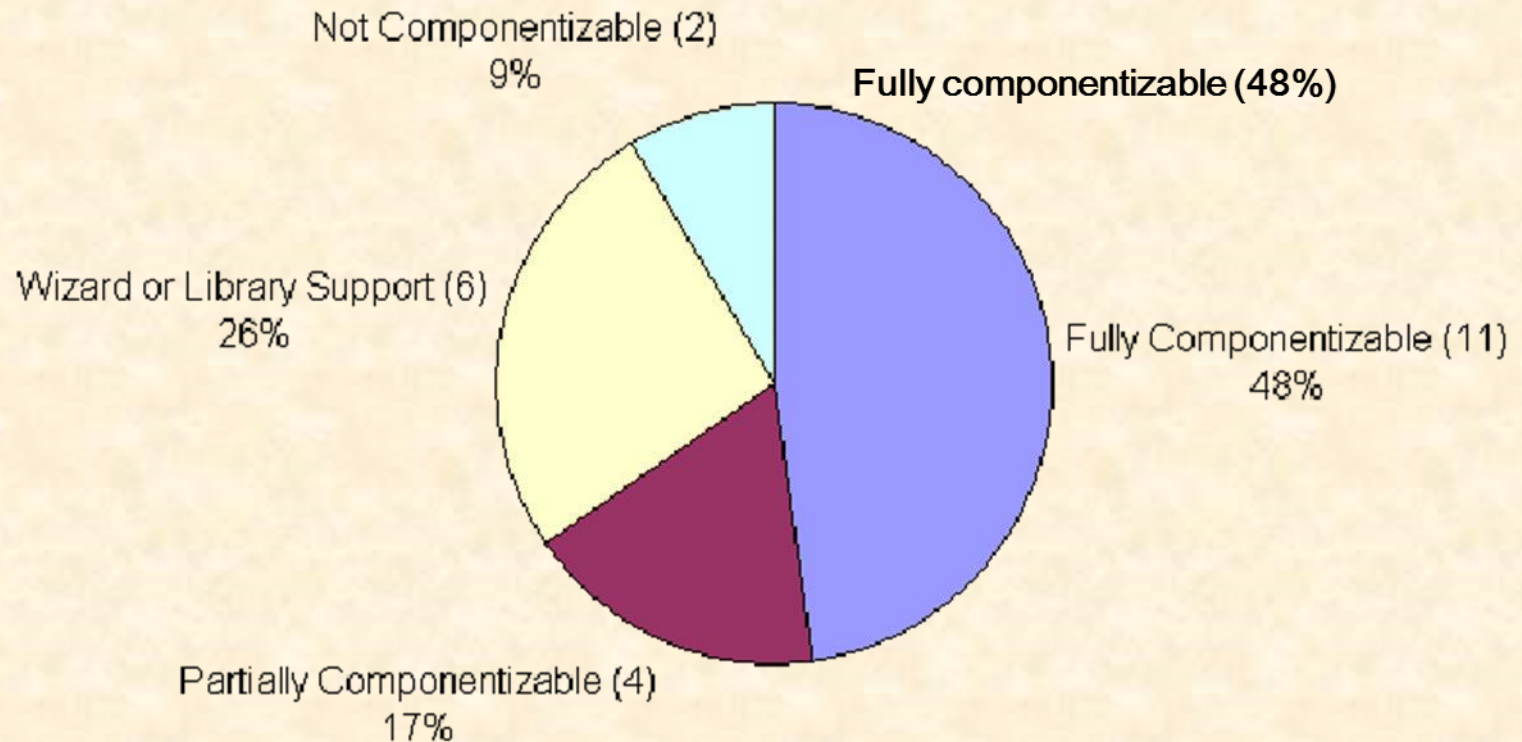
*“Each pattern describes a problem that occurs over and over again in our environment, and then describes the core of the solution to this problem in such a way that you can use this solution a million times over, without ever doing it the same way twice.”*

Gamma et al.

**NOT REUSABLE**

## Classification of design patterns:

- Fully componentizable
- Partially componentizable
- Wizard- or library-supported
- Non-componentizable





**Intent:** “Define a **one-to-many dependency** between objects so that when one object changes state, all its dependents are notified and updated automatically.”

[Gamma et al., p 331]

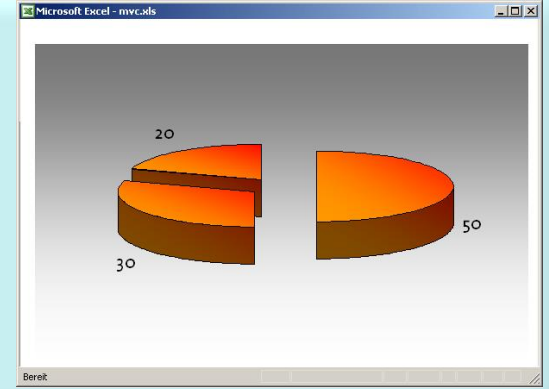
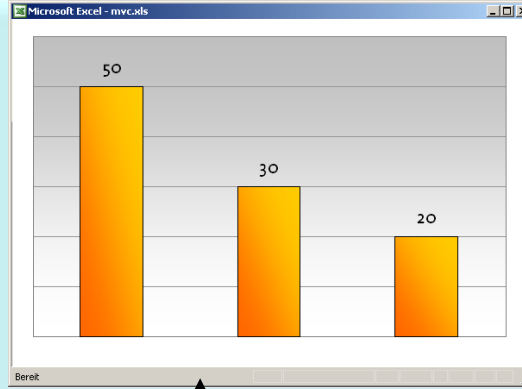
- Implements publish-subscribe mechanism
- Used in Model-View-Controller patterns, interface toolkits, event
- Reduces tight coupling of classes

# Observer and event-driven design



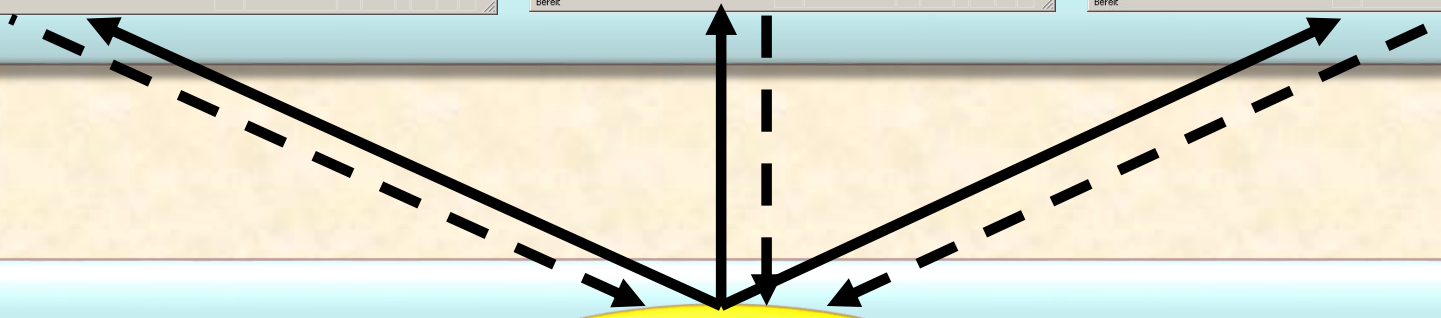
Observers

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	50	30	20				
2	10	20	70				
3	30	60	10				
4							
5							
6							
7							



Subject

A = 50%  
B = 30%  
C = 20%



# Handling input with modern GUIs

User drives program:

*“When a user presses this button, execute that action from my program”*

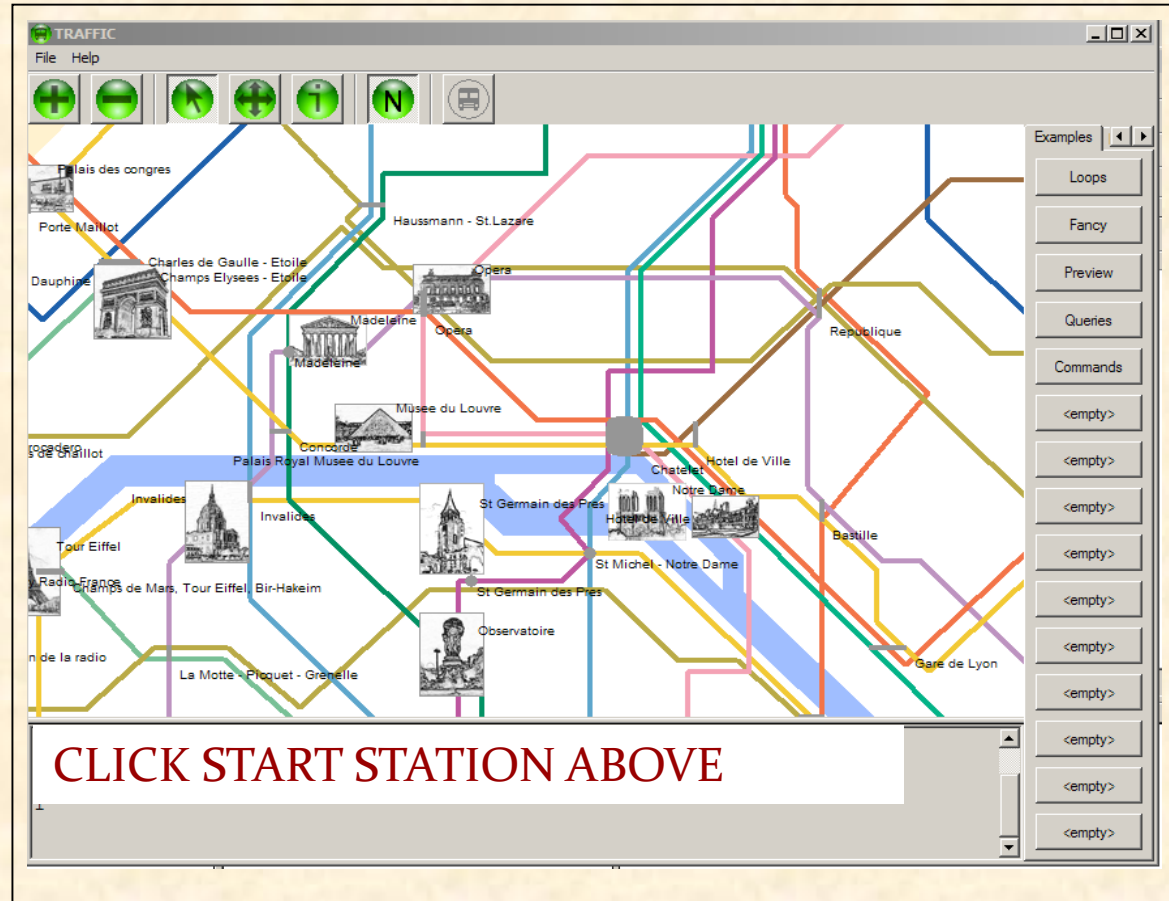


# Event-driven programming: an example

Specify that when a user clicks this button the system must execute

*find\_station(x, y)*

where  $x$  and  $y$  are the mouse coordinates and *find\_station* is a specific procedure of your system.



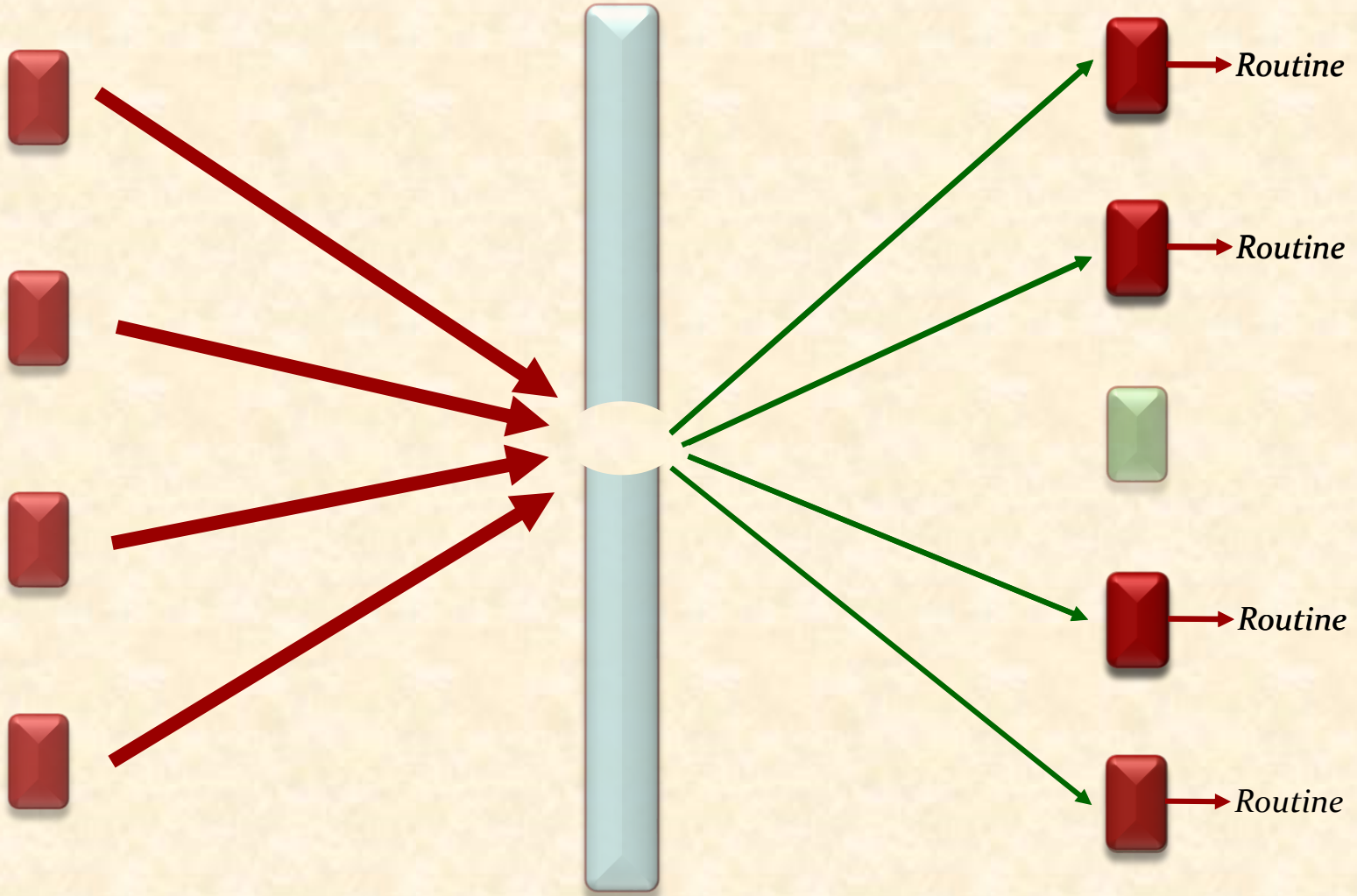


# Event-driven programming: a metaphor



Publishers

Subscribers



# Alternative terminologies

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Observed / Observer

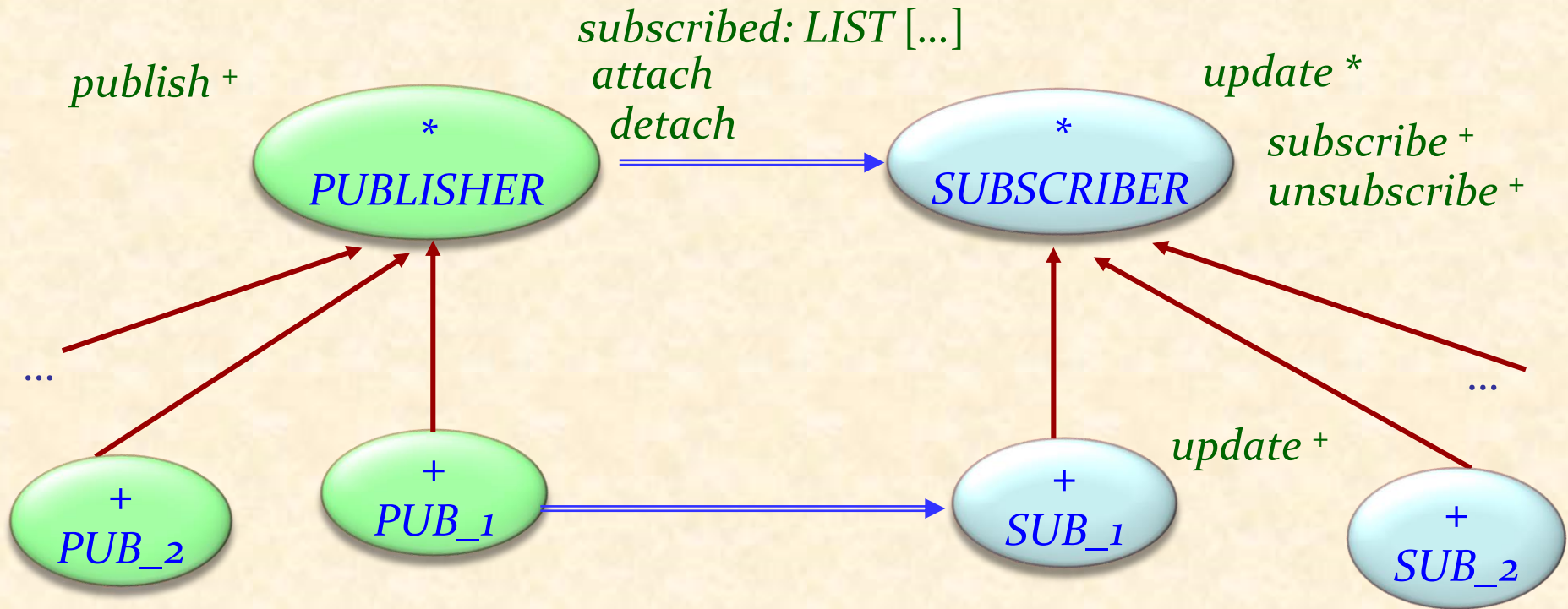
Subject / Observer

Publish / Subscribe

Event-driven design/programming

In this presentation:  
Publisher and Subscriber

# A solution: the Observer Pattern (GoF)



\* Deferred (abstract)

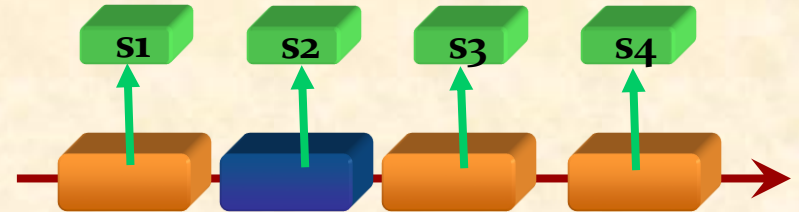
+ Effective (implemented)

↑ Inherits from  
⇒ Client (uses)

# Observer pattern

Publisher keeps a (secret) list of observers:

```
subscribed : LINKED_LIST [SUBSCRIBER]
```



To register itself, an observer executes

```
subscribe (some_publisher)
```

where *subscribe* is defined in *SUBSCRIBER*:

```
subscribe (p: PUBLISHER)
```

```
-- Make current object observe p.
```

```
require
```

```
do publisher_exists: p /= Void
```

```
do p.attach (Current)
```

```
end
```

# Attaching an observer



In class *PUBLISHER* :

**feature** {*SUBSCRIBER*}

*attach* (*s* : *SUBSCRIBER*)

-- Register *s* as subscriber to this publisher.

**require**

*subscriber\_exists* : *s* /= *Void*

**do**

*subscribed.extend* (*s*)

**end**

Note that the invariant of *PUBLISHER* includes the clause

*subscribed* /= *Void*

(List *subscribed* is created by creation procedures of *PUBLISHER*)

**Why?**

# Triggering an event

*publish*

-- Ask all observers to  
-- react to current event.

**do**

**across**

*subscribed*

**as**

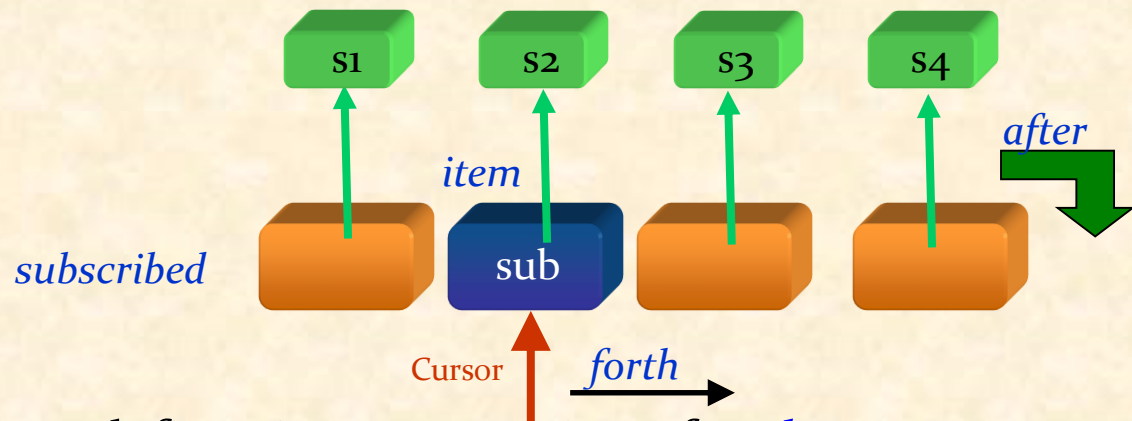
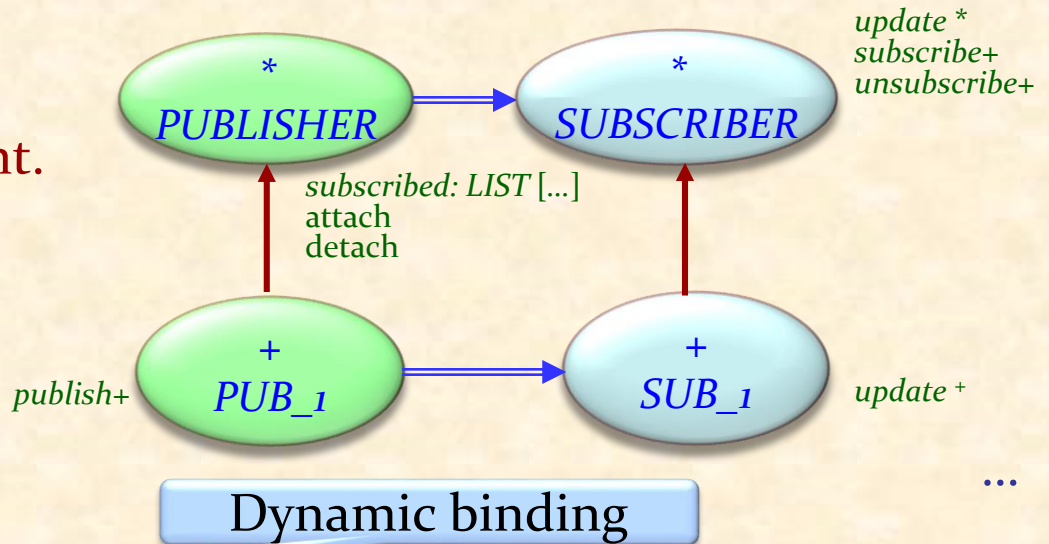
*s*

**loop**

*s.item.* **update**

**end**

**end**



Each descendant of **SUBSCRIBER** defines its own version of *update*



## **Publisher**

- knows its subscribers. Any number of Subscriber objects may observe a publisher.
- provides an interface for attaching and detaching subscribers.

## **Subscriber**

- defines an updating interface for objects that should be notified of changes in a publisher.

## **Concrete Publisher**

- stores state of interest to ConcreteSubscriber objects.
- sends a notification to its subscribers when its state changes.

## **Concrete Subscriber**

- maintains a reference to a ConcretePublisher object.
- stores state that should stay consistent with the publisher's.
- implements the Subscriber updating interface to keep its state consistent with the publisher's.

# Observer pattern (in basic form)

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- Subscriber may subscribe:
  - At most one operation
  - To at most one publisher
- Event arguments are tricky to handle
- Subscriber knows publisher  
(More indirection is desirable)
- Not reusable — must be coded anew for each application



# Observer - Consequences

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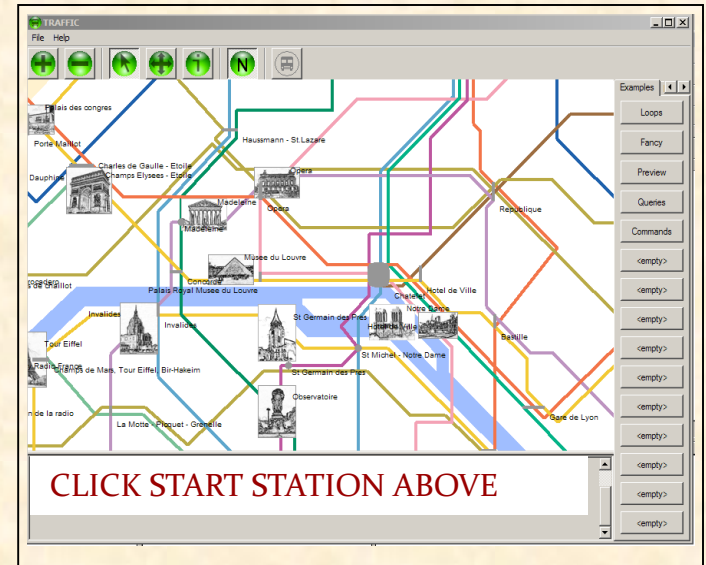


Observer pattern makes the coupling between publishers and subscribers abstract.

Supports broadcast communication since publisher automatically notifies to all subscribers.

Changes to the publisher that trigger a publication may lead to unexpected updates in subscribers.

# Using agents in EiffelVision



*Paris\_map.click.subscribe (agent find\_station)*



- C and C++: “function pointers”
- C#: delegates (more limited form of agents)

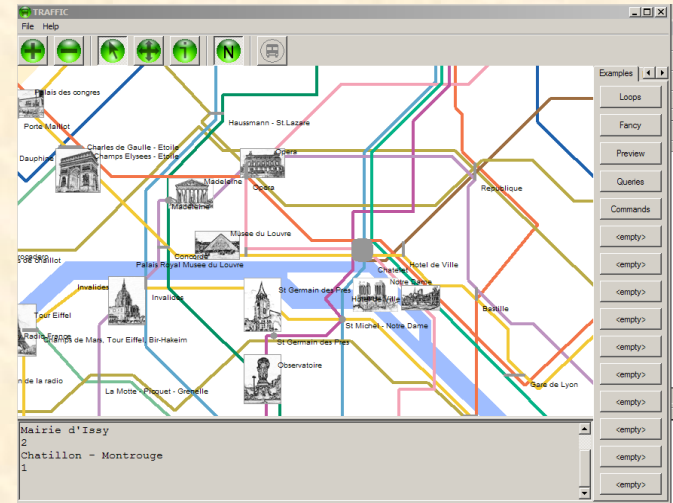
# Using agents (Event Library)



**Event:** each event *type* will be an object  
**Example:** left click

**Context:** an object, usually  
representing a user interface element  
**Example:** the map

**Action:** an agent representing a routine  
**Example:** *find\_station*





Basically:

- One generic class: *EVENT\_TYPE*
- Two features: *publish* and *subscribe*

For example: A map widget *Paris\_map* that reacts in a way defined in *find\_station* when clicked (event *left\_click*):

# Event library: a simple implementation



```
class
    EVENT_TYPE [ARGS -> TUPLE]
inherit ANY
    redefine default_create end

feature {NONE} -- Implementation
    subscribers : LINKED_LIST [PROCEDURE [ANY, ARGS]]

feature {NONE} -- Initialization
    default_create
        -- Initialize list.
    do
        create subscribers •make
            subscribers •compare_equal
    end
```

# Simplified event library (end)



**feature** -- Basic operations

*subscribe* (*action*: PROCEDURE [ANY, ARGS])

-- Add *action* to subscription list.

**require**

*exists*: *action* /= Void

**do**

*subscribers* •extend (*action*)

**ensure**

*subscribed*: *subscribers* •has (*action*)

**end**

*publish* (*arguments*: ARGS)

-- Call subscribers.

**require**

*exist*: *arguments* /= Void

**do**

**across** *subscribers* **as** *s* **loop** *s* •item •call (*arguments*) **end**

**end**

**end**

# Event Library style

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The basic class is *EVENT\_TYPE*

On the publisher side, e.g. GUI library:

- (Once) declare event type:

*click : EVENT\_TYPE [TUPLE [INTEGER, INTEGER]]*

- (Once) create event type object:

**create** *click*

- To trigger one occurrence of the event:

*click.publish ([x\_coordinate, y\_coordinate])*

On the subscriber side, e.g. an application:

*click.subscribe (agent find\_station)*



# Example using the Event library



The subscribers (“observers”) subscribe to events:

```
Paris_map.click.subscribe (agent find_station)
```

The publisher (“subject”) triggers the event:

```
click.publish ([x_position, y_position])
```

Someone (generally the publisher) defines the event type :

```
click : EVENT_TYPE [TUPLE [INTEGER, INTEGER]]  
    -- Mouse click events  
    once  
        create Result  
    ensure  
        exists: Result /= Void  
    end
```

# Subscriber variants

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*click.subscribe* (**agent** *find\_station*)

*Paris\_map*.*click.subscribe* (**agent** *find\_station*)

*click.subscribe* (**agent** *your\_procedure* (*a*, *?*, *?*, *b*) )

*click.subscribe* (**agent** *other\_object.other\_procedure* )

# Observer pattern vs. Event Library

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In case of an existing class *MY\_CLASS* :

- **With the Observer pattern:**
  - Need to write a descendant of *SUBSCRIBER* and *MY\_CLASS*
  - Useless multiplication of classes
  
- **With the Event Library:**
  - Can reuse the existing routines directly as agents



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## Non-GoF patterns

- ✓ Model-View-Controller



## Intent:

“Represents an **operation to be performed** on the elements of an **object structure**. Visitor lets you define a new operation without changing the classes of the elements on which it operates.”

[Gamma et al., p 331]

- **Static class hierarchy**
- **Need to perform traversal operations on corresponding data structures**
- **Avoid changing the original class structure**

# Visitor application examples

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Set of classes to deal with an Eiffel or Java program (in EiffelStudio, Eclipse ...)

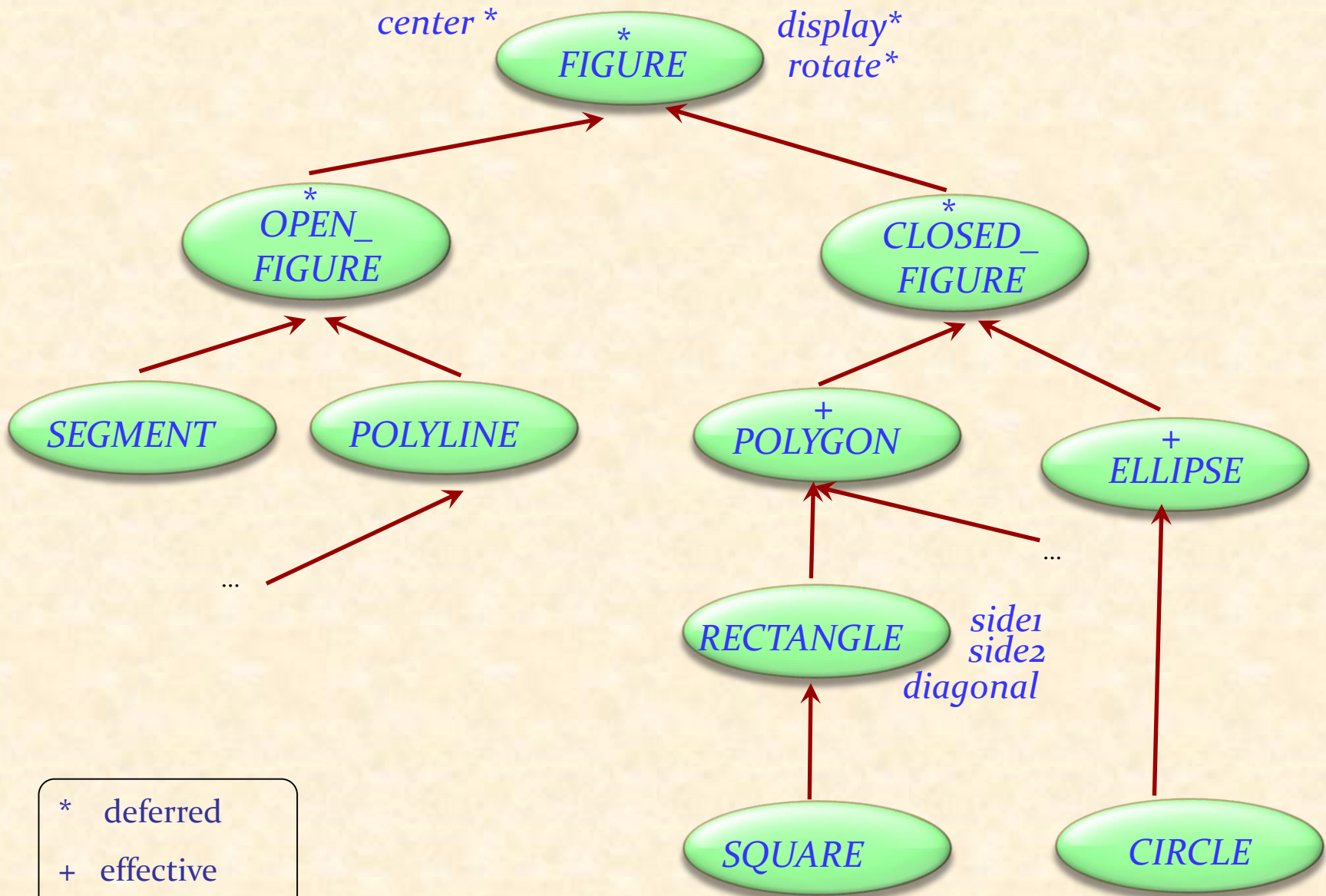
Or: Set of classes to deal with XML documents (*XML\_NODE*, *XML\_DOCUMENT*, *XML\_ELEMENT*, *XML\_ATTRIBUTE*, *XML\_CONTENT...*)

One parser (or several: keep comments or not...)

Many formatters:

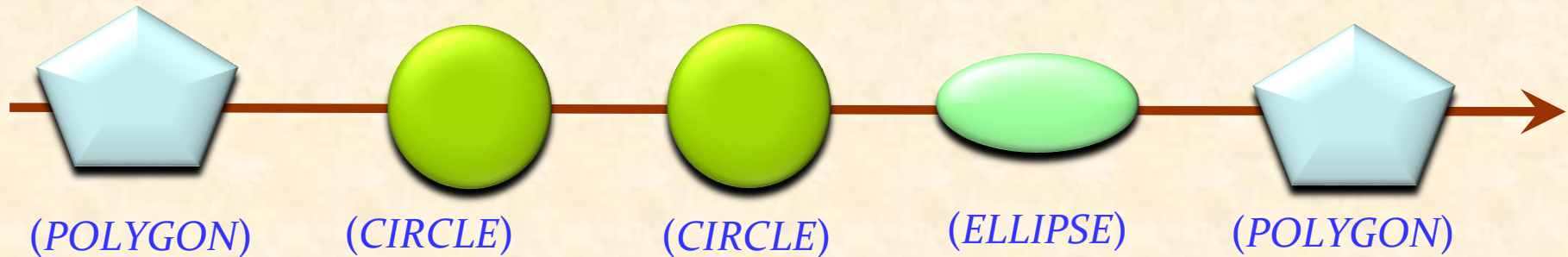
- Pretty-print
- Compress
- Convert to different encoding
- Generate documentation
- Refactor
- ...

# Inheritance hierarchy



\* deferred  
+ effective  
++ redefined

# Polymorphic data structures

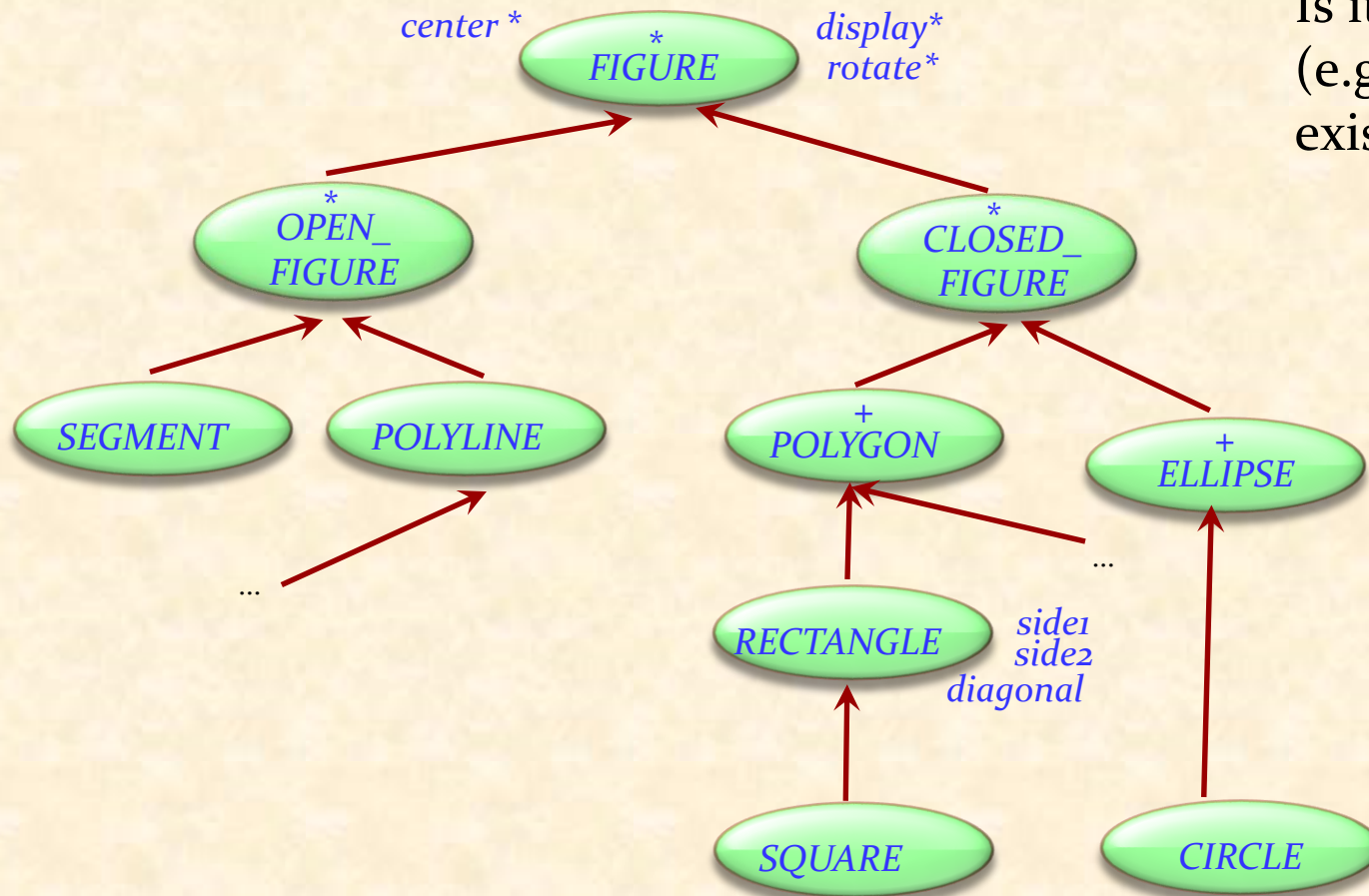


```
figs : LIST [FIGURE]
```

```
from  
  figs.start  
until  
  figs.after  
loop  
  figs.item .display  
  figs.forth  
end
```



# The dirty secret of O-O architecture

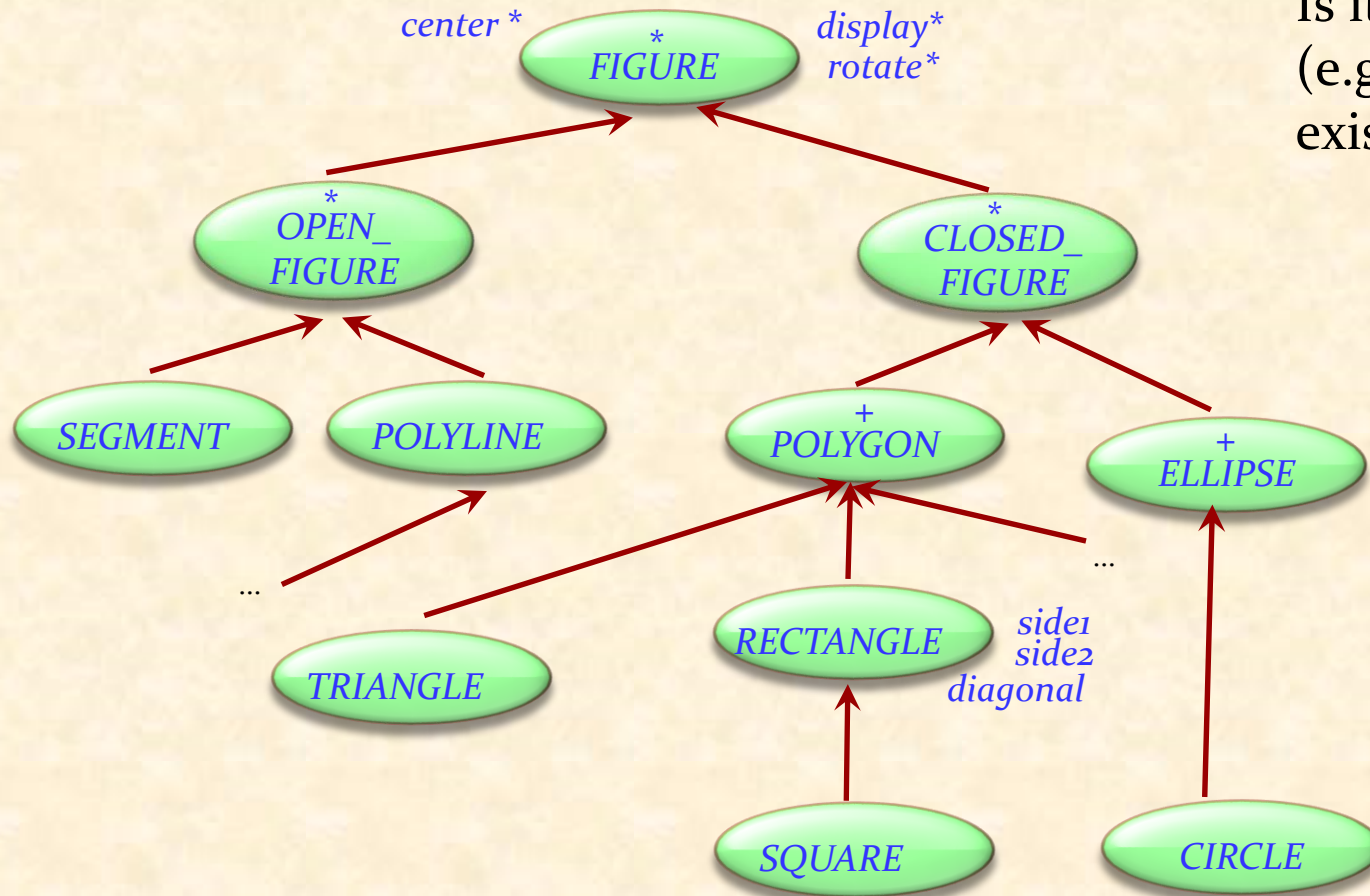


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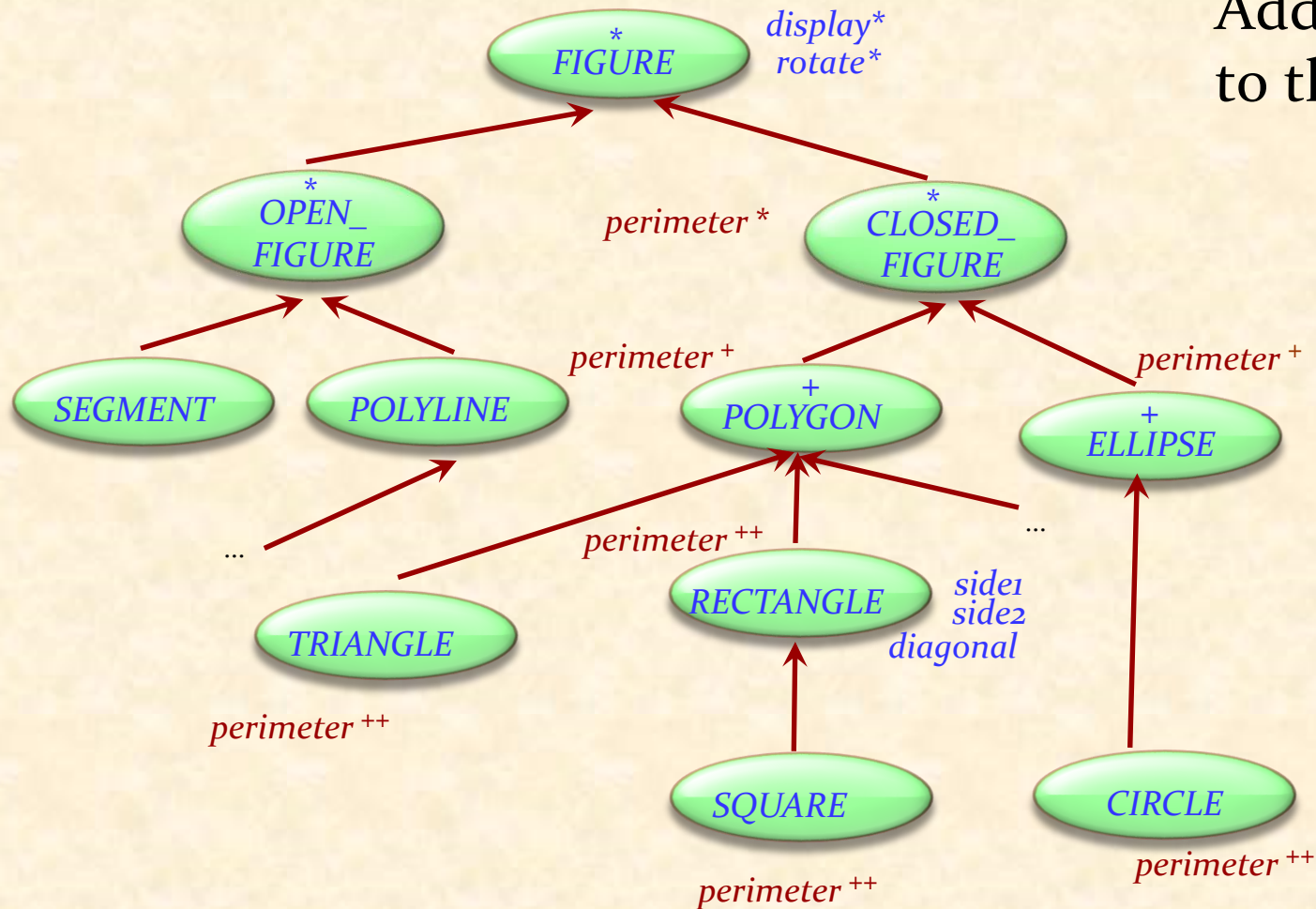


What about the reverse: adding an operation to existing types?

# Adding operations – solution 1

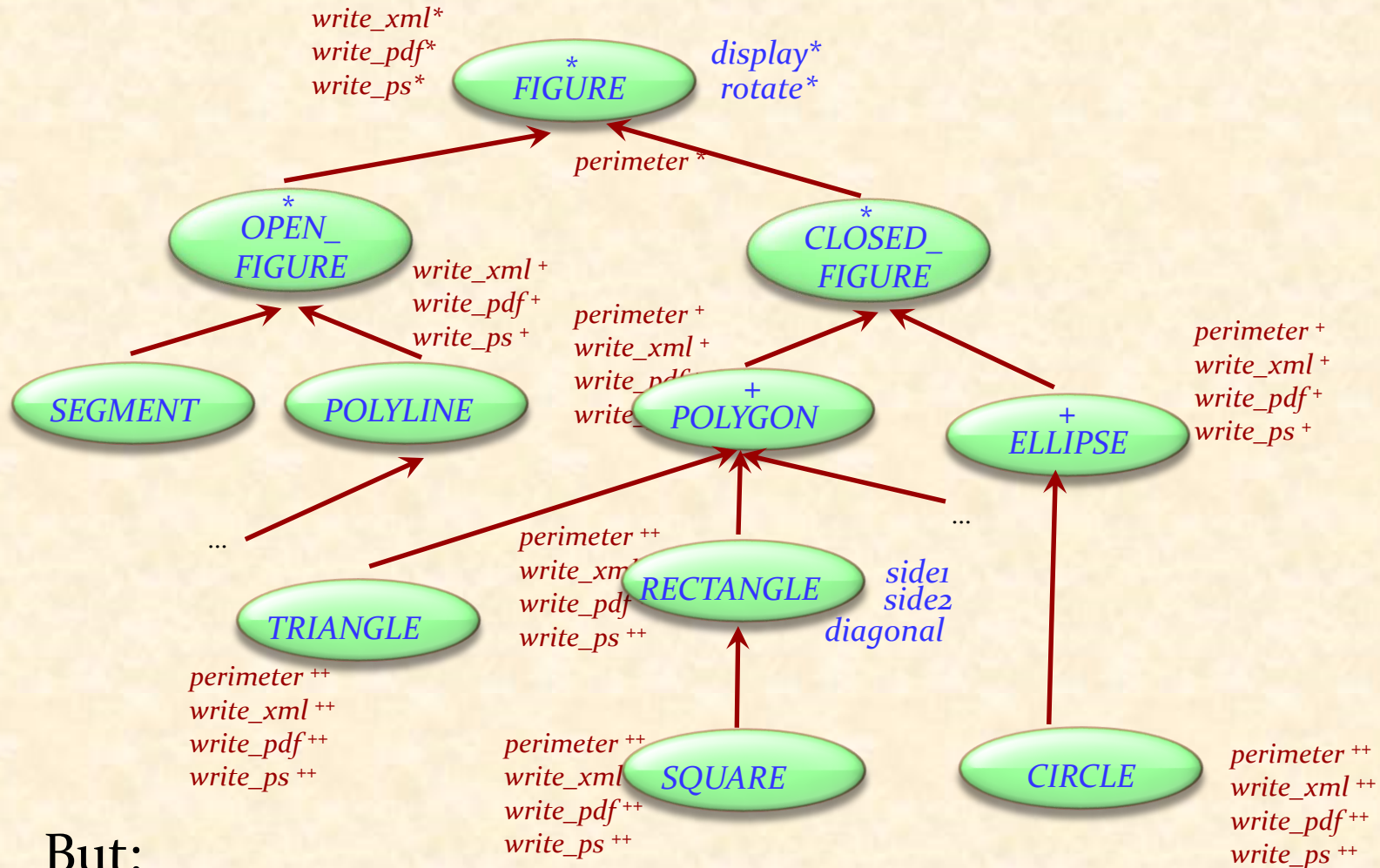


Add them directly to the classes



Dynamic binding will take care of finding the right version

# Adding operations – solution 1



But:

- operations may clutter the classes
- classes might belong to libraries out of your control

# Adding operations – solution 2



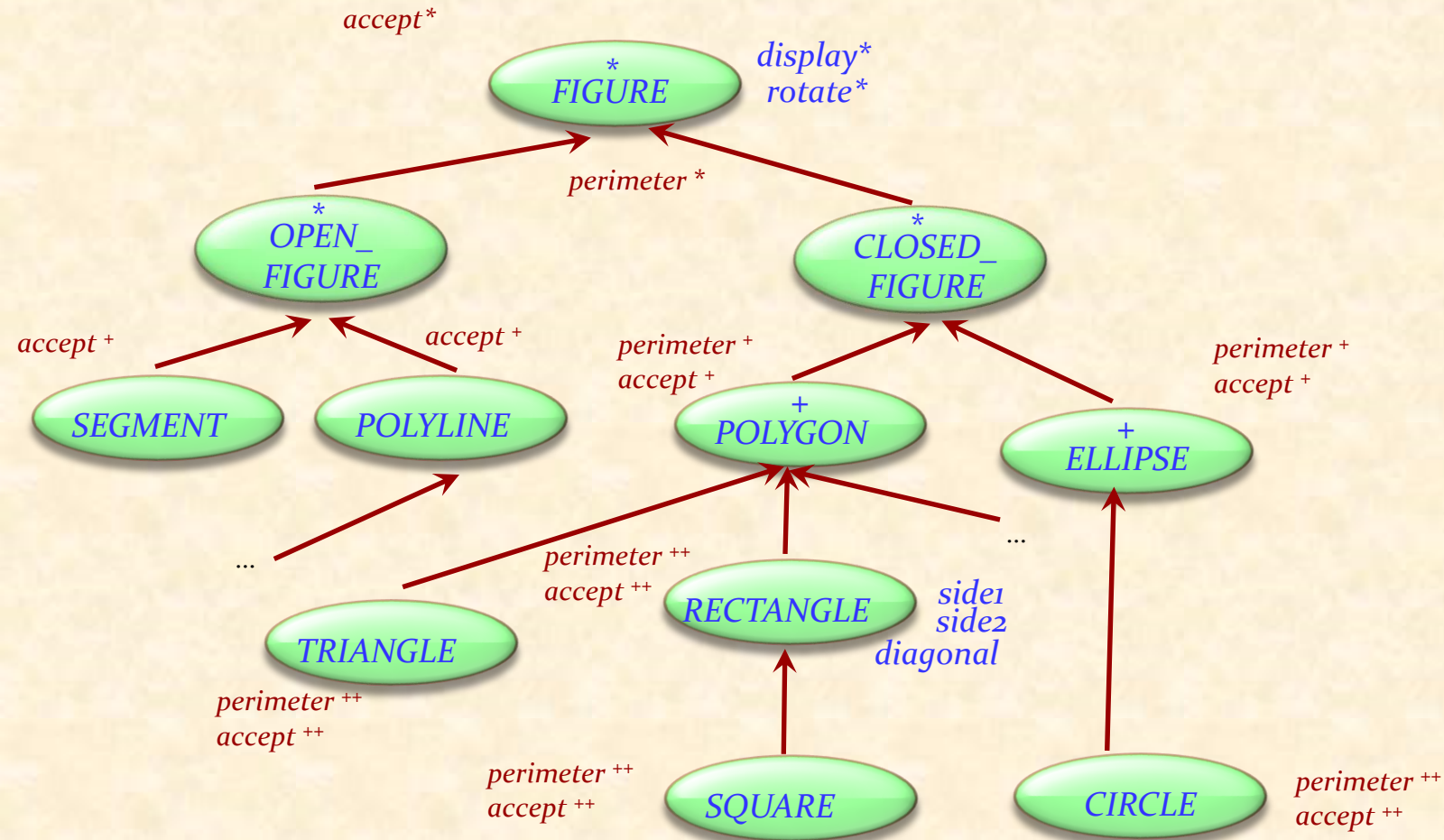
```
write_xml (f: FIGURE)
  -- Write figure to xml.
  require exists: f/= Void
  do
    ...
    if attached {RECT} f as r then
      doc.put_string (“<rect/>”)
    end
    if attached {CIRCLE} f as c then
      doc.put_string (“<circle/>”)
    end
    ... Other cases ...
  end
end
```

```
write_ps (f: FIGURE)
  -- Write figure to xml.
  require exists: f/= Void
  do
    ...
    if attached {RECT} f as r then
      doc.put_string (r.side_a.out)
    end
    if attached {CIRCLE} f as c then
      doc.put_string (c.diameter)
    end
    ... Other cases ...
  end
end
```

But:

- Lose benefits of dynamic binding
- Many large conditionals

# Adding operations – solution 3



Combine solution 1 & 2:

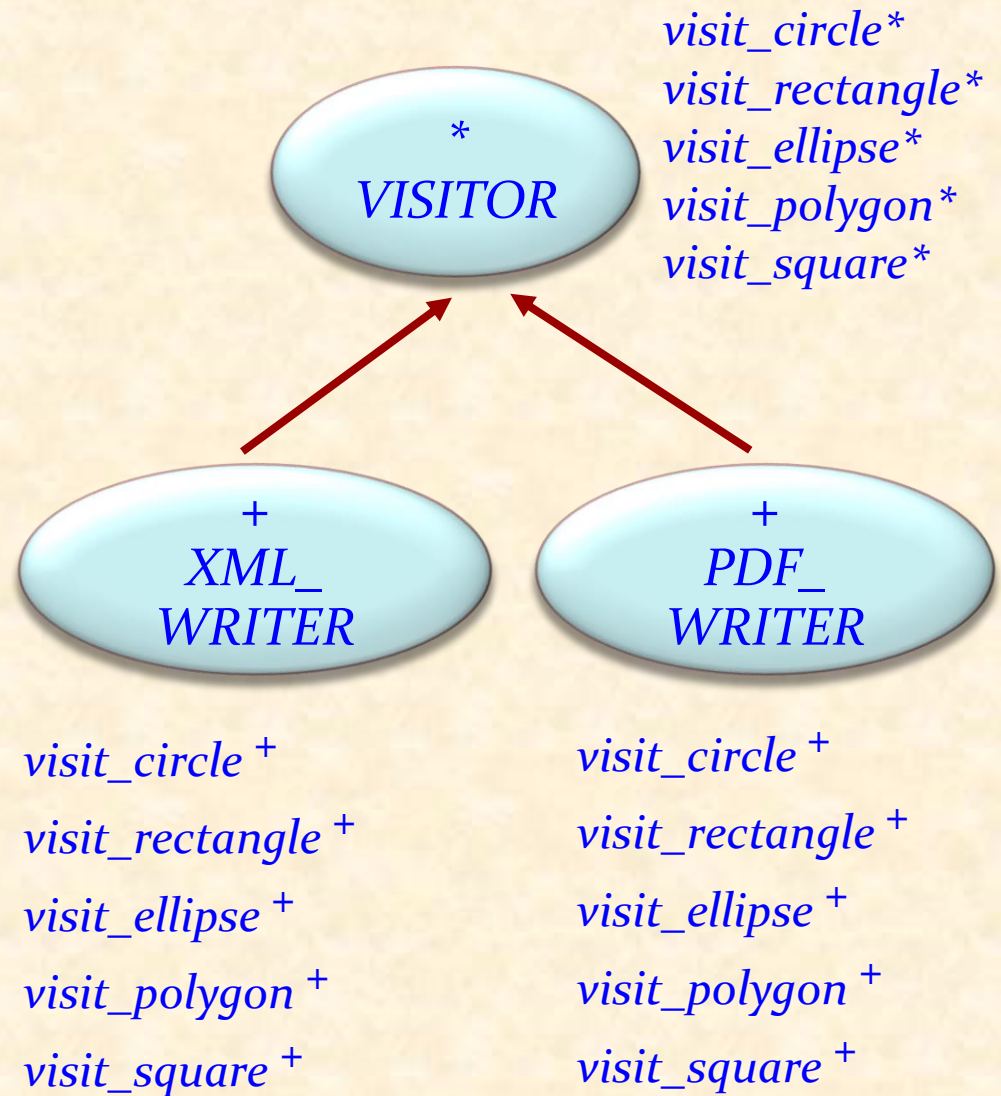
- Put operations into a separate class
- Add one placeholder operation *accept* (dynamic binding)

# Adding operations – solution 3

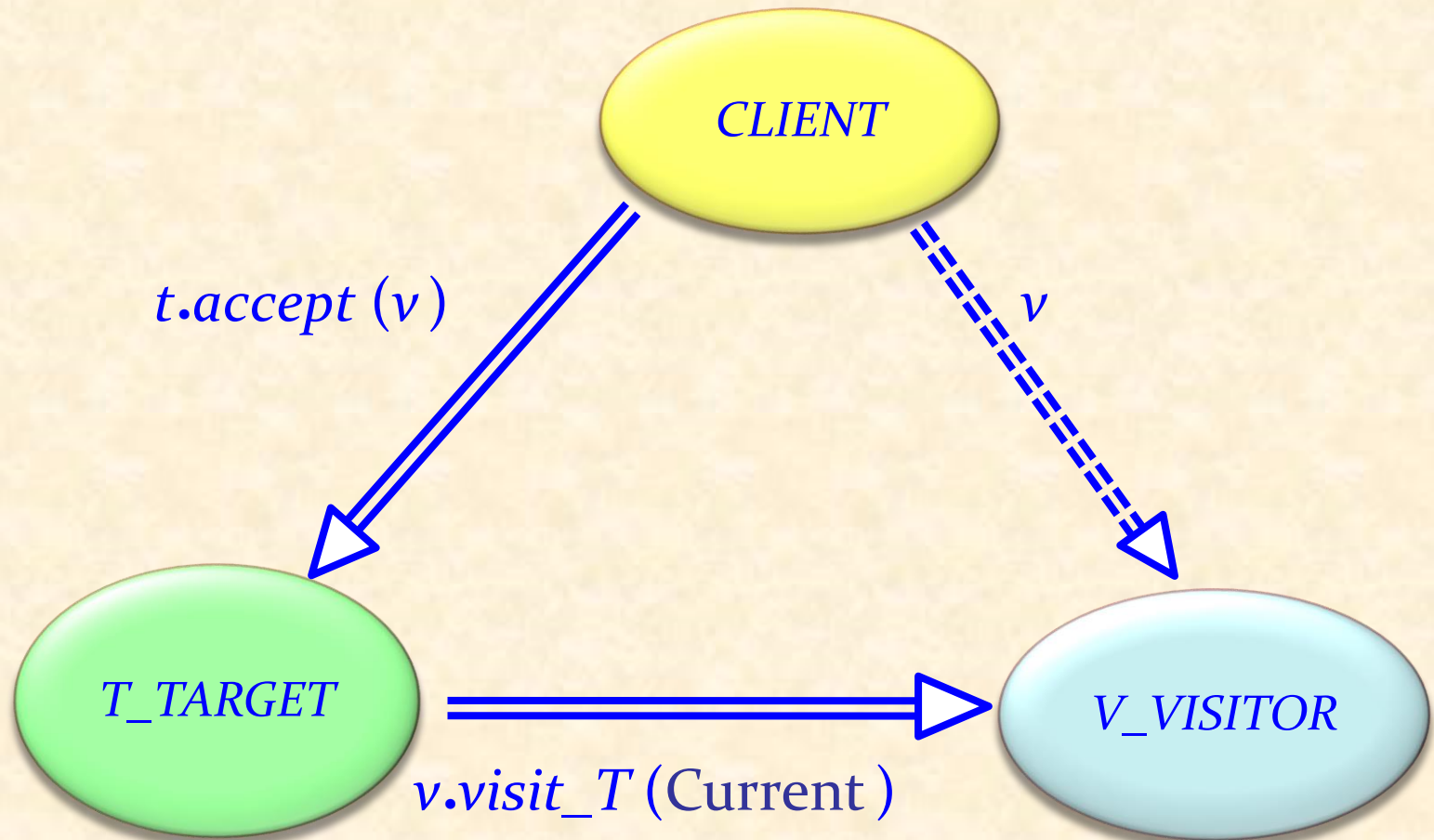



```
class FIGURE
feature
accept (v: VISITOR)
    --Call procedure of visitor.
deferred
end
    ... Other features ...
end
```

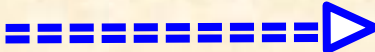
```
class CIRCLE
feature
accept (v: VISITOR)
    --Call procedure of visitor.
do
    v.visit_circle (Current)
end
    ... Other features ...
end
```



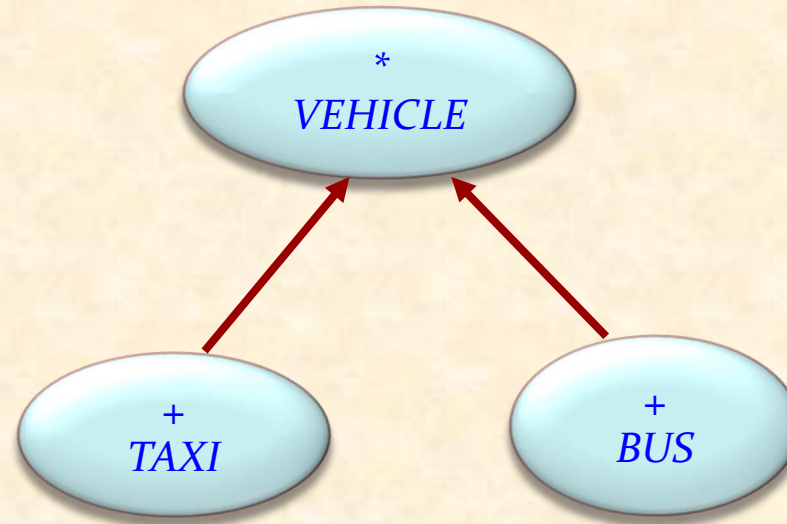
# The visitor ballet



Client  
(calls) 

Client  
(knows about) 





We want to add external functionality, for example:

- Maintenance
- Schedule a vehicle for a particular day

# Visitor participants

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## **Target** classes

Example: *BUS*, *TAXI*

## **Client** classes

Application classes that need to perform operations on target objects

## **Visitor** classes

Written only to smooth out the collaboration between the other two

# Visitor participants

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## Visitor

General notion of visitor

## Concrete visitor

Specific visit operation, applicable to all target elements

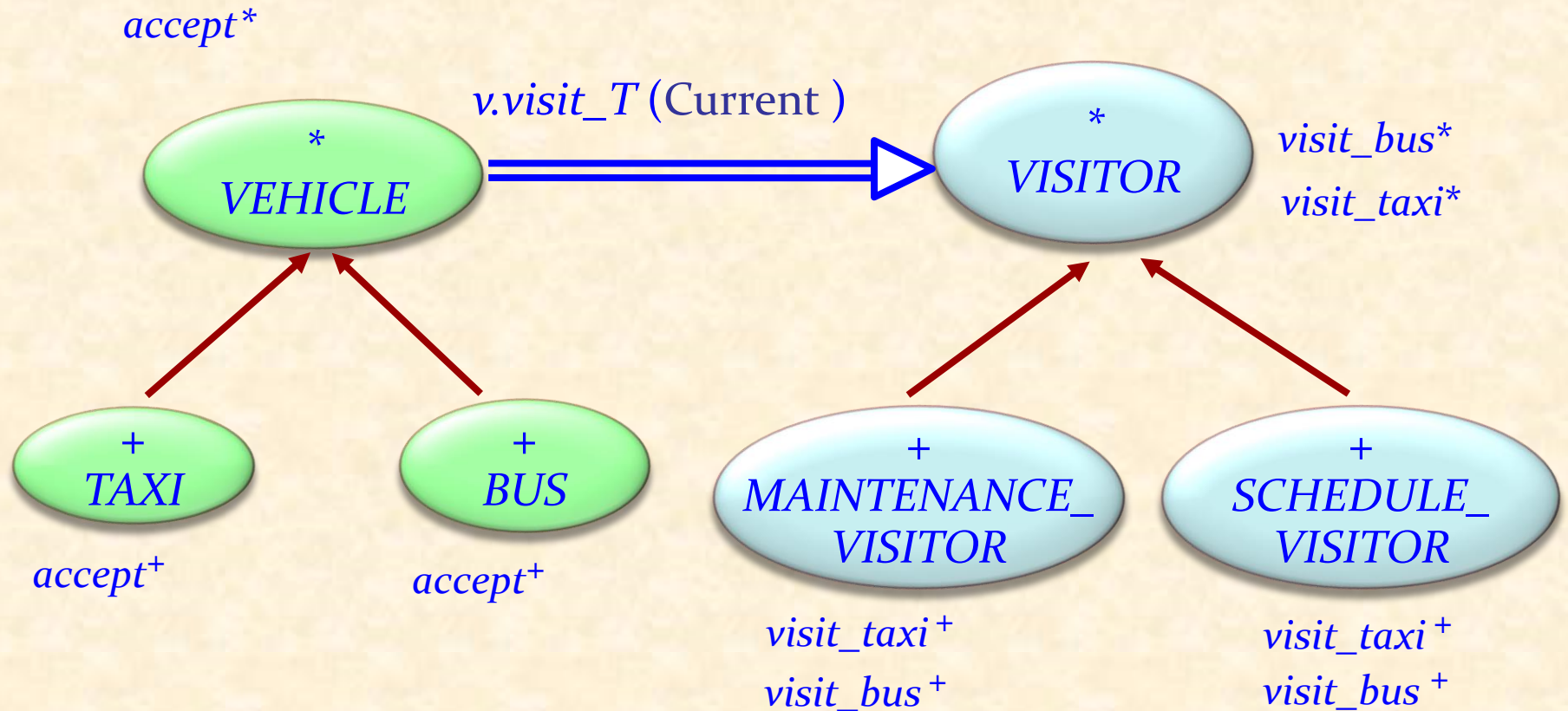
## Target

General notion of visitable element

## Concrete target

Specific visitable element

# Visitor class hierarchies



*Target classes*

*Visitor classes*

# The maintenance visitor



```
class MAINTENANCE_VISITOR inherit  
  VISITOR
```

```
feature -- Basic operations
```

```
  visit_taxi (t: TAXI)
```

```
    -- Perform maintenance operations on t.
```

```
  do
```

```
    t.send_to_garage (Next_monday)
```

```
  end
```

```
  visit_bus (b: BUS)
```

```
    -- Perform maintenance operations on b.
```

```
  do
```

```
    b.send_to_depot
```

```
  end
```

```
end
```

# The scheduling visitor



```
class MAINTENANCE_VISITOR inherit  
  VISITOR
```

```
feature -- Basic operations
```

```
  visit_taxi (t: TAXI)
```

```
    -- Perform scheduling operations on t.
```

```
  do
```

```
    ...
```

```
  end
```

```
  visit_bus (b: BUS)
```

```
    -- Perform scheduling operations on b.
```

```
  do
```

```
    ...
```

```
  end
```

```
end
```

# Changes to the target classes

deferred class

*VEHICLE*

feature

... Normal *VEHICLE* features ...

```
accept (v : VISITOR)
  -- Apply vehicle visit to v.
deferred
end
```

end

class *BUS* inherit

*VEHICLE*

feature

accept (v : VISITOR)

-- Apply bus visit to v.

do

v.visit\_bus (Current)

end

end

class *TAXI* inherit

*VEHICLE*

feature

accept (v : VISITOR)

-- Apply taxi visit to v.

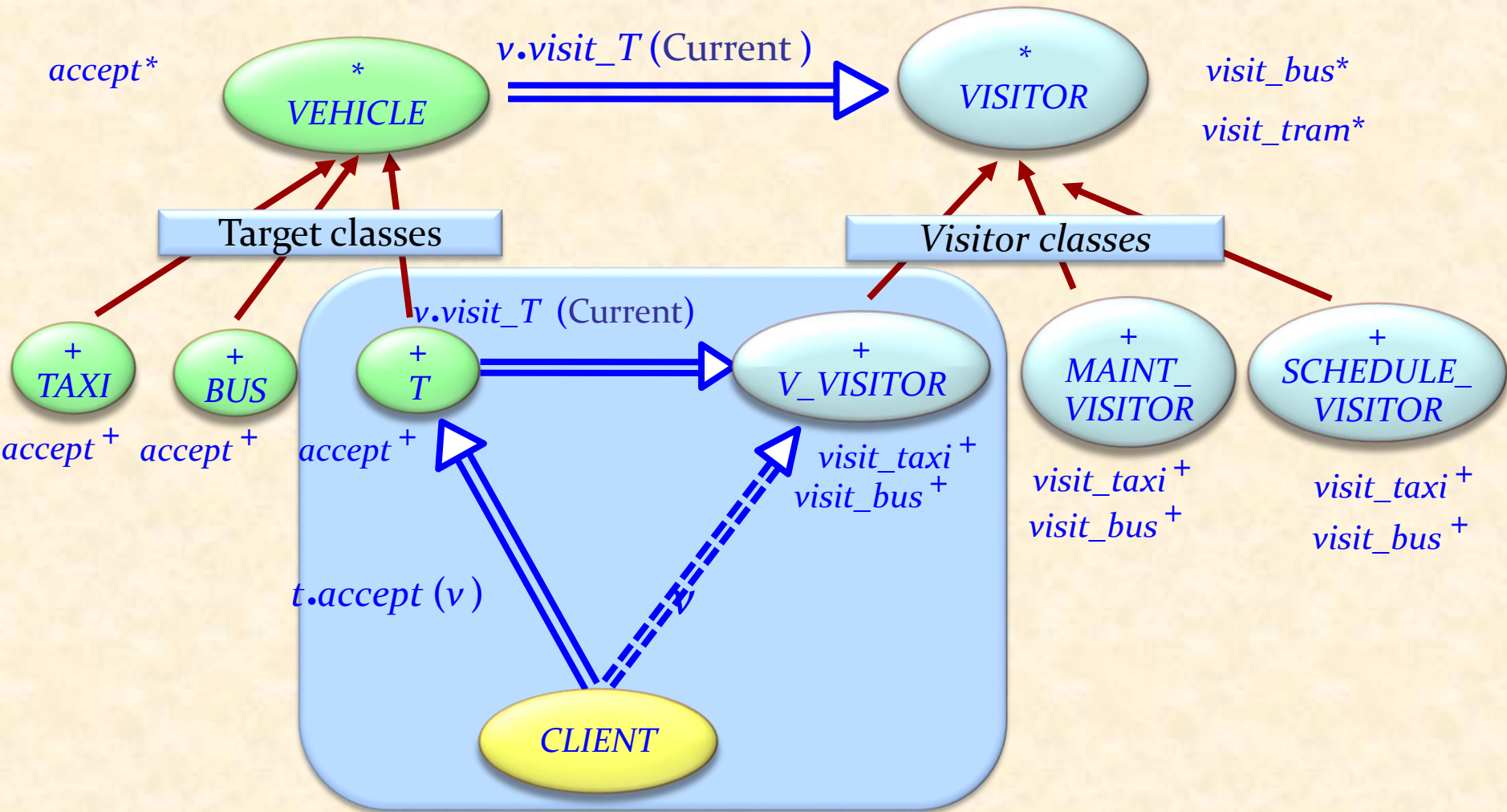
do

v.visit\_taxi (Current)

end

end

# The visitor pattern



Example client calls:

```
bus21.accept(maint_visitor)
```

```
fleet.item.accept(maint_visitor)
```



# Visitor provides double dispatch

Client:

*t.accept(v)*

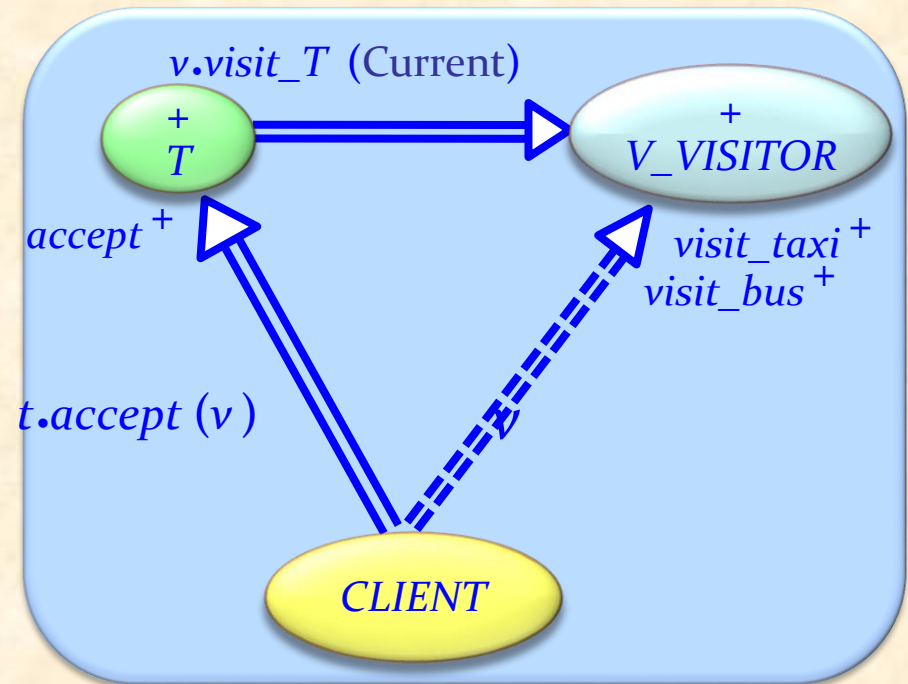
Target class (in *accept*):

*v.visit\_T(t)*

Visitor class *V\_VISITOR* (in *visit\_T*):

*v.visit\_T(t)*

-- For the right *V* and *T*!



# Visitor - Consequences

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Makes adding new operations easy

Gathers related operations, separates unrelated ones

Avoids assignment attempts

- Better type checking

Adding new concrete element is hard

# Visitor vs dynamic binding

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Dynamic binding:

- Easy to add types
- Hard to add operations

Visitor:

- Easy to add operations
- Hard to add types

# Visitor – Componentization

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Fully componentizable

One generic class *VISITOR* [G]

e.g. *maintenance\_visitor*: *VISITOR* [VEHICLE]

Actions represented as agents

*actions*: *LIST* [*PROCEDURE* [ANY, *TUPLE* [G]]]

No need for *accept* features

*visit* determines the action applicable to the given element

For efficiency

Topological sort of actions (by conformance)  
Cache (to avoid useless linear traversals)

# Visitor Library interface (1/2)



```
class
  VISITOR [G]
create
  make
feature {NONE} -- Initialization
  make
    -- Initialize actions.
feature -- Visitor
  visit (e : G)
    -- Select action applicable to e .
  require
    e_exists: e /= Void
feature -- Access
  actions: LIST [PROCEDURE [ANY, TUPLE [G]]]
    -- Actions to be performed depending on the element
```

# Visitor Library interface (2/2)

**feature** -- Element change

*extend (action: PROCEDURE [ANY, TUPLE [G]])*

-- Add *action* to list.

**require**

*action\_exists: action /= Void*

**ensure**

*one\_more: actions.count = old actions.count + 1*

*inserted: actions.last = action*

*append (some\_actions: ARRAY [PROCEDURE [ANY, TUPLE [G]]])*

-- Append actions in *some\_actions*

-- to the end of the actions list.

**require**

*actions\_exit: some\_actions /= Void*

*no\_void\_action: not some\_actions.has (Void)*

**invariant**

*actions\_exist: actions /= Void*

*no\_void\_action: not actions.has (Void)*

**end**



# Using the Visitor Library

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```
maintenance_visitor: VISITOR [VEHICLE]
```

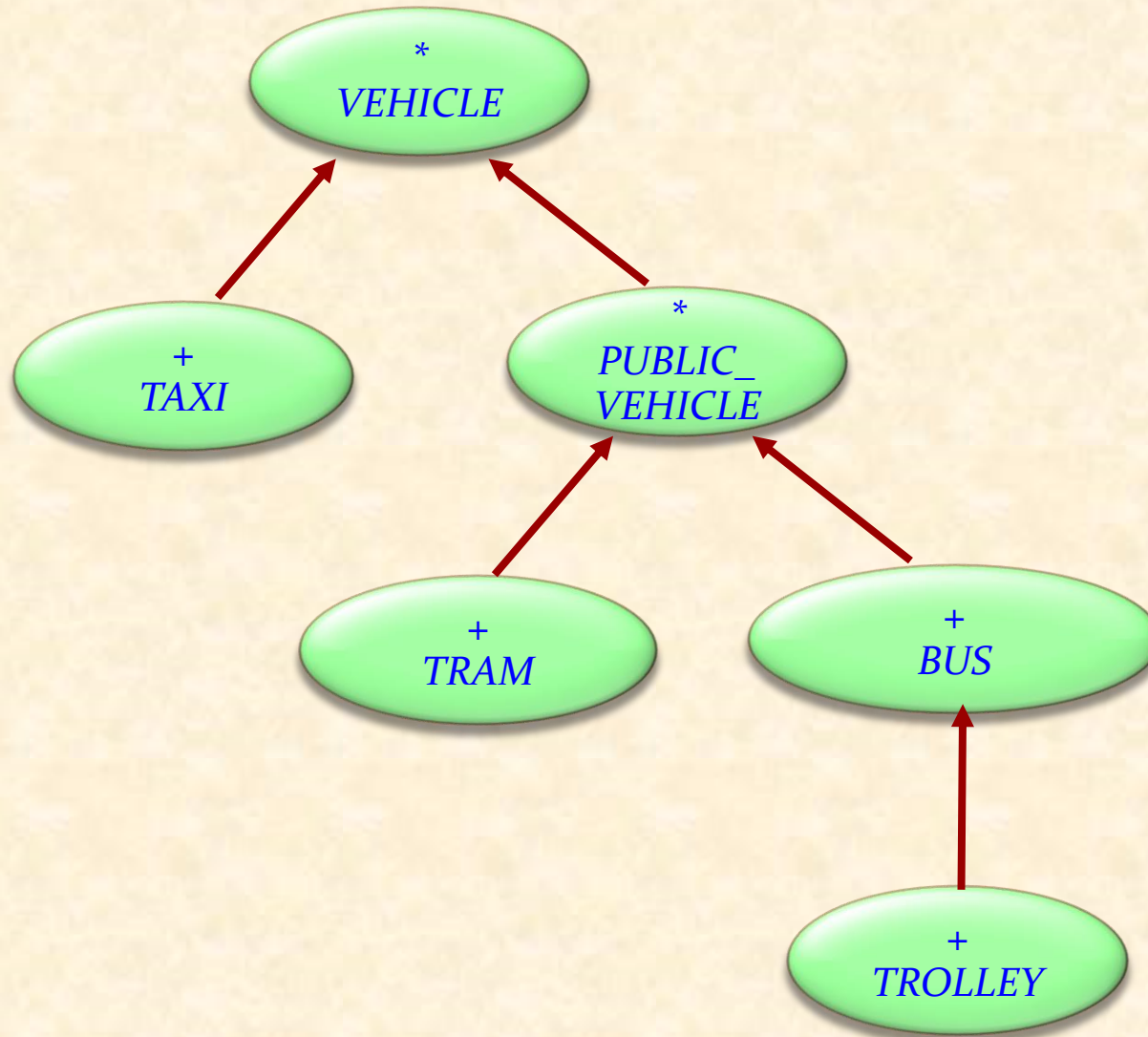
```
create maintenance_visitor.make  
maintenance_visitor.append ([  
    agent maintain_taxi,  
    agent maintain_trolley,  
    agent maintain_tram  
])
```

```
maintain_taxi (a_taxi: TAXI) ...
```

```
maintain_trolley (a_trolley: TROLLEY) ...
```

```
maintain_tram (a_tram: TRAM) ...
```

# Topological sorting of agents (1/2)





# Topological sorting of agents (2/2)

*schedule\_visitor.extend* (agent *schedule\_taxi*)

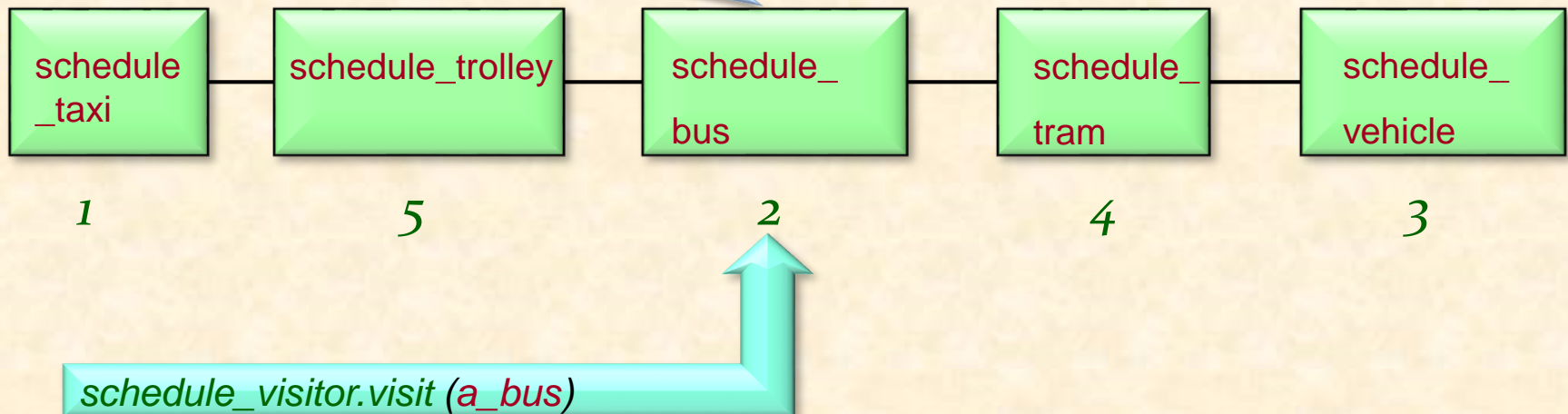
*schedule\_visitor.extend* (agent *schedule\_bus*)

*schedule\_visitor.extend* (agent *schedule\_vehicle*)

*schedule\_visitor.extend* (agent *schedule\_tram*)

*schedule\_visitor.extend* (agent *schedule\_trolley*)

For agent *schedule\_a* ( $a: A$ ) and *schedule\_b* ( $b: B$ ), if  $A$  conforms to  $B$ , then position of *schedule\_a* is before position of *schedule\_b* in the agent list



# Visitor library vs. visitor pattern

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## Visitor library:

- Removes the need to change existing classes
  - More flexibility (may provide a procedure for an intermediate class, may provide no procedure)
  - More prone to errors – does not use dynamic binding to detect correct procedure, no type checking
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- Visitor pattern
  - Need to change existing classes
  - Dynamic binding governs the use of the correct procedure (type checking that all procedures are available)
  - Less flexibility (need to implement all procedures always)



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- ✓ Model-View-Controller



## **Intent:**

*“Define a family of algorithms, encapsulate each one, and make them interchangeable. Strategy lets the algorithm vary independently from clients that use it”.*

[Gamma et al., p 315]

Example application

selecting a sorting algorithm on-the-fly

# Life without strategy: a sorting example



**feature** -- **Sorting**

*sort* (*il* : *LIST [INTEGER ]*; *st* : *INTEGER*)

-- Sort *il* using algorithm indicated by *st*.

**require**

*is\_valid\_strategy* (*st*)

**do**

**inspect**

*st*

**when** *binary* **then** ...

**when** *quick* **then** ...

**when** *bubble* **then** ...

**else** ...

**end**

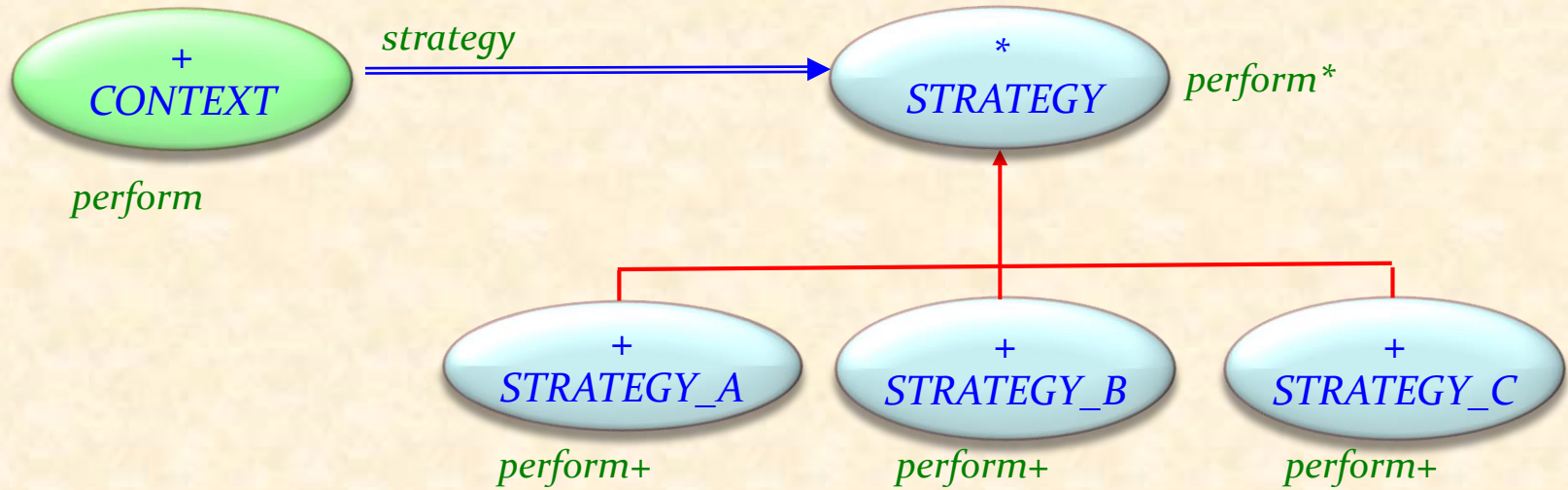
**ensure**

*list\_sorted*: ...

**end**

What if a new algorithm is needed ?

# Strategy pattern: overall architecture



# Class STRATEGY

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**deferred class**  
*STRATEGY*

**feature** -- Basic operation

*perform*

-- Perform algorithm according to chosen strategy.

**deferred**  
**end**

**end**

# Using a strategy

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```
class
  CONTEXT

create
  make

feature -- Initialization

  make (s: like strategy)
    -- Make s the new strategy.
    -- (Serves both as creation procedure and to reset strategy.)
  do
    strategy := s
  ensure
    strategy_set: strategy = s
  end
```



# Using a strategy

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**feature** – Basic operations

*perform*

-- Perform algorithm according to chosen strategy.

**do**

*strategy.perform*

**end**

**feature** {*NONE*} – Implementation

*strategy* : *STRATEGY*

-- Strategy to be used

**end**

# Using the strategy pattern



```
sorter_context: SORTER_CONTEXT  
bubble_strategy: BUBBLE_STRATEGY  
quick_strategy: QUICK_STRATEGY  
hash_strategy: HASH_STRATEGY
```

Now, what if a new algorithm is needed ?

```
create sorter_context.make (bubble_strategy)  
sorter_context.sort (a_list)  
sorter_context.make (quick_strategy)  
sorter_context.sort (a_list)  
  
sorter_context.make (hash_strategy)  
sorter_context.sort (a_list)
```

Application classes can also inherit from *CONTEXT* (rather than use it as clients)



- Pattern covers classes of related algorithms
- Provides alternative implementations without conditional instructions
- Clients must be aware of different strategies
- Communication overhead between Strategy and Context
- Increased number of objects



## Strategy

declares an interface common to all supported algorithms.

## Concrete strategy

implements the algorithm using the Strategy interface.

## Context

- is configured with a concrete strategy object.
- maintains a reference to a strategy object.



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## **Intent:**

*“Allows an object to alter its behavior when its internal state changes. The object will appear to change its class”.*

## Application example:

- Add attributes without changing class.
- Simulate the (impossible) case of an object changing its type during execution.
- State machine simulation.



## Mouse actions have different behavior

### ➤ Pen tool

- Mouse down: Start point of line
- Mouse move: Continue draw of line
- Mouse up: End draw line, change back to selection mode

### ➤ Selection tool

- Mouse down: Start point selection rectangle
- Mouse move: Update size of selection rectangle
- Mouse up: Select everything inside selection rectangle

### ➤ Rectangle tool

- Mouse down: Start point of rectangle
- Mouse move: Draw rectangle with current size
- Mouse up: End draw rectangle, change back to selection mode

➤ ...



**deferred class** *TOOL\_STATE* **feature**

*process\_mouse\_down* (*pos:POSITION*)

-- Perform operation in response to mouse down.

**deferred end**

*process\_mouse\_up* (*pos:POSITION*)

-- Perform operation in response to mouse up.

**deferred end**

*process\_mouse\_move* (*pos:POSITION*)

-- Perform operation in response to mouse move.

**deferred end**

-- Continued on next slide



# Tool states know their context (in this solution)

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**feature** -- Element change

*set\_context* (*c*: *CONTEXT*)

-- Attach current state to *c*.

**do**

*context* := *c*

**end**

**feature** {*NONE*} – Implementation

*context* : *CONTEXT*

-- The client context using this state.

**end**

# A particular state

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```
class RECTANGLE_STATE inherit TOOL_STATE
feature -- Access
    start_position: POSITION

feature -- Basic operations
    process_mouse_down (pos:POSITION)
        -- Perform operation in response to mouse down.
        do start_position := pos end

    process_mouse_up (pos:POSITION)
        -- Perform operation in response to mouse up.
        do context.set_state (context.selection_tool) end

    process_mouse_move (pos:POSITION)
        -- Perform edit operation in response to mouse move.
        do context.draw_rectangle (start_position, pos) end

end
```

# A stateful environment client



```
class CONTEXT feature -- Basic operations
  process_mouse_down (pos:POSITION)
    -- Perform operation in response to mouse down.
  do
    state.process_mouse_down (pos)
  end

  process_mouse_up (pos:POSITION)
    -- Perform operation in response to mouse up.
  do
    state.process_mouse_up (pos)
  end

  process_mouse_move (pos:POSITION)
    -- Perform operation in response to mouse move.
  do
    state.process_mouse_move (pos)
  end
end
```

# Stateful client: status and element change



**feature** -- Access

*pen\_tool, selection\_tool, rectangle\_tool*: **like state**  
-- Available (next) states.

*state* : *TOOL\_STATE* .

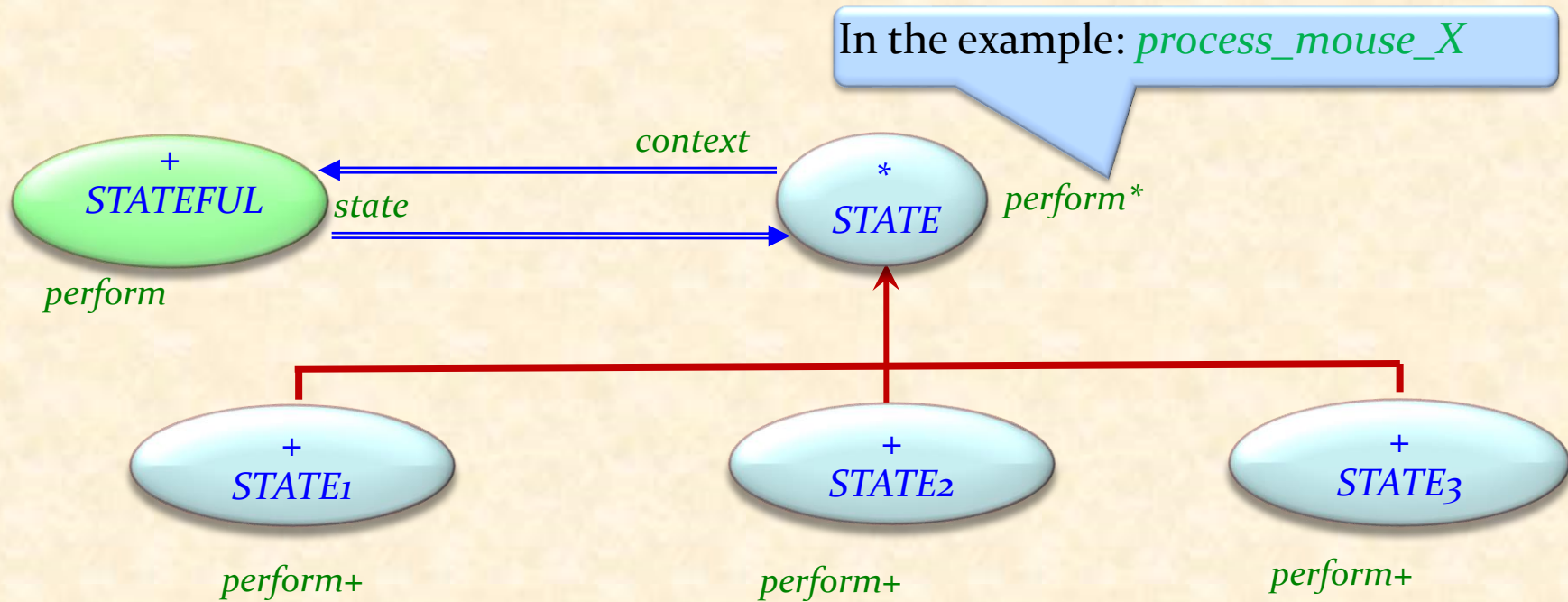
**feature** -- Element change

*set\_state* (*s* : *STATE*)  
-- Make *s* the next state.  
**do**  
*state* := *s* .  
**end**

... -- Initialization of different state attributes

**end**

# State pattern: overall architecture



# State pattern - componentization

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Componentizable, but not comprehensive

# State - Consequences

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The pattern localizes state-specific behavior and partitions behavior for different states

It makes state transitions explicit

State objects can be shared



## Stateful

- defines the interface of interest to clients.
- maintains an instance of a Concrete state subclass that defines the current state.

## State

defines an interface for encapsulating the behavior associated with a particular state of the Context.

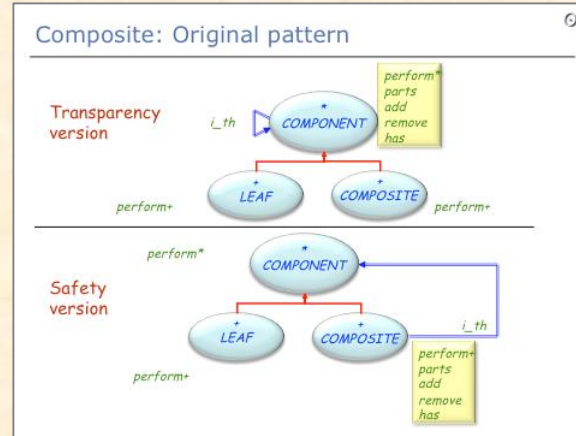
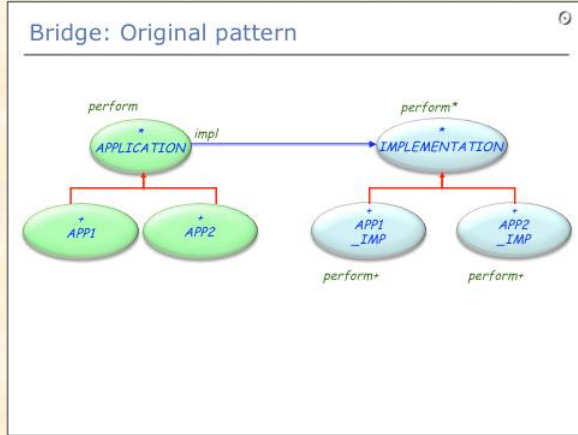
## Concrete state

each subclass implements a behavior associated with a state of the Context

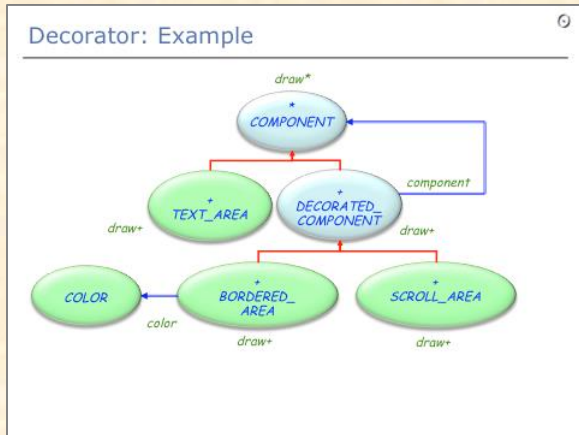


# Summary of patterns – Structural patterns

**Bridge:**  
Separation of interface from implementation

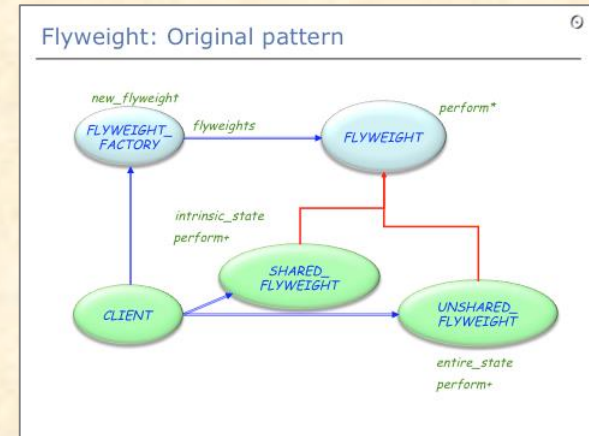
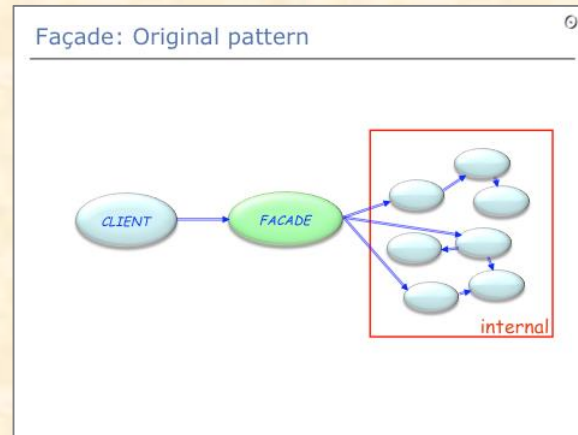


**Composite:**  
Uniform handling of compound and individual objects



**Decorator:** Attaching responsibilities to objects without subclassing

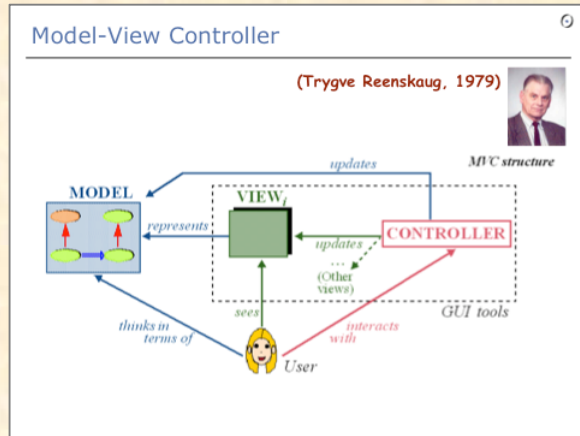
**Façade:** A unified interface to a subsystem



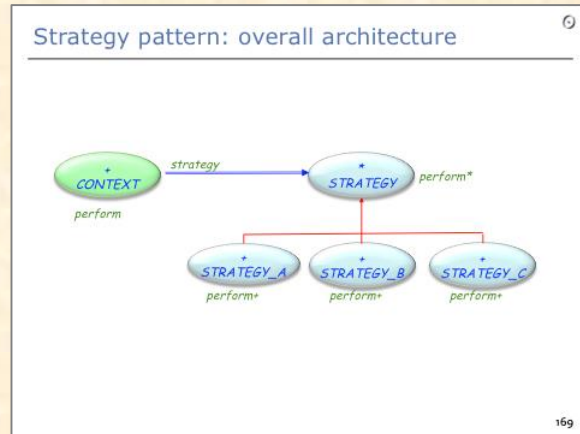
**Flyweight:** Share objects and externalize state

# Summary of patterns – Behavioral patterns

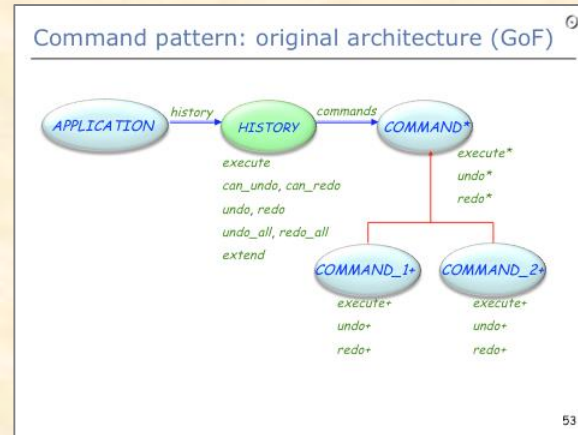
**Observer; MVC:** Publish-subscribe mechanism (use *EVENT\_TYPE* with agents!); Separation of model and view



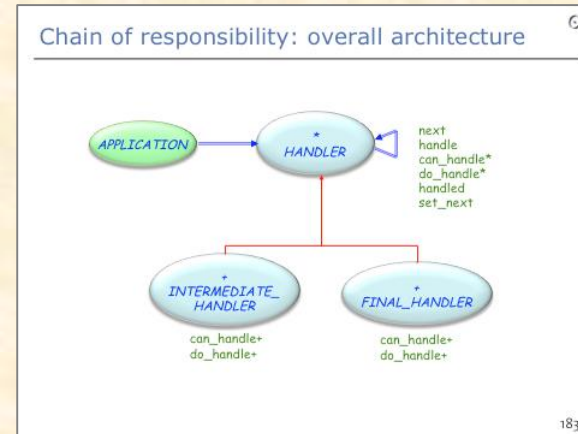
**Strategy:** Make algorithms interchangeable



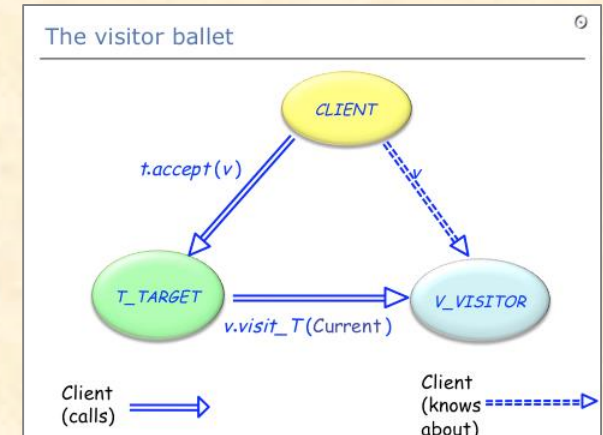
**Command:** History with undo/redo (use version with agents!)



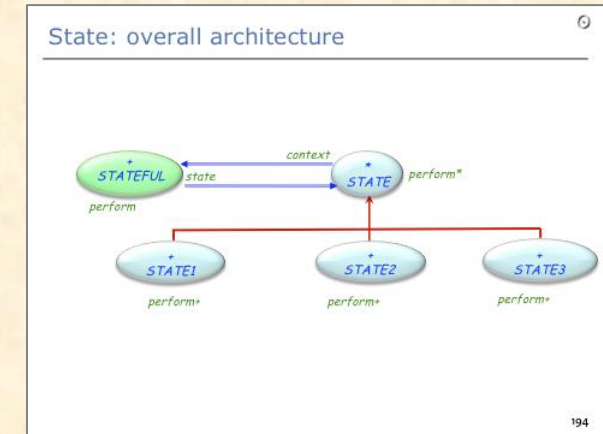
**Chain of responsibility:** Allow multiple objects to handle request



**Visitor:** Add operations to object hierarchies without changing classes

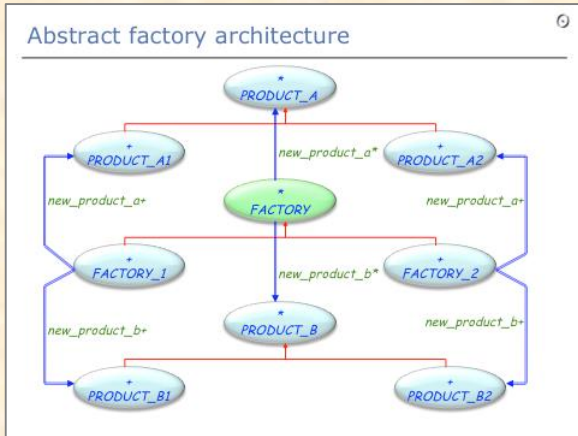


**State:** Object appears to change behavior if state changes



# Summary of patterns – Creational patterns

**Abstract factory:** Hiding the creation of product families



## Factory Method pattern

### Intent:

"Define[s] an interface for creating an object, but let subclasses decide which class to instantiate. Factory Method lets a class defer instantiation to subclasses." [Gamma et al.]

C++, Java, C#: emulates constructors with names

### Factory Method vs. Abstract Factory:

- > Creates one object, not families of object.
- > Works at the routine level, not class level.
- > Helps a class perform an operation, which requires creating an object.
- > Features *new* and *new\_with\_args* of the Factory Library are factory methods

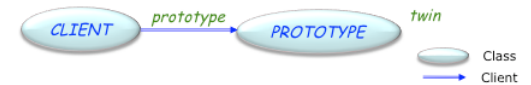
**Factory method:** Interface for creating an object, but hiding its concrete type (used in abstract factory)

**Prototype:** Use *twin* or *clone* to duplicate an object

## Prototype pattern

### Intent:

"Specify the kinds of objects to create using a prototypical instance, and create new objects by copying this prototype." [Gamma 1995]

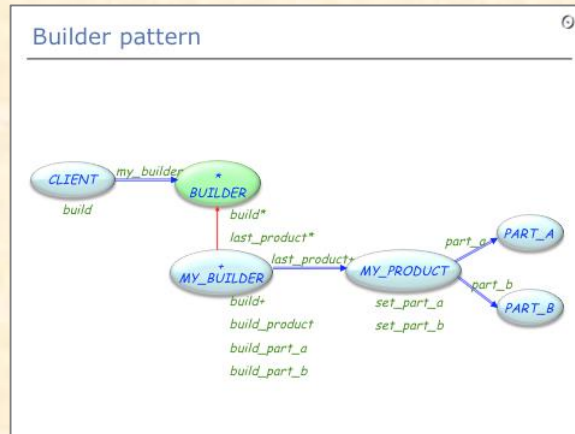


No need for this in Eiffel: just use function *twin* from class *ANY*.

```
y := x.twin
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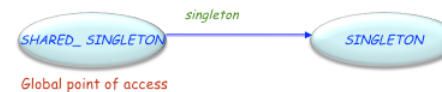
In Eiffel, every object is a prototype

**Builder:**  
Encapsulate construction process of a complex object



## Singleton pattern

Way to "ensure a class **only has one instance**, and to provide a **global point of access** to it." [GoF, p 127]



**Singleton:**  
Restrict a class to globally have only one instance and provide a global access point to it



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