

GOF Patterns in Java

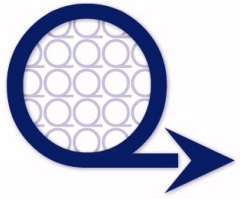
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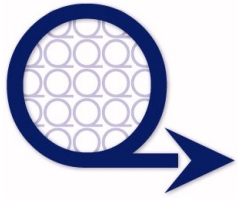
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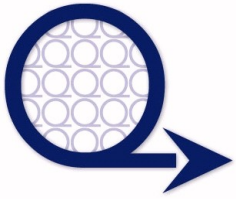
- Pattern Review
 - The Patterns
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Patterns Defined

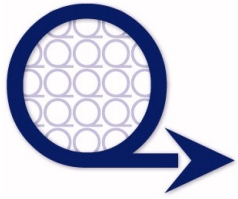
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- Recurring solution to common problem tailored to context
- Patterns have at least the following:
 - Name, Problem, Solution, Consequences
- Patterns are to design as Algorithms are to code



Pattern Review

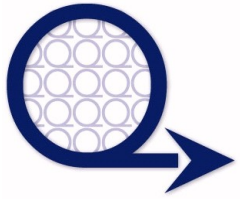
- Must tailor to context
- Benefits
 - Proven design, communication
- Negative Effects
 - Hype, Proliferation, Overuse, Misapplication



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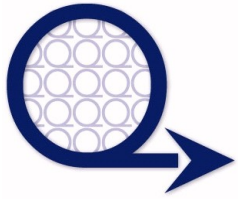
- 23 seminal patterns
- **Creational** (5) (Singleton, Builder)
 - Patterns for creating complex structures
- **Structural** (7) (Decorator)
 - Patterns for representing complex structures
- **Behavioral** (11) (Strategy, Command, Observer, Mediator)
 - Patterns for accommodating complex collaborations and algorithms



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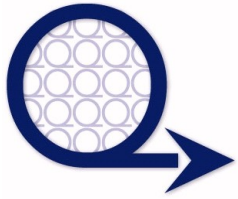
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Command

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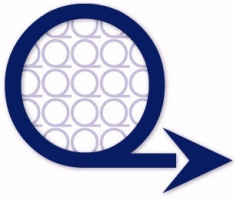
- **Intent:** Encapsulate a request as an object allowing you to parameterize clients with different requests
- **Our Problem:** Lot of Data Access Objects (DAO), each with strikingly similar functionality



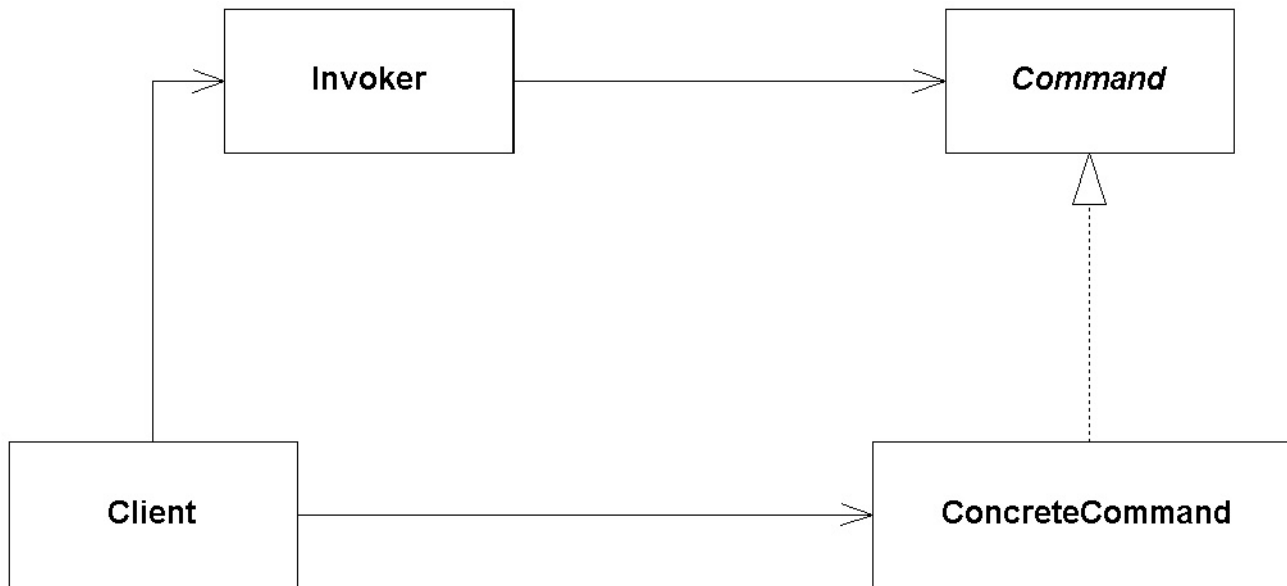
Possible Solutions

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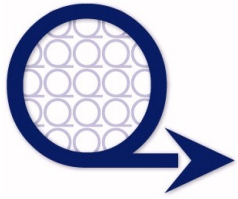
- **Alternative:** Inherit all DAO from a common base class
- **Command:** Parameterize a generic DAO with a SQL request
- **Tradeoffs**
 - Lots of SQL request classes
 - Easy to add new SQL request classes
 - Any class can be a Command if the Command is an interface



Command Structure

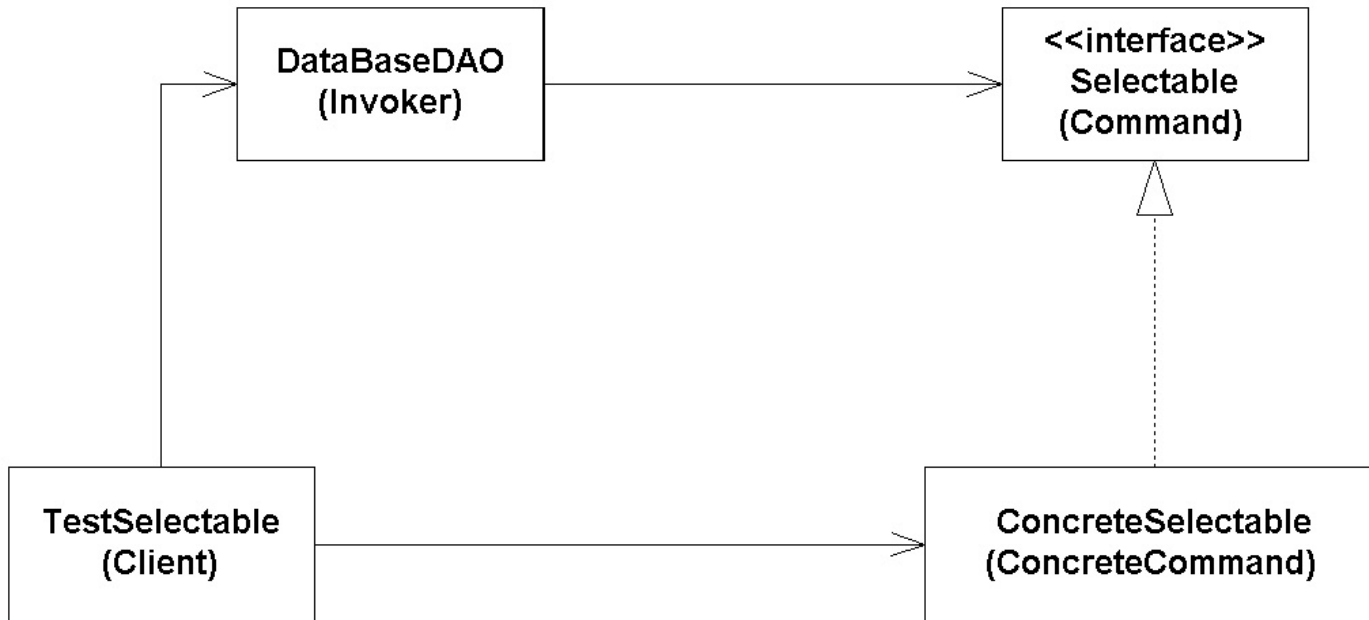


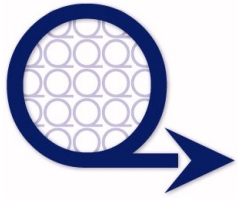
1. Client creates the ConcreteCommand
2. Invoker receives the Command
3. Invoker issues request by calling Command operation(s)



DAO Command Structure

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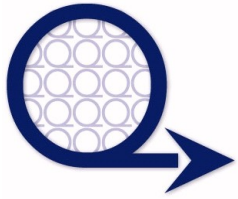




Singleton

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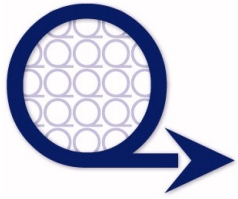
- **Intent:** Ensure a class has only one instance, and provide a global access point
- **Our Problem:** DataBaseDAO is inherited from a common base class to support other types of datasources



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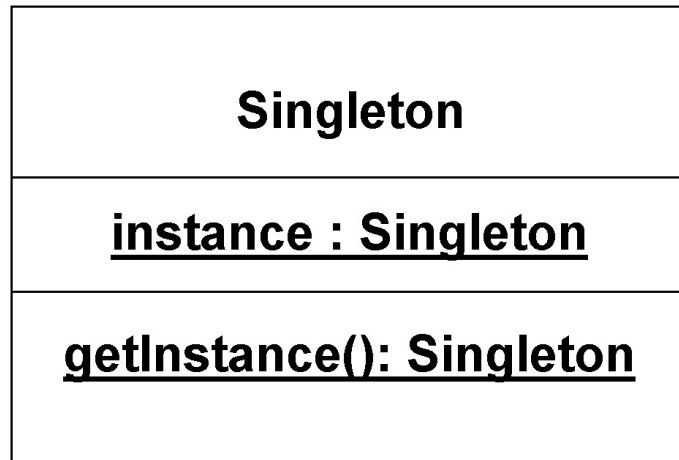
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- **Alternative:** A utility class or static methods
- **Singleton:** DataBaseDAO with private constructor and static getInstance method
- **Tradeoffs**
 - Supports polymorphism and callbacks
 - Minimize object creation

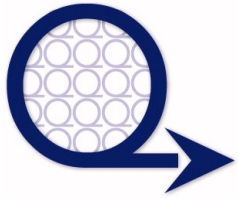


Singleton Structure

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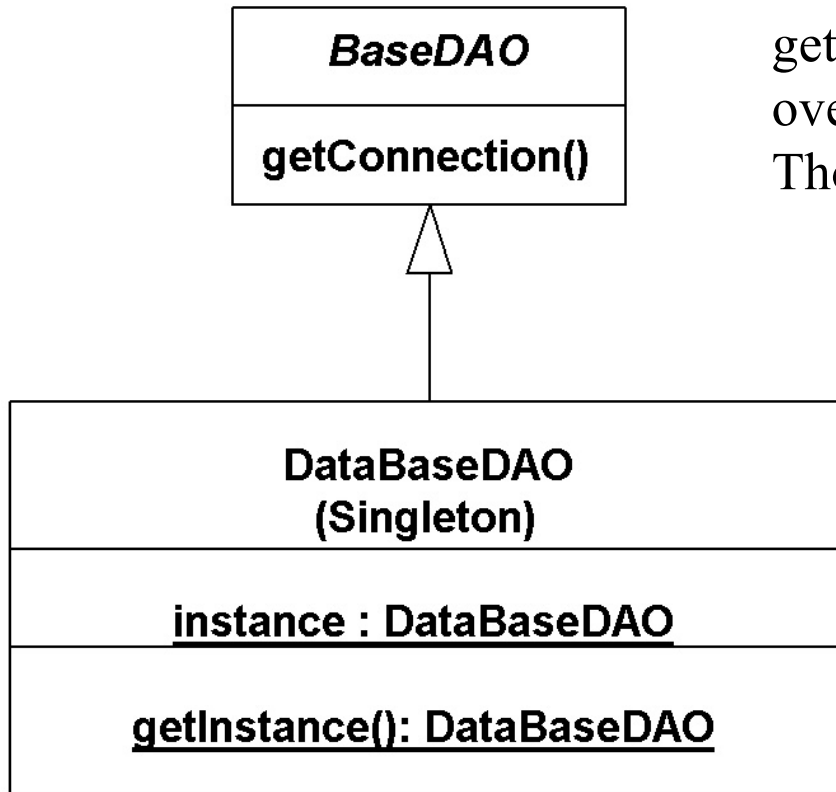


1. Static instance attribute of Singleton datatype
2. Static getInstance method that returns a reference to instance

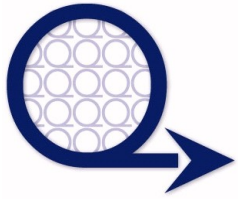


DataBaseDAO Singleton

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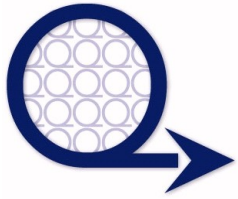
getConnection method can be overridden by other DAO types (ex. Those accessing a legacy system)



Decorator

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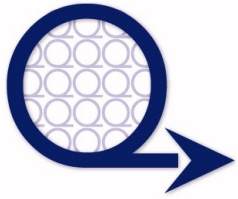
- **Intent:** Add responsibilities to an object dynamically
- **Our Problem:** Need ability to log and execute SQL statement without bind variables



Possible Solutions

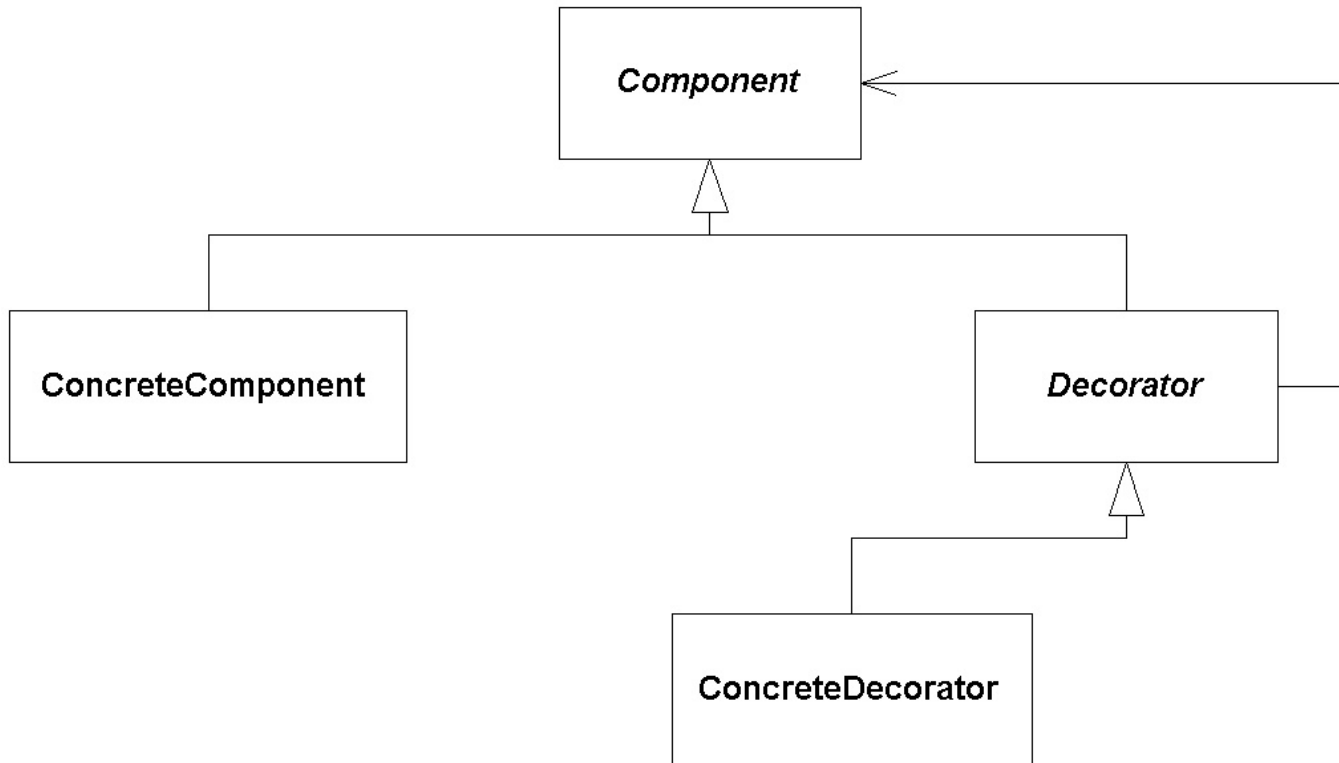
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- **Alternative:** Utility class that accepts Selectable, parses it, and returns SQL string
- **Decorator:** Class implementing Selectable that accepts Selectable to constructor and returns appropriate SQL String
- **Tradeoffs**
 - Non-invasive way to enhance functionality
 - Additional classes with more complex learning curve (or maybe just a different way of thinking about utility classes)

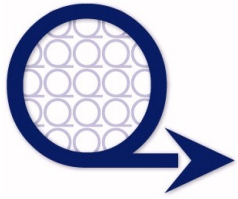


Decorator Structure

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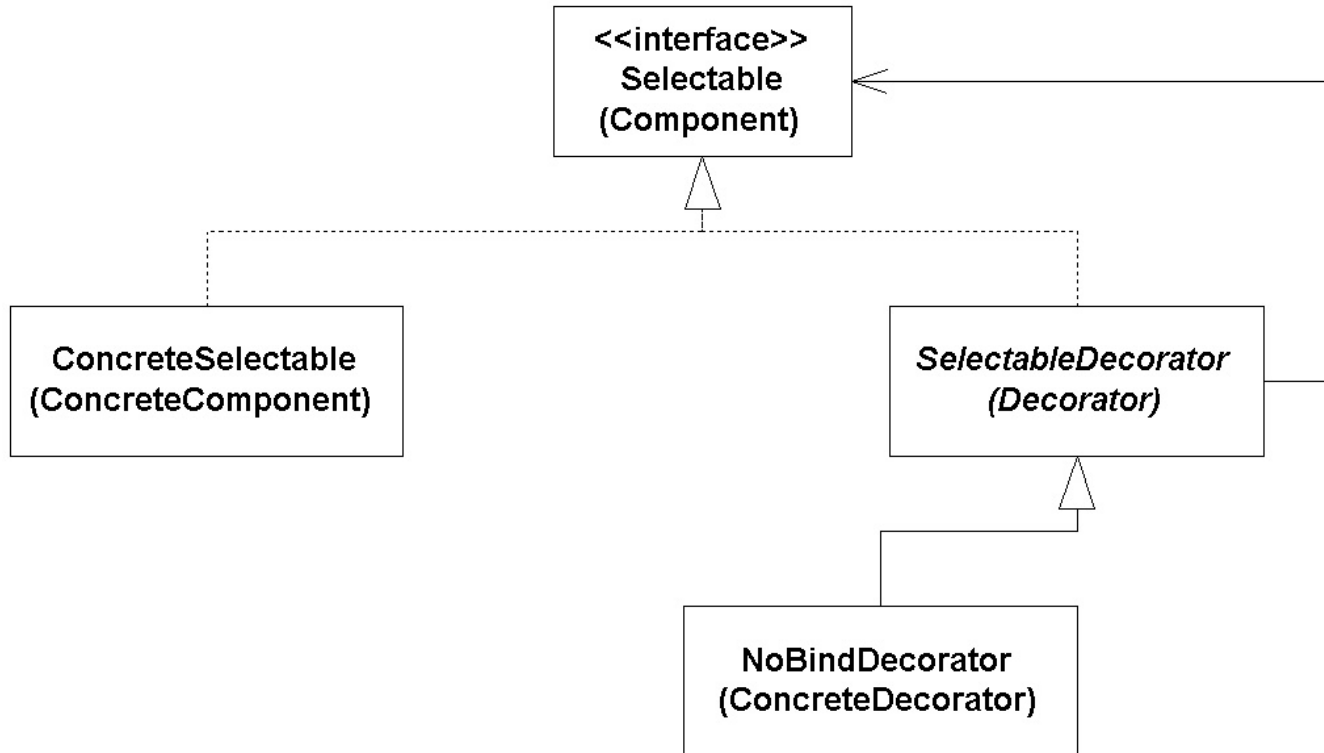


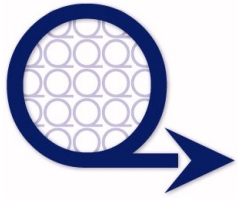
Decorator is configured with a Component
ConcreteDecorator provides custom behavior
Decorator invokes operations on Component



Selectable Decorator

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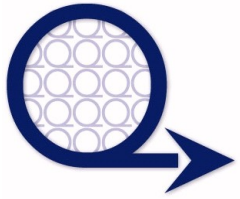




Strategy

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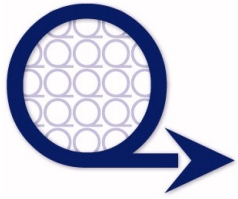
- **Intent:** Define a family of algorithms, encapsulate each one, and allow them to vary independently
- **Our Problem:** Returning ResultSet to clients of DataBaseDAO is limited to a JDBC datasource



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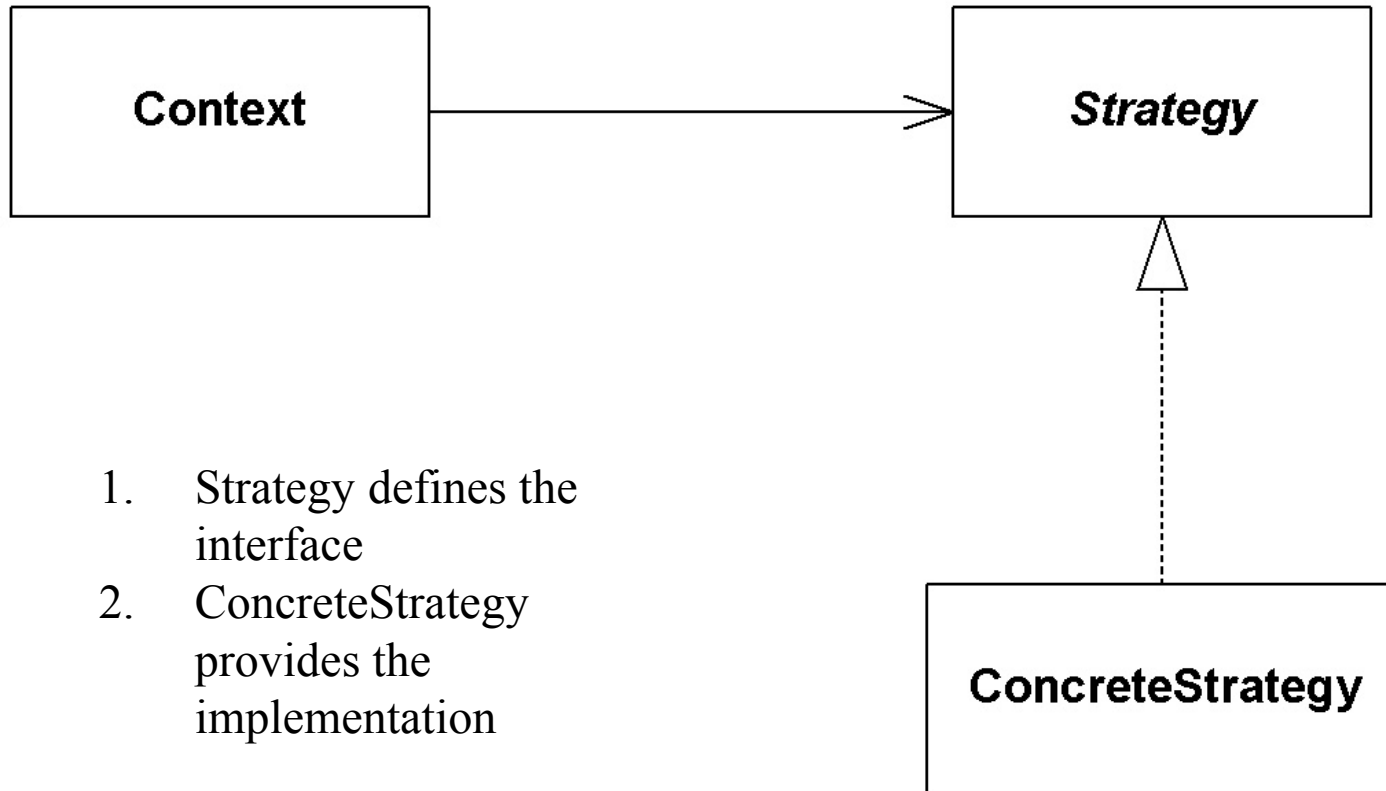
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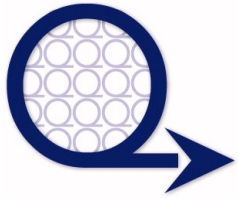
- **Alternative:** Pass back a bean or implement `ResultSet` for other datasources
- **Strategy:** Create a `DataCursor` that represents a `TabularRecordSet`
- **Tradeoffs**
 - No dependency on `ResultSet` and `JDBC`
 - More classes and increased complexity



Strategy Structure

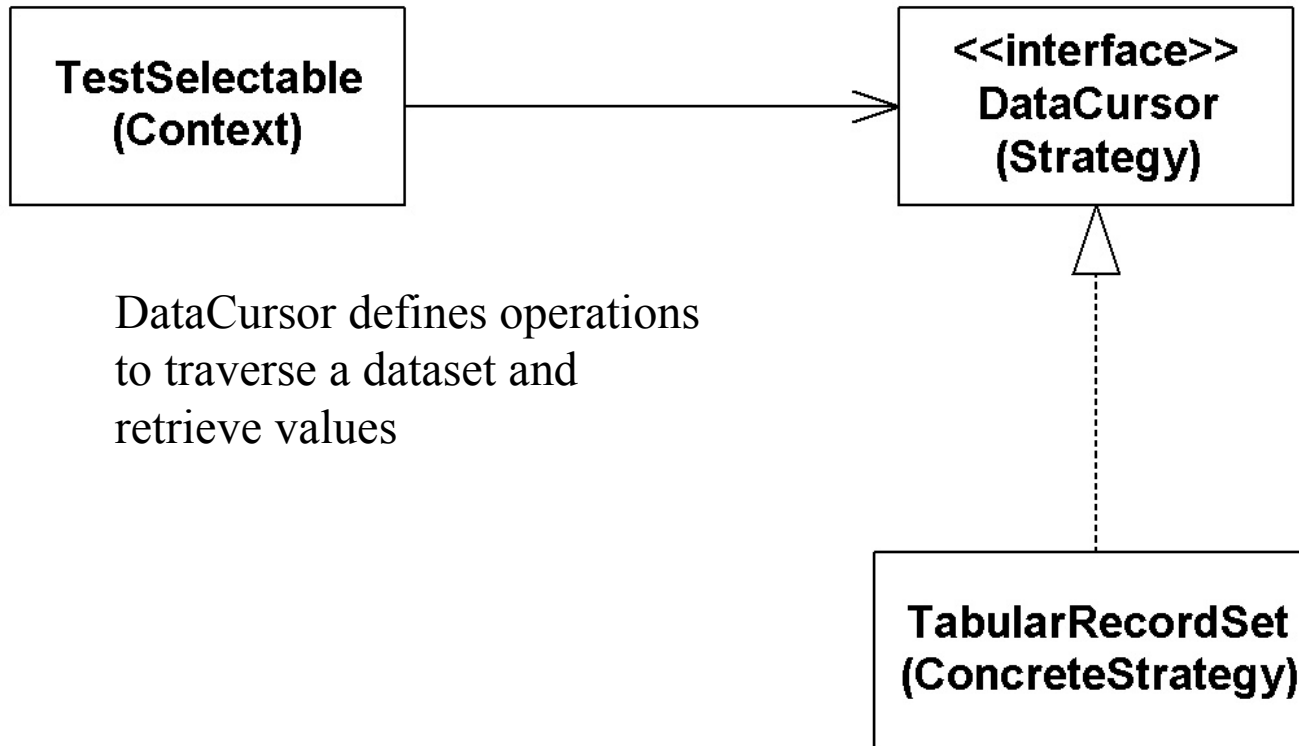
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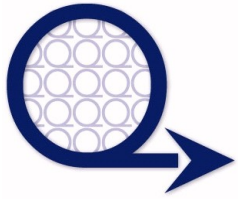




DataCursor Strategy

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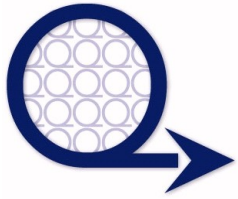




Mediator

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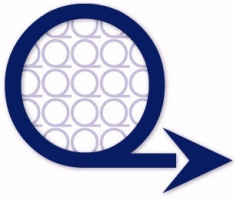
- **Intent:** Define an object that encapsulates how a set of objects interact
- **Our Problem:** Queue updates and inserts so they are all part of the same Logical Unit of Work (LUW)



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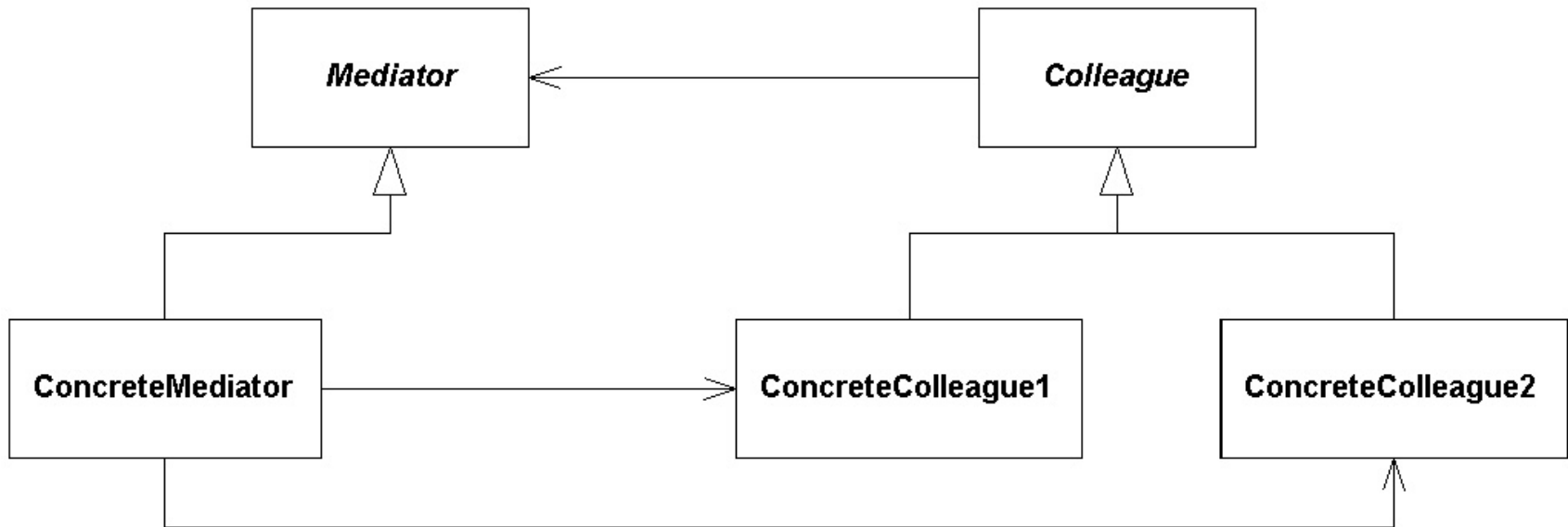
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- **Alternative:** Code it each time or provide utility classes to offer some of the reusable functionality
- **Mediator:** Create a DAOMediator with which Updateable and Insertable instances are registered
- **Tradeoffs**
 - Simplifies transaction management
 - Centralizes code resulting in bloated mediators

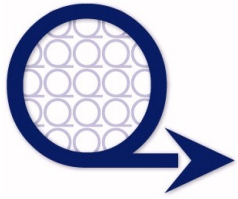


Mediator Structure

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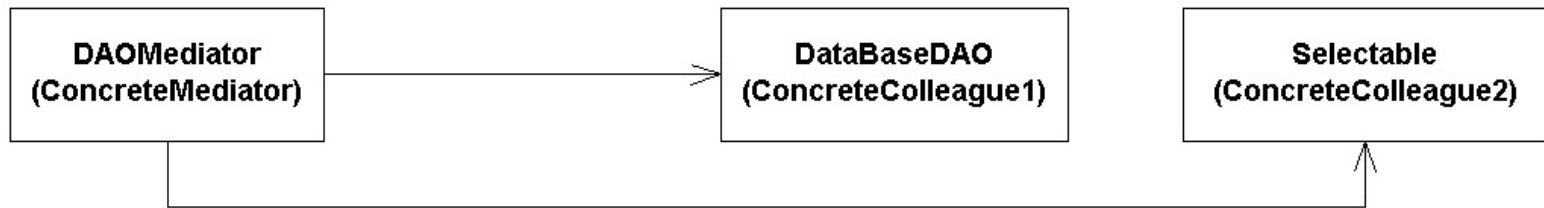


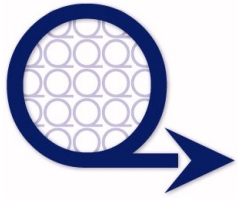
ConcreteMediator manages collaboration between Colleague instances
Colleague instances communicate with each other through Mediator



DataBaseDAO Mediator

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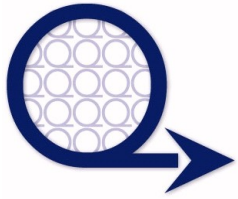




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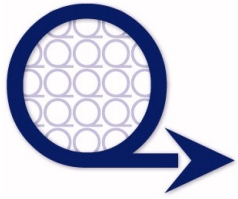
- **Intent:** Define relationship between objects so that when one object changes its state, all its dependents are notified and updated
- **Our Problem:** When using the Mediator for inserts, how do we manage foreign keys for child tables



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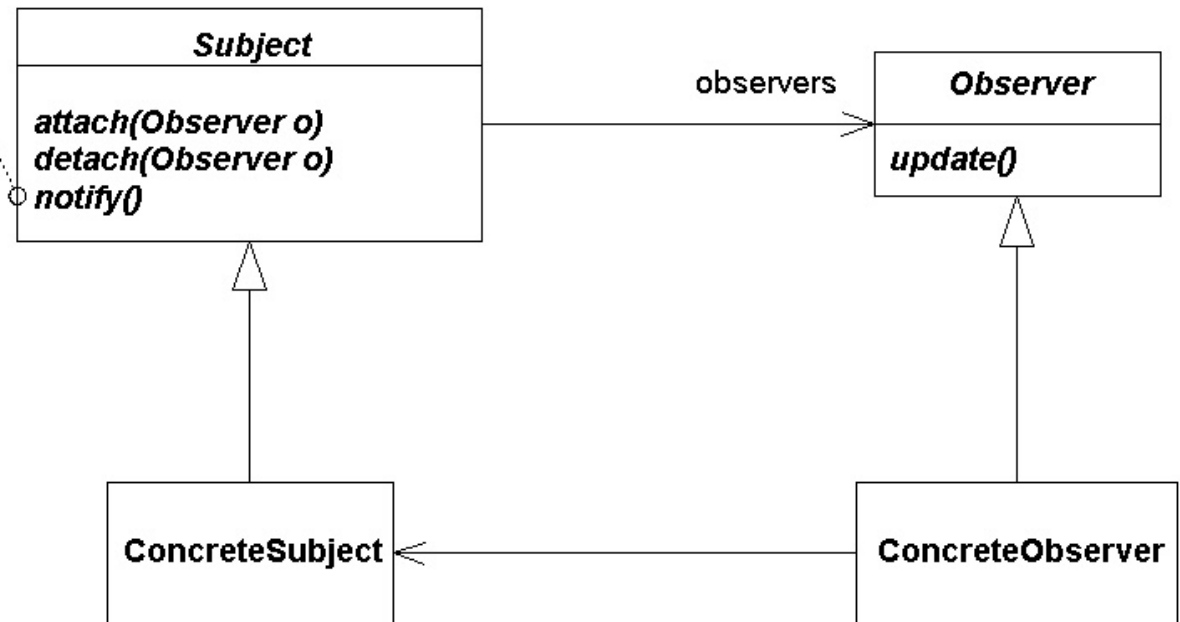
- **Alternative:** Manage keys using an Array
- **Listener:** Create a KeyListener so that Insertables can be notified of their necessary key values
- **Tradeoffs**
 - Consistent key management
 - Abstraction complexity

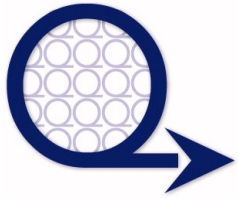


Observer Structure

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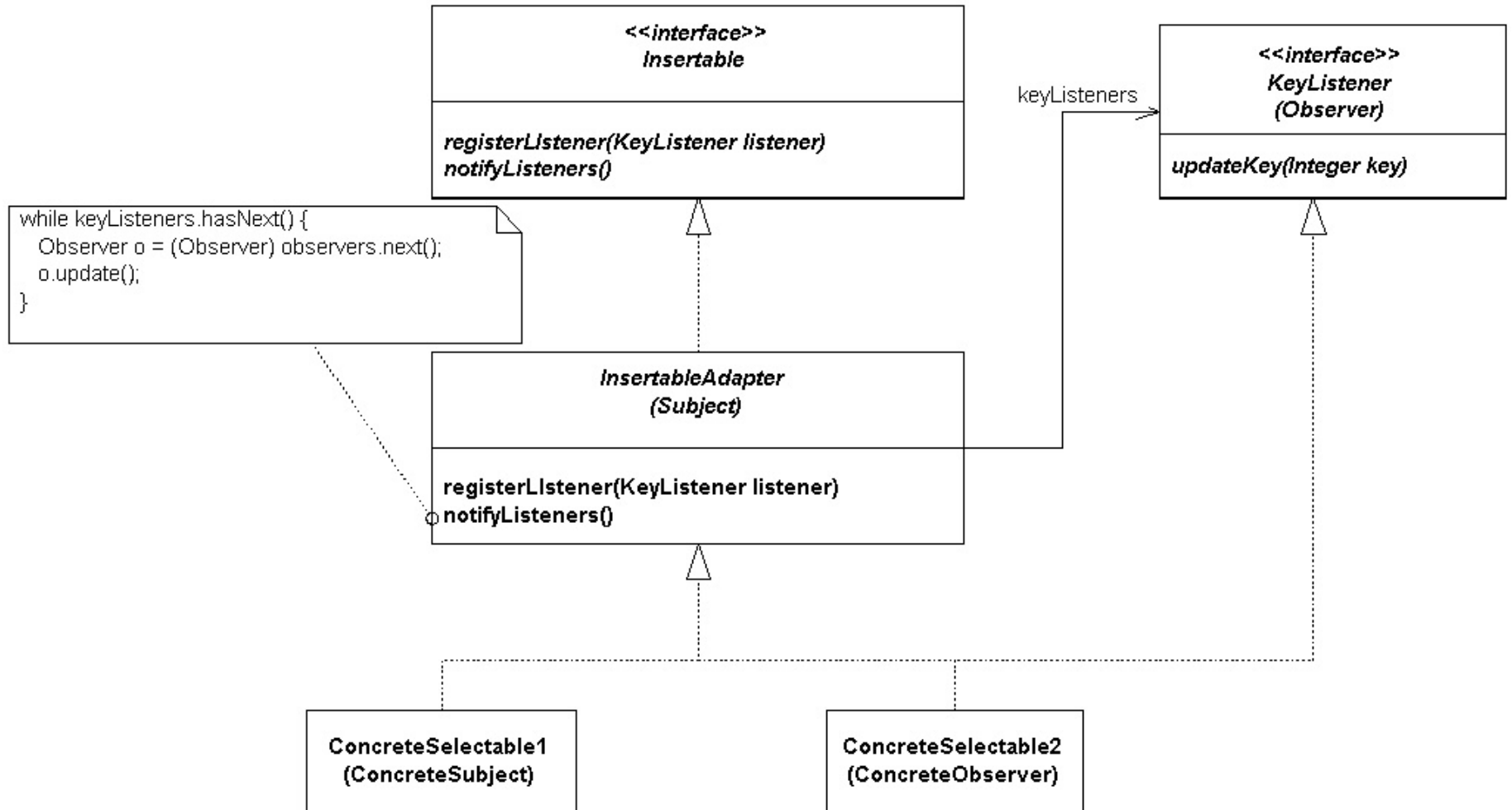
```
while observers.hasNext() {  
    Observer o = (Observer) observers.next();  
    o.update();  
}
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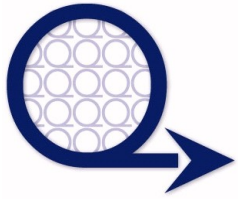




KeyListener

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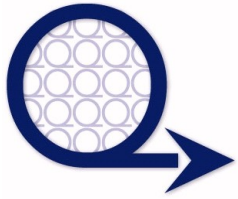




Builder

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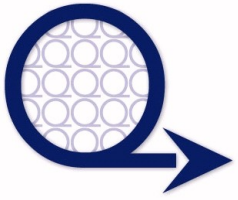
- **Intent:** Separate the construction of an object from its representation so that the same construction process can create different representations
- **Our Problem:** Business objects must be built differently (ie. Lazy load, fully initialized)



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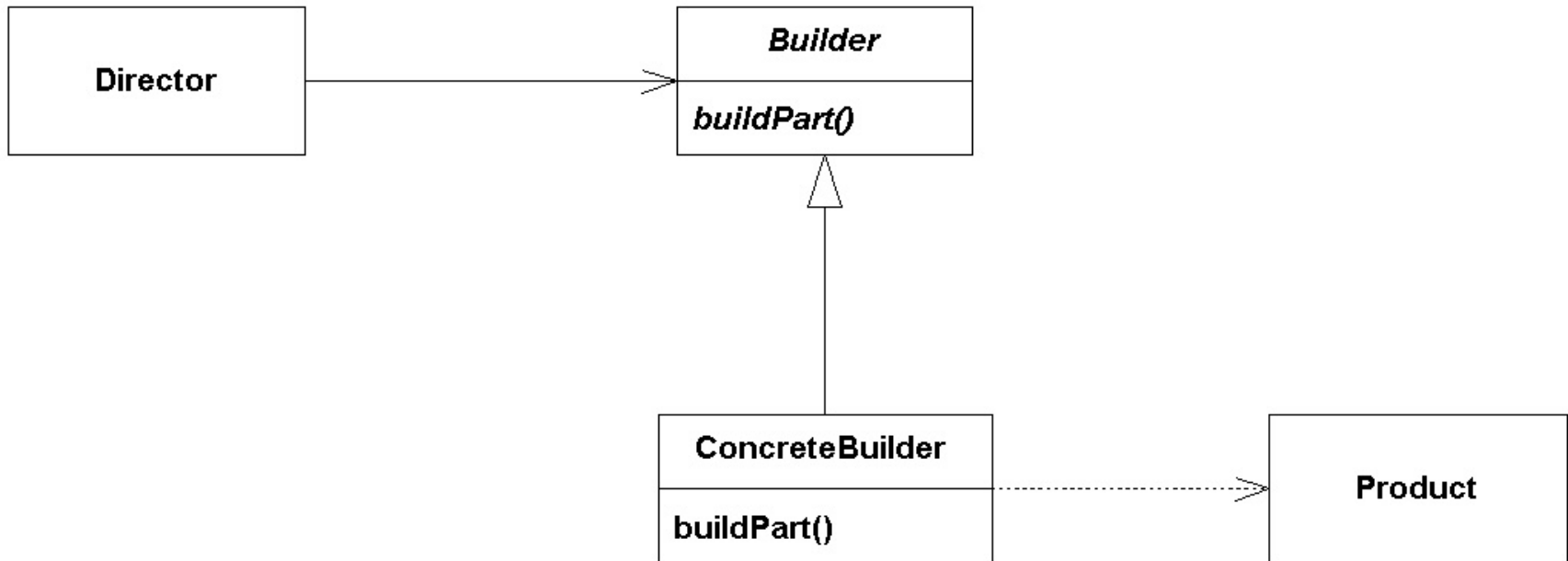
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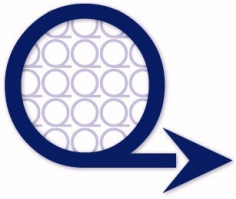
- **Alternative:** Retrieve the data and set the appropriate values on the business object
- **Builder:** Configure a business object with a builder that initializes the values
- **Tradeoffs**
 - Flexible way to build business objects using different and unknown constructions processes
 - Adding new business objects (Products) could prove very difficult as all builders may need to be modified



Builder Structure

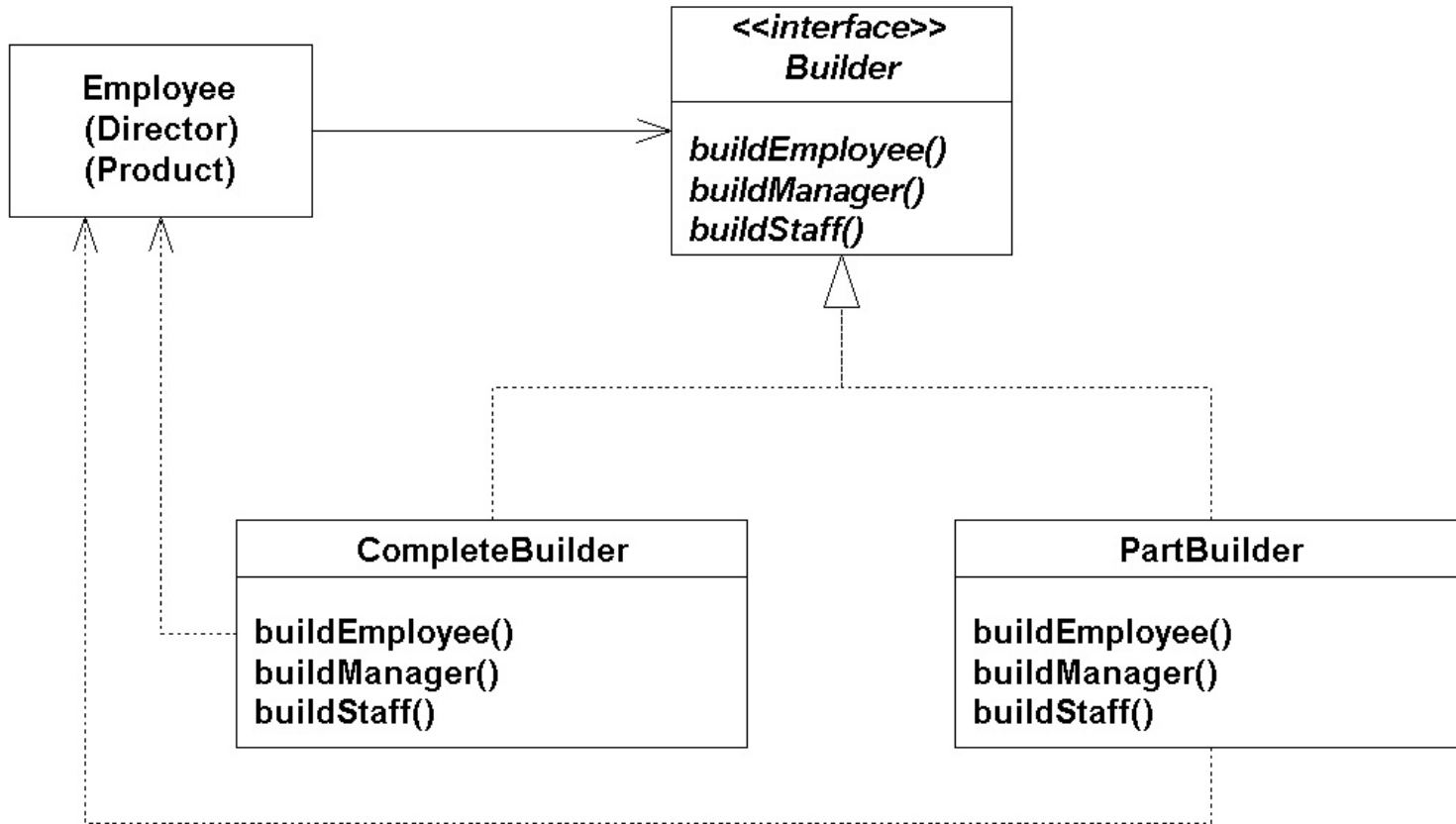
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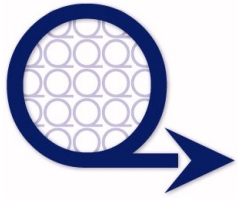


Business Objects

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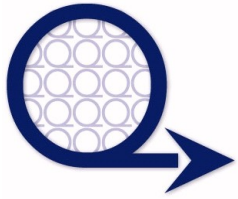
- buildEmployee is actually a Factory Method
- Originating Employee is Director created by Factory Method
- Manager and Staff are Employee instances created by builders



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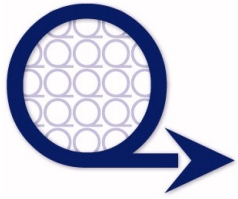
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Applying Patterns

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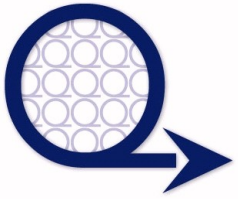
- Difficult to identify up-front need
- Need usually arises based on complex behavior or structure
- Knowing patterns help offer template solution
- Tailoring pattern to context based on need for flexibility



Compound Patterns

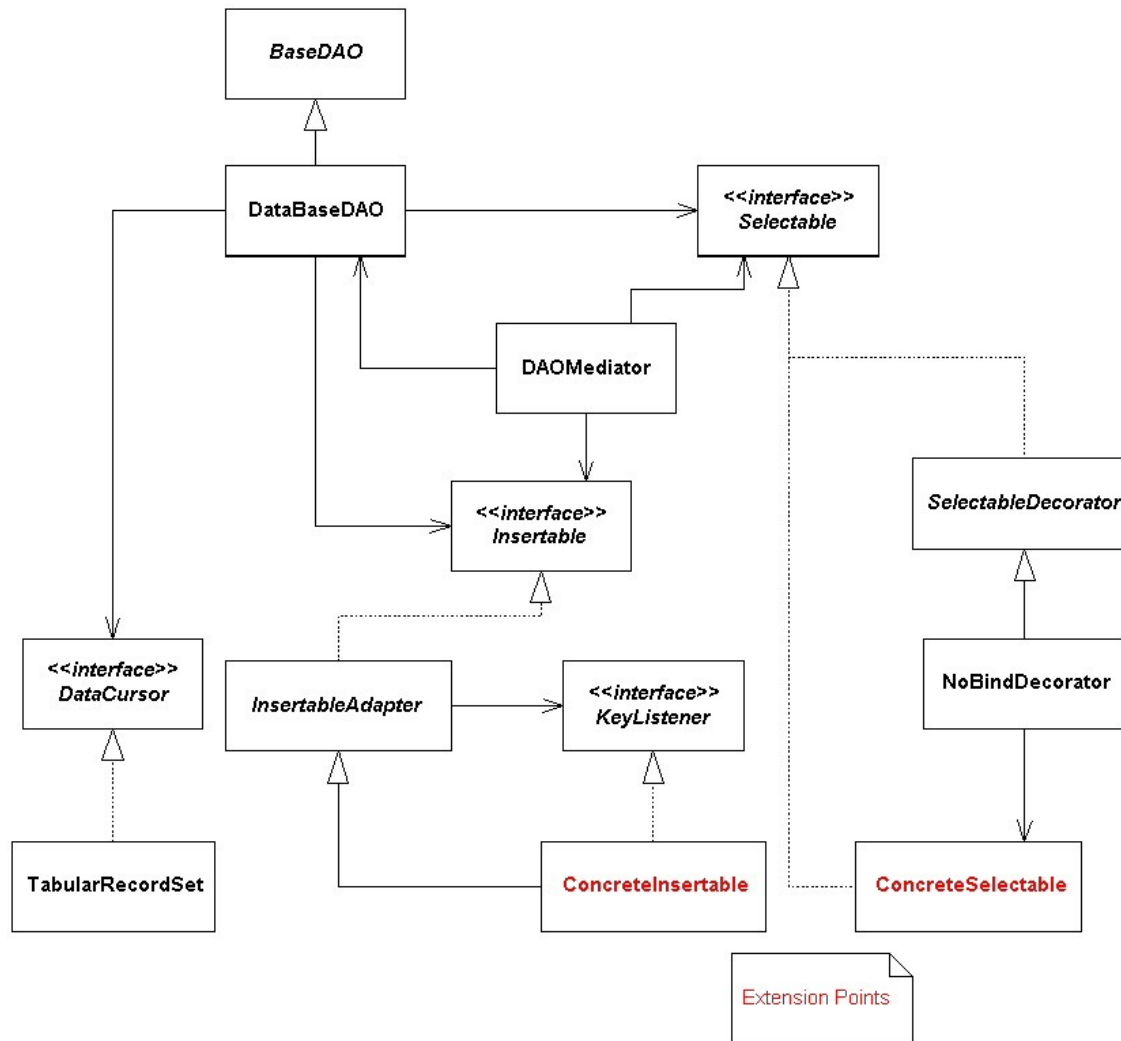
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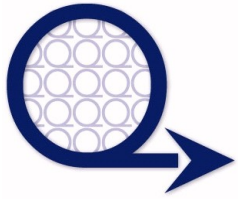
- Patterns rarely used individually or in a vacuum
- Single hierarchy/composition structure may consist of many patterns
 - Ex. Insertable is a Command, Adapter, Observer, Decorator



Overall Structure

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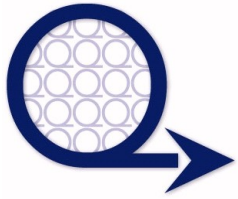




Common Traits

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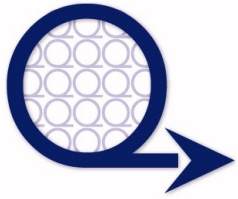
- Abstraction
- Hierarchy
- Coupling
- Cohesion



Gleaning Heuristics

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- Capture rules common to many patterns
- Famously, “*favor object composition over class inheritance*”
- Examples of others...
 - Avoid implementation inheritance
 - Abstractly couple classes
 - and many, many more...



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