Command and State Patterns Curt Clifton Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Final Exam

Email me by Tuesday, Feb. 16, to sign up.

- Monday, Feb. 22, 8am
- Optional
 - If you don't take the exam, we'll use your exam 1 grade as your final exam grade
 - Sign-up for exam during 10th week
 - If you sign-up, you have to take the exam
 - Taking the exam can lower your grade

Plan for Today

- Short survey on projects
- State Pattern
- Command Pattern
- Design Studio—Concurrent Poker Player

Please bring laptops tomorrow for course

evaluations.



Checkers Handling Turn Taking and Undo

http://flic.kr/p/46Hca

Turn Taking in Checkers

- Simple move: slide a piece diagonally to adjacent, open square
- Jump move: move a piece diagonally over an adjacent opponents piece landing in an open square
- Multiple jumps: must jump again if another jump is available after landing

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_draughts

It's Good to be King

- A piece reaching the far side of the board is kinged
- Only kings may move "backward" (toward the player)
- A player's turn ends when a piece is kinged (i.e., can't jump into king row, become a king, and jump back out)

State Machines

 Good way to represent the behavior of a system when future actions depend on previous actions

Basic Turn Taking



Jumping



Winners and Losers



Winners and Losers



State Pattern

- Problem: When the behavior of an object, obj, changes depending on its state, how can we avoid complicated conditional statements?
- Solution: Create state classes implementing a common interface. Delegate state-dependent methods from *obj* to the current state object.

Example...

Q1,2

Handling Simple Moves



Handling Jump Moves



Getting Legal Moves



Applying the State Pattern



Q3

Cartoon of the Day

Number 1555: And Some Flame Decals



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Suppose we want to be able to undo moves

Command Pattern

- Problem: When we need to record operations so we can undo them, or execute them later, what should we do?
- Solution: Define a Command interface that represents all possible operations. Create subclasses of it for each kind of operation and instances for each actual operation.
- Example...

Adding Undo to Checkers



Uses for the Command Pattern

Undo/redo

- Prioritizing and Queueing operations
- Composing multi-part operations
- Progress bars
- Macro recording

Design Studio: Concurrent Poker Player

Team describes problem and perhaps current solution (if any)

Class thinks about questions, alternative approaches. **Q7**

~3 min.

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On-board design

~12 min.