

Supplement to  
*The Design and Implementation of Multimedia Software*

## The Strategy Pattern

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# Motivation

- The Setting:

In most situations there are many ways to achieve the same result

In many of these situations, the software designer chooses one (hopefully the best) and implements it

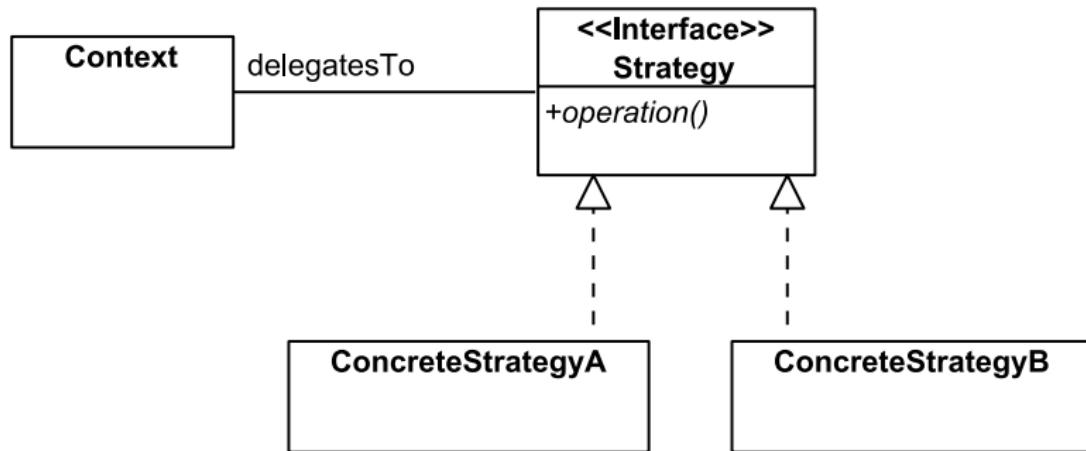
In some situations, one wants to have the flexibility to use more than one

- Examples:

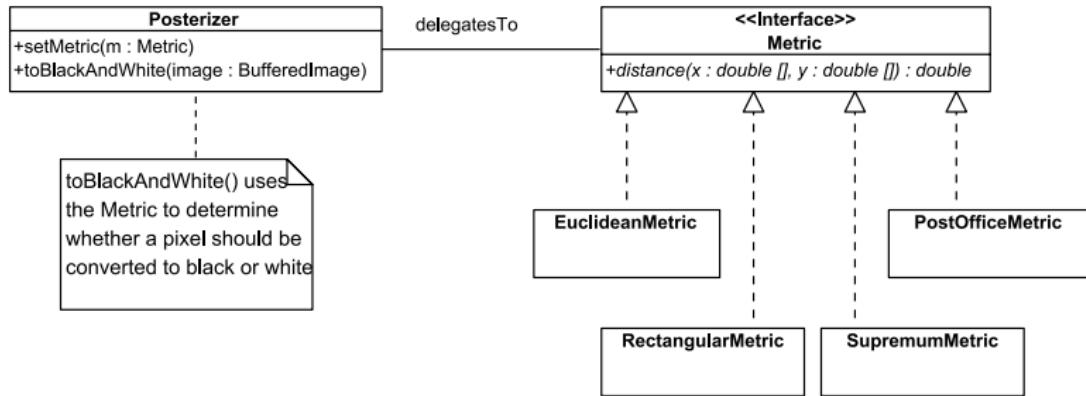
Multidimensional search algorithms can use many one-dimensional search algorithms

A document formatter can use many paragraph formatters

# The Strategy Pattern



# An Example



# An Example (cont.)

```
package math;

public interface Metric
{
    public abstract double distance(double[] x, double[] y);
}
```

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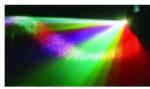
```
package math;

public class EuclideanMetric
    implements Metric
{
    public double distance(double[] x, double[] y)
    {
        double result;
        int n;

        result = 0.0;
        n = Math.min(x.length, y.length);

        for (int i=0; i<n; i++)
        {
            result += Math.pow(x[i]-y[i], 2.0);
        }

        return Math.sqrt(result);
    }
}
```



# An Example (cont.)

```
package math;

public class      SupremumMetric
    implements Metric
{
    public double distance(double[] x, double[] y)
    {
        double  result, term;
        int     n;

        result = Math.abs(x[0]-y[0]);
        n      = Math.min(x.length, y.length);

        for (int i=1; i<n; i++)
        {
            term = Math.abs(x[i]-y[i]);

            if (term > result) result = term;
        }

        return result;
    }
}
```

# An Example – The Driver

```
import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.image.*;

import math.*;

public class Posterizer
{
    private double[]    x, y;
    private Metric      metric;

    private static final int[] BLACK = { 0, 0, 0};
    private static final int[] WHITE = {255,255,255};

    public Posterizer()
    {
        x = new double[3];
        y = new double[3];
    }

    private double distance(int[] a, int[] b)
    {
        double      result;

        for (int i=0; i<3; i++)
        {
```

# An Example – The Driver (cont.)

```
x[i] = a[i];
y[i] = b[i];
}

result = Double.POSITIVE_INFINITY;
if (metric != null) result = metric.distance(x, y);

return result;
}

public void setMetric(Metric metric)
{
    this.metric = metric;
}

public void toBlackAndWhite(BufferedImage image)
{
    ColorModel colorModel;
    double blackDistance, whiteDistance;
    int height, packedPixel, packedBlack, packedWhite, width;
    int[] pixel;

    pixel = new int[3];

    height = image.getHeight();
    width = image.getWidth();
```

# An Example – The Driver (cont.)

```
colorModel = image.getColorModel();
packedBlack = colorModel.getDataElement(BLACK,0);
packedWhite = colorModel.getDataElement(WHITE,0);

for (int x=0; x<width; x++)
{
    for (int y=0; y<height; y++)
    {
        packedPixel = image.getRGB(x, y);
        colorModel.getComponents(packedPixel, pixel, 0);

        blackDistance = distance(pixel, BLACK);
        whiteDistance = distance(pixel, WHITE);

        if (blackDistance < whiteDistance)
            image.setRGB(x, y, 0x00000000);
        else
            image.setRGB(x, y, 0xFFFFFFFF);
    }
}
}
```

