

State & Test Stubs

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Opening Discussion

- Questions about projects?
- Did you read the Slate article?
- Which of these do you see as most likely?
 - Matrix/Terminator
 - Wall-E
 - Modern Dark Ages
 - Singularity
 - Alternate Utopia

State Pattern

- This is another compositional pattern. (This will be a trend.)
- Thing that varies: behavior based on some state.
- Make an abstract type with proper methods for behaviors.
- Create implementations of that abstract type.

Examples

- Settings for elements in SwiftVis.
- Transforms in 1321 drawing program.

Indirect Inputs

- Values that can't be provided directly by testing code (or other calling code).
 - Book uses example of clock.
 - Anything from hardware would qualify.
- The term *Depended-on Units* (DOU) represents aspects of the code that a test depends on.

Test Stubs

- These are replacements for DOUs that can be provided by test code.
- This gives tests direct control.
- Ideally you use Strategy pattern to provide the DOU implementation that you want.

Closing Remarks

- Can web apps rule the Earth? (What are the challenges to Google's dream of making all apps be web apps?)