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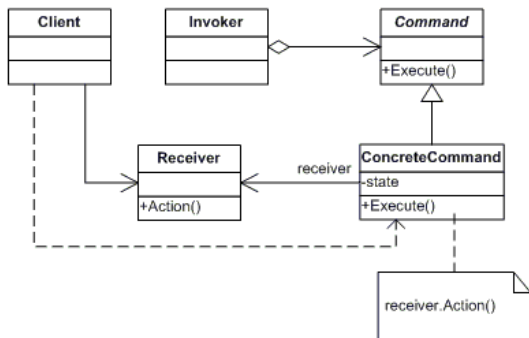
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The design pattern *command*:

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/// Member manipulator signature.  
typedef void (Error::*member_manip_type) ();  
  
/// Hook for member manipulators.  
Error& operator<< (member_manip_type f);
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Syntax of method pointer: usage

```
// Calling a function member using a function member pointer.
```

```
inline Error&
Error::operator<< (member_manip_type f)
{
    (this->*f) ();
    return *this;
}
```

```
// Passing a function member pointer as argument
// (excerpt from scantiger.ll).
```

```
error_ << misc::Error::failure
    << program_name
    << ": cannot open \"" << filename_ << "": "
    << strerror (errno) << std::endl
    << &misc::Error::exit;
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Traits: another example

- Traits can compute a type from another type. Here is a sample of 'misc/select-const.hh'

```

/// The iterator over a non const structure
/// is plain iterator.
template<typename T>
struct select_iterator
{
    typedef typename T::iterator type;
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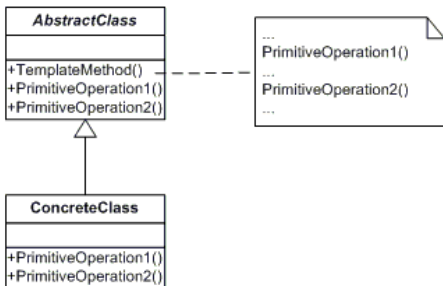
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```
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class Bindable
{
    // FIXME.
}
// Aliases for template classes.
typedef Bindable<FunctionDec> FunctionBindable;
```

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