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package edu.wsu.gridstat.subscriber.interfaces;

/**
 * <p>Title: HolderBaseWithDVInterface</p>
 * <p>Description: </p>
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 */

// Standard java packages.
import java.util.Vector;

// GridStat packages.
import edu.wsu.gridstat.subscriber.derivedValue.DVHolderBase;

public abstract interface HolderBaseWithDVInterface extends HolderBaseInterface
{
    /**
     * The <code>registerDV</code> method is used to register this holder to
     * decode and store the latest value of this pattern.
     * <BR>
     * @param patternHolder Where the latest value of the dv will be stored.
     * @return Returns <code>>true</code> if we registered the pattern, note the pattern might not
     * be published, when we know this we will set Constants.PATTERN_PUBLISHED_NO in the patternHolder.
     * <code>>false</code> is returned if we know that this pattern is not published or type mismatch.
     */
    public boolean registerDV(DVHolderBase patternHolder);

    /**
     * The <code>unregisterDV</code> method is used to unregister this holder from
     * decode and store the latest value of this pattern.
     * <BR>
     * @param patternId The is of the pattern to listen to.
     * @return Returns the holder that was used for this pattern.
     */
    public DVHolderBase unregisterDV(int patternId);

    /**
     * The <code>getPubDVs</code> method is used to return all the patterns that the publisher is publishing.
     * <BR>
     * @return Returns a Vector containing PatternInfoHolder of the patterns that the publisher is publishing.
     */
    public Vector getPubDVs();

    /**
     * The <code>clone</code> method is used to return a deep copy of this object
     * <BR>
     * @return Returns a deep copy of this object.
     */
    public abstract Object clone();
}

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