

Builder Pattern

Lecture 16

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- The builder pattern is a design pattern designed to provide a flexible solution to various object creation problems in object-oriented programming.
- The intent of the Builder design pattern is to separate the construction of a complex object from its representation.

Problem

- The Builder design pattern solves problems like:
 - How can a class (the same construction process) create different representations of a complex object?
 - How can a class that includes creating a complex object be simplified?

Solution

- The Builder design pattern describes how to solve such problems:
- Encapsulate creating and assembling the parts of a complex object in a separate Builder object.
- A class delegates object creation to a Builder object instead of creating the objects directly.

Intent

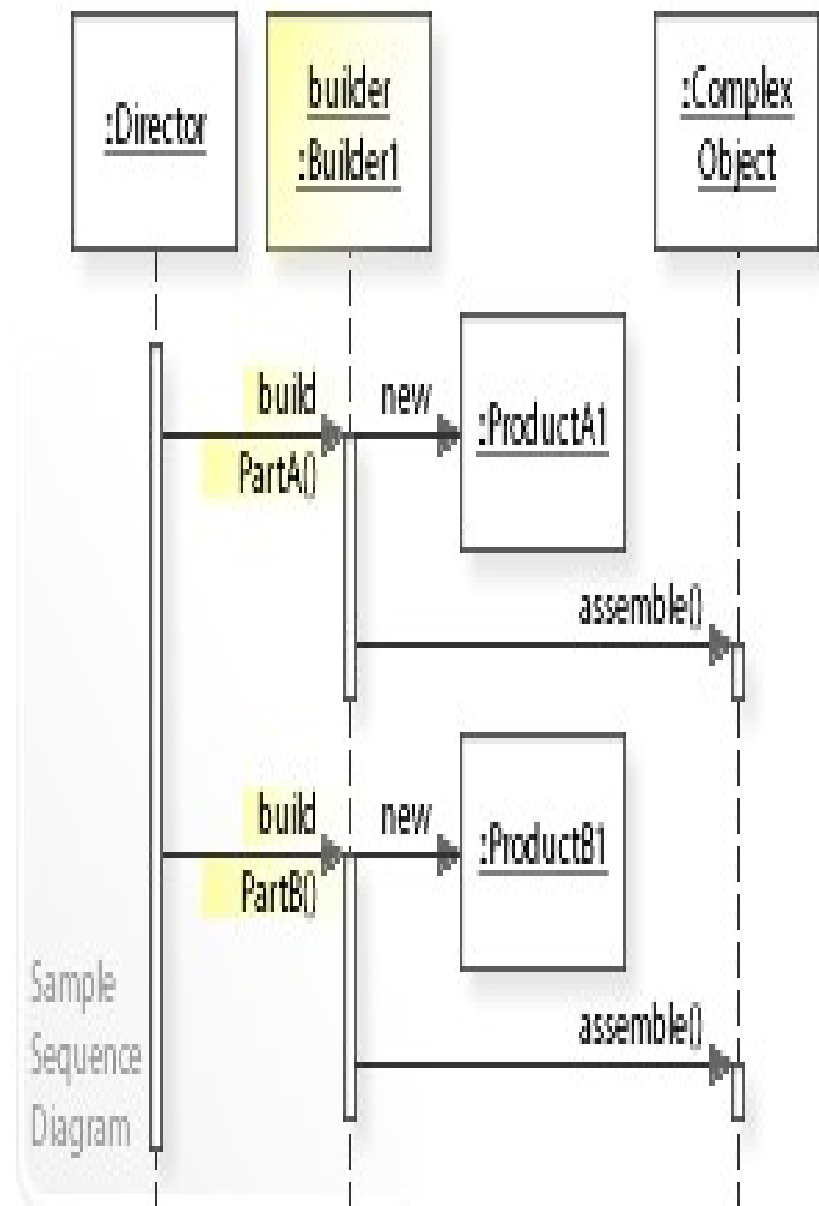
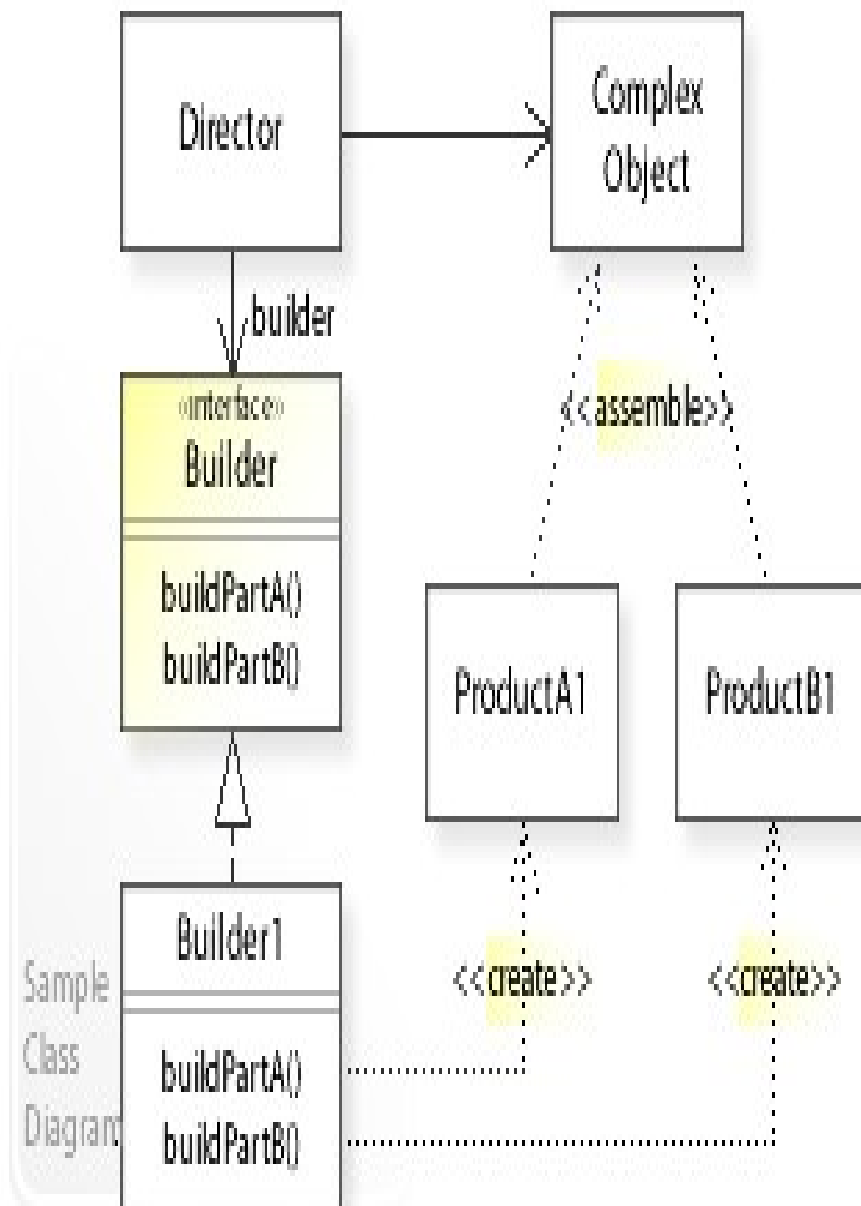
- The intent of the Builder design pattern is to separate the construction of a complex object from its representation. By doing so the same construction process can create different representations.

Advantages

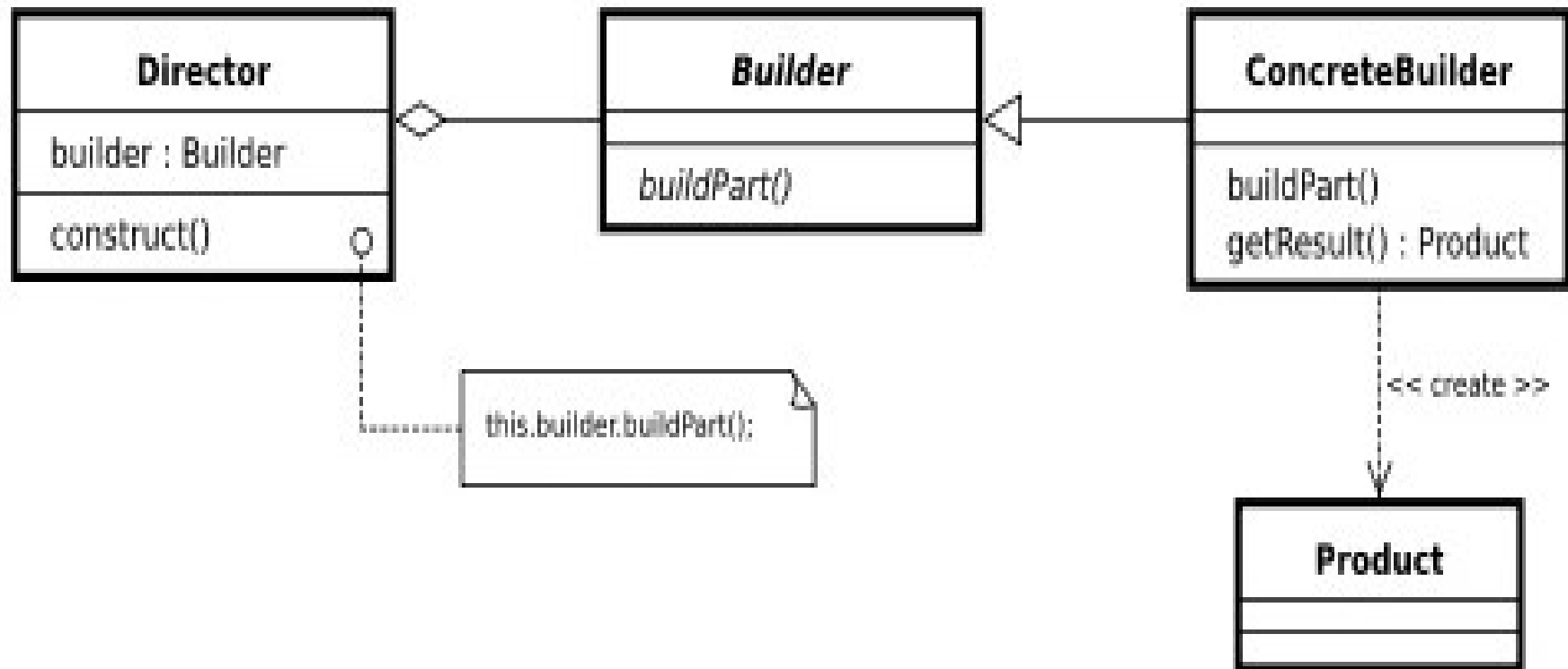
- Advantages of the Builder pattern include:
 - Allows you to vary a product's internal representation.
 - Encapsulates code for construction and representation.
 - Provides control over steps of construction process.

Disadvantages

- Disadvantages of the Builder pattern include:
 - Requires creating a separate ConcreteBuilder for each different type of product.
 - Requires the builder classes to be mutable.
 - Dependency injection may be less supported.



Class diagram



Represents a product created by the builder

```
public class Car
{
    public string Make { get; set; }
    public string Model { get; set; }
    public int NumDoors { get; set; }
    public string Colour { get; set; }

    public Car(string make, string model, string colour, int
numDoors)
    {
        Make = make;      Model = model;
        Colour = colour;   NumDoors = numDoors;
    }
}
```

```
/// The builder abstraction  
public interface ICarBuilder  
{  
    string Colour { get; set; }  
    int NumDoors { get; set; }  
  
    Car GetResult();  
}
```

```
/// Concrete builder implementation  
public class FerrariBuilder : ICarBuilder  
{  
    public string Colour { get; set; }  
    public int NumDoors { get; set; }  
  
    public Car GetResult()  
    {  
        return NumDoors == 2 ? new Car("Ferrari",  
        "488 Spider", Colour, NumDoors) : null;  
    }  
}
```

/// The director

```
public class SportsCarBuildDirector  
{  
    private ICarBuilder _builder;  
    public SportsCarBuildDirector(ICarBuilder builder)  
    {  
        _builder = builder;  
    }  
  
    public void Construct()  
    {  
        _builder.Colour = "Red";  
        _builder.NumDoors = 2;  
    }  
}
```

```
public class Client  
{  
    public void DoSomethingWithCars()  
    {  
  
        var builder = new FerrariBuilder();  
        var director = new  
SportsCarBuildDirector(builder);  
  
        director.Construct();  
        Car myRaceCar = builder.GetResult();  
    }  
}
```

References

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Builder_pattern