

• 4. Builder Design Pattern

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Separate the construction of a complex object from its representation, so that the same construction process can create different representations.

In simple words:

- Build an object step by step.
- Avoid huge constructors.
- Make object creation readable and safe.

Why Builders?

→ Telescopic constructors.

Eg: User user = new User(
 "Antony", "ajay@gmail.com", 25, "India", "Developers",
 true, false, true);

→ hard to read

→ error prone (wrong parameter order).

→ many optional fields.

Builder solves the problem of complex object construction with many optional parameters.

Core idea of Builder:-

Instead of passing everything at once.

We

- Build the object ~~at once~~ incrementally.
- call only what we need.
- create final obj explicitly.

Class User

```
private String name;  
private String email;  
private int age;  
private String country;  
  
private User( UserBuilder builder )  
{  
    this.name = builder.name;  
    this.email = builder.email;  
    this.age = builder.age;  
    this.country = builder.country;  
}
```

//Builder class

```
class UserBuilder {  
    String name;  
    String email;  
    int age;  
    String country;  
  
    UserBuilder setName (String name) {  
        this.name = name; return this;  
    }  
  
    UserBuilder setEmail (String email) {  
        this.email = email; return this;  
    }  
  
    UserBuilder setAge (int age) {  
        this.age = age; return this;  
    }  
  
    UserBuilder setCountry (String country) {  
        this.country = country; return this;  
    }  
  
    User build () {  
        return new User (this);  
    }  
}
```

Client code

```
User user = new UserBuilder()  
    .setName("Anthony")  
    .setAge(25)  
    .build();
```

It is readable, safe, flexible.

Eg: Burger analogy

- choose bun.
- Add patty
- Add cheese.
- Add sauce
- Finally → build burger

Factory → decides which obj to create.

Builder → decides how to build an obj

Builder patterns simplifies the creation of complex objects by constraining them step by step.