Design Patterns – Creational

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Resources

Design Patterns – Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software; Gamma, et. al.
Design Patterns

Design Patterns Explained Simply (sourcemaking.com)



Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software

Erich Gamma Richard Helm Ralph Johnson

Creational patterns

Class

Factory Method

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- Abstract Factory
- Builder
- Singleton
- Object Pool
- Prototype



Creational Patterns

- Problem: constructors in Java (and other OO languages) are inflexible
 - 1. Can't return a subtype of the type they belong to
 - 2. Always return a fresh new object, can't reuse
- "Factory" creational patterns present a solution to the first problem
 - Factory method, Factory object, Prototype
- "Sharing" creational patterns present a solution to the second problem
 - Singleton



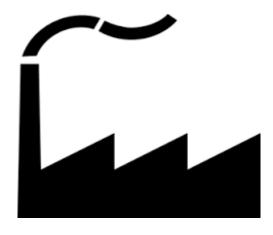
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Motivation

Intent

- Define an interface for creating an object, but let subclasses decide which class to instantiate. Factory Method lets a class defer instantiation to subclasses.
- Define a "virtual" constructor.
- The new operator considered harmful.

Problem

 A framework needs to standardize the architectural model for a range of applications, but allow for individual applications to define their own domain objects and provide for their instantiation.



Solution (simple example)

```
public final class ComplexNumber {
        // Static factory method returns an object of this class.
    public static ComplexNumber valueOf(double aReal, double aImaginary) {
        return new ComplexNumber(aReal, aImaginary);
        // Caller cannot see this private constructor.
    private ComplexNumber(double aReal, double aImaginary) {
        fReal = aReal;
        fImaginary = aImaginary;
        //...
    private double fReal;
    private double fImaginary;
}
```

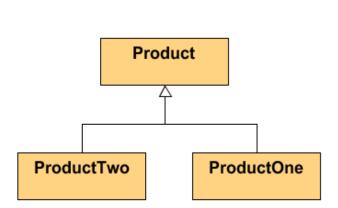


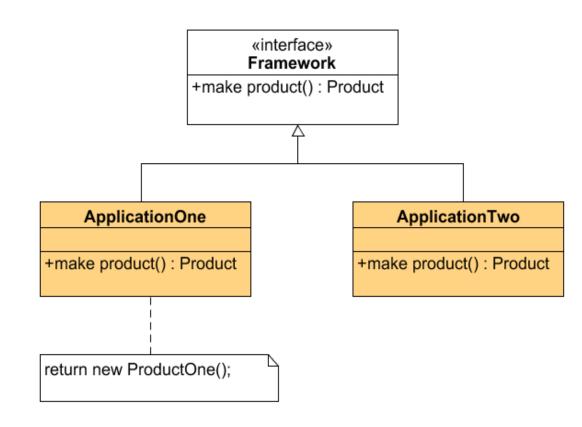
Solution

- An increasingly popular definition of factory method is a static method of a class that returns an object of that class' type.
 - But unlike a constructor, the actual object it returns might be an instance of a subclass.
 - Unlike a constructor, an existing object might be reused, instead of a new object created.
 - Unlike a constructor, factory methods can have different and more descriptive names
 - Color.make_RGB_color(float red, float green, float blue)
 - Color.make_HSB_color(float hue, float saturation, float brightness)



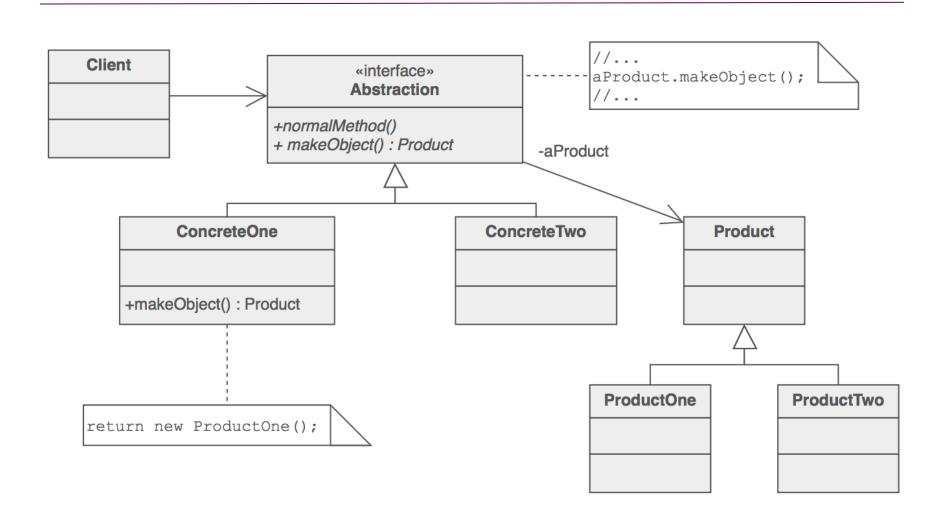
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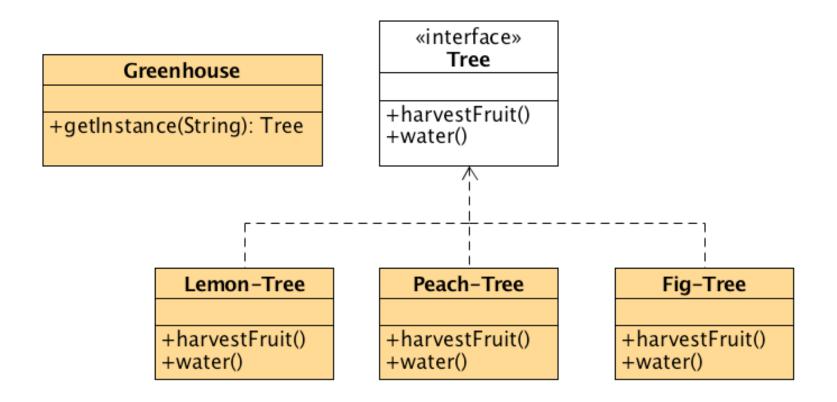




Structure









```
interface Arvore {
   void regar();
   void colherFruta();
}
class Figueira implements Arvore {
   protected Figueira() {System.out.println("Figueira plantada."); }
   public void regar() { System.out.println("Figueira: Regar muito pouco"); }
   public void colherFruta() { System.out.println("Hum.. figos!"); }
class Pessequeiro implements Arvore {
   protected Pessequeiro() {System.out.println("Pessequeiro plantado."); }
   public void regar() { System.out.println("Pessegueiro: Regar normal"); }
   public void colherFruta() { System.out.println("Boa.. pessegos!"); }
}
class Limoeiro implements Arvore {
   protected Limoeiro() {System.out.println("Limoeiro plantada."); }
   public void regar() { System.out.println("Limoeiro: Regar pouco"); }
   public void colherFruta() { System.out.println("Ahh.. Caipirinha!"); }
```



```
class Viveiro {
   public static Arvore factory(String pedido){
       if (pedido.equalsIgnoreCase("Figueira"))
           { return new Figueira(); }
       if (pedido.equalsIgnoreCase("Pessegueiro"))
           { return new Pessequeiro(); }
       if (pedido.equalsIgnoreCase("Limoeiro"))
           { return new Limoeiro(); }
       else
           throw new IllegalArgumentException(pedido +" não existente!");
              // or with Java Reflection
                public static Arvore factory2(String pedido) {
}
                   Arvore arv = null;
                   try {
                     arv = (Arvore) Class.forName("Factory."+pedido).newInstance();
                   } catch(Exception e) {
                     throw new IllegalArgumentException(pedido + nao existente!");
                   return arv;
```



```
public static void main(String[] args) {
   Arvore pomar∏ = {
      Viveiro.factory("Figueira"),
      Viveiro.factory("Pessegueiro"),
      Viveiro.factory("Limoeiro")
   };
   for (Arvore a: pomar)
                                     Fiqueira plantada.
      a.regar();
                                     Pessequeiro plantado.
   for (Arvore a: pomar)
                                     Limoeiro plantada.
      a.colherFruta();
                                     Figueira: Regar muito pouco
                                     Pessequeiro: Regar normal
                                     Limoeiro: Regar pouco
                                     Hum.. figos!
                                     Boa.. pessegos!
                                     Ahh.. Caipirinha!
```



Another Example

```
class Race {
  Race createRace() {
      Bicycle bike1 = new Bicycle();
      Bicycle bike2 = new Bicycle(); //...
                                                  Problem with this code:
                                                    Code duplication!
class TourDeFrance extends Race {
  Race createRace() {
                                                    createRace is very
      Bicycle bike1 = new RoadBicycle();
                                                   similar among the 3
      Bicycle bike2 = new RoadBicycle(); //...
                                                         classes.
                                                  Why not have a single
class Cyclocross extends Race {
                                                   createRace in Race?
  Race createRace() {
      Bicycle bike1 = new MountainBicycle();
      Bicycle bike2 = new MountainBicycle(); //...
```



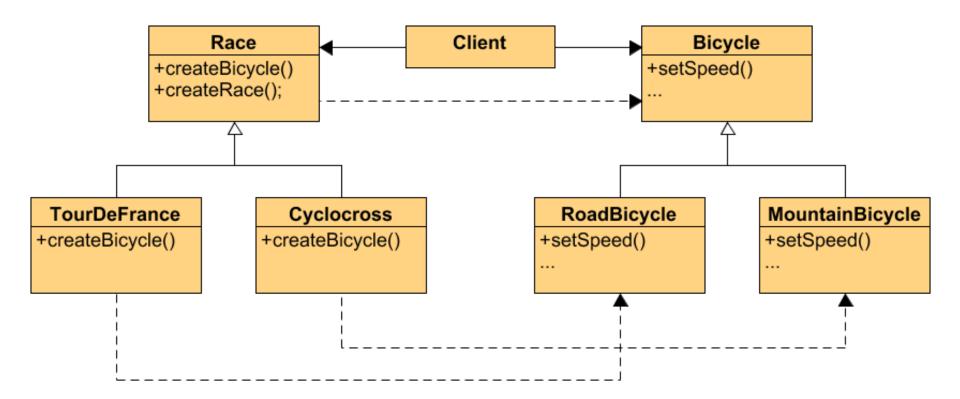
Using Factory Method

```
class Race {
   Bicycle createBicycle() {
      return new Bicycle();
   Race createRace() {
      Bicycle bike1 = createBicycle();
      Bicycle bike2 = createBicycle(); //...
class TourDeFrance extends Race {
   Bicycle createBicycle() {
      return new RoadBicycle();
class Cyclocross extends Race {
   Bicycle createBicycle() {
      return new MountainBicycle();
```



Parallel Hierarchies

Can extend with new Races and Bikes with no modification (generally) to Client





Factory Methods in the JDK

- Calendar replaced Date (JDK1.0)
- DateFormat encapsulates knowledge on how to format a Date
 - Options: Just date? Just time? date+time?

```
Calendar td = Calendar.getInstance();
Date today = td.getTime();

DateFormat df1 = DateFormat.getDateInstance();
DateFormat df2 = DateFormat.getTimeInstance();
DateFormat df3 = DateFormat.getDateInstance(DateFormat.FULL);

System.out.println(df1.format(today)); // "9/jan/2015"
System.out.println(df2.format(today)); // "10:01:24"
System.out.println(df3.format(today)); // "Sexta-feira, 9 de Janeiro de 2015"
```



Check list

- If you have an inheritance hierarchy that exercises polymorphism, consider adding a polymorphic creation capability by defining a static factory method in the base class.
- Design the arguments to the factory method. What qualities or characteristics are necessary and sufficient to identify the correct derived class to instantiate?
- Consider designing an internal "object pool" that will allow objects to be reused instead of created from scratch.
- Consider making all constructors private or protected.



Abstract Factory

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- Provide an interface for creating families of related or dependent objects without specifying their concrete classes.
- A hierarchy that encapsulates many possible "platforms", and the construction of a suite of "products".
- The new operator considered harmful.

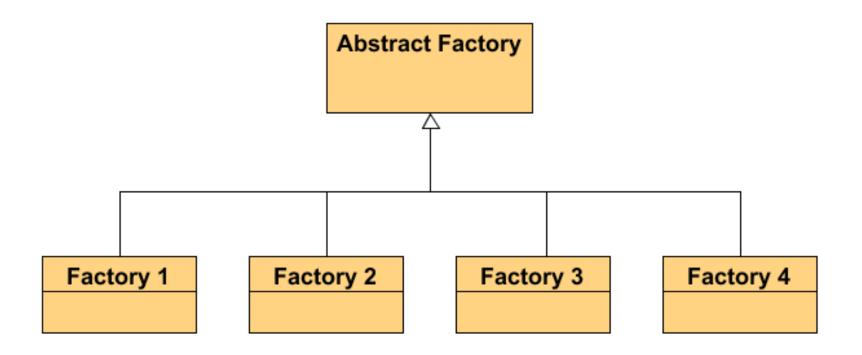
Problem

- If an application is to be portable, it needs to encapsulate platform dependencies.
- These "platforms" might include: windowing system, operating system, database, etc.



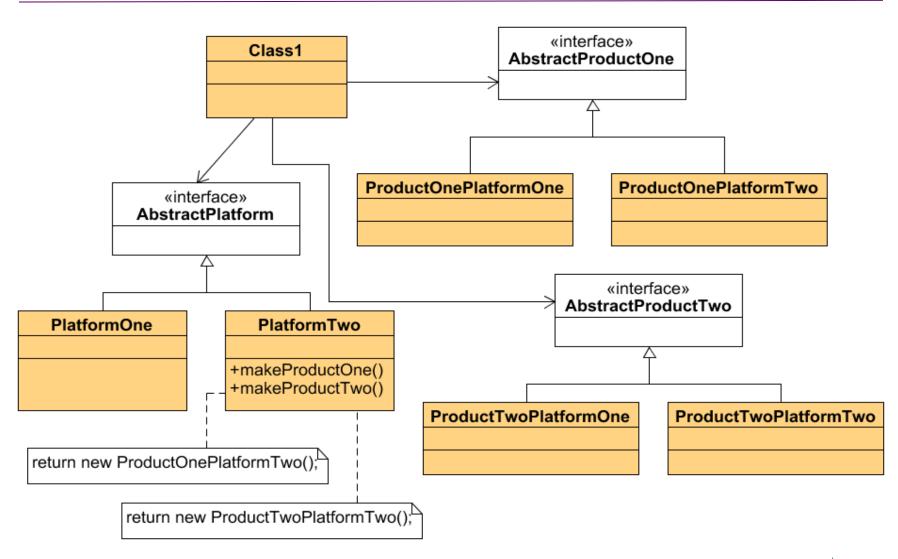
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The Abstract Factory defines a Factory Method per product

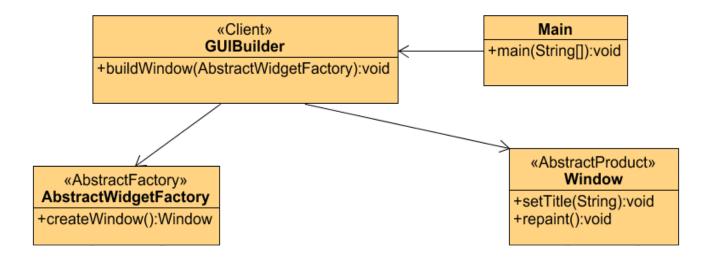




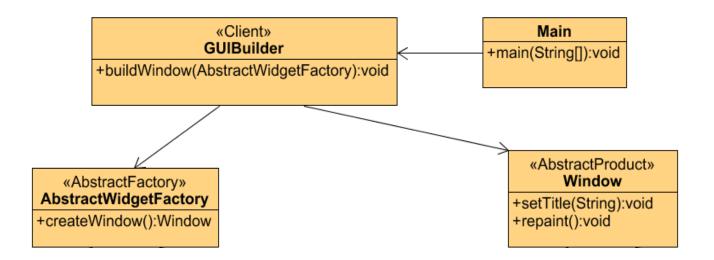
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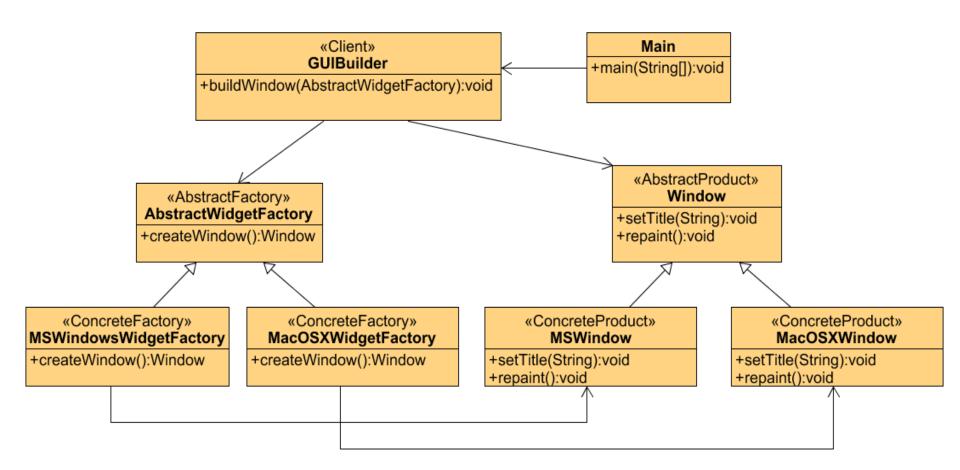






```
public class GUIBuilder {
   public void buildWindow(AbstractWidgetFactory widgetFactory) {
     Window window = widgetFactory.createWindow();
     window.setTitle("New Window");
   }
}
```



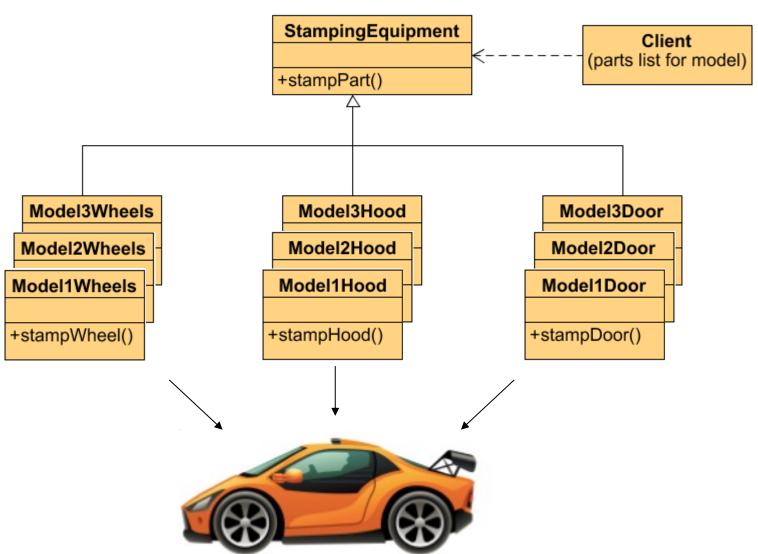




```
public class MainTest {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
     GUIBuilder builder = new GUIBuilder();
     if (Platform.currentPlatform()=="MACOSX")
        builder.buildWindow(new MacOSXWidgetFactory());
     else if (Platform.currentPlatform()=="WIN")
        builder.buildWindow(new MsWindowsWidgetFactory());
     else //...
public class GUIBuilder {
   public void buildWindow(AbstractWidgetFactory widgetFactory) {
      Window window = widgetFactory.createWindow();
     window.setTitle("New Window");
```



Another example





Check list

- Decide if "platform independence" and creation services are the current source of pain.
- Map out a matrix of "platforms" versus "products".
- Define a factory interface that consists of a factory method per product.
- Define a factory derived class for each platform that encapsulates all references to the new operator.
- The client should retire all references to new, and use the factory methods to create the product objects.



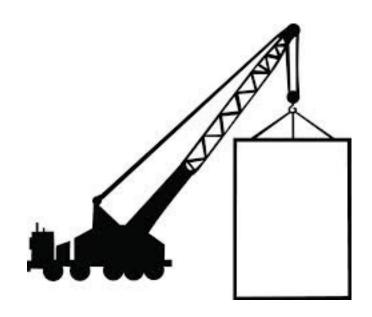
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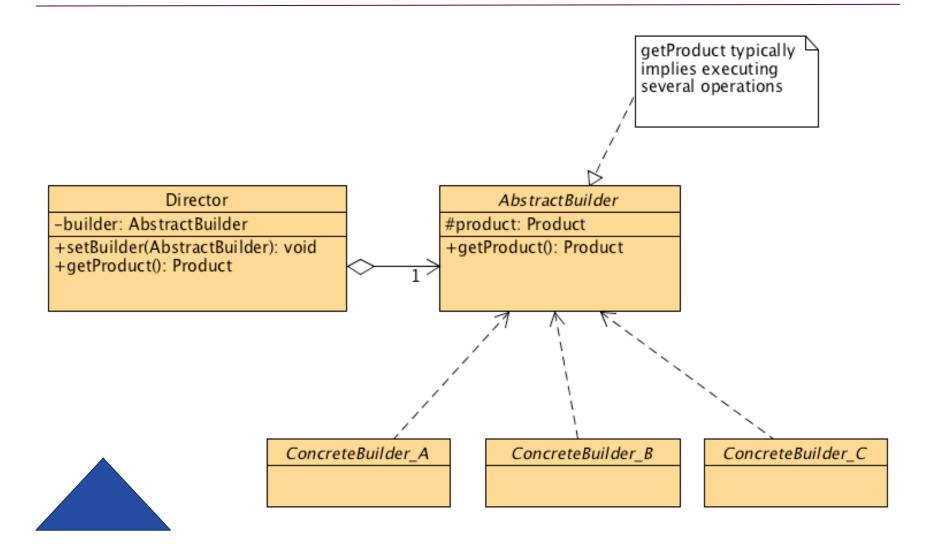
- Separate the construction of a complex object from its representation so that the same construction process can create different representations.
- Parse a complex representation, create one of several targets.

Problem

 An application needs to create the elements of a complex aggregate. The specification for the aggregate exists on secondary storage and one of many representations needs to be built in primary storage.



Structure





Example (1)

```
class Pizza { /* "Product" */
                                                                        ConcreteBuilder_C
  private String dough;
  private String sauce;
  private String topping;
  public void setDough(String dough) { this.dough = dough; }
  public void setSauce(String sauce) { this.sauce = sauce; }
  public void setTopping(String topping) { this.topping = topping; }
abstract class PizzaBuilder { /* "Abstract Builder" */
  protected Pizza pizza;
  public Pizza getPizza() { return pizza; }
  public void createNewPizzaProduct() { pizza = new Pizza(); }
  public abstract void buildDough();
  public abstract void buildSauce();
  public abstract void buildTopping();
}
```



#product: Product

-aetProduct(): Product

-builder: AbstractBuilder +setBuilder(AbstractBuilder): void

Example (2)

```
/* "ConcreteBuilder" */
                                                                        ConcreteBuilder_C
class HawaiianPizzaBuilder extends PizzaBuilder {
  public void buildDough() { pizza.setDough("cross"); }
 public void buildSauce() { pizza.setSauce("mild"); }
 public void buildTopping() { pizza.setTopping("ham+pineapple"); }
}
/* "ConcreteBuilder" */
class SpicyPizzaBuilder extends PizzaBuilder {
  public void buildDough() { pizza.setDough("pan baked"); }
  public void buildSauce() { pizza.setSauce("hot"); }
  public void buildTopping() { pizza.setTopping("pepperoni+salami"); }
}
```

builder: AbstractBuilder

+setBuilder(AbstractBuilder): void

#product: Product

-aetProduct(): Product



Example (3)

```
class Waiter { /* "Director" */
                                                                          ConcreteBuilder_C
   private PizzaBuilder pizzaBuilder;
   public void setPizzaBuilder(PizzaBuilder pb) {
      pizzaBuilder = pb;
   public Pizza getPizza() {
      return pizzaBuilder.getPizza();
   public void constructPizza() {
      pizzaBuilder.createNewPizzaProduct();
      pizzaBuilder.buildDough();
      pizzaBuilder.buildSauce();
      pizzaBuilder.buildTopping();
```



#product: Product

getProduct(): Product

builder: AbstractBuilder

setBuilder(AbstractBuilder): void

Example (4)

```
/* A customer ordering a pizza. */
                                                                           ConcreteBuilder_C
class BuilderExample {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    Waiter waiter = new Waiter();
    PizzaBuilder hawaiian_pizzabuilder = new HawaiianPizzaBuilder();
    PizzaBuilder spicy_pizzabuilder = new SpicyPizzaBuilder();
    waiter.setPizzaBuilder( hawaiian_pizzabuilder );
    waiter.constructPizza();
    Pizza <u>pizza</u> = waiter.getPizza();
    waiter.setPizzaBuilder( spicy_pizzabuilder );
    waiter.constructPizza();
    pizza = waiter.getPizza();
```



#product: Product

+getProduct(): Product

builder: AbstractBuilder -setBuilder(AbstractBuilder): void

Another example – slightly different

- Consider a builder when faced with many constructors
- Use a builder inner class



Another example

```
public class NutritionFacts {
     private final int servingSize; // (mL) required
     private final int servings;
                                // (per container)
     private final int calories;  // optional
     private final int fat;
                                    // (g) optional
     private final int sodium;
                                // (mg) optional
     private final int carbohydrate; // (g) optional
     public NutritionFacts(int servingSize, int servings,
                          int calories, int fat, int sodium,
                          int carbohydrate) {
      this.servingSize = servingSize;
      this.servings = servings;
      this.calories = calories;
      this.fat = fat;
       this.sodium = sodium;
      this.carbohydrate = carbohydrate;
                                                      What's wrong?
```



Example – more constructors

```
public NutritionFacts(int servingSize, int servings) {
  this(servingSize, servings, 0);
}
public NutritionFacts(int servingSize, int servings,
                      int calories) {
  this(servingSize, servings, calories, 0);
}
public NutritionFacts(int servingSize, int servings,
                                                               Still
                      int calories, int fat) {
                                                             wrong?
  this(servingSize, servings, calories, fat, 0);
}
public NutritionFacts(int servingSize, int servings,
                      int calories, int fat, int sodium) {
  this(servingSize, servings, calories, fat, sodium, 0);
}
```



Example – with Builder (1)

```
public class NutritionFacts { // Builder Pattern
   private final int servingSize;
   private final int servings;
   private final int calories;
   private final int fat;
   private final int sodium;
   private final int carbohydrate;
   public static class Builder {
      // Required parameters
      private final int servingSize;
      private final int servings;
      // Optional parameters - initialized to default values
      private int calories = 0;
      private int fat = 0;
      private int carbohydrate = 0;
      private int sodium = 0;
      //...
```



Example – with Builder (2)

```
public Builder(int servingSize, int servings) {
   this.servingSize = servingSize; this.servings = servings;
}
public Builder calories(int val) {
   calories = val;
   return this;
public Builder fat(int val) {
   fat = val;
   return this;
}
public Builder carbohydrate(int val) {
   carbohydrate = val;
   return this;
}
public Builder sodium(int val) {
   sodium = val;
   return this;
} //...
```



Example - with Builder (3)

```
public NutritionFacts build() {
          return new NutritionFacts(this);
   } // end of class Builder
   private NutritionFacts(Builder builder) {
      servingSize = builder.servingSize;
      servings = builder.servings;
      calories = builder.calories;
      fat = builder.fat;
      sodium = builder.sodium;
      carbohydrate = builder.carbohydrate;
}
       We can now use this static inner class as follows:
       NutritionFacts sodaDrink = new NutritionFacts.Builder(240, 8).
             calories(100).sodium(35).carbohydrate(27).build();
```



Builders in the JDK

* All implementations of java.lang.Appendable are good example of use of Builder pattern in java.

Exemplo de builder_1true_para_fechar



Check list

- Decide if a common input and many possible representations (or outputs) is the problem at hand.
- Encapsulate the parsing of the common input in a Reader class (the Director).
- Design a standard protocol for creating all possible output representations. Capture the steps of this protocol in a Builder interface.
- Define a Builder derived class for each target representation.
- The client creates a Reader object and a Builder object, and registers the latter with the former.
- The client asks the Reader to "construct".
- The client asks the Builder to return the result.



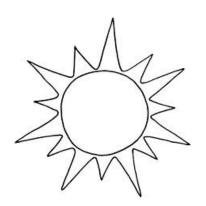
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Motivation

Intent

- Ensure a class has only one instance, and provide a global point of access to it.
- Encapsulated "just-in-time initialization" or "initialization on first use".

Problem

 Application needs one, and only one, instance of an object. Additionally, lazy initialization and global access are necessary.

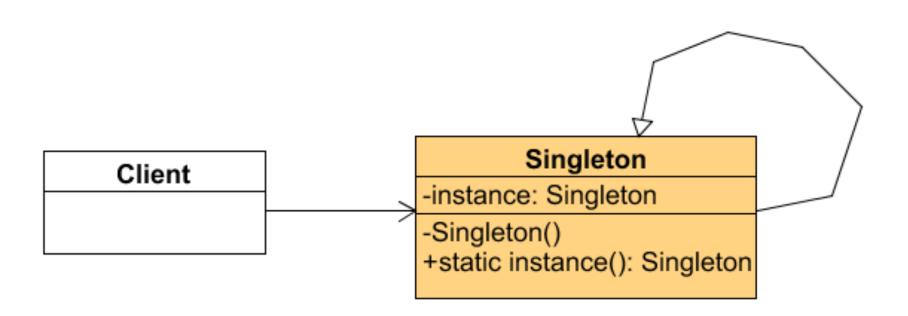


Solution

- Define the constructor as private (or protected))
 - private Singleton(String name)
- Define a private static reference to the single class object
 - static private Singleton instance
- Define a acessor method to that instance
 - static public Singleton getInstance ()
 - Customers can access only the singleton object through this method



Structure





Example

```
class Singleton {
   private String name;
   static private Singleton instance = new Singleton("Ermita");
   private Singleton(String name) {
      this.name = name;
   static public Singleton getInstance() {
      return instance;
   @Override
   public String toString() {
      return name;
```



Example – lazy initialization

```
class LazySingleton {
   private String name;
   static private LazySingleton instance=null;
   private LazySingleton(String name) {
      this.name = name;
   static public synchronized LazySingleton getInstance() {
      if (instance == null) {
          instance = new LazySingleton("Ermita");
      return instance;
   @Override
   public String toString() {
      return name;
```



Check list

- Define a private static attribute in the "single instance" class.
- Define a public static accessor function in the class.
- Do "lazy initialization" (creation on first use) in the accessor function.
- Define all constructors to be protected or private.
- Clients may only use the accessor function to manipulate the Singleton.



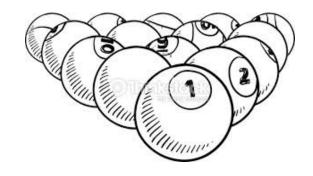
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- Object pooling can offer a significant performance boost;
 it is most effective in situations where:
 - the cost of initializing a class instance is high,
 - the rate of instantiation of a class is high, and
 - the number of instantiations in use at any one time is low.

Problem

- Object are used to manage the object caching. A client with access to a Object pool can avoid creating a new Object by simply asking the pool for one that has already been instantiated instead.
- It is desirable to keep all Reusable objects that are not currently in use in the same object pool so that they can be managed by one coherent policy.



Solution

(1) redShoes = Shelf.acquireShoes();

(2) client.wear(redShoes);

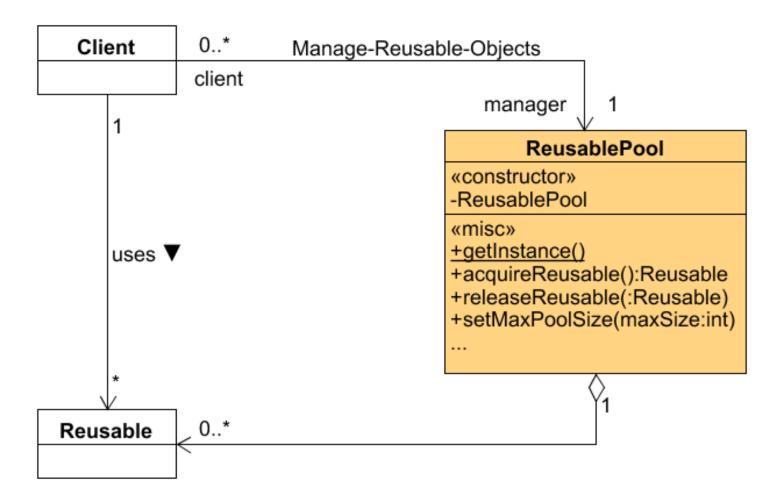


(4) Shelf.releaseShoes(redShoes);

(3) client.play();

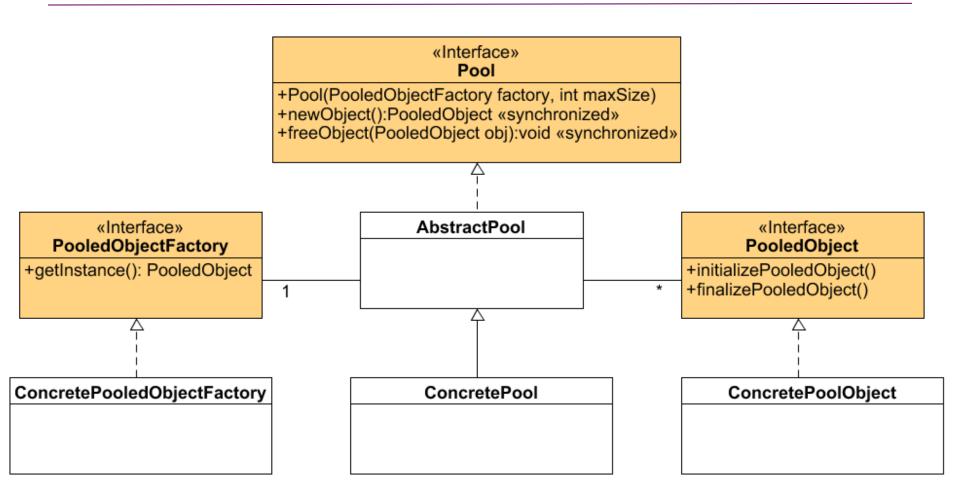


Structure





A more complete Structure





Example - PooledObject

```
/**
 * Interface that has to be implemented by an object that can be
 * stored in an object pool through the Pool class.
                                                                          oledObjectFactory factory, int maxSize
oct():PooledObject «synchronized»
   http://www.devahead.com
 */
                                                                «Interface»
PooledObjectFactory
public interface PooledObject
{
    /**
     * Initialization method. Called when an object is retrieved
     * from the object pool or has just been created.
     */
    public void initializePooledObject();
    /**
     * Finalization method. Called when an object is stored in
     * the object pool to mark it as free.
     */
    public void finalizePooledObject();
}
```



Example - PooledObjectFactory

```
/**
 * Interface that has to be implemented by every class that allows
 * the creation of <u>objects</u> for an object pool through the
 * Pool class.
*/
public interface PooledObjectFactory
              /**
               * Creates a new object for the object pool.
               * @return new object instance for the object pool
              public PooledObject getInstance();
                                                                                                  Pool
                                                                                         +Pool(PooledObjectFactory factory, int maxSize)
                                                                                         +newObject():PooledObject «synchronized»
                                                                                         freeObject(PooledObject obj):void «synchronized:
                                                                                                AbstractPool
                                                                            PooledObjectFactory
                                                                                                                  PooledObject
                                                                           -getInstance(): PooledObject
                                                                                                               +initializePooledObject()
                                                                                                               -finalizePooledObject()
                                                                          ConcretePooledObjectFactory
                                                                                                ConcretePool
                                                                                                                 ConcretePoolObject
```



Example - AbstractPool

```
public class AbstractPool implements Pool
                                                                                Pool(PooledObjectFactory factory, int maxSize)
                                                                                newObject():PooledObject «synchronized»
                                                                                freeObject(PooledObject obj):void «synchronized
    protected final int MAX_FREE_OBJECT_INDEX;
                                                                                     AbstractPool
                                                                     PooledObjectFactory
                                                                                                  +initializePooledObject(
                                                                     tInstance(): PooledObject
                                                                                                  finalizePooledObject()
    protected PooledObjectFactory factory;
                                                                    ConcretePooledObjectFactory
                                                                                      ConcretePool
                                                                                                   ConcretePoolObject
    protected PooledObject[] freeObjects;
    protected int freeObjectIndex = -1;
    /**
        @param factory the object pool factory instance
      * @param maxSize the <u>maximum</u> number of instances stored in the pool
    public AbstractPool(PooledObjectFactory factory, int maxSize)
         this.factory = factory;
         this.freeObjects = new PooledObject[maxSize];
         MAX_FREE_OBJECT_INDEX = maxSize - 1;
```



Example – AbstractPool.newObject

```
/**
 * Creates a new object or returns a free object from the pool.
* @return a PooledObject instance already initialized
 */
public synchronized PooledObject newObject() {
   PooledObject obj = null;
   if (freeObjectIndex == -1) {
      // There are no free objects so I just
      // create a new object that is not in the pool.
      obj = factory.getInstance();
   } else {
      // Get an object from the pool
      obj = freeObjects[freeObjectIndex];
      freeObjectIndex--;
   }
   obj.initializePooledObject();
   return obj;
```



Example - AbstractPool.freeObject

```
/**
    * Stores an object instance in the pool to make it available for a subsequent
    * call to newObject() (the object is considered free).
    * @param obj the object to store in the pool and that will be finalized
    */
   public synchronized void freeObject(PooledObject obj)
       if (obj != null) {
          // Finalize the object
          obj.finalizePooledObject();
          // put an object in the pool only if there is still room for it
          if (freeObjectIndex < MAX_FREE_OBJECT_INDEX) {</pre>
              freeObjectIndex++;
              // Put the object in the pool
              freeObjects[freeObjectIndex] = obj;
}
```



Check list

- Create the Pool class with a collection of PooledObjects
- Create acquire and release methods in Pool class

Important remarks

- The creation and destruction of short lived objects (i.e. memory allocation and GC) is more efficient in modern JVMs.
- Object Pool must only be used for special objects whose creation is relatively costly, like DB / network connections, threads etc.



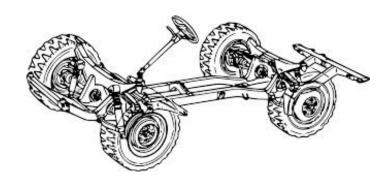
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Motivation

Intent

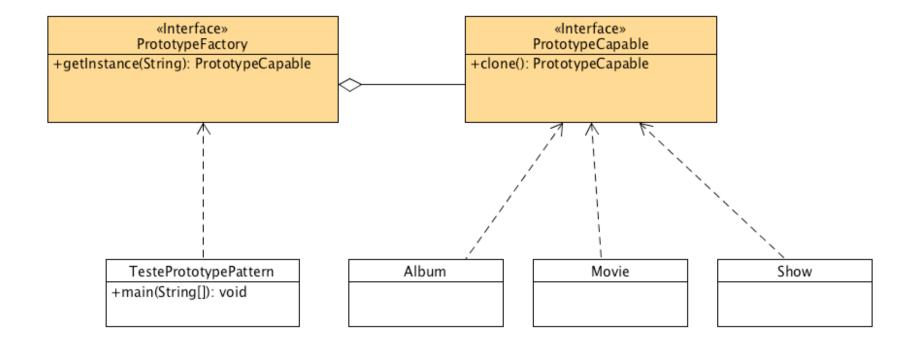
- Specify the kinds of objects to create using a prototypical instance, and create new objects by copying this prototype.
- Co-opt one instance of a class for use as a breeder of all future instances.
- The new operator considered harmful.

Problem

 Application "hard wires" the class of object to create, in each "new" expression.



Structure





Example – the contract

```
getInstance(String): PrototypeCapable
                                                                                                    +clone(): PrototypeCapable
                                                                                                Album
                                                                                  TestePrototypePattern
                                                                                 +main(String[]): void
public interface PrototypeCapable extends Cloneable
     public PrototypeCapable clone() throws CloneNotSupportedException;
}
                                                  «Interface»
                                               PrototypeCapable
                                     +clone(): PrototypeCapable
```



Example – the model

```
public class Album implements PrototypeCapable
                                                                               PrototypeCapable
                                                                            -clone(): PrototypeCapable
    private String name = null;
    public String getName() {
                                                              TestePrototypePattern
                                                                         Album
                                                              -main(String[]): void
        return name;
    public void setName(String name) {
       this.name = name;
   @Override
    public Album clone() throws CloneNotSupportedException {
        System.out.println("Cloning Album object..");
       return (Album) super.clone();
   @Override
    public String toString() {
        return "Album";
                                                       the same for Movie, Show, ...
```



Example – the factory

```
public class PrototypeFactory {
                                                                               PrototypeCapable
                                                            getInstance(String): PrototypeCapable
                                                                             -clone(): PrototypeCapable
    public static enum ModelType {
       MOVIE, ALBUM, SHOW;
                                                               TestePrototypePattern
                                                               main(String[]): void
    private static Map<ModelType, PrototypeCapable> prototypes =
        new HashMap<>();
    static {
        prototypes.put(ModelType.MOVIE, new Movie());
        prototypes.put(ModelType.ALBUM, new Album());
        prototypes.put(ModelType.SHOW, new Show());
    public static PrototypeCapable getInstance(ModelType s)
                    throws CloneNotSupportedException {
        return (prototypes.get(s)).clone();
```



Example – the client

```
public class TestPrototypePattern {
                                                                          PrototypeCapable
                                                                        -clone(): PrototypeCapable
   public static void main(String[] args) {
       try {
                                                           TestePrototypePattern
           PrototypeCapable proto;
           proto = PrototypeFactory.getInstance(ModelType.MOVIE);
           System.out.println(proto);
           proto = PrototypeFactory.getInstance(ModelType.ALBUM);
           System.out.println(albumPrototype);
           proto = PrototypeFactory.getInstance(ModelType.SHOW);
           System.out.println(proto);
                                                         Cloning Movie object...
                                                        Movie
       catch (CloneNotSupportedException e)
                                                         Cloning Album object..
           e.printStackTrace();
                                                        Album
                                                        Cloning Show object..
                                                        Show
```



Check list

- Add a clone() method to the existing "product" hierarchy.
- Design a "registry" that maintains a cache of prototypical objects. The registry could be encapsulated in a new Factory class, or in the base class of the "product" hierarchy.
- Design a factory method that: may (or may not) accept arguments, finds the correct prototype object, calls clone() on that object, and returns the result.
- The client replaces all references to the new operator with calls to the factory method.



Creational patterns – Summary

Abstract Factory

Creates an instance of several families of classes

Builder

Separates object construction from its representation

Factory Method

Creates an instance of several derived classes

Singleton

A class of which only a single instance can exist

Object Pool

 Avoid expensive acquisition and release of resources by recycling objects that are no longer in use

Prototype

A fully initialized instance to be copied or cloned



Resources

Design Patterns – Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software; Gamma, et. al.
Design Patterns

Design Patterns Explained Simply (sourcemaking.com)



Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software

Erich Gamma Richard Helm Ralph Johnson