Design Pattern - Overview

Design patterns represent the best practices used by experienced object-oriented software developers. Design patterns are solutions to general problems that software developers faced during software development. These solutions were obtained by trial and error by numerous software developers over quite a substantial period of time.

What is Gang of Four (GOF)?

In 1994, four authors Erich Gamma, Richard Helm, Ralph Johnson and John Vlissides published a book titled **Design Patterns - Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software** which initiated the concept of Design Pattern in Software development.

These authors are collectively known as **Gang of Four (GOF)**. According to these authors design patterns are primarily based on the following principles of object orientated design.

- Program to an interface not an implementation
- Favor object composition over inheritance

Usage of Design Pattern

Design Patterns have two main usages in software development.

Common platform for developers

Design patterns provide a standard terminology and are specific to particular scenario. For example, a singleton design pattern signifies use of single object so all developers familiar with single design pattern will make use of single object and they can tell each other that program is following a singleton pattern.

Best Practices

Design patterns have been evolved over a long period of time and they provide best solutions to certain problems faced during software development. Learning these patterns helps unexperienced developers to learn software design in an easy and faster way.

Types of Design Patterns

As per the design pattern reference book **Design Patterns - Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software** , there are 23 design patterns which can be classified in three categories: Creational, Structural and Behavioral patterns. We'll also discuss another category of design pattern: J2EE design patterns.

S.N.	Pattern & Description
1	**Creational Patterns** These design patterns provide a way to create objects while hiding the creation logic, rather than instantiating objects directly using new operator. This gives program more flexibility in deciding which objects need to be created for a given use case.
2	**Structural Patterns** These design patterns concern class and object composition. Concept of inheritance is used to compose interfaces and define ways to compose objects to obtain new functionalities.
3	**Behavioral Patterns** These design patterns are specifically concerned with communication between objects.
4	**J2EE Patterns** These design patterns are specifically concerned with the presentation tier. These patterns are identified by Sun Java Center.

Design Pattern - Factory Pattern

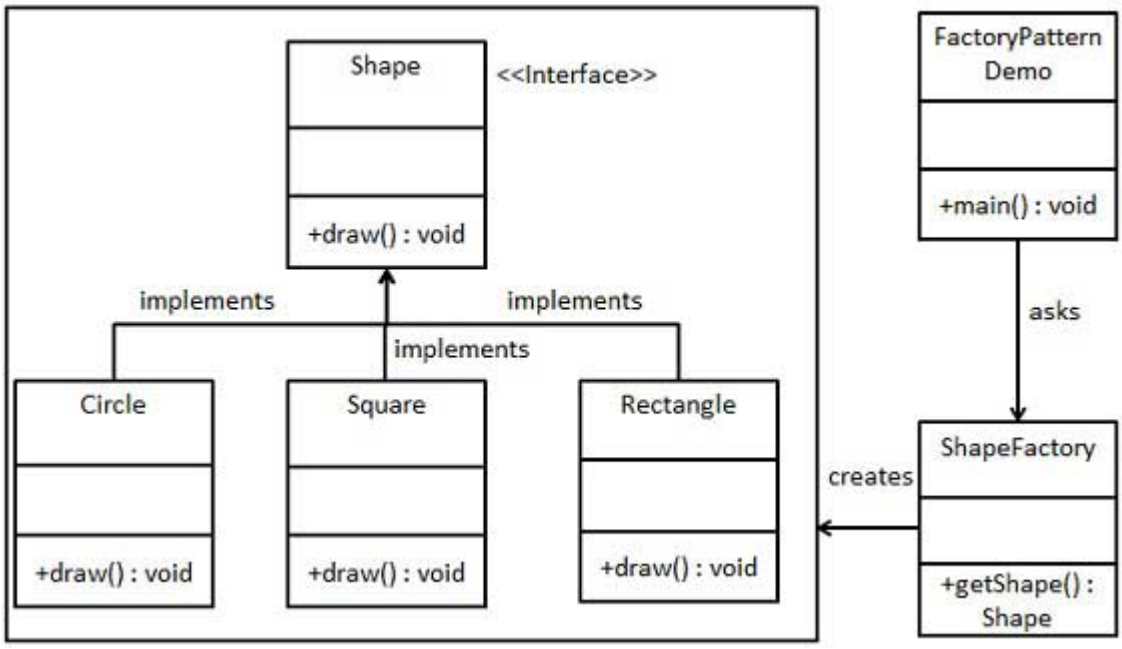
Factory pattern is one of the most used design patterns in Java. This type of design pattern comes under creational pattern as this pattern provides one of the best ways to create an object.

In Factory pattern, we create object without exposing the creation logic to the client and refer to newly created object using a common interface.

Implementation

We're going to create a Shape interface and concrete classes implementing the Shape interface. A factory class ShapeFactory is defined as a next step.

FactoryPatternDemo, our demo class will use ShapeFactory to get a Shape object. It will pass information (CIRCLE / RECTANGLE / SQUARE) to ShapeFactory to get the type of object it needs.



Step 1

Create an interface.

Shape.java

```
public interface Shape {
   void draw();
}
```

Step 2

Create concrete classes implementing the same interface.

Rectangle.java

```
public class Rectangle implements Shape {

   @Override
   public void draw() {
      System.out.println("Inside Rectangle::draw() method.");
   }
}
```

Square.java

```
public class Square implements Shape {

   @Override
   public void draw() {
      System.out.println("Inside Square::draw() method.");
   }
}
```

Circle.java

```
public class Circle implements Shape {

   @Override
   public void draw() {
      System.out.println("Inside Circle::draw() method.");
   }
}
```

Step 3

Create a Factory to generate object of concrete class based on given information.

ShapeFactory.java

```
public class ShapeFactory {

   //use getShape method to get object of type shape
   public Shape getShape(String shapeType){
      if(shapeType == null){
         return null;
      }
      if(shapeType.equalsIgnoreCase("CIRCLE")){
         return new Circle();

      } else if(shapeType.equalsIgnoreCase("RECTANGLE")){
         return new Rectangle();

      } else if(shapeType.equalsIgnoreCase("SQUARE")){
         return new Square();
      }

      return null;
   }
}
```

Step 4

Use the Factory to get object of concrete class by passing an information such as type.

FactoryPatternDemo.java

```
public class FactoryPatternDemo {

   public static void main(String[] args) {
      ShapeFactory shapeFactory = new ShapeFactory();

      //get an object of Circle and call its draw method.
      Shape shape1 = shapeFactory.getShape("CIRCLE");

      //call draw method of Circle
      shape1.draw();

      //get an object of Rectangle and call its draw method.
      Shape shape2 = shapeFactory.getShape("RECTANGLE");

      //call draw method of Rectangle
      shape2.draw();
```

```
      //get an object of Square and call its draw method.
      Shape shape3 = shapeFactory.getShape("SQUARE");

      //call draw method of square
      shape3.draw();
   }
}
```

Step 5

Verify the output.

```
Inside Circle::draw() method.
Inside Rectangle::draw() method.
Inside Square::draw() method.
```

Design Pattern - Abstract Factory Pattern

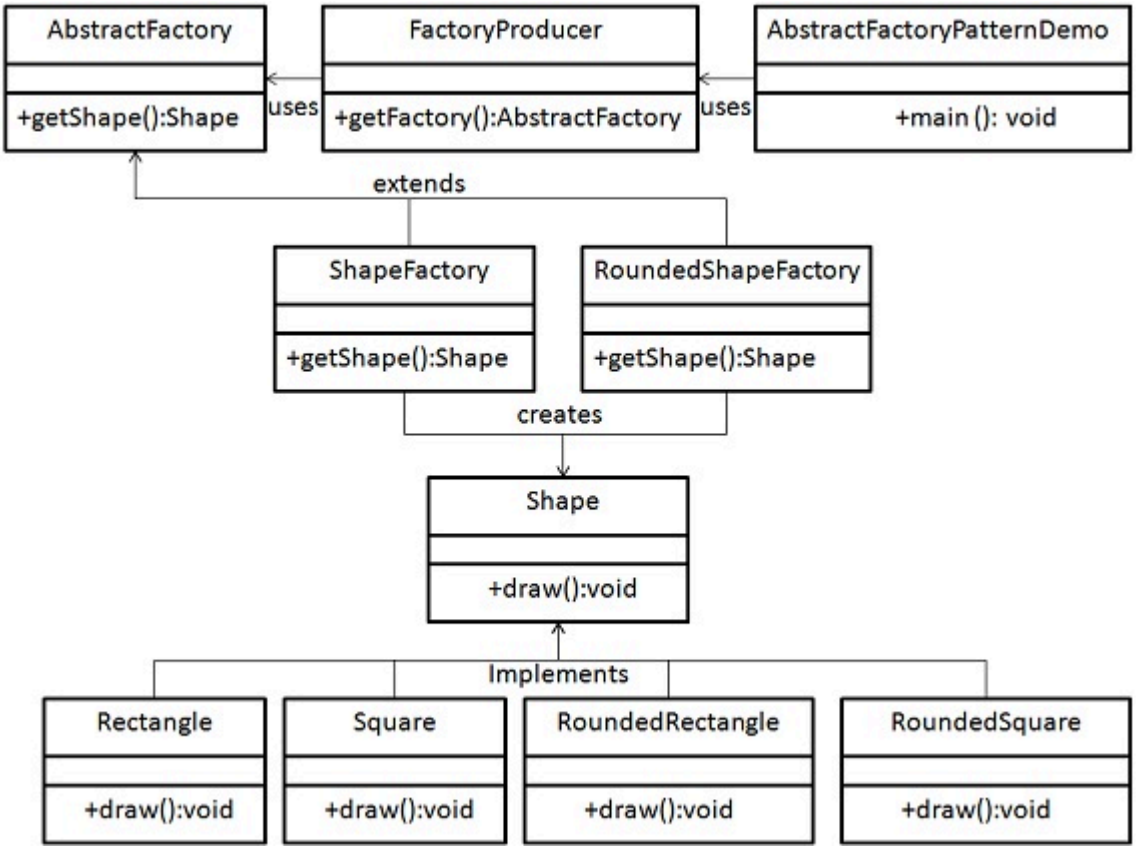
Abstract Factory patterns work around a super-factory which creates other factories. This factory is also called as factory of factories. This type of design pattern comes under creational pattern as this pattern provides one of the best ways to create an object.

In Abstract Factory pattern an interface is responsible for creating a factory of related objects without explicitly specifying their classes. Each generated factory can give the objects as per the Factory pattern.

Implementation

We are going to create a Shape interface and a concrete class implementing it. We create an abstract factory class AbstractFactory as next step. Factory class ShapeFactory is defined, which extends AbstractFactory. A factory creator/generator class FactoryProducer is created.

AbstractFactoryPatternDemo, our demo class uses FactoryProducer to get a AbstractFactory object. It will pass information (CIRCLE / RECTANGLE / SQUARE for Shape) to AbstractFactory to get the type of object it needs.



Step 1

Create an interface for Shapes.

Shape.java

```
public interface Shape {
   void draw();
}
```


Step 2

Create concrete classes implementing the same interface.

RoundedRectangle.java

```
public class RoundedRectangle implements Shape {
   @Override
   public void draw() {
      System.out.println("Inside RoundedRectangle::draw() method.");
   }
}
```

RoundedSquare.java

```
public class RoundedSquare implements Shape {
   @Override
   public void draw() {
      System.out.println("Inside RoundedSquare::draw() method.");
   }
}
```

Rectangle.java

```
public class Rectangle implements Shape {
   @Override
   public void draw() {
      System.out.println("Inside Rectangle::draw() method.");
   }
}
```

Step 3

Create an Abstract class to get factories for Normal and Rounded Shape Objects.

AbstractFactory.java

```
public abstract class AbstractFactory {
   abstract Shape getShape(String shapeType) ;
}
```

Step 4

Create Factory classes extending AbstractFactory to generate object of concrete class based on given information.

ShapeFactory.java

```
public class ShapeFactory extends AbstractFactory {
   @Override
   public Shape getShape(String shapeType){
      if(shapeType.equalsIgnoreCase("RECTANGLE")){
         return new Rectangle();
      }else if(shapeType.equalsIgnoreCase("SQUARE")){
         return new Square();
      }
      return null;
   }
}
```

RoundedShapeFactory.java

```
public class RoundedShapeFactory extends AbstractFactory {
   @Override
   public Shape getShape(String shapeType){
      if(shapeType.equalsIgnoreCase("RECTANGLE")){
         return new RoundedRectangle();
      }else if(shapeType.equalsIgnoreCase("SQUARE")){
         return new RoundedSquare();
      }
      return null;
   }
}
```

Step 5

Create a Factory generator/producer class to get factories by passing an information such as Shape

FactoryProducer.java

```
public class FactoryProducer {
   public static AbstractFactory getFactory(boolean rounded){
      if(rounded){
         return new RoundedShapeFactory();
      }else{
         return new ShapeFactory();
      }
   }
}
```

Step 6

Use the FactoryProducer to get AbstractFactory in order to get factories of concrete classes by passing an information such as type.

AbstractFactoryPatternDemo.java

```
public class AbstractFactoryPatternDemo {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      //get shape factory
      AbstractFactory shapeFactory = FactoryProducer.getFactory(false);
      //get an object of Shape Rectangle
      Shape shape1 = shapeFactory.getShape("RECTANGLE");
      //call draw method of Shape Rectangle
      shape1.draw();
      //get an object of Shape Square
      Shape shape2 = shapeFactory.getShape("SQUARE");
      //call draw method of Shape Square
      shape2.draw();
      //get shape factory
      AbstractFactory shapeFactory1 = FactoryProducer.getFactory(true);
      //get an object of Shape Rectangle
      Shape shape3 = shapeFactory1.getShape("RECTANGLE");
      //call draw method of Shape Rectangle
      shape3.draw();
      //get an object of Shape Square
      Shape shape4 = shapeFactory1.getShape("SQUARE");
      //call draw method of Shape Square
      shape4.draw();
```

```
    }
}
```

Step 7

Verify the output.

```
Inside Rectangle::draw() method.
Inside Square::draw() method.
Inside RoundedRectangle::draw() method.
Inside RoundedSquare::draw() method.
```

Design Pattern - Singleton Pattern

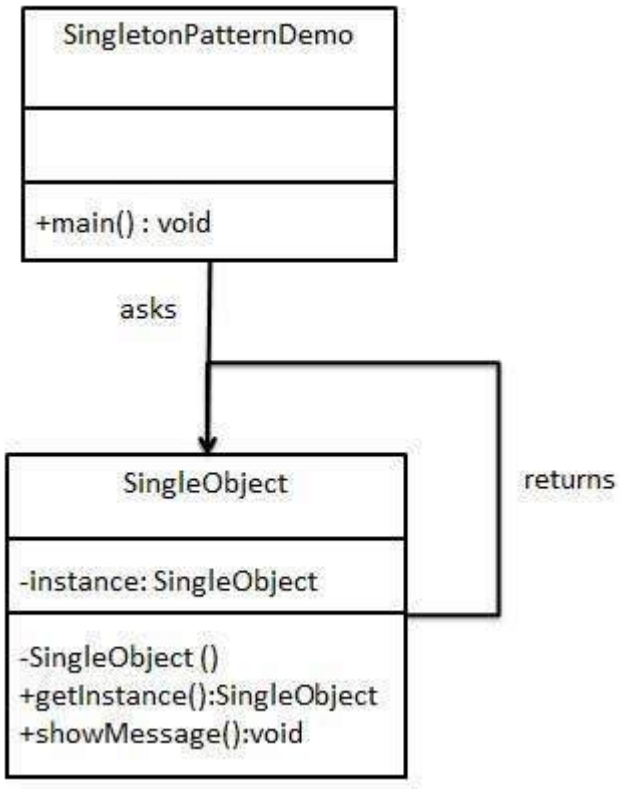
Singleton pattern is one of the simplest design patterns in Java. This type of design pattern comes under creational pattern as this pattern provides one of the best ways to create an object.

This pattern involves a single class which is responsible to create an object while making sure that only single object gets created. This class provides a way to access its only object which can be accessed directly without need to instantiate the object of the class.

Implementation

We're going to create a SingleObject class. SingleObject class have its constructor as private and have a static instance of itself.

SingleObject class provides a static method to get its static instance to outside world. SingletonPatternDemo, our demo class will use SingleObject class to get a SingleObject object.



Step 1

Create a Singleton Class.

SingleObject.java

```
public class SingleObject {

   //create an object of SingleObject
   private static SingleObject instance = new SingleObject();

   //make the constructor private so that this class cannot be
   //instantiated
   private SingleObject(){}

   //Get the only object available
   public static SingleObject getInstance(){
      return instance;
   }

   public void showMessage(){
      System.out.println("Hello World!");
   }
}
```


Step 2

Get the only object from the singleton class.

SingletonPatternDemo.java

```
public class SingletonPatternDemo {
   public static void main(String[] args) {

      //illegal construct
      //Compile Time Error: The constructor SingleObject() is not visible
      //SingleObject object = new SingleObject();

      //Get the only object available
      SingleObject object = SingleObject.getInstance();

      //show the message
      object.showMessage();
   }
}
```

Step 3

Verify the output.

```
Hello World!
```

Design Patterns - Builder Pattern

Builder pattern builds a complex object using simple objects and using a step by step approach. This type of design pattern comes under creational pattern as this pattern provides one of the best ways to create an object.

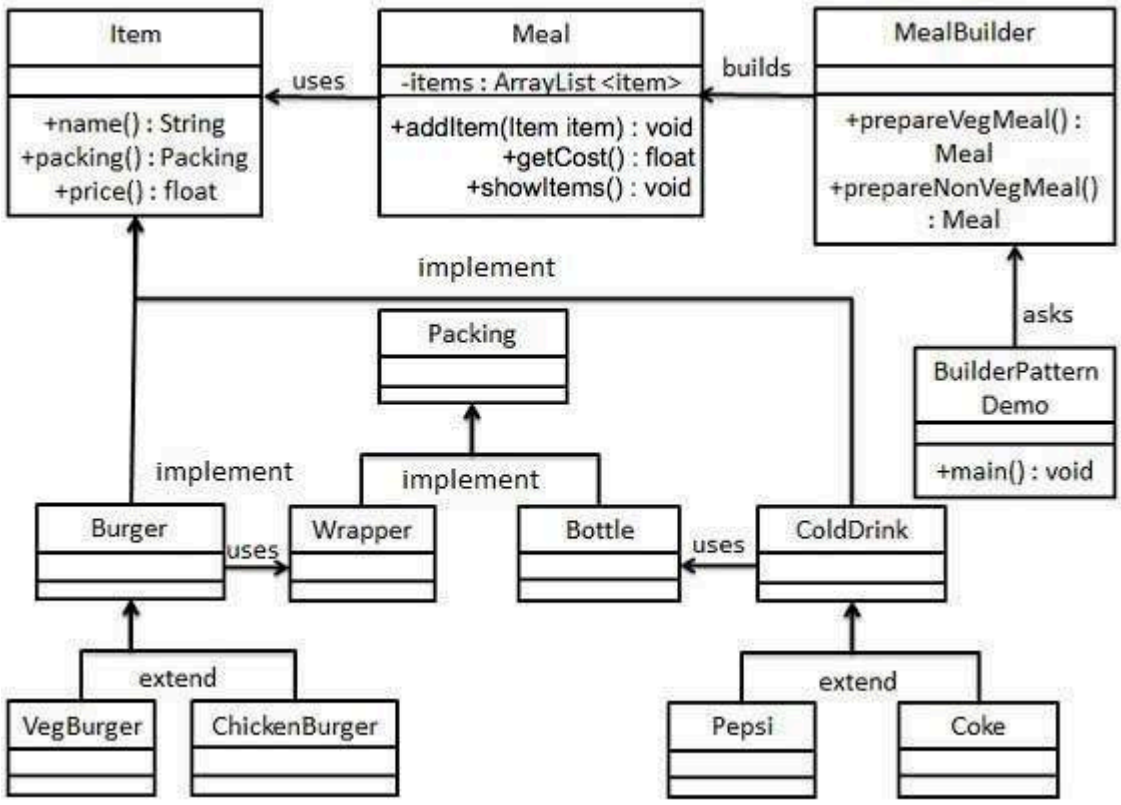
A Builder class builds the final object step by step. This builder is independent of other objects.

Implementation

We have considered a business case of fast-food restaurant where a typical meal could be a burger and a cold drink. Burger could be either a Veg Burger or Chicken Burger and will be packed by a wrapper. Cold drink could be either a coke or pepsi and will be packed in a bottle.

We are going to create an Item interface representing food items such as burgers and cold drinks and concrete classes implementing the Item interface and a Packing interface representing packaging of food items and concrete classes implementing the Packing interface as burger would be packed in wrapper and cold drink would be packed as bottle.

We then create a Meal class having ArrayList of Item and a MealBuilder to build different types of Meal objects by combining Item. BuilderPatternDemo, our demo class will use MealBuilder to build a Meal.



Step 1

Create an interface Item representing food item and packing.

Item.java

```
public interface Item {
   public String name();
   public Packing packing();
   public float price();
}
```

Packing.java

```
public interface Packing {
   public String pack();
}
```


Step 2

Create concrete classes implementing the Packing interface.

Wrapper.java

```
public class Wrapper implements Packing {

   @Override
   public String pack() {
      return "Wrapper";
   }
}
```

Bottle.java

```
public class Bottle implements Packing {

   @Override
   public String pack() {
      return "Bottle";
```

```
    }
}
```

Step 3

Create abstract classes implementing the item interface providing default functionalities.

Burger.java

```
public abstract class Burger implements Item {

   @Override
   public Packing packing() {
      return new Wrapper();
   }

   @Override
   public abstract float price();
}
```

ColdDrink.java

```
public abstract class ColdDrink implements Item {

        @Override
        public Packing packing() {
       return new Bottle();
        }

        @Override
        public abstract float price();
}
```

Step 4

Create concrete classes extending Burger and ColdDrink classes

VegBurger.java

```
public class VegBurger extends Burger {

   @Override
   public float price() {
```

```
      return 25.0f;
   }

   @Override
   public String name() {
      return "Veg Burger";
   }
}
```

ChickenBurger.java

```
public class ChickenBurger extends Burger {

   @Override
   public float price() {
      return 50.5f;
   }

   @Override
   public String name() {
      return "Chicken Burger";
   }
}
```

Coke.java

```
public class Coke extends ColdDrink {

   @Override
   public float price() {
      return 30.0f;
   }

   @Override
   public String name() {
      return "Coke";
   }
}
```

Pepsi.java

```
public class Pepsi extends ColdDrink {
```

```
   @Override
   public float price() {
      return 35.0f;
   }

   @Override
   public String name() {
      return "Pepsi";
   }
}
```

Step 5

Create a Meal class having Item objects defined above.

Meal.java

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;

public class Meal {
   private List<Item> items = new ArrayList<Item>();

   public void addItem(Item item){
      items.add(item);
   }

   public float getCost(){
      float cost = 0.0f;

      for (Item item : items) {
         cost += item.price();
      }
      return cost;
   }

   public void showItems(){

      for (Item item : items) {
         System.out.print("Item : " + item.name());
         System.out.print(", Packing : " + item.packing().pack());
         System.out.println(", Price : " + item.price());
      }
```

```
    }
}
```

Step 6

Create a MealBuilder class, the actual builder class responsible to create Meal objects.

MealBuilder.java

```
public class MealBuilder {

   public Meal prepareVegMeal (){
      Meal meal = new Meal();
      meal.addItem(new VegBurger());
      meal.addItem(new Coke());
      return meal;
   }

   public Meal prepareNonVegMeal (){
      Meal meal = new Meal();
      meal.addItem(new ChickenBurger());
      meal.addItem(new Pepsi());
      return meal;
   }
}
```

Step 7

BuiderPatternDemo uses MealBuider to demonstrate builder pattern.

BuilderPatternDemo.java

```
public class BuilderPatternDemo {
   public static void main(String[] args) {

      MealBuilder mealBuilder = new MealBuilder();

      Meal vegMeal = mealBuilder.prepareVegMeal();
      System.out.println("Veg Meal");
      vegMeal.showItems();
      System.out.println("Total Cost: " + vegMeal.getCost());

      Meal nonVegMeal = mealBuilder.prepareNonVegMeal();
      System.out.println("\n\nNon-Veg Meal");
```

```
        nonVegMeal.showItems();
        System.out.println("Total Cost: " + nonVegMeal.getCost());
    }
}
```

Step 8

Verify the output.

```
Veg Meal
Item : Veg Burger, Packing : Wrapper, Price : 25.0
Item : Coke, Packing : Bottle, Price : 30.0
Total Cost: 55.0


Non-Veg Meal
Item : Chicken Burger, Packing : Wrapper, Price : 50.5
Item : Pepsi, Packing : Bottle, Price : 35.0
Total Cost: 85.5
```