

## Design patterns:

A software design pattern is a general, reusable solution to a commonly occurring problem. It is not a finished design that can be directly transformed into source or machine code. It is a description or template for how to solve a problem that can be used in many different situations.

## Builder:

Builder is a creational design pattern that lets us construct complex objects step by step. The pattern allows you to produce different types and representation of object using the same construction code.

## Problem:

Imagine a complex problem/object that requires laborious, step by step initialization of many fields and nested objects.

For example, let's think about how to create a house object. To build a simple house, you need to construct four walls and a floor, install a door, fit a pair of windows and build a roof.

But if you want a bigger, brighter house with back yard and garden, goodies (like hot system, plumbing and electrical wiring) -



The simplest solution is to extend the base base class and create a set of subclasses to cover all combination of the parameters. It will end up with a considerable number of subclasses. Any new parameter will require growing this hierarchy even more.

Solution:

The builder pattern suggests that you ~~extract~~ the object construction code out of its own class and move it to separate objects ~~class~~ called builders.

The builder pattern lets you construct complex objects step by step. The builder doesn't allow the other objects to access the product while it being built.

The important part is that you don't need to call all of the steps. You can call only those steps that are necessary for producing a particular configuration of an object.

Some of the construction steps might require different steps for implementation when you need to build various representation of one of the product.

For example:

wall for cabin may be built of wood but castle wall may be built with stone



In this case you can create several different builder classes that implement the same set of building steps, but in different manner.

Imagine a builder that build everything from wood and glass and a second that build everything with stone and iron and third one that use gold and diamond. By calling the same set of steps, you get a regular house ~~from~~ from the first builder a small castle from second and a palace from the third.

Web crawler:

Sometimes called a spider or spiderbot and often shortened to a crawler. That systematically browses the world wide web and that is typically operated by each engine for purpose of web indexing.

Crawler is a computer program that ~~can~~ automatically search documents on the web. Crawlers are programmed for repetitive actions so that browser is automated search engine built. We use crawlers most frequently to browse the internet and build an index.



- it starts with the list of urls to visit called the seeds it identifies all the hyperlinks in the page and adds them to the list of visited urls called Crawl frontier
- Urls from frontier are recursively visited according to a set of policies.

### Algorithm:

Initialize queue (Q) with initial set of known urls  
 until Q empty or page or limit time ~~exhausted~~  
 exhausted.

Pop url L from front of Q.

If L is not html page (.gif, .pdf) exit loop

If already visited L, continue loop  
 (get next url)

Download page, P, for L

If can't download P (error, robotachua)  
 exit loop, else.

Index P (e.g. add to inverted index or  
 store cached copy)

Parse P to obtain list of new links N  
 Append N to the end of Q.