# 413.https://stackoverflow.com/questions/71180839/what-does-safemint-do-under-the-hood

**T:**what does \_safeMint() do under the hood?

**Q:**The following is some stripped down sample code which I am using to formulate my question. This pertains to the Youtube Video by Patrick Collins entitled: How to make NFT Art with On-Chain Metadata | FULL HARDHART / JS TUTORIAL! (w/ Polygon & Opensea)  
  
contract RandomSVG is ERC721URIStorage, VRFConsumerBase { .... .... function create() public returns (bytes32 requestId) { requestId = requestRandomness(keyhash, fee); ... ... } function fulfillRandomness(bytes32 requestId, uint256 randomNumber) internal override { ... ... \_safeMint(nftOwner, tokenId); ... }}  
  
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The RandomSVG is a contract that will create random NFTs.  
  
Question 1 :I read the documentation but i'm still unable to understand. What does the \_safeMint() function exactly do ?  
  
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Question 2: At what point in the contract should the \_safeMint() function be called ?  
  
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In his example, Patrick is using the \_safeMint() function inside the fulfillRandomness() callback. Why is the \_safeMint() called even before the Image has been created ? Shouldn't it be called After the TokenURI has been created ?  
  
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1 **Answer**

**A1:**\_safeMint() is used along with IERC721Receiver that checks if you are sending the minted token to a Contract that is capable to manage NFTs or not. This is to prevent tokens to be lost.

**C1:**Thanks for your reply @Javva. What does it mean to "mint" a token or NFT? in the case of NFT's, is it the act of creating an NFT out of thin air ?

**C2:**Exactly mint the token is the act of creating a token, assign an ID, and image, etc.

**C3:**Note that it is fine to send NFTs to smart contract wallets such as Gnosis Safe, even if they don't implement the IERC721Receiver interface. Refer to this Q&A for more details.