CS525 Advanced Software Development

Lesson 5 – The Factory Pattern

Design Patterns
Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software

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Introduction

There is more to making objects than just using the ***new*** operator. You'll learn that instantiation is an activity that shouldn't always be done in public and can often lead to coupling problems. And we don't want that, do we? Find out how Factory Patterns can help save you from embarrassing dependencies.

When you see “new,” think “concrete.”

Yes, when you use the ***new*** operator, you are certainly instantiating a concrete class, so that’s definitely an implementation and not an interface. And here is a good observation: that tying your code to a concrete class can make it more fragile and less flexible.

Setting the stage (The Pizza Store)

```
Pizza orderPizza(String type) {
    Pizza pizza;

    if (type.equals("cheese")) {
        pizza = new CheesePizza();
    } else if (type.equals("greek") {
        pizza = new GreekPizza();
    } else if (type.equals("pepperoni") {
        pizza = new PepperoniPizza();
    }

    pizza.prepare();
    pizza.bake();
    pizza.cut();
    pizza.box();
    return pizza;
}
```

We're now passing in the type of pizza to orderPizza.

Based on the type of pizza, we instantiate the correct concrete class and assign it to the pizza instance variable. Note that each pizza here has to implement the Pizza interface.

Once we have a Pizza, we prepare it (you know, roll the dough, put on the sauce, and add the toppings), then we bake it, cut it, and box it!

Each Pizza subtype (CheesePizza, GreekPizza, etc.) knows how to prepare itself.

Updated Requirements

```
Pizza orderPizza(String type) {
    Pizza pizza;

    if (type.equals("cheese")) {
        pizza = new CheesePizza();
    } else if (type.equals("greek") {
        pizza = new GreekPizza();
    } else if (type.equals("pepperoni") {
        pizza = new PepperoniPizza();
    } else if (type.equals("clam") {
        pizza = new ClamPizza();
    } else if (type.equals("veggie") {
        pizza = new VeggiePizza();
    }

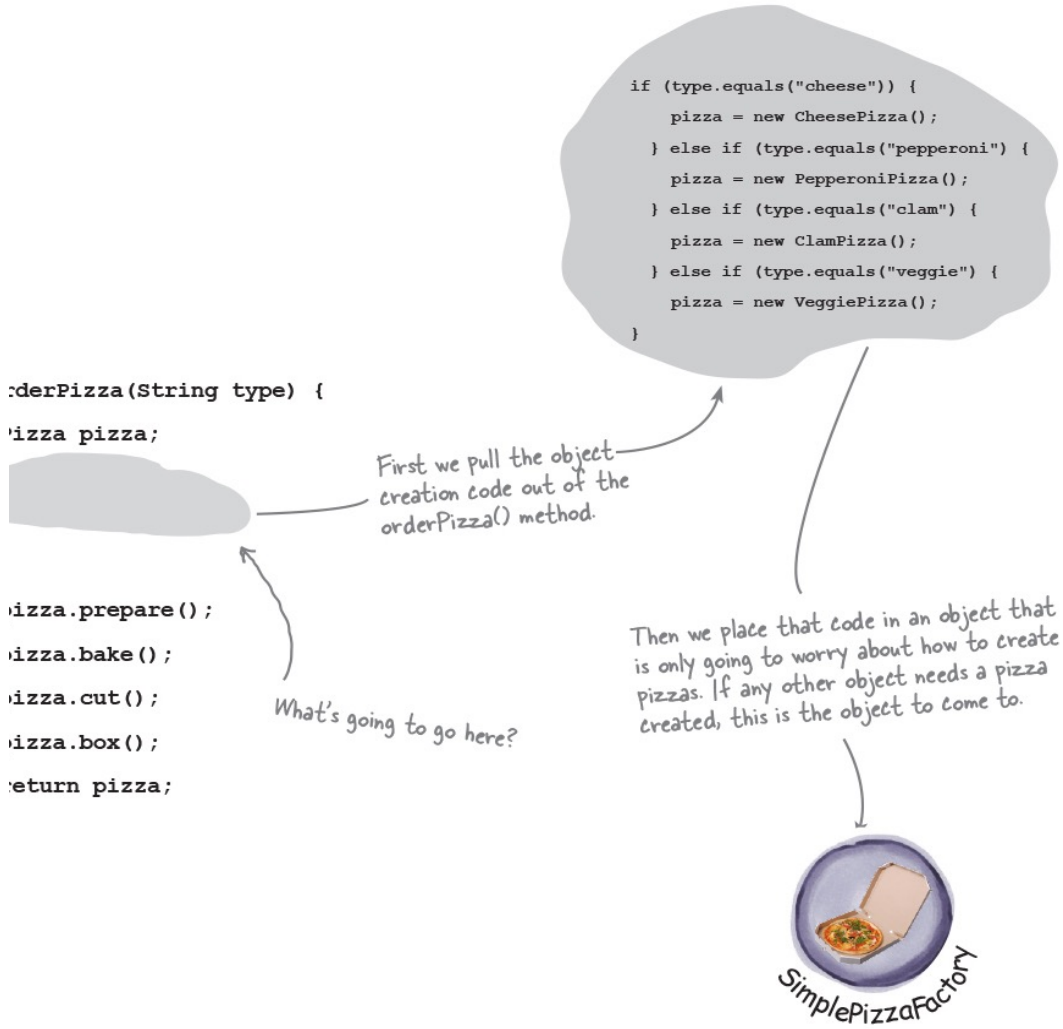
    pizza.prepare();
    pizza.bake();
    pizza.cut();
    pizza.box();
    return pizza;
}
```

This code is NOT closed for modification. If the Pizza Store changes its pizza offerings, we have to open this code and modify it.

This is what varies. As the pizza selection changes over time, you'll have to modify this code over and over.

This is what we expect to stay the same. For the most part, preparing, cooking, and packaging a pizza has remained the same for years and years. So, we don't expect this code to change, just the pizzas it operates on.

Encapsulating object creation



Factories create/instantiate objects

Factories handle the details of object creation. Once we have a SimplePizzaFactory, our orderPizza() method becomes a client of that object. Anytime it needs a pizza, it asks the pizza factory to make one. Gone are the days when the orderPizza() method needs to know about Greek versus Clam pizzas. Now the orderPizza() method just cares that it gets a pizza that implements the Pizza interface so that it can call prepare(), bake(), cut(), and box().

Simple Pizza Factory

Here's our new class, the SimplePizzaFactory. It has one job in life: creating pizzas for its clients.

First we define a createPizza() method in the factory. This is the method all clients will use to instantiate new objects.

```
public class SimplePizzaFactory {

    public Pizza createPizza(String type) {
        Pizza pizza = null;

        if (type.equals("cheese")) {
            pizza = new CheesePizza();
        } else if (type.equals("pepperoni")) {
            pizza = new PepperoniPizza();
        } else if (type.equals("clam")) {
            pizza = new ClamPizza();
        } else if (type.equals("veggie")) {
            pizza = new VeggiePizza();
        }
        return pizza;
    }
}
```

Here's the code we plucked out of the orderPizza() method.

This code is still parameterized by the type of the pizza, just like our original orderPizza() method was.

Reworking the solution.

First we give PizzaStore a reference to a SimplePizzaFactory.

```
public class PizzaStore {
    SimplePizzaFactory factory;

    public PizzaStore(SimplePizzaFactory factory) {
        this.factory = factory;
    }

    public Pizza orderPizza(String type) {
        Pizza pizza;

        pizza = factory.createPizza(type);

        pizza.prepare();
        pizza.bake();
        pizza.cut();
        pizza.box();

        return pizza;
    }

    // other methods here
}
```

PizzaStore gets the factory passed to it in the constructor.

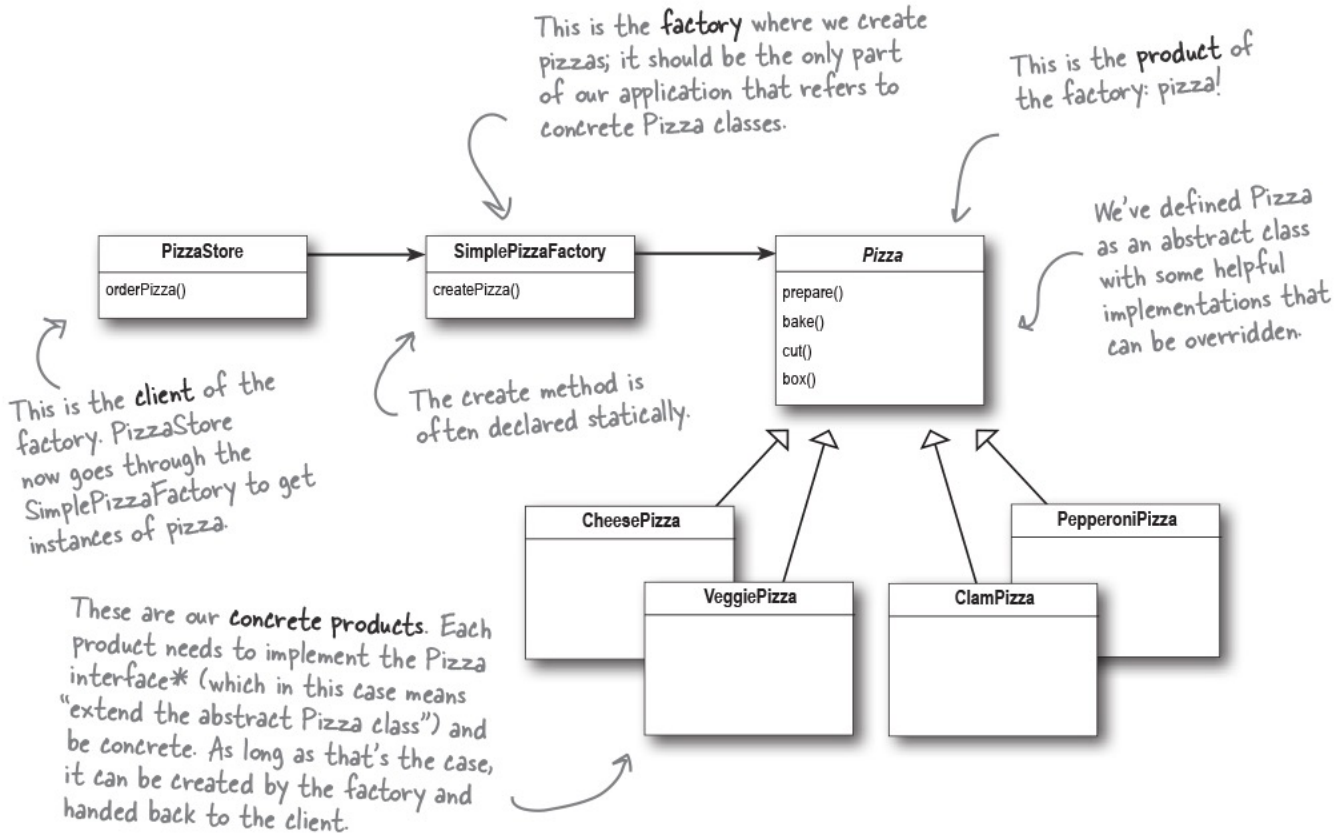
And the orderPizza() method uses the factory to create its pizzas by simply passing on the type of the order.

Notice that we've replaced the new operator with a createPizza method in the factory object. No more concrete instantiations here!

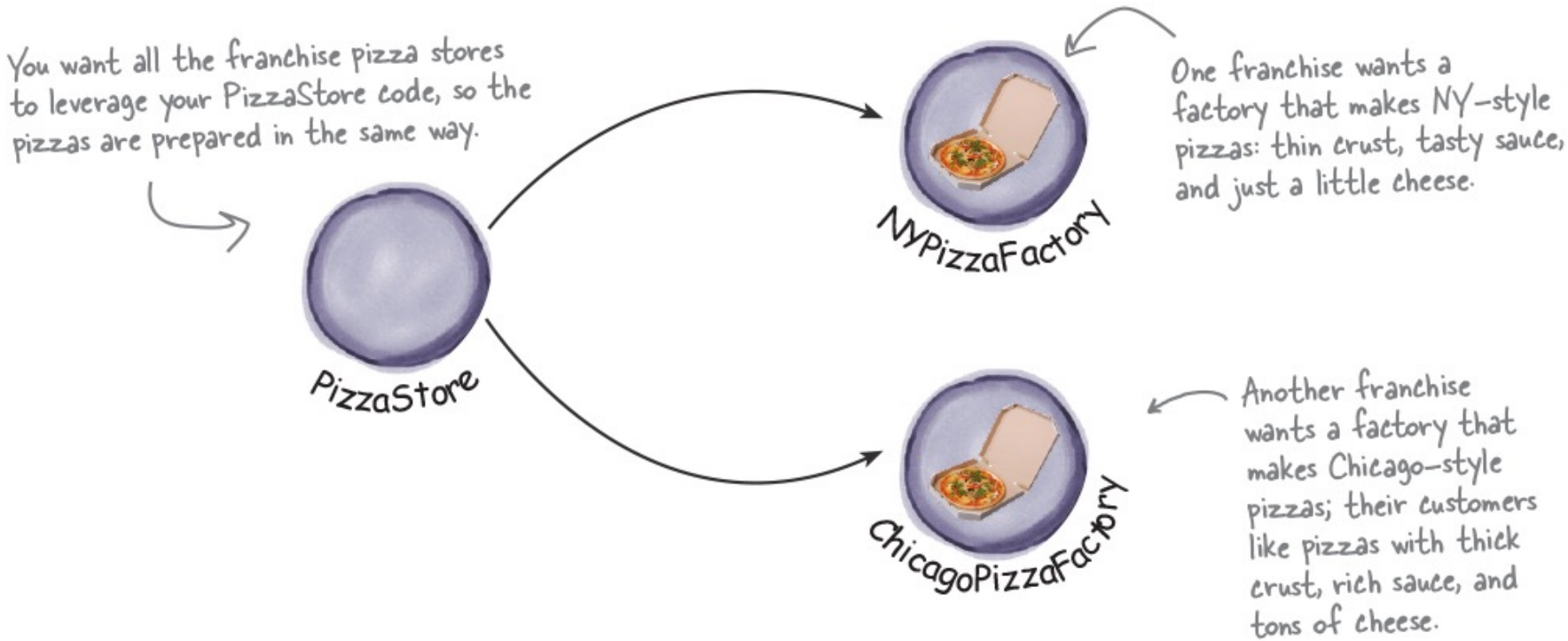
The Simple Factory Defined

The Simple Factory isn’t actually a Design Pattern; it’s more of a programming idiom. But it is commonly used, so we’ll give it a Head First Pattern Honorable Mention. Some developers do mistake this idiom for the Factory Pattern, but the next time that happens you can subtly show you know your stuff; just don’t strut as you educate them on the distinction.

Reworked Design



Franchising the Pizza Store



Quality Control

So you test-marketed the SimpleFactory idea, and what you found was that the franchises were using your factory to create pizzas, but starting to employ their own home-grown procedures for the rest of the process: they'd bake things a little differently, they'd forget to cut the pizza, and they'd use third-party boxes.

Quality Control - continued

Rethinking the problem a bit, you see that what you'd really like to do is create a framework that ties the store and the pizza creation together, yet still allows things to remain flexible.

Pizza Store with more control

PizzaStore is now abstract (see why below).

```
public abstract class PizzaStore {


    public Pizza orderPizza(String type) {
        Pizza pizza;

        pizza = createPizza(type);

        pizza.prepare();
        pizza.bake();
        pizza.cut();
        pizza.box();

        return pizza;
    }


    abstract Pizza createPizza(String type);
}
```

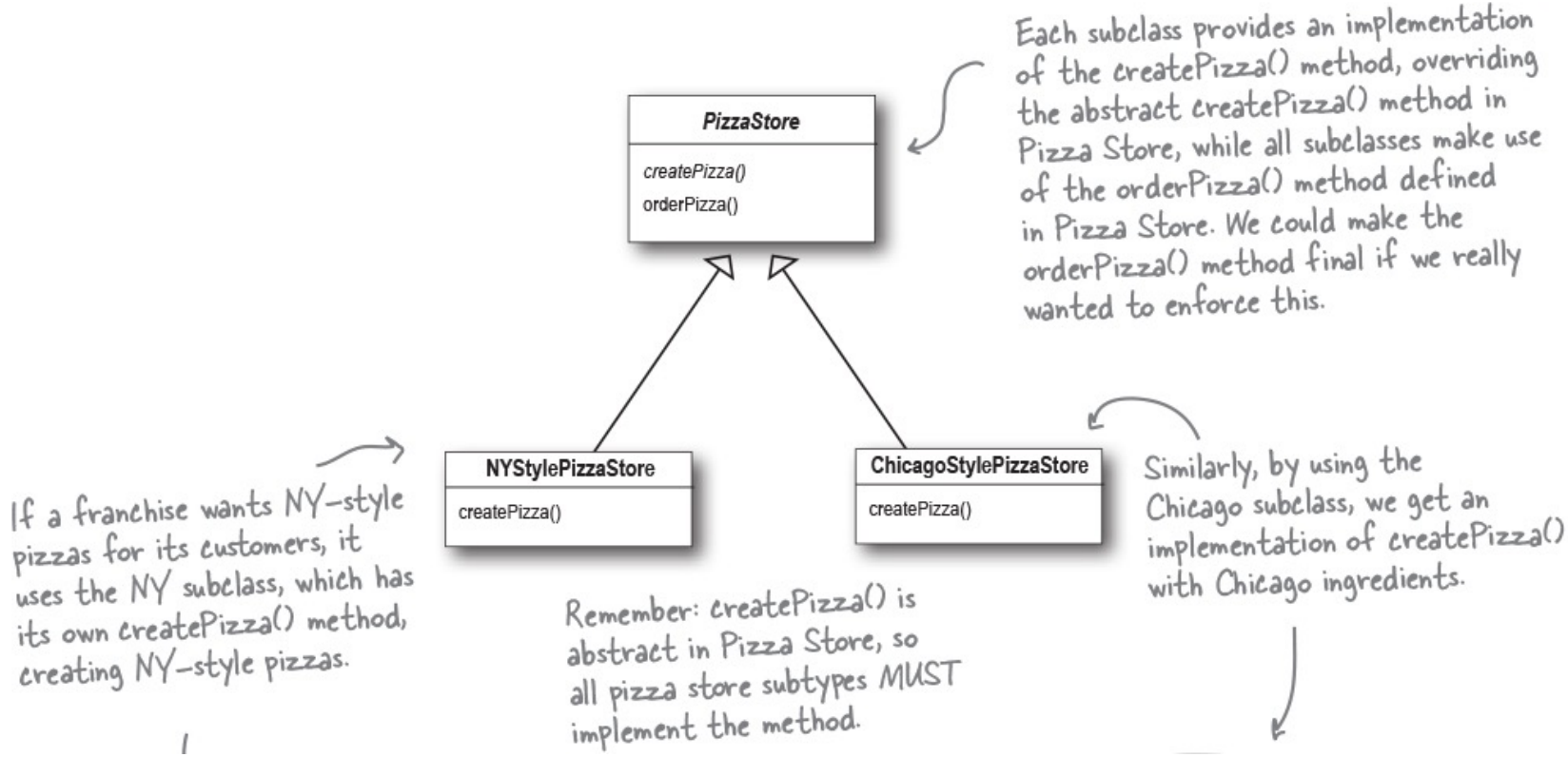
Now createPizza is back to being a call to a method in the PizzaStore rather than on a factory object.

All this looks just the same...

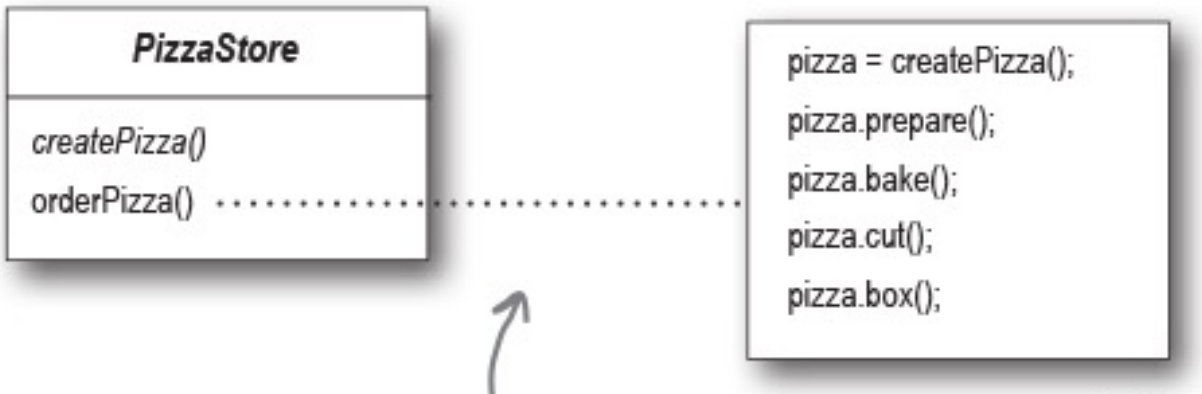
Now we've moved our factory object to this method.

Our "factory method" is now abstract in PizzaStore.

Pizza Store – new design



Quality Control Applied



orderPizza() calls createPizza() to actually get a pizza object. But which kind of pizza will it get? The orderPizza() method can't decide; it doesn't know how. So who does decide?

Pizza Store Reworked

createPizza() returns a Pizza, and the subclass is fully responsible for which concrete Pizza it instantiates.

The NYPizzaStore extends PizzaStore, so it inherits the orderPizza() method (among others).

```
public class NYPizzaStore extends PizzaStore {

    Pizza createPizza(String item) {
        if (item.equals("cheese")) {
            return new NYStyleCheesePizza();
        } else if (item.equals("veggie")) {
            return new NYStyleVeggiePizza();
        } else if (item.equals("clam")) {
            return new NYStyleClamPizza();
        } else if (item.equals("pepperoni")) {
            return new NYStylePepperoniPizza();
        } else return null;
    }
}
```

We've got to implement createPizza(), since it is abstract in PizzaStore.

Here's where we create our concrete classes. For each type of Pizza we create the NY style.

The Factory Method

```
abstract Product factoryMethod(String type)
```

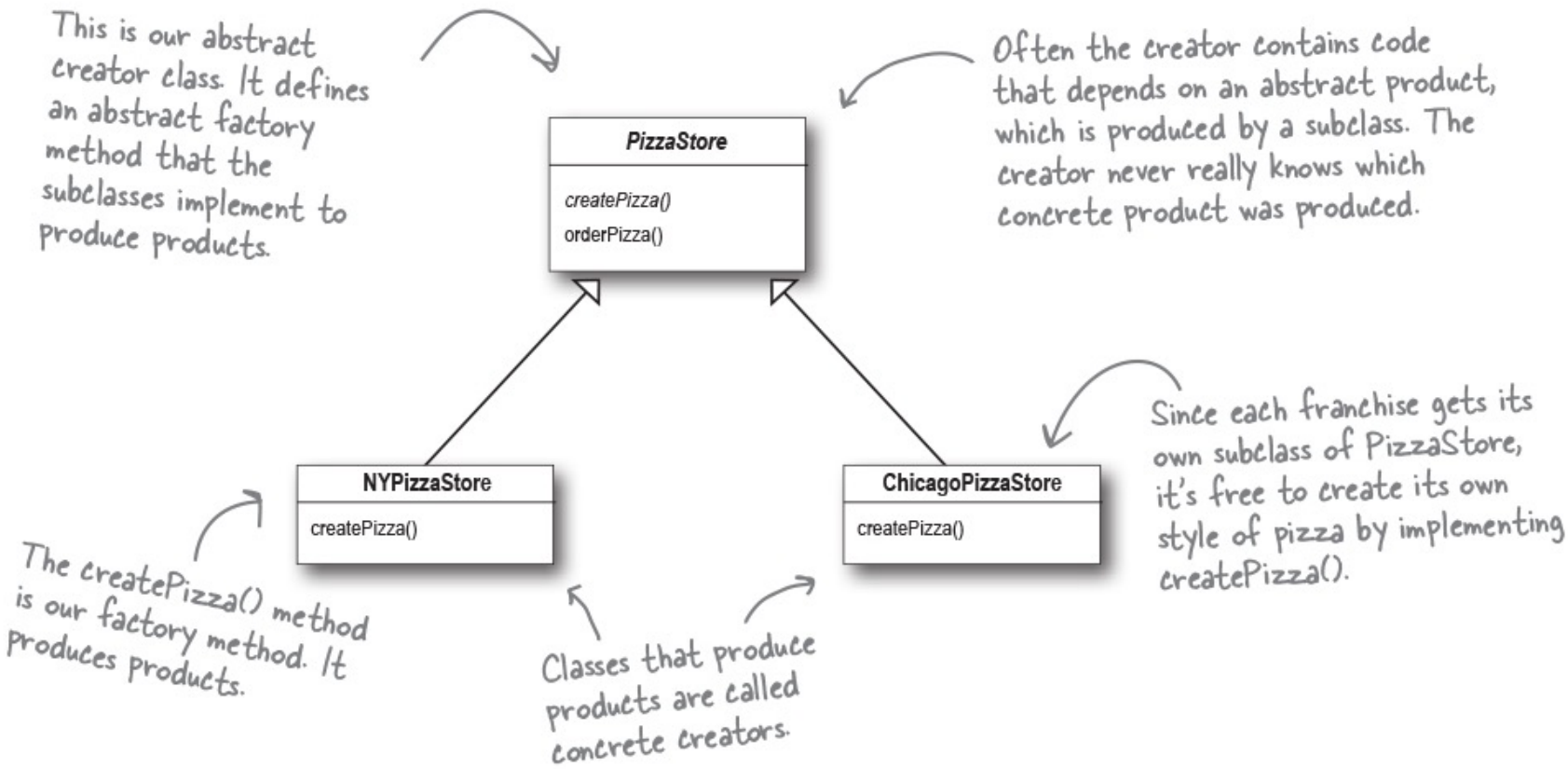
A factory method may be parameterized (or not) to select among several variations of a product.

A factory method is abstract so the subclasses are counted on to handle object creation.

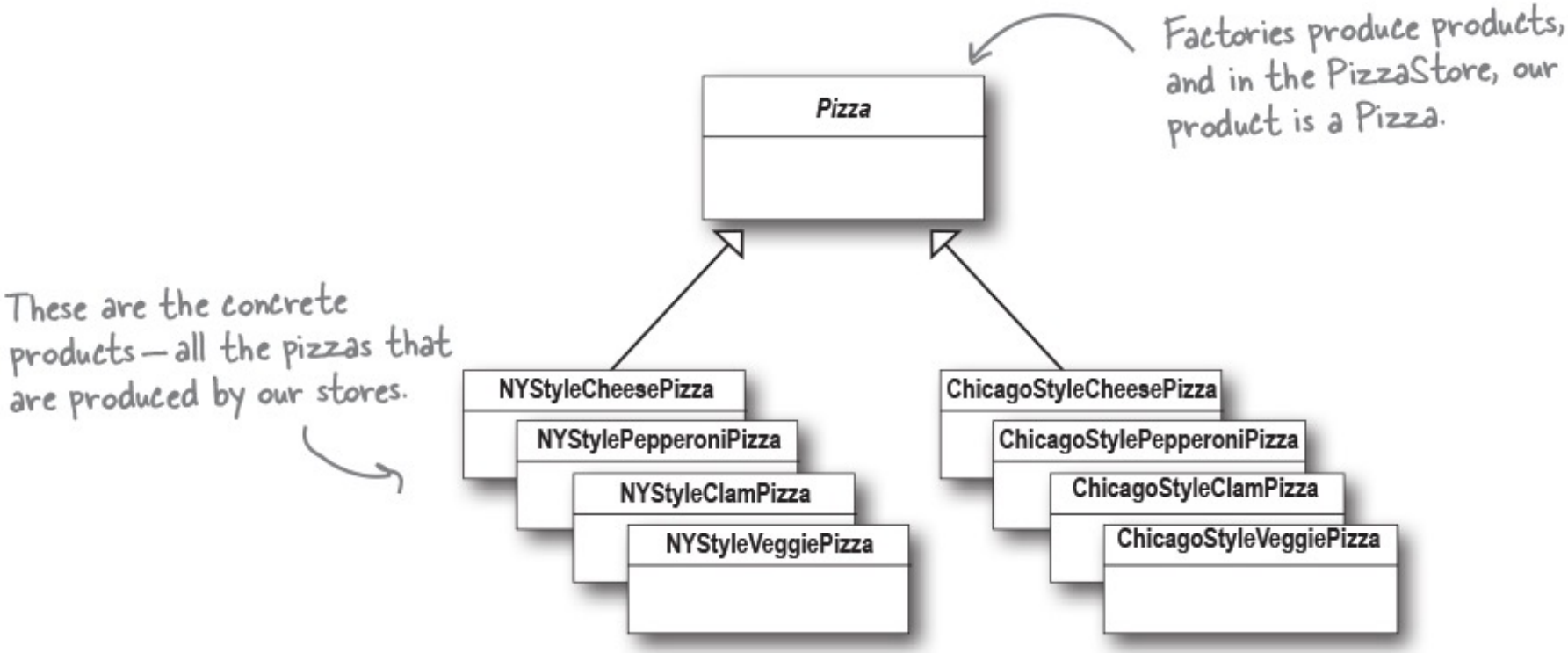
A factory method returns a Product that is typically used within methods defined in the superclass.

A factory method isolates the client (the code in the superclass, like orderPizza()) from knowing what kind of concrete Product is actually created.

The Creator Classes



The Product Classes



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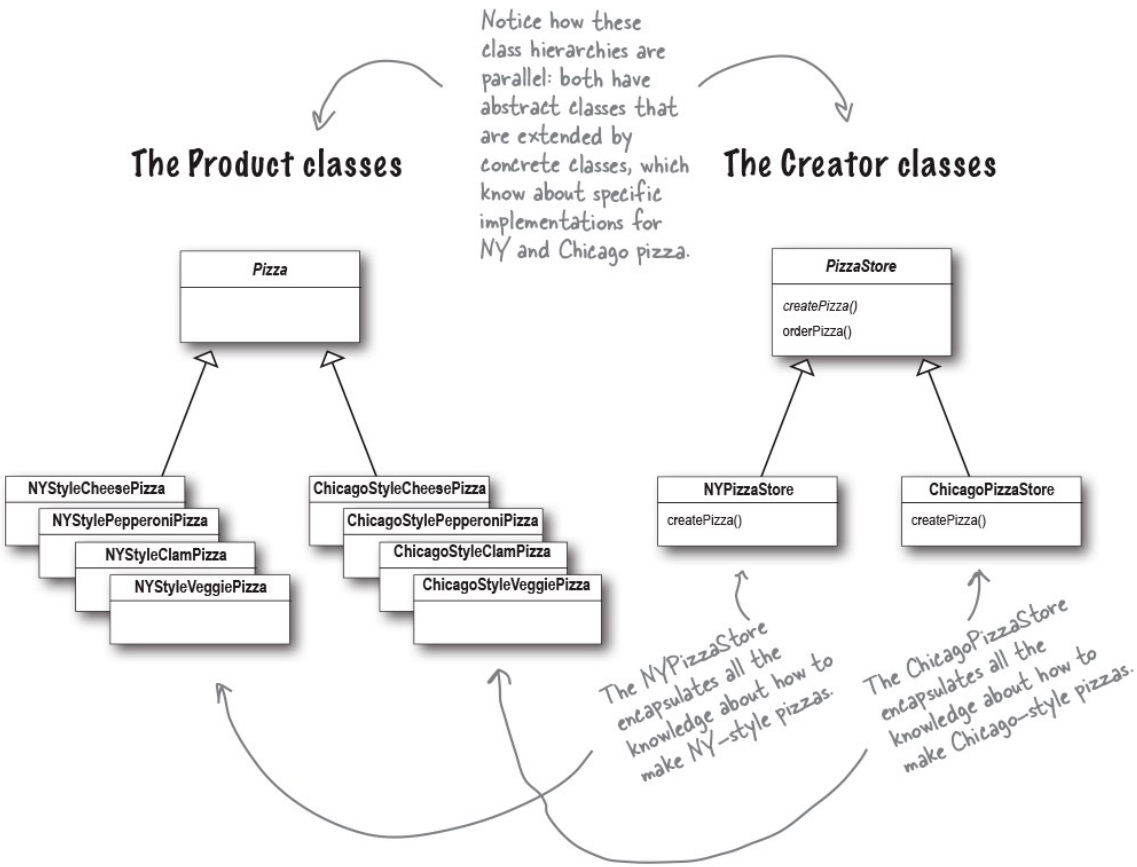
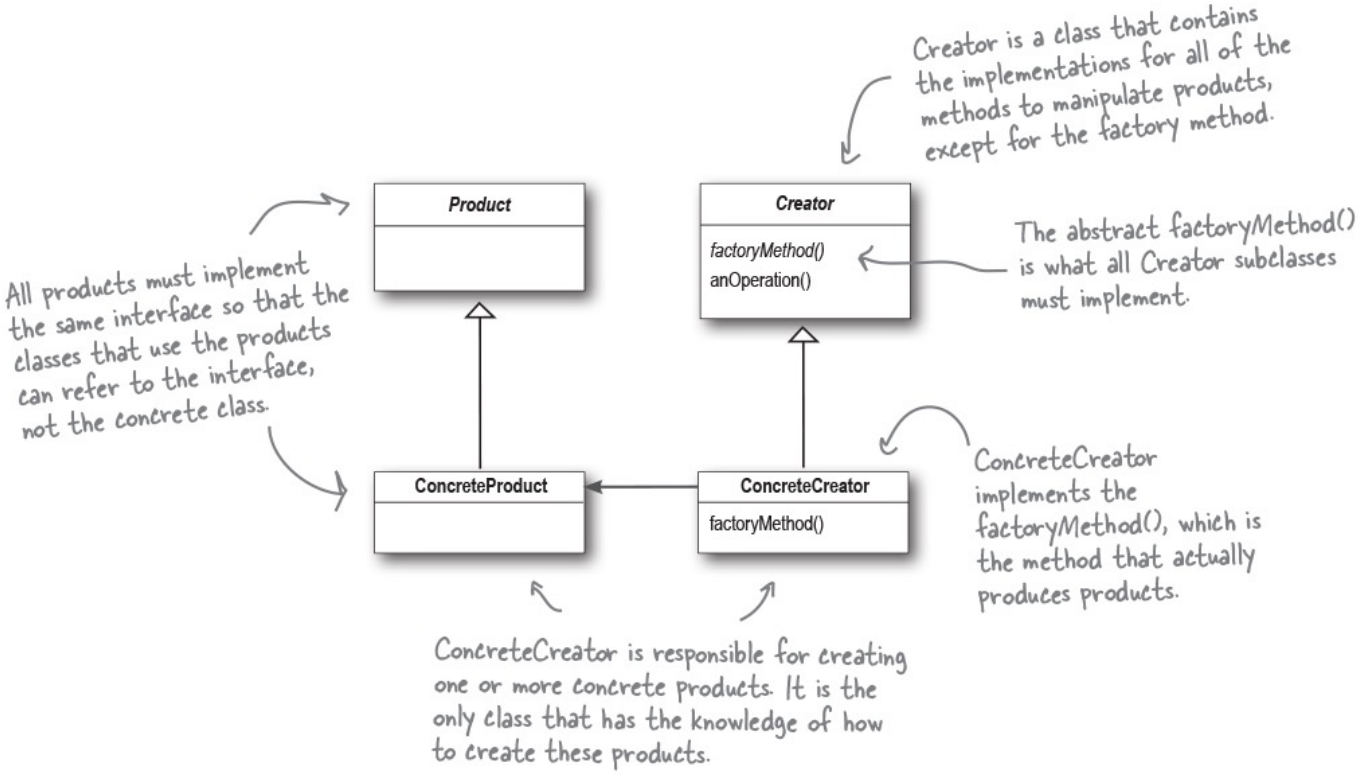


The Factory Method Pattern

"defines an interface for creating an object, but lets subclasses decide which class to instantiate. Factory Method lets a class defer instantiation to subclasses."

The Factory Method Pattern



Very Dependent Pizza Store

```
public class DependentPizzaStore {

    public Pizza createPizza(String style, String type) {
        Pizza pizza = null;
        if (style.equals("NY")) {
            if (type.equals("cheese")) {
                pizza = new NYStyleCheesePizza();
            } else if (type.equals("veggie")) {
                pizza = new NYStyleVeggiePizza();
            } else if (type.equals("clam")) {
                pizza = new NYStyleClamPizza();
            } else if (type.equals("pepperoni")) {
                pizza = new NYStylePepperoniPizza();
            }
        } else if (style.equals("Chicago")) {
            if (type.equals("cheese")) {
                pizza = new ChicagoStyleCheesePizza();
            } else if (type.equals("veggie")) {
                pizza = new ChicagoStyleVeggiePizza();
            } else if (type.equals("clam")) {
                pizza = new ChicagoStyleClamPizza();
            } else if (type.equals("pepperoni")) {
                pizza = new ChicagoStylePepperoniPizza();
            }
        } else {
            System.out.println("Error: invalid type of pizza");
            return null;
        }
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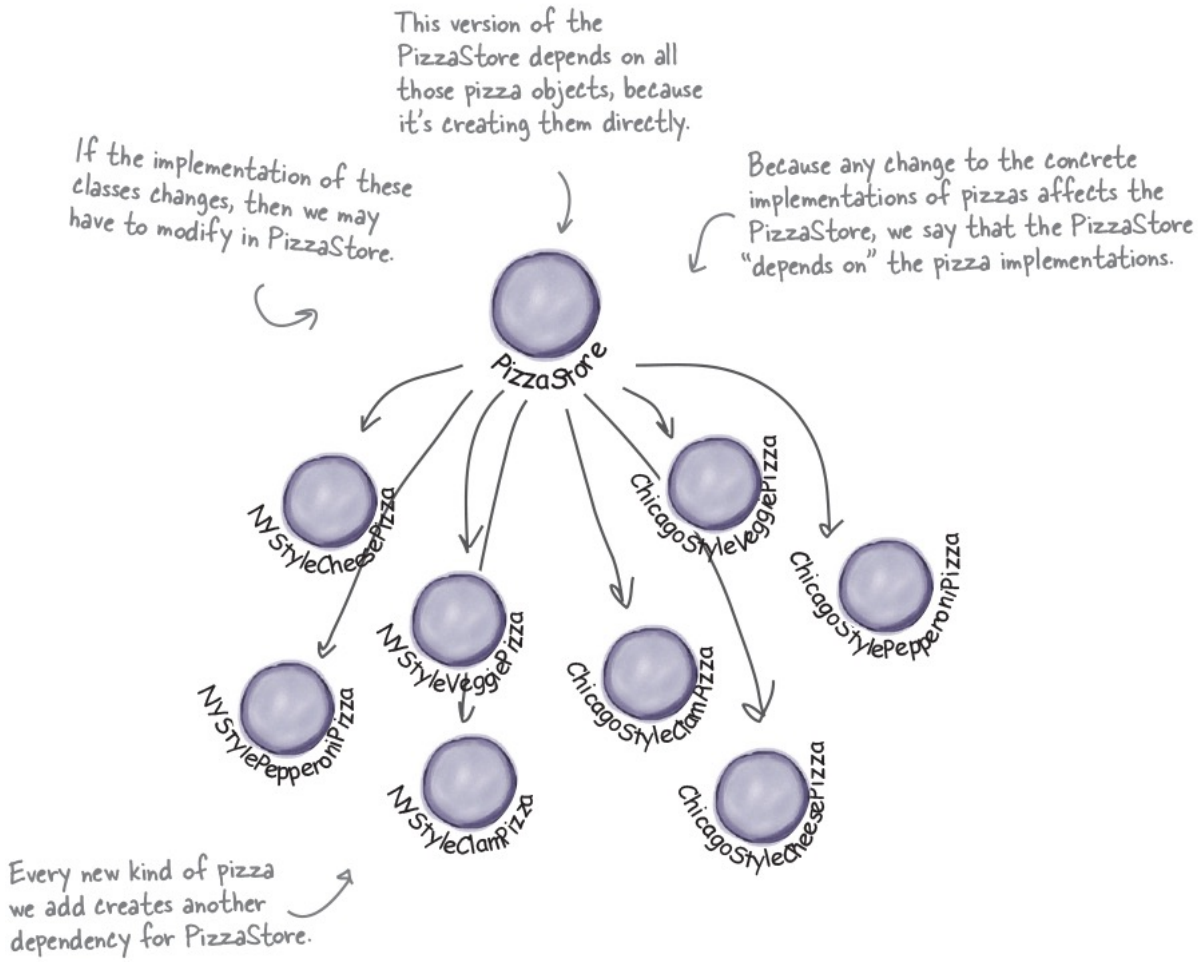
Object Dependencies



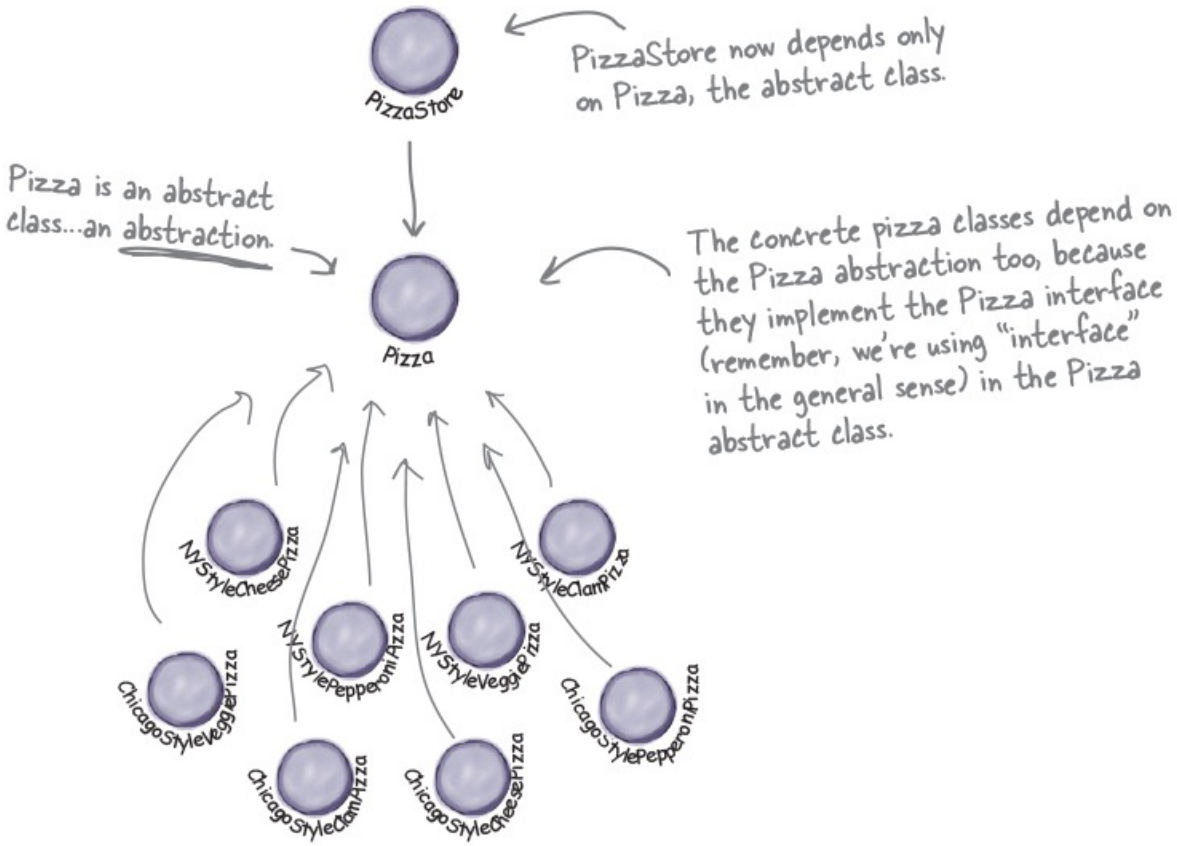
The Dependency Inversion Principle

It should be pretty clear that reducing dependencies to concrete classes in our code is a "good thing." In fact, we've got an OO design principle that formalizes this notion; it even has a big, formal name: Dependency Inversion Principle.

Design Principle

Depend upon abstractions. Do not depend upon concrete classes.

Applying the Principle



Houston we have a problem!

Now, the key to Objectville Pizza's success has always been fresh, quality ingredients, and what you've discovered is that with the new framework your franchises have been following your procedures, but a few franchises have been substituting inferior ingredients in their pizzas to lower costs and increase their margins.

Solution: Ingredient Factories

```
public interface PizzaIngredientFactory {

    public Dough createDough();
    public Sauce createSauce();
    public Cheese createCheese();
    public Veggies[] createVeggies();
    public Pepperoni createPepperoni();
    public Clams createClam();

}
```

For each ingredient we define a create method in our interface.

Lots of new classes here, one per ingredient.

Sample Ingredient Factory

```
public class NYPizzaIngredientFactory implements PizzaIngredientFactory {

    public Dough createDough() {
        return new ThinCrustDough();
    }

    public Sauce createSauce() {
        return new MarinaraSauce();
    }

    public Cheese createCheese() {
        return new ReggianoCheese();
    }

    public Veggies[] createVeggies() {
        Veggies veggies[] = { new Garlic(), new Onion(), new Mushroom(), new RedPepper() };
        return veggies;
    }

    public Pepperoni createPepperoni() {
        return new SlicedPepperoni();
    }

    public Clams createClam() {
        return new FreshClams();
    }
}
```

For each ingredient in the ingredient family, we create the New York version.

For veggies, we return an array of Veggies. Here we've hardcoded the veggies. We could make this more sophisticated, but that doesn't really add anything to learning the factory pattern, so we'll keep it simple.

The best sliced pepperoni. This is shared between New York and Chicago. Make sure you use it on the next page when you get to implement the Chicago factory yourself.

New York is on the coast; it gets fresh clams. Chicago has to settle for frozen.

Reworked Abstract Pizza Class

```
public abstract class Pizza {
    String name;

    Dough dough;
    Sauce sauce;
    Veggies veggies[];
    Cheese cheese;
    Pepperoni pepperoni;
    Clams clam;

    abstract void prepare();

    void bake() {
        System.out.println("Bake for 25 minutes at 350");
    }

    void cut() {
        System.out.println("Cutting the pizza into diagonal slices");
    }

    void box() {
        System.out.println("Place pizza in official PizzaStore box");
    }

    void setName(String name) {
        this.name = name;
    }

    String getName() {
        return name;
    }

    public String toString() {
        // code to print pizza here
    }
}
```

Each pizza holds a set of ingredients that are used in its preparation.

We've now made the prepare method abstract. This is where we are going to collect the ingredients needed for the pizza, which of course will come from the ingredient factory.

Our other methods remain the same, with the exception of the prepare method.

Sample Pizza

```
public class CheesePizza extends Pizza {
    PizzaIngredientFactory ingredientFactory;

    public CheesePizza(PizzaIngredientFactory ingredientFactory) {
        this.ingredientFactory = ingredientFactory;
    }

    void prepare() {
        System.out.println("Preparing " + name);
        dough = ingredientFactory.createDough();
        sauce = ingredientFactory.createSauce();
        cheese = ingredientFactory.createCheese();
    }
}
```

To make a pizza now, we need a factory to provide the ingredients. So each Pizza class gets a factory passed into its constructor, and it's stored in an instance variable.

Here's where the magic happens!

The prepare() method steps through creating a cheese pizza, and each time it needs an ingredient, it asks the factory to produce it.

Reworked Pizza Store

```
public class NYPizzaStore extends PizzaStore {

    protected Pizza createPizza(String item) {
        Pizza pizza = null;
        PizzaIngredientFactory ingredientFactory =
            new NYPizzaIngredientFactory();

        if (item.equals("cheese")) {

            pizza = new CheesePizza(ingredientFactory);
            pizza.setName("New York Style Cheese Pizza");

        } else if (item.equals("veggie")) {

            pizza = new VeggiePizza(ingredientFactory);
            pizza.setName("New York Style Veggie Pizza");

        } else if (item.equals("clam")) {

            pizza = new ClamPizza(ingredientFactory);
            pizza.setName("New York Style Clam Pizza");

        } else if (item.equals("pepperoni")) {

            pizza = new PepperoniPizza(ingredientFactory);
            pizza.setName("New York Style Pepperoni Pizza");

        }
        return pizza;
    }
}
```

The NY Store is composed with a NY pizza ingredient factory. This will be used to produce the ingredients for all NY-style pizzas.

We now pass each pizza the factory that should be used to produce its ingredients.

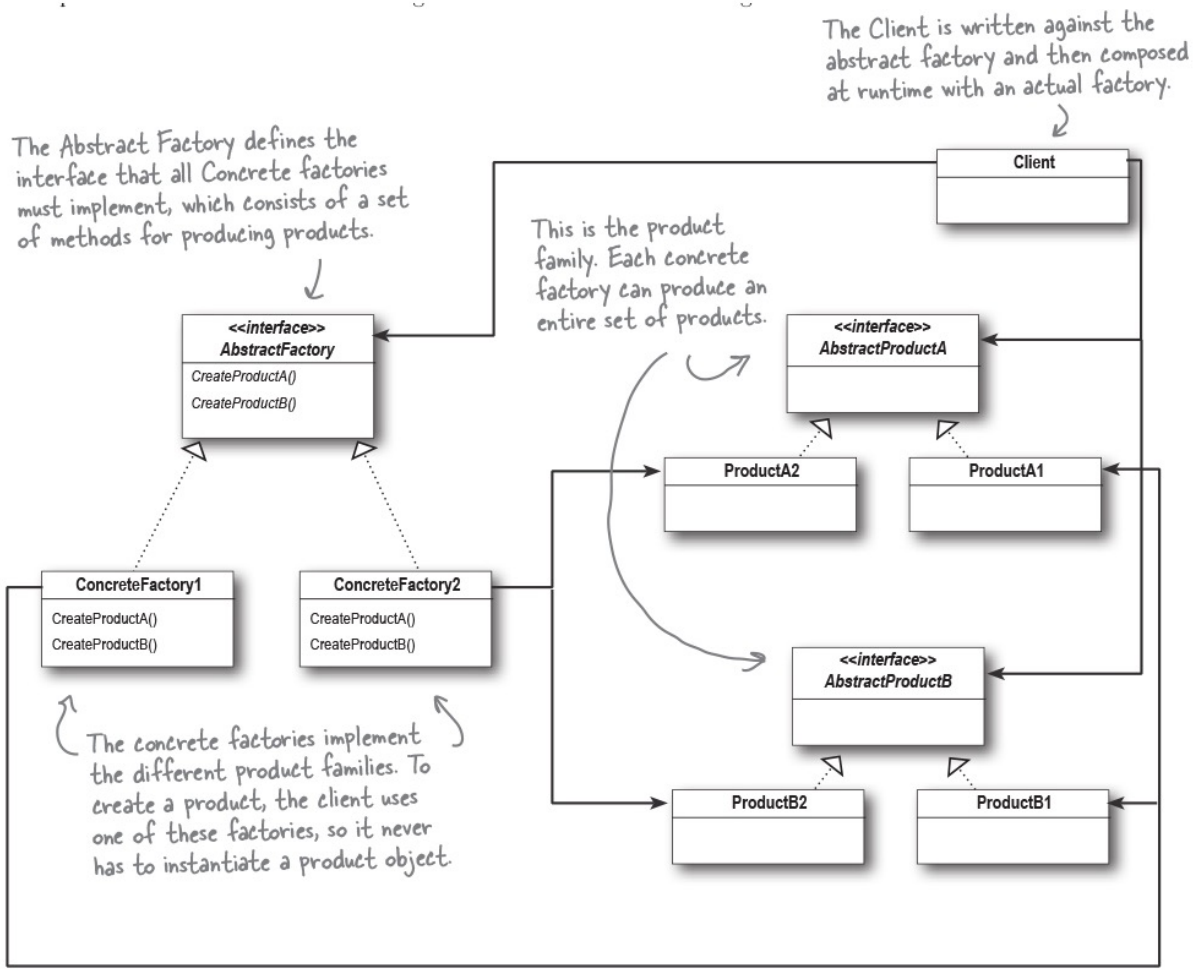
Look back one page and make sure you understand how the pizza and the factory work together!

For each type of Pizza, we instantiate a new Pizza and give it the factory it needs to get its ingredients.

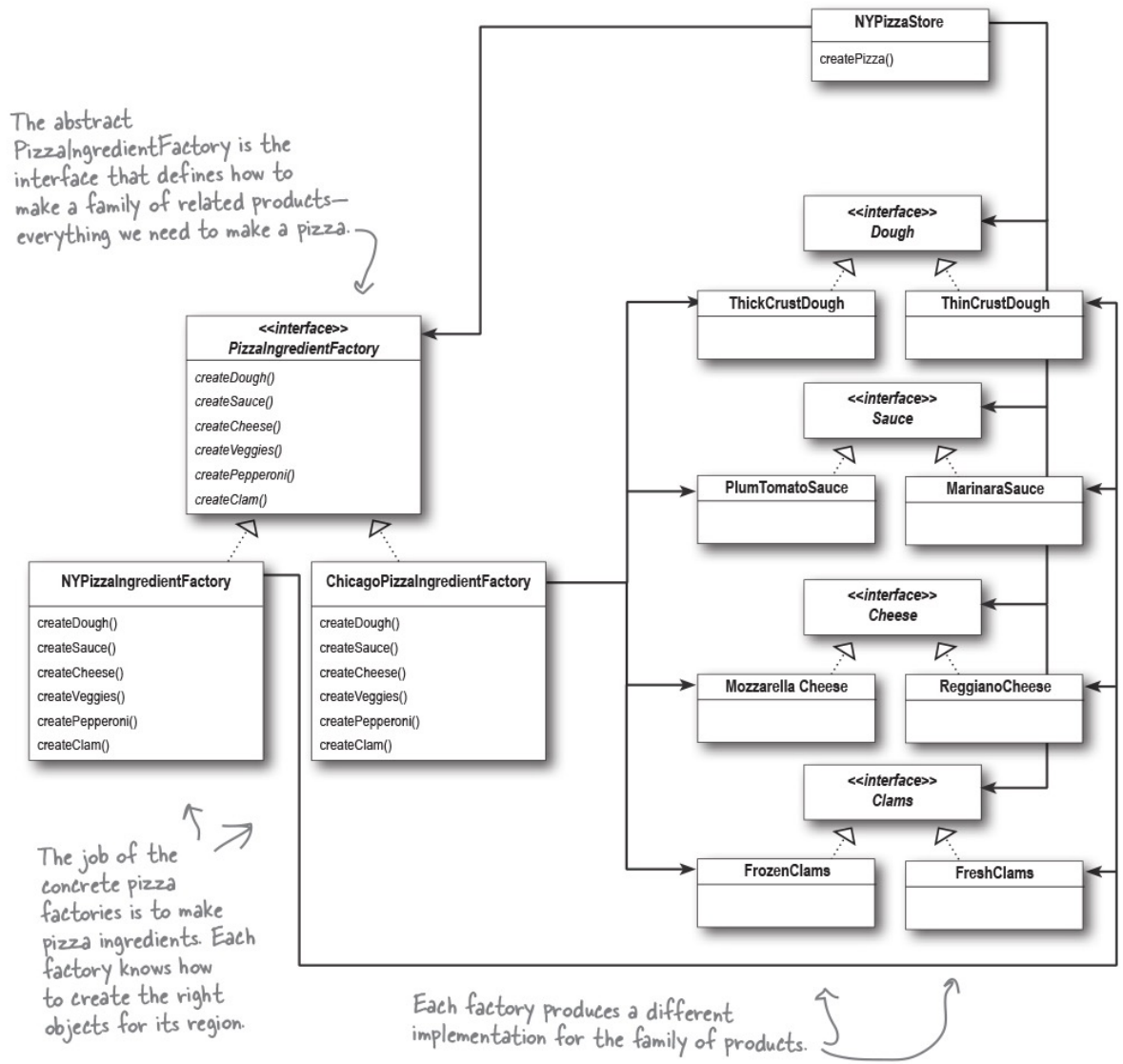
The Abstract Factory

An Abstract Factory gives us an interface for creating a family of products. By writing code that uses this interface, we decouple our code from the actual factory that creates the products. That allows us to implement a variety of factories that produce products meant for different contexts—such as different regions, different operating systems, or different look and feels.

The Abstract Factory UML



The Abstract Factory Applied to Pizza Store



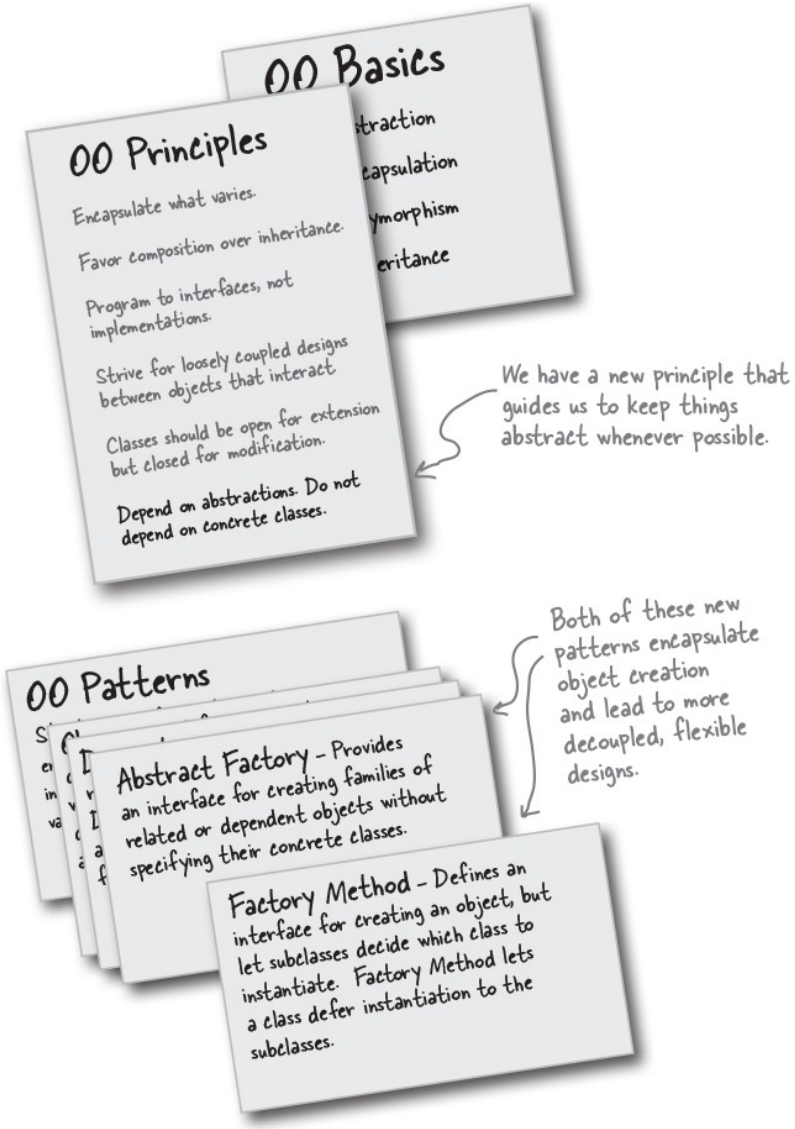
Summary

- All factories encapsulate object creation.
- Simple Factory, while not a bona fide design pattern, is a simple way to decouple your clients from concrete classes.
- Factory Method relies on inheritance: object creation is delegated to subclasses, which implement the factory method to create objects.
- Abstract Factory relies on object composition: object creation is implemented in methods exposed in the factory interface.
- All factory patterns promote loose coupling by reducing the dependency of your application on concrete classes.

Summary

- The intent of Factory Method is to allow a class to defer instantiation to its subclasses.
- The intent of Abstract Factory is to create families of related objects without having to depend on their concrete classes.
- The Dependency Inversion Principle guides us to avoid dependencies on concrete types and to strive for abstractions.
- Factories are a powerful technique for coding to abstractions, not concrete classes.

Summary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Encapsulate what varies.
Favor composition over inheritance.
Program to interfaces, not implementations.
Strive for loosely coupled designs between objects that interact.
Classes should be open for extension but closed for modification.
Depend on abstractions. Do not depend on concrete classes.
We have a new principle that guides us to keep things abstract whenever possible.
OO Patterns
Abstract Factory – Provides an interface for creating families of related or dependent objects without specifying their concrete classes.
Factory Method – Defines an interface for creating an object, but let subclasses decide which class to instantiate. Factory Method lets a class defer instantiation to the subclasses.
Both of these new patterns encapsulate object creation and lead to more decoupled, flexible designs.