

Design Patterns

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Creational patterns deal with the process of creation of objects of classes.

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Structural

Structural patterns deal with how classes and objects are arranged or composed

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Behavioral

Behavioral patterns describe how classes and objects interact & communicate with each other

Design Patterns

Creational

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

What problem builder design pattern solves?

Class constructor requires a lot of information

```
//Product instances are immutable
class Product {

    public Product(int weight, double price, int shipVolume, int shipCode) {
        //initialize
    }

    //other code
}
```

What problem builder design pattern solves?

Objects that need other objects or “parts” to construct them.

```
class Address {  
    public Address(String houseNumber, String street,...) {  
        //initialize  
    }  
}  
  
class User {  
    public User(String name, Address address, LocateDate birthdate, List<Role> roles ) {  
        //initialize  
    }  
    //other code  
}
```

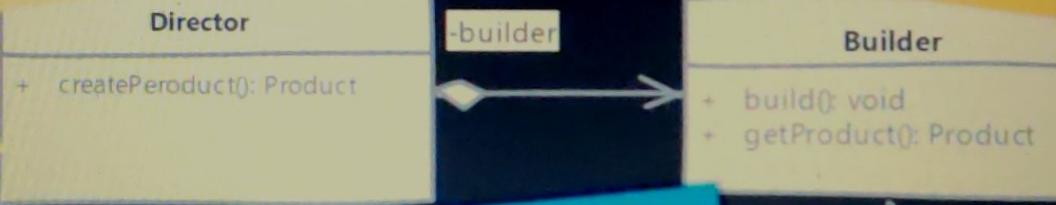
What is a Builder?

- We have a complex process to construct an object involving multiple steps, then builder design pattern can help us.
- In builder we remove the logic related to object construction from “client” code & abstract it in separate classes.

UML

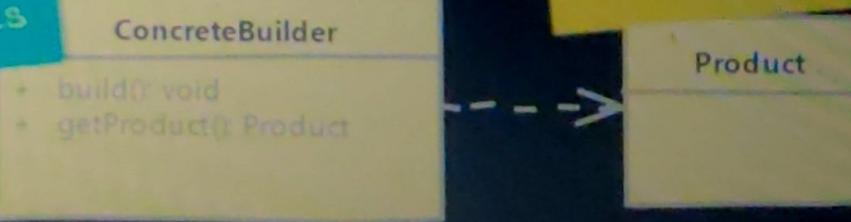
Role- Director
- Uses builder to construct object
- Knows the steps & their sequence to build product

Role- Builder
- Provides interface for creating "parts" of the product



Role- Concrete Builder
- Constructs parts & assembles final product
- keeps track of product it creates

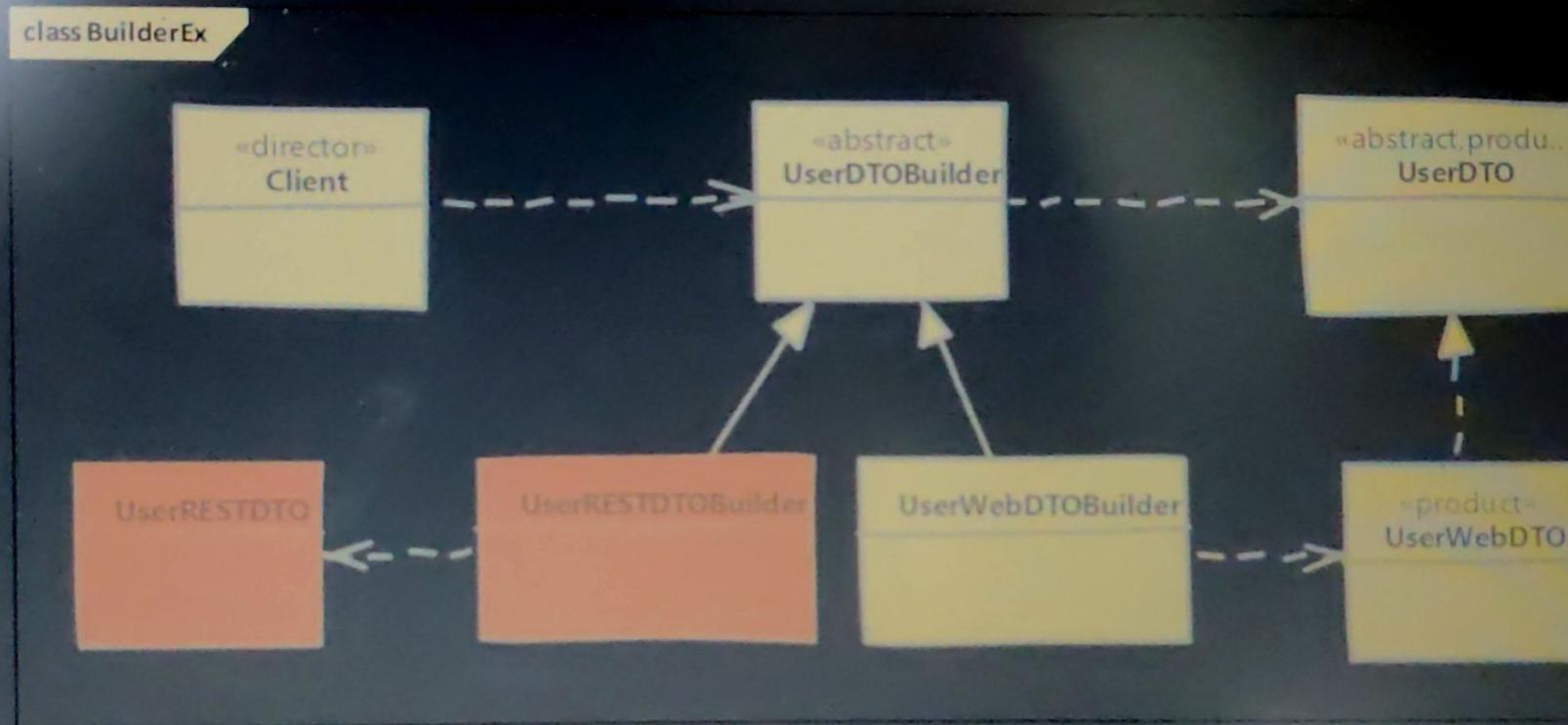
Role- Product
- Final complex object that we want to create



Implement a Builder

- We start by creating a builder
 - Identify the “parts” of the product & provide methods to create those parts
 - It should provide a method to “assemble” or build the product/object
 - It must provide a way/method to get fully built object out. *Optionally* builder can keep reference to an product it has built so the same can be returned again in future.
- A director can be a separate class or client can play the role of director.

Example: UML



Implementation Considerations

- You can easily create an immutable class by implementing builder as an inner static class. You'll find this type of implementation used quite frequently even if immutability is not a main concern.

Design Considerations

- The director role is rarely implemented as separate class, typically the consumer of the object instance or the client handles that role.
- Abstract builder is also not required if “product” itself is not part of any inheritance hierarchy. You can directly create concrete builder.
- If you are running into a “too many constructor arguments” problem then it’s a good indication that builder pattern *may* help.

Example of a Builder Pattern

- The `java.lang.StringBuilder` class as well as various buffer classes in `java.nio` package like `ByteBuffer`, `CharBuffer` are often given as examples of builder pattern.
- In my humble opinion they can be given as examples of builder pattern, but with an understanding that they don't match 100% with GoF definition. These classes do allow us to build final object in steps, providing only a part of final object in one step. In this way they can be thought of as an implementation of builder pattern.
- So a `StringBuilder` satisfies the intent/purpose of builder pattern. However as soon we start looking at structure of the `StringBuilder` things start to fall apart. GoF definition also states that, builder has potential to build different representations of product interface using same steps.

Example of a Builder Pattern

- There is another great example of builder pattern in Java 8. The `java.util.Calendar.Builder` class is a builder.

```
public static class Builder {  
    private static final int NFIELDS = FIELD_COUNT + 1; // +1  
    private static final int WEEK_YEAR = FIELD_COUNT;  
  
    private long instant;  
    // Calendar.stamp[] (lower half) and Calendar.fields[] (upper half) combined  
    private int[] fields;  
    // Pseudo timestamp starting from MINIMUM_USER_STAMP.  
    // (COMPUTED is used to indicate that the instant has been set.)  
  
    public Builder setWeekDate(int weekYear, int weekOfYear, int dayOfWeek) {  
        allocateFields();  
        internalSet(WEEK_YEAR, weekYear);  
        internalSet(WEEK_OF_YEAR, weekOfYear);  
        internalSet(DAY_OF_WEEK, dayOfWeek);  
        return this;  
    }  
  
    public Calendar build() {  
        if (locale == null) {  
            locale = Locale.getDefault();  
        }  
        if (zone == null) {  
            zone = TimeZone.getDefault();  
        }  
        Calendar cal;  
        if (type == null) {  
            cal = new GregorianCalendar(locale, zone);  
        } else {  
            cal = type.getCalendar(locale, zone);  
        }  
        cal.set(WEEK_YEAR, weekYear);  
        cal.set(WEEK_OF_YEAR, weekOfYear);  
        cal.set(DAY_OF_WEEK, dayOfWeek);  
        cal.set(MINUTE, 0);  
        cal.set(SECOND, 0);  
        cal.set(MILLISECOND, 0);  
        cal.set(COMPUTED, true);  
        return cal;  
    }  
}
```

Code from
Calendar\$Builder class in rt.jar

Compare & Contrast with Prototype

Builder

- We have complex constructor and builder allows us to work with that.
- We can create a builder as separate class and so it can work with legacy code.

Prototype

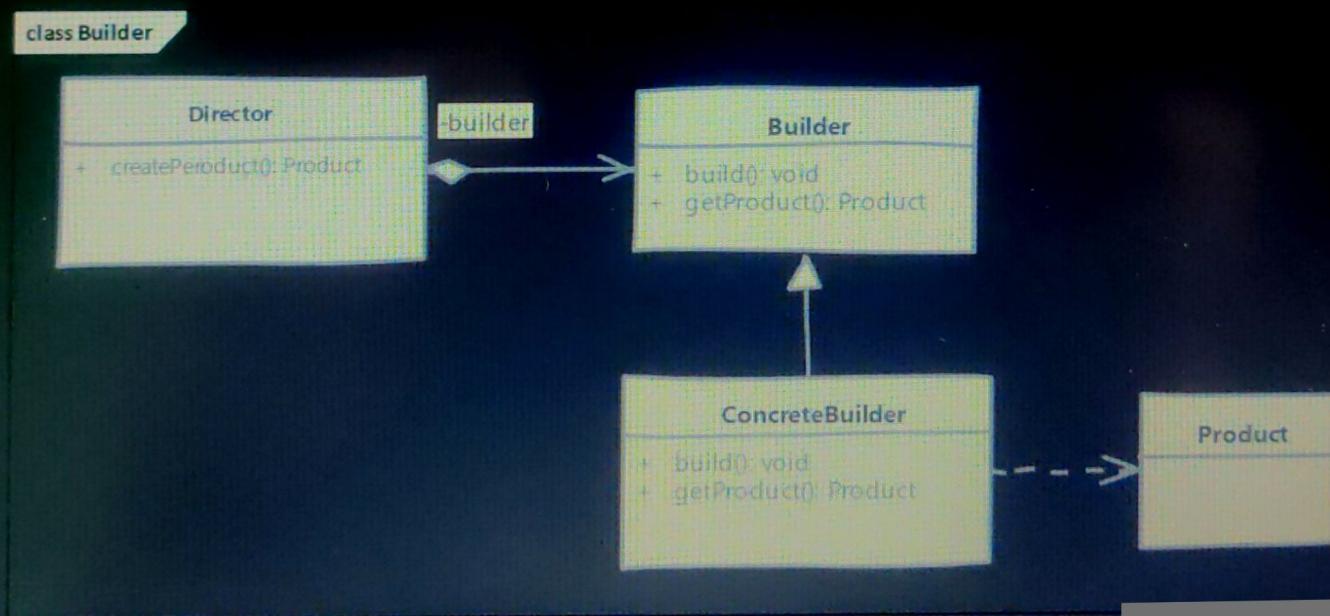
- Prototype allows to altogether skip using constructor.
- In java this pattern works using clone method, and needs to modify existing code so may not work with legacy code.

Pitfalls

- A little bit complex for new comers mainly because of 'method chaining', where builder methods return builder object itself.
- Possibility of partially initialized object; user code can set only a few or none of properties using withXXX methods and call build(). If required properties are missing, build method should provide suitable defaults or throw exception.

In-A-Hurry Summary

- Think of builder pattern when you have a complex constructor or an object is built in multiple steps.



In-A-Hurry Summary

Builder

```
//The concrete builder for UserWebDTO
public class UserWebDTOBuilder implements UserDTOBuilder {

    private String firstName;

    private String lastName;

    public UserWebDTOBuilder withFirstName(String fname) {
        this.firstName = fname;
        return this;
    }

    public UserWebDTOBuilder withLastName(String lname) {
        this.lastName = lname;
        return this;
    }

    public UserDTO build() {
        Period age = Period.between(birthday, LocalDate.now());
        this.userDTO = new UserWebDTO(firstName+ " " + lastName+
        .withAge(age.getDays())
        .withAddress(address);
        return this.userDTO;
    }

    public UserDTO getUserDTO() {
        return this.userDTO;
    }
}
```

Client

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    User user = createUser();
    UserDTOBuilder builder = new UserWebDTOBuilder();
    //Client has to provide director with concrete builder
    UserDTO dto = directBuild(builder, user);
    System.out.println(dto);
}
```

Director (Role played by Client)

```
/*
 * This method serves the role of director in builder pattern.
 */
private static UserDTO directBuild(UserDTOBuilder builder, User user) {
    return builder.withFirstName(user.getFirstName())
        .withLastName(user.getLastName())
        .withBirthday(user.getBirthday())
        .withAddress(user.getAddress())
        .build();
}
```