

What is Fluent Pattern?

Key Benefits

The Fluent Pattern (also known as Method Chaining) allows you to chain multiple method calls together in a single, readable statement. Each method returns an object (usually 'this') that allows the next method to be called on it, creating a fluent, English-like syntax.

Basic Fluent Page Object Implementation



Improved Readability

Code reads like natural language

Better Maintainability

Easier to modify and extend



Reduced Boilerplate

Less repetitive code

Method Chaining

Seamless operation flow

TestNG Test Implementation

■LoginPage.java

```
public class LoginPage {
    private WebDriver driver;

    // Locators
    @FindBy(id = "username")
    private WebElement usernameField;Java | Selenium | TestNGFluent Pattern in Selenium

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    @FindBy(id = "password")
    private WebElement passwordField;

    @FindBy(xpath = "//button[@type='submit']")
    private WebElement loginButton;

    // Constructor
    public LoginPage(WebDriver driver) {
        this.driver = driver;

        PageFactory.initElements(driver, this);
    }

    // Fluent methods - each returns 'this' for chaining
    public LoginPage enterUsername(String username) {
        usernameField.clear();

        usernameField.sendKeys(username);

        return this;
    }

    public LoginPage enterPassword(String password) {
        passwordField.clear();

        passwordField.sendKeys(password);

        return this;
    }

    public HomePage clickLogin() {
        loginButton.click();

        return new HomePage(driver); // Returns next page
    }

    // Complete login action in one fluent chain
    public HomePage login(String username, String password) {
        return this.enterUsername(username)
            .enterPassword(password)
            .clickLogin();
    }
}
```

Traditional vs Fluent Pattern Comparison

■LoginTest.java

```
public class LoginTest {
    private WebDriver driver;

    private LoginPage loginPage;

    @BeforeMethod
    public void setUp() {
        driver = new ChromeDriver();

        driver.get("https://example.com/login");

        loginPage = new LoginPage(driver);
    }

    @Test
    public void testSuccessfulLogin() {
        // Fluent pattern usage - readable and concise
        HomePage homePage = loginPage
            .enterUsername("testuser@example.com")
            .enterPassword("password123")
            .clickLogin();

        Assert.assertTrue(homePage.isWelcomeMessageDisplayed());
    }

    @Test
    public void testLoginWithInvalidCredentials() {
        loginPage
            .enterUsername("invalid@example.com")
            .enterPassword("wrongpassword")
            .clickLogin();

        Assert.assertTrue(loginPage.isErrorMessageDisplayed());
    }

    @Test
    public void testQuickLogin() {
        // Using the convenience method
        HomePage homePage = loginPage.login("user@test.com", "pass123");

        Assert.assertTrue(homePage.isLoggedIn());
    }

    @AfterMethod
    public void tearDown() {
        if (driver != null) {
            driver.quit();
        }
    }
}
```

Advanced Fluent Pattern with Conditional

Actions

■Advanced Example

```
public class AdvancedPage {
    private WebDriver driver;

    public AdvancedPage waitFor(int seconds) {
        try {
            Thread.sleep(seconds * 1000);
        } catch (InterruptedException e) {
            Thread.currentThread().interrupt();
        }
        return this;
    }

    public AdvancedPage clickIfVisible(WebElement element) {
        if (element.isDisplayed()) {
            element.click();
        }
        return this;
    }

    public AdvancedPage scrollToElement(WebElement element) {
        ((JavascriptExecutor) driver).executeScript(
            "arguments[0].scrollIntoView(true);", element);
        return this;
    }

    // Usage with method chaining
    public void performComplexAction() {
        this.waitFor(2)

        .scrollToElement(someElement)

        .clickIfVisible(actionButton)

        .waitFor(1);
    }
}
```

■ Best Practices

Selenium Test Automation Best Practices | Fluent Pattern Implementation Guide | @rakesh-arrepu ■
Traditional Approach

```
// Repetitive and verbose LoginPage
loginPage = new LoginPage(driver);
loginPage.enterUsername("user@test.com");
loginPage.enterPassword("password");
HomePage homePage =
loginPage.clickLogin(); ■ Fluent Pattern
```

```
// Clean and readable
homePage = new LoginPage()
    .enterUsername("user@test.com")
    .enterPassword("password")
    .clickLogin();
```

Always return 'this' from intermediate methods to enable chaining ✓

Return the appropriate page object from navigation methods ✓

Use descriptive method names that read like natural language ✓

Keep methods focused on single responsibilities ✓

Consider providing both fluent and non-fluent versions for flexibility ✓

Use fluent patterns for common workflows and scenarios ✓

Combine with Page Object Model for better test structure ✓

Add pre-conditions within fluent methods ✓