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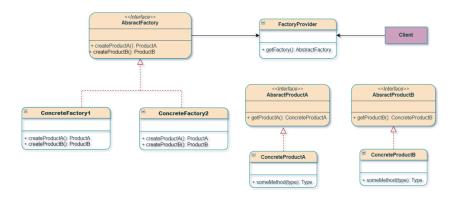


Definition

The Abstract Factory Pattern provides an **interface** for **creating families of related objects** without specifying their **concrete classes**. It's like having multiple factories, where each factory produces a complete family of products that **work together/are related/dependent**.

As a result, an Abstract Factory is known as the Factory of Factories or a Super Factory. It is more complex than the Factory pattern, as it is responsible for creating families of multiple related product types. Hence, we see multiple factory methods in the interface. This high level of abstraction enables the client to switch between different product families at runtime without knowing the concrete implementation of product instantiation.

Class Diagram



Example: Car Manufacturing

- 1. Abstract Product Interfaces (CarInterior, CarExterior)
 - $_{\circ}\,$ Define interfaces for a family of related products.
 - Each product type has its interface.
 - Clients depend on this interface to create objects without needing to know their specific types.
- 2. Concrete Products (EconomyCarInterior, LuxuryCarExterior, etc.)

- Implement the abstract product interfaces.
- Products from the same family are designed to work together.

3. Abstract Factory (CarFactory)

- Declares creation methods for each product type.
- Defines the contract for creating product families.

4. Concrete Factories (EconomyCarFactory , LuxuryCarFactory)

- Implement the abstract factory interface.
- Each factory produces products from a single specific family.

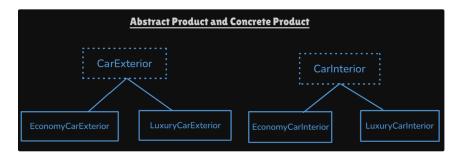
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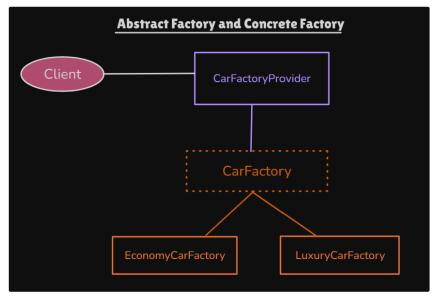
- Returns a concrete factory based on client input in the request.
- This concrete factory is used to create families of concrete products as per the client's request.

6. Client (Application)

• Utilizes the **Abstract Factory** Interface to request concrete products.

Implementation





1. Abstract Product Interfaces

```
1 // Step 1: Abstract Product interfaces - Define product families
2 public interface CarExterior {
3     void addExteriorComponents();
4 }
5 public interface CarInterior {
6     void addInteriorComponents();
```

2. Concrete Products

```
1 // Step 2: Concrete Products for Economy Car Family
 2 public class EconomyCarExterior implements CarExterior {
 3
       @Override
 4
       public void addExteriorComponents() {
          System.out.println("Adding basic exterior components for
 5
   Economy Car.");
 6
      }
7 }
 8 public class EconomyCarInterior implements CarInterior {
9
     @Override
10
       public void addInteriorComponents() {
11
          System.out.println("Adding basic interior components for
   Economy Car.");
12
    }
13 }
14 // Step 3: Concrete Products for Luxury Car Family
15 public class LuxuryCarExterior implements CarExterior {
16
     @Override
       public void addExteriorComponents() {
17
          System.out.println("Adding luxurious exterior components for
   Luxury Car.");
19
    }
20 }
21 public class LuxuryCarInterior implements CarInterior {
       @Override
23
      public void addInteriorComponents() {
24
         System.out.println("Adding luxurious interior components for
   Luxury Car.");
25
      }
26 }
```

3. Abstract Factory

```
1 // Step 4: Abstract Factory interface
 2 public interface CarFactory {
 3
 4
       // Factory methods
 5
       CarInterior createInterior();
 6
 7
       CarExterior createExterior();
 8
 9
       // Template method that uses all factory methods
       default void produceCompleteVehicle() {
10
11
           System.out.println("Starting complete vehicle production...");
12
13
           // Create all components
14
15
           CarInterior interior = createInterior();
16
           CarExterior exterior = createExterior();
17
           // Assemble the vehicle
18
19
           interior.addInteriorComponents();
20
           exterior.addExteriorComponents();
21
22
           System.out.println("Vehicle production completed!");
23
       }
24 }
```

4. Concrete Factories

```
1 // Step 5: Concrete Factories
2 public class EconomyCarFactory implements CarFactory {
3    private String brand;
4
5    public EconomyCarFactory(String brand) {
6         this.brand = brand;
```

```
8
       @Override
9
       public CarInterior createInterior() {
10
          return new EconomyCarInterior();
11
12
13
       @Override
14
       public CarExterior createExterior() {
15
           return new EconomyCarExterior();
16
17 }
18 // Step 5: Concrete Factories
19 public class LuxuryCarFactory implements CarFactory {
20
       private final String brand;
21
22
       public LuxuryCarFactory(String brand) {
23
           this.brand = brand;
24
       }
25
26
       @Override
27
       public CarInterior createInterior() {
28
           return new LuxuryCarInterior();
29
30
      @Override
31
32
       public CarExterior createExterior() {
33
          return new LuxuryCarExterior();
34
35 }
```

5. Factory Provider

```
1 // Step 6: Factory Provider
 2 public class CarFactoryProvider {
      public CarFactory getFactory(CarType type, String brand) {
4
        switch (type) {
 5
            case ECONOMY:
                 return new EconomyCarFactory(brand);
 6
 7
              case PREMIUM:
 8
              case LUXURY:
 9
                  return new LuxuryCarFactory(brand);
10
               default:
                  throw new IllegalArgumentException("Unknown car type:
11
   " + type);
12
         }
13
14 }
```

6. Client

```
1 // Step 7: Client Application
 2 public class AbstractFactoryDemo {
3
       public static void main(String[] args) {
          System.out.println("====Abstract Factory Design
   Pattern=====");
 5
          // Get Factory Provider
           CarFactoryProvider carFactoryProvider = new
 6
   CarFactoryProvider();
 7
 8
           // Get Economy Car Factory
9
           CarFactory economyCar =
   carFactoryProvider.getFactory(CarType.ECONOMY, "Honda");
10
           economyCar.produceCompleteVehicle();
11
12
           // Get Luxury Car Factory
13
           CarFactory luxuryCar =
   carFactoryProvider.getFactory(CarType.LUXURY, "Mercedes");
14
           luxuryCar.produceCompleteVehicle();
15
16
           // Get Premium Car Factory
```

```
CarFactory premiumCar =
carFactoryProvider.getFactory(CarType.PREMIUM, "Rolls Royce");
premiumCar.produceCompleteVehicle();
}

20 }
```

Output

```
=====Abstract Factory Design Pattern=====
Starting complete vehicle production...
Adding basic interior components for Economy Car.
Adding basic exterior components for Economy Car.
Vehicle production completed!
Starting complete vehicle production...
Adding luxurious interior components for Luxury Car.
Adding luxurious exterior components for Luxury Car.
Vehicle production completed!
Starting complete vehicle production...
Adding luxurious interior components for Luxury Car.
Adding luxurious exterior components for Luxury Car.
Vehicle production completed!

Process finished with exit code 0
```

The Abstract Factory Pattern is highly effective when you need to ensure that related products work well together, making it especially suitable for complex systems with various product variants. This highlights the pattern's strong extensibility and its compliance with the Open/Closed Principle.

Factory Method vs Abstract Factory

Refer - 5. Factory Pattern Vs Abstract Factory Pattern Explanation (Hindi) | Low Level System Design

Summary:

- One product, many variants → Use Factory Method
- Many products, grouped by family (theme, platform, brand, etc.) → Use Abstract Factory