

Creational Patterns

- Patterns used to abstract the process of instantiating objects.
 - class-scoped patterns
 - uses inheritance to choose the class to be instantiated
 - Factory Method
 - object-scoped patterns
 - uses delegation
 - Abstract Factory
 - Builder
 - Prototype
 - Singleton

Importance

- Becomes important as emphasis moves towards dynamically composing smaller objects to achieve complex behaviours.
 - need more than just instantiating a class
 - need consistent ways of creating related objects.

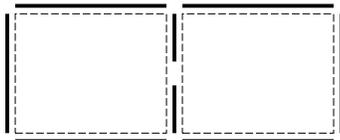


Recurring Themes

- Hide the secret about which concrete classes the system uses.
- Hide the secret about how instances are created and associated.
- Gives flexibility in
 - what gets created
 - who creates it
 - how it gets created
 - when it get gets created

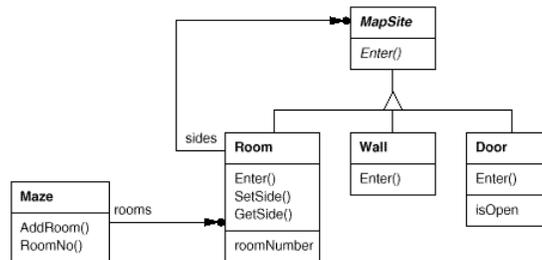
Running Example

- Building a maze for a computer game.



- A Maze is a set of Rooms.
- A Room knows its neighbours.
 - another room
 - a wall
 - a door

Maze Example



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Creating Mazes

```

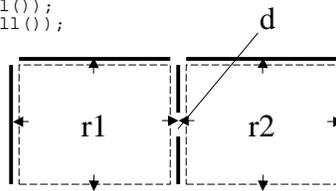
public class MazeGame
{
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        Maze m = new MazeGame().createMaze();
    }

    public Maze createMaze() {
        Room r1 = new Room(1);
        Room r2 = new Room(2);
        Door d = new Door(r1,r2);

        r1.setSide(Direction.North, new Wall());
        r1.setSide(Direction.East, d);
        r1.setSide(Direction.West, new Wall());
        r1.setSide(Direction.South, new Wall());

        r2.setSide(Direction.North, new Wall());
        r2.setSide(Direction.West, d);
        r2.setSide(Direction.East, new Wall());
        r2.setSide(Direction.South, new Wall());

        Maze m = new Maze();
        m.addRoom(r1);
        m.addRoom(r2);
        return m;
    }
}
  
```



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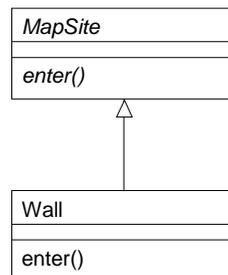
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Maze Classes

```
public abstract class MapSite
{
    public abstract void enter();
}
```

```
public class Wall extends MapSite
{
    public void enter() {
    }
}
```



Maze Classes

```
public class Door extends MapSite
{
    Door(Room s1, Room s2) {
        side1 = s1;
        side2 = s2;
    }

    public void enter() {
    }

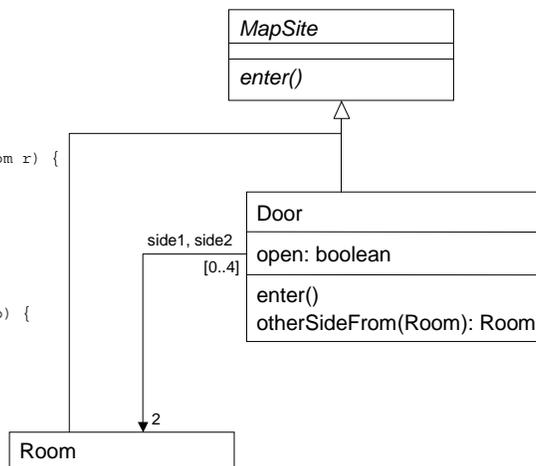
    public Room otherSideFrom(Room r) {
        if( r == side1 )
            return side2;
        else if( r == side2 )
            return side1;
        else
            return null;
    }

    public void setOpen(boolean b) {
        open = b;
    }

    public boolean getOpen() {
        return open;
    }

    private Room side1;
    private Room side2;
    boolean open;
}

```



Maze Classes

```
public class Direction
{
    public final static int First = 0;
    public final static int North = First;
    public final static int South = North+1;
    public final static int East = South+1;
    public final static int West = East+1;
    public final static int Last = West;
    public final static int Num = Last-First+1;
}
```

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Maze Classes

```
public class Room extends MapSite
{
    public Room(int r) {
        room_no = r;
    }

    public void enter() {

    }

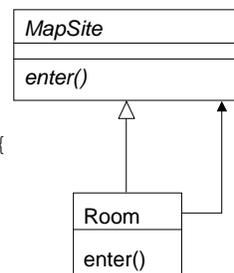
    public void setSide(int direction, MapSite ms) {
        side[direction] = ms;
    }

    public MapSite getSide(int direction) {
        return side[direction];
    }

    public void setRoom_no(int r) {
        room_no = r;
    }

    public int getRoom_no() {
        return room_no;
    }

    private int room_no;
    private MapSite[] side = new MapSite[Direction.Num];
}
```



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Maze Classes

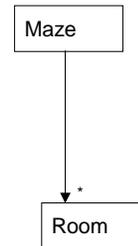
```
import java.util.Vector;

public class Maze
{
    public void addRoom(Room r) {
        rooms.addElement(r);
    }

    public Room getRoom(int r) {
        return (Room)rooms.elementAt(r);
    }

    public int numRooms() {
        return rooms.size();
    }

    private Vector rooms = new Vector();
}
```



Maze Creation

```
public Maze createMaze() {
    Room r1 = new Room(1);
    Room r2 = new Room(2);
    Door d = new Door(r1,r2);

    r1.setSide(Direction.North, new Wall());
    r1.setSide(Direction.East, d);
    r1.setSide(Direction.West, new Wall());
    r1.setSide(Direction.South, new Wall());

    r2.setSide(Direction.North, new Wall());
    r2.setSide(Direction.East, d);
    r2.setSide(Direction.West, new Wall());
    r2.setSide(Direction.South, new Wall());

    Maze m = new Maze();
    m.addRoom(r1);
    m.addRoom(r2);
    return m;
}
```

Maze Creation

- Fairly complex member just to create a maze with two rooms.
- Obvious simplification:
 - Room() could initialize sides with 4 new Wall()
 - That just moves the code elsewhere.
- Problem lies elsewhere: *inflexibility*
 - Hard-codes the maze creation
 - Changing the layout can only be done by re-writing, or overriding and re-writing.

Creational Patterns Benefits

- Will make the maze more flexible.
 - easy to change the components of a maze
 - e.g., DoorNeedingSpell, EnchantedRoom
 - How can you change createMaze() so that it creates mazes with these different kind of classes?
 - Biggest obstacle is hard-coding of class names.

Creational Patterns

- If createMaze() calls virtuals to construct components
 - Factory Method
- If createMaze() is passed a parameter object to create rooms, walls, ...
 - Abstract Factory
- If createMaze() is passed a parameter object to create and connect-up mazes
 - Builder
- If createMaze is parameterized with various prototypical rooms, doors, walls, ... which it copies and then adds to the maze
 - Prototype
- Need to ensure there is only one maze per game, and everybody can access it, and can extend or replace the maze without touching other code.
 - Singleton

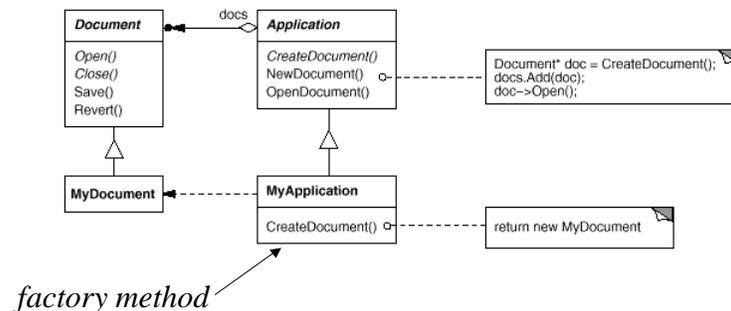
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Factory Method

- Define an interface for creating an object, but let subclasses decide which class to instantiate.
- a.k.a. Virtual Constructor
- e.g., app framework



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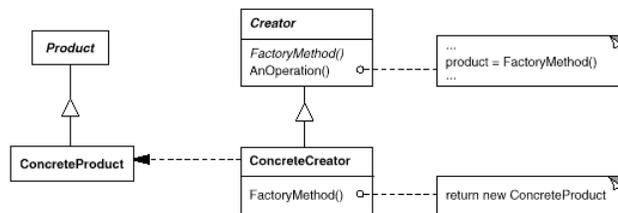
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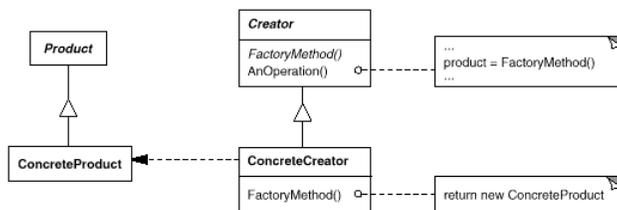
- Use when:
 - A class can't anticipate the kind of objects to create.
 - Hide the secret of which helper subclass is the current delegate.

Structure



- **Product**
 - defines the interface of objects the factory method creates
- **ConcreteProduct**
 - implements the **Product** interface

Structure



- **Creator**
 - declares the factory method which return a Product type.
 - [define a default implementation]
 - [call the factory method itself]
- **ConcreteCreator**
 - overrides the factory method to return an instance of a ConcreteProduct

Sample Code

```
public class MazeGame {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        Maze m = new MazeGame().createMaze();
    }

    private Maze makeMaze() { return new Maze(); }
    private Wall makeWall() { return new Wall(); }
    private Room makeRoom(int r) { return new Room(r); }
    private Door makeDoor(Room r1, Room r2) { return new Door(r1,r2); }

    public Maze createMaze() {
        ...
    }
}
```

Sample Code

```
public Maze createMaze() {
    Room r1 = makeRoom(1);
    Room r2 = makeRoom(2);
    Door d = makeDoor(r1,r2);

    r1.setSide(Direction.North, makeWall());
    r1.setSide(Direction.East, d);
    r1.setSide(Direction.West, makeWall());
    r1.setSide(Direction.South, makeWall());

    r2.setSide(Direction.North, makeWall());
    r2.setSide(Direction.East, d);
    r2.setSide(Direction.West, makeWall());
    r2.setSide(Direction.South, makeWall());

    Maze m = makeMaze();
    m.addRoom(r1);
    m.addRoom(r2);
    return m;
}
```

Sample Code

```
public class BombedMazeGame extends MazeGame
{
    private Wall makeWall() { return new BombedWall(); }
    private Room makeRoom(int r) { return new RoomWithABomb(r); }
}

public class EnchantedMazeGame extends MazeGame
{
    private Room makeRoom(int r)
    { return new EnchantedRoom(r, castSpell()); }
    private Door makeDoor(Room r1, Room r2)
    { return new DoorNeedingSpell(r1,r2); }
    private Spell castSpell()
    { return new Spell(); }
}
```

Sample Code

```
public static void main(String args[]) {  
    Maze m = new EnchantedMazeGame().createMaze();  
}
```

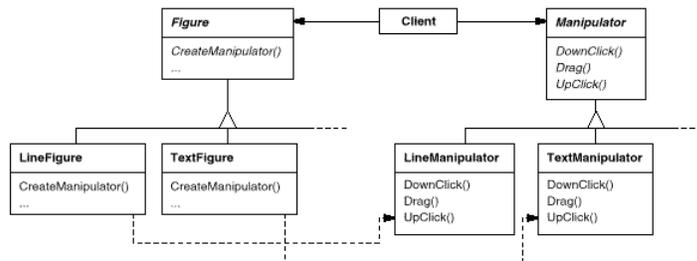
```
public static void main(String args[]) {  
    Maze m = new BombedMazeGame().createMaze();  
}
```

Consequences

- **Advantage:**
 - Eliminates the need to bind to specific implementation classes.
 - Can work with any user-defined ConcreteProduct classes.
- **Disadvantage:**
 - Uses an inheritance dimension
 - Must subclass to define new ConcreteProduct objects
 - interface consistency required

Consequences

- Provides hooks for subclasses
 - always more flexible than direct object creation
- Connects parallel class hierarchies
 - hides the secret of which classes belong together



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Implementation

- Two major varieties
 - creator class is abstract
 - *requires* subclass to implement
 - creator class is concrete, and provides a default implementation
 - *optionally allows* subclass to re-implement
- Parameterized factory methods
 - takes a class id as a parameter to a generic make() method.
 - (more on this later)
- Naming conventions
 - use 'makeXXX()' type conventions (e.g., MacApp – DoMakeClass())
- Can use templates instead of inheritance
- Return class of object to be created
 - or, store as member variable

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Question

- What gets printed?

```
public class Main {
    public static void main(String args[])
        { new DerivedMain(); }
    public String myClass()
        { return "Main"; }
}

class DerivedMain extends Main {
    public DerivedMain()
        { System.out.println(myClass()); }
    public String myClass()
        { return "DerivedMain"; }
}
```

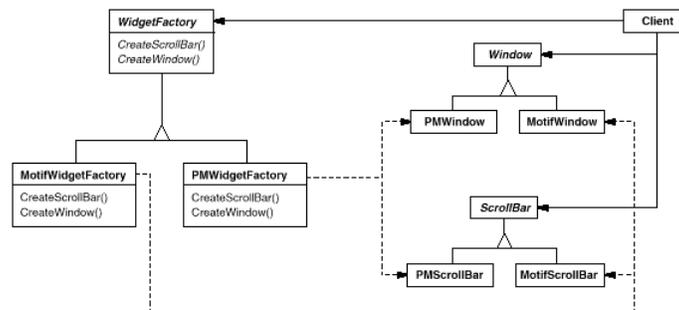
Implementation

- Lazy initialization
 - In C++, subclass vtable pointers aren't installed until after parent class initialization is complete.
 - DON'T CREATE DURING CONSTRUCTION!
 - can use lazy instantiation:

```
Product getProduct() {
    if( product == null ) {
        product = makeProduct();
    }
    return product;
}
```

Abstract Factory

- Provide an interface for creating families of related or dependent objects without specifying their concrete classes.
- e.g., look-and-feel portability
 - independence
 - enforced consistency



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Applicability

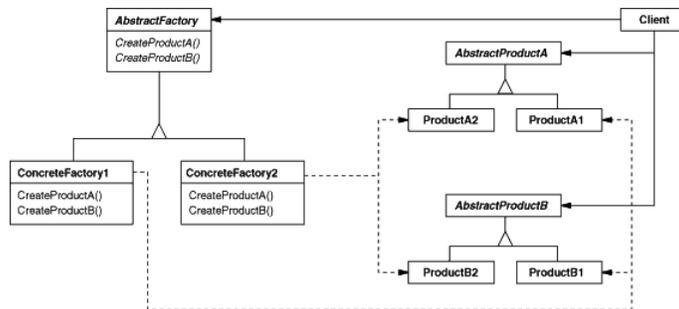
- Use when:
 - a system should be independent of how its products are created, composed, and represented
 - a system should be configured with one of multiple families of products.
 - a family of related product objects is designed to be used together, and you need to enforce this constraint.
 - you want to provide a class library of products, and you want to reveal just their interfaces, not their implementations.
 - you want to hide and reuse awkward or complex details of construction

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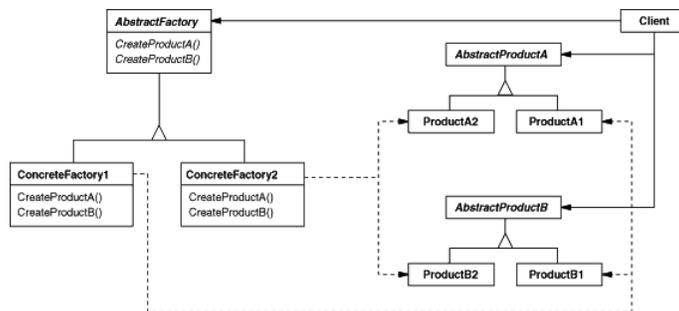
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Structure



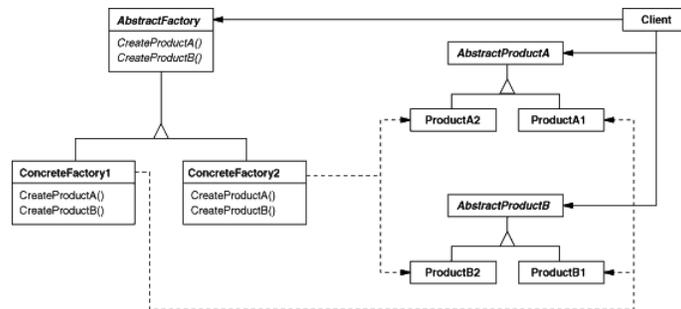
- **AbstractFactory**
 - declares an interface for operations that create product objects.
- **ConcreteFactory**
 - implements the operations to create concrete product objects.

Structure



- **AbstractProduct**
 - declares an interface for a type of product object.
- **Product**
 - defines a product to be created by the corresponding concrete factory.
 - implements the AbstractProduct interface.

Structure



- Client
 - uses only interfaces declared by AbstractFactory and AbstractProduct classes.

Sample Code

```
public class MazeFactory {
    Maze makeMaze() { return new Maze(); }
    Wall makeWall() { return new Wall(); }
    Room makeRoom(int r) { return new Room(r); }
    Door makeDoor(Room r1, Room r2) { return new Door(r1,r2); }
}
```

Maze Creation (old way)

```
public Maze createMaze() {
    Room r1 = new Room(1);
    Room r2 = new Room(2);
    Door d = new Door(r1,r2);

    r1.setSide(Direction.North, new Wall());
    r1.setSide(Direction.East, d);
    r1.setSide(Direction.West, new Wall());
    r1.setSide(Direction.South, new Wall());

    r2.setSide(Direction.North, new Wall());
    r2.setSide(Direction.East, d);
    r2.setSide(Direction.West, new Wall());
    r2.setSide(Direction.South, new Wall());

    Maze m = new Maze();
    m.addRoom(r1);
    m.addRoom(r2);
    return m;
}
```

Sample Code

```
public Maze createMaze(MazeFactory factory) {
    Room r1 = factory.makeRoom(1);
    Room r2 = factory.makeRoom(2);
    Door d = factory.makeDoor(r1,r2);

    r1.setSide(Direction.North, factory.makeWall());
    r1.setSide(Direction.East, d);
    r1.setSide(Direction.West, factory.makeWall());
    r1.setSide(Direction.South, factory.makeWall());

    r2.setSide(Direction.North, factory.makeWall());
    r2.setSide(Direction.East, d);
    r2.setSide(Direction.West, factory.makeWall());
    r2.setSide(Direction.South, factory.makeWall());

    Maze m = factory.makeMaze();
    m.addRoom(r1);
    m.addRoom(r2);
    return m;
}
```

Sample Code

```
public class EnchantedMazeFactory extends MazeFactory {
    public Room makeRoom(int r) {
        return new EnchantedRoom(r, castSpell());
    }

    public Door makeDoor(Room r1, Room r2) {
        return new DoorNeedingSpell(r1,r2);
    }

    private protected castSpell() {
        // randomly choose a spell to cast;
        ...
    }
}
```

Sample Code

```
public class MazeGame
{
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        Maze m = new MazeGame().createMaze(new MazeFactory());
    }
}

public class MazeGame
{
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        Maze m = new MazeGame().createMaze(new EnchantedMazeFactory());
    }
}
```

Consequences

- It isolates concrete classes
 - Helps control the classes of objects that an application creates.
 - Isolates clients from implementation classes
 - Clients manipulate instances through abstract interfaces
 - Product class names are isolated in the implementation of the concrete factory
 - they do not appear in the client code

Consequences

- It makes exchanging product families easy
 - The class of a concrete factory appears only once in the app.
 - where it's instantiated
 - Easy to change the concrete factory an app uses.
 - The whole product family changes at once

Consequences

- It promotes consistency among products
 - When products are designed to work together, it's important that an application use objects only from one family at a time.
 - AbstractFactory makes this easy to enforce.

Consequences

- Supporting new kinds of products is difficult.
 - Extending AbstractFactory to produce new product types isn't easy
 - extend factory interface
 - extend all concrete factories
 - add a new abstract product
 - + the usual (implement new class in each family)

Implementation

- Factories as Singletons
 - An app typically needs only one instance of a ConcreteFactory per product family.
 - Best implemented as a Singleton

Implementation

- Defining extensible factories
 - Hard to extend to new product types
 - Add parameter to operations that create products
 - need only `make()`
 - less safe
 - more flexible
 - easier in languages that have common subclass
 - e.g. java Object
 - easier in more dynamically-typed languages
 - e.g., Smalltalk
 - all products have same abstract interface
 - can downcast – not safe
 - classic tradeoff for a very flexible/extensible interface

Implementation

- Creating the products
 - AbstractFactory declares an interface for product creation
 - ConcreteFactory implements it. How?
 - Factory Method
 - virtual overrides for creation methods
 - simple
 - requires new concrete factories for each family, even if they only differ slightly
 - Prototype
 - concrete factory is initialized with a prototypical instance of each product in the family
 - creates new products by cloning
 - doesn't require a new concrete factory class for each product family
 - variant: can register class objects

Prototype-based Implementation

```
abstract class AbstractProduct implements Cloneable {
    public abstract int geti();
    public abstract Object clone();
}

class ConcreteProduct extends AbstractProduct
{
    public ConcreteProduct(int j) { i = j; }

    public Object clone() { return new ConcreteProduct(i); }

    public int geti() { return i; }

    private int i;
}
```

Prototype-based Implementation

```
import java.util.Hashtable;

public class ConcreteFactory {
    void addProduct(AbstractProduct p, String name) {
        map.put(name, p);
    }

    AbstractProduct make(String name) {
        return (AbstractProduct)
            ((AbstractProduct)map.get(name)).clone();
    }

    private Hashtable map = new Hashtable();
}
```

Prototype-based Implementation

```
public class Main {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        ConcreteFactory f = new ConcreteFactory();
        f.addProduct(new ConcreteProduct(42), "ap");
        AbstractProduct p = f.make("ap");
        System.out.println(p.geti());
    }
}
```

Class Registration Implementation

```
abstract class AbstractProduct {
    public abstract int geti();
}

class ConcreteProduct extends AbstractProduct {
    public int geti() { return i; }
    private int i = 47;
}

public class ConcreteFactory {
    void addProduct(Class c, String name) {
        map.put(name, c);
    }

    Product make(String name) throws Exception {
        Class c = (Class)map.get(name);
        return (Product) c.newInstance();
    }

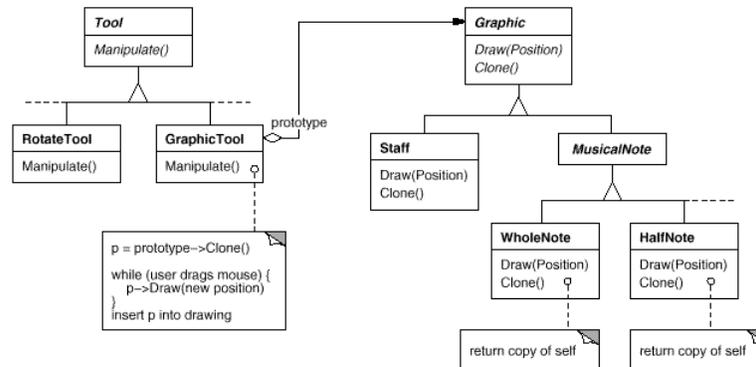
    private Hashtable map = new Hashtable();
}
```

Class Registration Implementation

```
public class Main {
    public static void main(String args[]) throws Exception {
        ConcreteFactory f = new ConcreteFactory();
        f.addProduct(Class.forName("ConcreteProduct"), "ap");
        AbstractProduct p = f.make("ap");
        System.out.println(p.geti());
    }
}
```

Prototype

- Specify the kinds of objects to create using a prototypical instance, and create new objects by copying this prototype.
 - e.g., reduce # of classes (# of tools) by initializing a generic tool with a prototype



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Applicability

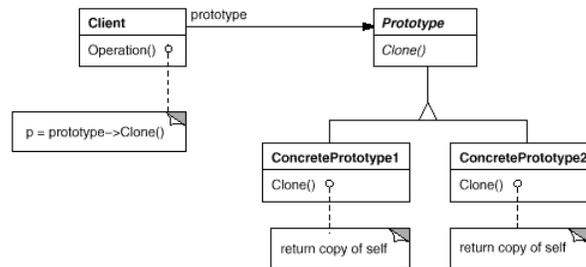
- Use When:
 - the classes to be instantiated are specified at run-time
 - e.g., for dynamic loading
 - to avoid building a class hierarchy of factories to parallel the hierarchy of products
 - when instances can have only one of a few states
 - maybe better to initialize once, and then clone prototypes

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Structure



- **Prototype**
 - declares an interface for cloning itself
- **ConcretePrototype**
 - implements an operation for cloning itself
- **Client**
 - creates a new object by asking a prototype to clone itself

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Sample Code

```
public class MazePrototypeFactory extends MazeFactory
{
    private Maze prototypeMaze;
    private Wall prototypeWall;
    private Room prototypeRoom;
    private Door prototypeDoor;

    public MazePrototypeFactory(Maze pm, Wall pw, Room pr, Door pd) {
        prototypeMaze = pm;
        prototypeWall = pw;
        prototypeRoom = pr;
        prototypeDoor = pd;
    }

    ...
}
```

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Sample Code

```
public class MazePrototypeFactory extends MazeFactory
{
    Wall makeWall() {
        Wall wall = null;
        try {
            wall = (Wall)prototypeWall.clone();
        } catch(CloneNotSupportedException e) { throw new Error(); }
        return wall;
    }
    Room makeRoom(int r) {
        Room room = null;
        try {
            room = (Room)prototypeRoom.clone();
        } catch(CloneNotSupportedException e) { throw new Error(); }
        room.initialize(r);
        return room;
    }
    ...
}
```

Sample Code

```
public abstract class MapSite implements Cloneable
{
    public abstract void enter();

    public String toString() {
        return getClass().getName();
    }

    public Object clone() throws CloneNotSupportedException {
        return super.clone();
    }
}
```

Sample Code

```
public class Door extends MapSite
{
    public Door(Room s1, Room s2) {
        initialize(s1,s2);
    }

    public void initialize(Room s1, Room s2) {
        side1 = s1;
        side2 = s2;
        open = true;
    }

    private Room side1;
    private Room side2;
    boolean open;

    ...
}
```

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Sample Code

```
public class Room extends MapSite
{
    public Room(int r) {
        initialize(r);
    }

    public void initialize(int r) {
        room_no = r;
    }

    public Object clone() throws CloneNotSupportedException {
        Room r = (Room)super.clone();
        r.side = new MapSite[Direction.Num];
        return r;
    }

    ...
    private int room_no;
    private MapSite[] side = new MapSite[Direction.Num];
}
```

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Sample Code

```
public class EnchantedRoom extends Room
{
    public EnchantedRoom(int r, Spell s) {
        super(r);
        spell = s;
    }

    public Object clone() throws CloneNotSupportedException {
        EnchantedRoom r = (EnchantedRoom)super.clone();
        r.spell = new Spell();
        return r;
    }

    private Spell spell;
}
```

Sample Code

```
public static void main(String args[]) {
    MazeFactory mf = new MazePrototypeFactory(
        new Maze(), new Wall(),
        new Room(0), new Door(null,null));
    Maze m = new MazeGame().createMaze(mf);
}

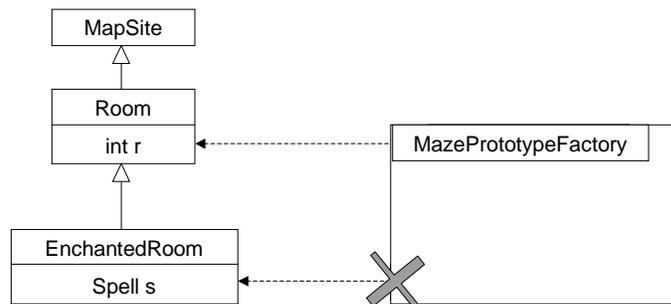
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    MazeFactory mf = new MazePrototypeFactory(
        new Maze(), new Wall(),
        (Room)Class.forName("EnchantedRoom").newInstance(),
        (Door)Class.forName("DoorNeedingSpell").newInstance());
    Maze m = new MazeGame().createMaze(mf);
}
```

Consequences

- Many of the same as AbstractFactory
- Can add and remove products at run-time
- new objects via new values
 - setting state on a prototype is analogous to defining a new class
- new structures
 - a multi-connected prototype + deep copy
- reducing subclassing
 - no need to have a factory or creator hierarchy
- dynamic load
 - cannot reference a new class's constructor statically
 - must register a prototype
- Disadvantage
 - implement clone() all over the place (can be tough).

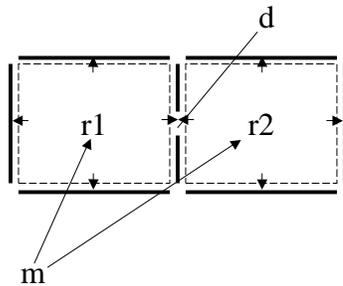
Consequences

- No parallel class hierarchy
 - awkward initialization



Implementation

- Use a prototype manager
 - store and retrieve in a registry (like Abstract Factory e.g.).
- Shallow versus deep copy
 - consider a correct implementation of clone() for Maze.
 - need a concept of looking up equivalent cloned rooms in the current maze



```
• m.clone()
  • r1.clone()
    • n.wall.clone()
    • e.door.clone()
      • r1.clone()
        • !!!
```

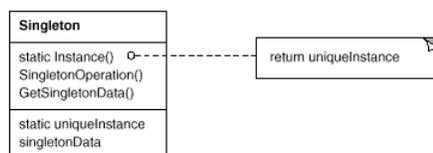
Singleton

- Ensure a class only has one instance, and provide a global point of access to it.
 - Many times need only one instance of an object
 - one file system
 - one print spooler
 - ...
 - How do we ensure there is exactly one instance, and that the instance is easily accessible?
 - Global variable is accessible, but can still instantiate multiple instances.
 - make the class itself responsible

Applicability

- Use when:
 - there must be exactly one instance accessible from a well-known access point
 - the sole instance should be extensible via subclassing
 - clients should be able to use the extended instance without modifying their code

Structure



- Singleton
 - defines a class-scoped `instance()` operation that lets clients access its unique instance
 - may be responsible for creating its own unique instance

Sample Code

```
package penny.maze.factory;
public class MazeFactory {
    MazeFactory() { }

    private static MazeFactory theInstance = null;
    public static MazeFactory instance() {
        if( theInstance == null ) {
            String mazeKind =
                AppConfig.getProperties().getProperty("maze.kind");
            if( mazeKind.equals("bombed") ) {
                theInstance = new BombedMazeFactory();
            } else if( mazeKind.equals("enchanted") ) {
                theInstance = new EnchantedMazeFactory();
            } else {
                theInstance = new MazeFactory();
            }
        }
        return theInstance;
    }
    ...
}
```

Sample Code

file .mazerc:

```
# Maze application parameters
maze.kind=enchanted
```

Sample Code

```
import java.io.*;
import java.util.Properties;

public class AppConfig {
    public static Properties getProperties() {
        if( props == null ) {
            props = new Properties(defaults());
            try {
                props.load(new FileInputStream(".mazerc"));
            } catch(IOException e) {
                System.err.println("Cannot read .mazerc, using defaults");
            }
        }
        return props;
    }

    private static Properties defaults() {
        Properties p = new Properties();
        p.put("maze.kind", "bombed");
        return p;
    }

    private static Properties props = null;
}
```

Sample Code - More Dynamic

file .mazerc:

```
# Maze application parameters
maze.factory=EnchantedMazeFactory
```

Sample Code - More Dynamic

```
package penny.maze.factory;
public class MazeFactory {
    MazeFactory() { }

    private static MazeFactory theInstance = null;
    public static MazeFactory instance() {
        if( theInstance == null ) {
            String mazeFactory =
                AppConfig.getProperties().getProperty("maze.factory");
            try{
                theInstance = (MazeFactory)
                    Class.forName(mazeFactory).newInstance();
            } catch(Exception e) {
                theInstance = new MazeFactory();
            }
        }
        return theInstance;
    }
    ...
}
```

Consequences

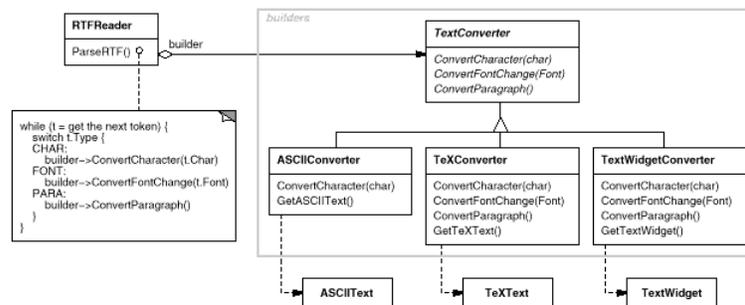
- **Controlled access to sole instance.**
 - Because singleton encapsulates the sole instance, it has strict control.
- **Reduced name space**
 - one access method only
- **Variable # of instances**
 - can change your mind to have e.g., 5 instances
- **Easy to derive and select new classes**
 - access controlled through a single point of entry

Implementation

- Ensuring a unique instance
 - can't define singleton as a global object!
 - no guarantee only one will get created
 - must prohibit instantiation
 - may not know the state settings at init time (prior to main())
 - must create whether used or not
 - can't define as a static object
 - all of the above +
 - C++ doesn't define the order of construction across translation units.
- Subclassing the singleton class
 - as shown
 - C++: implement Singleton::instance() in each sub-class, only link one in at link time.
 - registry of singletons: instance ("bombed")
 - subclasses register in static initializers (or "init()" methods).

Builder

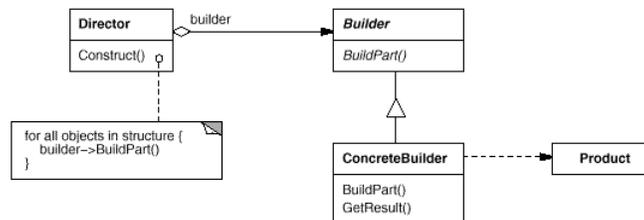
- Separate the construction of a complex object from its representation so that the same construction process can create different representations.
 - e.g., read in Rich Text Format, converting to may different formats on load.



Applicability

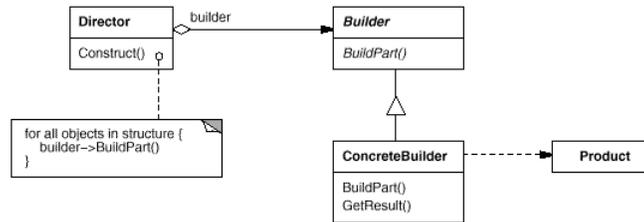
- Use When:
 - the algorithm for creating a complex object should be independent of the parts that make up the object and how they're assembled
 - the construction process must allow different representations for the object that's constructed

Structure



- **Builder**
 - specifies an abstract interface for creating parts of a Product object
- **Concrete Builder**
 - constructs and assembles parts of the product by implementing the Builder interface
 - defines and keeps track of the representation it creates
 - provides an interface for retrieving the product

Structure



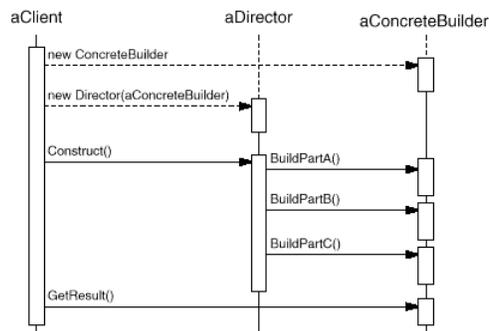
- **Director**
 - constructs an object using the Builder interface
- **Product**
 - represents the complex object under construction.
 - includes classes that define the constituent parts, including interfaces for assembling the parts into the final result

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- The client creates the Director object and configures it with the Builder object.
- Director notifies the builder whenever a part of the product should be built.
- Builder handles requests from the director and adds parts to the product.
- The client retrieves the product from the builder.

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Sample Code

```
public abstract class MazeBuilder {
    public void buildRoom(int r){}
    public void buildDoor(int r1, int direction, int r2){}
    public Maze getMaze(){return null;}
}

public class MazeGame {
    ...
    public Maze createMaze(MazeBuilder b) {
        b.buildRoom(1);
        b.buildRoom(2);
        b.buildDoor(1, Direction.North, 2);
        return b.getMaze();
    }
    ...
}
```

Sample Code

```
public class StandardMazeBuilder extends MazeBuilder
{
    private Maze currentMaze;

    public Maze getMaze() {
        if( currentMaze==null )
            currentMaze = new Maze();
        return currentMaze;
    }

    ...
}
```

Sample Code

```
public class StandardMazeBuilder extends MazeBuilder
{
    ...
    public void buildRoom(int r) {
        if( getMaze().getRoom(r) == null ) {
            Room room = new Room(r);
            getMaze().addRoom(room);
            for(int d = Direction.First; d <= Direction.Last; d++)
                room.setSide(d, new Wall());
        }
    }
    ...
}
```

Sample Code

```
public class StandardMazeBuilder extends MazeBuilder
{
    ...
    public void buildDoor(int r1, int d, int r2) {
        Room room1 = getMaze().getRoom(r1);
        Room room2 = getMaze().getRoom(r2);
        if( room1 == null ) {
            buildRoom(r1);
            room1 = getMaze().getRoom(r1);
        }
        if( room2 == null ) {
            buildRoom(r2);
            room2 = getMaze().getRoom(r2);
        }

        Door door = new Door(room1, room2);

        room1.setSide(d, door);
        room2.setSide(Direction.opposite(d), door);
    }
    ...
}
```

Sample Code

```
public class CountingMazeBuilder extends MazeBuilder
{
    private int rooms = 0;
    private int doors = 0;

    public void buildDoor(int r1, int direction, int r2) {
        doors++;
    }

    public void buildRoom(int r) {
        rooms++;
    }

    public int getDoors() { return doors; }
    public int getRooms() { return rooms; }
}
```

Sample Code

```
public class MazeGame
{
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        MazeGame mg = new MazeGame();
        Maze m = mg.createMaze(new StandardMazeBuilder());
        System.out.println(m);

        CountingMazeBuilder cmb = new CountingMazeBuilder();
        mg.createMaze(cmb);
        System.out.println("rooms = "+cmb.getRooms());
        System.out.println("doors = "+cmb.getDoors());
    }
    ...
}
```

Sample Code

```
public Maze createMaze(MazeFactory f) {
    Room r1 = f.makeRoom(1);
    Room r2 = f.makeRoom(2);
    Door d = f.makeDoor(r1,r2);

    r1.setSide(Direction.North, f.makeWall());
    r1.setSide(Direction.East, d);
    r1.setSide(Direction.West, f.makeWall());
    r1.setSide(Direction.South, f.makeWall());

    r2.setSide(Direction.North, f.makeWall());
    r2.setSide(Direction.East, f.makeWall());
    r2.setSide(Direction.West, d);
    r2.setSide(Direction.South, f.makeWall());

    Maze m = f.makeMaze();
    m.addRoom(r1);
    m.addRoom(r2);
    return m;
}
```

Sample Code

```
public Maze createMaze(MazeBuilder b) {
    b.buildDoor(1, Direction.North, 2);
    return b.getMaze();
}
```

Consequences

- lets you vary a product's internal representation
- isolates code for construction and representation
- gives you control over the construction process

Implementation

- Assembly interface
 - sometimes can just append next element to structure
 - more often must lookup previously constructed elements
 - need an interface for doing this that hides Products
 - cookie of some sort
 - beware order of construction
- Product hierarchy?
 - often no great similarity
 - no great need
 - don't use up a precious inheritance dimension
- abstract v.s. empty methods?
 - empty methods more generally useful
- User-installable product classes

Creational Patterns

- If createMaze() calls virtuals to construct components
 - Factory Method (class scoped)
- If createMaze() is passed a parameter object to create rooms, walls, ...
 - Abstract Factory
- If createMaze() is passed a parameter object to create and connect-up mazes
 - Builder
- If createMaze is parameterized with various prototypical rooms, doors, walls, ... which it copies and then adds to the maze
 - Prototype
- Need to ensure there is only one maze per game, and everybody can access it, and can extend or replace the maze without touching other code.
 - Singleton