## Design Patterns

## Factory Pattern

#### Who should create?

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#### Last point we remained

Duck should not know: -Its subclasess -Its changing behaviour types





#### Who can create, who should create?



## Factory Method Pattern

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#### Factory Method: Applicability

- Use the Factory Method pattern when
  - to make client class as unable to anticipate the class of objects it must create/have
  - a class wants its subclasses to specify the objects it creates

### The Factory Method Pattern

- This is a 'Creational' pattern, i.e. it is concerned with object instantiation
- Used where an abstract class (A) may, itself, need to create objects of other classes
  - where the precise class is not necessarily known.
- The precise class to be instantiated may only be known within a sub-class of A.
  - However, all sub-classes of A will share the common signature of the superclass. Therefore, the abstract class (A) may interact with the created object through this interface.

### Factory Method pattern

- Define an interface for creating an object, but let <u>subclasses</u> decide which class to instantiate. It lets a class defer instantiation to subclasses
- <u>PROBLEM</u>:
  - A framework with abstract application classes and application-specific subclasses to instantiate to realize different implementations
- <u>SOLUTION</u>:
  - The Factory Method pattern encapsulates the knowledge of which subclass to create and moves this knowledge out of the framework

#### Example: Simple Pizza Class



#### Creation and use of Pizza Class



#### Pizza starts subclassing



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



#### SimplePizzaFactory

♦createPizza()

```
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();
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               <u>return pizza;</u>
```



```
public class PizzaStore
        SimplePizzaFactory factory;
        public PizzaStore(SimplePizzaFactory factory) {
                this factory = factory;
        Pizza orderPizza(String type)
        {
                Pizza pizza;
                pizza = factory.createPizza(type);
                pizza.prepare();
                pizza.bake();
                pizza cut(),
                pizza box();
                <u>return pizza;</u>
        }
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```



### Factory Method: class diagram



the subclasses redefine abstract methods of the abstract class to return the appropriate subclass

# Factory Method Sequence Diagram



#### Factory Method: class diagram sample



we call createDocument() the <u>factory method</u> because it is responsible for "manufacturing" an object

### Factory Method pattern

- <u>applicabilities</u>:
  - the class that must instantiate classes only knows about abstract classes, which it cannot instantiate. It only knows when or how to create an object but not what kind oh object to create, because this is application-specific
  - a class want its subclasses to specify the objects to be created
  - classes delegate responsibility to one or several helper subclasses and you want to localize the knowledge of which helper subclass is the delegate

#### Factory Method pattern

• CONSEQUENCES:



- Factory methods eliminate the need to bind applicationspecific classes into your code
  - The code only deals with the Product interface and then it can work with any user-defined ConcreteProduct class



 Clients might have to subclass the Creator class to create a particular ConcreteProduct object