

Creational patterns

Abstract factory (recognizable by creational methods returning the factory itself which in turn can be used to create another abstract/interface type)

- [javax.xml.parsers.DocumentBuilderFactory#newInstance\(\)](#)
- [javax.xml.transform.TransformerFactory#newInstance\(\)](#)
- [javax.xml.xpath.XPathFactory#newInstance\(\)](#)

Builder (recognizable by creational methods returning the instance itself)

- [java.lang.StringBuilder#append\(\)](#) (unsynchronized)
- [java.lang.StringBuffer#append\(\)](#) (synchronized)
- [java.nio.ByteBuffer#put\(\)](#) (also on [CharBuffer](#), [ShortBuffer](#), [IntBuffer](#), [LongBuffer](#), [FloatBuffer](#) and [DoubleBuffer](#))
- [javax.swing.GroupLayout.Group#addComponent\(\)](#)
- All implementations of [java.lang.Appendable](#)

Factory method (recognizable by creational methods returning an implementation of an abstract/interface type)

- [java.util.Calendar#getInstance\(\)](#)
- [java.util.ResourceBundle#getBundle\(\)](#)
- [java.text.NumberFormat#getInstance\(\)](#)
- [java.nio.charset.Charset#forName\(\)](#)
- [java.net.URLStreamHandlerFactory#createURLStreamHandler\(String\)](#) (Returns singleton object per protocol)

Prototype (recognizable by creational methods returning a *different* instance of itself with the same properties)

- [java.lang.Object#clone\(\)](#) (the class has to implement [java.lang.Cloneable](#))

Singleton (recognizable by creational methods returning the *same* instance (usually of itself) everytime)

- [java.lang.Runtime#.getRuntime\(\)](#)
- [java.awt.Desktop#getDesktop\(\)](#)
- [java.lang.System#getSecurityManager\(\)](#)

Structural patterns

Adapter (recognizable by creational methods taking an instance of *different* abstract/interface type and returning an implementation of own/another abstract/interface type which *decorates/overrides* the given instance)

- [java.util.Arrays#asList\(\)](#)
- [java.io.InputStreamReader\(InputStream\)](#) (returns a Reader)
- [java.io.OutputStreamWriter\(OutputStream\)](#) (returns a Writer)
- [javax.xml.bind.annotation.adapters.XmlAdapter#marshal\(\)](#) and [#unmarshal\(\)](#)

Bridge (recognizable by creational methods taking an instance of *different* abstract/interface type and returning an implementation of own abstract/interface type which *delegates/uses* the given instance)

- None comes to mind yet. A fictive example would be `new LinkedHashMap(LinkedHashSet<K>, List<V>)` which returns an unmodifiable linked map which doesn't clone the items, but *uses* them. The [java.util.Collections#newSetFromMap\(\)](#) and [singletonXXX\(\)](#) methods however comes close.

Composite (recognizable by behavioral methods taking an instance of *same* abstract/interface type into a tree structure)

- [java.awt.Container#add\(Component\)](#) (practically all over Swing thus)
- [javax.faces.component.UIComponent#getChildren\(\)](#) (practically all over JSF UI thus)

Decorator (recognizable by creational methods taking an instance of *same* abstract/interface type which adds additional behaviour)

- All subclasses of [java.io.InputStream](#), [OutputStream](#), [Reader](#) and [Writer](#) have a constructor taking an instance of same type.
- [java.util.Collections](#), the [checkedXXX\(\)](#), [synchronizedXXX\(\)](#) and [unmodifiableXXX\(\)](#) methods.
- [javax.servlet.http.HttpServletRequestWrapper](#) and [HttpServletResponseWrapper](#)

Facade (recognizable by behavioral methods which internally uses instances of *different* independent abstract/interface types)

- [javax.faces.context.FacesContext](#), it internally uses among others the abstract/interface types [Lifecycle](#), [ViewHandler](#), [NavigationHandler](#) and many more without that the enduser has to worry about it (which are however overrideable by injection).
- [javax.faces.context.ExternalContext](#), which internally uses [ServletContext](#), [HttpSession](#), [HttpServletRequest](#), [HttpServletResponse](#), etc.

Flyweight (recognizable by creational methods returning a cached instance, a bit the "multiton" idea)

- [java.lang.Integer#valueOf\(int\)](#) (also on [Boolean](#), [Byte](#), [Character](#), [Short](#) and [Long](#))

Proxy (recognizable by creational methods which returns an implementation of given abstract/interface type which in turn *delegates/uses* a *different* implementation of given abstract/interface type)

- [java.lang.reflect.Proxy](#)
- [java.rmi.*](#), the whole API actually.

Behavioral patterns

Chain of responsibility (recognizable by behavioral methods which (indirectly) invokes the same method in *another* implementation of *same* abstract/interface type in a queue)

- [java.util.logging.Logger#log\(\)](#)
- [javax.servlet.Filter#doFilter\(\)](#)

Command (recognizable by behavioral methods in an abstract/interface type which invokes a method in an implementation of a *different* abstract/interface type which has been *encapsulated* by the command implementation during its creation)

- All implementations of [java.lang.Runnable](#)
- All implementations of [javax.swing.Action](#)

Interpreter (recognizable by behavioral methods returning a *structurally* different instance/type of the given instance/type; note that parsing/formatting is not part of the pattern, determining the pattern and how to apply it is)

- [java.util.Pattern](#)
- [java.text.Normalizer](#)
- All subclasses of [java.text.Format](#)
- All subclasses of [javax.el.ELResolver](#)

Iterator (recognizable by behavioral methods sequentially returning instances of a *different* type from a queue)

- All implementations of [java.util.Iterator](#) (thus among others also [java.util.Scanner](#)!).
- All implementations of [java.util.Enumeration](#)

Mediator (recognizeable by behavioral methods taking an instance of different abstract/interface type (usually using the command pattern) which delegates/uses the given instance)

- [java.util.Timer](#) (all `scheduleXXX()` methods)
- [java.util.concurrent.Executor#execute\(\)](#)
- [java.util.concurrent.ExecutorService](#) (the `invokeXXX()` and `submit()` methods)
- [java.util.concurrent.ScheduledExecutorService](#) (all `scheduleXXX()` methods)
- [java.lang.reflect.Method#invoke\(\)](#)

Memento (recognizeable by behavioral methods which internally changes the state of the *whole* instance)

- [java.util.Date](#) (the setter methods do that, `Date` is internally represented by a `long` value)
- All implementations of [java.io.Serializable](#)
- All implementations of [javax.faces.component.StateHolder](#)

Observer (or Publish/Subscribe) (recognizeable by behavioral methods which invokes a method on an instance of *another* abstract/interface type, depending on own state)

- [java.util.Observer](#)/[java.util.Observable](#) (rarely used in real world though)
- All implementations of [java.util.EventListener](#) (practically all over Swing thus)
- [javax.servlet.http.HttpSessionBindingListener](#)
- [javax.servlet.http.HttpSessionAttributeListener](#)
- [javax.faces.event.PhaseListener](#)

State (recognizeable by behavioral methods which changes its behaviour depending on the instance's state which can be controlled externally)

- [javax.faces.lifecycle.Lifecycle#execute\(\)](#) (controlled by [FacesServlet](#), the behaviour is dependent on current phase (state) of JSF lifecycle)

Strategy (recognizeable by behavioral methods in an abstract/interface type which invokes a method in an implementation of a *different* abstract/interface type which has been *passed-in* as method argument into the strategy implementation)

- [java.util.Comparator#compare\(\)](#), executed by among others `Collections#sort()`.
- [javax.servlet.http.HttpServlet](#), the `service()` and all `doXXX()` methods take `HttpServletRequest` and `HttpServletResponse` and the implementor has to process them (and not to get hold of them as instance variables!).
- [javax.servlet.Filter#doFilter\(\)](#)

Template method (recognizeable by behavioral methods which already have a "default" behaviour defined by an abstract type)

- All non-abstract methods of [java.io.InputStream](#), [java.io.OutputStream](#), [java.io.Reader](#) and [java.io.Writer](#).
- All non-abstract methods of [java.util.AbstractList](#), [java.util.AbstractSet](#) and [java.util.AbstractMap](#).
- [javax.servlet.http.HttpServlet](#), all the `doXXX()` methods by default sends a HTTP 405 "Method Not Allowed" error to the response. You're free to implement none or any of them.

Visitor (recognizeable by two *different* abstract/interface types which has methods defined which takes each the *other* abstract/interface type; the one actually calls the method of the other and the other executes the desired strategy on it)

- [javax.lang.model.element.AnnotationValue](#) and [AnnotationValueVisitor](#)
- [javax.lang.model.element.Element](#) and [ElementVisitor](#)
- [javax.lang.model.type.TypeMirror](#) and [TypeVisitor](#)
- [java.nio.file.Files#walkFileTree\(\)](#) and [FileVisitor](#)