**Factory Method**

       The Factory Method pattern deals with situations where at runtime one of several similar classes must be created. Visualise this as a factory that produces objects. In a toy factory for instance we have the abstract concept of toy.

       Every time we get a request for a new toy a decision must be made - what kind of a toy to manufacture. Similarly to the Singleton pattern the Factory Method pattern utilises a public static accessor method. In our example the abstract Toyfactory class will have a getInstance() method, which is inherited by its non abstract subclasses.



Factory pattern is one of the most used design patterns in Java. This type of design pattern comes under creational pattern as this pattern provides one of the best ways to create an object.

In Factory pattern, we create object without exposing the creation logic to the client and refer to newly created object using a common interface.

**Implementation**

We're going to create a *Shape* interface and concrete classes implementing the *Shape* interface. A factory class *ShapeFactory* is defined as a next step.

*FactoryPatternDemo*, our demo class will use *ShapeFactory* to get a *Shape* object. It will pass information (*CIRCLE / RECTANGLE / SQUARE*) to *ShapeFactory* to get the type of object it needs.



Step 1

Create an interface.

*Shape.java*

public interface Shape {

 void draw();

}

Step 2

Create concrete classes implementing the same interface.

*Rectangle.java*

public class Rectangle implements Shape {

 @Override

 public void draw() {

 System.out.println("Inside Rectangle::draw() method.");

 }

}

*Square.java*

public class Square implements Shape {

 @Override

 public void draw() {

 System.out.println("Inside Square::draw() method.");

 }

}

*Circle.java*

public class Circle implements Shape {

 @Override

 public void draw() {

 System.out.println("Inside Circle::draw() method.");

 }

}

Step 3

Create a Factory to generate object of concrete class based on given information.

*ShapeFactory.java*

public class ShapeFactory {

 //use getShape method to get object of type shape

 public Shape getShape(String shapeType){

 if(shapeType == null){

 return null;

 }

 if(shapeType.equalsIgnoreCase("CIRCLE")){

 return new Circle();

 } else if(shapeType.equalsIgnoreCase("RECTANGLE")){

 return new Rectangle();

 } else if(shapeType.equalsIgnoreCase("SQUARE")){

 return new Square();

 }

 return null;

 }

}

Step 4

Use the Factory to get object of concrete class by passing an information such as type.

*FactoryPatternDemo.java*

public class FactoryPatternDemo {

 public static void main(String[] args) {

 ShapeFactory shapeFactory = new ShapeFactory();

 //get an object of Circle and call its draw method.

 Shape shape1 = shapeFactory.getShape("CIRCLE");

 //call draw method of Circle

 shape1.draw();

 //get an object of Rectangle and call its draw method.

 Shape shape2 = shapeFactory.getShape("RECTANGLE");

 //call draw method of Rectangle

 shape2.draw();

 //get an object of Square and call its draw method.

 Shape shape3 = shapeFactory.getShape("SQUARE");

 //call draw method of square

 shape3.draw();

 }

}

Step 5

Verify the output.

Inside Circle::draw() method.

Inside Rectangle::draw() method.

Inside Square::draw() method.