Design Principles: SOLID

Topics

Name your favourite design principle which:

- 1) Limits for whom we change a file.
- 2) Adds new code for changes.
- 3) Makes substitutable objects.
- 4) Prevents depending on things you don't need.
- 5) Prevents high-level policies from depending on low-level details.

Design Principles

- Design principles help us design software which is:
 - more understandable
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 - more maintainable
- We have seen
 - Separate aspects that change from those that stay the same
 - Classes should be open for extension, but closed for modification
 - Program to an interface, not an implementation
 - Favour composition over inheritance

- SRP: Single Responsibility Principle
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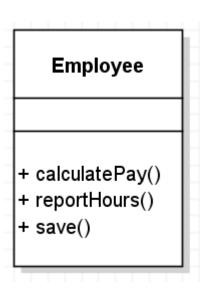
SRP

Single Responsibility Principle (SRP)

- Actor: A group of stakeholders
- Idea
 - The contents of a module are there to satisfy the needs of one group.

SRP Violation: Multiple Actors

- Actors' Needs
 - calculatePay(): specified by accounting
 - reportHours(): specified by human resources
 - save(): specified by IT administrators

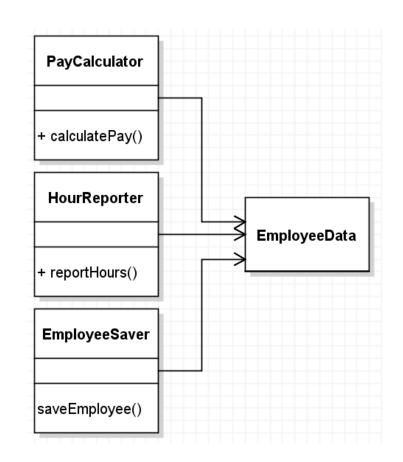


- Design couples Employee to three different actors
 - Imagine a regularHours() function used by calculatePay() and reportHours()
 - If accountants ask for a change to regularHours(), the change unexpectedly impacts reportHours() and HR
- SRP: Separate the code so that changes needed by one actor

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SRP Solution

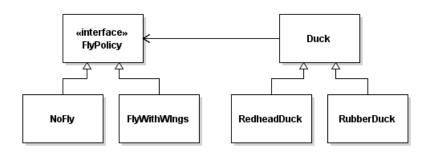
- Move each actor's needs to own class
 - Store data in its own EmployeeData class
 - Create three independent classes to process the data
- No part of the processing code is beholden to multiple stakeholders.

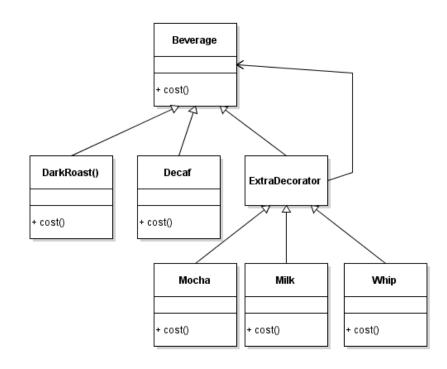


OCP

Open Closed Principle (OCP)

 "A software artifact should be open for extension but closed for modification."





OCP and Checked Exceptions

```
High-Level
    void printResult() {
        int value = sumValues();
        display(value);
Logic Layer
    int sumValues() {
        return dbGetValue("Sales")
                + dbGetValue("Service");
DB Layer
                                                  What happens when
                                                 the DB Layer throws a
    int dbGetValue(String record) {
                                                  checked exception?
        return ...;
```

OCP and Checked Exceptions

```
void printResult() {
   int value = 0;
   try {
      value = sumValues();
   } catch (DbException e) {
      display("ERROR");
   display(value);
int sumValues()
                              throws DbException
   return dbGetValue("Sales")
         + dbGetValue("Service");
return ...;
```

OCP and Checked Exceptions

- Using Checked Exceptions Violates OCP
 - A low-level change to one module

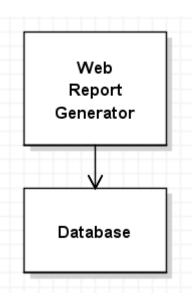
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- Solutions
 - Throw unchecked exceptions
 - Wrap exceptions inside custom (checked)
 MyDatabaseException:
 Changes to exceptions thrown are wrapped inside custom exception.

OCP & Architecture

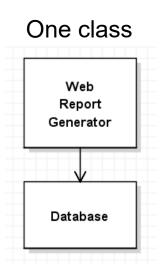
Design is a spectacular failure if

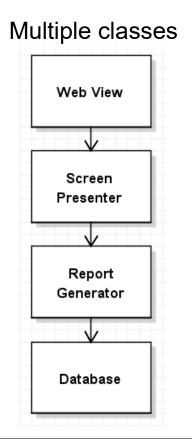
- Ex: Generating a business report
 - already implemented for the web (scrollable, negative numbers in red)
 - now adding B&W print (pagination, negative numbers in brackets)
- To add the print report, what needs to:
 - be changed?
 - be added?

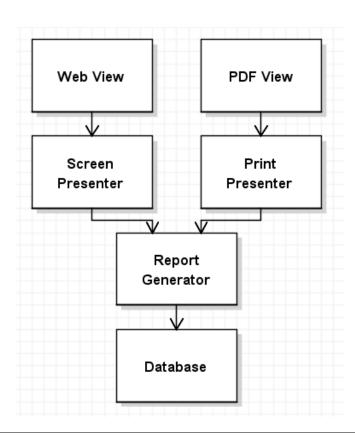


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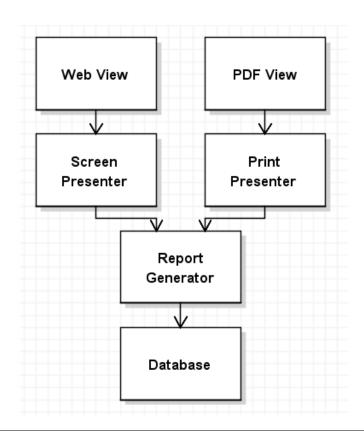






OCP & Architecture (cont)

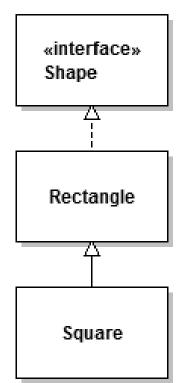
- OCP is about protection from change
 - If component A should be protected from changes in component B, then..
- Ex: ReportGenerator is protected from ScreenPresenter
 - What does ReportGenerator depend on?
 - It's the business rules;
 it's least likely to change;
 it's most likely to be reused.
- We'll see later how to use the dependency inversion principle.



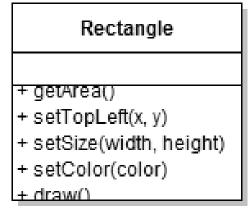
LSP

Inheritance

- Idea: Represents a..
- Example:



- Square is-a Rectangle, and gives reuse.
- But...



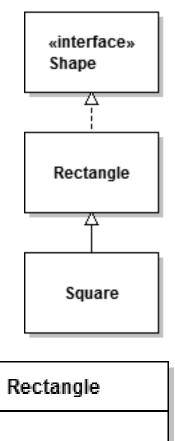
What is an example method in Rectangle inconsistent with Square?

- How can we describe this problem?

Inheritance: LSP

- Liskov Substitution Principle (LSP) B can inherit from A only if..
 - 1)..
 that A's method accepts (or more) and
 - 2).. that A's method does (or more).
- What methods in Rectangle fail LSP for Square?

 Square does not do the same things with all values as Rectangle: fails LSP.



+ getarea()

+ draw()

+ setTopLeft(x, y)

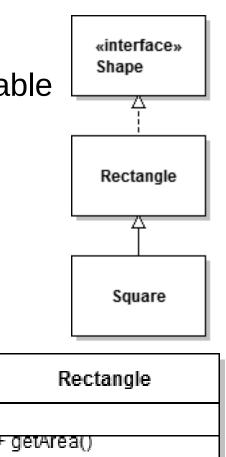
+ setColor(color)

+ setSize(width, height)

Is-A: LSP & Immutable

- LSP & Immutable
 - Would making Rectangle and Square immutable help?

 Inheritance must satisfy the SLP so all derived objects are interchangable.



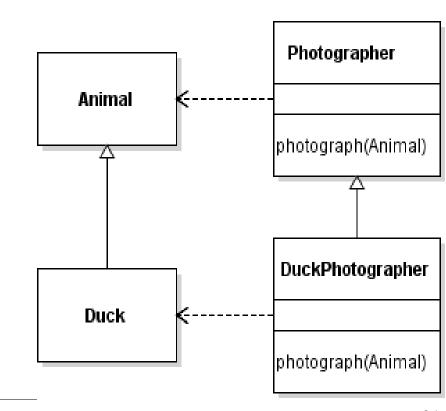
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- + setColor(color)
- + draw()

Is-A LSP: Example

- Photographer can photograph any Animal.
 DuckPhotographer only wants to photograph Ducks.
- DuckPhotographer.photograph() wants to reject non-ducks
 - Could throw an IllegalArgumentException?
- DuckPhotographer

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Is-A LSP

- Rephrase LSP:
 - Client code using a reference to the base class must be able to..

i.e., behaviour is unchanged.

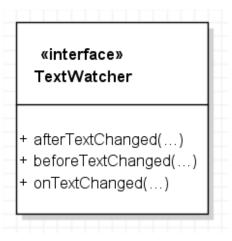


ISP

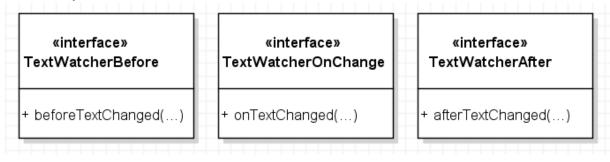
Interface Segregation Principle (ISP)

Clients should not be forced to...

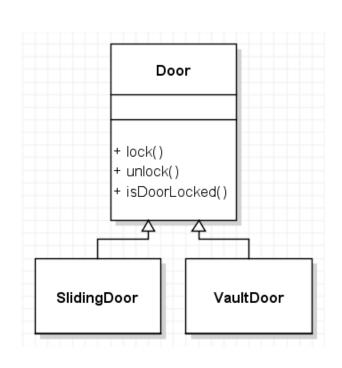




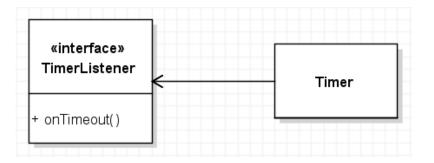
Decompose into interface for each client



ISP Door Example



 Add a timed alarm to door using a timer & listener



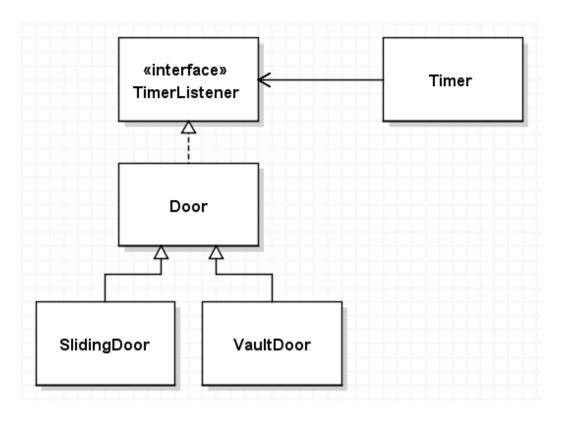
 We need VaultDoor to be a TimerListener.

ISP Door Example

 What is wrong with making Door a TimerListener so that VaultDoor can register with the Timer?

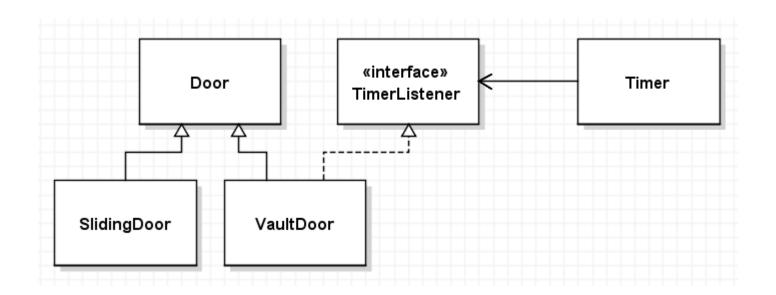
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- Derived classes need to implement TimerListener
- Change to TimerListener interface requires changes to all derived classes.



Possible ISP solution

 Don't force classes to implement interfaces they don't need.



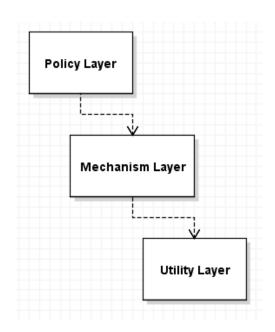
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Dependency Inversion Principle (DIP)

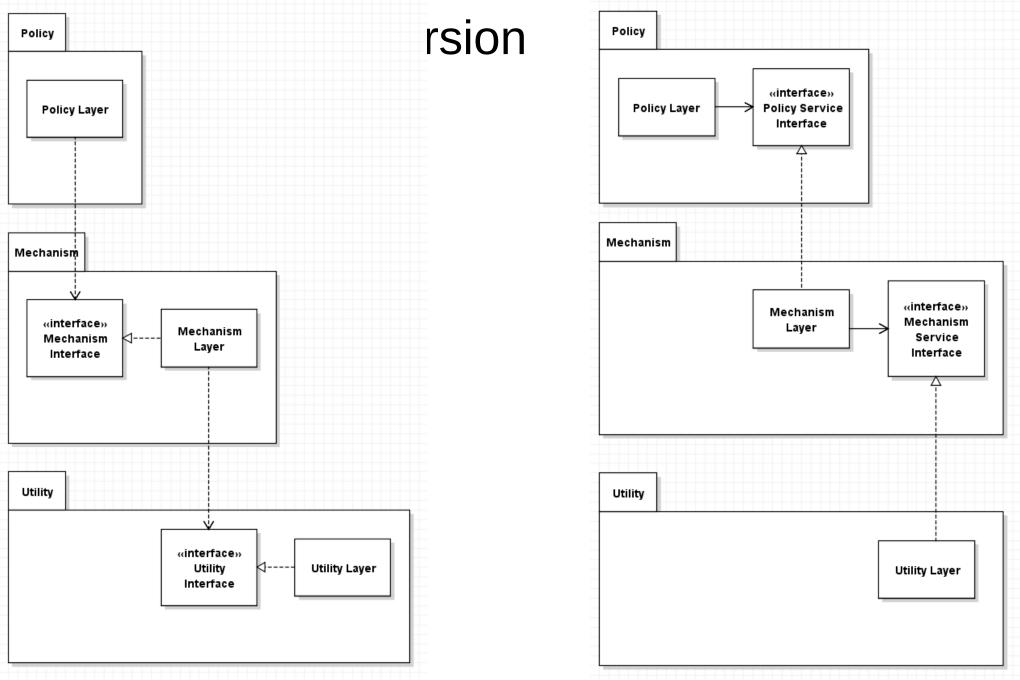
- Flexible code..
 not on concrete implementations.
 - Exception for stable classes like String
 - Apply DIP to volatile classes we are actively developing.
 Use interfaces; they are much less volatile

Common Case

 High-level code often depends on low-level implementations



- Scope of Change
 - Changes in the lowest levels (changing a class name / method signature)..
- Can we "invert" this so highest level is isolated from change?
 "Dependency Inversion"



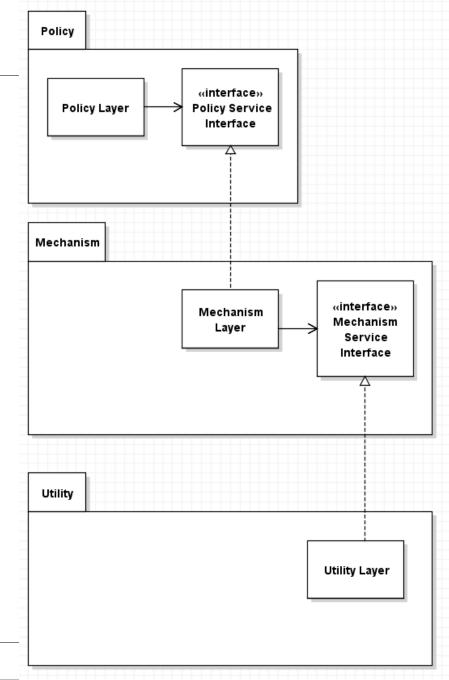
Dependency Inversion

• Idea:

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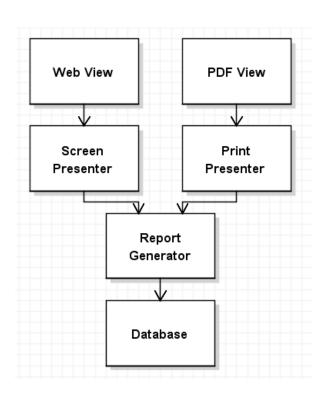
- This is dependency inversion: Lower level depends on the interface in higher level
- This is Ownership Inversion: higher level owns the interface.
 - It dictates services it needs, lower levels can implement that to service its needs.

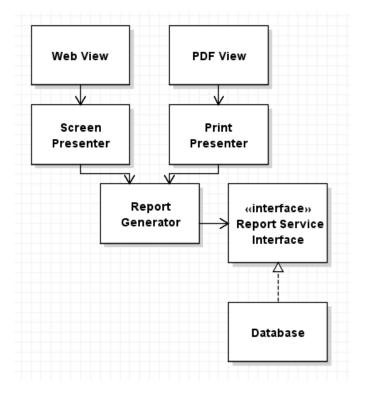
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OCP & DIP Revisited

 Before DIP, Report Generator depends on DB After DIP: DB depends on Report Generator





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