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# SOLID Principles

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- Fixing bugs introduces new ones.
- Developers are afraid to touch old code!



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Design rot is real – and SOLID helps fight it!



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In software, bad design is like a messy kitchen.





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SOLID principles = Recipes for building a clean kitchen for your code!



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#### Today:

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- Critical for Test-Driven Development (TDD), Design Patterns, and Clean Architecture.

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- Business logic (salary calculation)
- Persistence logic (database save)
- Presentation logic (report generation)

All mixed together!



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**Design Tip:** Whenever you see "and" in a class description, it probably needs a split!

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Each class now has one reason to change.



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**Think:** Build systems like LEGO blocks — add more pieces without reshaping old ones!



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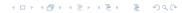
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Adding new shapes requires editing this method — violating OCP!



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# Good Example: Using Polymorphism

```
interface Shape { void draw(); }
class Circle implements Shape {
 public void draw() { /* draw circle */ }
class Square implements Shape {
 public void draw() { /* draw square */ }
class GraphicEditor {
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**Think:** Child objects should behave like parents — or better.

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Substituting types should not break client expectations.

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Violation destroys confidence in type hierarchy!





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**Tip:** Inheritance = "is-a" relationship — check it carefully.



## Good Example: No Forced Inheritance

```
interface Shape { int area(); }
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Both shapes implement the same contract without confusion.



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Classes are forced to implement methods they don't support!

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**Example:** Printer, Scanner, and Fax interfaces separately.



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interface Fax { void fax(); }

class BasicPrinter implements Printer {
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Classes now only implement what they truly offer!



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**Use with:** IoC, Dependency Injection, Mocking for tests.



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### Thank You!

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(Questions? Discussion? Practical tips?)

