



# Unit 7:

## Class Design Guidelines

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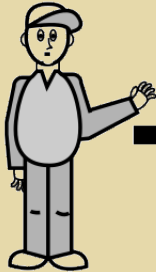


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# Modeling Real-World Systems

**Cabbie**



**Cab**



**Figure:** A cabbie and a cab are real-world objects.<sup>1</sup>

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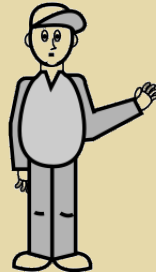
<sup>1</sup>Figure 5.1 of [1]

# Identifying the Public Interfaces

**Supervisor**



**Cabbie**



`getName()`



“Can I have your name please?”

**Figure:** The public interface specifies how the objects interact.<sup>2</sup>

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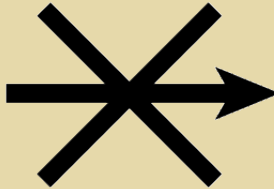
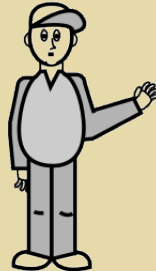
<sup>2</sup>Figure 5.2 of [1]

# Identifying the Public Interfaces

**Supervisor**



**Cabbie**



“What did you have for breakfast?”

**Figure:** Objects don't need to know some implementation details.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>Figure 5.3 of [1]



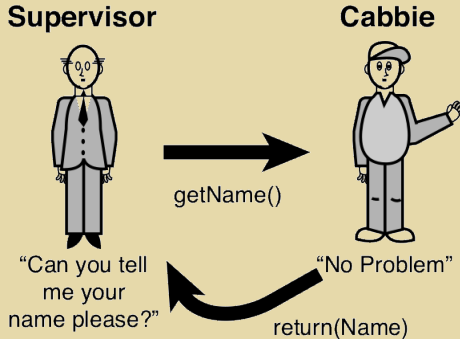
# Designing Robust Constructors



Figure: Memory leaks.

# Designing Error Handling into a Class

- Documenting a Class and Using Comments
- Building Objects with the Intent to Cooperate



**Figure:** Objects should request information.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup>Figure 5.4 of [1]



# Designing with Reuse in Mind



Figure: [Indoor Herb Planter.](#)





# Designing with Extensibility in Mind

- Making names descriptive
- Abstracting out nonportable code
- Providing a way to copy and compare objects
- keeping the scope as small as possible
- A class should be responsible for itself

# Designing with Extensibility in Mind

Abstracting out nonportable code



Figure: A serial port wrapper.<sup>5</sup>

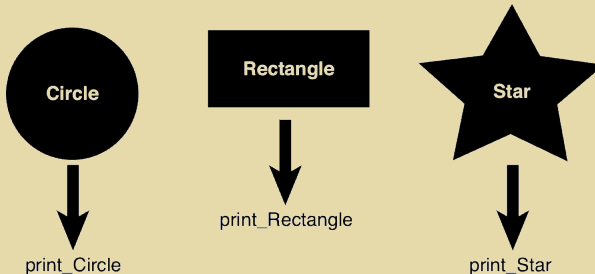
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<sup>5</sup>Figure 5.5 of [1]

# Designing with Extensibility in Mind

A class should be responsible for itself

Choose a Shape and Print



**Figure:** A non-OO example of a print scenario.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>6</sup>Figure 5.6 of [1]

# Designing with Extensibility in Mind

A class should be responsible for itself

A Shape Knows How to Print Itself

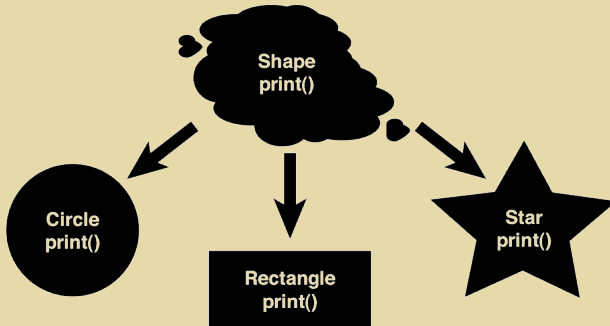


Figure: A OO example of a print scenario.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>7</sup>Figure 5.7 of [1]



# Designing with Maintainability in Mind

- Low coupling level
- Using iteration in the development process
- Testing the interface

# Designing with Maintainability in Mind

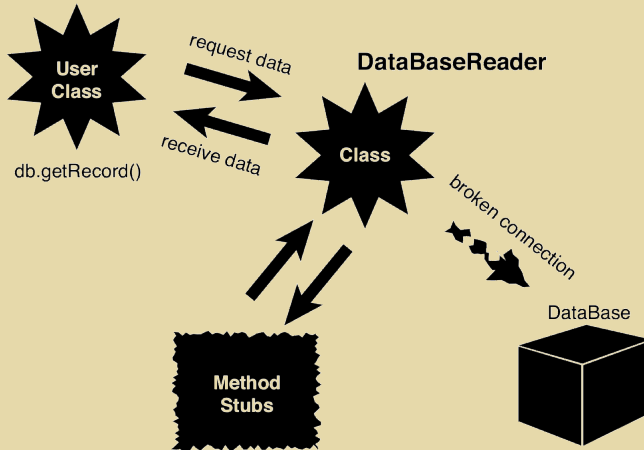


Figure: Using stubs.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>8</sup>Figure 5.8 of [1]



# Using Object Persistence

There are three primary storage devices to consider:

- Flat file system
- Relational database
- OO database<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>9</sup>Page 101 of [1].

# Using Object Persistence

Serializing and marshaling objects

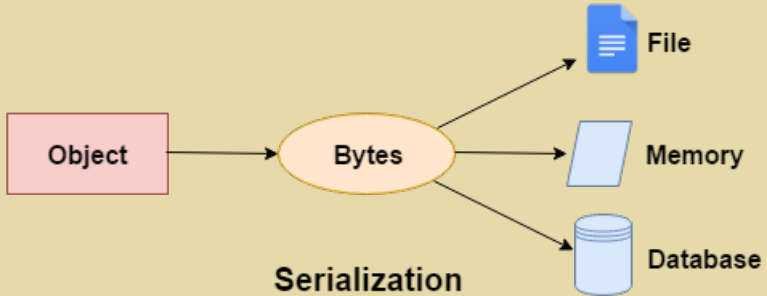


Figure:

The process of converting an object into a byte stream so that it can be saved to memory.





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