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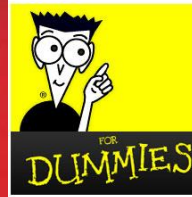


# PRACTICAL OBJECT-ORIENTED DESIGN IN RUBY

AN AGILE PRIMER

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The principal problem faced in design:

Writing Code for Today's Feature AND  
Tomorrow's Feature

# Easy To Change Code Is

- **Transparent:** Consequences of change should be obvious in the code, and in distant code that relies upon it.
- **Reasonable:** Marginal Cost of Change  $\leq$  Marginal Benefits of Change
- **Usable:** Should be usable in new and unexpected contexts
- **Exemplary:** Encourages those who change it to perpetuate these qualities

Object Oriented Code Isn't About Objects.

Object Oriented Code is about Messages

# OVERVIEW

Single Responsibility Classes

Dependencies

Flexible Interfaces

Duck Typing

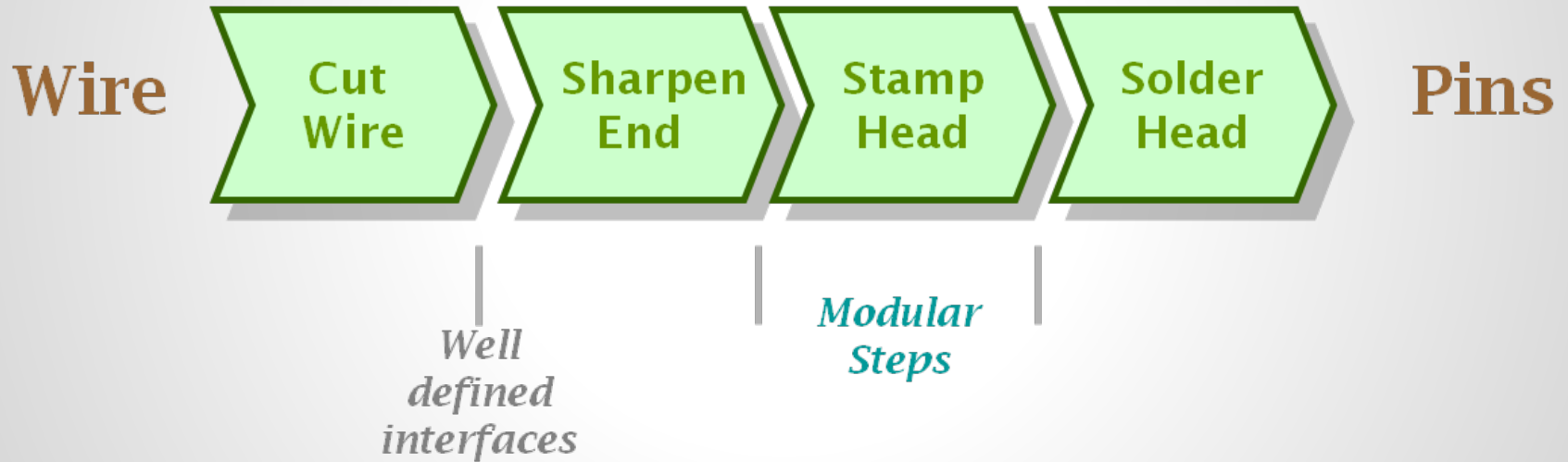
Inheritance

Modules

Combining Objects with Composition

# Single Responsibility Principle

## Ordered Sequence



# Single Responsibility

Why does it matter?

- Classes with more responsibilities have more opportunities to break!
- More entangling of responsibilities within the class
- Harder to access only code you need when you reuse, and requires duplication of code.

# Single Responsibility

How do we know it's got more than one responsibility?

- Ask it, in plain language, its responsibilities
  - “Mr. Gear, what is your tire(size)?”
- Describe it, in plain language
  - If you have to use conjunctions, you probably don't have a single responsibility



# Single Responsibility

How do we Write code that embraces change?

- Depend on Behavior, Not on Data
  - Hide Instance Variables- Make them Behavior
  - Hide Data Structures
- Enforce Single Responsibility Everywhere

# Hiding Instance Variables

```
class Gear

  def initialize(chainring, cog)
    @chainring = chainring
    @cog = cog
  end

  def ratio
    @chainring / @cog.to_f
  end
end
```

```
class Gear
  def cog
    @cog
  end
end
```

# Hiding Data Structures

```
class ObscuringReferences

  attr_reader :data

  def initialize(data)
    @data = data
  end

  def diameters
    data.collect {|cell|
      cell[0] + (cell[1] * 2)}
  end
end
```

```
class RevealingReferences
  attr_reader :wheels

  def initialize(data)
    @wheels = wheelify(data)
  end

  def diameters
    wheels.collect {|wheel|
      wheel.rim + (wheel.tire * 2)}
  end

  Wheel = Struct.new(:rim, :tire)
  def wheelify(data)
    data.collect {|cell|
      Wheel.new(cell[0], cell[1])}
  end
end
```

# Enforcing Single Responsibility Everywhere

```
def diameters
  wheels.collect {|wheel|
    wheel.rim + (wheel.tire * 2)}
end
```

```
def diameters
  wheels.collect {|wheel| diameter(wheel)}
end

def diameter(wheel)
  wheel.rim + (wheel.tire * 2)
end
```

Exposes Previously Hidden Qualities

Avoids Comments

Encourages Reuse

Easy to Move to Other Classes

# Managing Dependencies



# Managing Dependencies

Dependencies Occur when an object knows:

- The name of another class
- Name of message it will send to something other than `self`
- Arguments a message requires
- The order of those arguments

# Managing Dependencies

- Inject Dependencies (Duck Typing)
- Isolate Dependencies
  - Instance Creation
  - Vulnerable External Messages
- Argument-Order Dependencies
  - Using Hashes for Arguments

# Inject Dependencies

```
class Gear
  attr_reader :chainring, :cog, :rim, :tire

  def initialize(chainring, cog, rim, tire)
    @chainring = chainring
    @cog = cog
    @rim = rim
    @tire = tire
  end

  def gear_inches
    ratio * Wheel.new(rim, tire).diameter
  end
end
```

```
class Gear
  attr_reader :chainring, :cog, :wheel

  def initialize(chainring, cog, wheel)
    @chainring = chainring
    @cog = cog
    @wheel = wheel
  end

  def gear_inches
    ratio * wheel.diameter
  end
end
```



# Isolate Instance Creation

```
class Gear
  attr_reader :chainring, :cog, :rim, :tire
  def initialize(chainring, cog, rim, tire)
    @chainring = chainring
    @cog = cog
    @wheel = Wheel.new(rim, tire)
  end
  def gear_inches
    ratio * wheel.diameter
  end
end
```

```
class Gear
  attr_reader :chainring, :cog, :rim, :tire
  def initialize(chainring, cog, rim, tire)
    @chainring = chainring
    @cog = cog
    @rim = rim
    @tire = tire
  end
  def gear_inches
    ratio * wheel.diameter
  end

  def wheel
    @wheel ||= Wheel.new(rim, tire)
  end
end
```

# Isolate Vulnerable External Messages

```
class Gear
  attr_reader :chainring, :cog, :rim, :tire
  def initialize(chainring, cog, rim, tire)
    @chainring = chainring
    @cog = cog
    @rim = rim
    @tire = tire
  end
  def gear_inches
    # SCARY MATH
    ratio * wheel.diameter
    # SCARY MATH
  end
  def wheel
    @wheel ||= Wheel.new(rim,tire)
  end
end
```

```
class Gear
  attr_reader :chainring, :cog, :rim, :tire
  def initialize(chainring, cog, rim, tire)
    @chainring = chainring
    @cog = cog
    @rim = rim
    @tire = tire
  end
  def gear_inches
    # SCARY MATH
    ratio * diameter
    #SCARY MATH
  end
  def diameter
    wheel.diameter
  end
  def wheel
    @wheel ||= Wheel.new(rim,tire)
  end
end
```

# Remove Argument-Order Dependencies

```
class Gear
  attr_reader :chainring, :cog, :wheel
  def initialize(chainring, cog, wheel)
    @chainring = chainring
    @cog = cog
    @wheel = wheel
  end
end
Gear.new(
  52,
  11,
  Wheel.new(26, 1.5)).gear_inches
```

```
class Gear
  attr_reader :chainring, :cog, :wheel
  def initialize(args)
    @chainring = args[:chainring]
    @cog = args[:cog]
    @wheel = args[:wheel]
  end
end
Gear.new(
  :chainring => 52,
  :cog => 11,
  :wheel => Wheel.new(26, 1.5)).gear_inches
```

# Creating Flexible Interfaces



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## Private Interface

- Handle implementation details
- Are not expected to be sent by other objects
- Can change for any reason whatsoever
- May not even be referenced in tests

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## Public Interface

- Reveal primary responsibility
- Expect to be invoked by others
- Don't change on a whim
- Safe for others to depend on
- Thoroughly documented in tests

# Creating Flexible Interfaces

Tell instead of Ask

```
class Trip

  def bicycles(bicycles)
    bicycles.each do |bike|
      Mechanic.clean_bicycle(bike)
      Mechanic.pump_tires(bike)
      Mechanic.lube_chain(bike)
      Mechanic.check_brakes(bike)
    end
  end
end
```

```
class Trip

  def bicycles(bicycles)
    bicycles.each do |bike|
      Mechanic.prepare_bicycle(bike)
    end
  end
end

class Mechanic
  def prepare_bicycle(bike)
    clean_bicycle(bike)
    pump_tires(bike)
    lube_chain(bike)
    check_brakes(bike)
  end
end
```

# Creating Flexible Interfaces

```
class Trip
  def some_method_calling_for_preparation
    Mechanic.prepare_trip(self)
  end
  def bicycles
    #list of bicycles
  end
end
class Mechanic
  def prepare_trip(self)
    bicycles = self.bicycles
    bicycles.each do |bike|
      prepare_bicycle(bike)
    end
  end
end
```



# Creating Flexible Interfaces

## Law Of Demeter

- Only talk to your immediate neighbors
- Use only one dot
  - `customer.bicycle.wheel.tire`
  - `customer.bicycle.wheel.rotate`
  - `hash.keys.sort.join(' ', '')`

# Duck Typing



# Duck Typing

```
class Trip
  attr_reader :bicycles, :customers, :vehicle

  def prepare(preparers)
    preparers.each { |preparer|
      case preparer
      when Mechanic
        preparer.prepare_bicycles(bicycles)
      when TripCoordinator
        preparer.buy_food(customers)
      when Driver
        preparer.gas_up(vehicle)
        preparer.fill_water_tank(vehicle)
      end
    }
  end
end
```

```
class Trip
  attr_reader :bicycles, :customers, :vehicle
  def prepare(preparers)
    preparers.each { |preparer|
      preparer.prepare_trip(self)
    end
  end

  class Mechanic
    def prepare_trip(trip)
      ...
    end
  end

  class TripCoordinator
    def prepare_trip(trip)
      ...
    end
  end

  class Driver
    def prepare_trip(trip)
      ...
    end
  end
end
```

# Duck Typing

## Recognizing Hidden Ducks

- Case Statements that switch on Class
- `kind_of?` and `is_a?`
- `responds_to?`

# Duck Typing

Just like all code, Duck Typing is not a hard and fast rule

```
def first(*args)
  if args.any?
    if args.first.kind_of?(Integer) ||
      (loaded? && !args.first.kind_of?(Hash))
      to_a.first(*args)
    else
      apply_finder_options(args.first).first
    end
  else
    find_first
  end
end
```

# Acquiring Behavior Through Inheritance



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```
class Bicycle
  attr_reader :style, :size, :tape_color,
              :front_shock, :rear_shock
  def initialize(args)
    @style = args[:style]
    ...
  end

  def spares
    if style == :road
      { chain: '10-speed',
        tire_size: '2.1',
        tape_color: tape_color }
    else
      { chain: '10-speed',
        tire_size: '2.1',
        rear_shock: rear_shock }
    end
  end
end
```

# Acquiring Behavior Through Inheritance

```
class Bicycle
  attr_reader :size, :chain, :tire_size

  def initialize(args={})
    @size      = args[:size]
    @chain     = args[:chain] || default_chain
    @tire_size = args[:tire_size] || default_tire_size
  end
  def default_tire_size
    raise NotImplementedError,
      "This #{self.class} cannot respond to:"
  end
end

class RoadBike < Bicycle
  def default_tire_size
    '23'
  end
end

class MountainBike < Bicycle
  def default_tire_size
    '2.1'
  end
end
```



# Acquiring Behavior Through Inheritance

```
class Bicycle
  attr_reader :size, :chain, :tire_size

  def initialize(args={})
    @size      = args[:size]
    @chain     = args[:chain] || default_chain
    @tire_size = args[:tire_size] || default_tire_size
  end
end

class RoadBike < Bicycle
  attr_reader :tape_color
  def initialize(args)
    @tape_color = args[:tape_color]
    super(args)
  end
end

class MountainBike < Bicycle
  attr_reader :rear_shock
  def initialize(args)
    @rear_shock = args[:rear_shock]
  end
end
```

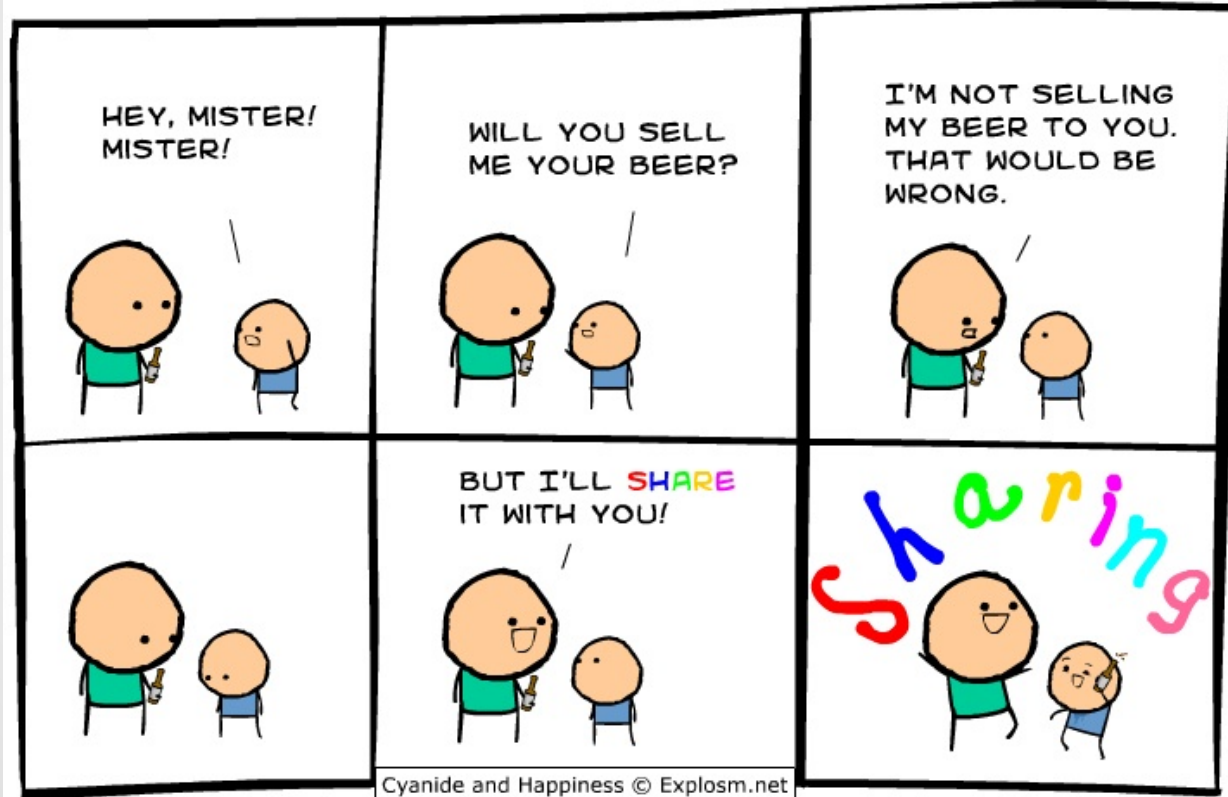
# Acquiring Behavior Through Inheritance

```
class Bicycle
  attr_reader :size, :chain, :tire_size
  def initialize(args={})
    @size      = args[:size]
    @chain      = args[:chain] || default_chain
    @tire_size  = args[:tire_size] || default_tire_size
    post_initialize(args)
  end
  def post_initialize(args)
    nil
  end
end

class RoadBike < Bicycle
  attr_reader :tape_color
  def post_initialize(args)
    @tape_color = args[:tape_color]
  end
end

class MountainBike < Bicycle
  attr_reader :rear_shock
  def post_initialize(args)
    @rear_shock = args[:rear_shock]
  end
end
```

# Sharing Role Behavior With Modules



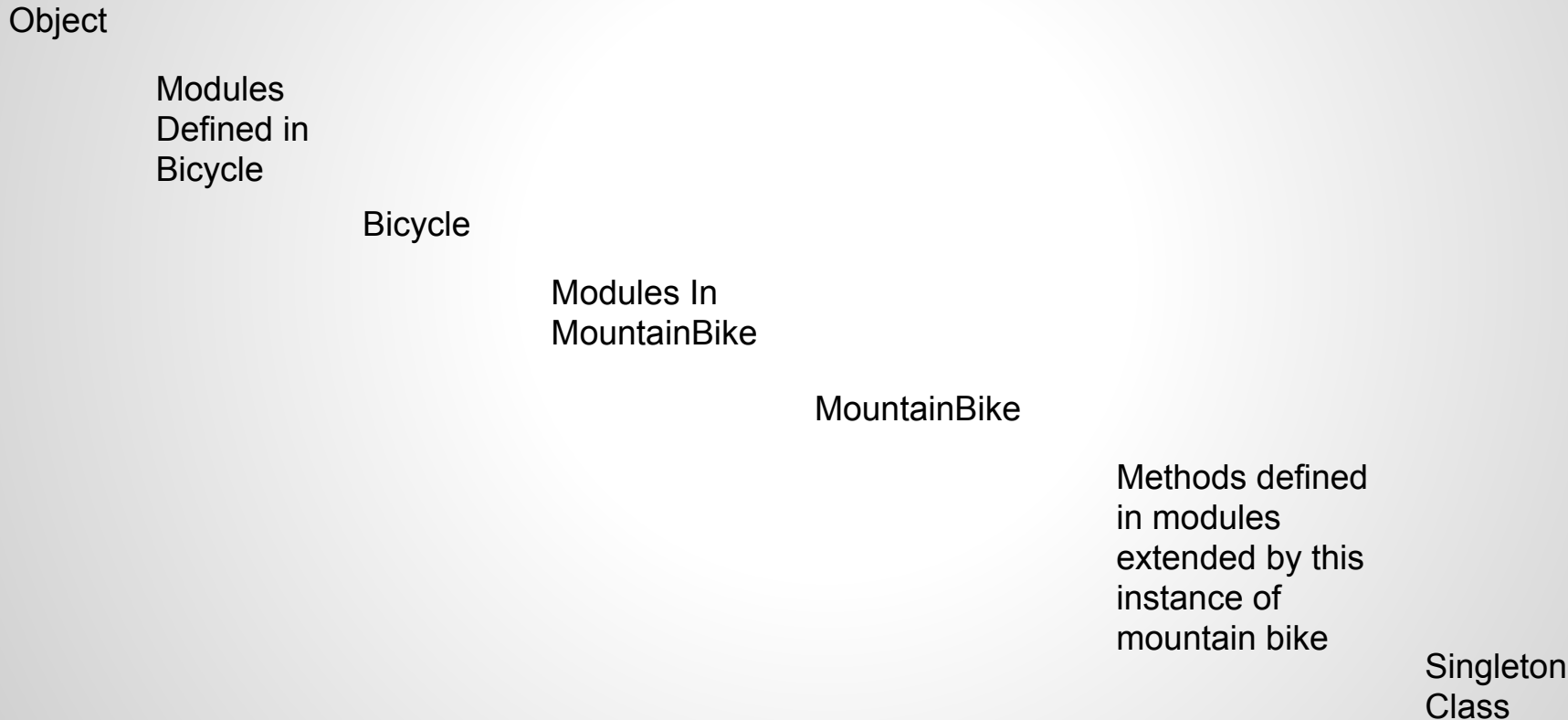
# Sharing Role Behavior With Modules

```
class Schedule
  def scheduled?(schedulable, start_date, end_date)
    puts "This #{schedulable.class} " +
        "is not scheduled\n" +
        " between #{start_date} and #{end_date}"
    false
  end
end
class Bicycle
  attr_reader :schedule
  def scheduled?(start_date, end_date)
    ...
  end
end
```

# Sharing Role Behavior with Modules

```
module Schedulable
  attr_writer :schedule
  def schedule
    @schedule ||= ::Schedule.new
  end
  def scheduled?(start_date, end_date)
    schedule.scheduled?(self, start_date, end_date)
  end
end
class Bicycle
  include Schedulable
end
```

# Sharing Role Behavior with Modules



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## Writing Inheritable Code

- Insist on the Abstraction
  - Superclass code should apply to every class that inherits it
- Liskov Substitution Principle
  - Every subclass should be substitutable for its superclass

# Combining Objects with Composition





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```
class Bicycle
  def spares
    parts.spares
  end
end
class Parts
  def spares
    { tire_size: tire_size
      chain:      chain}.merge(local_spares)}
  end
  def local_spares
    {}
  end
end
```

# Combining Objects with Composition

```
class Parts
  def spares
    parts.select {|part| part.needs_spare}
  end
end
class Part
  attr_reader :name, :description, :needs_spare
  def initialize(args)
    @name      = args[:name]
    @description = args[:description]
    @needs_spare = args[:needs_spare]
  end
end
```

# Combining Objects with Composition

```
class Bicycle
  attr_reader :size, :parts

  def initialize(args={})
    @size      = args[:size]
    @parts     = args[:parts]
  end

  def spares
    parts.spares
  end
end

require 'forwardable'
class Parts
  extend Forwardable
  def_delegators :@parts, :size, :each
  include Enumerable

  def initialize(parts)
    @parts = parts
  end

  def spares
    select {|part| part.needs_spare}
  end
end
```

```
require 'ostruct'
module PartsFactory
  def self.build(config, parts_class = Parts)
    parts_class.new(
      config.collect {|part_config|
        create_part(part_config)}
    )
  end

  def self.create_part(part_config)
    OpenStruct.new(
      name:          part_config[0],
      description:   part_config[1],
      needs_spare:   part_config.fetch(2, true))
  end
end
```

# Combining Objects with Composition

## Composition vs. Inheritance

- Faced with a problem that can be solved by composition, you should be biased in favor of it
- Contains fewer built-in dependencies

# Combining Objects with Composition

## Benefits of Inheritance

- Reasonable
- Usable; Create Subclass with no change to existing code
- Exemplary

## Costs of Inheritance

- Can be used for wrong problems
- May be used for purposes you did not anticipate

# Combining Objects with Composition

## Benefits of Composition

- Transparent Parts
- Reasonable
- Usable

## Costs of Composition

- Opaque Whole
- No message delegation; Objects must explicitly know which messages to delegate to whom

# Combining Objects with Composition

## General Rules:

- Use Inheritance for has-a
- Use duck-types for behaves-like-a
- Composition for has-a

# Summing Up

- Object Oriented Code is About Messages
- Send the Simplest Messages Allowable
- Decrease Dependencies by Streamlining Interfaces
- Use Inheritance, Composition, and Modularization to DRY out code