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1. Explain the role of interfaces and enums in software design with proper examples.

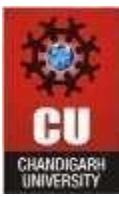
- **Interfaces:** An **interface** is a collection of method declarations without implementation. It defines a **contract** that a class must follow.
- **Role in software design:**
 1. Promotes **abstraction** by separating *what* a class does from *how* it does it.
 2. Supports **loose coupling**, making systems easier to modify and extend.
 3. Enables **polymorphism**, allowing different classes to be treated uniformly.
 4. Improves **maintainability and testability**

- **Example:**

```
interface Payment {  
    void pay(double amount);  
}
```

```
class CreditCardPayment implements Payment {  
    public void pay(double amount) {  
        System.out.println("Paid using credit card");  
    }  
}
```

- **Enums:** An **enum** (enumeration) is a data type that consists of a **fixed set of predefined constants**.
- **Role in software design:**
 1. Restricts values to a **valid set**, preventing invalid states
 2. Improves type safety compared to strings or integers
 3. Makes code more readable and self-documenting
 4. Centralizes related constants



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- **Example:**

```
enum OrderStatus {  
    NEW, SHIPPED, DELIVERED, CANCELLED  
}
```

2. Discuss how interfaces enable loose coupling with examples?

- **Loose coupling** means that classes depend on **abstractions** rather than concrete implementations. Changes in one class have minimal or no impact on other classes.

- **Role of Interfaces:**

1. An interface defines a common set of methods without implementation. When a class depends on an interface instead of a concrete class, the dependency becomes flexible.
2. Interfaces enable loose coupling by:
 - A. Decoupling client code from implementation details
 - B. Allowing implementations to be changed or extended without modifying client code
 - C. Supporting polymorphism
 - D. Improving maintainability and testability

- **Example:**

```
interface MessageService {  
  
    void sendMessage(String message);  
  
}  
  
class EmailService implements MessageService {  
  
    public void sendMessage(String message) {  
  
        System.out.println("Sending email: " + message);  
  
    }  
  
}
```

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```
class SMSService implements MessageService {

    public void sendMessage(String message) {

        System.out.println("Sending SMS: " + message);

    }

}

class Notification {

    private MessageService service;

    Notification(MessageService service) {

        this.service = service;

    }

    void notifyUser(String message) {

        service.sendMessage(message);

    }

}
```

3. Design an HLD for a Payment Processing System, showing where interfaces would be used.

