

# SOLID Principles in Object-Oriented Design

SOLID is a framework for writing maintainable, flexible software. Created by Robert C. Martin, these principles form the cornerstone of effective object-oriented programming.

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# What is SOLID?



## Acronym

Five design principles that form the foundation of clean code



## Maintainable

Makes code more understandable and easier to change



## Protective

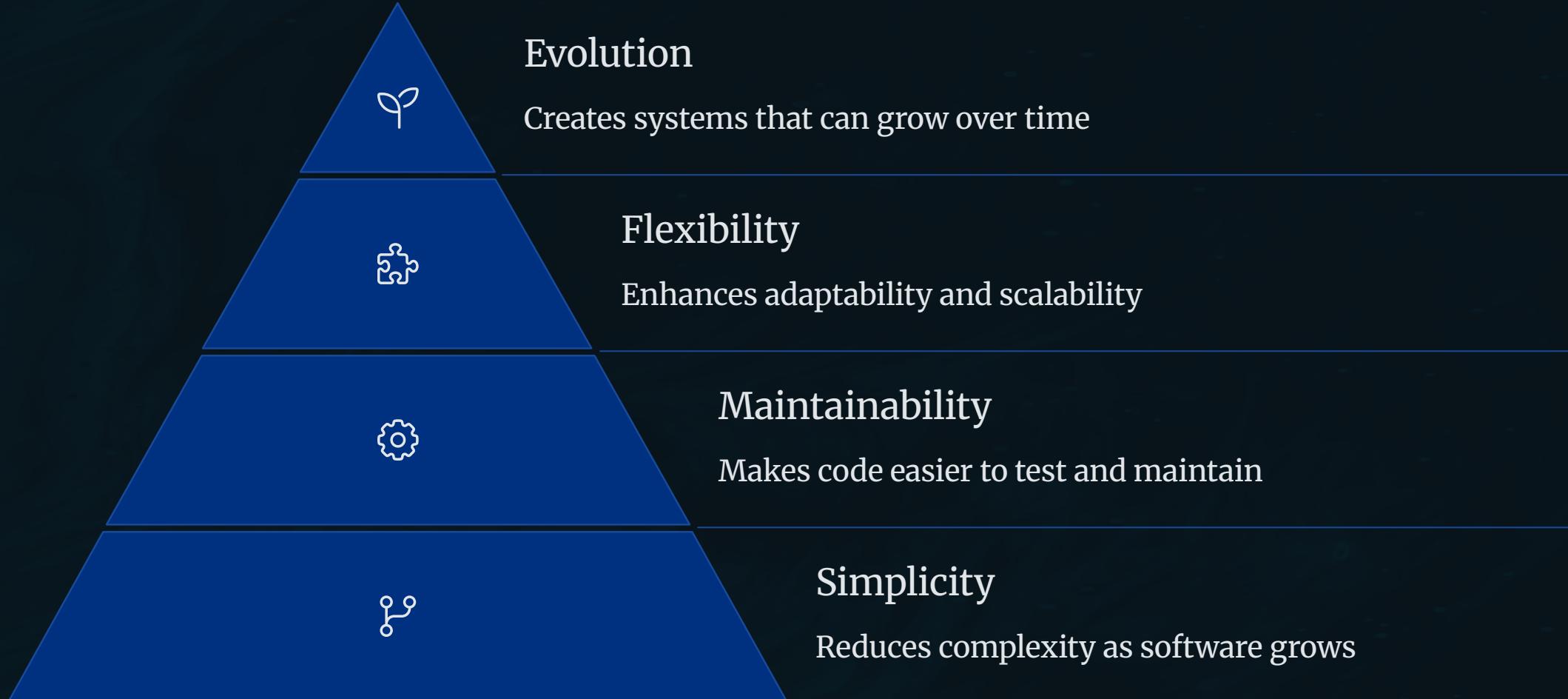
Helps avoid "code smells" and accumulating technical debt

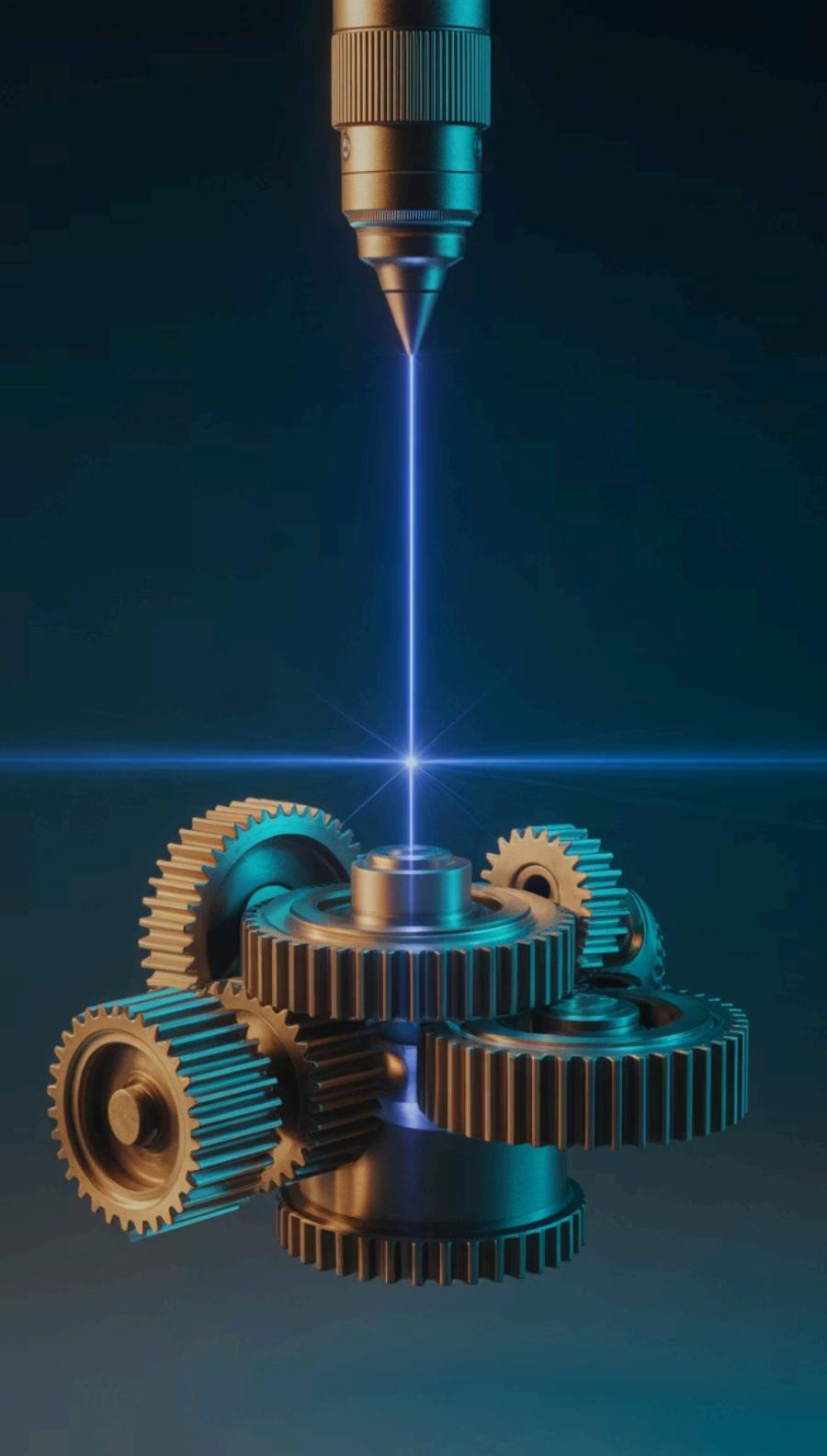


## Essential

Required knowledge for senior developers and architects

# Why SOLID Matters





# S: Single Responsibility Principle

1

One Reason to Change

"A class should have one, and only one, reason to change"

2

Focused Problem-Solving

Each class solves exactly one problem

3

Simplified Testing

Makes unit testing straightforward and comprehensive

4

Broad Application

Works for classes, components, and microservices

# Single Responsibility: Example

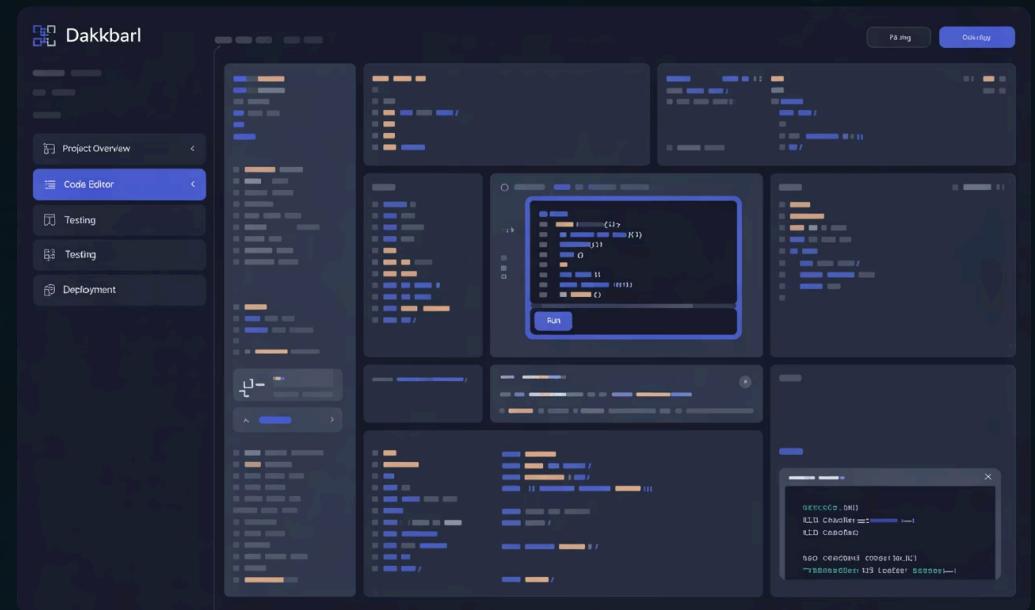
## Bad Practice

UserManager handling authentication, profile updates and notifications



## Good Practice

Separate classes for UserAuthentication, ProfileManager, and NotificationService





# O: Open-Closed Principle

## The Principle

"Software entities should be open for extension, closed for modification"

## The Approach

Extend functionality without changing existing code through abstractions and polymorphism

## The Benefits

Minimizes risk when adding features and reduces regression bugs

# Open-Closed: Example



## Bad Practice

Adding if/else statements to Shape.calculateArea() for each new shape



## Good Practice

Abstract Shape class with calculateArea() implemented by each shape



## Benefits

Add new shapes without modifying existing code

# L: Liskov Substitution Principle

## Core Concept

"Subtypes must be substitutable for their base types"

### Contract Adherence

Derived classes must honor base class contracts

### Consistent Behavior

Ensure reliable behavior when using polymorphism

### Clean Code

Avoid type checking and special case handling





# Liskov Substitution: Example

Bad Practice	Rectangle and Square inheritance that violates width/height expectations
Good Practice	Shape with area() method implemented by both Rectangle and Square
Benefits	Code using Shape works correctly with all shape subtypes

# I: Interface Segregation Principle

## Focused Interfaces

Create specific, targeted interfaces rather than general ones

## Reduce Coupling

Promotes cohesion and minimizes dependencies



## Avoid Bloat

Prevent "fat" interfaces with too many methods

## Implement Only What's Needed

Classes shouldn't implement methods they don't use



# Interface Segregation: Example

## Bad Practice

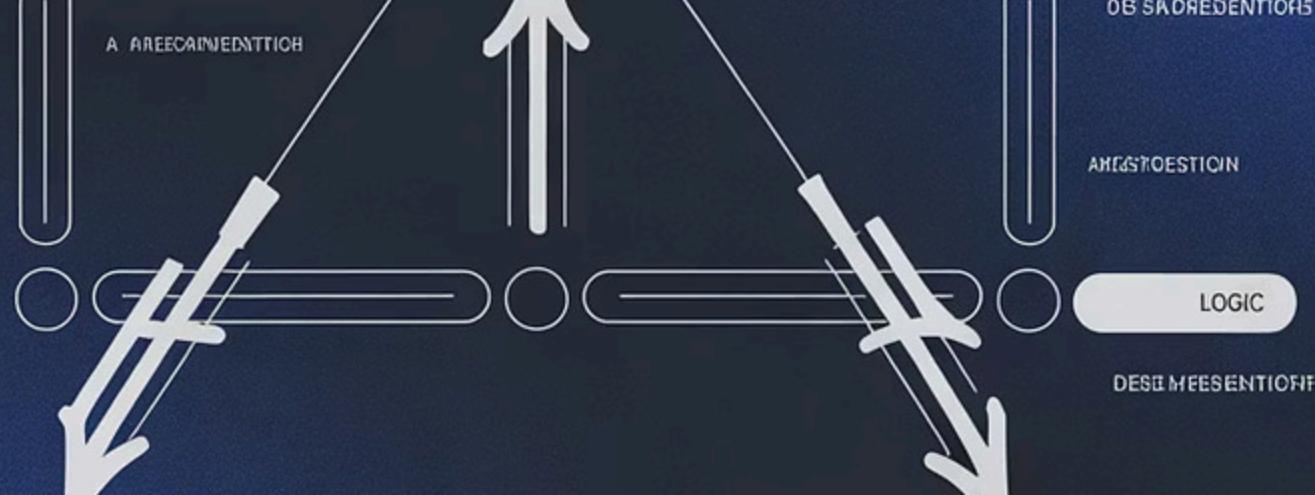
Worker interface with work(), eat(), and sleep() methods forcing all classes to implement everything

## Good Practice

Separate interfaces for Workable, Eatable, and Sleepable letting classes choose what they need

## Benefits

Classes implement only relevant behaviors, creating cleaner, more focused code



## D: Dependency Inversion Principle



Abstraction Over Implementation  
"High-level modules shouldn't depend on low-level modules"



Depend on Interfaces  
Both high and low-level should depend on abstractions

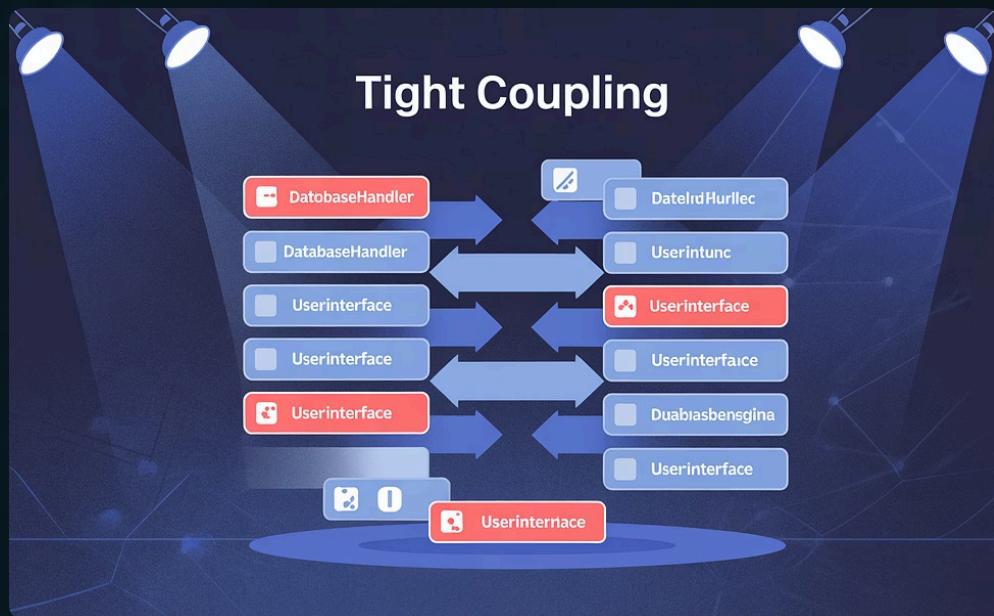


Decoupling Separates implementation details from usage



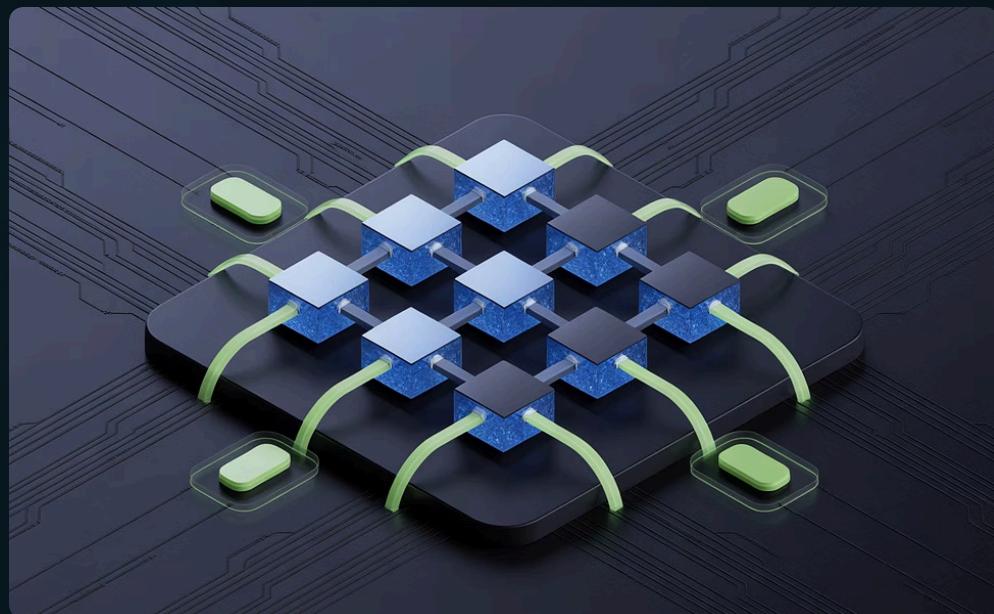
Flexibility Enables swapping components without changing consumers

# Dependency Inversion: Example



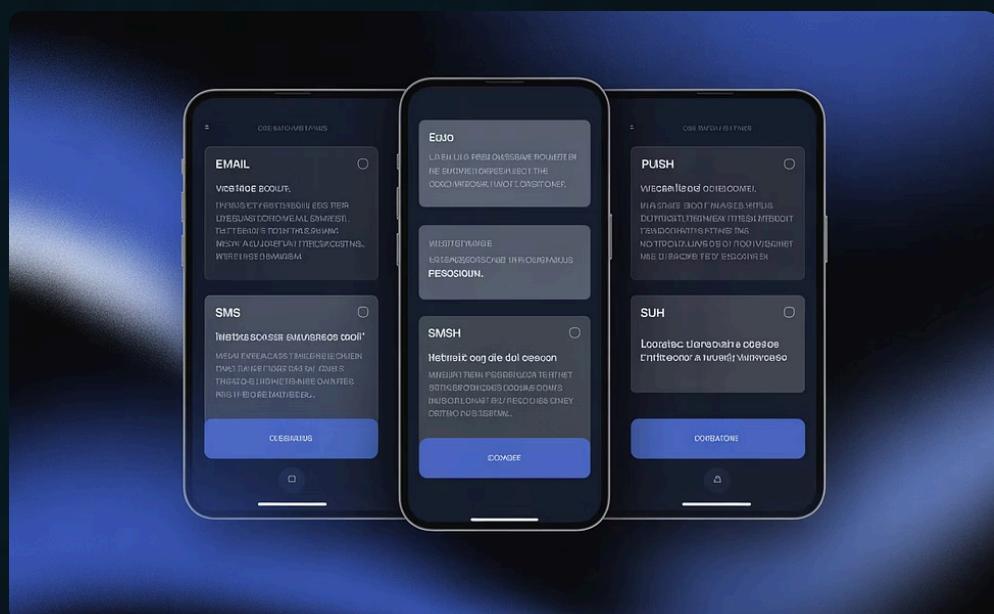
## Bad Practice

NotificationService directly using EmailSender class, creating tight coupling



## Good Practice

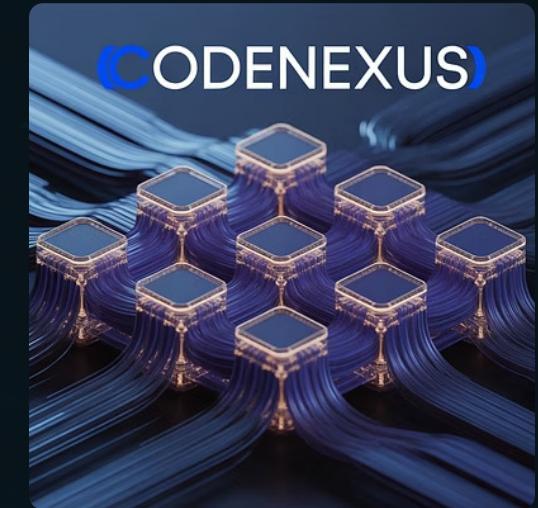
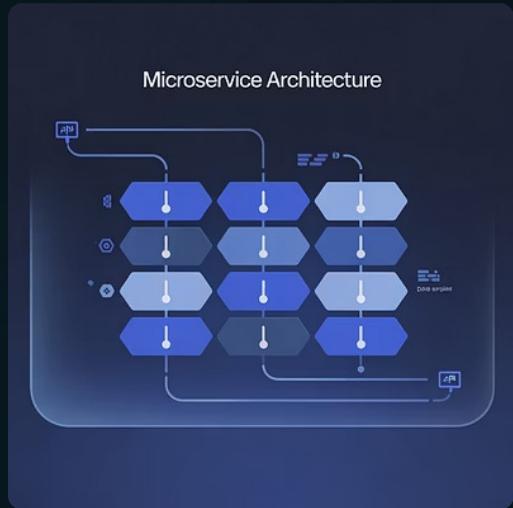
NotificationService depending on MessageSender interface, allowing flexibility



## Benefits

Easily switch between email, SMS, or push notifications

# SOLID in Modern Development



SOLID principles form the foundation for design patterns and microservice architecture. They're essential for maintaining large codebases and are industry standard for quality code.

# Implementing SOLID: Next Steps

1

Start Small

Begin with Single Responsibility on new code

2

Refactor

Gradually improve existing code to follow principles

3

Enforce

Use code reviews to maintain SOLID standards

4

Balance

Find the middle ground between perfect design and practicality

