

1. Red-Green-Refactor (TDD Workflow)

This is a **Test-Driven Development** cycle:

- ✓ **Red:** Write a failing test →
- ✓ **Green:** Write the code to pass the test →
- ✓ **Refactor:** Improve the code without changing behavior.

Why it matters:

It ensures **working, testable code** before optimization. You don't write unnecessary code.

✓ Example (React + Jest):

tsx

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```
// Red: Write test first
test('should calculate discounted price', () => {
  expect(calculateDiscount(100, 20)).toBe(80); // 20% discount
});

// Green: Minimal code to pass
function calculateDiscount(price: number, discount: number) {
  return price - (price * discount / 100);
}

// Refactor: Add validation, types, naming
function calculateDiscount(price: number, discountPercent: number):
number {
  if (price < 0 || discountPercent < 0) throw new Error('Invalid
input');
  return price - (price * discountPercent / 100);
}
```

2. DRY (Don't Repeat Yourself)

Avoid repeating logic, UI, or data in your codebase.

Why it matters:

Copy-paste is dangerous. Any logic duplicated will eventually go out of sync or be forgotten.

Bad (repeated buttons):

tsx

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```
<button onClick={() => addToCart(1)}>Add</button>
<button onClick={() => addToCart(2)}>Add</button>
```

Good (Reusable component):

tsx

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```
const AddToCartButton = ({ productId }: { productId: number }) => (
  <button onClick={() => addToCart(productId)}>Add</button>
);
```

// Usage:

```
<AddToCartButton productId={1} />
<AddToCartButton productId={2} />
```

Backend DRY:

ts

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```
// Instead of repeating:
if (!email) throw new Error("Missing email");
if (!password) throw new Error("Missing password");
```

// Use:

```
validateFields({ email, password });
```

3. KISS (Keep It Simple, Stupid)

Code should be as **simple and obvious** as possible. Avoid overengineering.

Why it matters:

Junior devs often overcomplicate. Senior devs solve problems with **minimal logic** and **maximum clarity**.

Bad (Too complex):

tsx

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```
const Button = ({ children, isPrimary }) => {
  return isPrimary ? (
    <button style={{ backgroundColor: 'blue' }}>{children}</button>
  ) : (
    <button style={{ backgroundColor: 'gray' }}>{children}</button>
  );
};
```

Good:

tsx

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```
const Button = ({ children, variant = 'primary' }) => {
  const color = variant === 'primary' ? 'blue' : 'gray';
  return <button style={{ backgroundColor: color
}}>{children}</button>;
};
```



4. YAGNI (You Aren't Gonna Need It)

Don't build features or abstractions until you actually need them.

Why it matters:

Many juniors add flexibility **too early** — future-proofing code that no one ever uses.

Bad (Premature abstraction):

ts

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```
// Trying to be too flexible too early
class ProductManager {
  constructor(productType: string) { ... }
```

```
}
```

✓ Good:

```
ts
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// Just build what you need first
function fetchProducts() {
  return fetch('/api/products');
}
```

Later, **when needed**, extract to a class or service.

5. SOLID Principles (OOP-inspired but applicable)

These help make code **scalable, maintainable, and testable** — especially in services or business logic.

✓ S - Single Responsibility Principle

One function/class should do one thing only.

✗ Bad:

```
ts
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function handleOrder(req, res) {
  // Validate input
  // Save order to DB
  // Send email
  // Respond to client
}
```

✓ Good:

```
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```

```
function handleOrder(req, res) {  
  const orderData = validateOrder(req.body);  
  const savedOrder = orderService.save(orderData);  
  emailService.sendConfirmation(savedOrder.userEmail);  
  res.status(200).json(savedOrder);  
}
```

✓ O - Open/Closed Principle

Code should be **open to extension**, but **closed to modification**.

✓ Example: Instead of modifying a payment service for new methods:

```
ts  
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interface PaymentStrategy {  
  pay(amount: number): void;  
}  
  
class PaypalPayment implements PaymentStrategy {  
  pay(amount) { console.log("Paid with PayPal"); }  
}  
  
class StripePayment implements PaymentStrategy {  
  pay(amount) { console.log("Paid with Stripe"); }  
}  
  
function processPayment(strategy: PaymentStrategy, amount: number) {  
  strategy.pay(amount);  
}
```

Now you can add new methods without touching old code.

✓ L - Liskov Substitution Principle

A child class should be replaceable without breaking parent logic.

ts

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```
class Bird {  
  fly() { ... }  
}  
class Penguin extends Bird {  
  fly() { throw new Error("Penguins can't fly") } // ❌ violates LSP  
}
```

✅ Solution: Split into proper hierarchy:

ts

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```
class Bird { ... }  
class FlyingBird extends Bird { fly() {} }  
class Penguin extends Bird { swim() {} }
```

✅ I - Interface Segregation Principle

Don't force one interface to handle **all things**.

❌ **Bad:**

ts

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```
interface Animal {  
  fly(): void;  
  swim(): void;  
}
```

✅ **Good:**

ts

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```
interface Flyer { fly(): void }  
interface Swimmer { swim(): void }
```

✅ D - Dependency Inversion

Depend on abstractions, not implementations.

✓ Example in Node.js:

ts

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```
// Instead of using DB directly:
function registerUser(user) {
  return db.insert(user); // tightly coupled
}

// Use abstraction:
function registerUser(user, db: DatabaseClient) {
  return db.insert(user);
}
```

Now you can mock `DatabaseClient` in tests — easier to refactor and scale.

✓ Summary Table

Principle	Summary	Code Pattern
Red-Green-Refactor	TDD Cycle	Jest/Vitest tests first, logic second
DRY	Eliminate repetition	Custom components, hooks, utils
KISS	Simplicity is key	Avoid clever or complex logic
YAGNI	Don't overbuild	Add only when needed
SOLID	Design for scale	Use service layers, abstraction, composition