

EE363 Fall 2012

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Liskov Review - Shapes and Interfaces
Introduction to JUnit

Liskov Substitution Principle

- “Subtypes must be substitutable for their base types”

What is wanted here is something like the following substitution property: If for each object o_1 of type S there is an object o_2 of type T such that for all programs P defined in terms of T , the behavior of P is unchanged when o_1 is substituted for o_2 then S is a subtype of T . (Barbara Liskov, 1988)

- Behavioral sub-typing to guarantee semantic, not just syntactic, correctness

Liskov Violation

- Let's code up these classes, and then prove there's a Liskov violation...
- To show a Liskov violation, I have to create a program written for Rectangle, that breaks when I substitute in a Square (or visa-versa).

Coding Demo

- (Record it...)
- Step 1: Rectangle and Square classes
- Step 2: Let's test it!
 - JUnit unit testing

Why JUnit?

- Writing a “main” method to test our code is very restrictive.
 - It generally represents ONE path through the code per user-input.
 - We can change it, but then we change the test.
- Using JUnit, we can build suites of repeatable tests.
 - As our code changes, grows, so does our test suite.
 - If we ever break anything, we’ll know right away!

Java Interfaces

- To “solve” the LSP violation in shapes, we must:
 - Abstract out a common interface
 - Make the types siblings, rather than parent-child.
 - Write our code to the interface instead.

Java Interface

- An “interface” is the ultimate abstract base class.
- In C++ terms, it is a abstract class with only public, pure virtual methods defined
- Other types can “implement” an interface

Interfaces and LSP

- Note: You can never violate LSP by implementing an interface!
- Interfaces by definition have no behavior
- Therefore, you're not change a base class' behavior by implementing it.

Back to the Code...

- Let's do this for Shapes, and fix/extend our tests...

Demo will be posted...

- Video of today's demo will be posted to the Podcast shortly (takes about an hour to edit and render)

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/ee363-fall-2012/id555856941>

Homework 2

- Homework 2 is posted to the website:
<http://www.timfanelli.com/category/ee363>
- Due before class on Friday, Sept 7