

SOLID

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- S** Single responsibility principle
- O** Open/closed principle
- L** Liskov substitution principle
- I** Interface segregation principle
- D** Dependency inversion principle

S: Single Responsibility

- every class should have a single responsibility
- responsibility should be entirely encapsulated by the class
- all class services should be aligned with that responsibility

Why?

- makes the class more robust
- makes the class more reusable

Note the terminology clash here: in CRC cards “responsibility” is what we call “service” here.

Open Closed Principle

- Software entities (classes, modules, functions, etc.) should be **open for extension**, but **closed for modification**.
- Add new features not by modifying the original class, but rather by extending it and adding new behaviours.
- The derived class may or may not have the same interface as the original class.

Example:

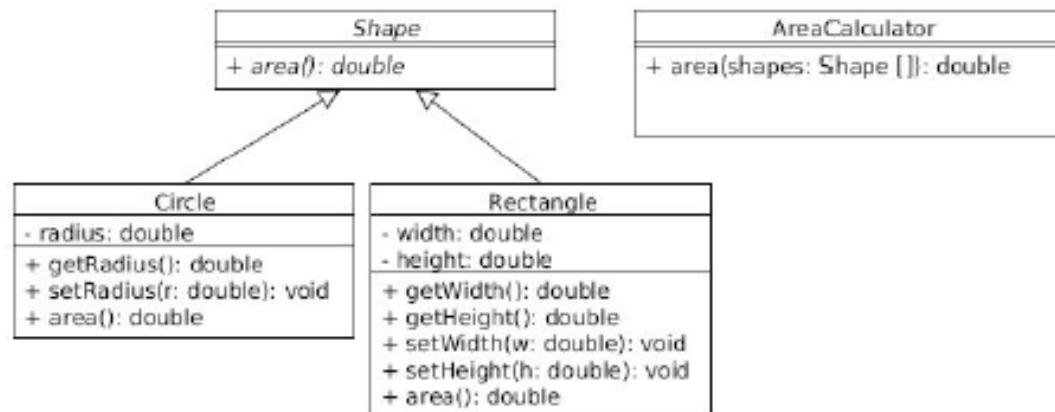
area calculates the area of all Rectangles in the input.

What if we need to add more shapes?

Rectangle
- width: double - height: double
+ getWidth(): double + getHeight(): double + setWidth(w: double): void + setHeight(h: double): void

AreaCalculator
+ area(shapes: Rectangle []): double

Open Closed Principle



With this design, we can add any number of shapes (open for extension) and we don't need to re-write the **AreaCalculator** class (closed for modification).

Liskov Substitution Principle

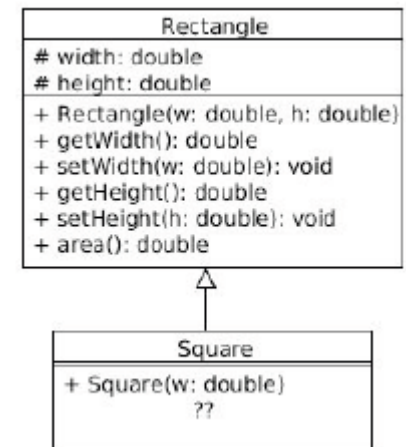
- If S is a subtype of T , then objects of type S may be substituted for objects of type T , without altering any of the desired properties of the program.
- “ S is a subtype of T ”?

In Java, S is a child class of T , or S implements interface T .

- For example, if C is a child class of P , then we should be able to substitute C for P in our code without breaking it.

Liskov Substitution Principle

- In OO programming and design, unlike in math, it is not the case that a `Square` is a `Rectangle`!
- This is because a `Rectangle` has more behaviours than a `Square`, not less.
- The LSP is related to the Open/Close principle: the subclasses should only extend (add behaviours), not modify or remove them.



Interface Segregation Principle

- No client should be forced to depend on methods it doesn't use.
- Better to have lots of small, specific interfaces than fewer larger ones.
- Easier to extend and modify the design.

Dependency Inversion Principle

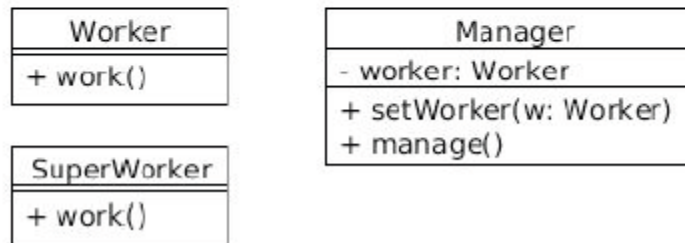
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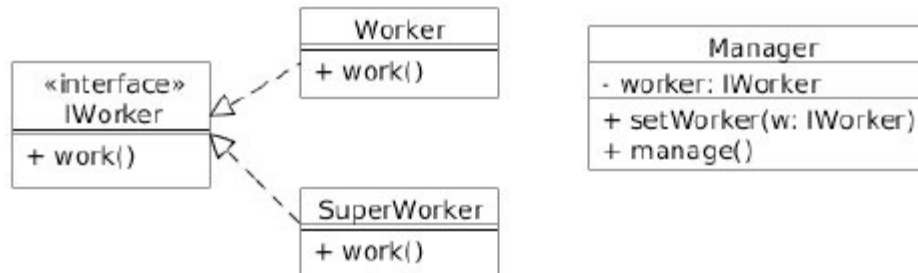
- Two aspects:
 - High-level modules should not depend on low-level modules. Both should depend on abstractions.
 - Abstractions should not depend upon details. Details should depend upon abstractions.
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Dependency Inversion Principle

To make `Manager` work with `SuperWorker`, we would need to rewrite the code in `Manager`.



Now `Manager` does not know anything about `Worker`, nor about `SuperWorker`. It can work with any `IWorker`, the code in `Manager` does not need rewriting.



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