

OCP

OPEN/CLOSED PRINCIPLE

Is our design ready to be easily
extended?

The Open/Closed Principle (OCP)

“

Software entities (classes, modules, functions, etc.) should be open for extension but closed for modification

— *Bertrand Meyer*

”

wrong

```
public class Shape {}  
  
class Square extends Shape {}  
  
class Circle extends Shape {}
```

```
public class Painter {  
  
    void paint (Collection<Shape> shapes) {  
        for (Shape shape: shapes) {  
            if (shape instanceof Square) {  
                paint((Square) shape);  
            } else if (shape instanceof Circle) {  
                paint((Circle) shape);  
            }  
        }  
    }  
  
    void paint (Square square) {  
        // ...  
    }  
  
    void paint (Circle circle) {  
        // ...  
    }  
}
```



```
interface Shape {
    void paint();
}

class Square implements Shape {

    @Override
    public void paint() {
        // ...
    }
}

class Circle implements Shape {

    @Override
    public void paint() {
        // ...
    }
}
```

right

```
class Painter {

    void paint (Collection<Shape> shapes) {
        for (Shape shape: shapes) {
            shape.paint();
        }
    }
}
```


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