

Object-Oriented Analysis & Design (OAD)

Object-Oriented Design Principles

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Motivation [MAR2000]



- Every programmer is a designer.
- Design begins as an easy to understand concept in the minds of designers.
- The resulting applications often make it to the first release.
- But then, the software starts to rot!
- Maintainability/Extensibility of the code becomes increasingly an issue.

Symptoms of Rotting Design



- Rigidity: even simple changes are uneasy and cause a cascade of further changes. A planned 2-day change makes it into a 2-weeks marathon.
- Fragility: tendency of software to break in many places due to change operations.
- Immobility: rewriting appears easier as reuse.
- Viscosity: design-preserving methods are harder to apply than just applying hacks.
- Immediate cause: changing requirements!

Working Example



```
class GraphicalObject {
          public double Surface() { ...
class Circle extends GraphicalObject{
          double radius;
          public Circle(int r) {
          radius = r;
```

```
public double Surface() {
     return(this.radius*this.radius*Math.PI);
class Square extends GraphicalObject{
  double length;
  public Square(double I) {length = I;}
  public double Surface() {
     return(this.length*this.length);
```

Working Example



```
class SurfaceCalculator{
  GraphicalObject objectlist[];
    public SurfaceCalculator(GraphicalObject I[])
    {objectlist = I;}
     public double TotalSurface() {
     double surface = 0.0;
     for (GraphicalObject object : objectlist) {
       surface = surface + object.Surface();
     return(surface);
```

```
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
     Circle object1 = new Circle(12);
     Square object2 = new Square(24);
     GraphicalObject objectlist[] =
                 new GraphicalObject[2];
     objectlist[0] = object1;
     objectlist[1] = object2;
     SurfaceCalculator surfacecalculator =
         new SurfaceCalculator(objectlist);
     double surfaceval =
        surfacecalculator.TotalSurface();
```

5 00 Design Principles



- S Single-responsibility principle (SR)
- O Open-closed principle (OC)
- L Liskov substitution principle (LS)
- I Interface segregation principle (IS)
- D Dependency Inversion Principle (DI)

An evaluation of these principles is reported, for example, in [SH2015].

Single Responsibility (SR)



- A class should have <u>one and only one</u> <u>responsibility</u>, i.e, a class should have only one task/job.
- In our example: <u>formatting and output</u> of calculated surface is not a task of the class **SurfaceCalculator!**
- Calculation and output are two different tasks which contradicts the single responsibility principle (see next slide ...).

Example: SR



```
class SurfaceCalculator{
  GraphicalObject objectlist[];
  public SurfaceCalculator(GraphicalObject I[])
  {objectlist = I;}
  public double TotalSurface() {
     double surface = 0.0;
     for (GraphicalObject object : objectlist) {
       surface = surface + object.Surface();}
     return(surface);}
  public void PrintTotalSurface()
     double surface;
     surface = TotalSurface();
     java.lang.System.out.print(surface);}
 → two tasks, i.e., not single responsibility!
```

```
class SurfaceOutput {
  double surface:
  public SurfaceOutput(double s) {
     surface = s;}
  public void printhtml() { ... }
  public void printtext() { ... }
class SurfaceCalculator{
  GraphicalObject objectlist[];
  public SurfaceCalculator(... I[])
  {objectlist = I;}
  public double TotalSurface() {
→ one task, i.e., single responsibility!
```

Single Responsibility and Cohesion



- Measuring the extent to which methods and data of a class belong to a common concept.
- Thus, class elements cooperate to achieve one common function (task).
- Low cohesion classes violate the criteria of single responsibility.
- Cohesion class c: $coh(c) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \#methods(attribute\ i)}{n}$

Open Closed Principle (OC)



- Objects or entities should be open for extension, but closed for modification.
- As a consequence of this principle, <u>a class</u> should be extendable without modification!
- In our example, we should be able to add more shapes without the need of modifying the TotalSurface method (see next slide).

Example: OC



```
GraphicalObject objectlist[];
public SurfaceCalculator(GraphicalObject I[])
{objectlist = I;}
public double TotalSurface() {
  double surface = 0.0;
                            modification need!
  for (GraphicalObject object : objectlist) {
     if(object instanceof Circle){
     surface=surface+
     (((Circle)object).getradius() *
     ((Circle)object).getradius() * Math.PI);}
     else{
     surface=surface + ...}
  return(surface);
→ SurfaceCalculator has to be
     modified for new graphical classes!
```

class SurfaceCalculator{

```
class SurfaceCalculator{
 GraphicalObject objectlist[];
  public SurfaceCalculator(GraphicalObject I[])
 {objectlist = I;}
  public double TotalSurface() {
     double surface = 0.0; no modification need!
    for (GraphicalObject object : objectlist) {
       surface = surface + object.Surface();}
     return(surface);}
class Circle extends GraphicalObject{
  public double radius; ...
  public double Surface() {
     return(this.radius*this.radius*Math.PI);}
→ No modification of SurfaceCalculator,
  new classes responsible for Surface!
```

Liskov Substitution Principle (LS)



- Each instance of a derived class B should behave as expected even it assumed to be an instance of the base class A.
- In our example, Circle (B) could be interpreted as subclass of Ellipse (A).
- However, depending on the implementation, the substitution principle is not taken into account (see next slide).

Example: LS



```
class Ellipse extends GraphicalObject{
  int xscale; int yscale;
  public Ellipse(int r, int s) {xscale=r; yscale=s;}
  public int getxscale() {return(xscale);}
  public int getyscale() {return(yscale);}
  public double Surface() {
  return(this.getxscale()*
       this.getyscale()*Math.PI);}
class Circle extends Ellipse{
  public Circle(int r, int s) {super(r,s)}
  public double Surface() {
    return(this.getxscale()*
    this.getxscale()*Math.PI);}
     → Behavior of Surface differs!
```

```
class Circle extends GraphicalObject{
 public double radius;
 public Circle(int r) {
    radius = r;
 public double getradius() {
    return(radius);
 public double Surface() {
    return(this.radius*this.radius*Math.PI);
```

→ Circle not a subclass of Ellipse!

Interface Segregation Principle (IS)



- Clients (of interfaces) should not be forced to depend on methods they do not use.
- In our example, we could assume that different clients use either a statistics service (counting) or a print service.
- The two aspects should be covered by different interfaces (see next slide).

Example: IS



```
interface IGraphicalObjects
 int Count();
  void PrintHTML();
  void PrintText(); ...
class CIGraphicalObjects implements
IGraphicalObjects
     {public int Count(){...};
     public void PrintHTML(){...};
     public void PrintText(){...}; ...
```

→ Assumption: all clients will use all of the provided methods!

```
interface ICount
{int Count(); ... }
interface IPrint
{ void PrintHTML();
  void PrintText(); ... }
class CICount implements ICount
{public int Count(){...}; ... }
class CIPrint implements IPrint
  public void PrintHTML(){...};
  public void PrintText(){....}; ....
```

→ Client-specific interfaces, e.g., one client only want to have printing!

Dependency Inversion Principle (DI)



- Entities should depend on abstractions but not specializations.
- High-level entities should not rely on low-level entities.
- The idea of dependency inversion is decoupling; see the example on the next slide.

Example: DI



```
class LightBulb {
  public void turnOn() {
     System.out.println("on...");}
  public void turnOff() {
     System.out.println("off...");}}
class ElectricPowerSwitch {
  public LightBulb lightBulb; public boolean on;
  public ElectricPowerSwitch(LightBulb lightBulb) {
     this.lightBulb = lightBulb; this.on = false;}
  public boolean isOn() {return this.on;}
  public void press(){boolean checkOn = isOn();
     if (checkOn) {lightBulb.turnOff();
       this.on = false;
     } else {lightBulb.turnOn(); this.on = true;}
     → ElectricPowerSwitch depends on
         LightBulb!
```

```
interface Switch {boolean isOn();
                  void press();}
interface Switchable {void turnOn();
                      void turnOff();}
class ElectricPowerSwitch implements Switch {
  public Switchable c; public boolean on;
  public ElectricPowerSwitch(Switchable c) {
     this.c = c; this.on = false;}
  public boolean isOn() {return this.on;}
  public void press(){boolean checkOn = isOn();
     if (checkOn) {c.turnOff(); this.on = false;}
     else {c.turnOn(); this.on = true;}}}
class LightBulb implements Switchable {
  public void turnOn() {System.out.println("on...");}
  public void turnOff() {System.out.println("off...");}
→ More flexibility, e.g., "switching"
      can be used in other contexts!
```

Further Principles: Don't Repeat Yourself (DRY)



```
class Animal {
  public void eatfood() {...}
class Cat extends Animal {
  public void meow() {...}
class Dog extends Animal {
  public void bark() {...}
```

- Same functionalities across different classes: couple these into a common parent class or an interface.
- In our simple example: both dogs and cats eat food, i.e., this aspect can be assigned to **Animal**.

Further Principles: Keep it Stupid & Simple (KISS)



- Keep the code simple and readable for humans.
- If a class handles more than one aspect, think about class splitting.
- Unreadable and long methods are extremely hard to maintain.

Further Principles



- Reuse = criteria for grouping classes into packages; packages are also the unit of reuse (Reuse Equivalence Principle - REP)
- Classes that change together, belong together
 (Common Closure Principle CCP)
- Classes that are not reused together, should not be grouped together (Common Reuse Principle - CRP)
- REP and CRP makes it easier for re-users,
 CCP makes it easier for maintainers!

Further Principles



- Dependencies between packages <u>must not form</u> <u>circles</u> (Acyclic Dependencies Principle – ADP). This could trigger additional test efforts. Solution: inclusion of a new package.
- Depend in the direction of stability (Stable
 Dependencies Principle SDP). High number of incoming dependencies ~ high "stability"
- Stable packages should be abstract packages (Stable Abstractions Principle – SAP); these are not easy to change but easy to extend!

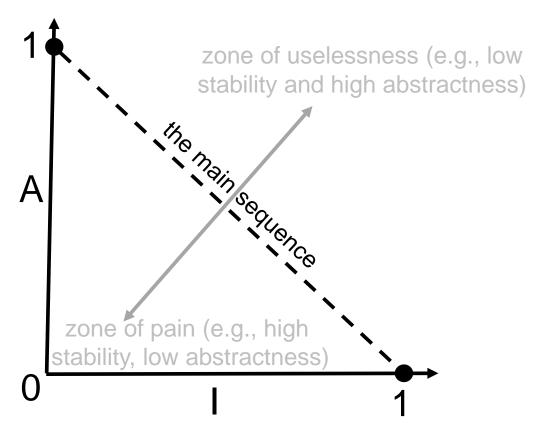
Package Stability Metrics



- Ca: #classes outside the package p that depend upon classes inside the package ("incoming")
- Ce: #classes outside the package p that classes inside the package depend upon ("outgoing")
- (Assumed) Instability [0..1]: $I(p) = \frac{ce}{ca+ce}$
- Nc: #classes in the package
- Na: #abstract classes in the package
- (Assumed) Abstractness [0..1]: $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{p}) = \frac{Na}{Nc}$

"I vs A Graph"





Concrete packages should be instable while abstract packages should be stable!

OO Metrics Suite [CK1994]



- Concrete complexity measures
- Relationships to object-oriented design principles
- Basic rules for object-oriented programming styles
- Six Metrics (see the next slide ...)

OO Metrics Suite



- (Weighted) Methods Per Class (WMC): time efforts per class, impacts on children
- Depth of Inheritance Tree (DIT): the deeper a class, the more methods inherited, +complexity
- Number of Children (NOC): the greater NOC, the greater the likelihood of improper abstraction
- Coupling between Object Classes (CBO): detrimental to modular design, prevents reuse!
- Response for a Class (RFC): response set is a set of methods that could be activated
- Lack of Cohesion in Methods (LCOM): low cohesion indicates that a class should be split

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