

OOPs in JAVA

◆ **TOPIC 1: Abstraction**

What is Abstraction?

Abstraction means *hiding unnecessary implementation details* and showing only essential features to the user.

 “*Show what is necessary. Hide how it works.*”

Real-world Analogy

- You **use a smartphone** to click photos, but don't know the internal circuitry.
 - You **drive a car** using the steering wheel and pedals — you don't worry about how fuel combustion works inside.
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Why Companies Care

In real-world software systems:

- You **abstract complexities** via APIs, services, interfaces.
 - Large codebases need clear **abstractions** to remain scalable and readable.
 - Clean abstraction = less coupling + more reusability.
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Code Example (in Java)

```
abstract class Vehicle {  
    abstract void start();  
}  
  
class Car extends Vehicle {  
    void start() {  
        System.out.println("Car starts with key");  
    }  
}
```

```
    }  
}  
  
class ElectricScooter extends Vehicle {  
  
    void start() {  
  
        System.out.println("Scooter starts with button");  
    }  
}
```

- Vehicle defines the **abstraction** (common functionality).
 - Car and ElectricScooter provide their **own implementation**.
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Common Interview Questions

1. What is abstraction and how is it implemented in OOP?
 2. Difference between abstraction and encapsulation?
 3. Abstract class vs Interface?
 4. How would you design an abstract class for a payment system?
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Common Mistakes

Mistake	Fix
Thinking abstraction = hiding data	It's about hiding implementation, not data
Over-abstracting too early	Abstract only when needed (YAGNI principle)
Confusing abstract classes with interfaces	Understand their specific use cases

Summary Note (Flashcard Style):

Item	Value
Abstraction	Hides implementation, shows essential features

Item	Value
Real Use	APIs, abstract classes, services
Implemented via	Abstract classes, interfaces
Goal	Reduce complexity for the user of the class
Java Example	abstract class, interface

Great! Let's move to the next topic step-by-step:

◆ **TOPIC 2: Encapsulation**

What is Encapsulation?

Encapsulation means **binding data (variables)** and the **methods (functions)** that operate on that data into a single unit — typically a **class** — and **restricting direct access** to some components.

 “Wrap it tight, expose only what’s necessary.”

Real-world Analogy

- A **medicine capsule** holds multiple ingredients (data) inside a shell. You don’t see or modify the internals directly — you just consume it as intended.
 - **ATM** allows you to withdraw money but doesn’t let you directly touch the bank’s internal data.
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Why Companies Care

- Encapsulation enables **data hiding**, which makes your code:
 - More secure
 - Less error-prone
 - Easier to refactor

- Clean code in large companies avoids **public variables** and uses **getters/setters, validation, and access modifiers**.
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Code Example (in Java)

```
class BankAccount {  
  
    private double balance; // hidden from outside  
  
    public BankAccount(double initialBalance) {  
        this.balance = initialBalance;  
    }  
  
    public void deposit(double amount) {  
        if(amount > 0) balance += amount;  
    }  
  
    public void withdraw(double amount) {  
        if(amount > 0 && amount <= balance) balance -= amount;  
    }  
  
    public double getBalance() {  
        return balance;  
    }  
}
```

- balance is **private**: can't be accessed directly.
 - deposit, withdraw, getBalance control access safely.
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Common Interview Questions

1. What is encapsulation? How is it different from abstraction?

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2. How do private variables + getters/setters implement encapsulation?
 3. Why should class variables be private?
 4. Can we encapsulate a class without using getters/setters?
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Common Mistakes

Mistake	Fix
Making all variables public	Use private or protected, always control access
Getters/Setters with no logic	Add validation, don't blindly expose data
Confusing it with abstraction	Abstraction = <i>hide complexity</i> ; Encapsulation = <i>hide data</i>

Industry Application

- Used in **API classes, model classes, service layers.**
 - Prevents sensitive logic from being misused or broken.
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Summary Note (Flashcard Style)

Item	Value
Encapsulation	Binds data and logic together, hides internal state
Real Use	Class with private variables + public methods
Implemented via	Access modifiers (private, protected), getters/setters
Goal	Security, maintainability, control
Java Example	private balance, getBalance(), deposit()

Awesome! Let's now dive into:

◆ **TOPIC 3: Inheritance**

What is Inheritance?

Inheritance is an OOP feature where one class (**child/subclass**) acquires the **properties and behaviors (fields + methods)** of another class (**parent/superclass**).

 "Write once, reuse many times."

Real-world Analogy

- A **child inherits traits** like eye color or height from parents.
 - A '**Car**' class might be the parent of ElectricCar, SUV, or Truck classes — they inherit common features like start(), brake(), but add or override some behaviors.
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Why Companies Care

- Encourages **code reuse, modularity, and extensibility**.
 - Crucial in designing scalable systems like:
 - Role-based access (Admin, User, Guest inherit from Person)
 - Shared features across components (BaseService, BaseController)
 - Interviewers test your **understanding of object relationships**, not just syntax.
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Code Example (Java)

```
// Superclass  
  
class Animal {  
  
    void eat() {  
  
        System.out.println("This animal eats food.");  
  
    }  
  
}
```

```
// Subclass  
  
class Dog extends Animal {
```

```
void bark() {  
    System.out.println("Dog barks.");  
}  
}  
  
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Dog d = new Dog();  
        d.eat(); // inherited  
        d.bark(); // specific to Dog  
    }  
}
```

⌚ Common Interview Questions

1. What is inheritance and how is it implemented?
 2. What is the difference between "is-a" and "has-a" relationships?
 3. What is method overriding and how is it different from overloading?
 4. Can Java support multiple inheritance?
 5. When would you *not* use inheritance?
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✗ Common Mistakes

Mistake	Fix
Using inheritance when composition is better	Prefer "has-a" when relationship isn't natural
Tight coupling between classes	Break into interfaces or use polymorphism
Overusing inheritance	Leads to fragile base class problem

🏢 Industry Use Case

System Use

UI Frameworks Component → Button, Slider, Dropdown

Backend Roles User → AdminUser, StudentUser

Service Layer BaseService → AuthService, UserService

Summary Note (Flashcard Style)

Item Value

Inheritance Acquiring fields/methods from another class

Real Use Code reuse, hierarchy modeling

Implements extends in Java, : in C++

Key Feature Supports overriding, reuse

Types Single, Multilevel, Hierarchical, (Java: No multiple inheritance via class)

Great, let's continue with:

◆ **TOPIC 4: Polymorphism**

What is Polymorphism?

Polymorphism means “**many forms**” — it allows the same method name or interface to behave **differently** based on the object or context.

 “*Same method, different behavior.*”

Real-world Analogy

- The word “**run**” means:
 - A person runs (physical movement)
 - A company runs (operates)

- o Code runs (executes)

Despite the same word, the meaning **varies by context**.

Why Companies Care

Polymorphism is **crucial** in:

- Writing **flexible and extensible code**
 - **Decoupling** systems via interfaces
 - Implementing **strategy patterns, plugins, controllers, and frameworks**
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Two Main Types of Polymorphism:

Type	Description	Example
Compile-Time (Static)	Method overloading	add(int, int) vs add(double, double)
Run-Time (Dynamic)	Method overriding via inheritance	Animal.speak() behaves differently in Dog vs Cat

Code Examples

1. Method Overloading (Compile-Time)

```
class MathUtils {  
  
    int add(int a, int b) {  
  
        return a + b;  
    }  
  
    double add(double a, double b) {  
  
        return a + b;  
    }  
}
```

2. Method Overriding (Run-Time)

```

class Animal {
    void speak() {
        System.out.println("Animal speaks");
    }
}

class Dog extends Animal {
    void speak() {
        System.out.println("Dog barks");
    }
}

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Animal a = new Dog(); // polymorphism in action
        a.speak(); // Outputs: Dog barks
    }
}

```

Common Interview Questions

1. What is polymorphism in OOP?
 2. Difference between overloading and overriding?
 3. Can you achieve polymorphism without inheritance?
 4. What happens internally during runtime polymorphism?
 5. How does Java implement dynamic dispatch?
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Common Mistakes

Mistake	Fix
Confusing overloading with overriding	Overloading = same method name, different params
Not using polymorphism where it's needed	Replace if-else trees with polymorphic design
Tight coupling with subclasses	Use interfaces or abstract classes instead

Industry Use Cases

- **Spring Framework:** @Controller, @Service classes using interface-based polymorphism
 - **Payment Gateway:** Different processPayment() logic for Paytm, UPI, Card using polymorphism
 - **Game Engines:** render() works differently for Enemy, Player, Boss
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Summary Note (Flashcard Style)

Item	Value
Polymorphism	Same method/interface behaves differently
Types	Compile-Time (Overloading), Run-Time (Overriding)
Key Use	Interface-based design, flexible systems
Java Feature	Method overloading, overriding, interfaces
Real Use	Strategy patterns, decoupling, controller behavior

Now you've covered all **4 core OOP pillars** in **industry-level depth**:

- Abstraction 
- Encapsulation 
- Inheritance 
- Polymorphism 

Awesome, Ghanshyam.

Now that you've mastered the **4 pillars of OOP**, let's level up with **industry-standard coding principles** — what top companies like **Google, Amazon, Microsoft, and Uber** follow in real-world software.

◆ **TOPIC 5: SOLID Principles**

SOLID is a set of **five software design principles** that make your code **clean, scalable, testable, and maintainable**.

👉 Widely asked in **system design, OOP, and low-level design interviews**.

✓ **What is SOLID?**

		One-Liner
S	Single Responsibility Principle	One class = One job
O	Open/Closed Principle	Open to extend, closed to modify
L	Liskov Substitution Principle	Subclass should not break the parent
I	Interface Segregation Principle	Don't force what's not needed
D	Dependency Inversion Principle	Depend on abstractions, not concrete classes

We'll now go **one-by-one**. Let's start with:

◆ **SOLID Principle 1: Single Responsibility Principle (SRP)**

✓ **What is SRP?**

A class should have **only one reason to change**.

This means:

Each class should **do one job only**, and do it well.

Real-world Analogy

- A **chef** should cook, not manage accounts.
 - A **printer** should print — billing should be handled elsewhere.
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Why Companies Care

- Promotes **clean separation of concerns**
 - Makes code **easier to debug, test, extend**
 - Essential in **microservices, controllers, services, models**
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Bad Example (Violates SRP)

```
class Report {  
    void generate() { /* logic */ }  
    void print() { /* printing */ }  
    void saveToDB() { /* saving */ }  
}
```

- This class **does too much**: generation, printing, DB.
 - Any change in one responsibility **risks breaking others**.
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Good Example (Follows SRP)

```
class ReportGenerator {  
    void generate() { /* logic */ }  
}
```

```
class ReportPrinter {  
    void print() { /* logic */ }  
}
```

```
class ReportSaver {  
    void saveToDB() /* logic */}  
}
```

Each class has **only one job** — clear, testable, independent.

Common Interview Questions

1. What is the Single Responsibility Principle?
 2. Can you refactor this class to follow SRP?
 3. Why is SRP important in large projects?
 4. Does SRP only apply to classes?
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Common Mistakes

Mistake	Fix
Fat classes with multiple unrelated methods	Break into smaller focused classes
Adding too many responsibilities to a service/controller	Split into service, DAO, handler layers
Thinking “SRP = only one method”	SRP = One responsibility, not one method

Summary Note (Flashcard Style)

Item Value

Principle Single Responsibility Principle

Rule One class = One job

Benefit Decoupling, readability, testability

Real Use Separation of layers: controller/service/DAO

Danger God classes with multiple responsibilities

Awesome! Let's continue to:

◆ SOLID Principle 2: Open/Closed Principle (OCP)

What is OCP?

Software entities (classes, modules, functions) should be:

-  **Open for extension**
 -  **Closed for modification**
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In Simple Words

- You should be able to **add new functionality** without **modifying existing code**.
 - This avoids breaking working code when adding new features.
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Real-world Analogy

- A **smartphone** lets you **install new apps** (extend functionality) **without modifying its core OS**.
 - A **USB port** is designed to support new hardware (keyboard, pen drive, etc.) **without rewriting system software**.
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Why Companies Care

- Reduces **risk of bugs** when adding features
 - Enables **plugin systems, extensible frameworks**
 - Encourages **interface-based programming** and **design patterns** like Strategy, Decorator
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Bad Example (Violates OCP)

```
class NotificationService {  
    void send(String type, String message) {  
        if (type.equals("email")) {
```

```
// send email  
} else if (type.equals("sms")) {  
    // send sms  
}  
}  
}
```

- Every time we add a new type (like push, WhatsApp), we need to **modify** this class — breaking OCP.
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Good Example (Follows OCP using Polymorphism)

```
interface Notification {  
    void send(String message);  
}  
  
class EmailNotification implements Notification {  
    public void send(String message) {  
        System.out.println("Sending Email: " + message);  
    }  
}  
  
class SMSNotification implements Notification {  
    public void send(String message) {  
        System.out.println("Sending SMS: " + message);  
    }  
}  
  
class NotificationService {  
    public void sendNotification(Notification notification, String message) {
```

```
    notification.send(message);  
}  
}
```

- ⊕ Now you can add PushNotification, SlackNotification, etc. **without touching** the NotificationService.
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🎯 Common Interview Questions

1. What does it mean for a class to be open/closed?
 2. How do interfaces and inheritance help in OCP?
 3. When do you refactor for OCP?
 4. Can too much abstraction hurt maintainability?
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✗ Common Mistakes

Mistake	Fix
Using switch/if blocks instead of polymorphism	Refactor to use interface or strategy
Modifying old code every time new logic is needed	Extend instead of modify
Blindly abstracting everything	Apply OCP only where change is likely (YAGNI)

✓ Summary Note (Flashcard Style)

Item	Value
Principle	Open/Closed Principle
Rule	Extend without modifying
Goal	Scalability, avoid breaking existing code
Pattern Used	Strategy, Decorator, Interface
Real Use	Plugin systems, modular services

Let's dive into:

◆ **SOLID Principle 3: Liskov Substitution Principle (LSP)**

 **What is LSP?**

Objects of a superclass should be replaceable with objects of a subclass without affecting correctness.

 “If S is a subclass of T, then objects of type T should be replaceable with objects of type S without breaking the program.”

 **In Simple Words**

- A child class **must behave like its parent**, not just inherit it.
 - You should be able to **use a subclass object** wherever the parent class is expected — and everything should work as expected.
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 **Real-world Analogy**

- If “all Birds can fly,” and Bird bird = new Ostrich() breaks because ostrich can’t fly — you’ve **violated LSP**.
 - A **credit card** and a **debit card** can both be used in a CardReader because they obey the same rules.
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 **Why Companies Care**

- Enforces **reliable polymorphism**
 - Prevents **unexpected bugs** due to improper overriding
 - Crucial for **framework development, plugin systems, and APIs**
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 **Bad Example (Violates LSP)**

```
class Bird {
```

```
void fly() {  
    System.out.println("Flying");  
}  
  
}  
  
class Ostrich extends Bird {  
  
    void fly() {  
        throw new UnsupportedOperationException("Ostriches can't fly!");  
    }  
  
}
```

● Now if you use:

```
Bird bird = new Ostrich();  
  
bird.fly(); // ⚡ Runtime error
```

It **breaks behavior** — violates LSP.

✓ Good Example (Follows LSP)

```
interface Bird {  
  
    void eat();  
}  
  
interface FlyingBird extends Bird {  
  
    void fly();  
}  
  
class Sparrow implements FlyingBird {  
  
    public void eat() {}  
  
    public void fly() {}  
}
```

```
class Ostrich implements Bird {  
    public void eat() {}  
}
```

👉 Now you don't force **all birds to fly** — behavior is **preserved**.

⌚ Common Interview Questions

1. What is Liskov Substitution Principle?
 2. How does violating LSP break polymorphism?
 3. Give a real-world system where LSP matters.
 4. Difference between inheritance and behavioral substitution?
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✗ Common Mistakes

Mistake	Fix
Inheriting but overriding methods in ways that break the parent contract	Subclass should honor parent's expectations
Misusing inheritance when "is-a" doesn't hold true	Use interfaces or composition
Throwing exceptions in overridden methods	Don't override unless the behavior is fully compatible

✓ Summary Note (Flashcard Style)

Item	Value
Principle	Liskov Substitution Principle
Rule	Subclass must behave like the superclass
Violation Sign	Subclass breaks client expectations
Fix	Design better inheritance hierarchies

Item	Value
Real Use	Frameworks, plugin-based architecture, clean APIs

Awesome! Let's keep the momentum going with:

◆ **SOLID Principle 4: Interface Segregation Principle (ISP)**

What is ISP?

Clients should not be forced to depend on interfaces they do not use.

In Simple Words

- Interfaces should be **small, specific, and focused**.
 - Don't force a class to implement **methods it doesn't need**.
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Real-world Analogy

- A **restaurant menu** for vegetarians shouldn't include non-veg dishes.
 - A **printer** shouldn't be forced to implement fax() if it doesn't support fax.
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Why Companies Care

- Leads to **better abstraction and separation of concerns**
 - Prevents **bloat and coupling** in large systems
 - Encourages **modular design** — highly relevant for **microservices** and **interface-based programming**
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Bad Example (Violates ISP)

interface Machine {

```
void print();
void scan();
void fax();
}

class SimplePrinter implements Machine {
    public void print() {}
    public void scan() {
        throw new UnsupportedOperationException();
    }
    public void fax() {
        throw new UnsupportedOperationException();
    }
}
```

- SimplePrinter doesn't support scan or fax — but it's **forced to implement them**.
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Good Example (Follows ISP)

```
interface Printer {
    void print();
}
```

```
interface Scanner {
    void scan();
}
```

```
interface Fax {
    void fax();
}
```

```
class SimplePrinter implements Printer {  
    public void print() {}  
}
```

 Now classes **implement only what they need**.

Common Interview Questions

1. What is Interface Segregation Principle?
 2. What happens when you create “fat” interfaces?
 3. How does ISP relate to clean architecture?
 4. How does ISP improve testability?
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Common Mistakes

Mistake	Fix
Creating large interfaces with many unrelated methods	Split into smaller, role-specific interfaces
Assuming “one-size-fits-all” interface for unrelated clients	Use interface composition
Overusing inheritance instead of interfaces	Prefer multiple focused interfaces over one abstract class

Summary Note (Flashcard Style)

Item	Value
Principle	Interface Segregation Principle
Rule	No class should be forced to implement unused methods
Fix	Split large interfaces into smaller ones
Real Use	Role-based services, plugin components

Item	Value
Sign of Violation	Method stubs throwing errors or unused

Perfect! Let's now wrap up the SOLID set with the final principle:

◆ SOLID Principle 5: Dependency Inversion Principle (DIP)

What is DIP?

High-level modules should not depend on low-level modules.

Both should depend on **abstractions**.

Abstractions should not depend on details.

Details should depend on **abstractions**.

In Simple Words

- Write code that **depends on interfaces, not concrete classes**.
 - This makes systems **flexible, modular, and testable**.
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Real-world Analogy

- Your **laptop charger** has a **standard socket**. It works with various wall plug shapes because they all **implement the same interface** — electricity.
 - You don't change your device when the wall changes — that's **DIP in action**.
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Why Companies Care

- Used in **dependency injection, inversion of control (IoC), and plugin systems**
 - Makes code **easier to mock/test** (e.g., in unit testing)
 - Critical in **Spring, NestJS, Clean Architecture, Hexagonal Architecture**
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Bad Example (Violates DIP)

```
class MySQLDatabase {  
    void connect() {  
        System.out.println("Connected to MySQL");  
    }  
}
```

```
class UserService {  
    MySQLDatabase db = new MySQLDatabase();  
  
    void registerUser() {  
        db.connect();  
        // logic  
    }  
}
```

● UserService is **tightly coupled** to MySQLDatabase.

✓ **Good Example (Follows DIP using Abstraction)**

```
interface Database {  
    void connect();  
}  
  
class MySQLDatabase implements Database {  
    public void connect() {  
        System.out.println("Connected to MySQL");  
    }  
}
```

```
class UserService {
```

```
Database db;

UserService(Database db) {
    this.db = db;
}

void registerUser() {
    db.connect();
}
```

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-  Now UserService depends on an **interface** — you can inject PostgresDatabase, MockDatabase, etc., without changing UserService.

Common Interview Questions

1. What is Dependency Inversion Principle?
 2. How is it related to Dependency Injection?
 3. Why do we depend on abstractions?
 4. How does DIP improve testability?
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Common Mistakes

Mistake	Fix
Instantiating low-level classes inside high-level ones	Use constructors, factory, or DI containers
Forgetting to use interfaces or abstract types	Define a contract for behaviors
Confusing DIP with Dependency Injection	DIP is the principle , DI is a technique to follow it

Summary Note (Flashcard Style)

Item	Value
Principle	Dependency Inversion Principle
Rule	High-level and low-level modules depend on abstractions
Fix	Use interfaces, not concrete classes
Real Use	Service layers, DI frameworks like Spring, NestJS
Benefit	Loose coupling, flexibility, testability

 **CONGRATS: You've Mastered All SOLID Principles!**

Principle Summary

- S** Single Responsibility — One class, one job
 - O** Open/Closed — Extend, don't modify
 - L** Liskov Substitution — Subclass should behave like parent
 - I** Interface Segregation — No forced methods
 - D** Dependency Inversion — Depend on abstractions
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