

# OOD (Object Oriented Design)

## SOLID Principles (Object-Oriented Design)

### Definition:

SOLID is a set of 5 object-oriented design principles that help in writing clean, maintainable, scalable, and flexible code.

SOLID = S O L I D

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### Why SOLID is Needed / Purpose

Without SOLID:

- Code becomes tightly coupled
- Hard to modify or test
- Small change breaks many classes

With SOLID:

- Easy maintenance
- Better readability
- Easier testing
- Industry-standard design

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## S - Single Responsibility Principle (SRP)

### Definition

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

### Key Point

One class = one responsibility

### Bad Example

```
class Employee {  
    void calculateSalary() {}  
    void saveToDatabase() {}  
}
```

### Good Example

```
class SalaryCalculator {}  
class EmployeeRepository {}
```

### Real-Life Example

One person cannot be teacher + accountant + driver at same time efficiently.

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## O - Open/Closed Principle (OCP)

### Definition

Software entities should be **open for extension but closed for modification**.

### Key Point

Add new behavior without changing existing code.

### Example

```
interface Shape {  
    double area();  
}  
class Circle implements Shape {}  
class Rectangle implements Shape {}
```

### Real-Life Example

Mobile apps add features via **updates**, not rewriting whole app.

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## L - Liskov Substitution Principle (LSP)

### Definition

A child class should be **usable in place of its parent class** without breaking the program.

**Key Point**

Subclass must not change parent behavior.

**Bad Example**

Square extends Rectangle (changes width/height logic)

**Real-Life Example**

If a **car** is a **vehicle**, it must behave like a vehicle.

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**I - Interface Segregation Principle (ISP)****Definition**

Clients should not be forced to implement **unused methods**.

**Key Point**

Many small interfaces > one big interface

**Bad Example**

```
interface Worker {  
    void work();  
    void eat();  
}
```

**Good Example**

```
interface Workable { void work(); }  
interface Eatable { void eat(); }
```

**Real-Life Example**

A robot works but does not eat.

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**D - Dependency Inversion Principle (DIP)****Definition**

High-level modules should not depend on low-level modules; both should depend on **abstractions**.

**Key Point**

Depend on interfaces, not concrete classes.

**Example**

```
class Car {  
    Engine engine;  
    Car(Engine engine) {  
        this.engine = engine;  
    }  
}
```

**Real-Life Example**

Switch works with **electricity**, not a specific power plant.

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**Advantages of SOLID**

- Loose coupling
- High cohesion
- Easy testing
- Scalable design
- Used in Spring, Hibernate

**Common Interview Questions (Cognizant Level)****Q1. What does SOLID stand for?**

A. Five OOP design principles.

**Q2. Which principle is most violated in beginners' code?**

A. SRP.

**Q3. Which principle is used in Spring Dependency Injection?**

A. DIP.

**Q4. Difference between SRP and ISP?**

- A. SRP → class responsibility
- ISP → interface responsibility

**Q5. Which principle improves extensibility?**

- A. OCP.

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#### One-Line Summary (Quick Revision)

SOLID principles help in designing flexible, maintainable, and scalable object-oriented software.

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## Singleton Design Pattern

### Definition:

Singleton Pattern ensures that **only one object (instance)** of a class is created and provides a **global access point** to that instance.

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### Why it is Needed / Purpose

Singleton is used when:

- Only one object is required for the entire application
- Shared resources must be controlled

Examples:

- Database connection
- Logger
- Configuration settings

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### Core Idea (Key Rules)

1. **Private constructor** – prevents object creation from outside
2. **Static instance variable** – stores single object
3. **Public static method** – returns the same instance

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### How It Works (Step-by-Step)

1. Constructor is made private
2. Class creates one static object
3. Every call returns the same object reference

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### Real-Life Example (Easy Analogy)

- **Government Aadhaar Server** → Only one central system
- **Printer in office** → One shared printer for all users

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### Basic Singleton Implementation (Eager Initialization)

```
class Singleton {  
    private static Singleton instance = new Singleton();  
  
    private Singleton() {}  
  
    public static Singleton getInstance() {  
        return instance;  
    }  
}
```

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### Lazy Initialization (Most Asked)

```
class Singleton {
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```
private static Singleton instance;

private Singleton() {}

public static Singleton getInstance() {
    if (instance == null) {
        instance = new Singleton();
    }
    return instance;
}
```

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#### Thread-Safe Singleton

```
class Singleton {
    private static Singleton instance;

    private Singleton() {}

    public static synchronized Singleton getInstance() {
        if (instance == null) {
            instance = new Singleton();
        }
        return instance;
}
```

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#### Best Practice (Double-Checked Locking)

```
class Singleton {
    private static volatile Singleton instance;

    private Singleton() {}

    public static Singleton getInstance() {
        if (instance == null) {
            synchronized (Singleton.class) {
                if (instance == null) {
                    instance = new Singleton();
                }
            }
        }
        return instance;
}
```

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#### Advantages

- Controlled access to single instance
- Saves memory
- Useful for shared resources

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#### Disadvantages / Limitations

- Difficult to test (mocking issues)
- Global state can cause hidden dependencies
- Breaks SOLID (SRP & DIP) if overused

## **Singleton vs Normal Class**

| <b>Feature</b> | <b>Singleton</b> | <b>Normal Class</b> |
|----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Instances      | One only         | Multiple            |
| Constructor    | Private          | Public              |
| Use case       | Shared resource  | General objects     |

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## **Common Interview Questions (Cognizant Level)**

**Q1. What is Singleton Pattern?**

A. Ensures only one instance of a class.

**Q2. Why constructor is private in Singleton?**

A. To prevent object creation using new.

**Q3. Is Singleton thread-safe by default?**

A. No.

**Q4. How to make Singleton thread-safe?**

A. Synchronization or double-checked locking.

**Q5. Where is Singleton used in real projects?**

A. Logging, database connections, configuration.

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## **One-Line Summary (Quick Revision)**

**Singleton Pattern restricts a class to only one object and provides a global access point to it.**

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## **Factory Design Pattern**

### **Definition:**

**Factory Pattern** is a **creational design pattern** that provides an **object-creation method** without exposing the creation logic and returns objects using a **common interface or parent class**.

*Client asks for object, factory decides which object to create.*

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### **Why it is Needed / Purpose**

Without Factory:

- Client uses new everywhere
- Code becomes tightly coupled
- Hard to add new object types

With Factory:

- Loose coupling
- Centralized object creation
- Easy to extend

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### **Core Idea (Pattern Rules)**

1. Create a **common interface / abstract class**
2. Implement multiple concrete classes
3. Create a **Factory class** to return objects
4. Client uses factory, not new

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### **How It Works (Flow Pattern)**

Client → Factory → Concrete Object

Client doesn't know which class is created.

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### **Real-Life Example (Easy Analogy)**

- Restaurant → You order food, kitchen decides how to prepare it
- Mobile Factory → Factory produces Android or iPhone based on request

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### **Simple Factory Example (Core Interview Part)**

#### **Step 1: Common Interface**

```
interface Notification {  
    void notifyUser();  
}
```

#### **Step 2: Implementations**

```
class EmailNotification implements Notification {  
    public void notifyUser() {  
        System.out.println("Email sent");  
    }  
}  
  
class SMSNotification implements Notification {  
    public void notifyUser() {  
        System.out.println("SMS sent");  
    }  
}
```

#### **Step 3: Factory Class**

```
class NotificationFactory {  
    public static Notification createNotification(String type) {  
        if (type.equalsIgnoreCase("EMAIL"))  
            return new EmailNotification();  
        else if (type.equalsIgnoreCase("SMS"))  
            return new SMSNotification();  
        return null;  
    }  
}
```

#### **Step 4: Client Code**

```
Notification n =  
    NotificationFactory.createNotification("EMAIL");  
n.notifyUser();
```

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### **Advantages**

- Loose coupling
- Centralized creation logic
- Easy to add new classes
- Follows Open/Closed Principle

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### **Disadvantages / Limitations**

- Extra classes increase complexity
- Factory may grow large if many types added

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### **Factory vs Singleton**

#### **Feature      Factory      Singleton**

Purpose      Create objects      Restrict object

Objects      Multiple types      Single instance

Focus      Creation logic      Instance control

## Factory vs Direct Object Creation

| Direct (new)             | Factory                   |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Tight coupling           | Loose coupling            |
| Hard to extend           | Easy to extend            |
| Client controls creation | Factory controls creation |

## Real-Time Usage

- Spring BeanFactory
- Logger creation
- Database connection types
- Payment gateways

## Common Interview Questions (Cognizant Level)

- Q1. What problem does Factory Pattern solve?**  
A. Removes tight coupling from object creation.
- Q2. Which SOLID principle does Factory follow?**  
A. Open/Closed Principle.
- Q3. Can Factory return different objects?**  
A. Yes, based on input.
- Q4. Is Factory Pattern creational?**  
A. Yes.
- Q5. Where is Factory used in Spring?**  
A. BeanFactory and ApplicationContext.

## One-Line Summary (Quick Revision)

Factory Pattern creates objects without exposing creation logic and returns them via a common interface.

## Builder Design Pattern

### Definition

Builder Pattern is a **creational design pattern** used to **construct complex objects step by step**, without exposing the construction logic.

- It separates **object creation** from **object representation**.

### Why it is Needed / Purpose

Problem with constructors:

- Too many parameters
- Confusing order
- Hard to read and maintain

Builder Pattern helps to:

- Create objects in a clean way
- Avoid constructor overloading
- Improve readability

### When to Use Builder Pattern

- Object has **many optional parameters**
- Immutable objects needed
- Complex object creation

Examples:

- User profile

- Configuration objects
- HTTP request builders

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#### Core Idea (Pattern Rules)

1. Create a **static inner Builder class**
2. Builder sets values step by step
3. build() method returns final object
4. Object is usually immutable

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#### How It Works (Flow Pattern)

Client → Builder → build() → Object

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#### Real-Life Example (Easy Analogy)

- **Ordering Burger** → Choose bun, cheese, toppings step by step
- **House Construction** → Build room by room

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#### Builder Pattern Example (Most Important)

##### Step 1: Main Class

```
class User {  
    private final String name;  
    private final int age;  
    private final String email;  
  
    private User(Builder builder) {  
        this.name = builder.name;  
        this.age = builder.age;  
        this.email = builder.email;  
    }  
}
```

##### Step 2: Builder Class

```
static class Builder {  
    private String name;  
    private int age;  
    private String email;  
  
    Builder setName(String name) {  
        this.name = name;  
        return this;  
    }  
  
    Builder setAge(int age) {  
        this.age = age;  
        return this;  
    }  
  
    Builder setEmail(String email) {  
        this.email = email;  
        return this;  
    }  
  
    User build() {  
        return new User(this);  
    }  
}
```

### **Step 3: Client Code**

```
User user = new User.Builder()  
    .setName("Ali")  
    .setAge(22)  
    .setEmail("ali@gmail.com")  
    .build();
```

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#### **Advantages**

- Clean and readable object creation
- Handles optional parameters well
- Supports immutability
- Avoids constructor confusion

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#### **Disadvantages / Limitations**

- More code
- Not suitable for simple objects

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#### **Builder vs Factory**

| Feature    | Builder              | Factory             |
|------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Purpose    | Build complex object | Create object types |
| Parameters | Many optional        | Few                 |
| Process    | Step-by-step         | One-step            |

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#### **Builder vs Constructor**

| Constructor             | Builder              |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Hard to read            | Easy to read         |
| Parameter order matters | Order doesn't matter |
| Not flexible            | Flexible             |

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#### **Real-Time Usage**

- StringBuilder
- Lombok @Builder
- HTTP request creation
- Spring configuration

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#### **Common Interview Questions (Cognizant Level)**

**Q1. Why Builder Pattern is better than constructor?**

A. Readability and flexibility.

**Q2. Is Builder Pattern immutable?**

A. Yes, usually.

**Q3. Which design pattern is used in StringBuilder?**

A. Builder Pattern.

**Q4. When should you avoid Builder?**

A. When object is simple.

**Q5. Is Builder a creational pattern?**

A. Yes.

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#### **One-Line Summary (Quick Revision)**

**Builder Pattern constructs complex objects step by step with clean, readable, and flexible code.**

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## Behavioral Design Patterns

### Definition

Behavioral Design Patterns focus on **how objects interact and communicate** with each other and **how responsibilities are distributed** among them.

- They mainly deal with **object behavior and communication**.

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### Why Behavioral Patterns are Needed / Purpose

Without behavioral patterns:

- Tight coupling between objects
- Hard-to-change behavior
- Complex conditional logic (if-else)

With behavioral patterns:

- Flexible communication
- Easy behavior change
- Clean responsibility separation

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### Common Behavioral Design Patterns

1. Strategy
2. Observer
3. Command
4. Iterator
5. State
6. Template Method
7. Chain of Responsibility
8. Mediator
9. Memento
10. Visitor

(For interviews, **Strategy**, **Observer**, **Command** are most important)

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### 1. Strategy Pattern

#### Definition

Defines a **family of algorithms**, encapsulates them, and makes them **interchangeable at runtime**.

#### Example

Payment methods: Card, UPI, Cash

#### Key Benefit

- Avoids if-else chains

```
interface Payment {  
    void pay();  
}  
class CardPayment implements Payment {}  
class UpiPayment implements Payment {}
```

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### 2. Observer Pattern

#### Definition

Creates a **one-to-many dependency** so that when one object changes state, all dependents are notified.

#### Example

YouTube subscribers get notified on new video

#### Key Benefit

- Loose coupling

```
interface Observer {  
    void update();  
}
```

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### **3. Command Pattern**

#### **Definition**

Encapsulates a **request as an object**, allowing parameterization and queuing.

#### **Example**

Remote control buttons

#### **Key Benefit**

Decouples sender from receiver

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### **4. Iterator Pattern**

#### **Definition**

Provides a way to **access elements of a collection sequentially** without exposing internal structure.

#### **Example**

Java Iterator

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### **5. State Pattern**

#### **Definition**

Allows an object to **change its behavior when its internal state changes**.

#### **Example**

ATM machine states

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### **6. Template Method Pattern**

#### **Definition**

Defines the **skeleton of an algorithm** but lets subclasses define specific steps.

#### **Example**

Game level logic

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### **Advantages of Behavioral Patterns**

- Loose coupling
  - Easy extension
  - Better code readability
  - Clean separation of responsibilities
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### **Behavioral vs Creational vs Structural**

#### **Type      Focus**

Creational Object creation

Structural Class relationships

Behavioral Object interaction

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### **Common Interview Questions (Cognizant Level)**

#### **Q1. What are Behavioral Patterns?**

A. Patterns that manage object behavior and interaction.

#### **Q2. Most used behavioral pattern?**

A. Strategy and Observer.

#### **Q3. Which pattern avoids if-else logic?**

A. Strategy Pattern.

#### **Q4. Observer real-time example?**

A. Event listeners, notifications.

#### **Q5. Which pattern Java Iterator uses?**

A. Iterator Pattern.

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## One-Line Summary (Quick Revision)

Behavioral Design Patterns define how objects communicate and manage behavior efficiently.

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## Structural Design Patterns

### Definition

Structural Design Patterns deal with how classes and objects are composed to form larger, flexible, and efficient structures.

- Focus is on class relationships and structure, not creation or behavior.
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### Why Structural Patterns are Needed / Purpose

Without structural patterns:

- Tight coupling between classes
- Difficult to extend existing code
- Complex class hierarchies

With structural patterns:

- Reusability
  - Flexibility
  - Clean object composition
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### Common Structural Design Patterns

1. Adapter
2. Decorator
3. Facade
4. Composite
5. Proxy
6. Bridge
7. Flyweight

(For interviews: Adapter, Decorator, Facade, Proxy are most important)

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#### 1. Adapter Pattern

##### Definition

Converts the interface of a class into another interface that a client expects.

##### Example

Charger adapter (3-pin to 2-pin)

##### Key Benefit

- Makes incompatible interfaces work together

```
class Adapter implements Target {}
```

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#### 2. Decorator Pattern

##### Definition

Adds new behavior to an object dynamically without modifying its structure.

##### Example

Adding cheese or toppings to pizza

##### Key Benefit

- Avoids subclass explosion

```
class CheeseDecorator extends PizzaDecorator {}
```

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#### 3. Facade Pattern

##### Definition

Provides a simplified interface to a complex subsystem.

**Example**

Using a TV remote instead of operating internal circuits

**Key Benefit**

- Hides complexity

```
class BankingFacade {}
```

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**4. Composite Pattern****Definition**

Treats individual objects and groups of objects uniformly.

**Example**

File system (file & folder)

**Key Benefit**

Hierarchical structure

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**5. Proxy Pattern****Definition**

Provides a placeholder or control object to manage access to another object.

**Example**

ATM card (proxy to bank account)

**Key Benefit**

- Access control / lazy loading

```
class ProxyService implements Service {}
```

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**6. Bridge Pattern****Definition**

Separates abstraction from implementation so both can vary independently.

**Example**

Remote and TV brands

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**7. Flyweight Pattern****Definition**

Reduces memory usage by sharing common objects.

**Example**

String pool in Java

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**Structural vs Creational vs Behavioral****Pattern Type Focus**

Creational Object creation

Structural Class composition

Behavioral Object interaction

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**Advantages of Structural Patterns**

- Reduced complexity
- Better code reuse
- Loose coupling
- Improved maintainability

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**Common Interview Questions (Cognizant Level)****Q1. What are Structural Design Patterns?**

A. Patterns that define class and object structure.

**Q2. Which pattern hides complexity?**

A. Facade Pattern.

**Q3. Which pattern adds behavior dynamically?**

A. Decorator Pattern.

**Q4. Which pattern converts one interface to another?**

A. Adapter Pattern.

**Q5. Which pattern controls access to object?**

A. Proxy Pattern.

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#### One-Line Summary (Quick Revision)

Structural Design Patterns define how classes and objects are composed to build flexible software structures.

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## Introduction to UML (Unified Modeling Language)

### Definition

UML (Unified Modeling Language) is a standard visual language used to design, visualize, and document software systems before actual coding.

- It represents how a system is structured and how it behaves using diagrams.

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### Why UML is Needed / Purpose

UML helps to:

- Understand system requirements clearly
- Communicate ideas between developers, testers, and clients
- Reduce errors before coding
- Plan large systems efficiently

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### Where UML is Used

- Software design phase
- System documentation
- Enterprise applications
- Object-Oriented systems

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### Core Building Blocks of UML

1. Things - classes, objects, components
2. Relationships - association, inheritance, dependency
3. Diagrams - visual representation

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### Types of UML Diagrams (Very Important)

UML diagrams are mainly divided into two categories:

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#### Structural Diagrams (*What the system IS*)

1. Class Diagram ★★★★
2. Object Diagram
3. Component Diagram
4. Deployment Diagram
5. Package Diagram

Most important for interviews: Class Diagram

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#### Behavioral Diagrams (*What the system DOES*)

1. Use Case Diagram ★★★★
2. Sequence Diagram ★★
3. Activity Diagram
4. State Diagram

Most important for interviews: Use Case & Sequence

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## **Class Diagram**

### **Purpose**

Shows **classes, attributes, methods, and relationships.**

### **Structure**

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|            |
|------------|
| Class Name |
| variables  |
| methods()  |

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### **Example**

Student

- id
  - name
  - + getName()
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## **Use Case Diagram**

### **Purpose**

Shows **user interactions** with the system.

### **Components**

- Actor (User)
- Use case (Action)
- System boundary

### **Example**

Student → Login → View Result

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## **Sequence Diagram**

### **Purpose**

Shows **interaction between objects over time.**

### **Key Elements**

- Lifeline
  - Messages
  - Activation box
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## **Activity Diagram**

### **Purpose**

Shows **workflow or process flow.**

### **Example**

Login → Validate → Success / Failure

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## **UML Relationships (Very Important)**

### **Relationship Meaning**

Association Uses

Aggregation Has-a (weak)

Composition Has-a (strong)

Inheritance Is-a

Dependency Temporary use

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### **Real-Life Example**

- Blueprint of a building before construction
  - Flowchart before writing code
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## **Advantages of UML**

- Clear visualization
  - Better communication
  - Saves development time
  - Reduces misunderstandings
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## **Limitations of UML**

- Time-consuming for small projects
  - Requires practice to master
  - Over-design risk
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## **Common Interview Questions (Cognizant Level)**

### **Q1. What is UML?**

A. A visual modeling language for software design.

### **Q2. Why UML is used before coding?**

A. To plan and visualize the system.

### **Q3. Most important UML diagram?**

A. Class Diagram.

### **Q4. Difference between Use Case and Sequence diagram?**

A. Use Case → user view  
Sequence → object interaction

### **Q5. UML used only in Java?**

A. No, language-independent.

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## **One-Line Summary (Quick Revision)**

**UML is a standard modeling language used to visualize, design, and document software systems.**

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## **UML Diagram Types**

### **Definition**

**UML Diagram Types** are different kinds of diagrams used to **visually represent the structure and behavior** of a software system.

- Each diagram answers a **specific question** about the system.
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### **Why UML Diagrams are Needed**

UML diagrams help to:

- Understand system design clearly
  - Communicate ideas easily
  - Reduce development errors
  - Document the system
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### **Classification of UML Diagrams**

UML diagrams are broadly divided into **two main categories**:

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#### **A. Structural Diagrams (*What the system IS*)**

These diagrams show the **static structure** of the system.

#### **Structural UML Diagrams List**

1. **Class Diagram** ★★★
2. Object Diagram

3. Component Diagram
  4. Deployment Diagram
  5. Package Diagram
  6. Composite Structure Diagram
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#### **Class Diagram (Most Important)**

##### **Purpose:**

Shows classes, attributes, methods, and relationships.

##### **Used for:**

Designing OOP systems

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#### **Object Diagram**

##### **Purpose:**

Shows objects and their values at a specific time.

##### **Used for:**

Debugging and understanding runtime objects

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#### **Component Diagram**

##### **Purpose:**

Shows software components and dependencies.

##### **Used for:**

Microservices & large applications

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#### **Deployment Diagram**

##### **Purpose:**

Shows physical deployment of software on hardware.

##### **Used for:**

Cloud and server architecture

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#### **Package Diagram**

##### **Purpose:**

Shows package organization and dependencies.

##### **Used for:**

Project structure planning

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## **B. Behavioral Diagrams (*What the system DOES*)**

These diagrams show **dynamic behavior** of the system.

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#### **Behavioral UML Diagrams List**

1. Use Case Diagram ★★★★
  2. Sequence Diagram ★★★★
  3. Activity Diagram
  4. State Machine Diagram
  5. Communication Diagram
  6. Timing Diagram
  7. Interaction Overview Diagram
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#### **Use Case Diagram (Most Important)**

##### **Purpose:**

Shows user interaction with the system.

##### **Used for:**

Requirement gathering

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### **Sequence Diagram**

#### **Purpose:**

Shows message flow between objects over time.

#### **Used for:**

Understanding method calls

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### **Activity Diagram**

#### **Purpose:**

Shows workflow or business process.

#### **Used for:**

Process modeling

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### **State Machine Diagram**

#### **Purpose:**

Shows state changes of an object.

#### **Used for:**

ATM, vending machines

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### **Communication Diagram**

#### **Purpose:**

Shows object interactions focusing on relationships.

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### **Quick Comparison Table**

#### **Diagram      Focus**

Class      Structure

Use Case      User view

Sequence      Message flow

Activity      Workflow

Deployment      Hardware

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### **Real-Life Example**

- **Class Diagram** → Blueprint of a building
  - **Sequence Diagram** → Step-by-step process
  - **Deployment Diagram** → Where system is installed
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### **Common Interview Questions (Cognizant Level)**

**Q1. How many UML diagram types are there?**

A. 14 (UML 2.x)

**Q2. Most important UML diagrams for interviews?**

A. Class, Use Case, Sequence.

**Q3. Which diagram shows system structure?**

A. Structural diagrams.

**Q4. Which diagram shows interaction over time?**

A. Sequence diagram.

**Q5. UML language dependent?**

A. No.

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### **One-Line Summary (Quick Revision)**

UML diagram types are used to visualize both the structure and behavior of a software system.

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## UML Diagram Elements

### Definition

UML Diagram Elements are the **basic building blocks** used to create UML diagrams. They represent **things, relationships, and rules** inside a system.

### Why UML Elements are Important

They help to:

- Represent system clearly
- Maintain standard notation
- Avoid confusion in design
- Communicate ideas effectively

### Main Categories of UML Elements

UML elements are divided into **4 major groups**:

1. Structural Elements
2. Behavioral Elements
3. Grouping Elements
4. Annotational Elements

#### A. Structural Elements (*Static parts of system*)

##### Class

Represents a blueprint of objects.

##### Notation:

|            |
|------------|
| -----      |
| Class Name |
| -----      |
| attributes |
| -----      |
| methods()  |
| -----      |

Example: Student, Employee

##### Object

Instance of a class at runtime.

##### Notation:

student1 : Student

##### Interface

Defines a contract without implementation.

##### Notation:

<<interface>> Payment

##### Component

Represents a modular part of system.

Example: Login Module, Payment Module

##### Node

Represents physical hardware or server.

Example: Web Server, Database Server

## B. Behavioral Elements (*Dynamic parts of system*)

### Use Case

Represents a functionality provided by system.

**Example:** Login, Register, Pay Bill

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### Interaction

Shows communication between objects.

**Used in:** Sequence Diagram

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### State

Represents condition/state of an object.

**Example:** Logged In, Logged Out

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## C. Grouping Elements

### Package

Groups related UML elements.

**Example:** com.bank.user

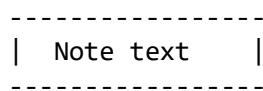
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## D. Annotational Elements

### Note

Used to add explanation or comments.

**Notation:**



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## UML Relationships (Very Important)

### a) Association

Basic relationship (uses).

**Example:** Teacher – Student

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### b) Aggregation

Weak “has-a” relationship.

**Symbol:** ◊

**Example:** Department has Employees

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### c) Composition

Strong “has-a” relationship.

**Symbol:** ◆

**Example:** House has Rooms

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### d) Inheritance (Generalization)

“Is-a” relationship.

**Symbol:** ▲

**Example:** Dog → Animal

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### e) Dependency

Temporary usage relationship.

**Example:** Method parameter

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## **Visibility Symbols**

### **Symbol Meaning**

- +      Public
  - Private
  - #      Protected
  - ~      Default
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### **Real-Life Analogy**

- **Class** → Blueprint
  - **Object** → Actual house
  - **Package** → Apartment building
  - **Note** → Sticky note
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### **Common Interview Questions (Cognizant Level)**

#### **Q1. What are UML elements?**

- A. Building blocks of UML diagrams.

#### **Q2. Which element groups other elements?**

- A. Package.

#### **Q3. Difference between aggregation and composition?**

- A. Composition is strong ownership.

#### **Q4. What symbol represents inheritance?**

- A. Hollow triangle.

#### **Q5. What does a note represent in UML?**

- A. Explanation or comment.
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### **One-Line Summary (Quick Revision)**

UML diagram elements are the basic components used to model the structure and behavior of a system.

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