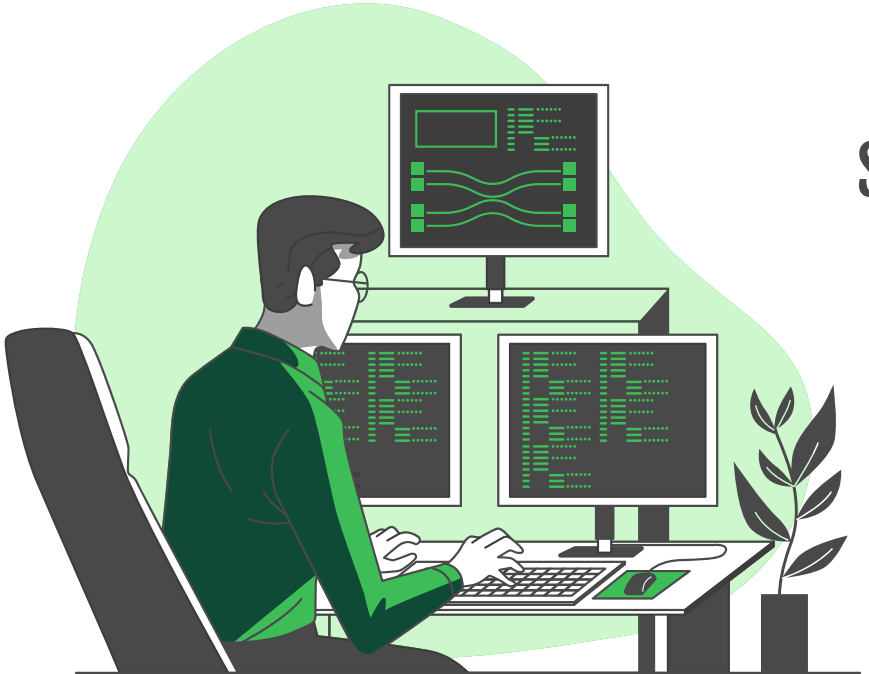

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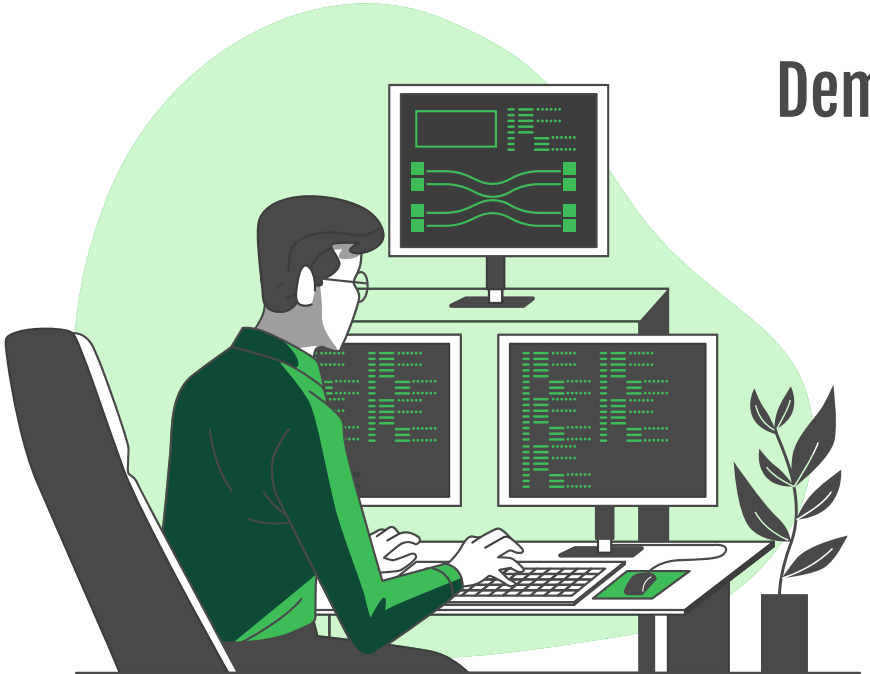

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A Behavioral Notion of Subtyping

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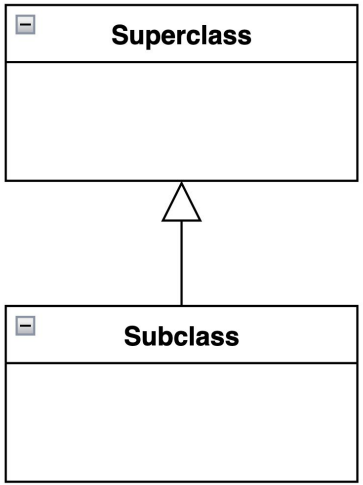

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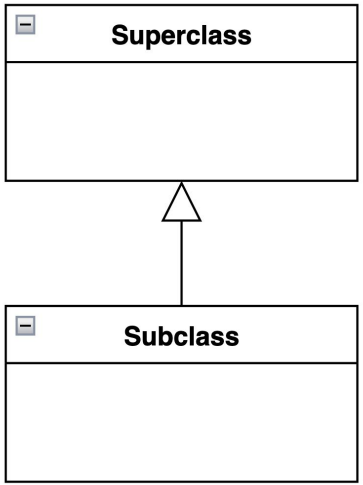

- Modularity
- Code reuse
- Extensibility
- Easy substitution

Transportation example

```
class Transportation:
    def start(self):
        pass

class Car(Transportation):
    def start(self):
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class Bicycle(Transportation):
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def activate_transport(transport):
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    print(result)

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```
# Usage example
full_time_employee = FullTimeEmployee()
contractor = Contractor()
contractor.hourly_rate = 50
contractor.hours_worked = 40

print(full_time_employee.calculate_salary())    # Output: 5000
print(contractor.calculate_salary())            # Output: 2000 (50 * 40)
```

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Understanding Subtyping

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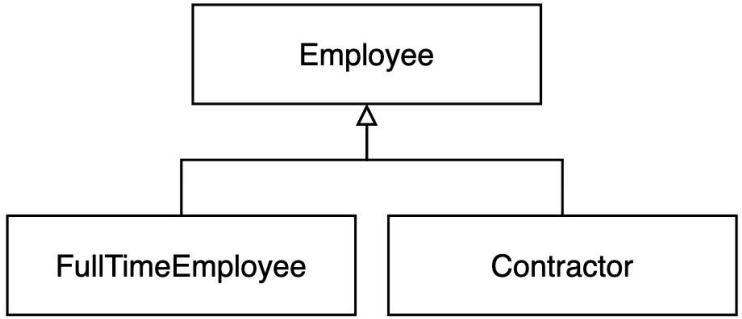


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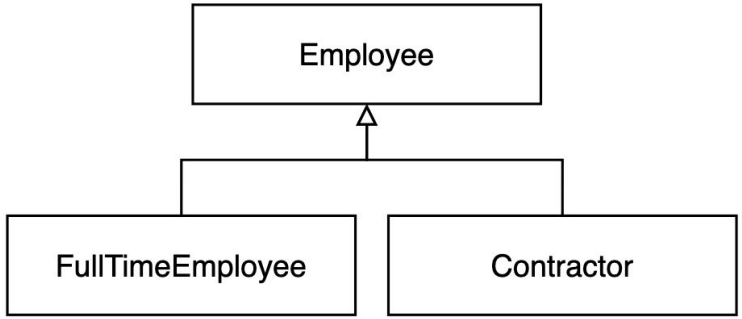


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Subtyping → Substitutability

Code reusability

Less code to write

Abstraction

Encapsulate data and behavior

Polymorphism

Depends on specific implementations

03

The Liskov Substitution Principle

Subtype Requirement: Let $\phi(x)$ be a property provable about objects x of type T. Then $\phi(y)$ should be true for objects y of type S where S is a subtype of T.

If a program is using **an object of a superclass** and the program expects certain properties or behaviors to hold true for that object, then the program should still work correctly if **an object of any of its subclasses is used instead**.

The subclass object should be able to substitute the superclass object without affecting the **correctness** of the program.

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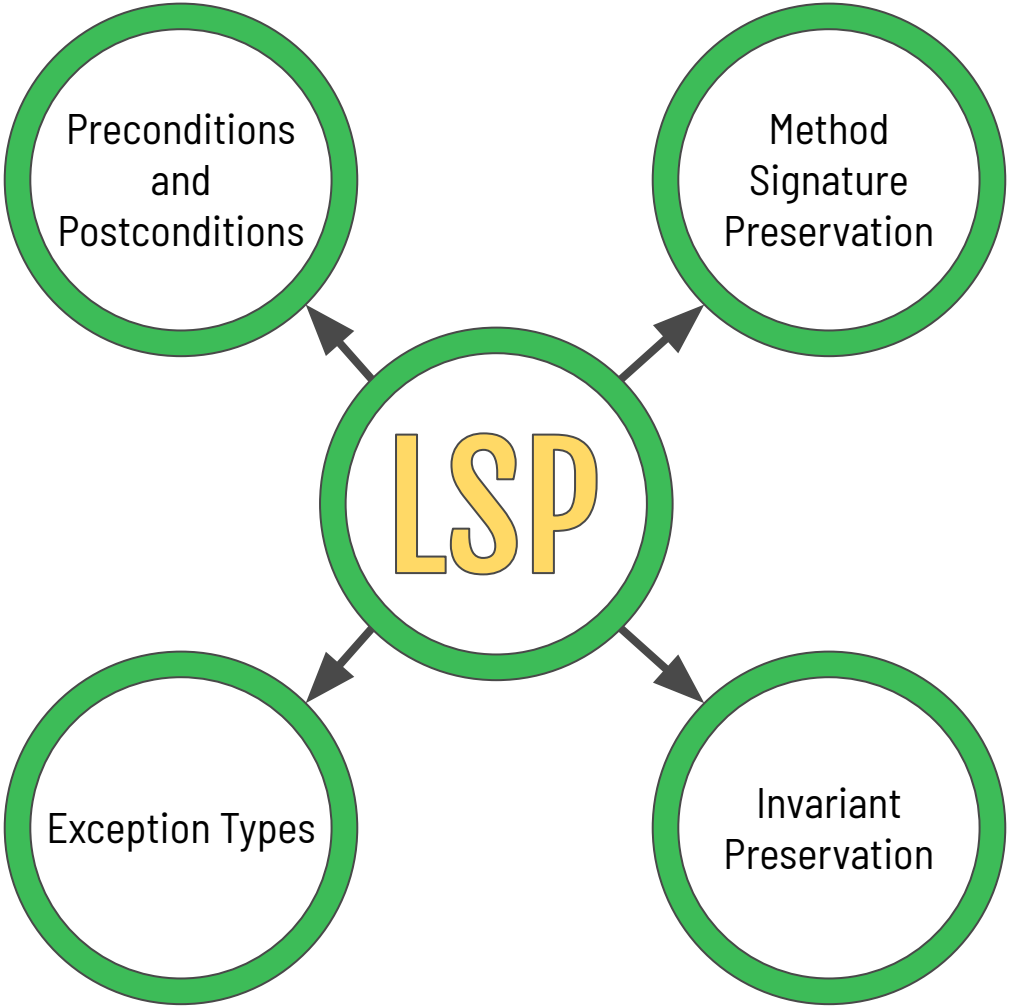
Guidelines for Applying LSP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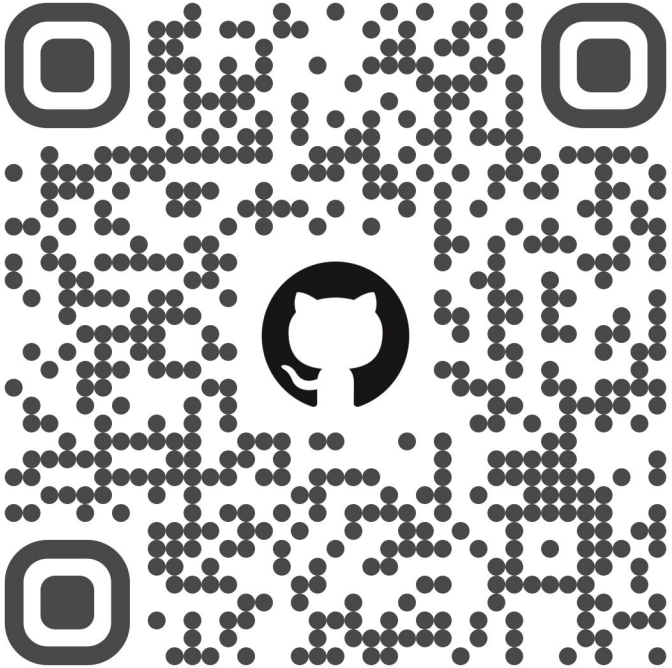

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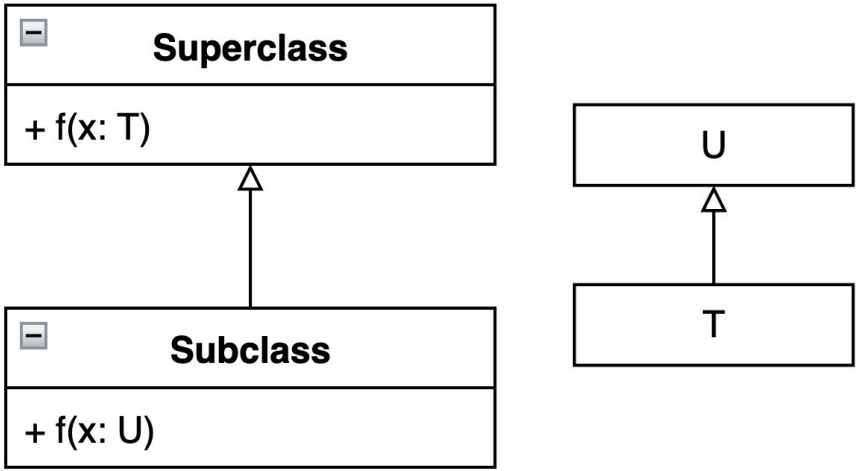

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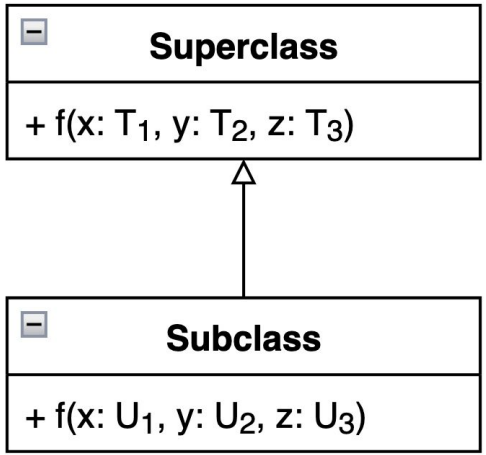

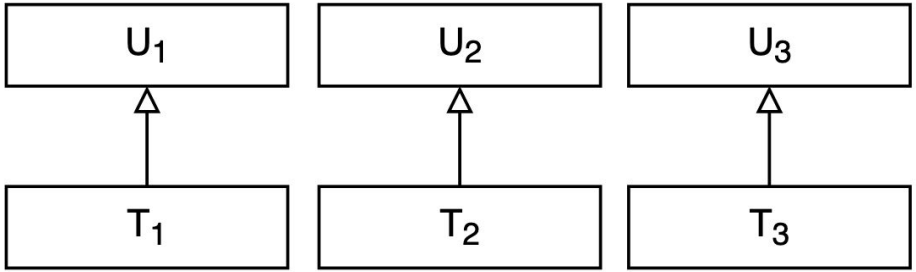

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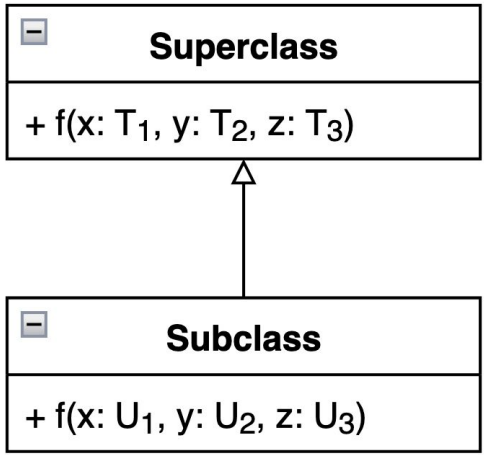

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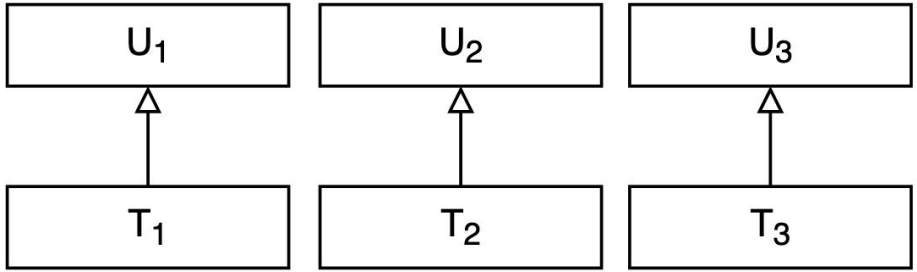

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class Employee:
    def __init__(self, id: int, name: str):
        self.id = id
        self.name = name
        self.type = 'Employee'

    def calculate_daily_payment(self) -> float:
        return 200
```

```python
class Contractor(Employee):
    def __init__(
        self, id: int, name: str, hourly_rate: float, hours_per_day: int
    ):
        super().__init__(id, name)
        self.hourly_rate = hourly_rate
        self.hours_per_day = hours_per_day
        self.type = 'Contractor'

    def calculate_daily_payment(self) -> float:
        return self.hourly_rate * self.hours_per_day
```

```python
@dataclass
class PayrollEntry:
    employee_id: int
    employee_name: str
    employee_type: str
    date: str
    payment: float
    deductions: float
    taxes: float
    total: float = 0.0

    def __post_init__(self):
        self.total = self.payment + self.deductions + self.taxes

    def to_dict(self):
        return asdict(self)
```

```python
class BankAccount:
    def __init__(self):
        self.balance = 0.0

    def deposit(self, amount: float):
        self.balance += amount

    def withdraw(self, amount: float):
        self.balance -= amount
```

```python
class Payroll:
    def __init__(self, bank_account: BankAccount):
        self.bank_account = bank_account
        self._daily_payments_entries: List[PayrollEntry] = []

    def add_daily_pay(self, date: str, employee: Contractor) -> PayrollEntry:
        daily_payment = employee.calculate_daily_payment()
        payroll_entry = PayrollEntry(
            employee_id=employee.id,
            employee_name=employee.name,
            employee_type=employee.type,
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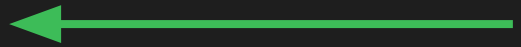

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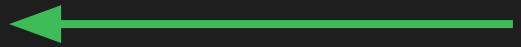

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class EmployeePayroll(Payroll):
    def add_daily_pay(self, date: str, employee: Employee) -> PayrollEntry:
        deductions_percentage = 16.0 if employee.type == 'Employee' else 24.0
        tax_percentage = 8.0 if employee.type == 'Employee' else 6.0
        daily_payment = employee.calculate_daily_payment()
        payroll_entry = PayrollEntry(
            employee_id=employee.id,
            employee_name=employee.name,
            employee_type=employee.type,
            date=date,
            payment=daily_payment,
            deductions=daily_payment * deductions_percentage / 100,
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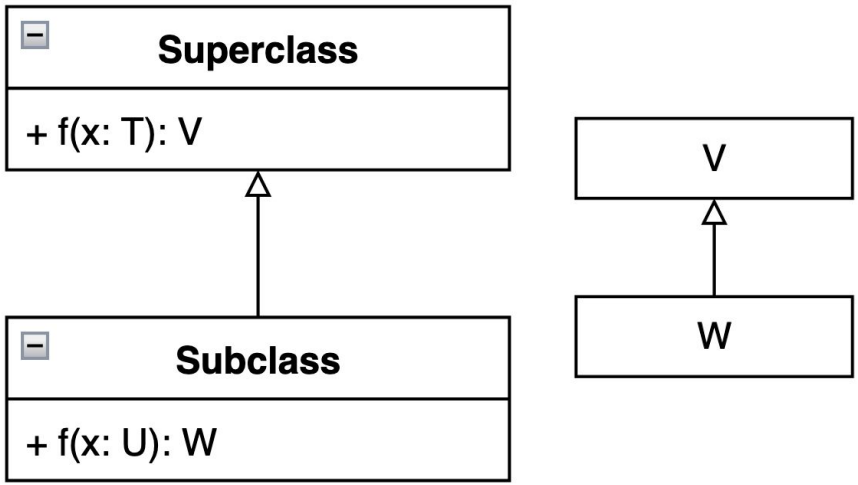

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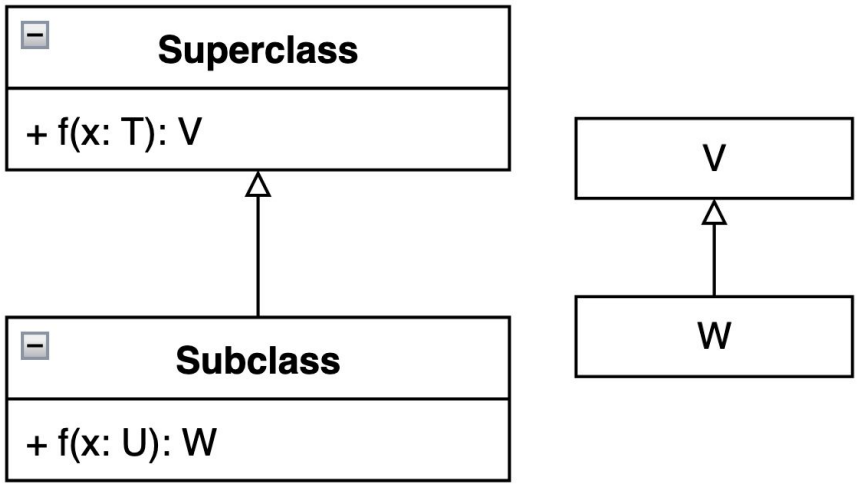

Covariance

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class Report:
    def __init__(self, entries: List[PayrollEntry]):
        self.entries = entries

    def generate(self) -> str:
        output = ''
        for entry in self.entries:
            output += '\n'.join(
                f'{key}: {value}' for key, value in entry.to_dict().items()
            )
            output += '\n' + '-' * 50 + '\n'
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    def generate(self) -> str:
        return json.dumps(self.entries)
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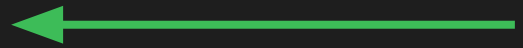

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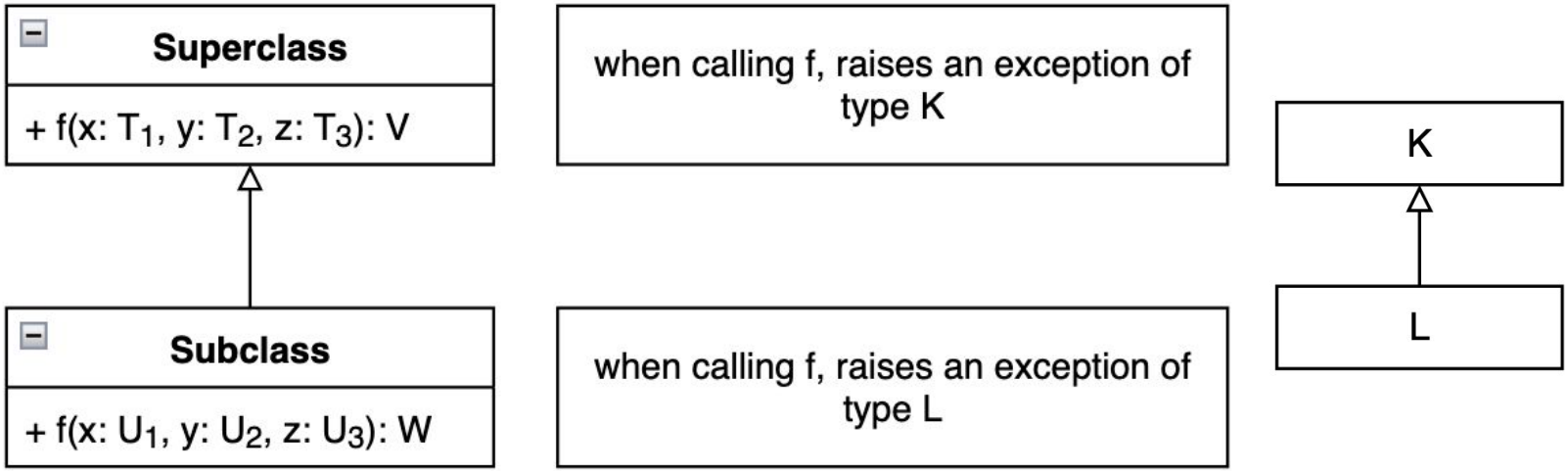

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class PayrollError(Exception):
    """Base class for other exceptions."""
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class NoEntriesError(PayrollError):
    """Raised when there are no entries to generate a report."""
```

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class Payroll:
    ...
    def create_report(self) -> Report:
        if not self._daily_payments_entries:
            raise PayrollError('No entries to generate report')
        return Report(self._daily_payments_entries)
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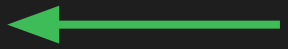

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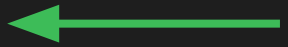

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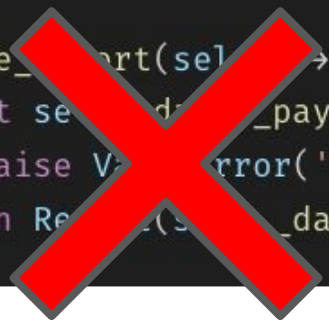

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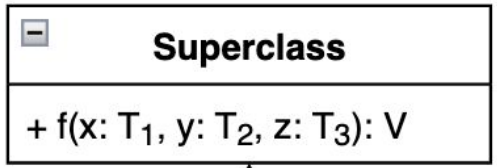
A **subclass should not impose stricter preconditions** than those defined by its **superclass**.



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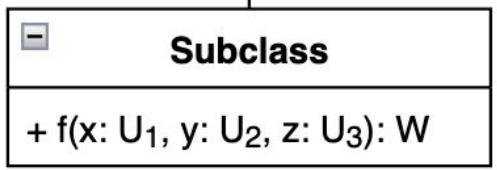

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Q is not stricter than S

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class Payroll:
    ...
    def pay(self):
        total = sum(entry.payment for entry in self._daily_payments_entries)
        if total > self.bank_account.balance:
            raise ValueError('Not enough funds')

        self.bank_account.withdraw(total)
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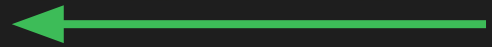

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        if total < 500:
            raise ValueError('Minimum payment is 500')

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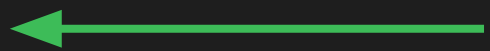

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  File "main.py", line 14, in main
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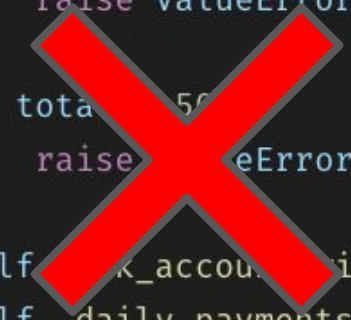
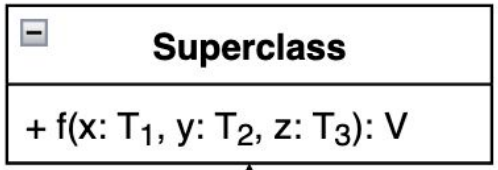


Check 5

A **subclass should not relax or weaken the post-conditions** defined by its **superclass**.



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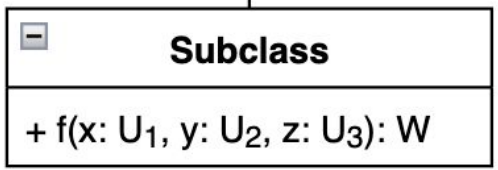

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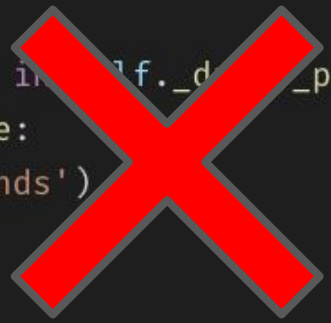
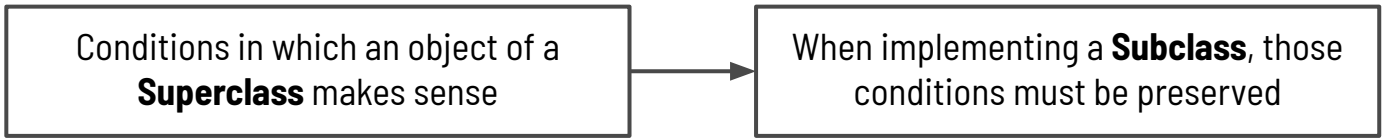


Check 6

The **invariants of a superclass** must be maintained or **preserved by its subclasses.**



```python
class Employee:
    def __init__(self, id: int, name: str):
        self.id = id
        self.name = name
        self.type = 'Employee'

    def calculate_daily_payment(self) -> float:
        return 200
```

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```python
class Contractor(Employee):
    def __init__(
        self, id: int, name: str, hourly_rate: float, hours_per_day: int
    ):
        super().__init__(id, name)
        self.hourly_rate = hourly_rate
        self.hours_per_day = hours_per_day
        self.type = 'Contractor'

    def calculate_daily_payment(self) -> float:
        return self.hourly_rate * self.hours_per_day
```

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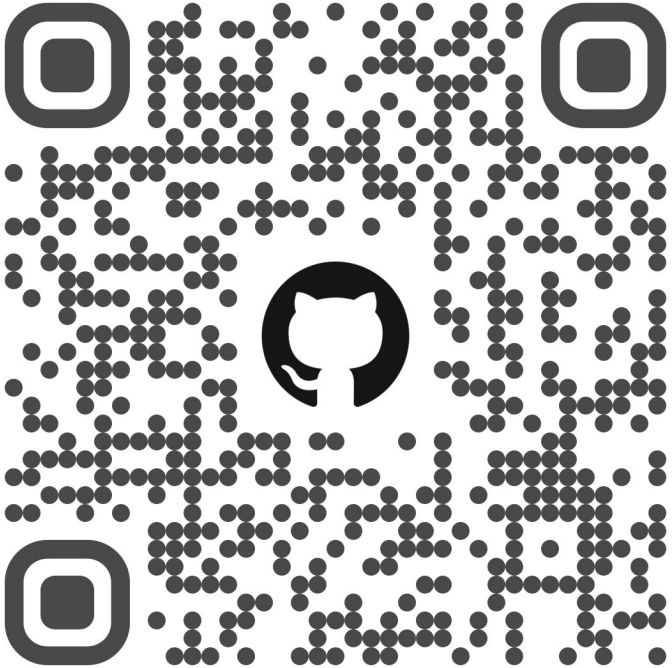

05

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https://mypy.readthedocs.io/en/stable/error_code_list.html#check-validity-of-overrides-override

```python
from typing import Sequence, List, Iterable

class A:
    def test(self, t: Sequence[int]) -> Sequence[str]:
        ...

class GeneralizedArgument(A):
    # A more general argument type is okay
    def test(self, t: Iterable[int]) -> Sequence[str]:  # OK
        ...

class NarrowerArgument(A):
    # A more specific argument type isn't accepted
    def test(self, t: List[int]) -> Sequence[str]:  # Error
        ...

class NarrowerReturn(A):
    # A more specific return type is fine
    def test(self, t: Sequence[int]) -> List[str]:  # OK
        ...

class GeneralizedReturn(A):
    # A more general return type is an error
    def test(self, t: Sequence[int]) -> Iterable[str]:  # Error
        ...
```

Using Mypy to check the LSP

```python
class Superclass:
    def method(self, argument: int):
        pass


class Subclass(Superclass):
    def method(self, argument: float):
        pass
```

```
➜  mypy main.py
Success: no issues found in 1 source file
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main.py:8: error: Argument 1 of "method" is incompatible with supertype
"Superclass"; supertype defines the argument type as "float"  [override]
main.py:8: note: This violates the Liskov substitution principle
main.py:8: note: See https://mypy.readthedocs.io/en/stable
/common_issues.html#incompatible-overrides
Found 1 error in 1 file (checked 1 source file)
```

```python
class Superclass:
    def method(self, argument: int):
        pass


class Subclass(Superclass):
    def method(self, argument: float):
        if argument < 0:
            raise ValueError('argument must be positive')
```

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Success: no issues found in 1 source file
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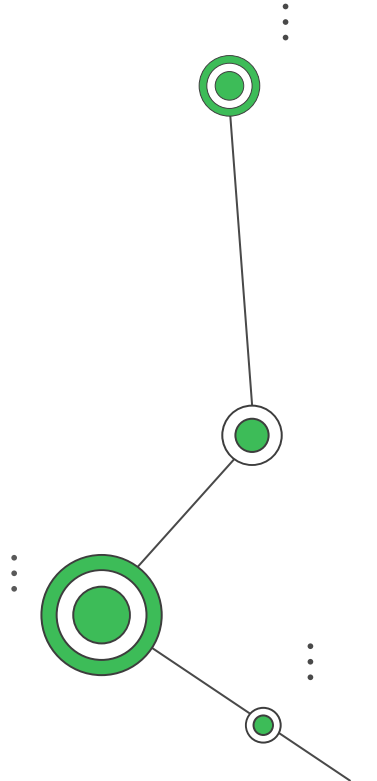
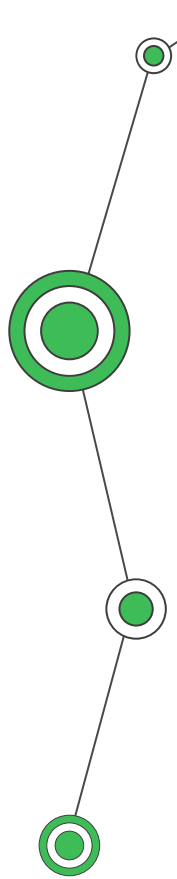
Benefits and Consequences of Violating LSP

Benefits



- Substitutability
- Polymorphism
- Modularity and extensibility



Consequences of Violating LSP

- Unexpected behaviors
- Fragile code
- Maintenance challenges
- Reduced code reusability
- Decreased extensibility

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Summary and Conclusion

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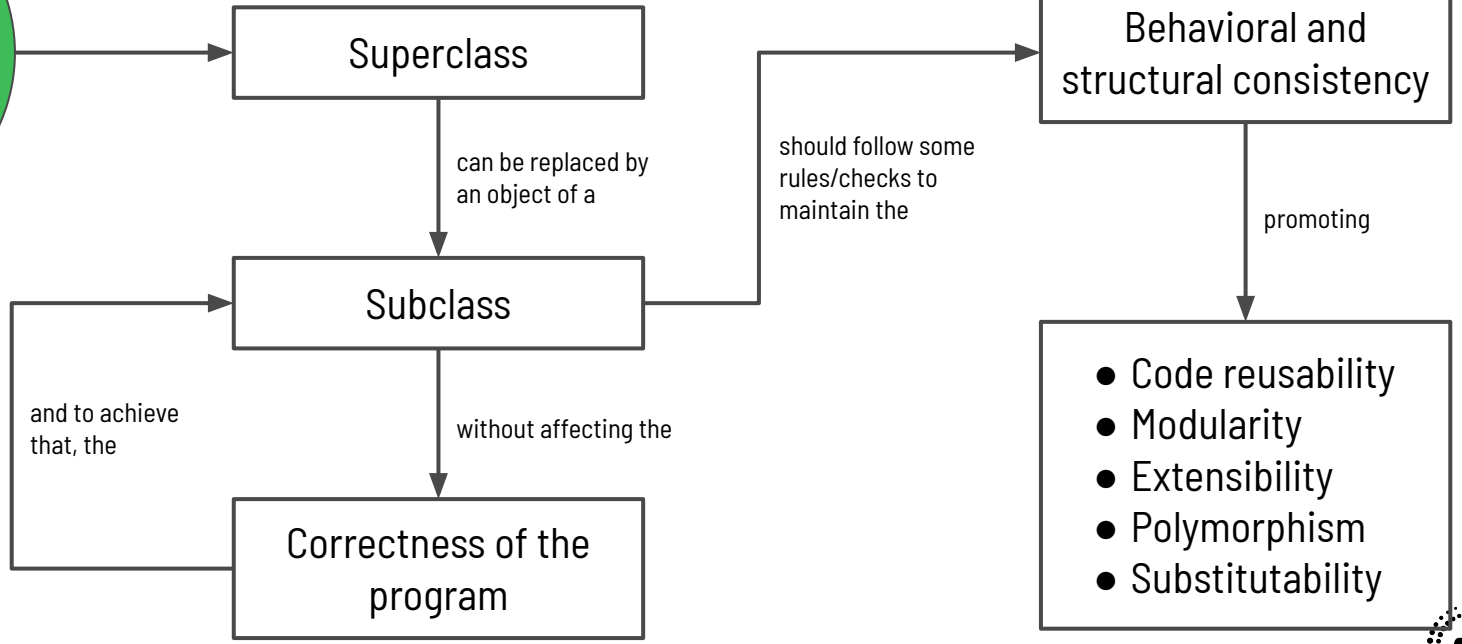

Summary

Superclass	Subclass
Method parameters (arguments)	Match or be more general (or abstract)
Method return	Match or be a subtype
Exceptions	Match or be subtypes
Pre-conditions	Not to impose stricter preconditions
Post-conditions	Not to relax the post-conditions
Invariants	Must be preserved

Conclusion

Applying the LSP requires careful consideration of the contracts, preconditions, postconditions, and invariants defined by the superclass, as well as maintaining consistency in behavior and structure across the inheritance hierarchy.

By following the LSP, software developers can create robust, flexible, and maintainable code that stands the test of time. LSP forms a solid foundation for designing high-quality object-oriented systems.

Thanks!

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