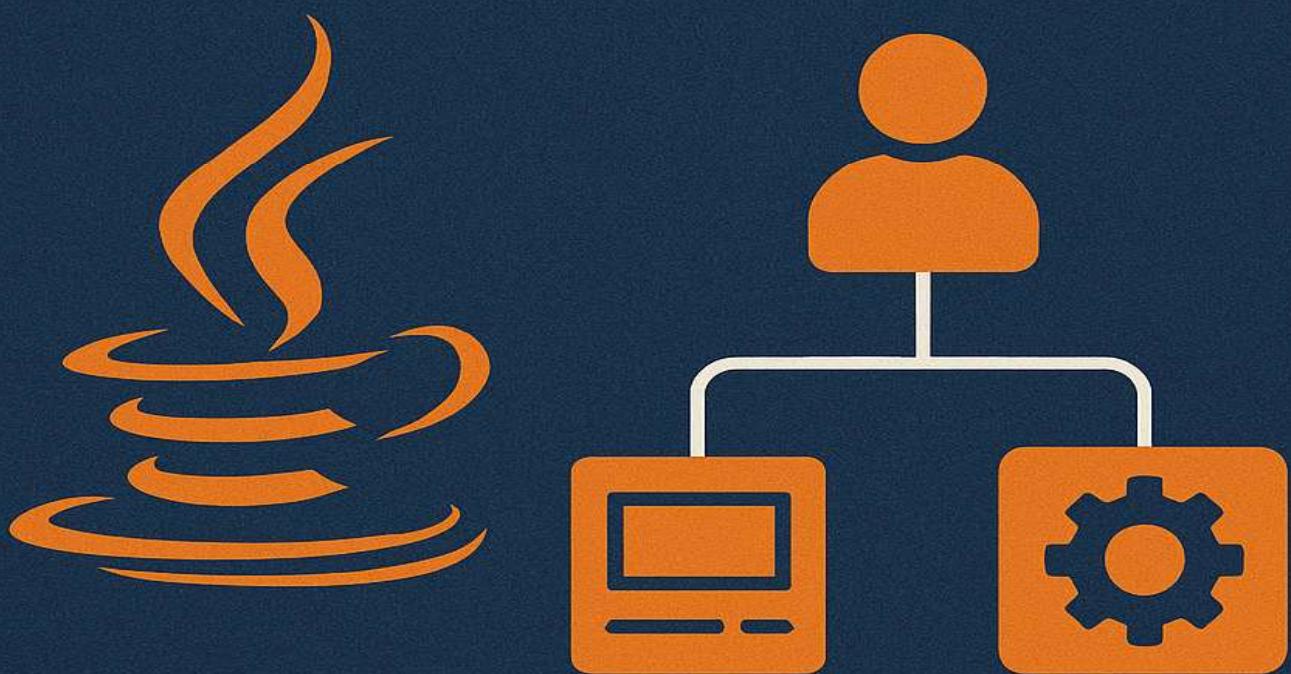


# QUESTION BANK

# OBJECT-ORIENTED

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# WITH JAVA



PREPARATION FOR  
THE WRITTEN TEST



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The following are suggested answers.

 **1. What is an object in OOP? Give a real-world example and explain how it translates into code.**

An object is an entity with its own identity, that has state (attributes), behavior (methods), and interacts with other objects.

 **Real-world example:** imagine a *Car*. It has color, brand, model (state) and it can accelerate, brake, shift gears (behaviors).

 **In Java:**

```
Car myCar = new Car();
myCar.color = "red";
myCar.accelerate();
```

 **Summary:** an object is like a concrete "thing" created from a recipe (the class). It lives in the computer's memory and is what the program interacts with.

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 **2. What's the difference between a class and an object? Use a real-world analogy.**

Think of a *cookie cutter* (class) and the actual cookies made with it (objects).

- The class defines how something is: its attributes and behaviors.
- The object is a real instance, with actual values.

 **Java example:**

```
class Person {
    String name;
    void sayHello() {
        System.out.println("Hello!");
    }
}
```

```
Person maria = new Person(); // Object
```

 Class = blueprint or mold.

 Object = the real product we interact with.

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### 3. What does it mean to say that an object is an “instance” of a class?

It means the object was created based on the class definition — in other words, it was instantiated.

-  The class is like a cake recipe.
-  The instance (the object) is the actual cake made with that recipe.

#### In Java:

```
Book b1 = new Book(); // b1 is an instance of class Book
```

Every time you use `new`, you're instantiating — that is, creating a real object based on the class.

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### 4. What is encapsulation and why is it important?

 Encapsulation is the principle of hiding an object's internal details, revealing only what's necessary for external use.

#### Why?

- Protects data from accidental or malicious changes.
- Ensures the object is used correctly.
- Allows internal changes without affecting users of the object.

#### Example:

```
class BankAccount {  
    private double balance;  
  
    public double getBalance() {  
        return balance;  
    }  
  
    public void deposit(double amount) {  
        if (amount > 0) balance += amount;  
    }  
}
```

Here, `balance` is protected. It can only be read or modified through the `getBalance()` and `deposit()` methods.

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## 5. What's the role of get and set methods? Are there disadvantages to using them indiscriminately?

 Get/set methods are used to access (get) or modify (set) private attributes in a controlled way.

 But be careful: if you use get and set for *every* attribute without adding extra logic, you're just pretending to encapsulate — you're exposing everything anyway!

 Example with useful logic:

```
public void setAge(int age) {  
    if (age >= 0) this.age = age;  
}
```

 Summary: Use get/set when needed, but add rules to ensure the object stays in a valid state.

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## 6. What's the role of a class? And of an object?

 **Class** = defines what the object can do and what data it can have. It's the structure.

 **Object** = the actual thing, with concrete data and active behavior, created from the class.

 Analogy:

- The class “Person” says all people have a name and can speak.
  - The object “Ana” has the name “Ana” and can say “Hello!”.
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## 7. What's the difference between attributes and methods in a class?

 **Attributes** (or instance variables): store the object's state (e.g., name, age).

 **Methods**: define behaviors (actions the object can perform).

 Example:

```
class Cat {  
    String name;          // attribute  
    void meow() {         // method  
        System.out.println("Meow!");  
    }  
}
```

 Attributes are data; methods are actions.

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### 8. What is a constructor and what's its main role?

 A constructor is a special method called when an object is created (`new`), whose role is to initialize the object's attributes.

#### Example:

```
class Book {  
    String title;  
  
    Book(String initialTitle) {  
        title = initialTitle;  
    }  
}
```

When you write `new Book("Don Quixote")`, the constructor immediately sets the title value.

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### 9. Can a class have more than one constructor? Give an example.

Yes! This is called **constructor overloading**. You can have several as long as they have different parameters.

#### Example:

```
class Person {  
    String name;  
    int age;  
  
    Person(String name) {  
        this.name = name;  
    }  
  
    Person(String name, int age) {  
        this.name = name;  
        this.age = age;  
    }  
}
```

 This is useful to provide different options when creating objects.

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## 10. What happens if we don't declare any constructor in a class?

If no constructor is declared, Java automatically provides a default constructor (with no parameters).

### Example:

```
class Animal {  
    // no constructor defined  
}
```

You can do:

```
Animal a = new Animal(); // valid!
```

! But if you define *any* constructor, the default one is no longer generated. You must create it yourself if needed.

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## 11. What is inheritance? Give a real-world example.

 Inheritance is when a class (the subclass) reuses code and behaviors from another (the superclass), while also adding or modifying features.

### Real-world example:

- *Vehicle* is a generic class.
- *Car*, *Motorcycle*, and *Truck* can inherit from *Vehicle*.

### In Java:

```
class Vehicle {  
    void move() { System.out.println("Moving..."); }  
}  
  
class Car extends Vehicle {  
    void honk() { System.out.println("Honk!"); }  
}
```

*Car* inherits the `move()` method from *Vehicle* but can also have its own methods.

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## 12. What is the main advantage of inheritance?

-  **Code reuse.** It avoids duplication, simplifies maintenance, and helps build complex systems more cleanly.
  -  With inheritance, we can create a hierarchical structure where common code is in one place (superclass), and subclasses inherit or adapt it as needed.
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## 13. What does it mean for a subclass to “be a type of” the superclass? Give an example.

It's the basis of the “is-a” principle. If *Car* inherits from *Vehicle*, then a car *is a* vehicle.

### In Java:

```
Vehicle v = new Car(); // allowed!
```

- This enables **polymorphism**, where we treat different objects in a uniform way as long as they share the same base type.
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## 14. What's the purpose of the super keyword? When is it used?

 `super` is used to:

51. Access superclass members that have been overridden.
52. Call the superclass constructor.

### Example:

```
class Animal {  
    Animal(String name) {  
        System.out.println("Animal: " + name);  
    }  
}  
  
class Cat extends Animal {  
    Cat() {  
        super("Felix"); // calls the superclass constructor  
    }  
}
```

You can also use `super.method()` to call superclass methods that have been overridden.

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### 15. What happens if we don't define a constructor in a subclass?

If the subclass doesn't have a constructor, Java tries to automatically call the superclass's default constructor (`super()`).

 **Common mistake:** if the superclass doesn't have a no-argument constructor, and we don't explicitly call `super(...)`, the code won't compile.

Com todo o gosto, Luís! Aqui vai a continuação da tradução fiel, mantendo o estilo original, emojis e clareza pedagógica:

### 16. What are protected members and how do they differ from private and public?

 Access modifiers control who can see or modify a class's members:

Modifier	Visible to...
<code>private</code>	Only within the class itself
<code>protected</code>	Within the class and its subclasses
<code>public</code>	From any class

 `protected` is useful when we want to give limited access to subclasses, without fully exposing members like `public` does.

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### 17. Explain the difference between inheritance and composition. Which do you prefer, and why?

 **Inheritance:** creates an “is-a” relationship.

 **Composition:** used when a class contains another as part of its functionality (“has-a”).

 **Example:**

- *Car* inherits from *Vehicle* (inheritance).
- *Car* has an *Engine* (composition).

 In many cases, **composition is preferred** because:

- It avoids rigid dependencies.
- It offers more flexibility and reusability.

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### 18. In what situations can inheritance be harmful?

 When used carelessly, it can:

- Create rigid and hard-to-maintain structures.
- Expose unnecessary or undesired behaviors.
- Make the system harder to test and evolve.

**Bad practice:** using inheritance just to “reuse code” when **composition** or **delegation** would be more appropriate.

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### 19. Why is composition often preferred over inheritance?

Because composition favors **encapsulation** and **flexibility**. We can swap components without changing the entire structure.

 **Analogy:** if a car has an engine, we can replace the engine without redesigning the whole car.

**In Java:**

```
class Engine { void start() { System.out.println("Engine started"); } }

class Car {
    private Engine engine = new Engine();
    void start() { engine.start(); }
}
```

 This pattern makes the system more **modular** and **evolvable**.

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## 20. What is delegation and how does it differ from inheritance?

 **Delegation** is when an object relies on another class instance to perform a task.

 It differs from inheritance because:

- There's no *is-a* relationship — it's *has-a*.
- We use composition to “pass” responsibilities.

 **Example:**

```
class Printer {  
    void print(String text) {  
        System.out.println(text);  
    }  
}  
  
class Document {  
    private Printer printer = new Printer();  
    void print() {  
        printer.print("Document content");  
    }  
}
```

 The Document delegates the printing task to Printer.

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## 21. What is polymorphism? Give a clear and simple example.

 Polymorphism means “many forms”. In OOP, it refers to the ability to treat objects of different classes as if they were the same type — as long as they share a common interface.

 **Example:** different animals can make sounds, but each in their own way:

```
class Animal {  
    void makeSound() {  
        System.out.println("Generic sound");  
    }  
}  
  
class Cat extends Animal {  
    void makeSound() {  
        System.out.println("Meow");  
    }  
}  
  
class Dog extends Animal {  
    void makeSound() {  
        System.out.println("Woof");  
    }  
}
```

Even using `Animal a = new Cat();`, the correct method (`Meow`) is called. That's polymorphism in action!

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## 22. How does polymorphism contribute to code extensibility?

-  It allows code to:
    - Work with generic types (e.g., Animal).
    - Be easily extended with new classes (e.g., Parrot) without changing existing code.
  -  It makes the system more **open to extension and closed to modification** (Open/Closed Principle).
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## 23. What's the difference between overloaded and overridden methods?

 **Overloading:** methods with the same name but different parameters, in the **same class**.

 **Overriding:** a subclass redefines a method it inherited from a superclass.

 **Overloading example:**

```
void show(String s) { ... }  
void show(int n) { ... }
```

 **Overriding example:**

```
class Parent {  
    void greet() { System.out.println("Hello from parent!"); }  
}  
  
class Child extends Parent {  
    @Override  
    void greet() { System.out.println("Hello from child!"); }  
}
```

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## 24. What is dynamic binding?

 It's the ability to decide **at runtime** which method to call, depending on the actual object type.

 **Example with polymorphism:**

```
Animal a = new Cat();  
a.makeSound(); // Executes Cat's makeSound(), not Animal's
```

 The decision is based not on the variable type, but on the actual object in memory. This allows for more flexible and adaptive behavior.

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### 25. What is an abstract class? Can it be instantiated?

 An **abstract class** is an incomplete model that cannot be instantiated directly. It serves as a base for other classes.

#### Example:

```
abstract class Shape {  
    abstract void draw();  
}
```

Only concrete classes that extend Shape and implement draw() can be instantiated.

 This is not allowed:

```
Shape s = new Shape(); // Error!
```

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### 26. What is an abstract method and where can it be used?

 An abstract method is a method without a body, which **must** be implemented by subclasses.

It can only exist in an **abstract class**.

#### Example:

```
abstract class Animal {  
    abstract void makeSound(); // no implementation  
}
```

Subclasses must implement makeSound().

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### 27. What's the difference between an abstract class and an interface?

Feature	Abstract Class	Interface
Can have attributes	Yes (with state)	Yes (since Java 8, with limits)
Methods with body	Yes	Yes (since Java 8, with default)
Multiple inheritance	No	Yes (can implement many)
Main purpose	Reuse behavior	Define contracts (what must be done)

 Use an **abstract class** when you want to provide some common implementation.

Use an **interface** when you only want to define what must be done, without specifying how.

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## 28. When should we use interfaces instead of inheritance?

-  When we want multiple classes to share a set of methods — even if they're not related by inheritance.
  -  **Example:** both a Document and an Image can be *printable* (i.e., Printable), even if they don't share a common superclass.

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

-  Interfaces help create **decoupled, flexible, and testable** code.
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## 29. What does it mean to “program to an interface, not to an implementation”?

-  It means using **generic types (interfaces)** instead of concrete ones. This makes it easier to switch implementations.
  -  Instead of this:

```
ArrayList<String> list = new ArrayList<>();
```

Do this:

```
List<String> list = new ArrayList<>();
```

That way, if you want to switch to `LinkedList`, you only change the constructor — the rest of the code stays the same!

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### 30. What's the role of default methods in modern Java interfaces?

-  Since Java 8, **default methods** allow interfaces to include implementations, without breaking older classes that use them.
  -  They're useful for evolving APIs without forcing all classes to implement new methods.

#### Example:

```
interface Healthy {  
    default void breathe() {  
        System.out.println("Breathing is essential!");  
    }  
}
```

A class that implements `Healthy` inherits the `breathe()` method by default.

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### 31. What's the role of the access modifiers private, public, and protected?

 Access modifiers control **who can access what** in a class:

Modifier	Visible to...
<code>private</code>	Only within the class itself
<code>public</code>	Anywhere in the program
<code>protected</code>	Same class, subclasses, and same package

#### Example:

```
class Person {  
    private String name; // only accessible inside the class  
    public void introduce() {  
        System.out.println("Hi, I'm " + name);  
    }  
}
```

 Using `private` protects the data, and `public` creates safe interfaces for interaction.

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## 32. What are instance variables and static variables for?

 **Instance variables** are unique per object — each instance has its own copy.

 **Static variables** (using `static`) are shared by all objects of the class.

 **Example:**

```
class Student {  
    String name;           // instance variable  
    static int totalStudents; // class variable (static)  
}
```

Each student has a different name, but all share the same `totalStudents`.

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## 33. What is a static method and when should we use it?

 A **static method** belongs to the class, not to any specific object. It can be called without creating an instance.

 **Classic example:**

```
Math.sqrt(25); // static method from the Math class
```

 Use it when:

- The operation doesn't depend on an object's state.
- You want to create utility methods (e.g., converters, calculators, etc.).

Com todo o gosto! Aqui está a tradução para inglês desta última parte, mantendo o tom didático, emojis, clareza e estilo consistente:

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### 34. What's the purpose of the `this` keyword?

 `this` refers to the current object — the one executing the method.

It's used when:

- We want to distinguish attributes from parameters with the same name.
- We call another constructor from the same class.

 **Example:**

```
class Person {  
    String name;  
  
    Person(String name) {  
        this.name = name; // 'this.name' refers to the attribute  
    }  
}
```

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### 35. What does it mean to say that "objects have state"?

 An object's **state** is the set of values stored in its attributes.

 **Example:**

```
Car c = new Car();  
c.brand = "Renault";  
c.speed = 60;
```

In this case, the car's state is: brand = "Renault", speed = 60.

 The state changes over time, as methods act on attributes (e.g., `accelerate()` changes speed).

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 **36. What's the difference between state and behavior in an object?**

-  **State:** the data (attributes).
-  **Behavior:** the actions (methods).
-  **Example from a Lamp class:**

```
class Lamp {  
    boolean isOn; // state  
  
    void turnOn() { isOn = true; } // behavior  
    void turnOff() { isOn = false; }  
}
```

 Behavior changes the state — it's this dynamic that brings the object to life!

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 **37. What is the instanceof operator and what precautions should be taken?**

-  `instanceof` checks if an object belongs to a class (or subclass).

-  **Example:**

```
if (a instanceof Cat) {  
    System.out.println("It's a cat!");  
}
```

 **Be careful:**

- Overusing `instanceof` can violate the principle of polymorphism.
  - Instead, we often prefer polymorphic methods (e.g., `animal.makeSound()` without knowing if it's a Cat or Dog).
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 **Summary of this section:**

Concept	Essence
private/public/protected	Control access
static	Shared by all objects
this	Refers to the current object
State vs Behavior	Data vs Actions
instanceof	Checks object type

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### 38. What's the advantage of thinking in terms of messages between objects?

 In OOP, instead of seeing objects as "data boxes", we see them as autonomous entities that exchange **messages**.

 This promotes:

- Low coupling.
- High cohesion.
- Flexibility and reuse.

 **Real-life example:**

A customer orders a meal from a restaurant, without knowing how the chef prepares it.  
Only the result matters.

 In code, this translates to methods representing those "messages":

```
customer.order("Pizza Margherita");
```

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### 39. What are utility classes and what are they used for?

 **Utility classes** are collections of **static** methods that provide general-purpose services and don't require instances.

 **Classic example:** Math in Java.

```
double root = Math.sqrt(25);
```

 You can create your own:

```
class Converter {  
    public static double celsiusToFahrenheit(double c) {  
        return c * 1.8 + 32;  
    }  
}
```

 They're useful, but should remain simple and stateless. For behaviors involving state, use objects.

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#### 40. Why should we hide implementation details?

-  Hiding technical details prevents users of a class from:
- Becoming dependent on how it's built.
  - Accessing sensitive data directly.
  - Breaking the code through careless changes.
-  Just like we use a microwave without knowing its circuit, we should use a class without needing to know how its methods work.
-  This makes software more **robust**, **flexible**, and **easier to maintain**.
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#### 41. What's the difference between coupling and cohesion? How do they affect code quality?

Concept	Simple Definition	Good or Bad?
Coupling	Degree of dependency between classes	The lower, the better
Cohesion	Degree of focus of a class	The higher, the better

-  A class with **high cohesion** does one thing, but does it well.
-  Classes with **low coupling** work independently and don't rely too much on others.
-  Result: a **modular**, **testable**, and **extensible** system.
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#### 42. What kind of problems can arise if we ignore modularity?

-  Ignoring modularity leads to:
- Code that's hard to understand.
  - Changes breaking unrelated parts of the system.
  - Near-impossible reuse.
-  It's like a giant cake with all ingredients mixed — if something's wrong, you can't tell what to fix.
-  With modularity, each "ingredient" is in its own labeled jar — easier to use, test, and swap.

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 **43. Why is code reuse considered good practice? Give an example.**

 Reusing code:

- Avoids duplication.
- Reduces errors.
- Increases productivity.
- Promotes consistency.

 **Example:**

```
class EmailValidator {  
    public static boolean validate(String email) {  
        return email.contains("@");  
    }  
}
```

 This method can be used in forms, APIs, mobile apps... without reinventing the wheel!

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 **44. Explain the Open/Closed principle in object-oriented design.**

 This principle (the “O” in SOLID) states that **code should be open for extension, but closed for modification**.

 In other words: you can add new behavior, but you shouldn't need to change existing code.

 **Example:** Instead of using `if` with many types, use polymorphism:

```
interface Payment {  
    void process();  
}  
  
class Card implements Payment {  
    public void process() { ... }  
}  
  
class MBWay implements Payment {  
    public void process() { ... }  
}  
  
// Later  
Payment p = new MBWay();  
p.process(); // We don't care how – we just know it processes!
```

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 **45. What's the importance of encapsulation for software maintenance and evolution?**

-  Encapsulation protects a class's data and internal logic, allowing:
    - Safe changes.
    - Minimal impact on other system parts.
    - Fewer bugs.
  -  If everyone only uses the "public interface", you can swap the engine inside without anyone noticing — just like replacing a car engine while keeping the same steering wheel and pedals.
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 **46. Why can using public members indiscriminately be problematic?**

-  Making everything public turns the object into an "open battlefield", where any code can:
    - Modify data without control.
    - Break internal rules of the class.
    - Make the system fragile and insecure.
  -  The idea of "privacy" in programming is essential to protect the inner workings of the object.
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 **47. What's the advantage of separating implementation from interface?**

-  Separating "**what it does**" from "**how it does it**" allows you to:
  - Replace the implementation without affecting users.
  - Hide complexity.
  - Test and maintain more easily.
-  It's like a power outlet: you know where to plug in (the interface), but don't need to know how the circuit inside works (the implementation).

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## 48. Why should we build classes with well-defined responsibilities?

 A class with a **single responsibility**:

- Is easier to test, understand, and evolve.
- Avoids unintended side effects.
- Follows the **Single Responsibility Principle** (the “S” in SOLID).

 If you have a `ClientClass` that validates and also prints invoices... that's two different things! Time to split it up.

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## 49. What does responsibility mean in an object?

 An object's **responsibility** is what it should know and what it should do.

 Good design assigns responsibilities clearly and fairly.

 A `Clock` knows the time and can update it.

It shouldn't process salaries or print labels — that's beyond its role.

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## 50. Can an object change its class at runtime? Justify.

 In Java (and most OO languages), an object **cannot** change its class after being created.

 The class defines the object's structure and behavior. Changing class would be like turning a banana into a wrench halfway through the program.

However, you **can**:

- Replace the object with another that implements the same interface.
- Use **polymorphism** to change the perceived behavior.

 **Example:**

```
Drawable shape = new Circle(); // it's a circle  
shape = new Rectangle();      // now it's a rectangle
```

 The reference type stays the same, but the pointed object changes — as long as it respects the contract (e.g., interface).

