



SOLID

Writing Better Code with Java

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🚀 If you've ever struggled with messy, hard-to-maintain code, it was probably missing SOLID principles! These five principles help make software modular, flexible, and testable. Let's break them down with practical Java examples.

📌 Single Responsibility Principle (SRP)

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

Bad Example: One class handles both order processing and invoice generation.

```
1  class Order {  
2      void processOrder() { /* order logic */ }  
3      void generateInvoice() { /* invoice logic */ }  
4  }  
5
```

Good Example: Separate responsibilities. Each class now has a single responsibility!

```
1  class OrderProcessor {  
2      void processOrder() { /* order logic */ }  
3  }  
4  class InvoiceGenerator {  
5      void generateInvoice() { /* invoice logic */ }  
6  }  
7
```

📌 Open/Closed Principle (OCP)

"Open for extension, closed for modification."

Bad Example: Every new payment method requires modifying the class.

```
1  class PaymentProcessor {  
2      void processPayment(String type) {  
3          if (type.equals("CREDIT_CARD")) { /* logic */ }  
4          else if (type.equals("PAYPAL")) { /* logic */ }  
5      }  
6  }  
7
```

Good Example: Use abstractions. Now, we can add new payment types without modifying *PaymentProcessor*!

```
1  interface Payment {  
2      void pay();  
3  }  
4  class CreditCardPayment implements Payment {  
5      public void pay() { /* logic */ }  
6  }  
7  class PayPalPayment implements Payment {  
8      public void pay() { /* logic */ }  
9  }  
10 class PaymentProcessor {  
11     void processPayment(Payment payment) {  
12         payment.pay();  
13     }  
14 }  
15
```

📌 Liskov Substitution Principle (LSP)

"Subclasses should be replaceable for their base class without breaking functionality."

Bad Example: *Penguin* inherits a *fly()* method it cannot use.

```
1  class Bird {  
2      void fly() { /* flight logic */ }  
3  }  
4  class Penguin extends Bird {  
5      void fly() { throw new UnsupportedOperationException(); }  
6  }  
7
```

Good Example: Create proper abstractions. Now, only birds that actually fly implement *Flyable*.

```
1  abstract class Bird { }  
2  interface Flyable {  
3      void fly();  
4  }  
5  class Sparrow extends Bird implements Flyable {  
6      public void fly() { /* flight logic */ }  
7  }  
8  class Penguin extends Bird { /* no fly() method */ }  
9
```

📌 Interface Segregation Principle (ISP)

"Don't force clients to depend on methods they don't use."

Bad Example: One interface forces *Robot* to implement *eat()*.

```
1  v interface Worker {
2      void work();
3      void eat();
4  }
5  v class Robot implements Worker {
6      public void work() { /* logic */ }
7      public void eat() { throw new UnsupportedOperationException(); }
8  }
9
```

Good Example: Split interfaces. Now, *Robot* doesn't need an unnecessary *eat()* method.

```
1  v interface Workable {
2      void work();
3  }
4  v interface Eatable {
5      void eat();
6  }
7  v class Robot implements Workable {
8      public void work() { /* logic */ }
9  }
10 v class Human implements Workable, Eatable {
11     public void work() { /* logic */ }
12     public void eat() { /* logic */ }
13 }
14
```

📌 Dependency Inversion Principle (DIP)

"Depend on abstractions, not concrete implementations."

Bad Example: *DataManager* is tightly coupled to *MySQLDatabase*.

```
1  class MySQLDatabase {  
2      void connect() { /* connection logic */ }  
3  }  
4  class DataManager {  
5      private MySQLDatabase db = new MySQLDatabase();  
6      void fetchData() { db.connect(); }  
7  }  
8
```

Good Example: Use an interface. Now, we can swap *MySQLDatabase* with *PostgreSQLDatabase* without modifying *DataManager*.

```
1  interface Database {  
2      void connect();  
3  }  
4  class MySQLDatabase implements Database {  
5      public void connect() { /* connection logic */ }  
6  }  
7  class DataManager {  
8      private Database db;  
9      DataManager(Database db) { this.db = db; }  
10     void fetchData() { db.connect(); }  
11 }  
12
```