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Open/Closed Principle (OCP)

Open for extension but closed for modification -- able to add new features without changing old code.

without OCP

```
class ConfigLoader:
   def load(self, path):
     with open(path, "r") as file:
        return yaml.safe_load(file)
```

It does not support other file extensions.

with OCP

```
class ConfigLoader:
    def __init__(self, parser: ConfigParser, path: str):
        self.parser = parser
        self.path = path

def load(self):
    return self.parser.load(self.path)
```

An abstract interface:

```
from abc import ABC, abstractmethod

class ConfigParser(ABC):
    @abstractmethod
    def load(self, path: str) -> dict:
        pass
```

Implementing YAML loader:

```
import yaml
from config_parser import ConfigParser

class YamlConfigParser(ConfigParser):
    def load(self, path):
        with open(path, "r") as file:
        return yaml.safe_load(file)
```

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Implementing JSON support:

```
import json
from config_parser import ConfigParser

class JsonConfigParser(ConfigParser):
    def load(self, path):
        with open(path, "r") as file:
        return json.load(file)
```

If @abstractmethod unfamililar to new users, do not worry, An explanation is as follows:

In Python, abstract methods are defined using the @abstractmethod decorator from the abc (Abstract Base Classes) module. It is declared but not implemented in the base class. It only serves as a blueprint for child classes, forcing them to provide their own implementation.

In the code above, ConfigParser is an abstract base class. The function def load (self, path) is an abstract method since @abstractmethod decorator is used before the function decleration. Note that there is no implementation of this function, just a method signature.

This ensures that any subclass of ConfigParser must implement the load() method, or it will raise a TypeError at instantiation. As a result, subclasses YamlConfigParser and JsonConfigParser implemented the load() method and satisfies the requirement imposed by the abstract base class.