# Activity 6-4: The Single Responsibility Principle

Interjecting segments of the SRP video<sup>1</sup> (only available in class or by purchase).

### **Overview**

#### 01:00-03:55 overview

## Responsibility

### 10:05-16:18 responsibility

- 1. What is a responsibility?
- 2. What would be a sign that a class or function has too many responsibilities?
- 3. How is an actor different from a user?
- 4. How are actors related to change in the software?
- 5. (Group discussion) Thinking back to our grading example, what are some of the different responsibilities we might have? Who are the corresponding actors?

#### The two values of software

### 16:18-20:00 the two values of software

- 1. What is the secondary value of software? When is it achieved?
- 2. What is the primary value of software? When is it achieved?
- 3. What is the primary responsibility of programmers?

#### 20:00-27:50 Friction

- 1. What discipline would make software easier to maintain and enhance?
- 2. What is the problem with a module that has too many responsibilities?
- 3. What is the fan out of a class? What is the fan in?
- 4. Why is it important to reduce the fan-out of a class?
- 5. What is one way to reduce the fan-out of a class?
- 6. What is **collocation of responsibilities**? How does it affect the various actors?
- 7. What code smell is the likely result of this collocation of responsibilities?

<sup>1../</sup>videos/10-srp.html

# The Single Responsibility Principle

### 27:50-30:21 single responsibility principle (SRP)

- 1. What does the SRP say? What are some examples of this?
- 30:21-32:10 Example 1 Discussion
- 32:10-33:27 Example 2 Discussion
- 33:27-35:52 Example 3 Discussion
- 35:52-41:15 Example 4 Discussion
- 2. (Group discussion) Does our grading application have any violations of the SRP?
- 3. What is the overall solution to resolving SRP violations?

Break?

# Resolving SRP violations

### 41:15-48:05 solutions

- 1. In problems related to SRP, there are a number of competing interests:
  - Separating responsibilities into different classes
  - Separating actors from the concrete implementations of their responsibilities
  - Avoiding transitive dependencies between actors
  - Making functions easy to find

How do the following techniques balance these interests out: **dependency inversion**, **extracting classes**, the **facade** pattern, **interface segregation** 

### Mastermind: A case study

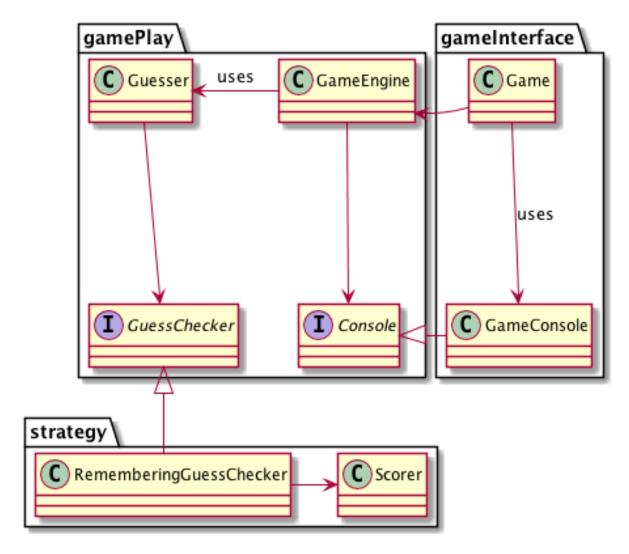
**48:05-51:50** The game of mastermind

1. What are the actors and responsibilities in this game?

### **51:50-53:45** Discussing the three actors

1. List the actors presented in the video and describe the corresponding responsibilities.

**53:45-57:00** Details on Mastermind game implementation



**57:00-1:00:15** Faking a rational design process

- 1. How did Uncle Bob come about his design for the Mastermind Game?
- 2. Why do unit tests tend to align with actors? What is the advantage of this?
- 3. When should we draw design diagrams?

# • 1:00:15-1:02:50 summary