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## M2 (c) - Types and Polymorphism

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# Recap -- Objective

- Programming mechanism:  
Java Generics, Java Nested Classes
- Concepts and Principles:  
Separation of concerns;
- Patterns and Antipatterns:  
STRATEGY, SWITCH Statement 
- Design techniques:  
Function objects

# Objective of this class

- Concepts and Principles:

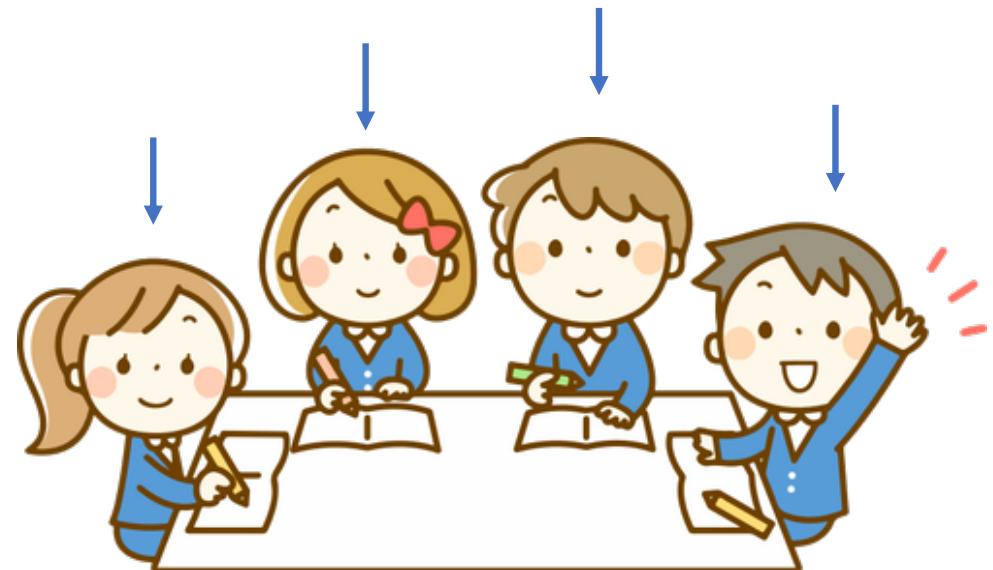
Interface Segregation Principle

- Patterns and Antipatterns:

ITERATOR

# How to traverse students enrolled in the class?

- So that
  - I can add grade to each student
  - I can print each student's ID
  - I can ...



# Activity: How to allow the client code to traverse students enrolled in the class?

```
public class Course
{
    private List<Student> aEnrollment
        = new ArrayList<>();

    ...
    public List<Student> getStudents()
    {
        return Collections.unmodifiableList(aEnrollment);
    }
}
```

```
for(int i=0; i<course.getStudents().size; i++)
{
    Student s = course.getStudents().get(i);
    /* do something using Student instance*/
}
```

Can we make the way of traversing the students irrelevant to how the students are stored internally?



think of what might change and what  
is being committed  
eg what if students were stored in a different  
data structure

# What is needed during traversing?

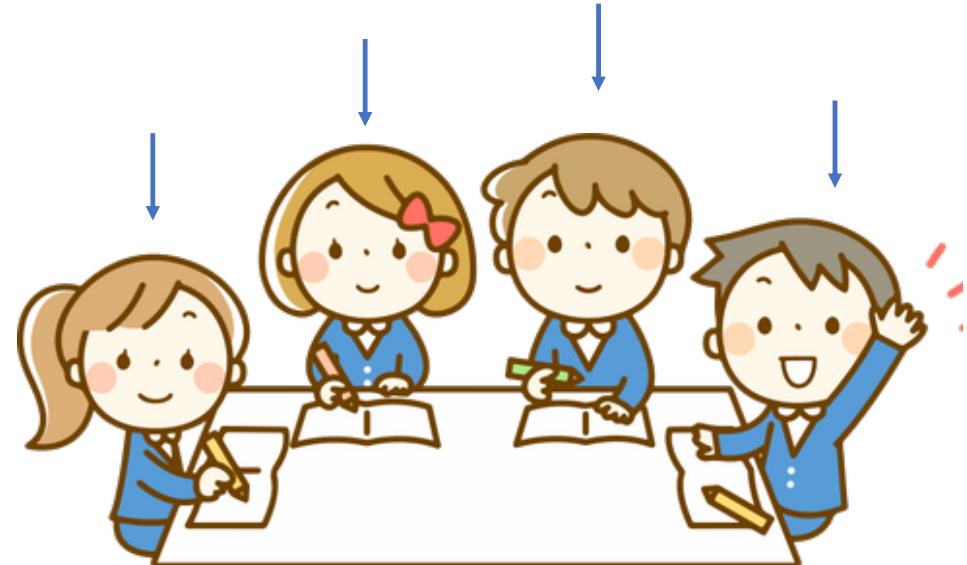
- ① Keep track with the current element and know how to get to the next.

Student next()

```
for(int i=0; i<course.getStudents().size; i++)  
{  
    Student s = course.getStudents().get(i);  
    /* do something using Student instance*/  
}
```

- ② Know if the end has been reached

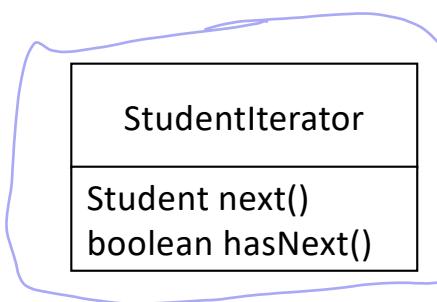
boolean hasNext()



# How to traverse students enrolled in the class?

```
public class Course
{
    private List<Student> aEnrollment
        = new ArrayList<>();

    ...
    public StudentIterator getStudentIterator()
    {
        // create student iterator
        return Collections.unmodifiableList(aEnrollment);
    }
}
```



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Client Code  
wont have to  
change

# Java Iterator Interface

- Interface `Iterator<E>`

E - the type of elements returned by this iterator

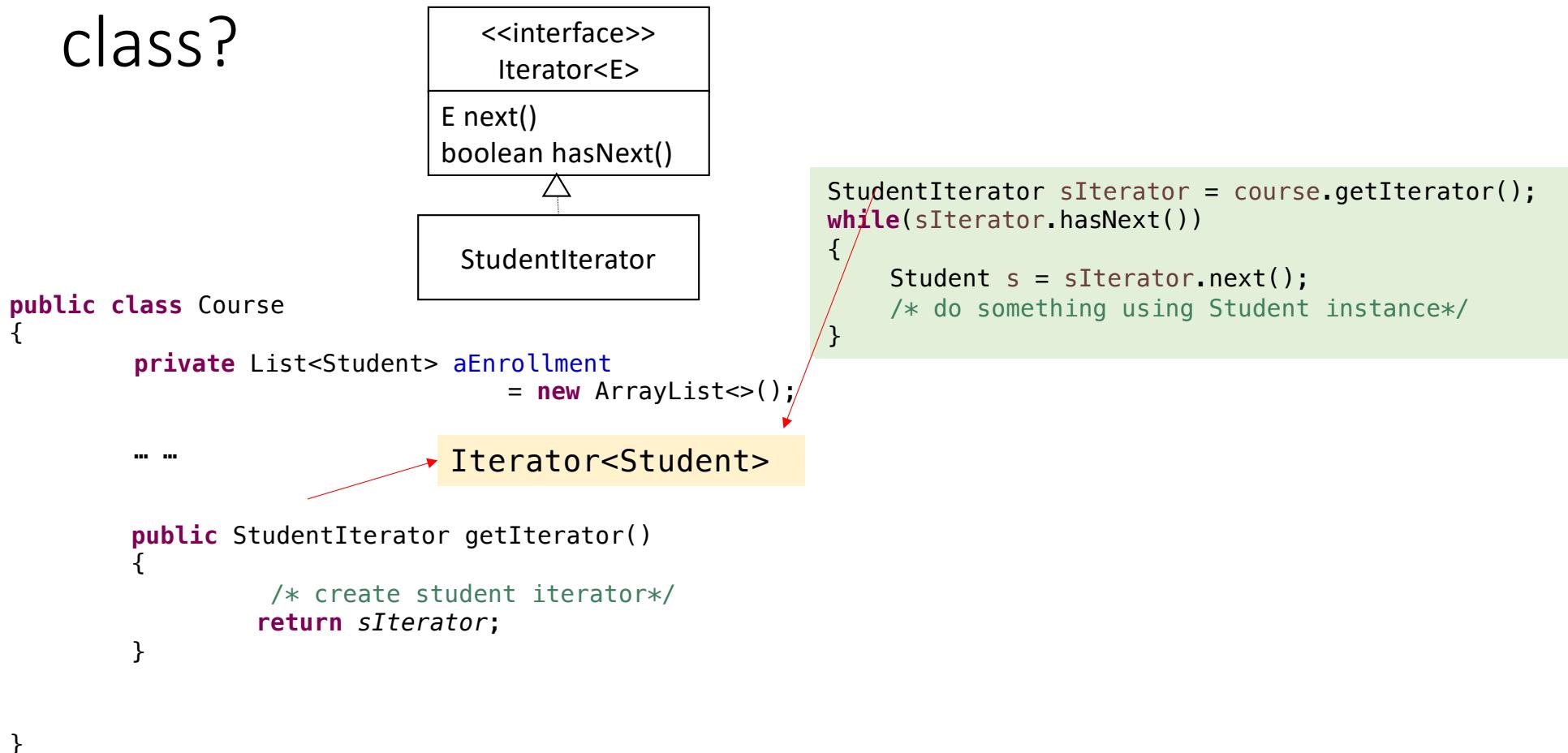
→ `boolean hasNext();`

Returns true if the iteration has more elements.

→ `E next();`

Returns the next element in the iteration.

# How to traverse students enrolled in the class?



Adding even more flexibility: how to traverse  
students in data type such as Club, Committee, ...?

```
public class Course
{
    private List<Student> aEnrollment
        = new ArrayList<>();

    ...
}

public Iterator<Student> getIterator()
{
    /* create student iterator*/
    return sIterator;
}

}
```

```
Iterator<Student> sIterator = course.getIterator();
while(sIterator.hasNext())
{
    Student s = sIterator.next();
    /* do something using Student instance*/
}
```

# Encapsulate Iterable Behavior

- **Java Iterable<T> Interface**

T - the type of elements returned by the iterator

```
public Iterator<T> iterator()
```

can be iterated  
through an iterator

# Adding even more flexibility

Same client code to traverse students in data type such as Club, Committee, ...

```
public class Course implements Iterable<Student>
{
    private List<Student> aEnrollment
        = new ArrayList<>();
```

... ..

```
@Override
public Iterator<Student> iterator()
{
    /* create student iterator*/
    return aEnrollment.iterator();
}
```

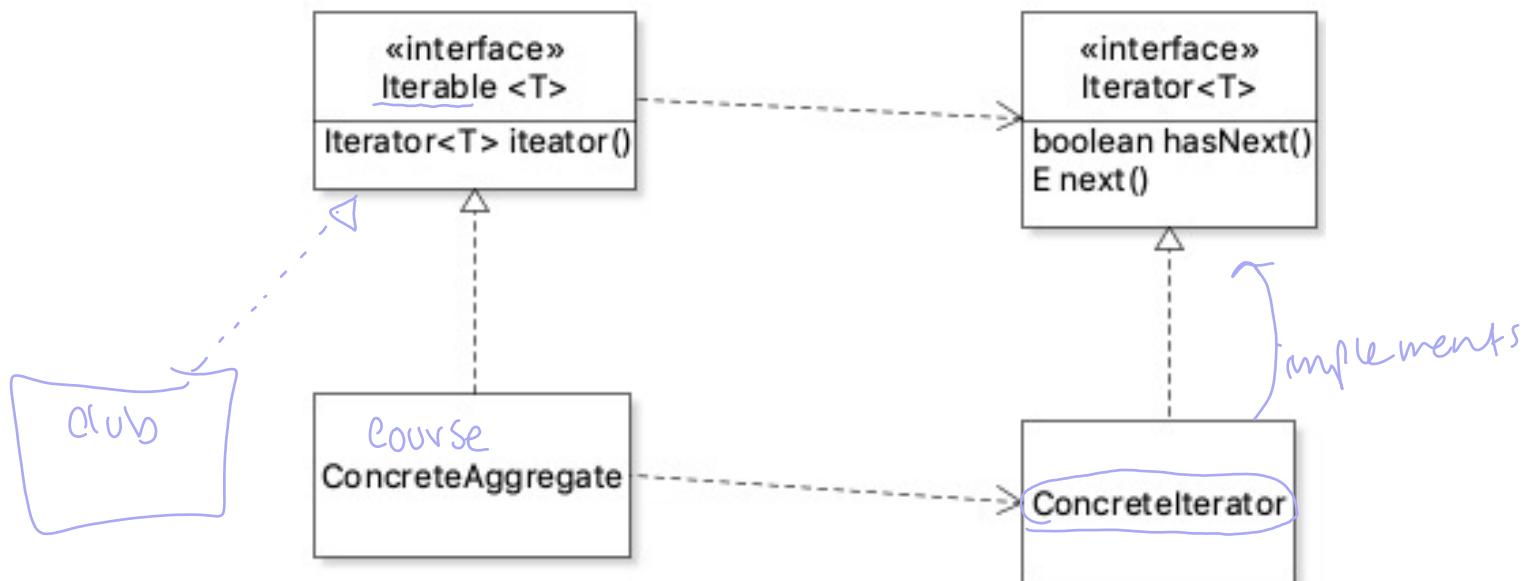
```
Iterator<Student> sIterator = course.getIterator();
while(sIterator.hasNext())
{
    Student s = sIterator.next();
    /* do something using Student instance*/
}
```

} want this to be applicable  
to clubs etc

make the student iterable

# Iterator Design Pattern

- Provide a way to access the elements of an aggregate object sequentially without exposing its underlying representation



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```

using the iterator  
provided by List<>

```
}
```

# Objective of this class

- Concepts and Principles:

Interface Segregation Principle

- Patterns and Antipatterns:

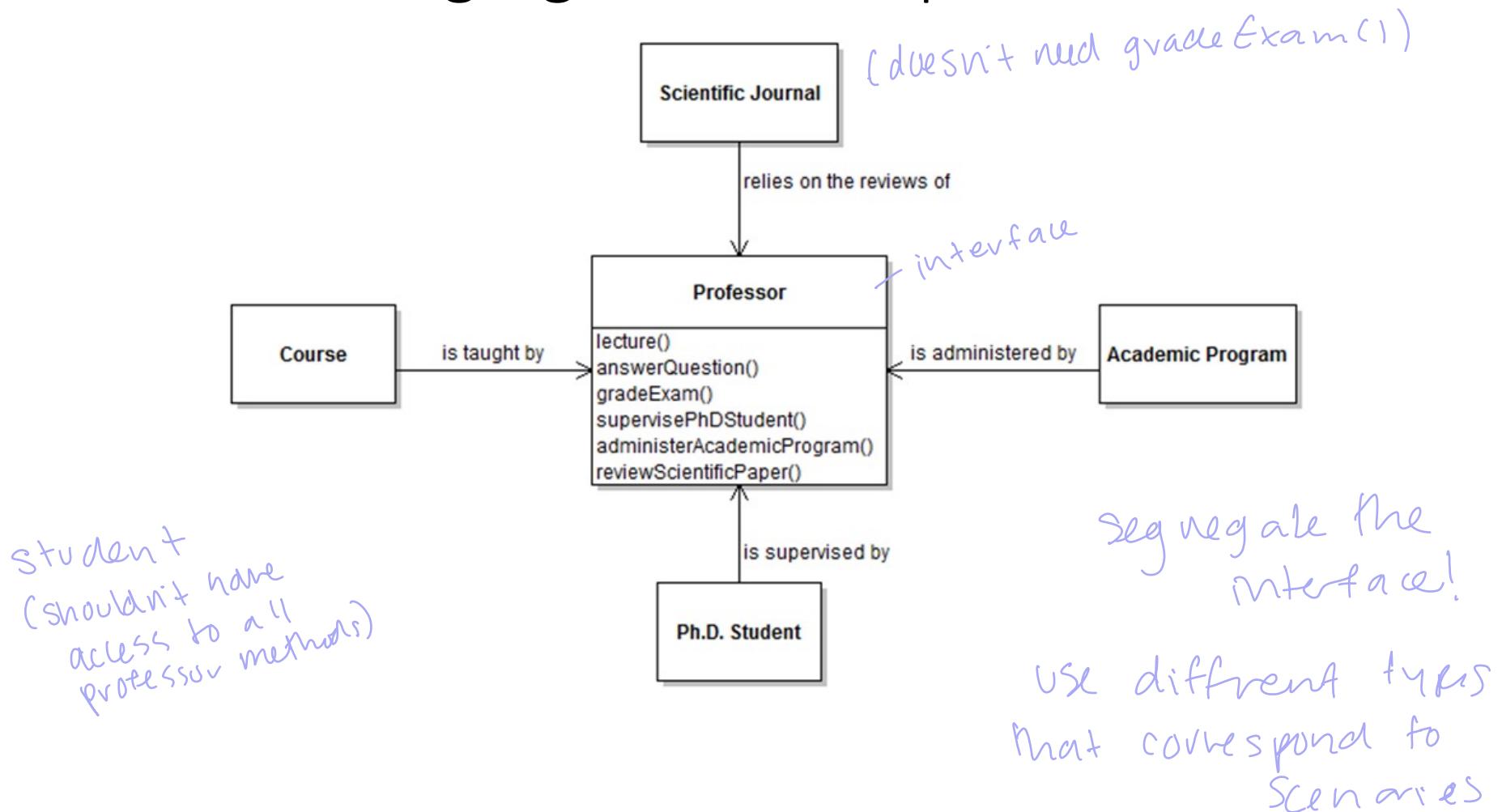
ITERATOR

## Interface Segregation Principle

Clients should not be forced to depend on interfaces they do not need.

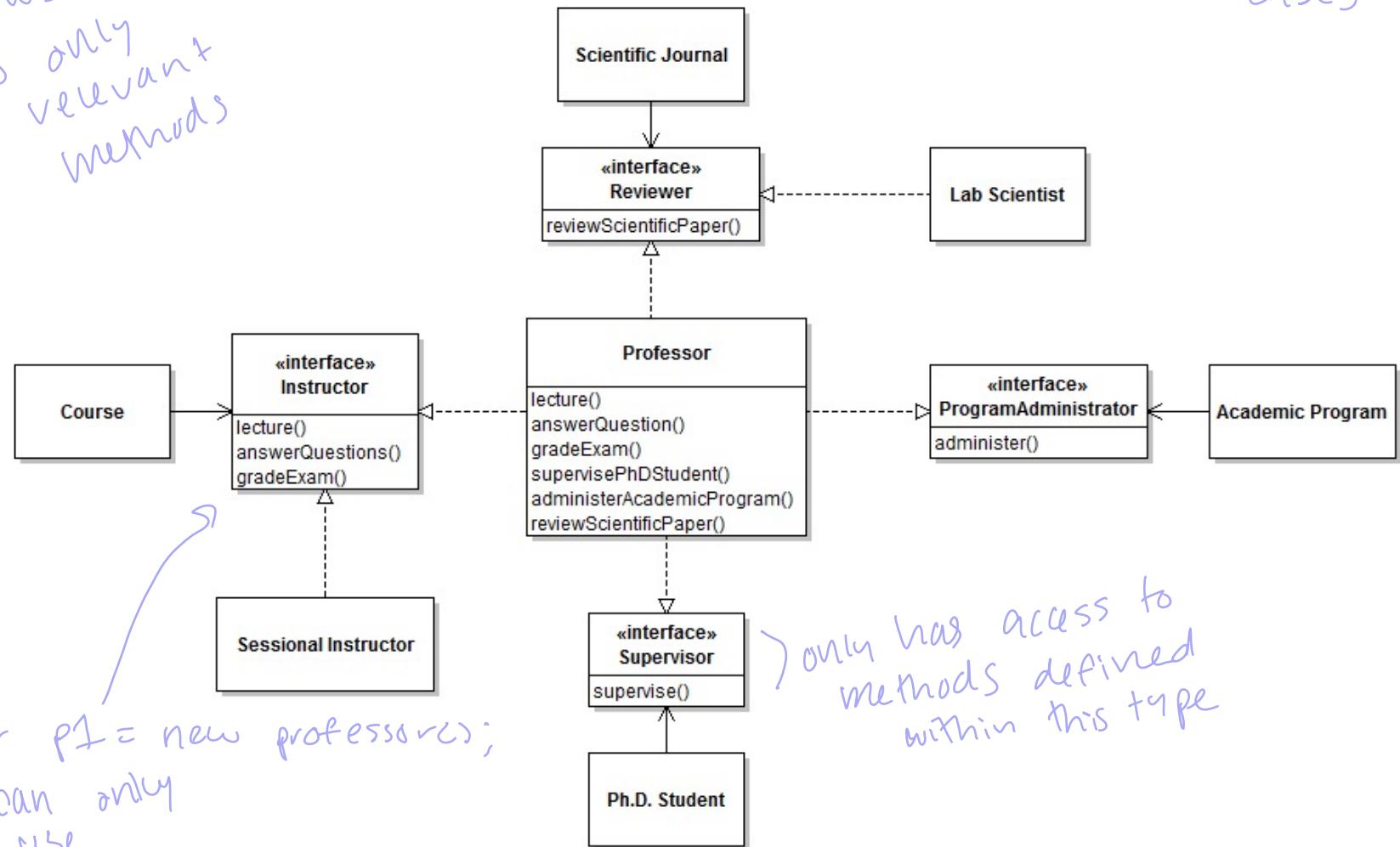
Makes your code safe  
Client should not access things not relevant to current scenario

# Interface Segregation Principle



different types of  
probs for different  
cases

allows access  
to only  
relevant  
methods



instructor p1 = new professor();

can only

use  
`lecture()`  
`answerQuestions()`  
`gradeExam()`

) only has access to  
methods defined  
within this type