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Q1. Explain SRP and OCP in detail with proper examples. Answer:

1. Single Responsibility Principle (SRP)

Definition

The **Single Responsibility Principle** states that:

A class should have only one reason to change, meaning it should perform only one well-defined responsibility.

This principle comes from **SOLID design principles** proposed by **Robert C. Martin (Uncle Bob)**.

Why SRP is important

1. **Improves maintainability** – Changes affect only one small part of the system.
2. **Enhances readability** – Classes become easier to understand.
3. **Simplifies testing** – Smaller responsibilities → easier unit tests.
4. **Reduces coupling** – Independent modules don't interfere with each other.

Bad Example (SRP Violation)

```
class Student {  
    String name;  
    int marks;  
  
    void calculateGrade() {  
        // logic to calculate grade  
    }  
  
    void saveToDatabase() {  
        // database saving logic  
    }  
}
```

```
void printReport() {  
    // printing logic  
}  
}
```

Problem

This class has **three responsibilities**:

- Grade calculation → **business logic**
- Saving to DB → **data persistence**
- Printing → **presentation**

So it has **multiple reasons to change**:

- If grading rule changes
- If DB changes
- If printing format changes

→ SRP is violated.

Correct Example (SRP Applied)

```
class Student {  
    String name;  
    int marks;  
}  
class GradeCalculator {  
    char calculateGrade(Student s) {  
        // grade logic  
        return 'A';  
    }  
}  
class StudentRepository {  
    void save(Student s) {  
        // DB logic  
    }  
}  
class ReportPrinter {  
    void print(Student s) {  
        // print logic  
    }  
}
```

Result

Each class now has **one responsibility**:

- GradeCalculator → grading
- StudentRepository → persistence
- ReportPrinter → presentation

→ SRP satisfied.

2. Open/Closed Principle (OCP)

Definition

Software entities should be open for extension but closed for modification.

Meaning:

- You **should not modify existing code**
 - Instead, **extend behavior using new classes**
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Why OCP is important

1. Prevents **breaking working code**
 2. Encourages **abstraction & polymorphism**
 3. Improves **scalability**
 4. Makes systems **future-proof**
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Bad Example (OCP Violation)

```
class DiscountCalculator {  
    double calculateDiscount(String customerType, double amount) {  
  
        if (customerType.equals("REGULAR"))  
            return amount * 0.1;  
  
        else if (customerType.equals("PREMIUM"))  
            return amount * 0.2;  
  
        else if (customerType.equals("VIP"))  
            return amount * 0.3;  
  
        return 0;  
    }  
}
```

Problem

Every time a **new customer type** is added:

- You must **modify this class**
- Risk of **introducing bugs**

→ **OCP violated.**

Correct Example (OCP Applied)

Step 1 – Create abstraction

```
interface DiscountStrategy {  
    double calculate(double amount);  
}
```

Step 2 – Implement strategies

```
class RegularDiscount implements DiscountStrategy {  
    public double calculate(double amount) {  
        return amount * 0.1;
```

```

    }
}

class PremiumDiscount implements DiscountStrategy {
    public double calculate(double amount) {
        return amount * 0.2;
    }
}

class VipDiscount implements DiscountStrategy {
    public double calculate(double amount) {
        return amount * 0.3;
    }
}

```

Step 3 – Use abstraction

```

class DiscountCalculator {
    double calculateDiscount(DiscountStrategy strategy, double amount) {
        return strategy.calculate(amount);
    }
}

```

Result

To add **new discount type**:

```

class FestivalDiscount implements DiscountStrategy {
    public double calculate(double amount) {
        return amount * 0.25;
    }
}

```

No change in old code.

➡ OCP satisfied.

Q2: Discuss in detail about the violations in SRP and OCP along with their fixes.

1. SRP Violations

Common SRP Violations

(a) God Class

One class doing everything:

```

class OrderManager {
    void createOrder() {}
    void calculatePrice() {}
    void saveToDB() {}
    void sendEmail() {}
}

```

Fix

Split into:

- OrderService
 - PriceCalculator
 - OrderRepository
 - EmailService
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(b) Mixed UI + Business Logic

```
class Login {  
    void validateUser() {}  
    void displayError() {}  
}
```

Fix

- AuthService → validation
 - LoginUI → display
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(c) Multiple Actors Changing Same Class

If **different teams** modify same class → SRP broken.

Fix: Separate by responsibility owner.

2. OCP Violations

Common OCP Violations

(a) Long if-else or switch

```
if (shape == "circle") ...  
else if (shape == "rectangle") ...
```

Fix → Polymorphism

```
interface Shape { double area(); }
```

(b) Modifying core class for new feature

Every feature → edit same file.

Fix

- Use **interfaces**
 - Use **inheritance**
 - Use **Strategy / Factory patterns**
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(c) Hard-coded dependencies

```
class Payment {  
    void pay() {  
        CreditCard card = new CreditCard();  
    }  
}
```

Fix → Dependency Injection

```
class Payment {  
    PaymentMethod method;  
  
    Payment(PaymentMethod method) {  
        this.method = method;  
    }  
}
```

Summary Table

Principle	Key Idea	Violation Sign	Fix
SRP	One class → one responsibility	God class, mixed logic	Split classes
OCP	Extend without modifying	if-else chains	Use abstraction & polymorphism

```
Order(OrderStatus status) {  
    this.status = status;  
}  
}
```

Design Explanation

- OrderStatus enum restricts status values.
- Avoids invalid states like "shipped" or "done".
- Improves system reliability and clarity.

1. Using Interface and Enum Together (Real-World Design)

```
enum UserRole {  
    ADMIN,  
    CUSTOMER  
}  
interface User {  
    void accessLevel();  
}  
class Admin implements User {  
    public void accessLevel() {  
        System.out.println("Full access granted");  
    }  
}  
class Customer implements User {  
    public void accessLevel() {  
        System.out.println("Limited access granted");  
    }  
}
```

Design Benefit

- Enum controls roles
- Interface controls behavior
- Together they produce clean and scalable architecture

2. Conclusion

Interfaces and enums play a vital role in software design:

- Interfaces support abstraction, flexibility, and clean architecture.
- Enums ensure data consistency, type safety, and readable code.

Using both appropriately leads to robust, maintainable, and extensible software systems, which is a key goal of good software design.

Q2. Discuss how interfaces enable loose coupling with example.

Answer:

1. Meaning of Loose Coupling

Loose coupling refers to a design approach in which **components of a system are minimally dependent on each other**. Changes in one component **do not significantly affect** other components.

Interfaces play a major role in achieving loose coupling by allowing classes to **depend on abstractions rather than concrete implementations**.

2. How Interfaces Enable Loose Coupling

An **interface defines a contract** without specifying implementation details. Classes interact through the interface instead of directly depending on a specific class.

This leads to:

- Reduced dependency between modules
- Improved flexibility and maintainability
- Easier testing and extension of the system

3. Problem Without Interface (Tightly Coupled Design)

```
class CreditCardPayment {  
    void pay(double amount) {  
        System.out.println("Paid using Credit Card");  
    }  
}  
  
class ShoppingCart {  
    CreditCardPayment payment = new CreditCardPayment();  
  
    void checkout(double amount) {  
        payment.pay(amount);  
    }  
}
```

Issues

- ShoppingCart is directly dependent on CreditCardPayment
- Adding another payment method (UPI, Cash, etc.) requires modifying ShoppingCart
- Violates **Open–Closed Principle**

4. Solution Using Interface (Loosely Coupled Design)

Step 1: Create an Interface

```
interface Payment {  
    void pay(double amount);  
}
```

Step 2: Implement the Interface

```
class CreditCardPayment implements Payment {  
    public void pay(double amount) {  
        System.out.println("Paid using Credit Card");  
    }  
}
```

```
class UpiPayment implements Payment {  
    public void pay(double amount) {  
        System.out.println("Paid using UPI");  
    }  
}
```

Step 3: Use Interface in Client Class

```
class ShoppingCart {  
    Payment payment;  
  
    ShoppingCart(Payment payment) {  
        this.payment = payment;  
    }
```

```
    }
}

void checkout(double amount) {
    payment.pay(amount);
}
}
```

5. How Loose Coupling Is Achieved

- ShoppingCart depends on the **Payment interface**, not on a specific class
- Payment method can change **without modifying ShoppingCart**
- New payment types can be added easily

Example usage:

```
ShoppingCart cart1 = new ShoppingCart(new CreditCardPayment());
cart1.checkout(1000);
ShoppingCart cart2 = new ShoppingCart(new UpiPayment());
cart2.checkout(500);
```

6. Benefits of Loose Coupling Using Interfaces

1. **Flexibility**
 - Easily switch implementations at runtime
2. **Maintainability**
 - Changes in one class do not affect others
3. **Scalability**
 - New features can be added with minimal changes
4. **Better Testing**
 - Interfaces allow mocking during unit tests
5. **Clean Architecture**
 - Follows SOLID design principles

7. Conclusion

Interfaces enable loose coupling by separating **what a class does** from **how it does it**. By programming to an interface rather than a concrete class, software systems become **flexible, extensible, and easier to maintain**, which is essential for good software design.