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#### OO Analysis (OOA) and OO Design (OOD)



- OOA is a process of defining the problem in terms of real-world objects with which the system must interact, and candidate software objects used to explore various solution alternatives
- The analyses object model and its dynamic model represent user level concepts *but not actual software classes and components*
- OOA should be *safe from system classes and components*
- Analyses classes are still *high-level abstractions* and will be realized in details during OOD
- OOD means *defining the solution*
- OOD is the process of defining the components, interfaces, objects, classes, attributes, and operations that will satisfy the requirements.

# Structural relationships in OOA and OOD

- Structural relationships:
  - between classes (relations)
  - between objects (links)
- Three kinds of relations between classes:
- 1) association
- 2) aggregation
- 3) composition





#### **Association (retrospection)**

- 1. the simplest form of relation between classes
- 2. peer-to-peer relations
- 3. one object is aware of the existence of another object
- 4. implemented in objects as references



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#### Weak and strong associations

- S IssB in order
- Weak Association ClassA may be linked to ClassB in order to show that one of its methods includes parameter of ClassB instance, or returns instance of ClassB.



 Strong Association - ClassA may also be linked to ClassB in order to show that it holds a reference to ClassB instance.



#### Associations examples between classes A and B

- 1) A is a physical or logical part of B
- 2) A is a kind of B
- 3) A is contained in B
- 4) A is a description of B
- 5) A is a member of B
- 6) A is an organization subunit of B
- 7) A uses or manages B
- 8) A communicates with B
- 9) A follows B
- 10) A is owned by B

#### Aggregation



Aggregation	An <b>aggregation</b> is a special form of association that models a whole-part relationship between an aggregate (the whole) and its
	parts.

Aggregation is used to model a compositional relationship between model elements. Containment of the aggregated class is *by reference*.

#### More about aggregation



- 1. a restrictive form of "part-of" association
- 2. objects are assembled to create a more complex object
- 3. assembly may be physical or logical
- 4. defines a single point of control for participating objects
- 5. the aggregate object coordinates its parts
- 6. The aggregation link doesn't state that ClassA owns ClassB nor that there's a parent-child relationship between them - when the parent is deleted, all its child's are NOT being deleted as a result.



#### **Aggregation – Examples**

Examples:

# a Library contains Books within a company Departments are made-up of Employees

•a **Computer** is composed of a number of **Devices**.

To model this, the aggregate (**Department**) has an **aggregation** association to the its constituent parts (**Employee**).

#### Aggregation Example. Shared Aggregation

**Example**: an **Customer** has an **Address**. We use aggregation because the two classes represent part of a larger whole. We have also chosen to model **Address** as a separate class, since many other kinds of things have addresses as well.



An aggregate object can hold other objects together

#### **Shared** Aggregation

An aggregation relationship that has a multiplicity greater than one (1..N) established for the aggregate is called **shared**, and destroying the aggregate does not necessarily destroy the parts. By implication, a shared aggregation forms a graph, or a tree with 5. Aggregation and Composition. Inheritance 10



#### Shared Aggregation Usage. Example



**Shared aggregations** are used in cases where there is a strong relationship between two classes, so that the same instance can participate in two different aggregations.

*Example*: Consider the case where a person has a home-based business. Both the **Person** and the **Business** have an address; in fact it is the <u>same</u> address. The **Address** is an integral part of both the **Person** and the **Business**. Yet the **Business** may cease to exist, leaving the **Person** hopefully at the same address.



#### Using Aggregation to Model Class Properties



The **Customer** class can have a set of address attributes OR an aggregated **Address** class. How to decide:

- Do the 'properties' need to have independent identity, such that they can be referenced from a number of objects?
- Do a number of classes need to have the same 'properties'?
- Do the 'properties' have a complex structure and properties of their own?

If so, use a class (or classes) and aggregation. Otherwise, use attributes.

#### Composition

**Composition** is a form of aggregation with strong ownership and coincident lifetime of the part with the aggregate:

- •The multiplicity of the <u>aggregate end</u> (in the example, the **Order**) may not exceed <u>one</u> (*i.e. it cannot be shared*).
- •The aggregation is also **unchangeable**, that is once established, its links cannot be changed.
- •By implication, a composite aggregation forms a "tree" of parts, with the root being the aggregate, and the "branches" the parts.

A compositional aggregation should be used over "plain" aggregation when there is strong inter-dependency relationship between the aggregate and the parts; where the definition of the aggregate is incomplete without the parts. Containment of the aggregated class is *by value*.

#### More about composition



- 1. a stricter form of aggregation
- 2. lifespan of individual objects depend on the on lifespan of the aggregate object
- 3. parts cannot exist on their own
- 4. there is a create-delete dependency of the parts to the whole
- 5. The composition is a NOT-shared association



classes. Here, the multiplicities of the aggregations are not yet specified. A **Customer Interface** object knows which **Display**, **Receipt Printer**, **KeyPad**, and **Speaker** objects belong to it.



### Using Composition – Example





customerNumber : Number PIN# : Number Example: the **Customer Interface** keeps track of the current Customer and his/her PIN

#### Aggregation and composition [Bruegge&Dutoit'2004]



Figure 5-15 Examples of aggregations and compositions (UML class diagram). A State is composed of many Counties, which in turn is composed of many Townships. A FireStation includes FireFighters, FireEngines, Ambulances, and a LeadCar.

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## Aggregation vs Association vs Composition



- The association link can replace the aggregation link in every situation.
- The aggregation cannot replace association in situations, where there's only a 'weak link' between the classes, i.e. ClassA has method/s that contain parameter of ClassB but ClassA doesn't hold reference to ClassB instance.
- Unlike association and aggregation, when using the composition relationship, the composed class cannot appear as a return type or parameter type of the composite class. Thus, changes to the composed class cannot propagate to the rest of the system. Consequently, usage of composition limits complexity growth as the system grows.

#### **Self-Aggregations**



Sometimes, a class may be aggregated with itself - one instance if the class is an aggregate composed of other instances of the same class. In the case of **self-aggregations**, role names are essential to distinguish the purpose for the association.



A product may be composed of other products; if they are, the aggregated products are called *sub-products*.

#### **Aggregation or Association?**

Aggregation should be used only in cases where there is a structural relationship between classes, where the "parts" are incomplete outside the context of the whole. If the classes can have independent identity, if they are not parts of some greater whole, then the association relationship should be Source: http://www.uml-diagrams.org/nested-classifier.html

#### **Nested classes**

- Class or interface could nest (contain) other classifiers.
- Nested classifier is a classifier that is defined within the (namespace of) class or interface. Note, that UML 2.x specification uses "defined within", "nested within" and "owned by" as synonyms





Source: http://www.uml-diagrams.org/nested-classifier.html

#### Inner class

- UML 2.x specifications describe nesting of classifiers within structured classes (containing INNER classes) without providing explicit notation for the nesting.
- Class LinkedList is nesting the Element interface (right).
- The Element is in scope of the LinkedList namespace (right).





Source: http://www.uml-diagrams.org/nested-classifier.html

#### Inner class example

- Class InnerOddIterator is nested by DataStructure class.
- Class DataElement is aggregated by DataStructure class.



#### Generalization



# **Generalization**

A generalization is a taxonomic relationship between a more general element and a more specific element. The more specific element is fully consistent with the more general element, and contains additional information. An instance of the more specific element may be used where the more general element is allowed.

A generalization shows that one class inherits from another. The inheriting class is called a *descendant*. The class inherited from is called the *ancestor*. Inheritance means that the definition of the ancestor - including any properties such as attributes, relationships, or operations on its objects - is also valid for objects of the descendant. The generalization is drawn from the descendant to its ancestor.

#### Super- and sub-classes



- Super-Class is a class that contains the features common to two or more classes.
- Sub-Class is a class that contains at least the features of its super-class(es).
- A class may be a sub-class and a super-class at the same time.

#### In other words...



- 1) Generalization is a process of organizing the features of different kinds of objects that share the same purpose
- 2) Equivalent to "kind-of" or "type-of" relationship
- 3) Generalization enables inheritance
- 4) Specialization is the opposite of generalization
- 5) Generalization is not an association



#### More about generalization

- Class inheritance enables to organize concepts into hierarchies
- **Generalization** is modeling of abstract concepts from lower-lever ones, more concrete
- **Specialization** identification of more specific concepts from a high-level one
- Inheritance = generalization || specialization



#### Inheritance example [Bruegge&Dutoit'2004]



Figure 5-18 An example of inheritance relationship (UML class diagram).

#### **Single and Multiple Inheritance** Deposit Item heicht :mm weight : kg Can Bottle





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#### **Problems with Multiple Inheritance. Repeated Inheritance**



• If the class inherits from several classes, you must <u>check how the</u> <u>relationships, operations, and attributes are named in the ancestors</u>. If the same name appears in several ancestors, you must describe what this means to the specific inheriting class, for example, by qualifying the name to indicate its source of declaration.

• If repeated inheritance is used; in this case, the same ancestor is being inherited by a descendant *more than once*. How many copies of the attributes of Window are included in instances of the last descendant?



#### **Abstract and Concrete Classes**

A class that is not instantiated and exists only for other classes to inherit it, is an **abstract** class. Classes that are actually instantiated are **concrete** classes. Note that *an abstract class must have at least one descendant to be useful*.



A Pallet Place in the Depot-Handling System is an abstract entity class that represents properties common to different types of pallet places. The Pallet Place is not instantiated on its own.

#### Abstract vs concrete classes



#### **ABSTRACT** class:

- 1. is a class that **lacks** a complete implementation provides operations without implementing some methods
- 2. cannot be used to create objects; cannot be instantiated
- 3. a concrete sub-class must provide methods for unimplemented operations

#### **CONCRETE** class:

- 1. has methods for all operations
- 2. can be instantiated
- 3. methods may be defined in the class or inherited from a superclass ΟΟΑΓ 31

#### **Types of classes**

#### 1) abstract class

a) cannot have direct instances

b) the name is written in italics

#### 2) root class

- a) cannot be a sub-class
- b) written with root stereotype

#### 3) leaf class

- a) cannot be a super-class
- b) written with leaf stereotype



#### Polymorphism



1. ability to dynamically choose the method for an operation at run-time or service-time

- 2. facilitated by *encapsulation and generalization*:
- a) encapsulation separation of interface from implementation
- a) generalization organizing information such that the shared features reside in one class and unique features in another
- 3. Operations could be defined and implemented in the superclass, but *re-implemented methods* are in unique subclasses.

#### **Inheritance to Support Polymorphism - Subtyping**

**Subtyping** means that the descendant is a subtype that dan fill in for all its ancestors in any situation. Subtyping is a special case of polymorphism; it ensures that the system will *tolerate changes in the set of subtypes*.



*Example*: all the Circle, Rectangle and Triangle classes inherit from the AbstractFigure class. Thus, other objects can call the Draw() method without taking care whose is that method.

You should use generalizations only *between classes of the same stereotype*. <sup>5. Aggregation and Composition. Inheritance</sup> 34

#### Inheritance to Support Implementation Reuse -Subclassing

**Subclassing** constitutes the *reuse aspect* of generalization. When subclassing, you consider what parts of an implementation you can reuse by inheriting properties defined by other classes. Subclassing saves labor and lets you reuse code when implementing a particular class.



Other Objects

*Example*: in the Smalltalk-80 class library, the class Dictionary inherits properties from Set. Even though a Dictionary can be seen as a Set (containing key-value pairs), Dictionary is not a subtype of Set *because you cannot add just any kind of object to a Dictionary (only key-value pairs)*.

#### Inheritance meta-model [Bruegge&Dutoit'2004]





Figure 8-4 Inheritance meta-model (UML class diagram). In object-oriented analysis and design, inheritance is used for achieving several goals, in particular modeling taxonomies and reusing behavior from abstract classes. When modeling taxonomies, the inheritance relationships can be identified either during specializations (when specialized classes are identified after general ones) or during generalizations (when general classes are abstracted out of a number of specialized ones). When using inheritance for reuse, specification inheritance represents subtyping relationships, and implementation inheritance represents reuse among conceptually unrelated classes.

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#### **Delegation** [Bruegge&Dutoit'2004]



Figure 8-3 An example of implementation inheritance. The left column depicts a questionable implementation of MySet using implementation inheritance. The right column depicts an improved implementation using delegation. (UML class diagram and Java).

#### Problems addressed by delegation [Bruegge&Dutoit'2004]



Delegation is the alternative to implementation inheritance that should be used when reuse is desired. A class is said to delegate to another class if it implements an operation by resending a message to another class. Delegation makes explicit the dependencies between the reused class and the new class. The right column of Figure 8-3 shows an implementation of MySet using delegation instead of implementation inheritance. The only significant change is the private field table and its initialization in the MySet() constructor. This addresses both problems we mentioned before:

- Extensibility: the MySet on the right column does not include the containsKey() method in its interface and the new field table is private. Hence, we can change the internal representation of MySet to another class (e.g., a List) without impacting any clients of MySet.
- Subtyping. MySet does not inherit from Hashtable and, hence, cannot be substituted for a Hashtable in any of the client code. Consequently, any code previously using Hashtables still behaves the same way.

Delegation is a preferable mechanism to implementation inheritance as it does not interfere with existing components and leads to more robust code. Note that specification inheritance is preferable to delegation in subtyping situations as it leads to a more extensible design.

#### Interfaces

•A model element which defines a set of behaviors (a set of operations) offered by a **classifier** model element (such as a class, subsystem or component). •A classifier may **realize** one or more interfaces. Interface •An interface may be realized by one or more classifiers. <<interface>> •Any classifiers which realize the same interfaces Class10 may be substituted for one another in the system. •Each interface should provide an unique and welldefined set of operations.

- •Naming and Describing Interfaces
- •Defining Operations
- •Documenting Interfaces

#### More about Interfaces 1/2



- An interface specifies the externally-visible operations of a class and/or component, and has no implementation of its own. An interface typically specifies only a limited part of the behavior of a class or component.
- Interfaces belong to the logical view but can occur in both class and component diagrams.
  - In component diagrams an interface in a component diagram is displayed as a small circle with a line to the component that realizes the interface.
  - In class diagrams an interface in a class diagram is represented by a class icon with the stereotype "interface." Thus, it is a 3-part box, with the interface name in the top part, a list of attributes (usually empty) in the middle part, and a list of operations (with optional argument lists and return types) in the
     OOAD bottom part. 5. Aggregation and Composition. Inheritance 40

#### More about Interfaces 2/2

- The attribute and operation sections of the interface class box can be suppressed to reduce detail in an overview.
- Suppressing a section makes no statement about the absence of attributes or operations, but drawing an empty section explicitly states that there are no elements in that part.



Interface 1



#### Realization

- allows a class to inherit from an interface class without being a sub-class of the interface class
- only inherits operations
- cannot inherit attributes or associations
- If you need to inherit attributes, use an abstract base class, rather than an interface





#### More about realization



- a semantic relationship between elements, wherein one element specifies a contract and another guarantees to carry out this contract
- relevant in two basic scenarios:
  - interfaces versus realizing classes/components
  - uses cases versus diagrams realizing collaborations
- graphically depicted as a dashed arrow with hollow head -> a cross between dependency and generalization

#### Dependency



- In UML, a dependency relationship is a relationship in which one element, the client, uses or depends on another element, the supplier. You can use dependency relationships in class diagrams, component diagrams, deployment diagrams, and usecase diagrams to indicate that a change to the supplier might require a change to the client.
- Such relationships do not have names.
- Shown as open arrow that points from the client to the supplier.

#### When to use dependency



Sometimes the relationship between a two classes is very weak. They are not implemented with member variables at all. Rather they might be implemented as member function arguments.

Dependency is weak association.



#### How to use dependency

- In Booch'94 this was called a 'using' relationship.
- This relationship simply means that Shape somehow depends upon DrawingContext.
- In C++ this results in a #include.



# Stereotypes of dependency relationships



Type of dependency	Keyword or Stereotype	Description
Abstraction	«abstraction», «derive», «refine», or «trace»	Relates two model elements, or sets of model elements, that represent the same concept at different levels of abstraction, or from different viewpoints
Binding	«bind»	Connects template arguments to template parameters to create model elements from templates
Substitution	«substitute»	Indicates that the client model element takes the place of the supplier; the client model element must conform to the contract or interface that the supplier model element establishes
Usage	«use», «call», «create», «instantiate», or «send»	Indicates that one model element requires another model element for its full implementation or operation

Source: http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/

## Using dependency relationships 1/2

 Connect two packages to indicate that at least one element in the client package is dependent on an element in the supplier package. The dependency relationship does not indicate that all elements in the client package are dependent.

 Connect two classes to indicate that the connection between them is at a higher level of abstraction than an association relationship. The dependency relationship indicates that the client class performs one of the following functions:

Temporarily uses a supplier class that has global scope

•Temporarily uses a supplier class as a parameter for one of its operations

 Temporarily uses a supplier class as a local variable for one of its operations

•Sends a message to a supplier class

## Using dependency relationships 2/2



•Connect components to interfaces or other components to indicate that they use one or more of the operations that the interface specifies

#### or

•that they depend on the other component during compilation.

#### Heuristics of good design [Roger Whitney]



- A class should capture one and only one abstraction:
   1 class = 1 abstraction
- Keep related data and behavior in one place an abstraction is both data and behavior (methods) = encapsulation
- All data should be hidden within the object = information hiding
- Beware of classes that have many access methods defined in their public interface. Having many implies that related data and behavior is not being kept in one place.

### The God Class Problem [Roger Whitney] (1/2)



- Distribute system intelligence horizontally as uniformly as possible, that is, the top-level classes in a design should share the work uniformly.
- Do not create god classes/objects in your system. Be very suspicious of a class whose name contains Driver, Manager, System, or Subsystem
- Beware of classes that have too much noncommunicating behavior, that is, methods that operate on a subset of the data members of a class. God classes often exhibit much non-communicating behavior.

#### The God Class Problem [Roger Whitney] (2/2)





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#### Metrics of good design [Roger Whitney] (1/2)



- Upper bound for number of statements in average method size: Smalltalk - 5, C++/Java - 15
- Average number of methods per class should be less than 20
- The average number of instance variables (fields, data members) per class should be less than 6
- The class hierarchy nesting level should be less than 6

#### Metrics of good design [Roger Whitney] (2/2)



- The average number of comments lines per method should be greater than 1
- The number of problem reports per class should be low
- C++ will have 2 to 3 times the lines of code of Smalltalk
- Code volume will expand in the first half of the project and decline in the second half, as reviews clean up the system

#### Coupling



- **Decomposable system -** One or more of the components of a system have no interactions or other interrelationships with any of the other components at the same level of abstraction within the system
- A nearly decomposable system Every component of the system has a direct or indirect interaction or other interrelationship with every other component at the same level of abstraction within the same system
- Design Goal The interaction or other interrelationship between any two components at the same level of abstraction within the system be as weak as possible

# Measure of the modular interdependence



- Unnecessary object coupling:
  - needlessly decreases the *reusability* of the coupled objects
  - increases the chances of system corruption when changes are made to one or more of the coupled objects

#### Types of Modular Coupling In order of desirability

Cure: Decompose the operation into multiple primitive operations

- Data Coupling (weakest most desirable) output from one module is the input to another
- Control Coupling passing control flags between modules so that one module controls the sequencing of the processing steps in another module.
- Global Data Coupling two or more modules share the same global data structures
- Internal Data Coupling (strongest least desirable) One module directly modifies local data of another module (like C++ Friends)
- Content Coupling (unrated)- some or all of the contents of one module are included in the contents of another (like C/C++ header files)

#### Cohesion

Source: 1) Object Coupling and Object Cohesion, chapter 7 of Essays on Object Oriented Software Engineering, Vol Prentice-Hall, 1993; 2) SDSU & Roger Whitney;

- "Cohesion is the degree to which the tasks performed by a single module are functionally related." *IEEE, 1983*
- "A software component is said to exhibit a high degree of cohesion if the elements in that unit exhibit a high degree of functional relatedness. This means that each element in the program unit should be essential for that unit to achieve its purpose." *Sommerville, 1989*
- Types of Module Cohesion
  - Coincidental (worst)
  - Logical
  - Temporal
  - Procedural
  - Communication
  - Sequential
  - Functional (best)

Source: 1) Object Coupling and Object Cohesion, chapter 7 of Essays on Object-Oriented Software Engineering, Vol 1, Berard, Prentice-Hair 1993 2) SDSU & Roger Whitney;

### **Coincidental Module Cohesion**



- Little or no constructive relationship among the elements of the module
- Common Object Occurrence:
  - Object does not represent any single object-oriented concept
  - Collection of commonly used source code as a class inherited via multiple inheritance
- Example:

```
class Rous {
```

```
public static int findPattern( String text, String pattern) {
```

```
// blah
```

```
}
public static int average( Vector numbers ) {
```

```
// blah
```

```
public static OutputStream openFile( String fileName ) {
    // blah
```

```
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```

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## **Logical Module Cohesion**



- Module performs a set of related functions, one of which is selected via function parameter when calling the module
- Similar to control coupling
- **Cure:** isolate each function into separate operations public void sample( int flag ) {

```
switch ( flag ) {
```

case ON:

// bunch of on stuff

break;

case OFF:

// bunch of off stuff

break;

case CLOSE:

// bunch of close stuff
break;

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#### **Temporal Module Cohesion**

- Elements are grouped into a module as they are all processed within the same limited time period
- Common example:
  - "Initialization" modules that provide default values for objects
  - "End of Job" modules that clean up

```
procedure initializeData() {
```

```
font = "times"; windowSize = "200,400";
```

```
foo.name = "Not Set"; foo.size = 12;
```

```
foo.location = "/usr/local/lib/java";
```

### • **Cure:** Each object should have a constructor and destructor class foo {

```
public foo() {
```

```
foo.name = "Not Set";
```

```
foo.size = 12;
```

```
foo.location = "/usr/local/lib/java";
```

```
5. Aggregation and Composition. Inheritance
```

Call these constructors/ destructors from a non-object oriented routine that performs a single, cohesive task OOAD

Source: 1) Object Coupling and Object Cohesion, chapter 7 of Essays on Object-Oriented Software Engineering, Vol 1, Berard, Prentice-Hall 1993 2) SDSU & Roger Whitney;

#### **Procedural Module Cohesion**



- Associates processing elements on the basis of their procedural or algorithmic relationships
- Procedural modules are application specific
- In context the module seems reasonable
- Removed from the context these modules seem strange and very hard to understand
- *BUT*:
  - Cannot understand module without understanding the program and the conditions existing when module is called
  - Makes module hard to modify and understand
- Cure: redesign the system
- Class Builder verse Program writer

# Communication Module Cohesion

Source: 1) Object Coupling and Object Cohesion, chapter 7 of Essays on Object-Oriented Software Engineering, Vol 1, Berard, Prentice-Hall, 1993 2) SDSU & Roger Whitney;

#### Operations of a module all operate upon the same input data set and/or produce the same output data

#### Cure:

- Isolate each element into a separate modules
- Rarely occurs in object-oriented systems due to polymorphism

1) Object Coupling and Object Cohesion, chapter 7 of Essays

#### Source: Sequential (Pipeline)<sup>2) SDSU & Roger Whitney;</sup> **Module Cohesion**



- Sequential association the type in which the output data from one processing element serve as input data for the next processing element
- A module that performs multiple sequential functions where the sequential relationship among all of the functions is implied by the problems or application statement and where there is a data relationship among all of the functions

#### **Cure:**

Decompose into smaller modules

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#### **Functional Module Cohesion**



- If the operations of a module can be collectively described as a single specific function in a coherent way, the module has *functional cohesion*
- If not, the module has lower type of cohesion
- In an object-oriented system:
  - Each operation in public interface of an object should be functional cohesive
  - Each object should represent a single cohesive concept

## Examples: The University Course Registration (UCR) Case Study



Containment by-value and by-reference (composition versus aggregation)



Inheritance versus aggregation



#### Inheritance versus aggregation



# **SOLID** Design Principles (for homework)



- SRP: The Single Responsibility Principle
- OCP: The Open/Closed Principle
- LSP: The Liskov Substitution Principle
- ISP: The Interface Segregation Principle
- DIP: The Dependency Inversion Principle

Source: Agile Software Development: Principles, Patterns, and Practices. Robert C. Martin, Prentice Hall, 2002.

## **SRP: The Single Responsibility Principle 1/2**

- In object-oriented programming, the single responsibility principle states that <u>every object should have a single</u> <u>responsibility</u>, and that responsibility should be entirely encapsulated by the class. All its services should be narrowly aligned with that responsibility.
- The term was introduced by Robert C. Martin in his Principles of Object Oriented Design, and his book Agile Software Development, Principles, Patterns, and Practices - described it as being based on the principle of кохезия.
- The single responsibility principle is used in responsibility driven design methodologies like the Responsibility Driven Design (RDD) and the Use Case / Responsibility Driven Analysis and Design (URDAD).

### **SRP: The Single Responsibility Principle 2/2**

- Example: consider a module that compiles and prints a report. Such a module can be changed for two reasons:
  - First, the content of the report can change.
  - Second, the format of the report can change.
- These two things change for very different causes; one substantive, and one cosmetic. The single responsibility principle says that these two aspects of the problem are really two separate responsibilities, and should therefore be in separate classes or modules. It would be a bad design to couple two things that change for different reasons at different times.
- The reason it is important to keep a class focused on a single concern is that it makes the class more robust. Continuing with the foregoing example, if there is a change to the report compilation process, there is greater danger that the printing code will break if it is part of the same class.

#### OCP: The Open/Closed Principle 1/2

- The open/closed principle states: "software entities (classes, modules, functions, etc.) should be open for extension, but closed for modification";
- An entity can allow its behavior to be modified without altering its source code.
- This is especially valuable in a production environment, where changes to source code may necessitate code reviews, unit tests, and other such procedures to qualify it for use in a product: code obeying the principle doesn't change when it is extended, and therefore needs no such effort.
## **OCP: The Open/Closed Principle** 2/2

- Meyer's Open/Closed Principle in his 1988 book Object Oriented Software Construction: once completed, the implementation of a class could only be modified to correct errors; new or changed features would require that a different class be created. That class could reuse coding from the original class through *inheritance*. The derived subclass might or might not have the same interface as the original class - advocates implementation inheritance - the existing implementation is closed to modifications, and new implementations need not implement the existing interface.
- Polymorphic Open/Closed Principle Robert C. Martin's 1996 article "The Open-Closed Principle" redefines it to refer to the use of abstracted interfaces, where the implementations can be changed and *multiple implementations* could be created and polymorphically substituted for each other - advocates inheritance from abstract base classes. The existing interface is closed to modifications. 73

## LSP: The Liskov Substitution Principle

- Barbara Liskov in a 1987: Let q(x) be a property provable about objects x of type T. Then q(y) should be true for objects y of type S where S is a subtype of T.
- Liskov's notion of a behavioral subtype defines a notion of substitutability for mutable objects; that is, if S is a subtype of T, then objects of type T in a program may be replaced with objects of type S without altering any of the desirable properties of that program (e.g., correctness).
- Behavioral subtyping is a stronger notion than typical subtyping of functions defined in type theory, which relies only on the contravariance of argument types and covariance of the return type:
  - **Contravariance** (converting from narrower to wider) of method arguments in the subtype.
  - **Covariance** (converting from wider to narrower) of return types in the subtype.
  - No new exceptions should be thrown by methods of the subtype, except where those exceptions are themselves subtypes of exceptions thrown by the methods of the supertype.

#### **ISP: The Interface Segregation Principle**

- The ISP was formulated by Robert C. Martin for Xerox. Xerox had created a new printer system which could perform a variety of tasks such as stapling a set of printed papers, faxing, and so forth. The software grew it became harder and harder to change - there was one main Job class that was used by almost all of the tasks. Anytime a print job or a stapling had to be done, a call was made to some method in the Job class. This meant that the Job class was getting huge or 'fat', full of tons of different methods which were specific to a variety of different clients.
- Martin suggested that they add a layer of interfaces to sit between the Job class and all of its clients. Using the properties of the Dependency Inversion Principle, all of the dependencies could be reversed. Instead of having just one 'fat' Job class that all the tasks used, there would be a Staple Job interface or a Print Job interface that would be used by the Staple class or Print class, respectively, and would call methods of the Job class.

### **DIP: The Dependency Inversion Principle 1/2**



- Coined by Robert C. Martin in 1996
- DIP refers to a specific form of decoupling, where conventional dependency relationships established from high-level, policy-setting modules to low-level, dependency modules are inverted (e.g. reversed) for the purpose of <u>rendering high-level modules</u> <u>independent of the low-level module</u> <u>implementation details</u>.
- DIP states:
  - A. High-level modules should not depend on low-level modules. Both should depend on abstractions.
  - B. Abstractions should not depend upon details. Details should depend upon abstractions.

#### **DIP: The Dependency Inversion Principle 2/2**



Traditional layers pattern



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# **Inversion of control**



- Inversion of Control (IoC) is a design principle used by framework libraries that allow the framework to regain some control from the application (e.g., a framework may call back into application code when certain user interface events occur)
- Martin Fowler uses the term *Hollywood Principle* as in *Don't call us, we'll call you*. Decoupling is an important part of IoC
- Several basic techniques to implement IoC:
  - Using a service locator pattern
  - Using dependency injection
  - Using a contextualized lookup
  - Using template method design pattern
  - Using strategy design pattern

## **IoC** and **DI**



- Dependency Injection (DI) is a specialization of IoC that applies IoC specifically to manage dependencies
- DI is merely an act of externalizing **creation** of dependencies to the outside world by components
- Implementation of dependency injection :
  - Constructor injection
  - Parameter injection
  - Setter injection
  - Interface injection
  - 1. <u>https://stackoverflow.com/questions/3226605/inversion-of-control-dependency-injection/3227404#3227404</u>
  - 2. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inversion\_of\_control

# **SOLID** Class Design Principles



- SRP: The Single Responsibility Principle
- OCP: The Open/Closed Principle
- LSP: The Liskov Substitution Principle
- SP: The Interface Segregation Principle
- DIP: The Dependency Inversion Principle

#### Homework:

http://butunclebob.com/files/SDWest2006/AdvancedPrinciplesOfClassDesign.ppt