

SE 350 - Object-Oriented Software Development

Object-Oriented Programming Principles: SOLID

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Learning Objectives

- Understand some common design flaws
- Understand design principles
- Be able to discuss benefits and drawbacks of design principles

Design Principles

- [Robert C. Martin: Design Principles and Design Patterns \(2000\)](#)
- Goal: understandable, readable, and testable code
- Work collaboratively on code

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Design Problems

- Rigidity: implementing a change is difficult because it translates into a cascade of changes
- Fragility: any change tends to break code in many, even conceptually unrelated, places
- Immobility: unable to reuse modules across projects because of too many dependencies
- Viscosity: developers will prefer easy changes even if they break design

Design Problems

Improper design leads to

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Singleton

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Tight
Coupling

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Unstability

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Premature
Optimization

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Names

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Duplication

Principles to Avoid Design Problems

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Single Responsibility Principle

A class should do one thing and have only a single reason to change

- Gather together things that change for the same reason
- Benefits
 - Easier testing and maintenance
 - Less internal complexity
- How to follow
 - Write small classes with specific names and purposes
- Tradeoffs
 - Cohesion vs. coupling



Single Responsibility Principle: Car

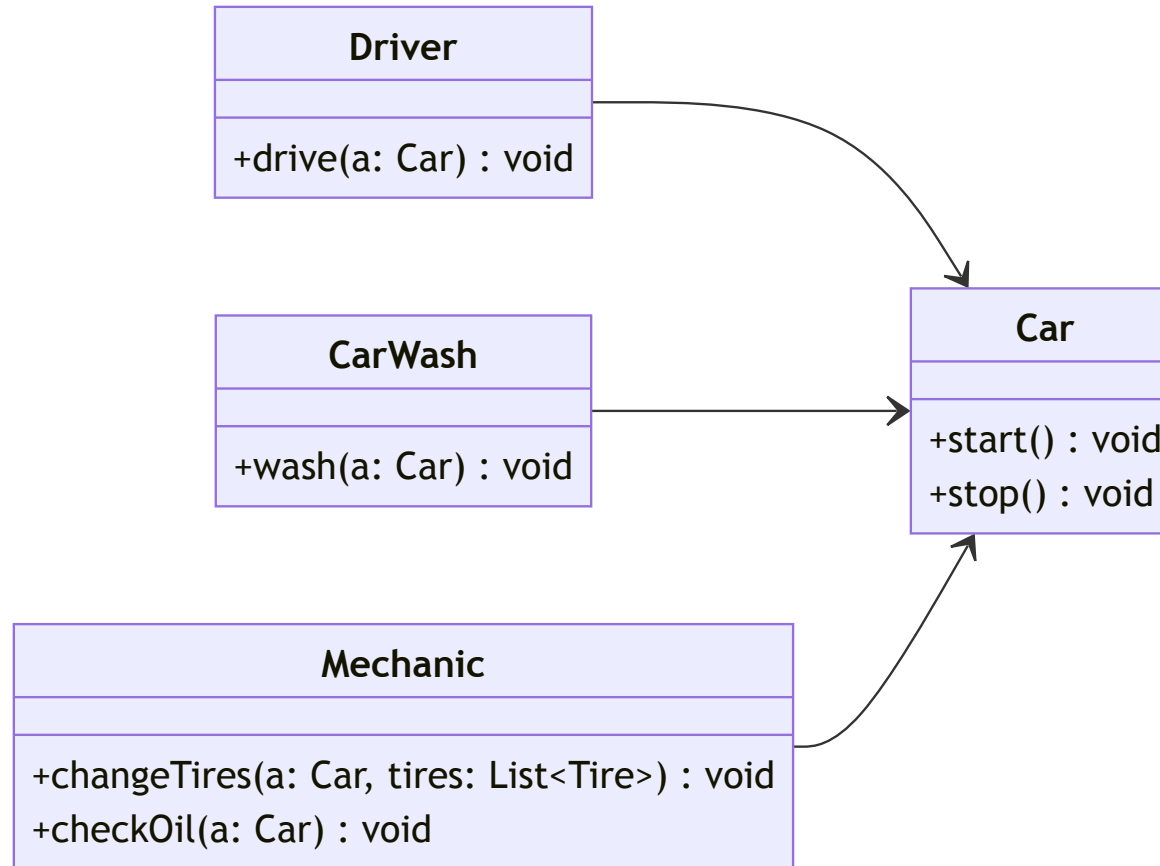
Car
+start() : void +stop() : void +changeTires(tires: List<Tire>) : void +drive() : void +wash() : void +checkOil() : void

What is bad about this design?

► Solution



Single Responsibility Principle: Car



- A **Driver** drives the car, not the car itself
- A **CarWash** can handle washing a car
- A **Mechanic** can change tires and check oil



Single Responsibility Principle: Employee

Employee
-name
+getName() +printTimesheetReport()

► Solution

What is bad about this design and how to fix it?



Single Responsibility Principle: Bank Customer

```
public class BankCustomer {  
    private long personId;  
    private String firstName;  
    private String lastName;  
    private List<Long> accountIds;  
    private List<String> accountNumbers;  
}
```

► Solution

- What is bad about this design and how to fix it?



Single Responsibility Principle: Bank Customer

```
public class Person {  
    private long id;  
    private String firstName;  
    private String lastName;  
}  
  
public class Account {  
    private long id;  
    private String number;  
}  
  
public class BankCustomer {  
    private Person p;  
    private List<Account> accounts;  
}
```

- Now `Person` is a class that is reusable by itself in other non-bank applications
- This design can be criticized for premature flexibility!



Single Responsibility Principle: Book Invoice

```
public class Book {
    private String title;
    private List<Person> authors;
}

public class Invoice {
    private Book book;
    private int quantity;
    private double itemPrice;

    public double totalPrice() {
        return itemPrice*quantity;
    }

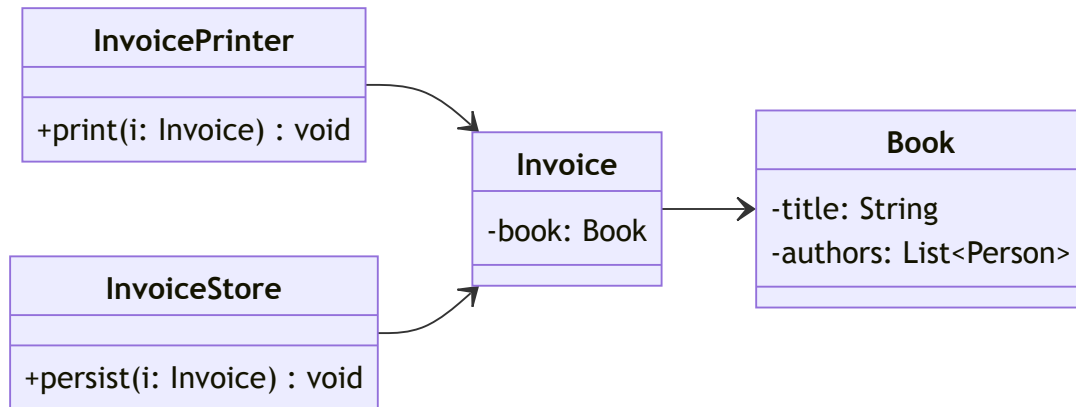
    public void print() {
        System.out.println("Invoice " + book.title);
        System.out.println("Total price = $" + totalPrice + " (" + quantity + " * $" + itemPrice);
    }

    public void save() {
        // persist to a file
    }
}
```

- What is bad about this design?



Single Responsibility Principle: Book Invoice



What is the benefit?

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Open-Closed Principle

Software components should be open for extension, but closed for modification

- Modification: change existing code
- Extension: add new functionality
- Open for extension: inheritance; add new functionality with new (sub)classes
- What if there is a bug in existing code, can we not fix it?
- Benefits:
 - Existing code does not need to change to add new functionality
- How to follow
 - Provide interfaces and abstract classes, program to an interface
- Tradeoffs
 - Needed vs. premature flexibility



Open-Closed Principle: Bookstore

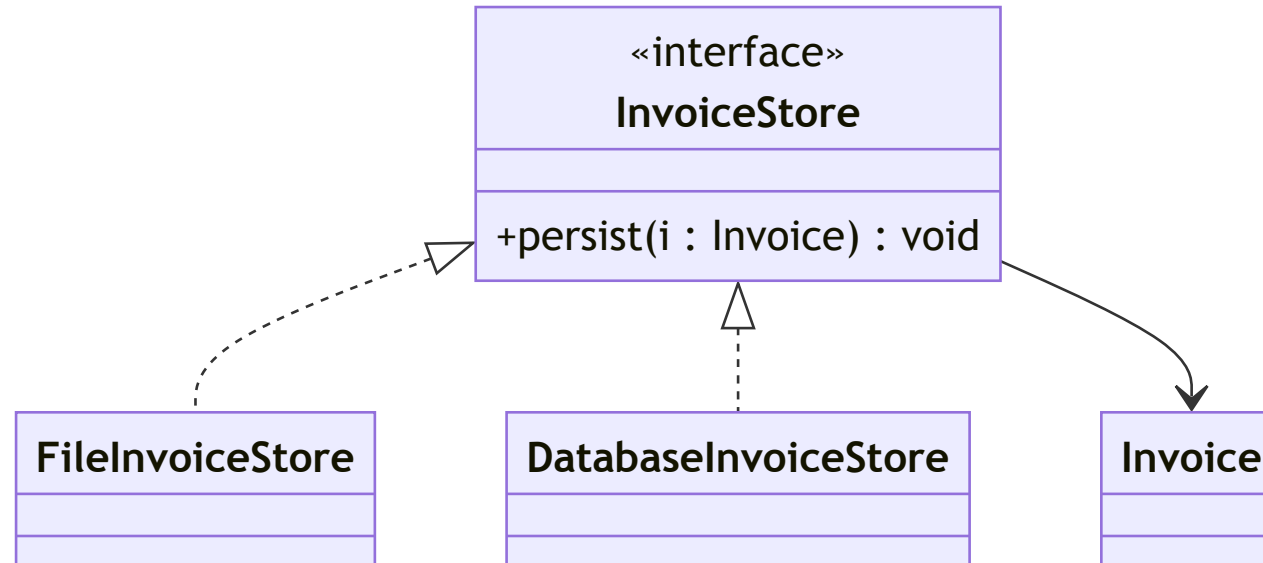
```
public class InvoiceStore {  
    private Invoice invoice;  
    public InvoiceStore(Invoice invoice) {  
        this.invoice = invoice;  
    }  
  
    public void saveToFile(String filename) {}  
    public void saveToDatabase() {}  
}
```

What is bad about this design?

► Solution



Open-Closed Principle: Bookstore





Open-Closed Principle: Calculator

```
public abstract class BinCalcOp {  
    public double l;  
    public double r;  
}  
public class Plus implements CalcOp {}  
public class Minus implements CalcOp {}
```

```
public class Calculator {  
    public double calculate(BinCalcOp op) {  
        if (op == null) {  
            throw new IllegalArgumentException("Unable to perform op");  
        } else if (op instanceof Plus) {  
            return op.l + op.r;  
        } else if (op instanceof Minus) {  
            return op.l - op.r;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

What is bad about this design?

► Solution



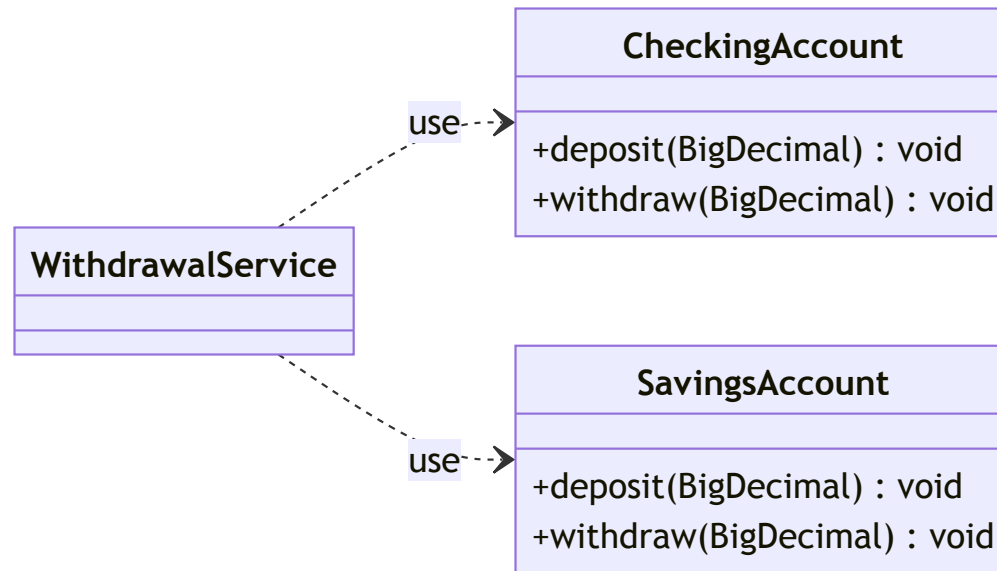
Open-Closed Principle: Calculator

```
public abstract class BinCalcOp {  
    private double l;  
    private double r;  
    // constructors, getters and setters  
    public abstract double calc();  
}  
public class Plus implements CalcOp {  
    @Override public double calc() { return getL() + getR(); }  
}  
public class Minus implements CalcOp {  
    @Override public double calc() { return getL() - getR(); }  
}
```

```
public class Calculator {  
    public double calculate(BinCalcOp op) {  
        if (op == null) throw new IllegalArgumentException("Unable to perform op");  
        return op.calc();  
    }  
}
```



Open-Closed Principle: Banking System

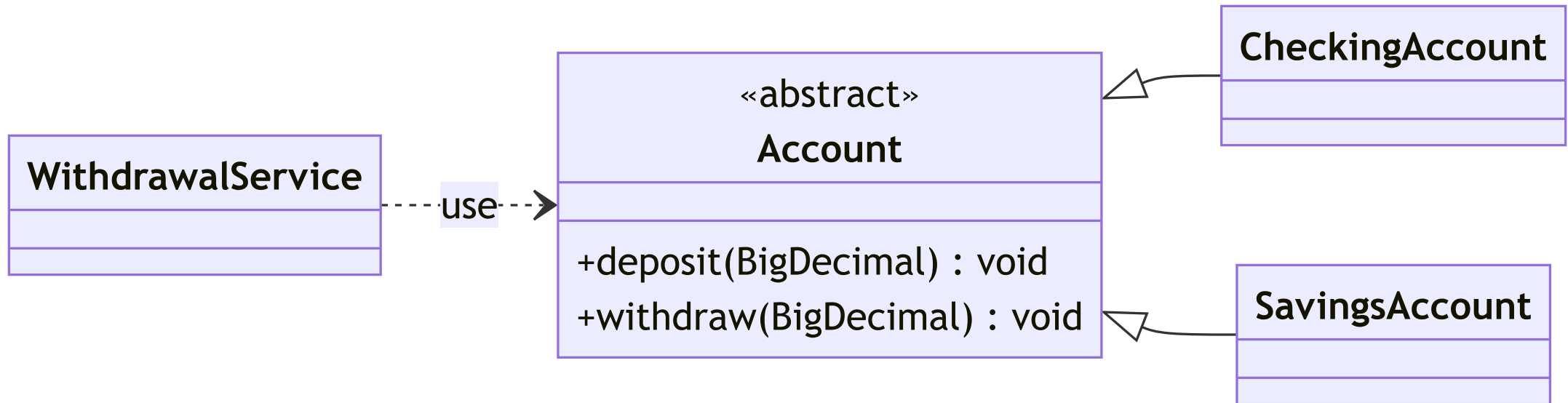


What is bad about this design?

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Open-Closed Principle: Banking System



Now `WithdrawalService` can withdraw and deposit to any account; doesn't need to change for new account types



Open-Closed Principle: Store

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Order
-items -shipping : String
+getTotalCost() +getShippingCost()

```
if (shipping == "ground") {  
    if (getTotal() > 100) return 0;  
    else return 10;  
} else if (shipping == "air") return 50;
```

What is bad about this implementation?

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Liskov Substitution Principle

Derived types must be completely substitutable for their base types

- Strong behavioral subtyping
- Let $\phi(x)$ be a property provable about objects x of type T . Then $\phi(y)$ should be true for objects y of type S where S is a subtype of T .
- Symbolically $S \leq T \rightarrow \forall x : T (\phi(x) \rightarrow \forall y : S \phi(y))$
- Desirable properties ϕ are e.g. correctness, termination
- Benefits
 - Helps conform to "is-a" relationship
 - Extension does not break correctness
- How to follow
 - Make class and method contracts explicit, and satisfy them on extension
 - Avoid extension with unsupported methods



Liskov Substitution Principle: Square

A square is a special rectangle?

```
public class Rectangle {  
    protected double length;  
    protected double width;  
    public Rectangle(double length, double width) { /* ... */ }  
    public void getLength() { return length; }  
    public void setLength(double l) { length = l; }  
    public void getWidth() { return width; }  
    public void setWidth(double w) { width = w; }  
}  
  
public class Square extends Rectangle {  
    public Square(double side) { super(side, side); }  
    public void setSide(double s) { length = s; width = s; }  
    @Override  
    public void setLength(double l) { setSide(l); }  
    @Override  
    public void setWidth(double w) { setSide(w); }  
}
```

What is bad about this design?

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Liskov Substitution Principle: Banking System

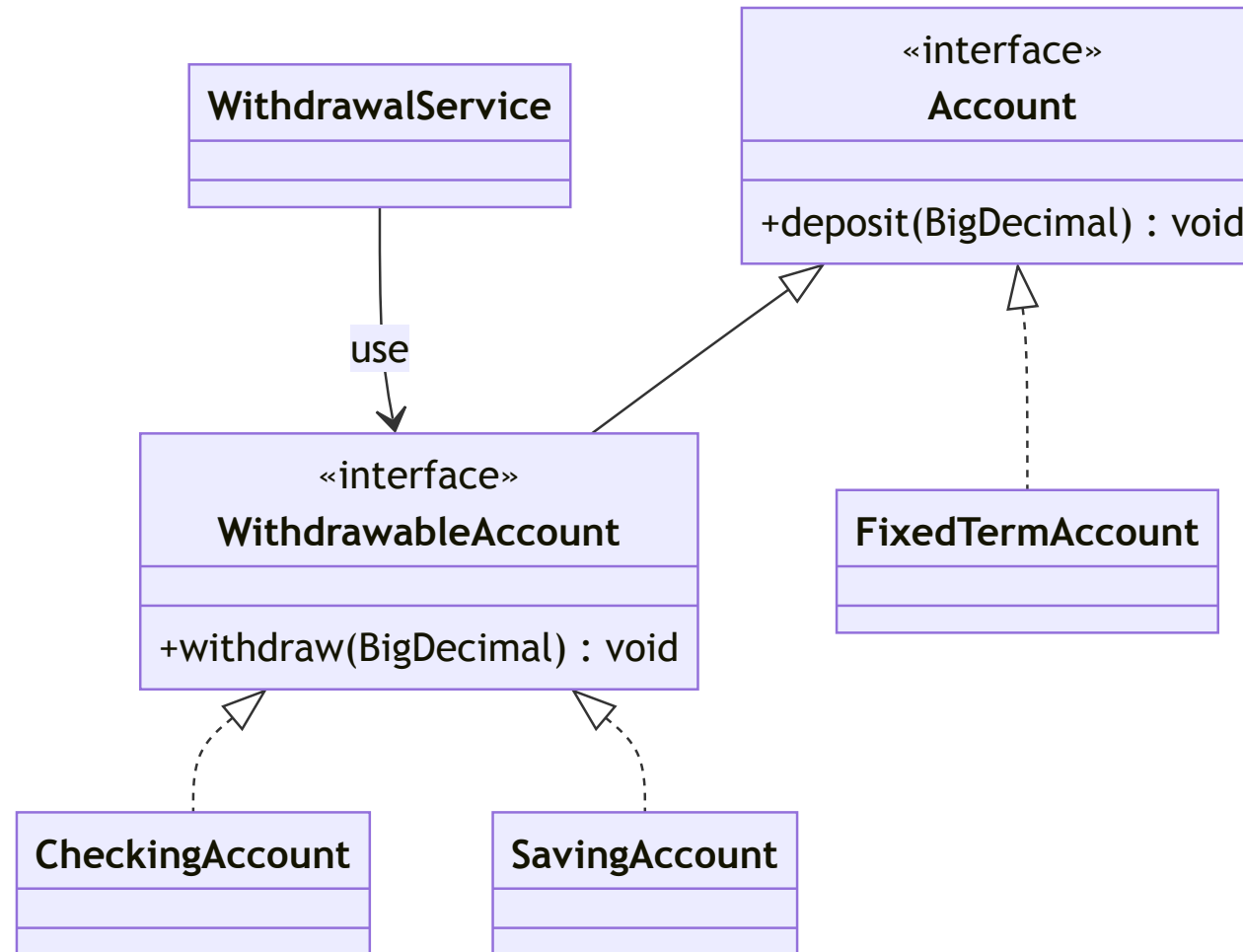
```
public class FixedTermAccount extends Account {  
    @Override  
    public void deposit(BigDecimal amount) { }  
    public void withdraw(BigDecimal amount) {  
        throw new UnsupportedOperationException("Cannot withdraw from fixed-term account");  
    }  
}
```

Why does this code violate the Liskov Substitution Principle?

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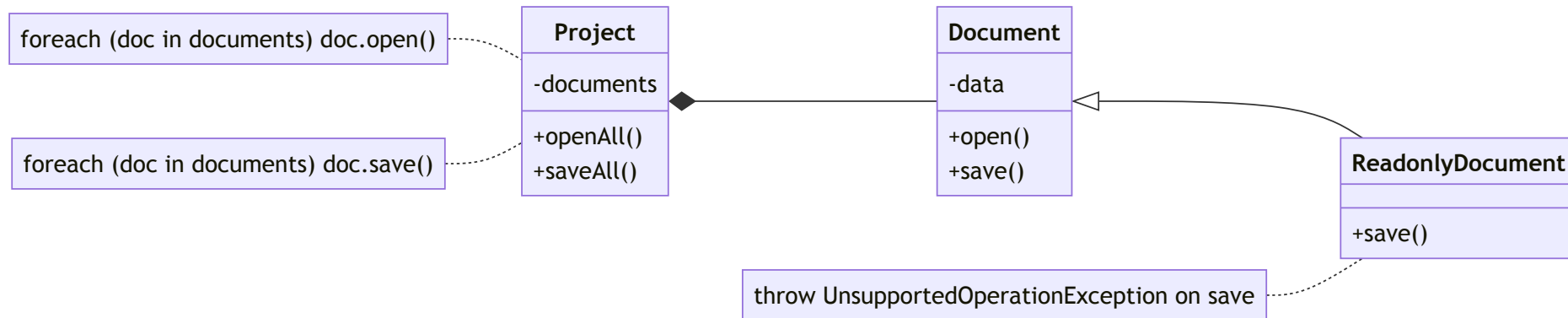


Liskov Substitution Principle: Banking System





Liskov Substitution Principle: Documents

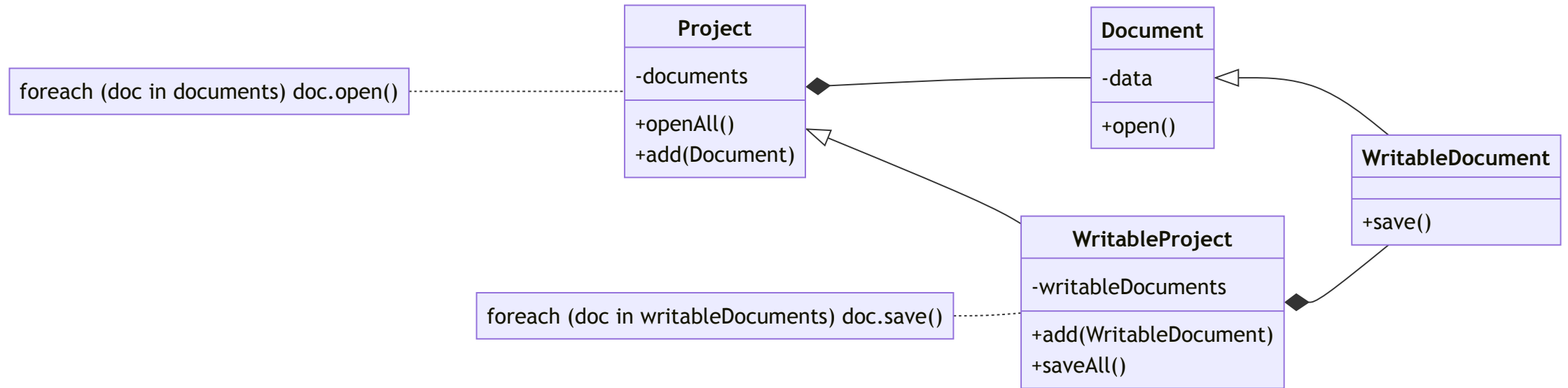


- Why is this design violating the Liskov Substitution Principle?

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Interface Segregation Principle

Clients should not be forced to implement unnecessary methods which they will not use

- Lots of client-specific interfaces are better than 1 general-purpose interface
- Related to Single Responsibility Principle
- Violating it often violates also Liskov Substitution Principle
- Benefits
 - Avoids empty/unsupported implementations
 - Allows objects to take on many different roles
- How to follow
 - Avoid general-purpose interfaces, provide specific interfaces
- Tradeoffs
 - Cohesion vs. coupling



Interface Segregation Principle: Parking Lot

```
public interface ParkingLot {
    int park(Car c);
    Car unpark(int ticket);
    void unpark(Car c);
    int getCapacity();
    double getFee(int ticket);
    void pay(int ticket);
}

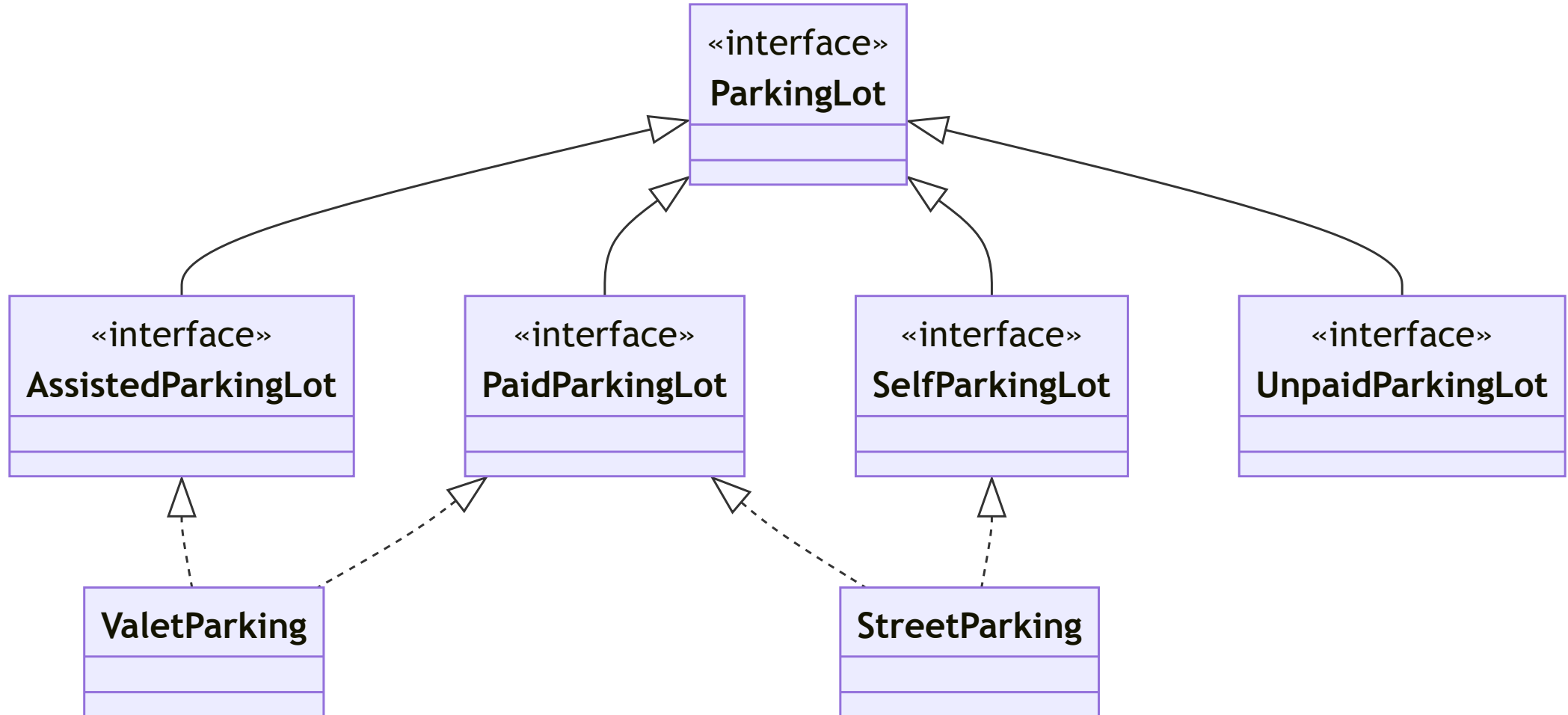
public class FreeParking implements ParkingLot {
    // can park and unpark, but fee and pay do not apply
}

public class ValetParking implements ParkingLot {
    // cannot self-park
}

public class StreetParking implements ParkingLot {
    // can only self-park
    // has unknown capacity
}
```



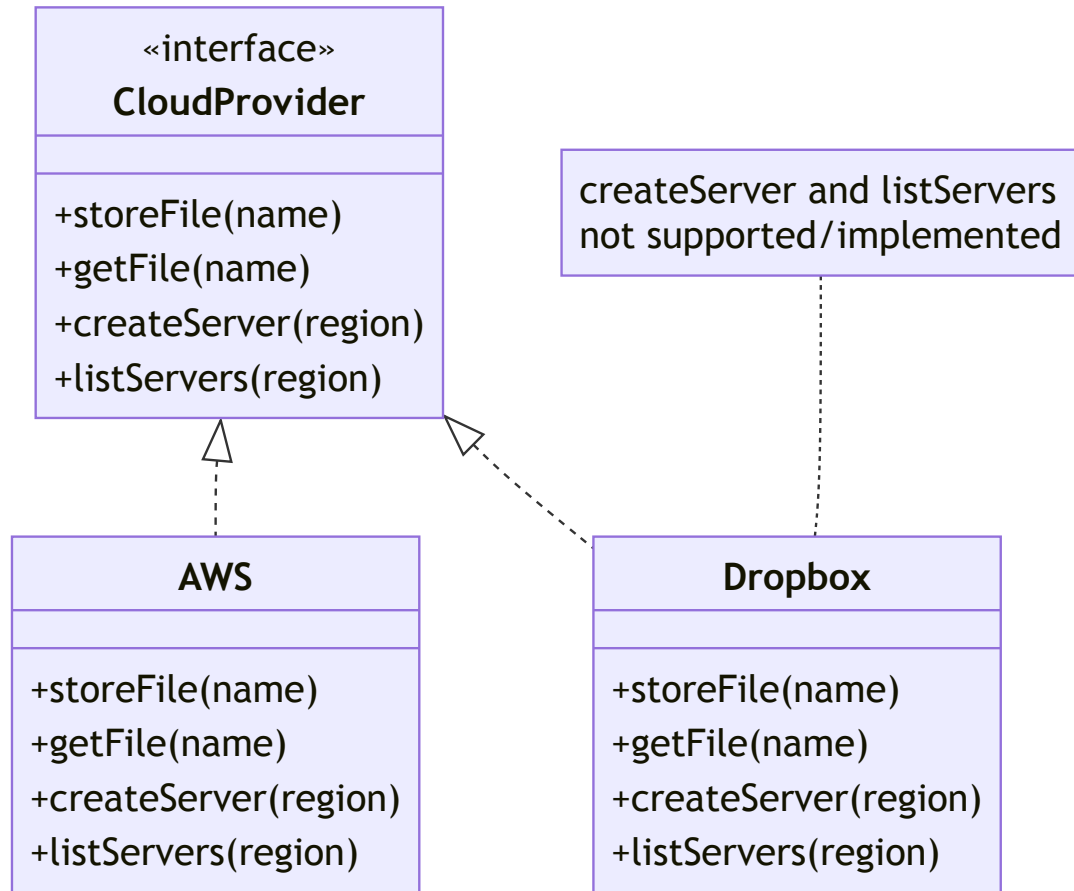
Interface Segregation Principle: Parking Lot





Interface Segregation Principle: Cloud Provider

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Interface Segregation Principle: Java AWT

- Lots of listener interfaces, e.g.
 - `FocusListener`
 - `KeyListener`
 - `MouseMotionListener`
 - `MouseWheelListener`
 - `TextListener`
 - `WindowFocusListener`
- Clients implement only what they need

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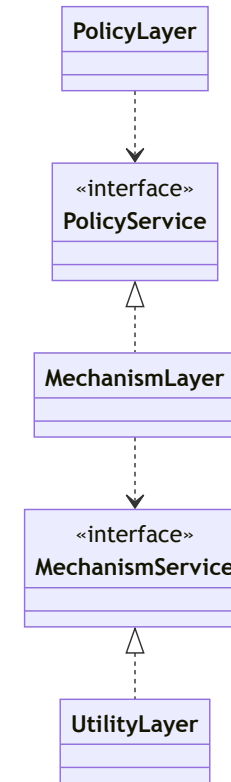
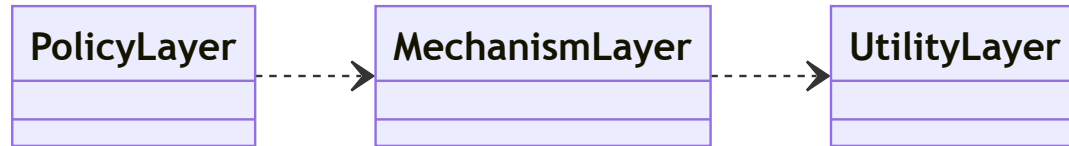
Dependency Inversion Principle

Modules should depend on interfaces/abstract classes, but not on concrete classes

- Depend on abstractions (not specializations)
 - High-level modules should not import anything from low-level modules; **both** should depend on abstractions
 - Abstractions should not depend on concrete implementations; implementations should depend on abstractions
- Benefits
 - Decouples client from implementation
 - Sets up design for Open-Closed Principle
- How to follow
 - Provide interfaces for any anticipated extension point
- Tradeoffs
 - Needed vs premature flexibility



Dependency Inversion Principle





Dependency Inversion Principle: Payment

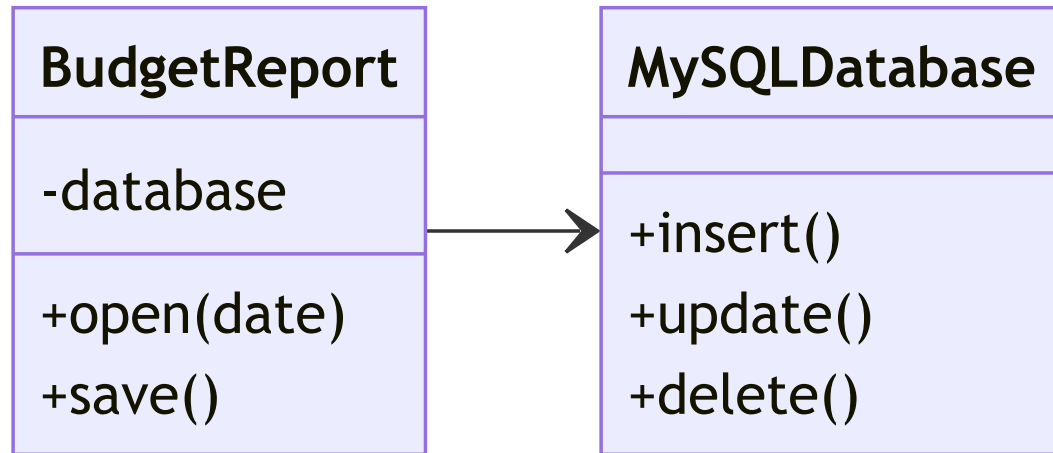
```
public class SqlProductRepo {  
    public Product getProduct(String id) {}  
}  
public class PaymentProcessor {  
    public void pay(String productId) {  
        SqlProductRepo r = new SqlProductRepo();  
        Product product = r.getProduct(String id);  
        processPayment(product);  
    }  
    private void processPayment(Product product) {}  
}
```

```
public interface ProductRepo {  
    Product getProduct(String id);  
}  
public class SqlProductRepo implements ProductRepo {}  
public class PaymentProcessor {  
    private ProductRepo r;  
    public PaymentProcessor(ProductRepo r) {}  
    public void pay(String productId) {  
        Product product = r.getProduct(String id);  
        processPayment(product);  
    }  
    private void processPayment(Product product) {}  
}
```

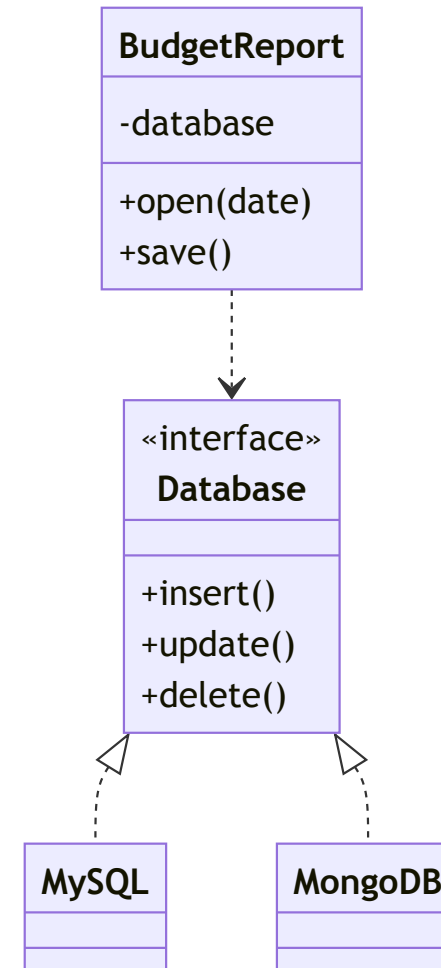


Dependency Inversion Principle: Budget Report

High-level references low-level

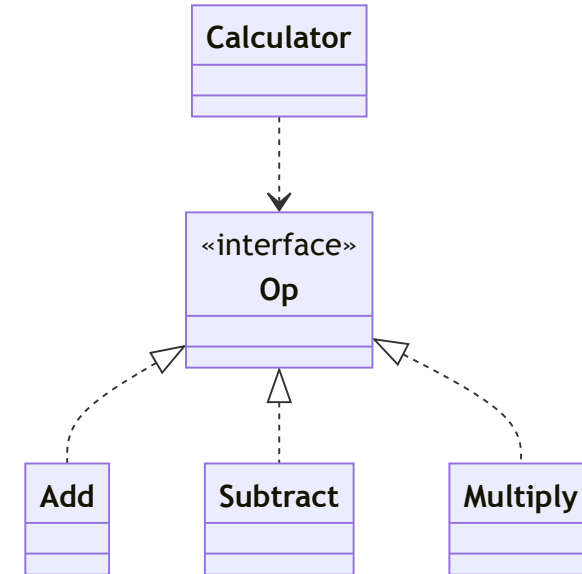
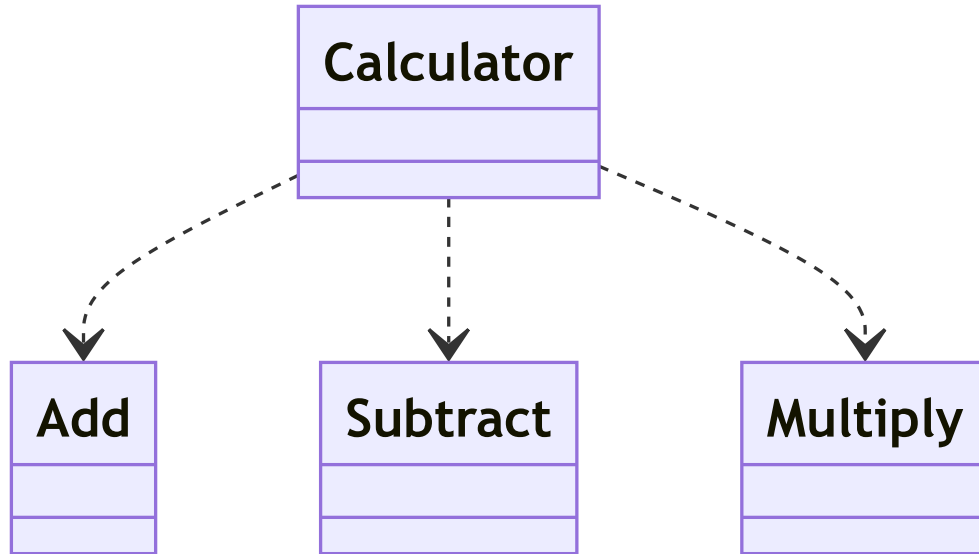


Abstraction breaks direct dependency





Dependency Inversion Principle: Calculator





Criticisms of SOLID

- Somewhat vague principles
- Focuses too much on dependencies
- Long inheritance and delegation chains
- Too much separation and abstraction can make code unreadable

Tony Marston, 2011

Marco Cecconi, 2014

Summary

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A class should have a single responsibility and a single reason to change

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Open for extension but closed for modification

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Objects should be replaceable with instances of their subtypes without affecting correctness

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Clients should not be forced to depend on unused interfaces

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Program to an interface, not to an implementation