Open/Closed Principle

Definition

"Software entities (classes, modules, functions, etc.) should be open for extension, but closed for modification"

Why I chose Open/Closed Principle

- Definition sounds deceptively simple, but what does it imply?
- It was the most violated principle in our code smell exercise
- Jon Skeet finds it hard to understand

Alternative definition

• It should be possible to change the behavior of a method without editing its source code

Why Should Code Be Closed to Modification?

- Less likely to introduce bugs in code we don't touch or deploy
- Less likely to break dependent code when we don't have to deploy updates
- Fewer conditionals in code that is open to extension results in simpler code
- Bug fixes are ok
- Modifications during development are ok

What does "Open for extension" mean?

- New functionality can be added as modules
- Pluggable code
- Similar in a way to extensions in Chrome, Visual Studio

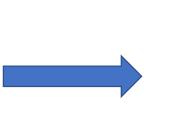
Fixing OCP Violations

- Parameters
- Inheritance
- Composition / injection

Parameters

public class DoOneThing

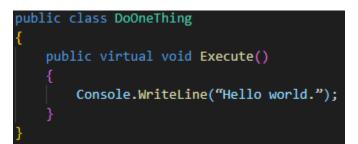
- public void Execute()
 {
 - Console.WriteLine("Hello world.");

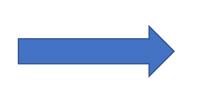


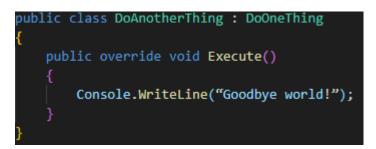
public class DoOneThing
{

public void Execute(string message)
{
 Console.WriteLine(message);

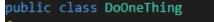
Inheritance



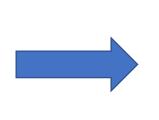




Composition / Injection



public void Execute()
{
 Console.WriteLine("Hello world.");



public class DoOneThing

private readonly MessageService _messageService;

public DoOneThing(MessageService messageService)
{

_messageService = messageService;

public void Execute()

Console.WriteLine(_messageService.GetMessage());

```
public class Circle { }
public class Square { }
public static class Drawer
   public static void DrawShapes(IEnumerable<object> shapes)
      foreach (object shape in shapes)
         if (shape is Circle)
            DrawCircle(shape as Circle);
         else if (shape is Square)
            DrawSquare(shape as Square);
  private static void DrawCircle(Circle circle) { /*Draw circle*/ }
  private static void DrawSquare(Square square) { /*Draw Square*/ }
```

Strategy pattern

```
public class Circle { }
public class Square { }
public static class Drawer
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     foreach (object shape in shapes)
        if (shape is Circle)
           DrawCircle(shape as Circle);
         else if (shape is Square)
           DrawSquare(shape as Square);
  private static void DrawCircle(Circle circle) { /*Draw circle*/ }
  private static void DrawSquare(Square square) { /*Draw Square*/ }
```

public interface IShape {
<pre>void Draw(); }</pre>
<pre>public class Circle : IShape {</pre>
public void Draw()
/*Draw circle*/
}
<pre>public class Square : IShape {</pre>
public void Draw()
/*Draw Square*/ } }
public static class Drawer
<pre>{ public static void DrawShapes(IEnumerable<ishape> shapes) { </ishape></pre>
<pre>foreach (IShape shape in shapes) {</pre>
<pre>shape.Draw(); }</pre>
}

Strategy – Example II

public class CarEngineStatusReportController{
 public View DisplayEngineStatusReport(){
 var webView = new CarEngineWebView();
 webView.FillWith(carEngineViewModel);
 return webView;

public View PrintEngineStatusReport(){
 var printView = new CarEnginePrintView();
 printView.FillWith(carEngineViewModel);
 return printView;

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 var printView = new CarEnginePrintView();
 printView.FillWith(carEngineViewModel);
 return printView;

public View AlternativeDisplayEngineStatusReport(){
 var webView = new EnhancedAccessCarEngineWebView();
 webView.FillWith(carEngineViewModel);
 return printView;

Making it OCP compliant

```
public interface IDisplayEngineStatusReport {
   void FillWith(CarEngineViewModel viewModel);
public class CarEngineWebView : IDisplayEngineStatusReport{
   void FillWith(CarEngineViewModel viewModel) {
public class CarEnginePrintView : IDisplayEngineStatusReport{
   void FillWith(CarEngineViewModel viewModel) {
    . . .
 public class EnhancedAccessCarEngineWebView : IDisplayEngineStatusReport{
   void FillWith(CarEngineViewModel viewModel) {
```

public class CarEngineStatusReportController{
 IDisplayEngineStatusReport _carEngineView;

public CarEngineStatusReport(IDisplayEngineStatusReport carEngineView){
 _carEngineView = carEngineView;

public View EngineStatusReport(){
 _carEngineView.FillWith(carEngineViewModel);
 return _carEngineView;

Why Use a New Class?

- Design class to suit problem at hand
- Nothing in current system depends on it
- Can add behavior without touching existing code
- Can follow Single Responsibility Principle
- Can be unit-tested

OCP vs YAGNI

- YAGNI prohibits changing the existing functionality to account for possible new features in the future
- OCP is about accounting for possible new features in the future
- Risk of over-engineering a wrong abstraction
- But failure to identify variation over a common pattern may lead to lots of breaking changes and code smells like Shotgun Surgery and Divergent change
- We have to balance these two forces

OCP vs YAGNI - Rule of Three

- Start concrete
- Modify the code the first time or two
- By the third modification, consider making the code open to extension for that axis of change

Protected Variation Pattern

"Identify points of predicted variation and create a stable interface around them"

Review - Why use Open/Closed Principle

- Reduces risk when introducing new functionality
- Simplifies introducing new functionality
- Future developments of new functionality becomes much faster than before
- Beware of YAGNI and Rule of Three