How Object Calisthenics Implement Object Oriented Principles

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What are Object Calisthenics?

- A set of rules focused on maintainability, readability, testability, and comprehensibility of your code at a low level.
- The practical implementation of OO principles at a low level
- 10 rules each with a suggestion for code form



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What are OO Principles?

In short

- A guide to responsibly using the pillars of OOP: encapsulation, inheritance, polymorphism and abstraction
- A description of qualities required for reusable, flexible, extensible and maintainable code at a higher level

In short!

- Encapsulate what varies
- Program to interfaces, not implementations
- Classes should be open for extension, closed for modification
- A class should only have one reason to change

Encapsulate what varies

- Segregates frequently changing code
- Allows you to extend code without affecting unchanging code

Object Calisthenics:

• 1. Only one level of indentation per method.

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- 2. Don't use the ELSE keyword.
- 4. First class collections (wrap collections in classes).
- 5. One dot per line.
- 7. Keep all entities small.
- 8. No classes with more than two instance variables.

Encapsulate what varies



```
public class DogWalker
{
    private Speed speed;
    public Speed WalkDog(Dog dog)
    {
        if (dog.Breed() == DogBreed.GermanShephard)
        {
            return Speed.Fast;
        }
        else if (dog.Breed() == DogBreed.Poodle)
        {
            return Speed.Medium;
        }
        else if (dog.Breed() == DogBreed.Pug)
        {
            return Speed.Slow;
        }
        else
        {
            return Speed.Slow;
        }
    }
}
```



Program to interfaces, not implementations ⁺

- Allows code to change itself at runtime
- Reduces coupling and increases code flexibility

Object Calisthenics:

 3. Wrap all primitives and strings (wrap primitive types in classes).

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- 5. One dot per line.
- 9. No getters/setters/properties.
- 10. All classes must have state.

Program to interfaces, not implementations ⁺



private char[,] board = new char[3, 3];

public void Play(char player, int x, int y)

// if valid move board[x, y] = player;



Classes should be open for extension, closed for + modification

- We allow extension of methods to add new behaviour
- We don't allow modification of existing code which may introduce bugs

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```
public class NuclearReactor
{
    private readonly int _temperature;
    public void CalculateTemperature()
    {
        // logic to calculate temperature
        Shutdown();
    }
    private void Shutdown()
    {
        if (_temperature > 1000)
        {
            throw new Exception("Reactor failure");
        }
        AdditionalShutdownLogic();
    }
    protected virtual void AdditionalShutdownLogic() {}
}
```

A class should only have one reason to change +

- Change increases maintenance
 and development cost
- Separating responsibility removes reasons for changing

Object Calisthenics:

• All of them!

A class should only have one reason to change +

```
public class Engine
  private int FuelLevel { get; set; }
  private int EngineSpeed { get; set; }
  private int magicalNumber = 2;
  private int temp { get; set; }
  public void Start()
     if (FuelLevel < 10)
                                                                                                   public class Engine
       // process low fuel injection
                                                                                                     private EngineProcessor engineProcessor;
                                                                                                     public void Start()
                                                                                                        _engineProcessor.Start();
       // process high fuel injection
                                                                                                       // other related logic
     if (temp > 100)
       EngineSpeed = FuelLevel * 10 / magicalNumber;
       if (FuelLevel < 10)
          // process high temp low fuel injection
```



Where next?

- Object calisthenics provide a guide to clean code at low level
- Object calisthenics don't provide guide to code at high level
- Design patterns are high-level concepts that apply OO principles



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