

Objectives

- Liskov Substitution Principle
- Refactoring for Extensibility

LISKOV SUBSTITUTION PRINCIPLE

Liskov Substitution Principle (LSP)

- The substitution principle:

If for each object o_1 of type S there is an object o_2 of type T such that for all programs P defined in terms of T, the behavior of P is unchanged when o_1 is substituted for o_2 , then S is a subtype of T.

- In other words...

If a module is using a base class, then it should be able to replace the base class with a derived class *without affecting the functioning of the module.*

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Liskov & Wing, 1994

Code Smell: Using instanceof

```
public void drawShape( Shape shape ) {
    if ( shape instanceof Square ) {
        drawSquare(shape);
    }
    else if( shape instanceof Circle ) {
        drawCircle(shape);
    }
}
```

- Why isn't this good code?
- How could we write this in a better way?

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Design by Contract

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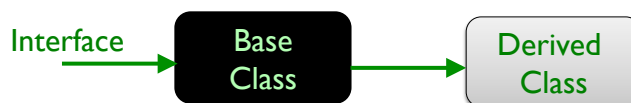
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Design by Contract and LSP

- Recall: User interacts with interface, e.g., the base class



What if preconditions are stronger?
What if postconditions are weaker?

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Summary of LSP

- Liskov Substitution Principle (a.k.a. design by contract) is an important feature of programs that conform to the Open-Closed Principle
- Derived types must be completely substitutable for their base types
- Derived types can then be modified without consequence

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Liskov Substitution Principle (LSP)

- Named after Barbara Liskov
 - MIT Professor of Engineering
 - 2008 ACM Turing Award
 - Contributions to programming languages, pervasive computing
 - Trivia: first woman in the United States to receive a Ph.D. from a computer science department (Stanford, 1968)



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- Jeannette Wing
 - Corporate Vice President of Microsoft Research
 - Big proponent of computational thinking as assistant director for Computer and Information Science and Engineering at the NSF from 2007 to 2010.



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Discussion of Abstraction

- What does abstraction allow?
- Are there any limitations to abstraction?

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Summary of Designing for Change

Use ***abstraction*** for code
that is *likely to change*

- Can depend on code that is *stable* and unlikely to change
 - Example of stable code: `System.out`

Refactoring Summary

- Write code and then ***rewrite*** code
 - Eye toward extensibility, flexibility, maintainability, and readability
 - Maintain correctness
- Reading/understanding other people's code can be difficult
 - Make your code readable, understandable
- Probably impossible to design/write "correctly" the first time
 - A lot harder to get the logic right, make sure you're not creating bugs, know/check the right answer...
 - Could cause yourself headaches coding this way first

REFACTORING FOR EXTENSIBILITY

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Simulating a Roulette Game



In Eclipse, Import Existing Project into Workspace
[roulette.tar](#) on the course web site

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