

Java

Object Orientation (OBJ)

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Limit accessibility of fields

- ✗ Invariants cannot be enforced for public nonfinal fields
- ✗ Similar for final fields that reference a mutable object
- ✓ Prefer private or package-private visibility
- ✗ Also protected may be insufficient
- ✓ Exception: classes like structs use public visibility

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Preserve dependencies in subclasses when changing superclasses

- ✓ Always check subclasses of modified classes
- ✓ Preserve invariants

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Prevent heap pollution

- ✗ Do not mix generically typed code with raw typed code
- ✓ Prefer generically typed code
- ✓ Use wrapper collections to interface legacy code
- ✗ Avoid variadic methods

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Provide mutable classes with copy functionality to safely allow passing instances to untrusted code

- ✗ Do not trust mutable objects passed to untrusted methods
- ✓ Always pass copies to untrusted methods
- ✓ Provide copy constructors or implement `clone()`

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Do not return references to private mutable class members

- ✗ You compromise encapsulation
- ✓ Make copies of mutable objects
- ✓ Make copies of containers

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Defensively copy mutable inputs and mutable internal components

- ✗ Do not introduce time-of-check, time-of-use (TOCTOU) vulnerabilities
- ✓ Make copies of untrusted mutable input objects
- ✓ Prefer copy constructors to `clone()`

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Sensitive classes must not let themselves be copied

- ✗ Not having a copy constructor or a `clone()` method doesn't mean it can't be copied
- ✓ Prevent subclassing of classes and methods

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Do not expose private members of an outer class from within a nested class

- ✗ Private fields and methods of a class having a public inner class are weakened to package visibility
- ✓ Use public inner classes only if you understand this aspect
- ✓ Prefer private inner classes

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Compare classes and not class names

- ✗ Comparing class names may expose to mix-and-match attack
- ✓ Same name but different class loader means different classes
- ✓ Always compare the `class` object

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Do not use public static nonfinal fields

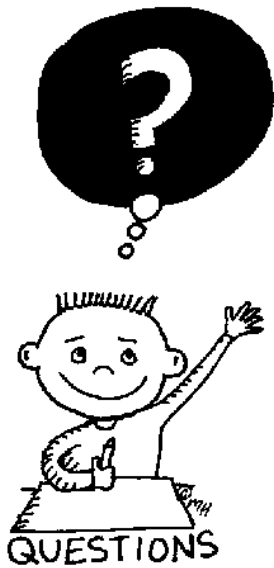
- ✗ Everyone can change them
- ✓ Add the `final` keyword

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Be wary of letting constructors throw exceptions

- ✗ Do not leave partially initialized objects
- ✓ Prevent Finalized Attacks
- ✓ Use public and private constructors
- ✓ Flag fully initialized objects

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