Packages, final keyword, about object class and its methods and object cloning with examples

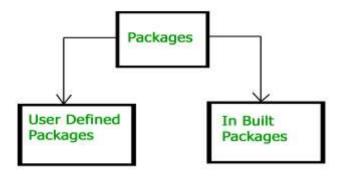
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Java Package

Package in java is a mechanism to encapsulate a group of classes, sub packages and interfaces. Packages are used for:

- Preventing naming conflicts. For example there can be two classes with name Employee in two packages, college.staff.cse.Employee and college.staff.ee.Employee
- Making searching/locating and usage of classes, interfaces, enumerations and annotations easier.
- Providing controlled access: protected and default have package level access control. A protected member is accessible by classes in the same package and its subclasses. A default member (without any access specifier) is accessible by classes in the same package only.
- Packages can be considered as data encapsulation (or data-hiding).

Types of packages



Built-in Packages: These packages consist of a large number of classes which are a part of Java API. Some of the commonly used built-in packages are:

- **1.java.lang:** Contains language support classes(e.g classes which defines primitive data types, math operations). This package is automatically imported.
- 2. java.io: Contains classes for supporting input / output operations.
- **3. java.util:** Contains utility classes which implement data structures like Linked List, Dictionary and support; for Date / Time operations.
- 4. java.applet: Contains classes for creating Applets.
- **5. java.awt:** Contain classes for implementing the components for graphical user interfaces (like button, ;menus etc). 6)
- **6. java.net:** Contain classes for supporting networking

<u>User-defined packages:</u> These are the packages that are defined by the user. The "package" keyword is used to create user defined package.

Syntax: package < package_name>

- Whatever the classes we want to create in the package, It should not contain main class.
- Multiple programs should be written for placing multiple classes in same package name.

Benefits of User-Defined Packages

- ▶ **Code Organization:** User-defined packages allow developers to group related classes and resources together, making it easier to navigate and understand the codebase.
- ► Code Reusability: By creating user-defined packages, you can encapsulate commonly used classes, utilities, or modules, making them easily reusable across different projects.

```
// Name of the package must be same as the directory
// under which this file is saved
package myPackage;

public class MyClass
{
    public void show()
    {
        System.out.println("Myclass class");
     }
}
```

Save→Myclass.java Compile→javac –d.A.java

Now we can use the **MyClass** class in our program.

```
/* import 'MyClass' class from myPackage */
import myPackage.MyClass;

public class MainDemo
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {

        // Creating an instance of class MyClass in the package.
        MyClass obj = new MyClass();

        obj.show();
}
```

Save→MainDemo.java Compile→javac MainDemo.java Execution→java MainDemo

Final Keyword

The final keyword in Java is used as a non-access modifier applicable only to a variable, a method, or a class. It is used to restrict a user in Java.

Final Variables	Final Methods	Final Classes
Once assigned, a final variable's value cannot change. It effectively creates a constant.	Final methods cannot be overridden by subclasses, preserving their behavior.	Final classes cannot be extended, preventing inheritance from them. This ensures class integrity.

Java Final Keyword

- □ Stop Value Change
- ⇒ Stop Method Overridding
- □ Stop Inheritance

Example Programs

Final Variable

```
class Bike
{
    final int speedlimit=90 //final var
    void run()
    {
        speedlimit=120;
    }
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        Bike obj=new Bike();
        obj.run();
    }
}
```

Final Method

```
class Bike
  final void run()
     System.out.println("running bike");
class Honda extends Bike
   void run()
     System.out.println("running honda bike");
   public static void main(String args[])
     Honda obj=new Honda();
     obj.run();
```

Final class

```
final class Bike{}
class Honda1 extends Bike{
{
    void run()
    {
        System.out.println("running");
    }
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        Honda1 obj=new Honda1();
        obj.run();
    }
}
```

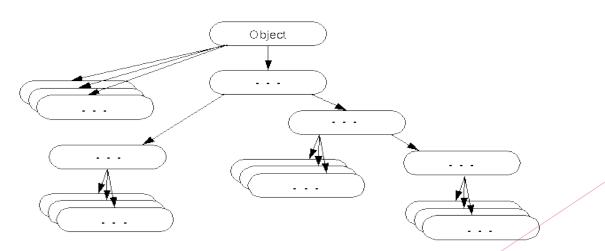
Object class in Java

The **Object class** is the parent class of all the classes in java by default. In other words, it is the topmost class of java.

- Package:java.lang
- ▶ Every class in java Directly / Indirectly derived from Object Class.
- ▶ It is the Parent class of all classes in java.
- Uses:

1.to define common behaviour of Objects like cloning, comparing etc.

2.to refer an object whose Type is not known.



Example Program

```
public class ObjectClassExamplel{
     public static void main(String args[])
         checkObjectType(1);
         checkObjectType(2L);
         checkObjectType(1.5f);
         checkObjectType("string type");
         checkObjectType(6.2d);
     public static void checkObjectType(object input){
        if(input instanceof Integer){
            System.out.println(input+" is of Integer type.");
        else if(input instanceof Float){
            System.out.println(input+" is of Float type.");
        else if(input instanceof Long){
            System.out.println(input+" is of Long type.");
        else if(input instanceof String){
            System.out.println(input+" is of String type.");
        else
            System.out.println(input+" is of "+input.getClass().getTypeName()+" type.");
```

Object Class Methods

- Class & String Methods(2)
- ► Hashing Method(1)
- ▶ Object Comparison & Cloning Method(2)
- ► GC Finalization Method(1)
- Object Notifying Methods(2)
- ► Thread Waiting Methods(1)

Object Class Methods

Method	Description
public final Class getClass()	returns the Class object of this object. Class object can be used to get the metadata of defined class.
<pre>public String toString()</pre>	Returns the string representation of this object.
<pre>public int hashCode()</pre>	Returns the hashcode number for this object.
public Boolean equals(Object obj)	Compares the given object to this object.
protected Object clone() throws CloneNotSupportedException	Creates and returns the exact copy of this object.
protected void finalize() throws Throwable	Is invoked by GC before destroying an object
public final void notify()	Wakes up single thread which is waiting to acquire objects monitor
public final void notifyAll()	Wakes up all the threads which are waiting to acquire objects monitor.
<pre>public final void wait()throws InterruptedException</pre>	Causes the current thread to weight until another thread notifies

Object Cloning

- The object cloning is a way to create exact copy of an object. The clone() method of Object class is used to clone an object.
- ▶ The **clone() method** is defined in the Object class.
 - **Syntax** of the clone() method is as follows:

protected Object clone() throws CloneNotSupportedException

► The clone() method saves the extra processing task for creating the exact copy of an object. If we perform it by using the new keyword, it will take a lot of processing time so to decrease it we use object cloning.

Example Program

```
class Student implements Cloneable{
int rollno;
String name;
Student(int rollno,String name){
this.rollno=rollno;
this.name=name;
Public Object clone()throws CloneNotSupportedException{
return super.clone();
Public static void main(String args[]){
try{
Student s1=new Student(2,"Arya");
Student s2=new (Student)s1.clone();
System.out.println(s1.rollno+""+s1.rollno");
System.out.println(s2.rollno+""+s2.name");
}catch(CloneNotSupportedException c){}
```