

Core Java

Inheritance

Types of inheritances

- Single inheritance

```
class A {  
    // ...  
}  
class B extends A {  
    // ...  
}
```

- Multiple inheritance

```
class A {  
    // ...  
}  
class B {  
    // ...  
}  
class C extends A, B // not allowed in Java  
{  
    // ...  
}
```

```
interface A {  
    // ...  
}  
interface B {  
    // ...  
}  
class C implements A, B // allowed in Java  
{  
    // ...  
}
```

- Hierarchial inheritance

```
class A {  
    // ...  
}
```

```
class B extends A {
    // ...
}
class C extends A {
    // ...
}
```

- Multi-level inheritance

```
class A {
    // ...
}
class B extends A {
    // ...
}
class C extends B {
    // ...
}
```

- Hybrid inheritance: Any combination of above types

Up-casting & Down-casting

- Up-casting: Assigning sub-class reference to a super-class reference.
 - Sub-class "is a" Super-class, so no explicit casting is required.
 - Using such super-class reference, super-class methods overridden into sub-class can also be called.

```
Employee e = new Employee();
Person p = e; // up-casting
p.setName("Nilesh"); // okay - calls Person.setName().
p.setSalary(30000.0); // error
p.display(); // calls overridden Employee.display().
```

- Down-casting: Assigning super-class reference to sub-class reference.
 - Every super-class is not necessarily a sub-class, so explicit casting is required.

```
Person p1 = new Employee();
Employee e1 = (Employee)p1; // down-casting - okay - Employee reference will
point to Employee object
```

```
Person p2 = new Person();
Employee e2 = (Employee)p2; // down-casting - ClassCastException - Employee
```

reference will point to Person object

instanceof operator

- Java's instanceof operator checks if given reference points to the object of given type (or its sub-class) or not. Its result is boolean.

```
Person p = new Employee();
boolean flag = p instanceof Employee; // true
```

```
Person p = new Person();
boolean flag = p instanceof Employee; // false
```

```
Person p = new Manager();
boolean flag = p instanceof Employee; // true
```

- Typically "instanceof" operator is used for type-checking before down-casting.

```
Person p = new SomeClass();
if(p instanceof Employee) {
    Employee e = (Employee)p;
    System.out.println("Salary: " + e.getSalary());
}
```

Polymorphism

- Poly=Many, Morphism=Forms
- Polymorphism is taking many forms.
- OOP has two types of Polymorphism
 - Compile-time Polymorphism / Static Polymorphism
 - Implemented by "Method overloading".
 - Compiler can identify which method to be called at compile time depending on types of arguments. This is also referred as "Early binding".
 - Run-time Polymorphism / Dynamic Polymorphism
 - Implemented by "Method overriding".
 - The method to be called is decided at runtime depending on type of object. This is also referred as "Late binding" or "Dyanmic method dispatch".
 - Process of calling method of sub class using reference of super class is called as dynamic method dispatch. ###Access Modifier
 - private (lowest)
 - default

- protected
- public (highest)

Method overriding

- Redefining a super-class method in sub-class with exactly same signature is called as "Method overriding".
- Programmer should override a method in sub-class in one of the following scenarios
 - Super-class has not provided method implementation at all (abstract method).
 - Super-class has provided partial method implementation and sub-class needs additional code. Here sub-class implementation may call super-class method (using super keyword).
 - Sub-class needs different implementation than that of super-class method implementation.
- Rules of method overriding in Java
 - Each method in Java can be overridden unless it is private, static or final.
 - Sub-class method must have same or wider access modifier than super-class method.

```
class SuperClass {
    protected Number calculate(Integer i, Float f) {
        // ...
    }
}
class SubClass extends SuperClass {
    /*protected or*/ public Number calculate(Integer i, Float f) {
        // ...
    }
}
```

- Arguments of sub-class method must be same as of super-class method. The return-type of sub-class method can be same or sub-class of the super-class's method's return-type. This is called as "covariant" return-type.

```
class SuperClass {
    public Number calculate(Integer i, Float f) {
        // ...
    }
}
class SubClass extends SuperClass {
    // Double is inherited from Numer (i.e. return-type of super-class
    // method)
    public Double calculate(Integer i, Float f) {
        // ...
    }
}
```

- Checked exception list in sub-class method should be same or subset of exception list in super-class method.

```

class SuperClass {
    public void testMethod() throws IOException, SQLException {
        // ...
    }
}
class SubClass extends SuperClass {
    public void testMethod() throws IOException {
        // ...
    }
}

```

- If these rules are not followed, compiler raises error or compiler treats sub-class method as a new method.

```

class A {
    void method1() {
    }
    void method2() {
    }
}

```

```

class B extends A {
    void method1() {
        // overridden
    }
    void method2(int x) {
        // treated as new method
    }
}

```

```

// In main()
A obj = new B();
obj.method1(); // B.method1() -- overridden
obj.method2(); // A.method2() -- method2() is not overridden

```

- Java 5.0 added `@Override` annotation (on sub-class method) informs compiler that programmer is intending to override the method from the super-class.
- `@Override` checks if sub-class method is compatible with corresponding super-class method or not (as per rules). If not compatible, it raises compile time error.
- Note that, `@Override` is not compulsory to override the method. But it is good practice as it improves readability and reduces human errors.

final keyword

final variables/fields

- Cannot be modified once initialized.
- Refer earlier notes.

final method

- If implementation of a super-class method is logically complete, then the method should be declared as final.
- Such final methods cannot be overridden in sub-class. Compiler raise error, if overridden.
- But final methods are inherited into sub-class i.e. The super-class final methods can be invoked in sub-class object (if accessible).

final class

- If implementation of a super-class is logically complete, then the class should be declared as final.
- The final class cannot be extended into a sub-class. Compiler raise error, if inherited.
- Effectively all methods in final class are final methods.
- Examples of final classes
 - java.lang.Integer (and all wrapper classes)
 - java.lang.String
 - java.lang.System

Object class

- Non-final and non-abstract class declared in java.lang package.
- In java, all the classes (not interfaces) are directly or indirectly extended from Object class.
- In other words, Object class is ultimate base class/super class.
- Object class is not inherited from any class or implement any interface.
- It has a default constructor.
 - `Object o = new Object();`

Object class methods (read docs)

- Parameter less constructor
 - `public Object();`
- Returns string representation of object state
 - `public String toString();`
- Comparing current object with another object
 - `public boolean equals(Object);`
- Used while storing object into set or map collections
 - `public native int hashCode();`
- Create shallow copy of the object
 - `protected native Object clone()` throws `CloneNotSupportedException`;
- Called by garbage collector (like C++ destructor)
 - `protected void finalize()` throws `Throwable`;
- Get metadata about the class
 - `public final native Class<?> getClass();`

- For thread synchronization
 - `public final native void notify();`
 - `public final native void notifyAll();`
 - `public final void wait() throws InterruptedException;`
 - `public final native void wait(long) throws InterruptedException;`
 - `public final void wait(long, int) throws InterruptedException;`

toString() method

- Non-final method of `java.lang.Object` class.
 - `public String toString();`
- Definition of `Object.toString()`:

```
public String toString() {  
    return getClass().getName() + "@" + Integer.toHexString(hashCode());  
}
```

- To return state of Java instance in String form, programmer should override `toString()` method.
- The result in `toString()` method should be a concise, informative, and human-readable.
- It is recommended that all subclasses override this method.
- Example:

```
class Person {  
    // ...  
    @Override  
    public String toString() {  
        return "Name=" + this.name + ", Age=" + this.age;  
    }  
}
```

Inheritance vs Association

- Inheritance: is-a relation
 - Book is-a Product
 - Album is-a Product
 - Labor is-a Employee
 - Employee is-a Person
 - Batter is-a Player
 - ...
- Association: has-a relation
 - Employee has-a joining Date
 - Person has-a birth Date
 - Cart has Products
 - Bank has Accounts
 - ...

abstract keyword

- In Java, abstract keyword is used for
 - abstract method
 - abstract class

Fragile base class problem

- If changes are done in super-class methods (signatures), then it is necessary to modify and recompile all its sub-classes. This is called as "Fragile base class problem".
- This can be overcome by using interfaces.

```
class A{
    public void print( ){
        //System.out.print("Hello,");
        System.out.print("Good Morning,");
    }
}
class B extends A{
    @Override
    public void print( ){
        super.print();
        System.out.println("Have a nice day!!");
    }
}
class C extends A{
    @Override
    public void print( ){
        super.print();
        System.out.println("Good day!!");
    }
}
class Program{
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        A a = null;
        a = new B();    a.print(); //Good Morning,,Have a nice day!!
        a = new C();    a.print(); //Good Morning,,Good day!!
    }
}
```

Interface (Java 7 or Earlier)

- Interfaces are used to define standards/specifications. A standard/specification is set of rules.
- Interfaces are immutable i.e. once published interface should not be modified.
- Interfaces contains only method declarations. All methods in an interface are by default abstract and public.
- They define a "contract" that is must be followed/implemented by each sub-class.


```
interface Displayable {  
    public abstract void display();  
}
```

```
interface Acceptable {  
    abstract void accept(Scanner sc);  
}
```

```
interface Shape {  
    double calcArea();  
    double calcPeri();  
}
```

- Interfaces enables loose coupling between the classes i.e. a class need not to be tied up with another class implementation.
- Interfaces cannot be instantiated, they can only be implemented by classes or extended by other interfaces.
- Java 7 interface can only contain public abstract methods and static final fields (constants). They cannot have non-static fields, non-static methods, and constructors.
- Examples:
 - java.io.Closeable / java.io.AutoCloseable
 - java.lang.Runnable
 - java.util.Collection, java.util.List, java.util.Set, ...
- Example 1: Multiple interface inheritance is allowed.

```
interface Displayable {  
    void display();  
}  
interface Acceptable {  
    void accept();  
}  
  
class Person implements Acceptable, Displayable {  
    // ...  
    public void accept() {  
        // ...  
    }  
    public void display() {  
        // ...  
    }  
}
```

- Example 2: Interfaces can have public static final fields.

```

interface Shape {
    /*public static final*/ double PI = 3.142;

    /*public abstract*/ double calcArea();
    /*public abstract*/ double calcPeri();
}

class Circle implements Shape {
    private double radius;
    // ...
    public double calcArea() {
        return PI * this.radius * this.radius;
    }
    public double calcPeri() {
        return 2 * Shape.PI * this.radius;
    }
}

```

- Example 3: If two interfaces have same method, then it is implemented only once in sub-class.

```

interface Displayable {
    void print();
}
interface Showable {
    void print();
}
class MyClass implements Displayable, Showable {
    // ...
    public void print() {
        // ...
    }
}
class Program {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Displayable d = new MyClass();
        d.print();
        Showable s = new MyClass();
        s.print();
        MyClass m = new MyClass();
        m.print();
    }
}

```

Types of inheritance in OOPS

- Interface inheritance
 - Single inheritance [Allowed in Java]
 - Multiple inheritance [Allowed in Java]
 - Hierarchical inheritance [Allowed in Java]

- Multilevel inheritance [Allowed in Java]
- Implementation inheritance
 - Single inheritance [Allowed in Java]
 - Multiple inheritance [Not Allowed in Java]
 - Hierarchical inheritance [Allowed in Java]
 - Multilevel inheritance [Allowed in Java]
- Interface syntax
 - Interface : I1, I2, I3
 - Class : C1, C2, C3
 - class C1 implements I1 // okay
 - class C1 implements I1, I2 // okay
 - interface I2 implements I1 // error
 - interface I2 extends I1 // okay
 - interface I3 extends I1, I2 // okay
 - class C2 implements C1 // error
 - class C2 extends C1 // okay
 - class C3 extends C1, C2 // error
 - interface I1 extends C1 // error
 - interface I1 implements C1 // error
 - class C2 implements I1, I2 extends C1 // error
 - class C2 extends C1 implements I1,I2 // okay

abstract method

- If implementation of a method in super-class is not possible/incomplete, then method is declared as abstract.
- Abstract method does not have definition/implementation.

```
// Employee class
abstract double calcTotalSalary();
```

- If class contains one or more abstract methods, then class must be declared as abstract. Otherwise compiler raise an error.
- The super-class abstract methods must be overridden in sub-class; otherwise sub-class should also be marked abstract.
- The abstract methods are forced to be implemented in sub-class. It ensures that sub-class will have corresponding functionality.
- The abstract method cannot be private, final, or static.
- Example: abstract methods declared in Number class are:
 - abstract int intValue();
 - abstract float floatValue();
 - abstract double doubleValue();
 - abstract long longValue();

abstract class

- If implementation of a class is logically incomplete, then the class should be declared abstract.
- If class contains one or more abstract methods, then class must be declared as abstract.
- An abstract class can have zero or more abstract methods.
- Abstract class object cannot be created; however its reference can be created.
- Abstract class can have fields, methods, and constructor.
- Its constructor is called when sub-class object is created and initializes its (abstract class) fields.
- If object of a class is not logical (corresponds to real-world entity), then class can be declared as abstract.
- Example:
 - `java.lang.Number`
 - `java.lang.Enum`

class vs abstract class vs interface

- class
 - Has fields, constructors, and methods
 - Can be used standalone -- create objects and invoke methods
 - Reused in sub-classes -- inheritance
 - Can invoke overridden methods in sub-class using super-class reference -- runtime polymorphism
- abstract class
 - Has fields, constructors, and methods
 - Cannot be used independently -- can't create object
 - Reused in sub-classes -- inheritance -- Inherited into sub-class and must override abstract methods
 - Can invoke overridden methods in sub-class using super-class reference -- runtime polymorphism
- interface
 - Has only method declarations
 - Cannot be used independently -- can't create object
 - Doesn't contain anything for reusing (except static final fields)
 - Used as contract/specification -- Inherited into sub-class and must override all methods
 - Can invoke overridden methods in sub-class using super-class reference -- runtime polymorphism
 - Java support multiple interface inheritance

What is the difference between abstract class and interface? / When we should use abstract class and interface?

Abstract class

```
abstract class Shape{
    public abstract void calculateArea( );
}
class Rectangle extends Shape{
    @Override
    public void calculateArea(){
```

```

        //TODO
    }
}
class Circle extends Shape{
    @Override
    public void calculateArea(){
        //TODO
    }
}
class Triangle extends Shape{
    @Override
    public void calculateArea(){
        //TODO
    }
}

```

- If "is-a" relationship is exist between super type & sub type and if we want to maintain same method signature/design in all the sub classes then we should declare super type abstract.

```

Shape[] arr = new Shape[ 3 ];
arr[ 0 ] = new Rectangle();
arr[ 1 ] = new Circle();
arr[ 2 ] = new Triangle();

```

- Using abstract class, we can group instances of related type together.
- Abstract class can extend only one abstract class / concrete class. In other words, using abstract class, we can not achieve multiple inheritance.
- We can define constructor inside abstract class.
- Abstract class may / may not contain abstract method.
- In General, if state is involved in super type then super type should be abstract class.

Interface

```

interface Printable{
    void printRecord( );
}
class Complex implements Printable{
    @Override
    public void printRecord(){
        System.out.println("Print complex number");
    }
}
class Point implements Printable{
    @Override
    public void printRecord(){
        System.out.println("Print point");
    }
}

```

```

}
class Date implements Printable{
    @Override
    public void printRecord(){
        System.out.println("Print date");
    }
}

```

- If "is-a" relationship is not exist(can-do relationship is exist) between super type & sub type and if we want to maintain same method design in all the sub classes then we should declare super type interface.

```

Printable[] arr = new Printable[ 3 ];
arr[ 0 ] = new Complex();
arr[ 1 ] = new Point();
arr[ 2 ] = new Date();

```

- Using interface, we can group instances of unrelated type together.
- Interface can extend more than one interfaces. In other words, using interface, we can achieve multiple inheritance.
- We can not define constructor inside interface.
- Interface methods are by default abstract.
- In General, if state is not involved in super type then super type should be interface.

equals() method

- Non-final method of java.lang.Object class.
 - public boolean equals(Object other);
- Definition of Object.equals():

```

public boolean equals(Object obj) {
    return (this == obj);
}

```

- To compare the object contents/state, programmer should override equals() method.
- This equals() must have following properties:
 - Reflexive: for any non-null reference value x, x.equals(x) should return true.
 - Symmetric: for any non-null reference values x and y, x.equals(y) should return true if and only if y.equals(x) returns true.
 - Transitive: for any non-null reference values x, y, and z, if x.equals(y) returns true and y.equals(z) returns true, then x.equals(z) should return true.
 - Consistent: for any non-null reference values x and y, multiple invocations of x.equals(y) consistently return true or consistently return false, provided no information used in equals comparisons on the objects is modified.
 - For any non-null reference value x, x.equals(null) should return false.

- Example:

```
class Employee {  
    // ...  
    @Override  
    public boolean equals(Object obj) {  
        if(obj == null)  
            return false;  
  
        if(this == obj)  
            return true;  
  
        if(! (obj instanceof Employee))  
            return false;  
  
        Employee other = (Employee) obj;  
        if(this.id == other.id)  
            return true;  
        return false;  
    }  
}
```

Cloneable interface

- Enable creating copy/clone of the object.
- If a class is Cloneable, Object.clone() method creates a shallow copy of the object. If class is not Cloneable, Object.clone() throws CloneNotSupportedException.
- A class should implement Cloneable and override clone() to create a deep/shallow copy of the object.

```
class Date implements Cloneable {  
    private int day, month, year;  
    // ...  
    // shallow copy  
    public Object clone() throws CloneNotSupportedException {  
        Date temp = (Date)super.clone();  
        return temp;  
    }  
}
```