

Day 11

Typing

- It is also called as polymorphism.
- polymorphism = poly(many) + morphism(forms/behavior).
- An ability of object/instance to use same interface to perform different behavior is called polymorphism.
- Its main job is to reduce maintenance of the system.
- Types of polymorphism:
 1. Compile time polymorphism
 - It is also called as static polymorphism/early binding/weak typing/false polymorphism.
 - We can achieve it using method overloading.
 2. Run time polymorphism
 - It is also called as dynamic polymorphism/late binding/strong typing/true polymorphism.
 - In java Run time polymorphism is called as dynamic method dispatch.
 - We can achieve it using method overriding.

Method Overloading

- If implementation of a method is logically same/equivalent then we should give same name to the function.
- If we want to give same name to the method then we should use following rules:
 1. If type of parameters are same then number of parameter pass to the function must be different.

```
void sum( int num1, int num2 );  
void sum( int num1, int num2, int num3);
```

2. If number of parameters are same then type of at least one parameter must be different.

```
void sum( int num1, int num2 );  
void sum( int num1, double num2 )
```

3. If number of parameters are same then order of type of parameters must be different.

```
void sum( int num1, float num2 );  
void sum( float num1, int num2 )
```

4. On the basis of different return type we can not overload method.

```
int sum( int num1, int num2 );  
void sum( int num1, int num2 );
```

- Process of writing method using above rules is called method overloading and methods are called overloaded method.

Inheritance

- According to requirement, if implementation of existing method is logically incomplete then we should override/redefine method in sub class.
- According to requirement, if implementation of existing class is logically incomplete then we should extend the class i.e we should use inheritance.
- Using super keyword, we can access members of super class inside method of sub class.

Types of inheritance

- Interface Inheritance
 1. Single Inheritance (Allowed in java)

```
interface A{    };  
interface B extends A{    };
```

2. Multiple Inheritance (Allowed in java)

```
interface A{    };  
interface B{    };  
interface C extends A, B{    };
```

3. Hierarchical Inheritance(Allowed in java)

```
interface A{    }  
interface B extends A{    }  
interface C extends A{    }  
interface D extends A {    }
```

4. Multilevel Inheritance(Allowed in java)

```
interface A{    }  
interface B extends A{    }  
interface C extends B{    }  
interface D extends C {    }
```

- Implementation Inheritance

1. Single Inheritance (Allowed in java)

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

2. Multiple Inheritance (Not Allowed in java)

```
class A{    }  
class B{    }  
class C extends A,B{    } //Not OK
```

3. Hierarchical Inheritance(Allowed in java)

```
class A{    }  
class B extends A{    }  
class C extends A{    }  
class D extends A {    }
```

4. Multilevel Inheritance(Allowed in java)

```
class A{    }  
class B extends A{    }  
class C extends B{    }  
class D extends C {    }
```

- In java, class can extend only one class.

```
class Person    //class Person extends Object
{ }
```

- Here Object is direct super class of class Person

```
class Person extends Object
{ }
class Employee extends Person
{ }
```

- Here Object is indirect super class of class Employee.
- Process of redining method of super class, inside sub class is called method overriding.
- During inheritance, members of super class inherit into sub class hence, sub class instance can be considered as super class instance.
- Since sub class instance can be considered as super class instance, we can use it in place of super class instance.

```
Person p1 = new Person();    //OK
Person p2 = new Employee();  //OK
```

```
Person p1 = new Person();    //OK
Person p2 = p1;              //OK
```

```
Employee emp1 = new Employee(); //OK
Person p2 = emp1;              //OK
```

- During inheritance, members of sub class do not inherit into super class hence, super class instance can not be considered as sub class instance.
- Since super class instance can not be considered as sub class instance, we can not use it in place of sub class instance.

```
Employee emp1 = new Employee(); //OK
Employee emp2 = new Person();    // Not OK
```

```
Employee emp1 = new Employee(); //OK
Employee emp2 = emp1;            //OK
```

```
Person p1 = new Person(); //OK
Employee emp1 = p1; //Not OK
```

- Process of converting reference of sub class into reference of super class is called upcasting.

```
Employee emp = new Employee();
//Person p = (Person)emp; //Upcasting
Person p = emp; //Upcasting
```

```
Person p = new Employee(); //Upcasting
```

- using upcasting, we can reduce object dependancy in the code.
- Process of converting reference of super class into reference of sub class is called downcasting. Here explicit typecasting is mandatory.

```
Person p = null;
Employee emp = (Employee)p; //Downcasting : OK
//emp :null
```

```
Person p = new Employee; //Upcasting : OK
Employee emp = (Employee)p; //Downcasting : OK
```

```
Person p = new Person(); //OK
Employee emp = (Employee)p; //Downcasting : ClassCastException
//emp :null
```

- Only in case of upcasting, we can do downcasting. Otherwise JVM will throw ClassCastException.