

Polymorphism

Employee Example

```
public class Employee
{
    public string Name { get; set; }
    public int Age { get; set; }
    public decimal Salary { get; set; }

    // Main constructor
    public Employee(string name, int age, decimal salary)
    {
        Name = name;
        Age = age;
        Salary = salary;
        Console.WriteLine("Full constructor called");
    }

    // Calls main constructor with default salary
    public Employee(string name, int age) : this(name, age, 0)
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Two-parameter constructor called");
    }

    // Calls two-parameter constructor with default age
    public Employee(string name) : this(name, 0)
    {
        Console.WriteLine("One-parameter constructor called");
    }

    // Calls one-parameter constructor with default name
    public Employee() : this("Unknown")
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Default constructor called");
    }
}

// Usage:
var emp = new Employee("Ahmed", 25, 5000);
// Output:
// Full constructor called

var emp2 = new Employee("Sara", 30);
// Output:
// Full constructor called
// Two-parameter constructor called

var emp3 = new Employee("Omar");
// Output:
// Full constructor called
// Two-parameter constructor called
// One-parameter constructor called
```

Let's Trace

```

public class Animal
{
    public string Name { get; set; }

    public Animal(string Name){
        this.Name = Name;
    }

    public void MakeSound1()
    {
        System.Console.WriteLine("Generic Sound");
    }

    public virtual void MakeSound2()
    {
        System.Console.WriteLine("Generic Sound");
    }

    public void Sleep()
    {
        System.Console.WriteLine($"{Name} is Sleeping");
    }

    public void Eat()
    {
        System.Console.WriteLine($"{Name} is Eating");
    }
}

public class Dog : Animal
{
    public Dog(string name) : base(name) { }

    public void MakeSound1()
    {
        System.Console.WriteLine("Fuck u im dog");
    }

    public override void MakeSound2()
    {
        System.Console.WriteLine("Fuck u im overrided dog");
    }
}

public class Program
{
    static void Main()
    {
        // First Way
        Animal animal = new Animal("B7R");
        animal.MakeSound1();
        animal.MakeSound2();
        animal.Sleep();
        animal.Eat();

        // Second Way
        Animal dogAnimal = new Dog("Mekky");
        dogAnimal.MakeSound1();
        dogAnimal.MakeSound2();
        dogAnimal.Sleep();
        dogAnimal.Eat();
    }
}

```

```

// Third Way
Dog dog = new Dog("Riks");
dog.MakeSound1();
dog.MakeSound2();
dog.Sleep();
dog.Eat();
}
}

```

🔗 Reference Type vs Object Type

```

Animal dogAnimal = new Dog("Mekky");
// ↑          ↑
// Reference Type   Object Type

```

- ❖ **Reference Type** → نوع الـ Variable
- ❖ **Object Type** في الـ Object Memory

⚠ The main difference between `MakeSound1()` and `MakeSound2()`

```

// Animal Class:
public void MakeSound1()           // Normal - Not virtual
public virtual void MakeSound2()    // virtual

// Dog Class:
public void MakeSound1()           // Method Hiding
public override void MakeSound2()  // Method Overriding

```

- ❖ `MakeSound1()` → Compile-time Binding (Early Binding)
 - ❖ الـ Method `MakeSound1()` على أساس **Reference Type** بيختار الـ Compiler
- ❖ `MakeSound2()` → Runtime Binding (Late Binding)
 - ❖ الـ Method `MakeSound2()` على أساس **Object Type** بيختار الـ CLR

Analysis of the 3 methods

📋 First Way

```

Animal animal = new Animal("B7R");
// ↑      ↑      ↑
// Type   Var     Object Type
// Animal animal     Animal

```

- ❖ Reference Type = **Animal**
- ❖ Object Type = **Animal**

Memory Layout:

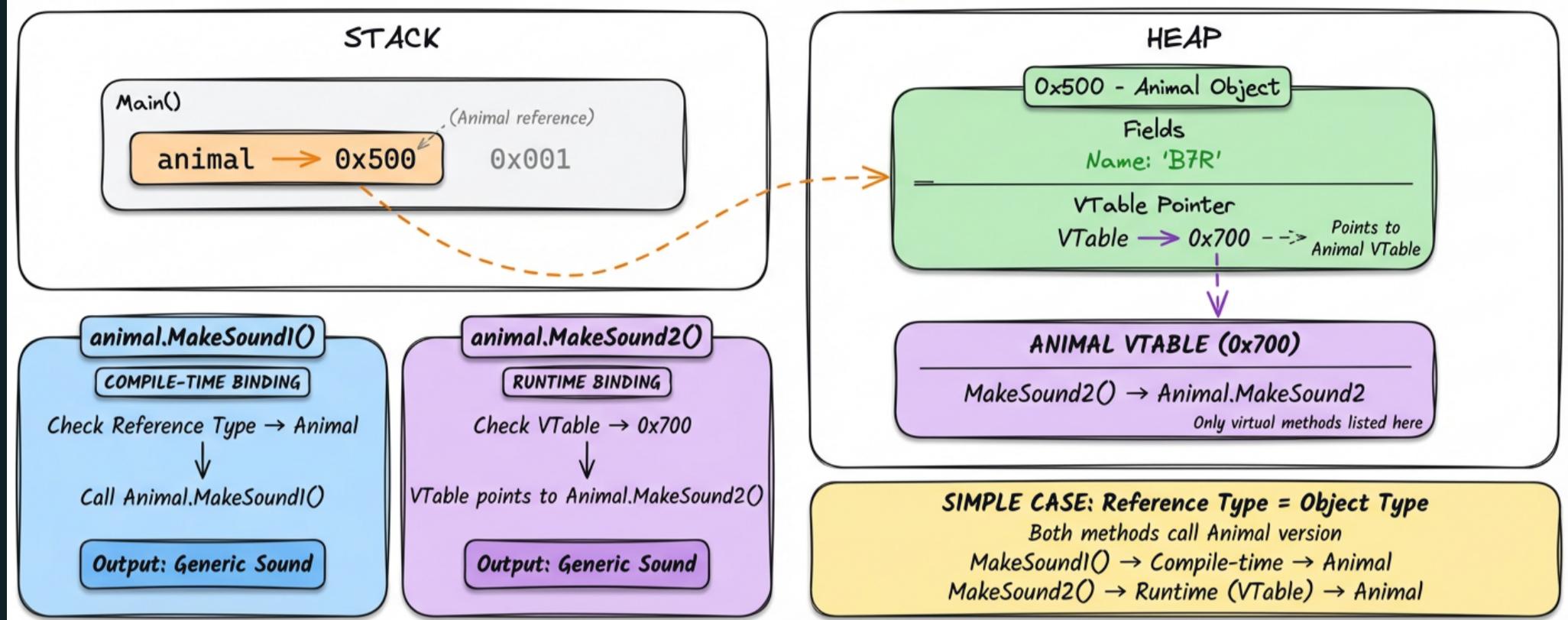
FIRST WAY - SIMPLE CASE

Animal animal = new Animal("B7R");

Reference Type: Animal

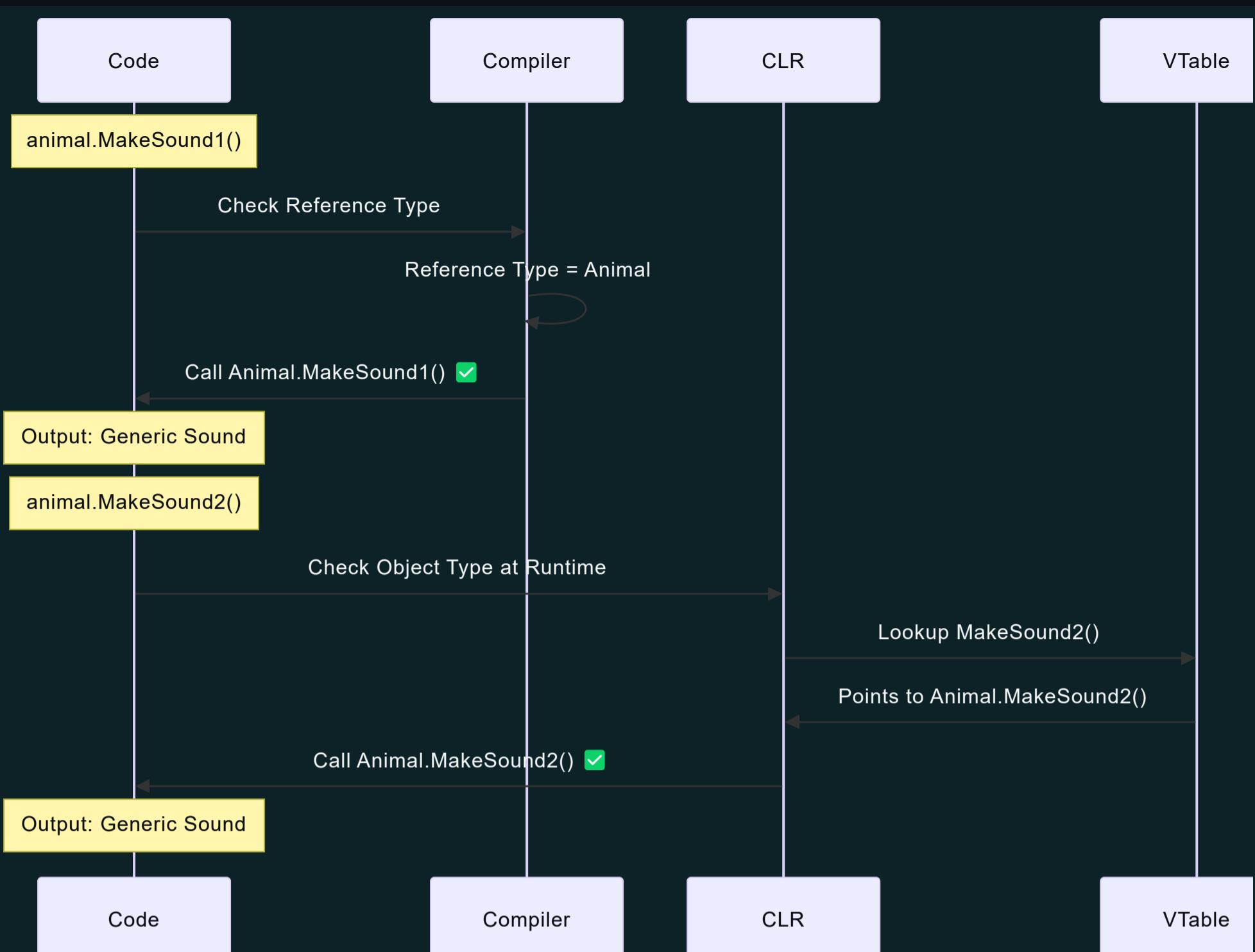
Object Type: Animal

BOTH ARE THE SAME ✓



Why?

```
animal.MakeSound1(); // Output: Generic Sound
animal.MakeSound2(); // Output: Generic Sound
```



in-short

- ◊ **MakeSound1()** → Compile-time → Animal version
- ◊ **MakeSound2()** → Runtime → Animal version (↓ من VTable)

Second Way

```

Animal dogAnimal = new Dog("Mekky");
// ↑      ↑      ↑
// Type   Var     Object Type
// Animal dogAnimal  Dog

```

- ◊ Reference Type = **Animal**
- ◊ Object Type = **Dog**

Memory Layout:

SECOND WAY - POLYMORPHISM CASE

```
Animal dogAnimal = new Dog("Mekky");
```

Reference Type: Animal !

Object Type: Dog

DIFFERENT TYPES - KEY CONCEPT!

STACK

Main()

dogAnimal → 0x500

0x001

⚠ Reference says Animal!

(Animal reference)

dogAnimal.MakeSound1()

COMPILE-TIME BINDING

Check Reference Type → Animal !

↓

Call Animal.MakeSound1()

↓

Output: Generic Sound ✗

NOT Dog version! Reference-based!

dogAnimal.MakeSound2()

RUNTIME BINDING

Check Object VTable → 0x800

↓

VTable points to Dog.MakeSound2()

↓

Output: Fuck u im overrided dog ✓

Dog version! Object-based!

HEAP

0x500 - Dog Object !

Inherited Fields

Name: "Mekky"
(from Animal base)

VTable Pointer

VTable → 0x800
Points to DOG VTable!

ANIMAL VTABLE (0x700)

NOT USED

MakeSound1() → Animal.MakeSound1()

MakeSound2() → Animal.MakeSound2()

DOG VTABLE (0x800) ✓

ACTUALLY USED

MakeSound2() → Dog.MakeSound2 (override)
Overridden methods point to Dog implementation

TRICKY CASE: Reference Type ≠ Object Type

Method dispatch depends on virtual or not!

MakeSound1() → Compile-time → Reference Type (Animal) ✗

MakeSound2() → Runtime → Object Type (Dog) ✓

This is WHY virtual/override exists!

METHOD HIDING vs OVERRIDE

Dog.MakeSound1() is HIDING (not virtual)

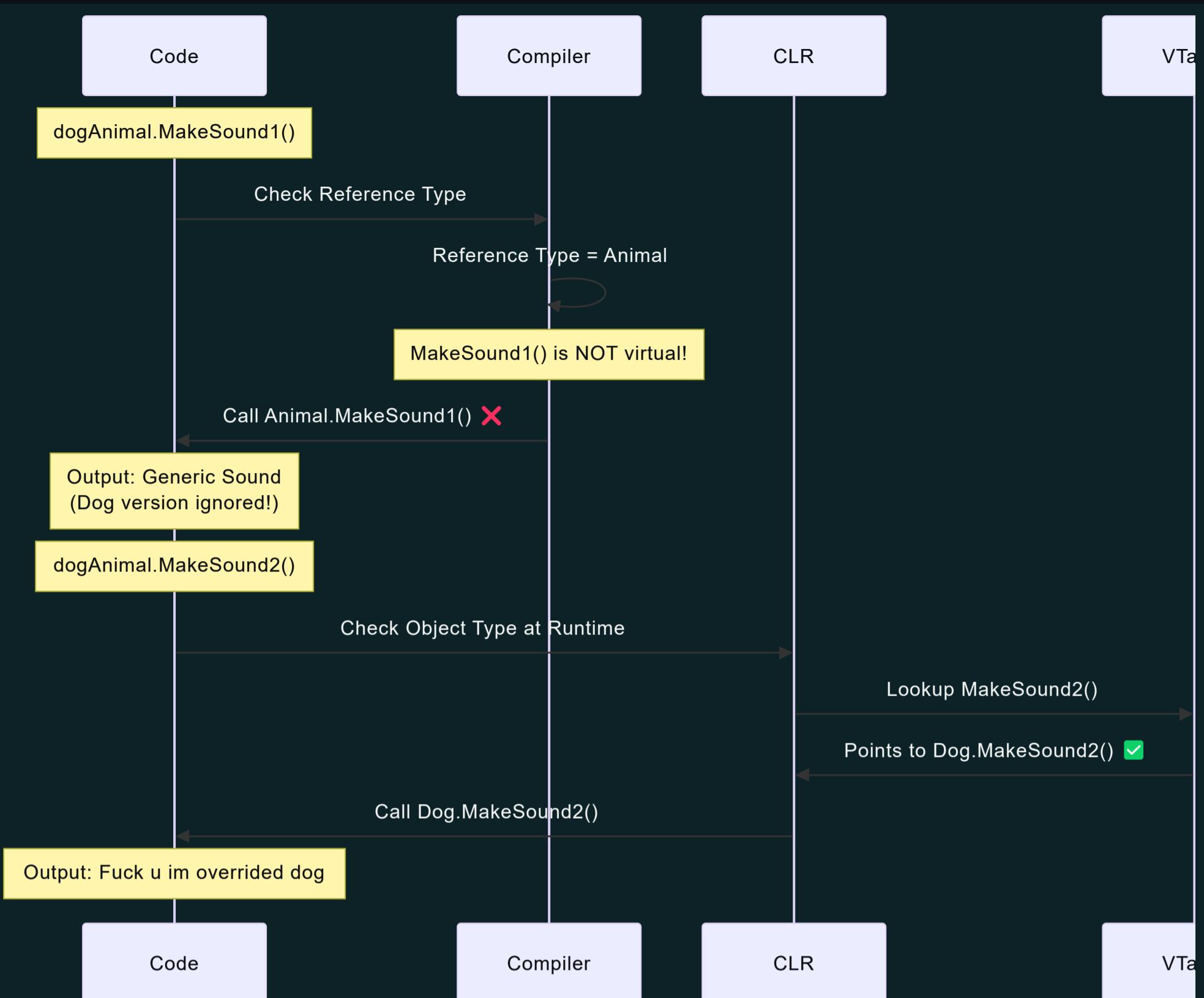
Dog.MakeSound2() is OVERRIDE (virtual)

Use 'new' keyword to clarify hiding intent

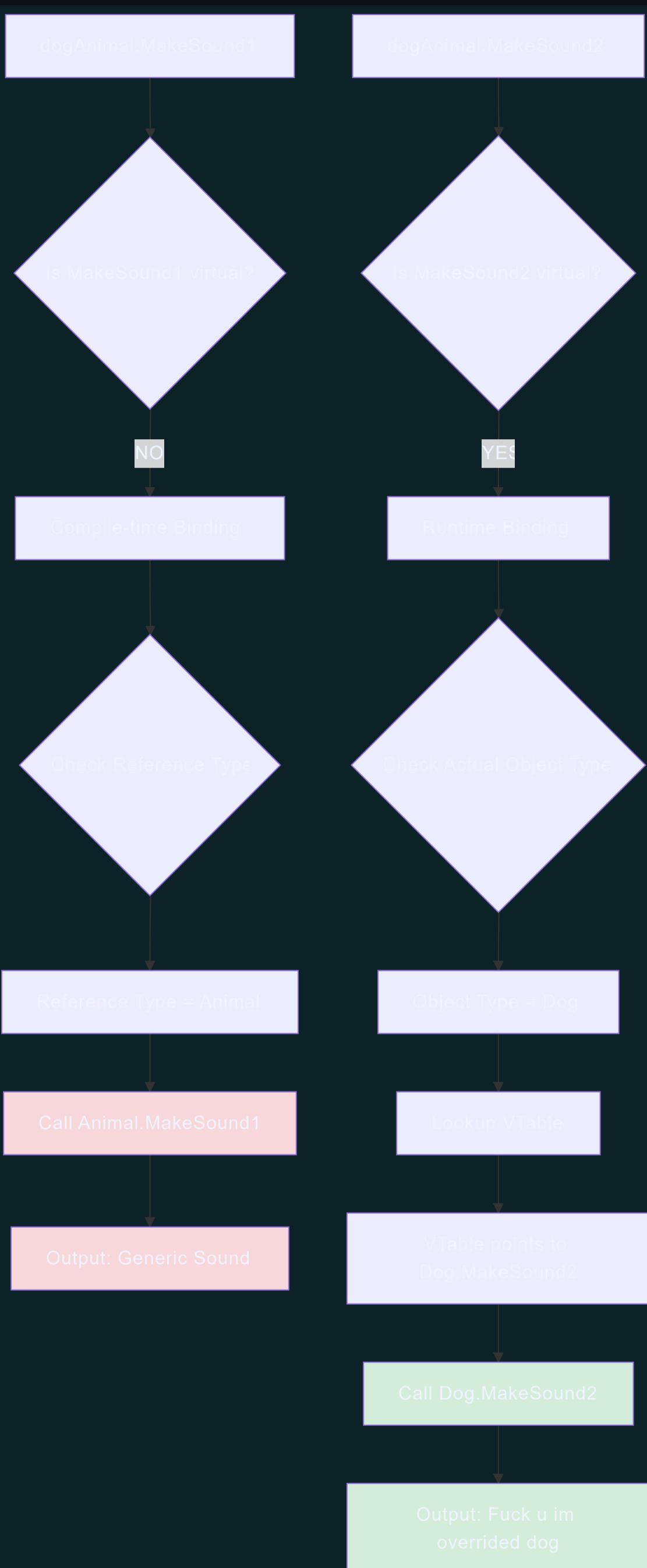
Method Calls

```
dogAnimal.MakeSound1(); // Output: Generic Sound
dogAnimal.MakeSound2(); // Output: Fuck u im overrided dog
```

Why?



The Flow



⚠️ Tricky Part!

```
// Dog class:
public void MakeSound1()
```

انت لما بتعملها كد من غير **virtual**, **override** بنسبة كبيرة بيقي الهدف انك تـ **Hide** الـ Method بتاعتـ **Parent Class** ولكن الـ **Compiler** مبيقاش فاهم ده لوحده، وعشان تووضحـه نيتـك اكتر بنحطـ الـ **new** Keyword

```
public new void MakeSound1() // ✅ Clearly, you want to hide the parent method
```

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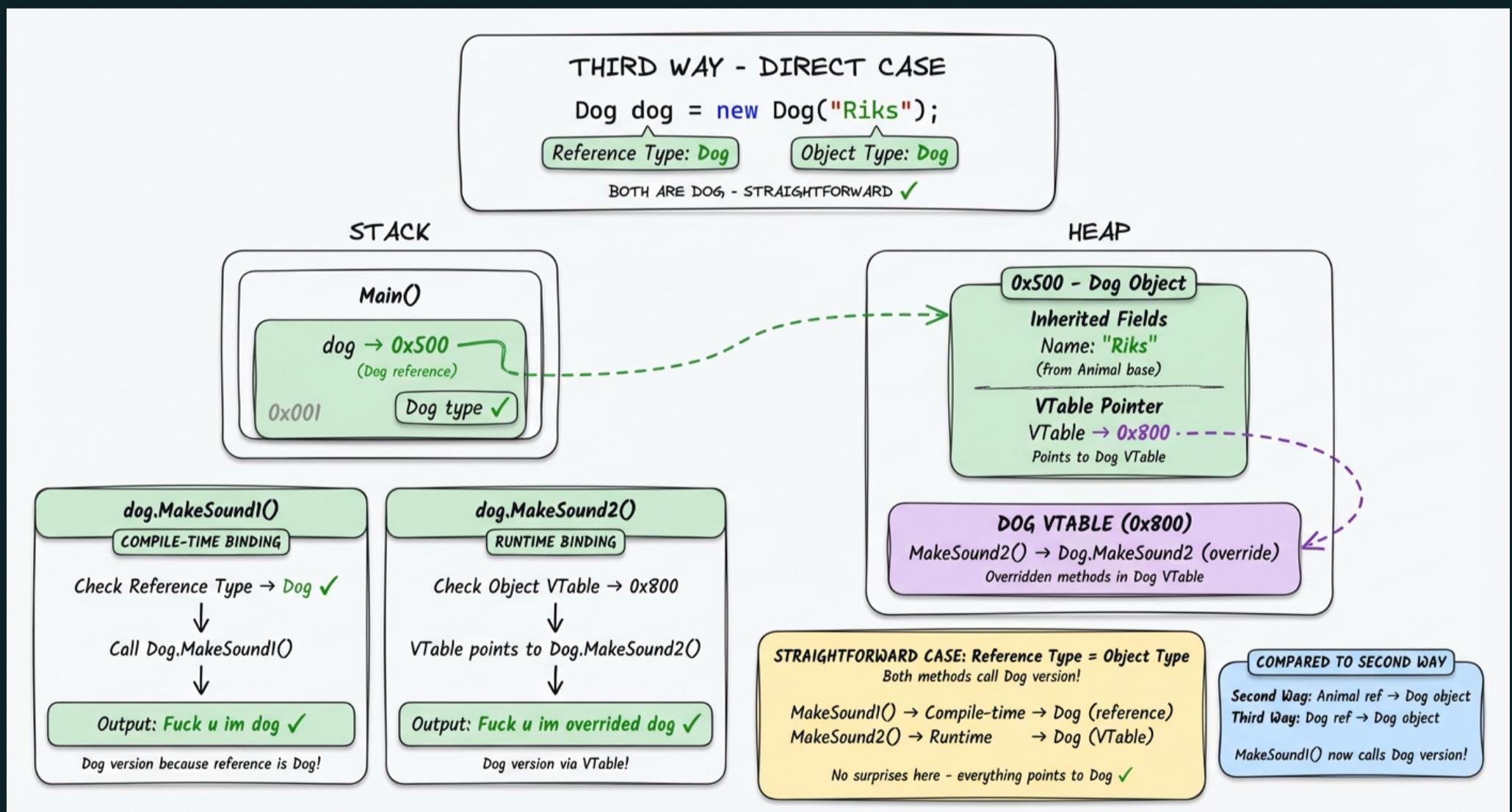
- ◇ **MakeSound1()** → Compile-time → Reference Type → Animal version
- ◇ **MakeSound2()** → Runtime → Object Type → Dog version

Third Way

```
Dog dog = new Dog("Riks");
// ↑ ↑ ↑
// Type Var Object Type
// Dog dog Dog
```

- ◇ Reference Type = **Dog**
- ◇ Object Type = **Dog**

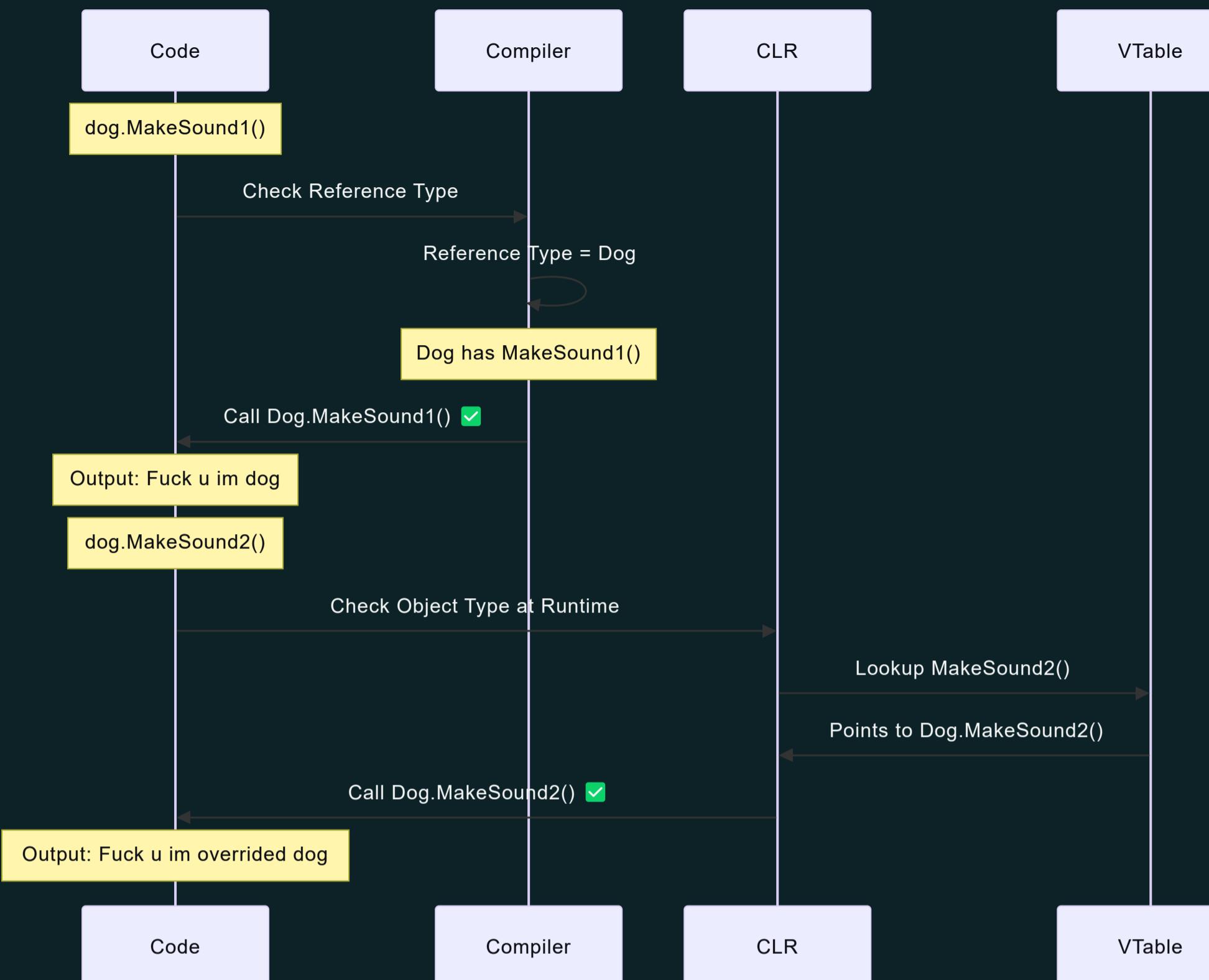
Memory Layout:



Method Calls:

```
dog.MakeSound1(); // Output: Fuck u im dog
dog.MakeSound2(); // Output: Fuck u im overridden dog
```

Why?



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- ◊ **MakeSound1()** → Compile-time → Reference Type → Dog version
- ◊ **MakeSound2()** → Runtime → Object Type → Dog version

Summary

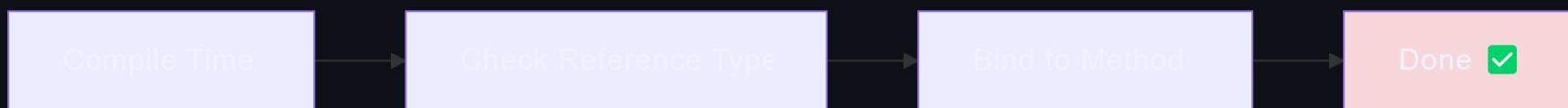
WAY	REFERENCE TYPE	OBJECT TYPE	MAKESOUND1()	MAKESOUND2()
#1 <code>Animal animal = new Animal()</code>	Animal	Animal	Animal.MakeSound1() <i>(Compile-time)</i>	Animal.MakeSound2() <i>(Runtime)</i>
#2 <code>Animal dogAnimal = new Dog()</code>	Animal ⚠	Dog	Animal.MakeSound1() ✗ <i>(Compile-time - Reference Based!)</i>	Dog.MakeSound2() ✓ <i>(Runtime - Object Based!)</i>
#3 <code>Dog dog = new Dog()</code>	Dog	Dog	Dog.MakeSound1() <i>(Compile-time)</i>	Dog.MakeSound2() <i>(Runtime)</i>

❖ هشوف الـ **Method** فالـ **Classes**

RefType.Method: ف دلوقتي ال **Method** ان الـ **Compiler** قدر يحدد فالـ **Compile-time** اللي هتنفذ هي

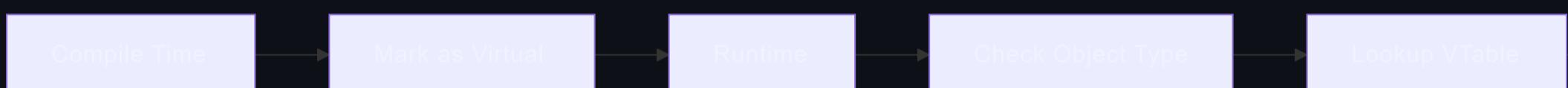
ObjType.Method: ف دلوقتي ال **CLR** هيحدد فالـ **Runtime** ان الـ **Method** اللي هتنفذ هي

Non-Virtual (No VTable):



Fast, but not flexible

Virtual (With VTable):



Slightly slower, but polymorphic

VTable (Virtual Method Table)

What is a VTable?

- ❖ هو جدول في الـ **Memory** بيتعمل لكل **Class** فيه **Virtual Methods**
- ❖ بيكون فيه **Pointers** لـ **Virtual Methods**
- ❖ بيستخدمه الـ **CLR** عشان يعرف يوصل لـ **Method** الصحيحة في الـ **Runtime**
- ❖ بمعنى اخر: بيقول الجدول ده بيقول لـ **CLR** لو حد عمل **Call** لـ **Virtual Method**، اروح انفذ انهي **Implementation** بالضبط؟

Example VTable

```

public class Animal
{
    public virtual void MakeSound() // virtual
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Generic Sound");
    }
}

public class Dog : Animal
{
    public override void MakeSound() // override
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Woof");
    }
}
  
```

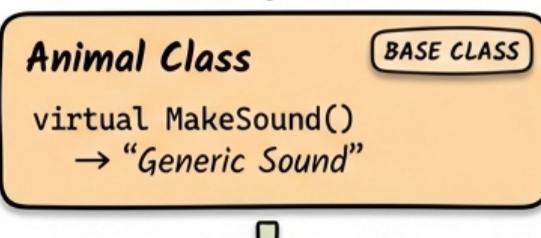
Memory Layout with VTable:

VTABLE - VIRTUAL METHOD TABLE

How the CLR finds the correct method at runtime

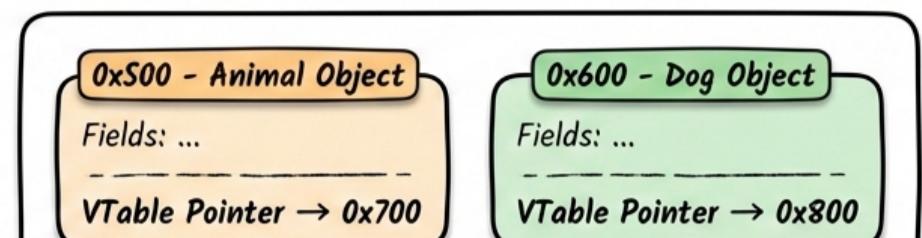
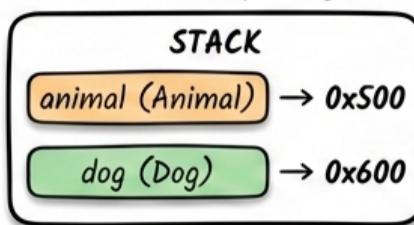
RUNTIME POLYMORPHISM

Class Hierarchy

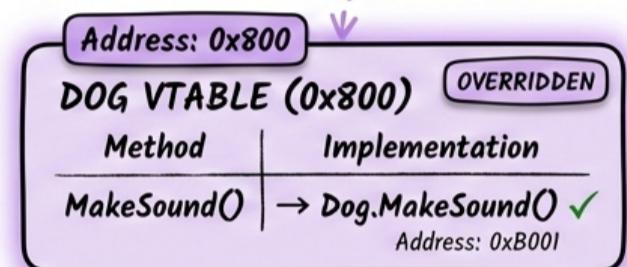
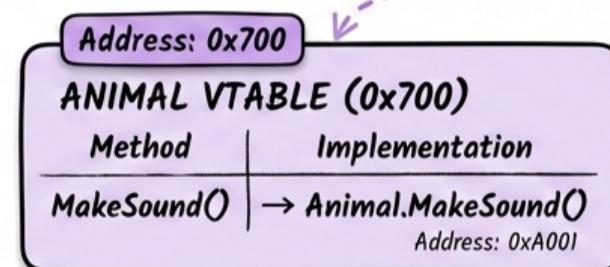


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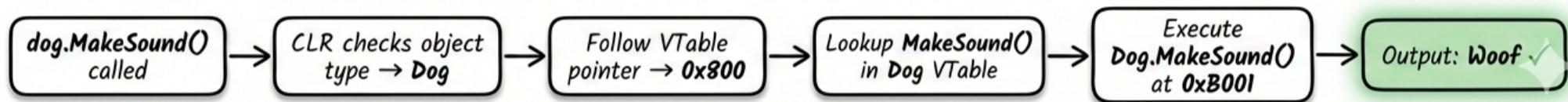
Stack & Heap Layout



HEAP



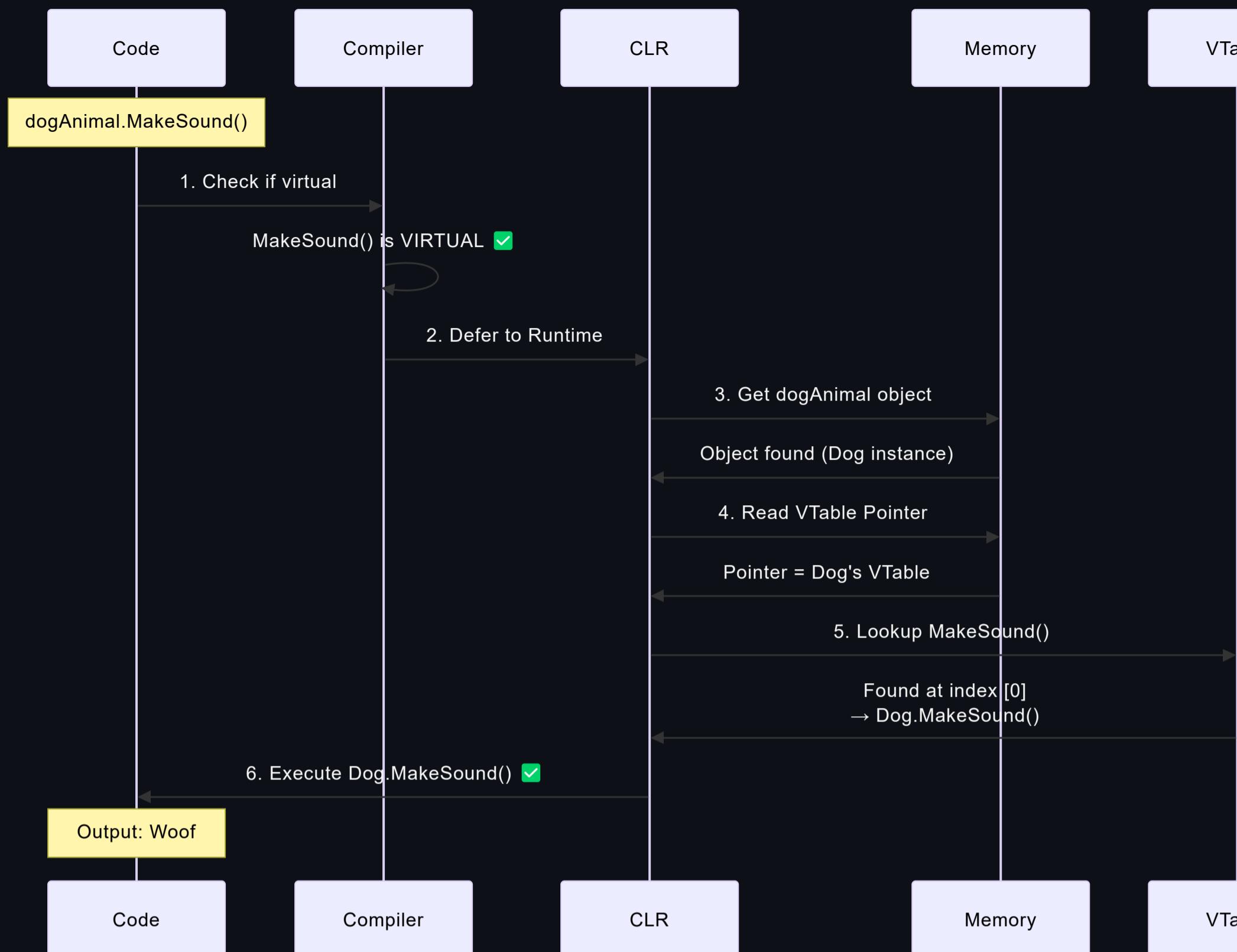
Runtime Call Flow



كل Object فيه Class Pointer يشير على الـ VTable بتاعه

◊ لما بتندى على Virtual Method، الـ CLR بيروح لـ VTable ويلاقي العنوان الصحيح

The Flow:



Multiple Virtual Methods

```

public class Animal
{
    public virtual void MakeSound() { }

    public virtual void Eat() { }

    public virtual void Sleep() { }
}

public class Dog : Animal
{
    public override void MakeSound() { }

    public override void Eat() { }

    // Sleep() مُش overridden
}

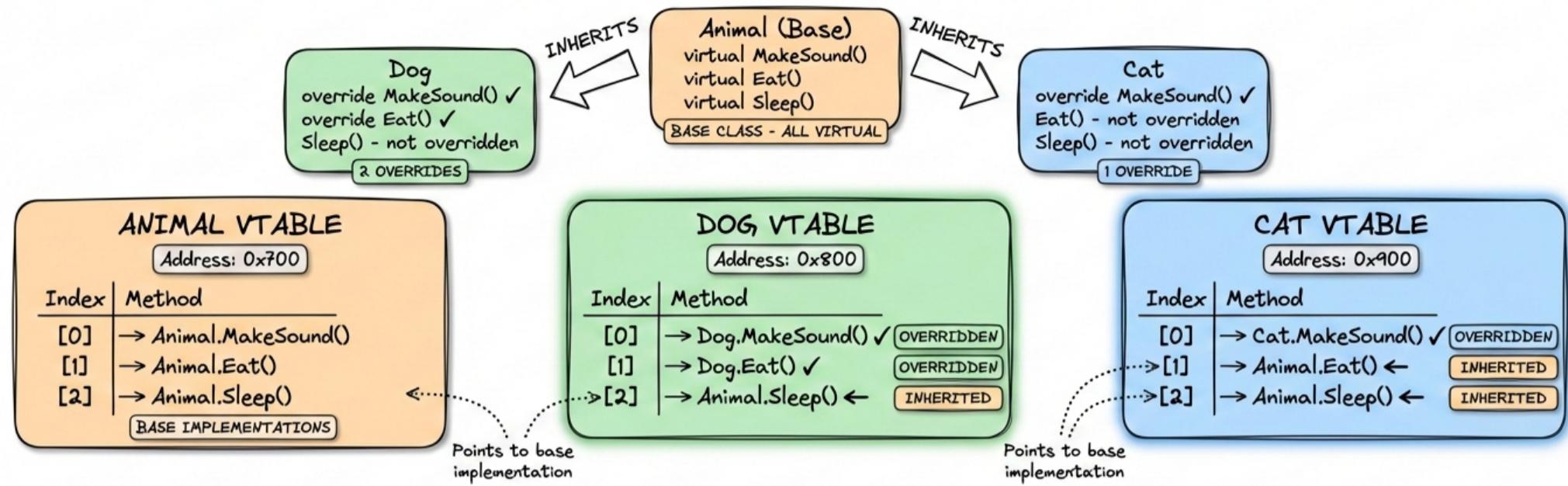
public class Cat : Animal
{
    public override void MakeSound() { }

    // Eat() و Sleep() مُش overridden
}
    
```

MULTIPLE VIRTUAL METHODS

VTable with multiple entries - inheritance & overriding

VTABLE
STRUCTURE



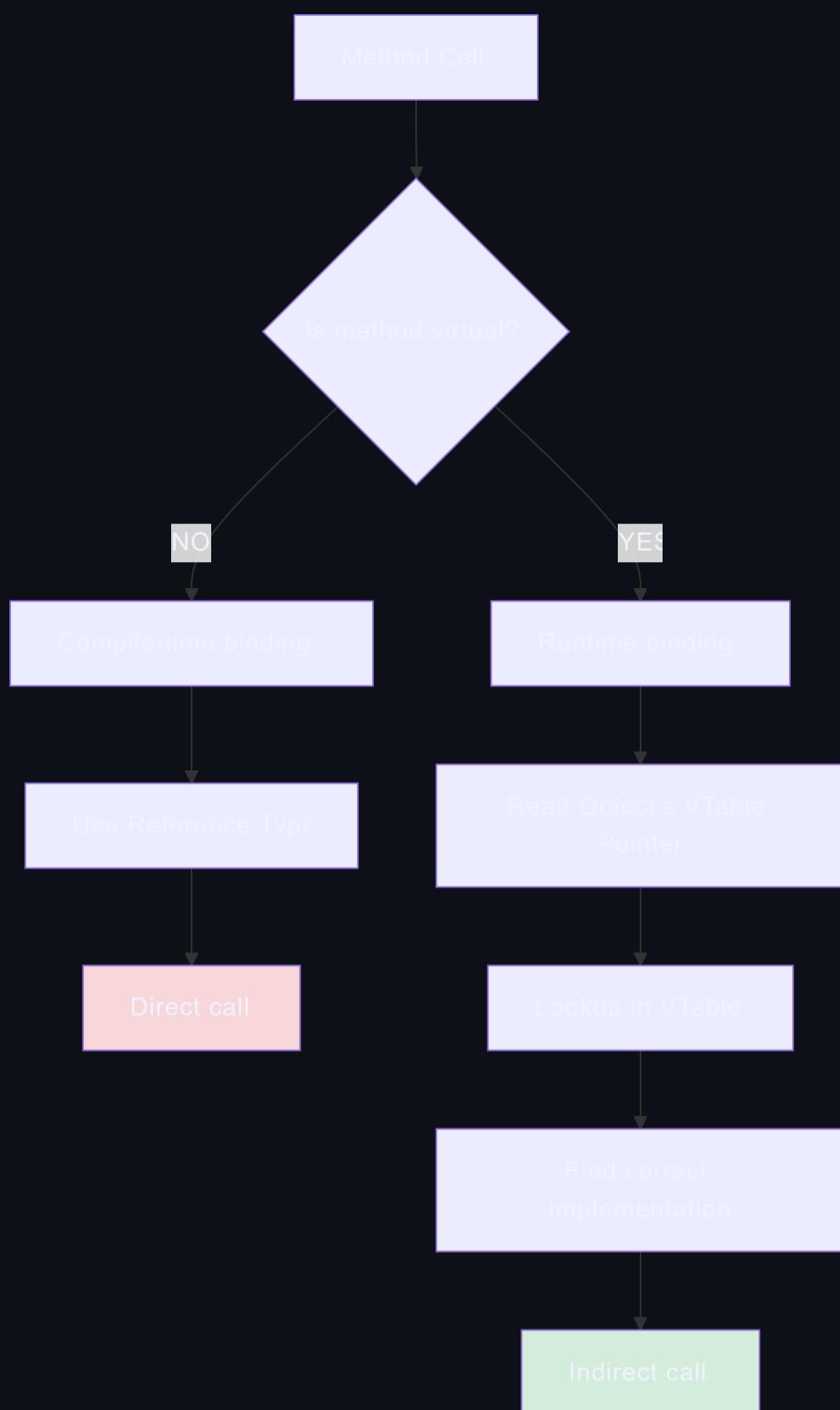
Notice That

- ◊ لو Method مش Overridden في Child في الـ VTable بيشاور على Parent's implementation
- ◊ الـ VTable بتكون متطابقة في كل الـ Classes (نفس الترتيب)

VTable Creation Timeline

- ◊ الـ VTable بيتعمل مرة واحدة لكل Class فيه Virtual / Override Methods
- ◊ يعني هيعملك VTable للـ Class اللي فيه Virtual Method و مختلف تماما للـ Class اللي فيه Override Method
- ◊ بعد كدا اي Object هتعمله من ال 2 دول هيبي شايل Pointer بيشاور على VTable يتبع الـ Class اللي هو منه
- ◊ كل الـ Classes من نفس الـ Objects بيشاوروا على نفس الـ VTable

Decision Tree:



When to Use Abstract Class?

⌚ Use Abstract Class When:

- ◊ Define an IS-A relationship

```
// Dog IS-A Animal
public abstract class Animal { }
public class Dog : Animal { }
```

- ◊ Want to share code between classes

```
public abstract class Repository
{
    // Shared code
    protected void LogQuery(string query)
    {
        Console.WriteLine($"Query: {query}");
    }
}
```

◊ Need fields or non-public members

```
public abstract class BaseService
{
    protected string _connectionString; // Field
    private int _retryCount = 3;           // Private field
}
```

◊ Need constructor logic

```
public abstract class Entity
{
    public Entity()
    {
        CreatedAt = DateTime.Now;
    }
}
```

When to Use Interface?

⌚ Use Interface When:

◊ Define a CAN-DO capability

```
// A car CAN-BE driven
public interface IDrivable { }
public class Car : IDrivable { }
```

◊ Need multiple inheritance

```
public class SmartPhone : ICallable, IMessagable, IConnectable
{
    // Can implement multiple interfaces
}
```

◊ Only want to define a contract

```
public interface IRepository<T>
{
    void Add(T item);
    T Get(int id);
    void Delete(int id);
}
```

◊ Want to use Dependency Injection

```
public interface IEmailService { }
public class SmtpEmailService : IEmailService { }
public class SendGridEmailService : IEmailService { }

// Easy to swap implementations
```