The terms **runtime polymorphism** and **compile-time polymorphism** are used to describe when and how the method that is executed is determined in the case of **method overloading** and **method overriding**. These concepts highlight the difference in the **timing** of the decision-making process in polymorphism.

**1. Compile-Time Polymorphism (Method Overloading)**

**Method Overloading** occurs when multiple methods in the same class have the same name, but differ in the **number** or **type** of their parameters. The method to be executed is determined at **compile-time** because the compiler can resolve the method based on the number and types of arguments passed during the call.

**Why it's Compile-Time Polymorphism:**

* The **method signature** (method name + parameters) is used by the compiler to determine which method to call.
* The **decision is made at compile-time** when the program is being compiled, based on the method signature.
* The method resolution happens **before the program runs**, so it is considered compile-time polymorphism.

**Example of Method Overloading:**

java

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class Calculator {

// Method 1: Adds two integers

int add(int a, int b) {

return a + b;

}

// Method 2: Adds three integers

int add(int a, int b, int c) {

return a + b + c;

}

// Method 3: Adds two doubles

double add(double a, double b) {

return a + b;

}

}

public class Main {

public static void main(String[] args) {

Calculator calc = new Calculator();

// These method calls are resolved at compile time

System.out.println(calc.add(5, 10)); // Calls add(int, int)

System.out.println(calc.add(5, 10, 15)); // Calls add(int, int, int)

System.out.println(calc.add(5.5, 10.5)); // Calls add(double, double)

}

}

**Output:**

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* The method that is called is determined based on the **number** and **type** of parameters.
* The method resolution happens when the program is compiled, so it's **compile-time polymorphism**.

**2. Runtime Polymorphism (Method Overriding)**

**Method Overriding** occurs when a subclass provides a specific implementation of a method that is already defined in its superclass. The method to be executed is determined at **runtime**, when the program is actually running, based on the **actual object type** (not the reference type) at runtime.

**Why it's Runtime Polymorphism:**

* The **method signature** in the parent class and subclass is the same, but the method in the subclass **overrides** the method in the parent class.
* The decision about which method to call (the parent class method or the subclass method) is made **at runtime** when the program executes, based on the actual object type that the reference variable points to.
* The method that gets called is **dynamic** because it depends on the actual object type, which is only known at runtime.

**Example of Method Overriding:**

java

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class Animal {

void sound() {

System.out.println("Animals make sounds");

}

}

class Dog extends Animal {

@Override

void sound() {

System.out.println("Dog barks");

}

}

class Cat extends Animal {

@Override

void sound() {

System.out.println("Cat meows");

}

}

public class Main {

public static void main(String[] args) {

Animal myAnimal = new Animal();

Animal myDog = new Dog();

Animal myCat = new Cat();

// These method calls are resolved at runtime

myAnimal.sound(); // Calls Animal's sound method

myDog.sound(); // Calls Dog's overridden sound method

myCat.sound(); // Calls Cat's overridden sound method

}

}

**Output:**

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Animals make sounds

Dog barks

Cat meows

* The method to be called is determined **at runtime** because it depends on the actual type of object (myDog is a Dog, myCat is a Cat).
* Even though myDog and myCat are both declared as Animal, the method executed is the one defined in the actual class (Dog or Cat).
* This is an example of **runtime polymorphism** because the method resolution occurs at runtime.

**Key Differences between Compile-Time and Runtime Polymorphism:**

| **Aspect** | **Compile-Time Polymorphism (Overloading)** | **Runtime Polymorphism (Overriding)** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Resolution Time** | Resolved at **compile-time** | Resolved at **runtime** |
| **Method Signature** | Same method name but **different parameters** (number, type, etc.) | Same method signature (name and parameters) in parent and child |
| **Binding** | **Static Binding** (method resolution happens at compile time) | **Dynamic Binding** (method resolution happens at runtime based on the object type) |
| **Example** | Method Overloading | Method Overriding |
| **Flexibility** | Less flexible: decision is made at compile time | More flexible: decision is made at runtime, so it allows more dynamic behavior |
| **Class Involved** | Methods with the same name but different parameter types in the same class | Subclass overrides a method of the superclass |

**Visualizing the Process:**

* **Compile-Time Polymorphism**: The compiler **knows exactly** which method to call because it has access to all the method signatures at compile time.
  + Example: Overloading is resolved by matching the method's name and parameters at the time of code compilation.
* **Runtime Polymorphism**: The JVM **chooses the method** to execute based on the actual object's type (not the reference type) at runtime.
  + Example: Overriding allows a subclass to provide a specific implementation of a method at runtime, allowing the behavior to vary based on the actual object created.

**Conclusion:**

* **Method Overloading** is considered **compile-time polymorphism** because the decision about which method to call is made by the compiler at the time the code is compiled based on the method signature.
* **Method Overriding** is considered **runtime polymorphism** because the decision about which method to call is made at runtime, depending on the actual object type (not the reference type).

This distinction is fundamental in OOP and helps you understand how the flexibility of polymorphism is realized both at compile time and at runtime.

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When implementing **Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)** concepts like **polymorphism**, **inheritance**, **abstraction**, **encapsulation**, and others in real-world applications, it's important to follow certain **rules** and **best practices**. These guidelines ensure that your code is clean, maintainable, and scalable.

Here are the key **rules and regulations** to follow for the **correct implementation** of OOP principles:

**1. Class and Object: Rules for Creating Classes and Objects**

**Rules:**

* **Class Naming**:
  + Use **CamelCase** notation for class names (e.g., Car, VehicleType, BankAccount).
  + Class names should be **nouns** or **noun phrases** that describe the object or concept it represents.
* **Object Creation**:
  + Objects are instantiated using the **new keyword** (e.g., Car myCar = new Car();).
  + Classes should have **constructors** to initialize the object state.
* **Access Modifiers**:
  + **Private** fields should be used to protect the internal state of an object.
  + **Public** methods should be provided to manipulate or access the object's state (**getters/setters**).
* **Constructor Usage**:
  + Always ensure that the constructor properly initializes an object's state.
  + You can create **multiple constructors** for object creation with different parameters (constructor overloading).

**Example:**

java

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class Car {

private String brand;

private int speed;

// Constructor

public Car(String brand, int speed) {

this.brand = brand;

this.speed = speed;

}

// Getter and Setter

public String getBrand() {

return brand;

}

public void setBrand(String brand) {

this.brand = brand;

}

public int getSpeed() {

return speed;

}

public void setSpeed(int speed) {

this.speed = speed;

}

// Method to describe the car

public void describe() {

System.out.println("This is a " + brand + " car with speed " + speed + " km/h.");

}

}

**2. Inheritance: Rules for Extending Classes**

**Rules:**

* **Is-A Relationship**: Inheritance should represent an **is-a relationship**. A subclass should be a type of the superclass. For example, a Dog **is a** Animal.
* **Single Inheritance**: Java supports **single inheritance** (i.e., a class can inherit from only one superclass). However, a class can implement **multiple interfaces** (Java supports **multiple inheritance through interfaces**).
* **Access to Superclass Members**:
  + **Public/Protected members** of the superclass are accessible to the subclass.
  + **Private members** of the superclass are **not accessible** directly from the subclass, but can be accessed via public/protected getter/setter methods if needed.
* **Use of super keyword**:
  + The super keyword is used to call the superclass's constructor, methods, or access its variables.

**Example:**

java

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class Animal {

void eat() {

System.out.println("This animal is eating.");

}

}

class Dog extends Animal {

void bark() {

System.out.println("The dog barks.");

}

// Overriding the eat() method

@Override

void eat() {

System.out.println("The dog eats kibble.");

}

}

public class Main {

public static void main(String[] args) {

Dog dog = new Dog();

dog.eat(); // Calls Dog's overridden eat() method

dog.bark();

}

}

**3. Polymorphism: Rules for Method Overloading and Overriding**

**Rules for Method Overloading:**

* **Method Signature**: Overloaded methods must have the **same method name** but different **parameters** (either number, type, or order of parameters).
* **Return Type**: The **return type** can differ, but it is not enough to overload a method solely based on return type.
* **Compile-Time Resolution**: Method overloading is determined **at compile-time** based on method signatures.

**Rules for Method Overriding:**

* **Same Method Signature**: The overridden method must have the **same name** and **same parameter list** as the method in the superclass.
* **Access Modifier**: The access level of the overriding method **cannot be more restrictive** than the method in the superclass. For example, if the superclass method is public, the subclass method must also be public.
* **Use of @Override annotation**: It is good practice to use the @Override annotation to make sure you're overriding the method correctly and not accidentally overloading or creating a new method.
* **Runtime Resolution**: Method overriding is resolved **at runtime** based on the object type (dynamic binding).

**Example of Overloading and Overriding:**

java

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class Calculator {

// Method Overloading (Compile-time polymorphism)

int add(int a, int b) {

return a + b;

}

double add(double a, double b) {

return a + b;

}

// Method Overriding (Runtime polymorphism)

void display() {

System.out.println("Calculator: Performing addition.");

}

}

class AdvancedCalculator extends Calculator {

@Override

void display() {

System.out.println("AdvancedCalculator: Performing advanced operations.");

}

}

public class Main {

public static void main(String[] args) {

Calculator calc = new Calculator();

System.out.println(calc.add(5, 10)); // Calls int version

System.out.println(calc.add(5.5, 10.5)); // Calls double version

AdvancedCalculator advCalc = new AdvancedCalculator();

advCalc.display(); // Calls overridden display method

}

}

**4. Abstraction: Rules for Abstract Classes and Interfaces**

**Rules for Abstract Classes:**

* An abstract class cannot be instantiated directly; it must be inherited by a concrete subclass.
* Abstract methods in the abstract class must be implemented by the **non-abstract subclass** unless the subclass is also abstract.
* You can have **non-abstract methods** (methods with implementation) in abstract classes.

**Rules for Interfaces:**

* All methods in an interface are implicitly abstract (until Java 8, when default and static methods were introduced).
* A class implements an interface using the implements keyword and must provide an implementation for all methods declared in the interface, unless the class is abstract.

**Example of Abstraction:**

java

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// Abstract class

abstract class Shape {

String color;

Shape(String color) {

this.color = color;

}

abstract void draw(); // Abstract method, must be implemented by subclass

void displayColor() {

System.out.println("Color: " + color);

}

}

// Concrete class

class Circle extends Shape {

int radius;

Circle(String color, int radius) {

super(color);

this.radius = radius;

}

@Override

void draw() {

System.out.println("Drawing a circle with radius " + radius);

}

}

// Interface

interface Drawable {

void draw(); // Abstract method

}

class Rectangle implements Drawable {

int length, width;

Rectangle(int length, int width) {

this.length = length;

this.width = width;

}

@Override

public void draw() {

System.out.println("Drawing a rectangle of length " + length + " and width " + width);

}

}

public class Main {

public static void main(String[] args) {

Shape circle = new Circle("Red", 5);

circle.draw(); // Calls Circle's implementation of draw()

circle.displayColor();

Drawable rectangle = new Rectangle(10, 5);

rectangle.draw(); // Calls Rectangle's implementation of draw()

}

}

**5. Encapsulation: Rules for Encapsulating Data**

**Rules:**

* **Private fields**: Mark fields as private so that they cannot be accessed directly from outside the class.
* **Public Methods**: Provide **public getter and setter** methods to allow controlled access to the private fields. These methods allow you to read (getter) or modify (setter) the field values.
* **Encapsulation protects object integrity**: Only the object itself should modify its internal state in a controlled manner.

**Example of Encapsulation:**

java

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class Person {

private String name; // Private field

private int age;

// Getter and Setter for 'name'

public String getName() {

return name;

}

public void setName(String name) {

this.name = name;

}

// Getter and Setter for 'age'

public int getAge() {

return age;

}

public void setAge(int age) {

if (age > 0) { // Validating the input

this.age = age;

}

}

}

public class Main {

public static void main(String[] args) {

Person person = new Person();

person.setName("John");

person.setAge(25);

System.out.println("Name: " + person.getName());

System.out.println("Age: " + person.getAge());

}

}

**6. General Best Practices for OOP:**

* **Single Responsibility Principle**: Each class should have only one responsibility (i.e., it should do only one thing).
* **Avoid God Objects**: Do not make one class that handles everything. Divide responsibilities across multiple classes.
* **Favor Composition Over Inheritance**: Use composition (has-a relationship) rather than inheritance (is-a relationship) when appropriate. Composition provides greater flexibility.
* **DRY Principle**: Avoid code duplication. Use inheritance or composition to reuse code across classes.
* **Avoid Tight Coupling**: Classes should be as independent as possible, and changes in one class should not drastically affect others.

By following these **rules and regulations** for implementing OOP concepts, you can ensure that your code is efficient, maintainable, and scalable, adhering to best practices in the software development process.