

Polimorphism

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Polymorphic References

This occurs when a superclass reference is used to refer to subclass objects. The reference type is the superclass, but the actual object is a subclass. This allows for dynamic method invocation at runtime.



Polymorphic References example

```
class Employee {  
    void calculateSalary() {  
        System.out.println("Calculating salary for a generic employee");  
    }  
}  
  
class FullTimeEmployee extends Employee {  
    @Override  
    void calculateSalary() {  
        System.out.println("Calculating salary for a full-time employee");  
    }  
}  
  
class PartTimeEmployee extends Employee {  
    @Override  
    void calculateSalary() {  
        System.out.println("Calculating salary for a part-time employee");  
    }  
}
```



Polymorphic References example

```
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        // Superclass reference to subclass objects  
        Employee emp1 = new FullTimeEmployee();  
        Employee emp2 = new PartTimeEmployee();  
  
        emp1.calculateSalary(); // Output: Calculating salary for a full-time employee  
        emp2.calculateSalary(); // Output: Calculating salary for a part-time employee  
    }  
}
```



Key Points

1. The reference is of type `Employee`, but the actual object is either `FullTimeEmployee` or `PartTimeEmployee`.
2. The method `calculateSalary()` is invoked based on the actual object type at runtime, showing runtime polymorphism.



Polymorphic Inheritance

In this form of polymorphism, subclasses inherit behavior from a superclass and may override methods to provide specific behavior.



Polymorphic Inheritance

```
class Employee {
    String name;

    public Employee(String name) {
        this.name = name;
    }

    void calculateSalary() {
        System.out.println(name + ": Calculating salary for a generic employee");
    }
}

class FullTimeEmployee extends Employee {
    public FullTimeEmployee(String name) {
        super(name);
    }

    @Override
    void calculateSalary() {
        System.out.println(name + ": Calculating salary for a full-time employee with bene
    }
}
```



Polymorphic Inheritance

```
class PartTimeEmployee extends Employee {
    public PartTimeEmployee(String name) {
        super(name);
    }

    @Override
    void calculatesalary() {
        System.out.println(name + ": Calculating salary for a part-time employee with hour
    }
}

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        FullTimeEmployee fullTimeEmp = new FullTimeEmployee("John");
        PartTimeEmployee partTimeEmp = new PartTimeEmployee("Sarah");

        fullTimeEmp.calculatesalary(); // Output: John: Calculating salary for a full-time
        partTimeEmp.calculatesalary(); // Output: Sarah: Calculating salary for a part-ti
    }
}
```



Key Points

- Inheritance: Both FullTimeEmployee and PartTimeEmployee inherit from the Employee class.
- Overriding: Each subclass provides a specialized implementation of calculateSalary().
- Polymorphism: Even though each employee is treated as an Employee, their behavior is determined by the subclass they belong to.



Polymorphism via Interfaces

In this form of polymorphism, different classes implement a common interface, and objects of these classes are referred to using the interface type.



```
interface Employee {  
    void calculateSalary();  
}  
  
class FullTimeEmployee implements Employee {  
    private String name;  
  
    public FullTimeEmployee(String name) {  
        this.name = name;  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public void calculateSalary() {  
        System.out.println(name + ": Calculating salary for a full-time employee");  
    }  
}
```



```
class PartTimeEmployee implements Employee {
    private String name;

    public PartTimeEmployee(String name) {
        this.name = name;
    }

    @Override
    public void calculatesSalary() {
        System.out.println(name + ": Calculating salary for a part-time employee");
    }
}

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Interface reference to the implementing class
        Employee emp1 = new FullTimeEmployee("John");
        Employee emp2 = new PartTimeEmployee("Sarah");

        emp1.calculatesSalary(); // Output: John: Calculating salary for a full-time employee
        emp2.calculatesSalary(); // Output: Sarah: Calculating salary for a part-time employee
    }
}
```



Key Points

- The Employee interface defines the method `calculateSalary()`, which is implemented by both `FullTimeEmployee` and `PartTimeEmployee`.
- The interface reference (`Employee emp1`, `Employee emp2`) is used to hold objects of the classes that implement the interface.
- Polymorphism via interfaces is useful when you want to decouple the implementation from the interface (allowing multiple classes to implement the same behavior without class inheritance).

