Access Modifier	Accessibility
Public	Everywhere
Private	Only within the class
Protected	Within the class and any subclasses
Internal	Within the assembly
Protected Internal	<ul> <li>Within the class, subclasses, and the same assembly</li> </ul>

### · Inheritance.

- Inheritance creates a hierarchical relationship between classes, where a derived class (also known as a child class or subclass) inherits members from a base class (also known as a parent class or superclass).
- The child class can access the public and protected members (fields, properties, and methods) of the base class.

#### NOTES

# Method Overriding

- allows the child class to provide a <u>different implementation for a method that is already defined</u> in the base class.
- use the override keyword in the child class method declaration.
- The base class method must be marked as virtual or abstract to allow overriding.

# 2.Method Hiding

- If a child class has a member with the same name as a member in the base class, the derived class member can hide the base class member using the new keyword.
- create a new member in the derived class without any relationship to the base class member.

```
class BaseClass
{
    public void SomeMethod()
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Base class method");
    }
}
class DerivedClass : BaseClass
{
    public new void SomeMethod()
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Derived class method");
    }
}
```

## Base Class Constructors:

- When a child class is instantiated, the base class constructor is called first to initialize the inherited members.
- If the base class <u>has multiple constructors</u>, the derived class constructor can use the base keyword to explicitly invoke a specific base class constructor.
- Constructor chaining in Same Class.
- allows one constructor to call another constructor within the same class or in the base class.
- To call another constructor from within a constructor, you use the this keyword.
- this keyword refers to the <u>current instance of the class</u>.

```
class MyClass
{
    private string name;
    private int age;

    // Parameterized constructor
    public MyClass(string name) : this(name, 0)
    {
    }

    // Parameterized constructor with constructor chaining
    public MyClass(string name, int age)
    {
        this.name = name;
        this.age = age;
    }

    // Other methods and properties of MyClass...
}
```

- Chaining to Base Class Constructor.
- When a child class constructor is called, it can chain to a constructor in the base class using the base keyword.
- The base class constructor is called before the child class constructor initializes its own members.

```
public class BaseClass
    private int baseValue;
    public BaseClass(int value)
        baseValue = value;
        Console.WriteLine("BaseClass constructor with value: " + value);
public class DerivedClass : BaseClass
    private int derivedValue;
    public DerivedClass(int baseValue, int derivedValue) : base(baseValue)
        this.derivedValue = derivedValue;
        Console.WriteLine("DerivedClass constructor with baseValue: " + baseValue + " and derivedValue: " + derivedValue);
```

#### sealed class.

- class that cannot be inherited by other classes.
- cannot serve as a base class for other classes.
- Once a class is sealed, all its methods are implicitly sealed and cannot be further overridden.
- It allows for better encapsulation.

### Sealed Function.

- sealed method is a method that cannot be overridden by derived classes. (Stop For Extension Of Virtually).
- Once a method is sealed in a base class, it cannot be overridden by derived classes.
- sealed method in the base class is the final implementation.
- To sealed a method, it <u>must be declared as virtual or override in the base class</u>.
- NOTES
- · Static variables
- Variable shared among all instances of a class.
- must be initialized at the time of declaration or within a static constructor.
- Static variables are accessible within the entire class and can be accessed using the class name followed by the variable name. ClassName. Static Variable
- Static variables are initialized before any instance of the class is created
- Access to static variables from multiple threads can cause race conditions and concurrency issues.
- Must Use synchronization mechanisms, such as locks or other thread-safe constructs, should be used when accessing or modifying static variables in a multi-threaded environment.
- Static variables are useful for maintaining shared state or storing data that needs to be shared across all instances of a class.
- Static Method.
- static method is a method that belongs to the class itself rather than to instances of the class.
- They can be accessed directly using the class name followed by the method name.
- static methods do not require an instance of the class to be called.
- called directly using the class name without creating an object of the class.[ClassName.StaticMethod();]
- Static methods can access other static members (variables, methods) within the same class without the need for an instance reference.
- They cannot be marked as virtual, abstract, or override.
- Static methods cannot be marked as async or await.

# · Static Class

- Static classes cannot be instantiated (Sealed Behavior).
- Static classes cannot create Object using the new keyword because they are implicitly sealed.
- Static classes can only contain static members, including static methods, properties, fields, and events
- Static classes are defined at the namespace level and are accessible throughout the same namespace.
- Static classes are commonly used to group together utility functions and helper methods that provide common functionality without requiring object-specific data.

## Static constructor

- static constructor (also known as a type initializer) is a special constructor that initializes the static members of a class.
- A static constructor does not have any parameters and is declared using the static keyword followed by the class name.
- has no access modifiers, return type, or method name.
- It is called only once during the lifetime of the program.
- Only one static constructor is allowed per class.
- Static constructors are typically used to initialize static members, including static variables, static properties, and other static data structures.