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| **Abstract class** | **Interface** |
| 1) Abstract class can **have abstract and non-abstract**methods. | Interface can have **only abstract** methods. Since Java 8, it can have **default and static methods** also. |
| 2) Abstract class **doesn't support multiple inheritance**. | Interface **supports multiple inheritance**. |
| 3) Abstract class **can have final, non-final, static and non-static variables**. | Interface has **only static and final variables**. |
| 4) Abstract class **can provide the implementation of interface**. | Interface **can't provide the implementation of abstract class**. |
| 5) The **abstract keyword** is used to declare abstract class. | The **interface keyword** is used to declare interface. |
| 6) An **abstract class**can extend another Java class and implement multiple Java interfaces. | An **interface** can extend another Java interface only. |
| 7) An **abstract class**can be extended using keyword "extends". | An **interface class**can be implemented using keyword "implements". |
| 8) A Java**abstract class**can have class members like private, protected, etc. | Members of a Java interface are public by default. |
| 9)**Example:** public abstract class Shape{ public abstract void draw(); } | **Example:** public interface Drawable{ void draw(); } |

Simply, abstract class achieves partial abstraction (0 to 100%) whereas interface achieves fully abstraction (100%).

Example of abstract class and interface in Java

Let's see a simple example where we are using interface and abstract class both.

1. //Creating interface that has 4 methods
2. **interface** A{
3. **void** a();//bydefault, public and abstract
4. **void** b();
5. **void** c();
6. **void** d();
7. }
9. //Creating abstract class that provides the implementation of one method of A interface
10. **abstract** **class** B **implements** A{
11. **public** **void** c(){System.out.println("I am C");}
12. }
14. //Creating subclass of abstract class, now we need to provide the implementation of rest of the methods
15. **class** M **extends** B{
16. **public** **void** a(){System.out.println("I am a");}
17. **public** **void** b(){System.out.println("I am b");}
18. **public** **void** d(){System.out.println("I am d");}
19. }
21. //Creating a test class that calls the methods of A interface
22. **class** Test5{
23. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
24. A a=**new** M();
25. a.a();
26. a.b();
27. a.c();
28. a.d();
29. }}

[**Test it Now**](http://www.javatpoint.com/opr/test.jsp?filename=Test5)

Output:

I am a

I am b

I am c

I am d