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Unit III

Implementing OOP Concepts (Nested Classes)

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Learning Outcomes

In this session, you will learn about:

- Nested Inner Class (Non-static inner class)
- Static class (Static Inner Class)

Nested Class?

- ***What is nested class?***

- In Java, you can define a class within another class. Such class is known as nested class.
- For example,

```
class OuterClass {  
    // ...  
    class NestedClass {  
        // ...  
    }  
}
```

Type of Nested Class

- There are two types of nested classes you can create in Java.
 1. Non-static nested class (inner class)
 2. Static nested class

Note: Remember Access modifiers and static keyword

Non-Static Nested Class (Inner Class)

- A non-static nested class is a class within another class.
- It has access to members of the enclosing class (outer class).
- It is commonly known as inner class.
- Since the inner class exists within the outer class, you must instantiate the outer class first, in order to instantiate the inner class.

Example for Inner class

```
class CPU {  
    double price;  
    // nested class  
    class Processor{  
        double cores;  
        String manufacturer;  
        double getCache(){  
            return 4.3;  
        } }  
    // nested protected class  
    protected class RAM{  
        double memory;  
        String manufacturer;  
        double getClockSpeed(){  
            return 5.5;  
        } }  
}
```

```
public class Main { public static void main(String[] args) {  
    CPU cpu = new CPU();  
    CPU.Processor processor = cpu.new Processor();  
    CPU.RAM ram = cpu.new RAM();  
    System.out.println("Processor Cache = " +  
                       processor.getCache());  
    System.out.println("Ram Clock speed = " +  
                       ram.getClockSpeed());  
} }
```

Output:
Processor Cache = 4.3
Ram Clock speed = 5.5

Accessing Members of Outer Class within Inner Class

- We can access the members of the outer class directly.
- We can access the members of the outer class by using this keyword if data members have same name.

Static Nested Class

- In Java, we can also define a static class inside another class. Such class is known as static nested class.
- Static nested classes are not called static inner classes.
- Unlike inner class, a static nested class cannot access the member variables of the outer class.
- It is because the **static nested class** doesn't require you to create an instance of the outer class.

Example: Static Nested Class

```
class MotherBoard {  
    // static nested class  
    static class USB{  
        int usb2 = 2;  
        int usb3 = 1;  
        int getTotalPorts(){  
            return usb2 + usb3;  
        }  
    }  
    public class Main {  
        public static void main(String[] args) {  
            // create an object of the static nested class  
            // using the name of the outer class  
            MotherBoard.USB usb = new MotherBoard.USB();  
            System.out.println("Total Ports = " + usb.getTotalPorts());  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Thank you!