

Java Anonymous Classes & Lambda

Expressions

- anonymous class is nothing but a class without any name.
- They are used to override a class method or interface.
- They help us to write more concise & readable codes.

Syntax:

// Demo can be interface or abstract class

```
Demo t = new Demo() {
```

```
    // data members & methods
```

```
    public void DemoMethod()
```

```
    {
```

```
        // ...
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

E.g. code:

@ Functional Interface

```
interface Animal {  
    void bark();  
}
```

class Dog implements Animal {

@ Override

```
public void bark() {  
    System.out.println("Dog barks!");  
}
```

}

~~class Animal~~

class AnimalDemo {

public static void main() {

Dog Bruno = new Dog();

Bruno.bark();

}

}

- In the above method e.g, Animal is a Functional Interface containing a bark() method inside it.
- Class Dog implements the Animal interface & overrides the bark() method.
- Bruno is an object of Dog class on which we are running the bark() method.

→

O/p:

Dog barks!

The same o/p can be generated without creating the Dog class. This is the scenario when the ~~anon~~ anonymous classes come into picture. With the help of it we can declare & instantiate the class at the same time.

E.g.

@Functional Interface

interface Animal {

void bark();

}

class AnonDemo {

public static void main (

String[] args) {

Animal Bruno = new Animal () {

@Override

public void bark () {

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

}

Bruno.bark();

}

}

In the above code, we've created the Bruno object by referencing the animal interface. So, that's how we've overridden the bark() method without creating any separate class.

Ways to create an anonymous Java class:

- By extending a class
- By implementing an interface

① By extending a class

```
abstract class Vehicle {
```

```
    abstract void drive();  
}
```

```
class AnonymousByClass {
```

```
    public static void main ( ) {
```

```
        Vehicle car = new Vehicle ();
```

```
        @ Override
```

```
        void drive ()
```

```
        {  
            sout ("I'm driving a car");
```

```
        }  
    };
```

```
    car.drive();  
}
```

```
}
```


o/p
I'm driving a car

② By Implementing an Interface

@ Functional Interface

```
interface Human {  
    void walk();  
}
```

```
class AnonDemo {  
    public static void main() {  
        Human John = new Human() {  
            @Override  
            public void walk() {  
                System.out.println("John walks");  
            }  
        };  
        John.walk();  
    }  
}
```

o/p:

John walks

Lambda Expressions

- Lambda expressions were ~~introduced~~ introduced in Java 8.
- They are similar to methods but don't need a name.

Syntax:

parameter 1, parameter 2) → {code to be executed}

E-g.

@ Functional Interface

```
interface LambdaExp {  
    void meth1(int a, int b);  
}
```

```
class LambdaExpDemo {  
    public static void main (String[] args) {  
        LambdaExp obj = (a, b) -> {  
            System.out.println("The value of a & b is: " + a + ", " + b);  
        };  
        obj.meth1(5, 10);  
    }  
}
```

LambdaExp obj = (a, b) -> {

System.out.println("The value of a & b is: " + a + ", " + b);

};

obj.meth1(5, 10);

}

O/p: The value of a & b is: 5, 10