

## 1- Difference between class and struct in C#:

- A **class** is a reference type, while a **struct** is a value type.
- Objects of a class are stored on the **heap**, while objects of a struct are stored on the **stack**.
- A class supports **inheritance**, but a struct does not (except it can implement interfaces).
- Members of a class can be declared with **access modifiers** (public, protected, private, etc.), while struct members cannot be protected or protected internal.
- A class can have a **default constructor** (without parameters), but a struct cannot define a parameterless constructor (the compiler provides one automatically).

## 2- If inheritance is relation between classes clarify other relations between classes:

- **Association:** A general relationship between two classes, where one class uses or is connected to another. Example: A `Teacher` and a `Student` have an association.
- **Aggregation:** A "has-a" relationship where one class contains another class, but the contained object can exist independently. Example: A `Department` has `Teachers`, but teachers can exist without the department.
- **Composition:** A stronger form of aggregation where the lifetime of the contained object depends on the container. Example: A `Car` has an `Engine`; if the car is destroyed, the engine is also destroyed.
- **Dependency:** A "uses" relationship where one class depends on another to perform a task, usually shown when a class creates or calls methods of another. Example: A `Report` class uses a `Printer` class to print.

| Feature          | Class (Reference Type)   | Struct (Value Type)   |
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| Type             | Reference type   | Value type  |
| Memory location  | Stored on the <b>heap</b>                                      | Stored on the <b>stack</b>  |
| Inheritance      | Supports inheritance   | Does <b>not</b> support inheritance (can implement interfaces only)             |
| Access modifiers | Can use all access modifiers (public, private, protected, ...) | Cannot use <b>protected</b> or <b>protected internal</b>                        |
| Constructors     | Can define a default constructor (parameterless)               | Cannot define a parameterless constructor (compiler provides one automatically) |
| Performance      | Slightly slower due to heap allocation                         | Faster for small data types since stored on stack                               |
| Use case         | Best for large, complex objects and inheritance                | Best for small, lightweight data structures                                     |