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### Interfaces

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#### Overview

An interface is a completely abstract class that is used to group related methods with empty bodies.

This should not be confused with abstract classes, which are covered here.

#### **Tutorial**

```
public interface Animal {
  void sound();
  void sleep();
}
```

#### **Implementation**

To access the interface methods, the interface must be 'implemented' by another class with the implements keyword. The body of the empty methods is provided by the class.

```
public class Pig implements Animal {
  public void sound() {
    System.out.println("The pig says: Oink");
  }

public void sleep() {
    System.out.println("Zzz");
  }
}

public class MainClass {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    Pig lilPig = new Pig();
    lilPig.sound();
    lilPig.sleep();
  }
}
```

On implementation of an interface, you must <code>@Override</code> all of its methods. Like abstract classes, interfaces cannot be used to create objects. For example; we could not instantiate an <code>Animal</code> object. For the same reason interfaces cannot contain a constructor method.

Java, unlike its close counterpart C#, does not support "multiple inheritance" - a subclass can only inherit from one superclass.

However, multiple interface implementations are allowed, which circumvents the problem somewhat.

In fact, a subclass that inherits from a superclass which has multiple interface implementations will also implement those interfaces!

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### **Multiple Interfaces**

To implement multiple interfaces, simply separate them with a comma:

```
interface InterfaceOne {
  public void foo();
}
interface InterfaceTwo {
 public void bar();
}
class FooBar implements InterfaceOne, InterfaceTwo {
 public void foo() {
    System.out.println("Some text..");
 }
 public void bar() {
    System.out.println("Some other text...");
 }
}
class MainClass {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    FooBar newObj = new FooBar();
    newObj.foo();
    newObj.bar();
 }
}
```

### **Exercises**

There are no exercise for this module.