

Overriding Uses

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◇ Root of All Classes

In Java, **every class implicitly extends the Object class** from java.lang.

This means all classes automatically inherit methods like:

- toString()
- equals(Object obj)
- hashCode()
- getClass()

◇ What Happens in System.out.println(object)?

When we write:

```
System.out.println(ram) ;
```

Java **implicitly calls the toString() method** of the object.

Thus, it's equals to ,

```
System.out.println(ram.toString());
```

◇ Source Code of Object.toString()

Here's the original implementation from the JDK (simplified):

```
public String toString() {  
    return getClass().getName() + "@" + Integer.toHexString(hashCode());  
}
```

- getClass().getName() → gives class name.
- hashCode() → gives unique hash in hex.
- Example output:
- `lesson09.Person@15db9742`

◇ Overriding toString()

We can **override** toString() to provide a **custom, meaningful output**.

```
// overriding  
@Override new *  
public String toString() {  
    return name + " of age " + age + " work as " + occupation ;  
}
```

◇ Demonstration in main class

```
// object
Person ram = new Person( name: "Ram" , age: 42 , occupation: "Sales Man" ) ;

// output
System.out.println(ram);
```

Output :

```
Ram of age 42 work as Sales Man
```