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# **Sealed Classes**

## **Introducing Sealed Classes**

- > Sealed class is a class, which is instantiable; but not inheritable.
- Use sealed class, whenever you don't want to let other developers to create child classes for the specific class.

```
sealed class Class1
{
}
class Class2: Class1 //not possible
{
}
```

| Class Type        | Can Inherit<br>from Other<br>Classes | Can Inherit from<br>Other Interfaces | Can be<br>Inherited | Can be<br>Instantiated |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Normal Class      | Yes                                  | Yes                                  | Yes                 | Yes                    |
| Abstract<br>Class | Yes                                  | Yes                                  | Yes                 | No                     |
| Sealed Class      | Yes                                  | Yes                                  | No                  | Yes                    |

### Class (vs) Sealed Class

| Туре              | Type 1. Non- 2<br>Static<br>Fields |       |                 | Non-Static<br>Methods | _          | Non-Static<br>onstructors | 4. Non-Static<br>Properties |                         | 5. Non-Static<br>Events |     | 6. Non-Static<br>Destructors | 7. Constants                              |                            |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----|------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Normal            |                                    | Yes   |                 | Yes                   |            | Yes                       | Yes                         |                         | Yes                     |     | Yes                          | Yes                                       |                            |
| Class             |                                    | Yes \ |                 | Yes                   | Yes        |                           | Yes                         |                         |                         | Yes | Yes                          | Yes                                       |                            |
| Abstract<br>Class |                                    | Yes   |                 | Yes                   |            | Yes                       | Yes                         |                         | Yes                     |     | Yes                          | Yes                                       |                            |
| Sealed            |                                    |       |                 |                       |            |                           |                             |                         |                         |     |                              |   |                            |
| Туре              | 8<br>Sta<br>Fiel                   | tic   | 9. Sta<br>Metho |                       | 10. Static |                           | 11. Static<br>Properties    | 12.<br>Static<br>Events | 13. Virt                |     | 14.<br>Abstract<br>Methods   | 15. Non-Static<br>Auto-Impl<br>Properties | 16. Non-Static<br>Indexers |
| Normal<br>Class   | Ye                                 | es    | Yes             | 5                     | Yes        |                           | Yes                         | Yes                     | Ye                      | s   | No                           | Yes                                       | Yes                        |
| Abstract<br>Class | Υe                                 | es    | Yes             | 5                     | Yes        |                           | Yes                         | Yes                     | Ye                      | s   | Yes                          | Yes                                       | Yes                        |
| Sealed<br>Class   | Ye                                 | es    | Yes             | s                     | Yes        |                           | Yes                         | Yes                     | No                      |     | No                           | Yes                                       | Yes                        |

### **Sealed Methods**

- > Sealed Methods must be "override methods"; which can't be overridden in the corresponding child classes.
- Use sealed methods to prevent overriding that particular methods in the corresponding child classes.

```
class ParentClassName
{
   public virtual void MethodName(param1,...)
   {
   }
}
```

# class ChildClass1 : ParentClassName { public sealed override void MethodName() { } }

```
class ChildClass2 : ChildClass1
{
   public override void MethodName( ) //Doesn't compile!
   {
    }
}
```