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1. Dynamic Method Dispatch (Run-time Polymorphism)

Definition

Dynamic Method Dispatch in Java is the mechanism by which a **call to an overridden method** is resolved at **runtime** rather than **compile-time**. It is used to achieve **run-time polymorphism**.

Key Points

- Occurs **only** with **overridden methods**, not with data members.
- Requires inheritance.
- Reference variable of parent class refers to the object of child class.
- Method that gets executed is determined by **object type**, not reference type.

Syntax

```
ParentClass ref;
ref = new ChildClass(); // runtime decision for method execution
```

Example

```
class Animal {
  void sound() {
    System.out.println("Animal makes a sound");
  }
}
class Dog extends Animal {
  void sound() {
    System.out.println("Dog barks");
  }
}
```

```
class Cat extends Animal {
  void sound() {
    System.out.println("Cat meows");
 }
}
public class DynamicDispatchDemo {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    Animal a;
    a = new Dog();
    a.sound(); // Calls Dog's version
    a = new Cat();
    a.sound(); // Calls Cat's version
 }
}
Output
Dog barks
Cat meows
```

2. Abstract Classes

Definition

An **abstract class** in Java is a class that is declared using the abstract keyword and **cannot be instantiated** directly.

It may contain:

- Abstract methods (without body)
- Concrete methods (with body)

Key Points

- Used when you want to provide a base class with common code and enforce implementation of some methods in subclasses.
- Subclasses must **override all abstract methods** or be declared abstract themselves.
- Can have constructors, static methods, and final methods.

Syntax

```
abstract class ClassName {
  abstract void methodName(); // abstract method
  void normalMethod() { } // concrete method
}
Example
abstract class Shape {
  abstract void draw(); // abstract method
  void message() {
    System.out.println("Drawing a shape");
  }
}
class Circle extends Shape {
  void draw() {
    System.out.println("Drawing a Circle");
  }
}
```

```
class Rectangle extends Shape {
  void draw() {
    System.out.println("Drawing a Rectangle");
 }
}
public class AbstractDemo {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    Shape s;
    s = new Circle();
    s.draw();
    s.message();
    s = new Rectangle();
    s.draw();
    s.message();
 }
}
Output
Drawing a Circle
Drawing a shape
Drawing a Rectangle
Drawing a shape
```

3. Uses of final Keyword

The final keyword in Java can be applied to:

- Variables → makes them constants (value cannot change once assigned)
- **Methods** → prevents method overriding
- **Classes** → prevents inheritance

3.1. final Variable

```
public class FinalVariableDemo {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    final int SPEED_LIMIT = 80;
    System.out.println("Speed Limit: " + SPEED_LIMIT);

    // SPEED_LIMIT = 100; // Error: cannot assign a value to final variable
  }
}
Output
```

3.2. final Method

Speed Limit: 80

```
class Vehicle {
    final void run() {
        System.out.println("Vehicle is running");
    }
}
class Car extends Vehicle {
    // void run() { } // Error: Cannot override final method
}
```

```
public class FinalMethodDemo {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      Car c = new Car();
      c.run();
   }
}
Output
```

Vehicle is running

3.3. final Class

```
final class Bike {
    void display() {
        System.out.println("This is a final class");
    }
}

// class SportsBike extends Bike { } // Error: Cannot inherit from final class

public class FinalClassDemo {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Bike b = new Bike();
        b.display();
    }
}
```

Output

This is a final class