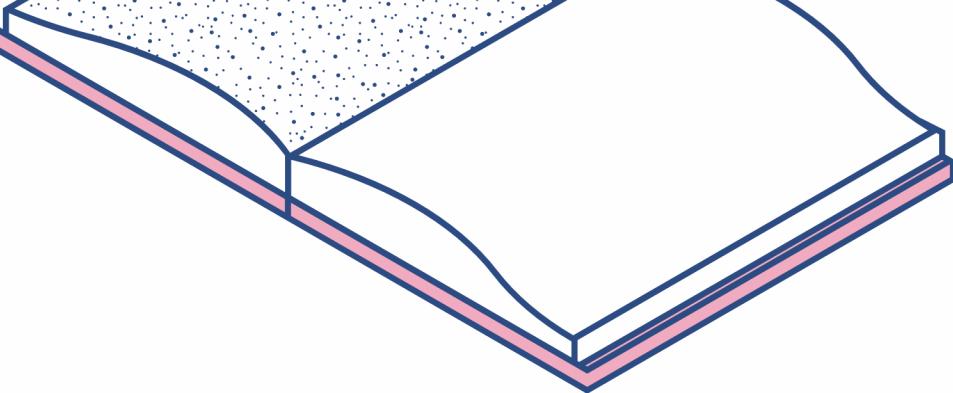




Abstract Class vs Interface

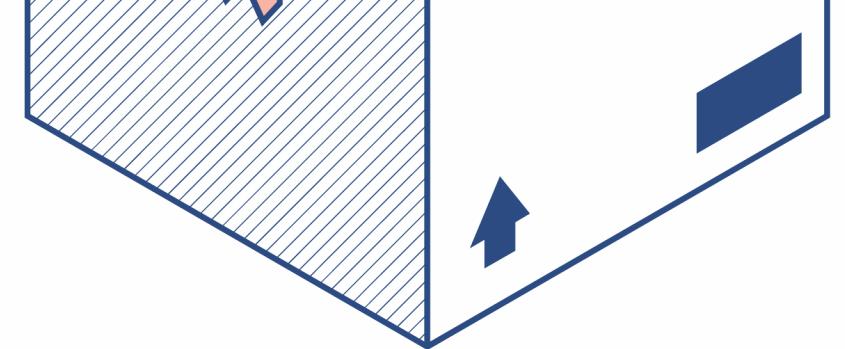
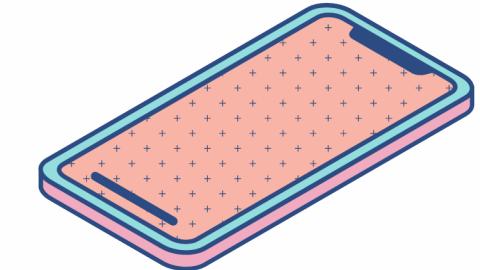
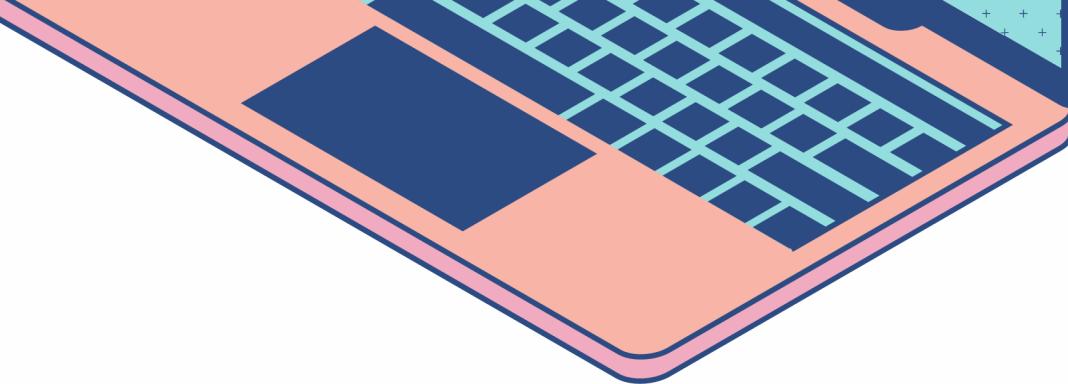
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Abstract Class

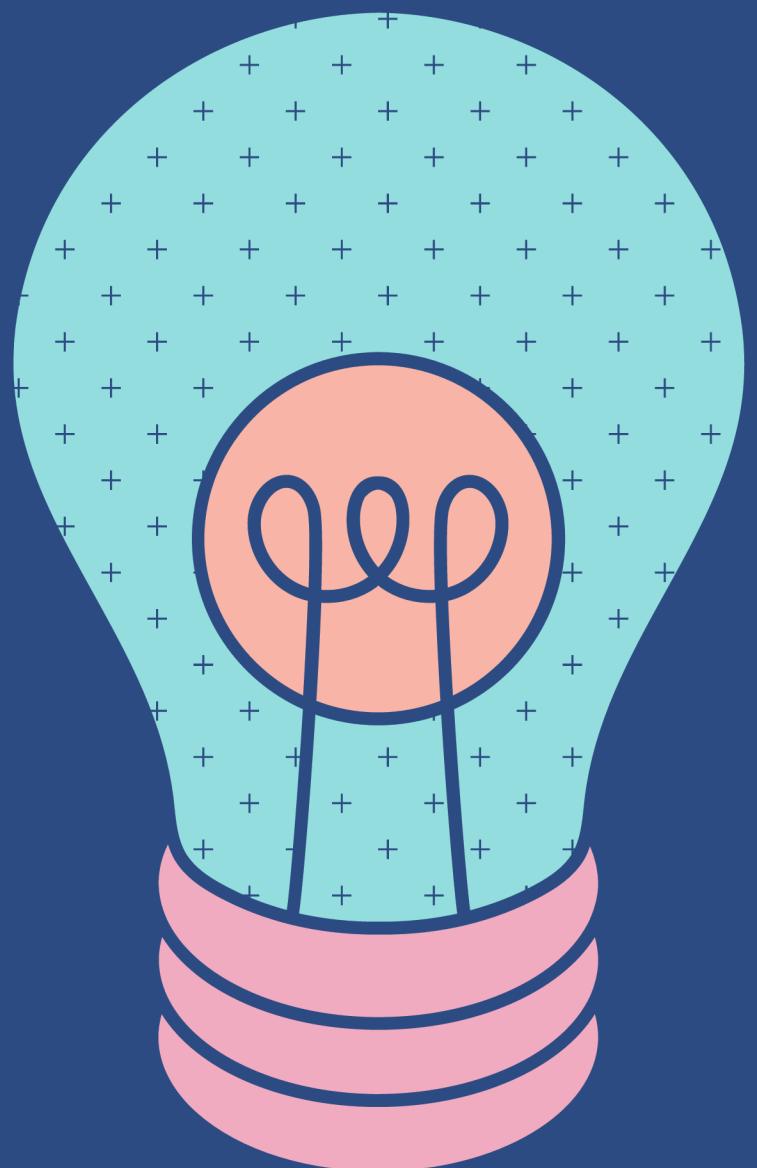
- **Abstract** and **concrete** methods
- Can have **instance** variables
- **Single** inheritance (can extend one class)
- Can have any **access modifier**
- Can have **constructors**



Interface

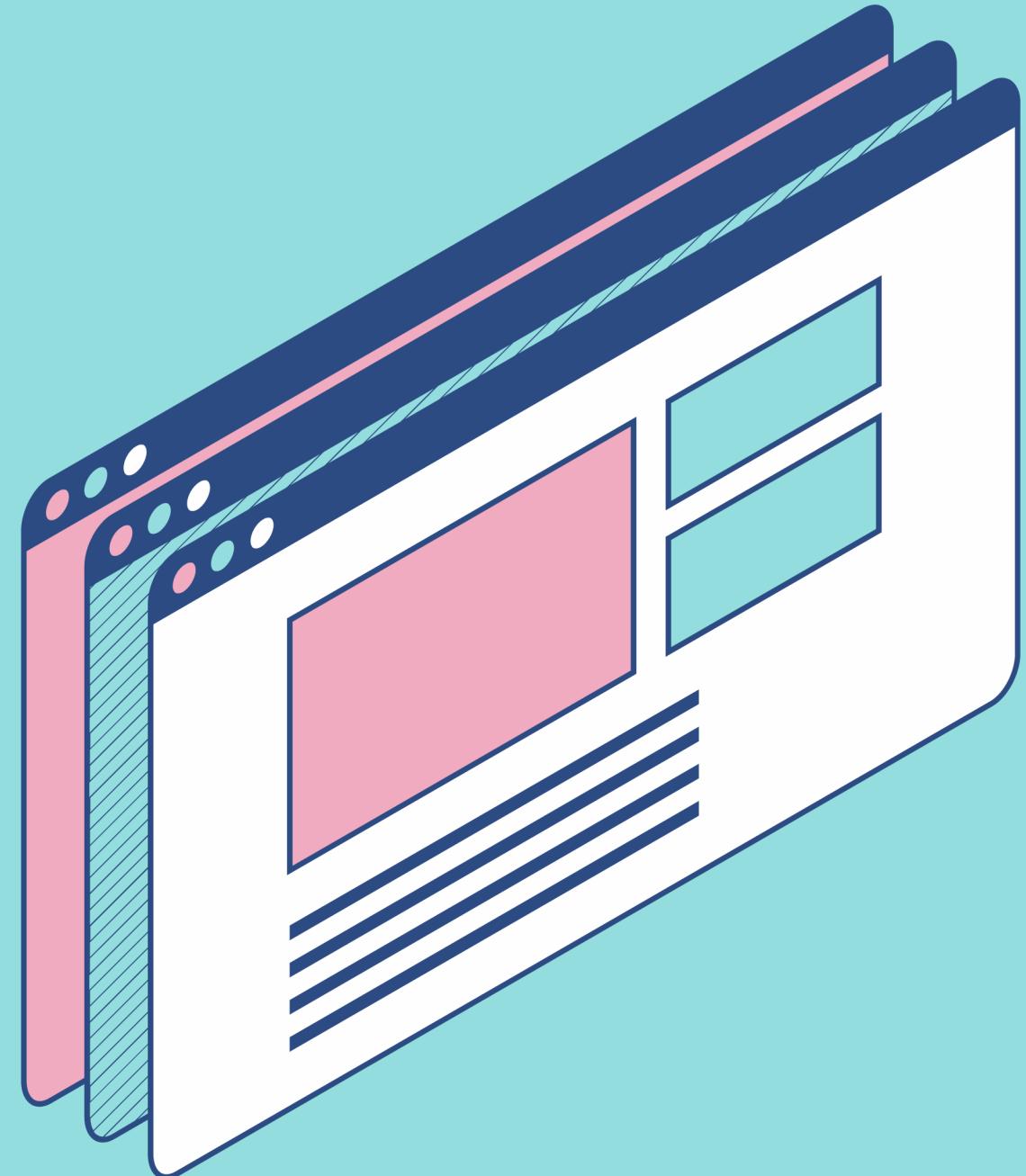
- **Abstract** methods
- Only static **final variables** (constants)
- **Multiple** inheritance (can implement multiple interfaces)
- Methods are **public** by default
- **Cannot** have constructors

What do I use, Abstract Class or Interface?



Choosing Between Abstract Class and Interface in Object-Oriented Programming

The choice between an abstract class and an interface in OOP is determined by the specific requirements and design constraints of your application. So the question is which is better for your use case?



Here are some cases in which an abstract class might be a better choice

1

KNOW SOMETHING
ABOUT BEHAVIOR

2

TEMPLATE
METHOD PATTERN

3

SHARING STATE
AND BEHAVIOR

4

NEED TO CONCRETE
METHOD

1- Know something about behavior

```
20     //1- Example for know something about behavior
21 @↓\v abstract class Shape{ 2 usages 1 inheritor
22 ⓘ    public abstract void draw(); 1 usage 1 implementation
23
24     \v   public void display(){ no usages
25         System.out.println("Displaying shape...");}
26         this.draw();
27     }
28 }
29 \v class Ciecle extends Shape{ 3 usages
30     @Override 1 usage
31 ⓘ↑\v   public void draw() {
32         System.out.println("Drawing Ciecle...");}
33     }
34 }
```

2- Template Method Pattern

```
61 //You want to use a method to define the general structure of an algorithm, leaving some steps to subclasses.
62 @l ✓ abstract class Game{ 1usage 1inheritor
63   ✓   public final void play(){ // A final method cannot be overridden in any subclass. no usages
64     initialize();
65     startPlay();
66     endPlay();
67   }
68 ⓘ ✓ public abstract void initialize(); 1usage 1implementation
69 ⓘ ✓ public abstract void startPlay(); 1usage 1implementation
70 ⓘ ✓ public abstract void endPlay(); 1usage 1implementation
71 }
72
73   ✓ class Chess extends Game{ 2 usages
74     @Override 1usage
75 ⓘ ↑ ✓ public void initialize() {
76       System.out.println("Initializing Chess");
77       System.out.println("*****");
78     }
79
80     @Override 1usage
81 ⓘ ↑ ✓ public void startPlay() {
82       System.out.println("Starting Chess");
83       System.out.println("*****");
84     }
85 ⓘ ↑ ✓ public void endPlay() { 1usage
86       System.out.println("Ending Chess");
87       System.out.println("*****");
88     }
```

3- Sharing State and Behavior && need to concrete method

```
90 // 4- Sharing State and Behavior && need to concrete method
91 @↓ abstract class Employee { 4 usages 2 inheritors
92     private String name; 2 usages
93
94
95     public Employee(){ 2 usages
96         this.name = "Majd";
97     }
98
99 @↓ public abstract int getSalary(); 1 usage 2 implementations
100
101    public String getName() { 1 usage
102        return name;
103    }
104 }
```

```
105     ✓ class HourlyEmployee extends Employee{ 1 usage
106         private int hours; 2 usages
107         private int price ; 2 usages
108     ✓ public HourlyEmployee(){ 1 usage
109         super();
110         hours=4;
111         price=50;
112     }
113
114     @Override 1 usage
115 @↑ ✓ public int getSalary() {
116         return this.hours* this.price;
117     }
118
119     ✓ class SalaryEmployee extends Employee{ 1 usage
120         private int salary; 2 usages
121     ✓ public SalaryEmployee(){ 1 usage
122         super();
123         salary=500;
124     }
125 @↑ ✓ public int getSalary() { 1 usage
126         return salary;
127     }
128 }
```

Here are some cases in which an interface might be a better choice

1

KNOW NOTHING
ABOUT BEHAVIOR

2

MULTIPLE
INHERITANCE

3

UNRELATED
CLASSES

4

DEFINING A
CONTRACT

1- Know nothing about behavior

```
132     //1- Know nothing about behavior
133
134 I↓ ✓ interface edible { 2 usages 2 implementations
135 I↓     void eat() ; no usages 2 implementations
136 }
137     ✓ class IslamicPerson implements edible{ 1 usage
138         @Override no usages
139 I↑ ✓     public void eat() {
140             System.out.println("Halal...");}
141         }
142     }
143     ✓ class ChinesePerson implements edible{ 1 usage
144
145         @Override no usages
146 I↑ ✓     public void eat() {
147             System.out.println("eats everything...");}
148         }
149 }
```

2- Multiple Inheritance

```
150 //2- Multiple Inheritance
151
152 I interface Flyable { 1 usage 1 implementation
153     void fly(); no usages 1 implementation
154 }
155
156 I interface Swimmable { 1 usage 1 implementation
157     void swim(); no usages 1 implementation
158 }
159
160 class Duck implements Flyable, Swimmable { no usages
161     @Override no usages
162     public void fly() {
163         System.out.println("Duck is flying...");
164     }
165
166     @Override no usages
167     public void swim() {
168         System.out.println("Duck is swimming...");
169     }
170 }
```

3- Unrelated Classes

```
171
172     //3- Unrelated Classes
173     //If you have several classes that are not related by inheritance but share common functionality.
174
175 ①↓ interface Audible { 2 usages 2 implementations
176 ②↓     void makeSound(); no usages 2 implementations
177 }
178
179 class Dog implements Audible { no usages
180     @Override no usages
181 ③↑     public void makeSound() {
182         System.out.println("Bark");
183     }
184 }
185
186 class AlarmClock implements Audible { no usages
187     @Override no usages
188 ④↑     public void makeSound() {
189         System.out.println("Ring");
190     }
191 }
```

4- Defining a Contract

```
193 //4- Defining a Contract
194 /*
195     "defining a contract" refers to creating a set of methods that a class needs to implement.
196     This idea makes sure that all the methods listed in an interface have concrete implementations for any class that claims to follow it.
197     Without specifying how the techniques must perform, this contract defines what they must do.
198 */
199 Iinterface Animal { 2 usages 1 implementation
200 I    void makeSound();  no usages 1 implementation
201 I    void move();  no usages 1 implementation
202 }
203 class Wolf implements Animal { 1 usage
204     @Override  no usages
205 I↑ public void makeSound() {
206         System.out.println("Wolf says: Woof!");
207     }
208
209     @Override  no usages
210 I↑ public void move() {
211         System.out.println("Wolf is running");
212     }
213 }
214
215 class Bird implements Animal { 1 usage
216     @Override  no usages
217 I↑ public void makeSound() {
218         System.out.println("Bird says: Tweet!");
219     }
220
221     @Override  no usages
222 I↑ public void move() {
223         System.out.println("Bird is flying");
224     }
225 }
```

Another important factor in determining my choice is: **Design patterns.**

DESIGN PATTERNS OFTEN USE THESE STRUCTURES TO SOLVE SPECIFIC DESIGN PROBLEMS EFFECTIVELY. BY UNDERSTANDING THE NEEDS OF A PATTERN AND HOW ABSTRACT CLASSES OR INTERFACES FIT THOSE NEEDS, YOU CAN MAKE MORE INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT WHICH TO USE.



THANK YOU

