Programming Language II
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Inheritance and Method overriding

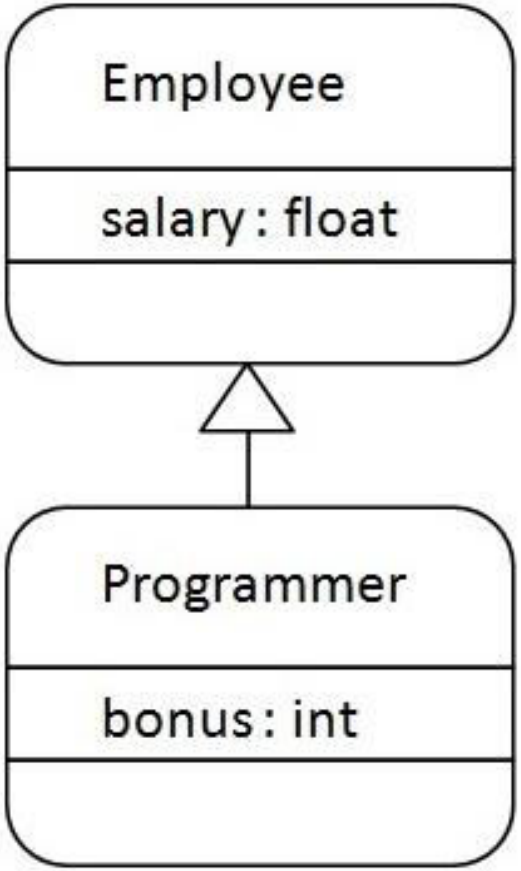
Inheritance in Java

- **Inheritance in java** is a mechanism in which one object acquires all the properties and behaviors of parent object.
- The idea behind inheritance in java is that you can create new classes that are built upon existing classes. When you inherit from an existing class, you can reuse methods and fields of parent class, and you can add new methods and fields also.
- Inheritance represents the **IS-A relationship**, also known as *parent-child* relationship.

- Syntax of Java Inheritance

```
class Subclass-name extends Superclass-name
{
  //methods and fields
}
```

- The **extends keyword** indicates that you are making a new class that derives from an existing class. The meaning of "extends" is to increase the functionality.
- In the terminology of Java, a class which is inherited is called parent or super class and the new class is called child or subclass.



Here, Programmer is the subclass and Employee is the superclass. Relationship between two classes is **Programmer IS-A Employee**. It means that Programmer is a type of Employee.

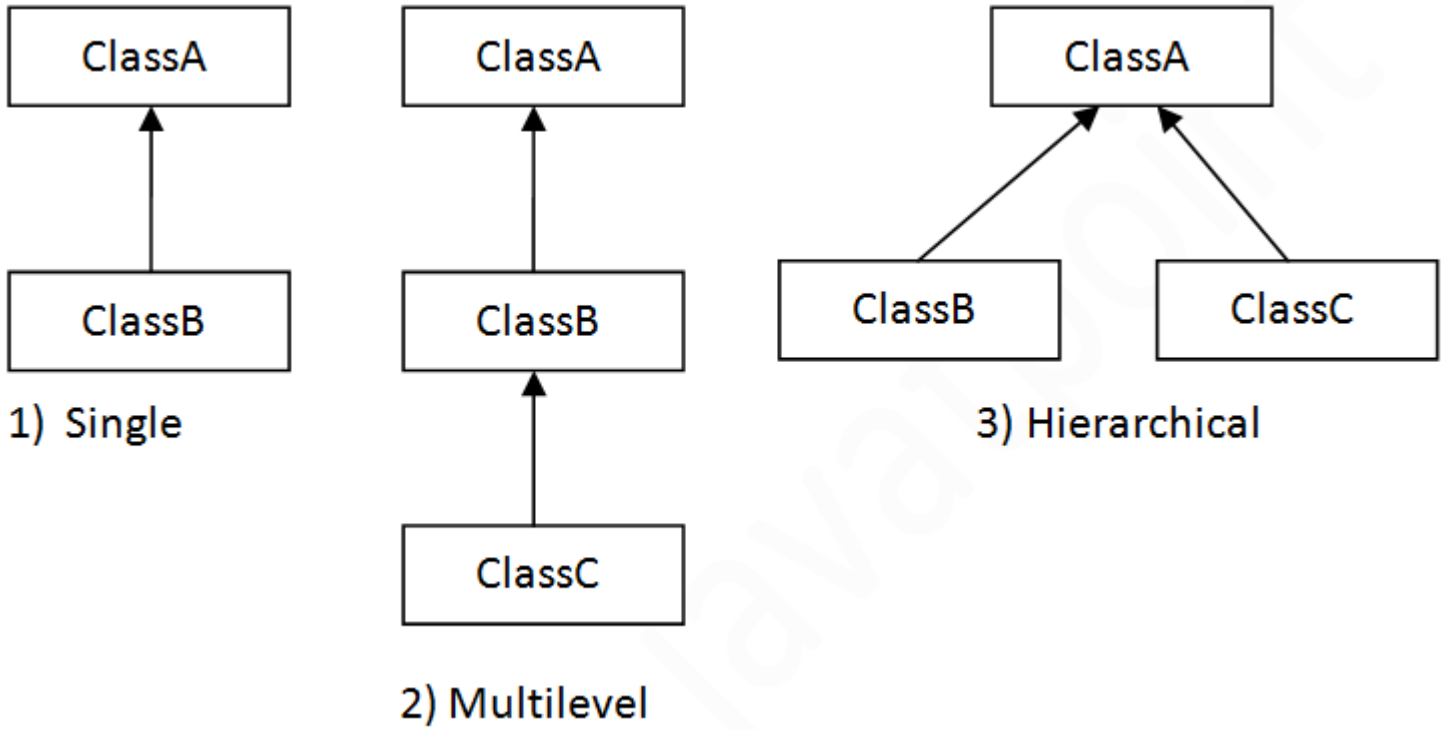
```
class Employee{
 float salary=40000;
}
class Programmer extends Employee{
 int bonus=10000;
 public static void main(String args[]){
   Programmer p=new Programmer();
   System.out.println("Programmer salary is:"+p.salary);
   System.out.println("Bonus of Programmer is:"+p.bonus);
}
}
```

Output:

Programmer salary is:40000.0

Bonus of programmer is:10000

Types of inheritance in java

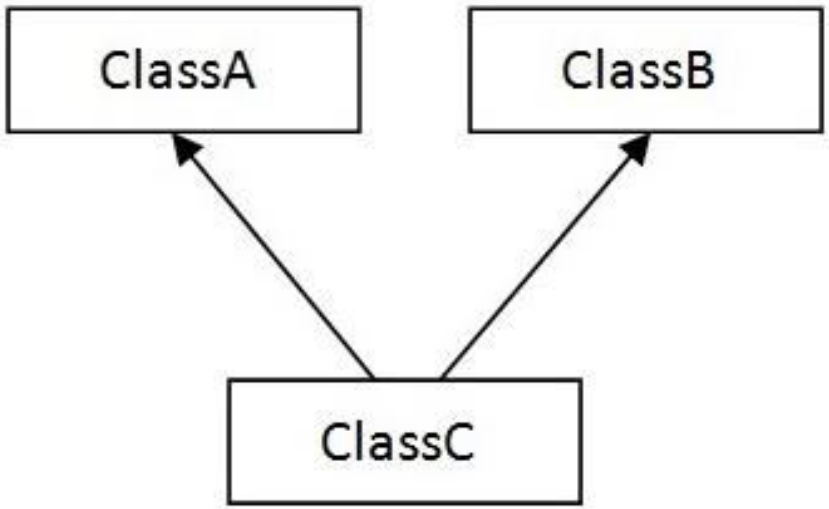


On the basis of class, there can be three types of inheritance in java:

single
multilevel and
hierarchical.

Note: Multiple inheritance is not supported in java

- When a class extends multiple classes i.e. known as multiple inheritance. For Example:



4) Multiple

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Single Inheritance

```
class Animal{
void eat(){System.out.println("eating...");}
}
class Dog extends Animal{
void bark(){System.out.println("barking...");}
}
class TestInheritance{
public static void main(String args[]){
Dog d=new Dog();
d.bark();
d.eat();
}}
```

Output:
barking...
eating...

Multilevel Inheritance

```
class Animal{
void eat(){System.out.println("eating...");}
}
class Dog extends Animal{
void bark(){System.out.println("barking...");}
}
class BabyDog extends Dog{
void weep(){System.out.println("weeping...");}
}
class TestInheritance2{
public static void main(String args[]){
BabyDog d=new BabyDog();
d.weep();
d.bark();
d.eat();
}}
```

Output:
weeping...
barking...
eating..

Hierarchical Inheritance

```
class Animal{
void eat(){System.out.println("eating...");}
}
class Dog extends Animal{
void bark(){System.out.println("barking...");}
}
class Cat extends Animal{
void meow(){System.out.println("meowing...");}
}
class TestInheritance3{
public static void main(String args[]){
Cat c=new Cat();
c.meow();
c.eat();
//c.bark();//C.T.Error
}}
```

Output:
meowing...
eating...

Why multiple inheritance is not supported in java?

```
class A{
void msg(){System.out.println("Hello");}
}
class B{
void msg(){System.out.println("Welcome");}
}
class C extends A,B{//suppose if it were

 Public Static void main(String args[]){
   C obj=new C();
   obj.msg();//Now which msg() method would
 be invoked?
}
}
```

Output:
Compile Time Error

To reduce the complexity and simplify the language, multiple inheritance is not supported in java.

Consider a scenario where A, B and C are three classes. The C class inherits A and B classes. If A and B classes have same method and you call it from child class object, there will be ambiguity to call method of A or B class.

Since compile time errors are better than runtime errors, java renders compile time error if you inherit 2 classes. So whether you have same method or different, there will be compile time error now.

Method Overriding in Java

- If subclass (child class) has the same method as declared in the parent class, it is known as **method overriding in java**.

- In other words, If subclass provides the specific implementation of the method that has been provided by one of its parent class, it is known as method overriding.

Usage of Java Method Overriding

- Method overriding is used to provide specific implementation of a method that is already provided by its super class.

- Method overriding is used for runtime polymorphism

Rules for Java Method Overriding

1. method must have same name as in the parent class
2. method must have same parameter as in the parent class.
3. must be IS-A relationship (inheritance).

Example of method overriding

we have defined the run method in the subclass as defined in the parent class but it has some specific implementation. The name and parameter of the method is same and there is IS-A relationship between the classes, so there is method overriding.

```
class Vehicle{
void run(){System.out.println("Vehicle is running");}
}
class Bike2 extends Vehicle{
void run(){System.out.println("Bike is running safely");}

public static void main(String args[]){
Bike2 obj = new Bike2();
obj.run();
}
```

Output:
Bike is running safely

Access modifiers with method overriding

If you are overriding any method, overridden method (i.e. declared in subclass) must not be more restrictive.

The default modifier is more restrictive than protected. That is why there is compile time error

```
class A{
protected void msg(){System.out.println("Hello java");}
}

public class Simple extends A{
   void msg(){System.out.println("Hello java");}//C.T.Error
   public static void main(String args[]){
      Simple obj=new Simple();
      obj.msg();
   }
}
```

- Can we override static method?
- No, static method cannot be overridden. because static method is bound with class whereas instance method is bound with object. Static belongs to class area and instance belongs to heap area.
- Can we override java main method?
- No, because main is a static method.

Difference between method overloading and method overriding in java

No.	Method Overloading	Method Overriding
1)	Method overloading is used *to increase the readability* of the program.	Method overriding is used *to provide the specific implementation* of the method that is already provided by its super class.
2)	Method overloading is performed *within class*.	Method overriding occurs *in two classes* that have IS-A (inheritance) relationship.
3)	In case of method overloading, *parameter must be different*.	In case of method overriding, *parameter must be same*.
4)	Method overloading is the example of *compile time polymorphism*.	Method overriding is the example of *run time polymorphism*.
5)	In java, method overloading can't be performed by changing return type of the method only. *Return type can be same or different* in method overloading. But you must have to change the parameter.	*Return type must be same or covariant* in method overriding.

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Java Method Overloading example

```
class OverloadingExample{
static int add(int a,int b){return a+b;}
static int add(int a,int b,int c){return a+b+c;}
}
```

Java Method Overriding example

```
class Animal{
void eat(){System.out.println("eating...");}
}
class Dog extends Animal{
void eat(){System.out.println("eating bread...");
}
}
```

Thank you