

# Introduction of Inheritance

#### **Assisted Problems**

- 1. Animal Hierarchy
  - Description: Create a hierarchy where Animal is the superclass, and Dog, Cat, and Bird are subclasses. Each subclass has a unique behavior.
  - Tasks:
    - Define a superclass Animal with attributes name and age, and a method makeSound().
    - Define subclasses Dog, Cat, and Bird, each with a unique implementation of makeSound().
  - Goal: Learn basic inheritance, method overriding, and polymorphism with simple classes.

```
class Animal {
   String name;
   int age;
   Animal(String name, int age) {
        this.name = name;
        this.age = age;
   }
   void makeSound() {
        System.out.println("Animal sound");
   }
}
class Dog extends Animal {
   Dog(String name, int age) {
        super(name, age);
   }
   @Override
   void makeSound() {
        System.out.println(name + " Woof Woof!");
```



```
class Cat extends Animal {
   Cat(String name, int age) {
        super(name, age);
   }
   @Override
   void makeSound() {
       System.out.println(name + " Meow Meow!");
   }
}
class Bird extends Animal {
   Bird(String name, int age) {
        super(name, age);
   }
   @Override
   void makeSound() {
       System.out.println(name + " Bird Sound !");
   }
}
public class AnimalHierarchy {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
       Animal dog = new Dog("Bruno", 3);
       Animal cat = new Cat("Gennie", 2);
       Animal bird = new Bird("Mitthu", 1);
       dog.makeSound();
       cat.makeSound();
       bird.makeSound();
   }
```



#### 2. Employee Management System

- **Description**: Create an Employee hierarchy for different employee types such as Manager, Developer, and Intern.
- o Tasks:
  - Define a base class Employee with attributes like name, id, and salary, and a method displayDetails().
  - Define subclasses Manager, Developer, and Intern with unique attributes for each, like teamSize for Manager and programmingLanguage for Developer.
- Goal: Practice inheritance by creating subclasses with specific attributes and overriding superclass methods.

```
class Employee {
   String name;
   int id;
   double salary;
   Employee(String name, int id, double salary) {
       this.name = name;
       this.id = id;
       this.salary = salary;
   void displayDetails() {
       System.out.println("ID: " + id + ", Name: " + name + ", Salary: " +
salary);
   }
class Manager extends Employee {
   int teamSize;
   Manager(String name, int id, double salary, int teamSize) {
        super(name, id, salary);
       this.teamSize = teamSize;
   }
```



```
@Override
   void displayDetails() {
        super.displayDetails();
       System.out.println("Team Size: " + teamSize);
   }
}
class Developer extends Employee {
   String programmingLanguage;
   Developer(String name, int id, double salary, String programmingLanguage) {
        super(name, id, salary);
       this.programmingLanguage = programmingLanguage;
   @Override
   void displayDetails() {
        super.displayDetails();
       System.out.println("Programming Language: " + programmingLanguage);
   }
}
class Intern extends Employee {
   int duration;
   Intern(String name, int id, double salary, int duration) {
        super(name, id, salary);
       this.duration = duration;
   }
   @Override
   void displayDetails() {
        super.displayDetails();
       System.out.println("Internship Duration: " + duration + " months");
   }
}
```



```
public class EmployeeManagement {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Employee manager = new Manager("ABC", 101, 80000, 10);
        Employee developer = new Developer("DEF", 102, 60000, "Java");
        Employee intern = new Intern("GHI", 103, 20000, 6);

        manager.displayDetails();
        System.out.println();
        developer.displayDetails();
        System.out.println();
        intern.displayDetails();
    }
}
```



#### 3. Vehicle and Transport System

- Description: Design a vehicle hierarchy where Vehicle is the superclass, and Car, Truck, and Motorcycle are subclasses with unique attributes.
- o Tasks:
  - Define a superclass Vehicle with maxSpeed and fuelType attributes and a method displayInfo().
  - Define subclasses Car, Truck, and Motorcycle, each with additional attributes, such as seatCapacity for Car.
  - Demonstrate polymorphism by storing objects of different subclasses in an array of Vehicle type and calling displayInfo() on each.
- Goal: Understand how inheritance helps in organizing shared and unique features across subclasses and use polymorphism for dynamic method calls.

```
class Vehicle {
   int maxSpeed;
   String fuelType;
   Vehicle(int maxSpeed, String fuelType) {
        this.maxSpeed = maxSpeed;
       this.fuelType = fuelType;
   }
   void displayInfo() {
        System.out.println("Max Speed: " + maxSpeed + " km/h, Fuel Type: " +
fuelType);
   }
class Car extends Vehicle {
   int seatCapacity;
   Car(int maxSpeed, String fuelType, int seatCapacity) {
        super(maxSpeed, fuelType);
       this.seatCapacity = seatCapacity;
   }
   @Override
   void displayInfo() {
        super.displayInfo();
       System.out.println("Seat Capacity: " + seatCapacity);
```



```
class Truck extends Vehicle {
   int loadCapacity;
   Truck(int maxSpeed, String fuelType, int loadCapacity) {
        super(maxSpeed, fuelType);
       this.loadCapacity = loadCapacity;
   }
   @Override
   void displayInfo() {
       super.displayInfo();
       System.out.println("Load Capacity: " + loadCapacity + " tons");
   }
class Motorcycle extends Vehicle {
   boolean hasCarrier;
   Motorcycle(int maxSpeed, String fuelType, boolean hasCarrier) {
        super(maxSpeed, fuelType);
        this.hasCarrier = hasCarrier;
   @Override
   void displayInfo() {
        super.displayInfo();
        System.out.println("Has Carrier: " + (hasCarrier ? "Yes" : "No"));
   }
}
public class VehicleTransport {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
       Vehicle car = new Car(200, "Petrol", 5);
        Vehicle truck = new Truck(120, "Diesel", 20);
       Vehicle motorcycle = new Motorcycle(150, "Petrol", true);
        Vehicle[] vehicles = { car, truck, motorcycle };
        for (Vehicle v : vehicles) {
            v.displayInfo();
            System.out.println();
   }
```



# Single Inheritance

#### Sample Problem 1: Library Management with Books and Authors

- Description: Model a Book system where Book is the superclass, and Author is a subclass.
- Tasks:
  - Define a superclass Book with attributes like title and publicationYear.
  - Define a subclass Author with additional attributes like name and bio.
  - Create a method displayInfo() to show details of the book and its author.
- **Goal**: Practice single inheritance by extending the base class and adding more specific details in the subclass.

```
class Book {
   String title;
   int publicationYear;
   Book(String title, int publicationYear) {
       this.title = title;
       this.publicationYear = publicationYear;
   }
   void displayInfo() {
       System.out.println("Title: " + title);
       System.out.println("Publication Year: " + publicationYear);
}
class Author extends Book {
   String name;
   String bio;
   Author(String title, int publicationYear, String name, String bio) {
        super(title, publicationYear);
       this.name = name;
       this.bio = bio;
   }
```



```
@Override
  void displayInfo() {
        super.displayInfo();
        System.out.println("Author: " + name);
        System.out.println("Bio: " + bio);
    }
}

public class LibraryManagement {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Author book1 = new Author("The Book", 2025, "Mera Naam", "Hidden Bio");
        book1.displayInfo();
    }
}
```



- Description: Create a hierarchy for a smart home system where Device is the superclass and Thermostat is a subclass.
- Tasks:
  - Define a superclass Device with attributes like deviceId and status.
  - Create a subclass Thermostat with additional attributes like temperatureSetting.
  - Implement a method displayStatus() to show each device's current settings.
- Goal: Understand single inheritance by adding specific attributes to a subclass, keeping the superclass general.

```
class Device {
   int deviceId;
   String status;
   Device(int deviceId, String status) {
       this.deviceId = deviceId;
       this.status = status;
   }
   void displayStatus() {
       System.out.println("Device ID: " + deviceId);
       System.out.println("Status: " + status);
   }
}
class Thermostat extends Device {
   int temperatureSetting;
   Thermostat(int deviceId, String status, int temperatureSetting) {
        super(deviceId, status);
       this.temperatureSetting = temperatureSetting;
   }
   @Override
   void displayStatus() {
        super.displayStatus();
       System.out.println("Temperature Setting: " + temperatureSetting +
"°C");
```



```
public class SmartHome {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Thermostat thermostat1 = new Thermostat(101, "ON", 24);
        thermostat1.displayStatus();
    }
}
```



#### Sample Problem 1: Online Retail Order Management

- Description: Create a multilevel hierarchy to manage orders, where Order is the base class, ShippedOrder is a subclass, and DeliveredOrder extends ShippedOrder.
- o Tasks:
  - Define a base class Order with common attributes like orderId and orderDate.
  - Create a subclass ShippedOrder with additional attributes like trackingNumber.
  - Create another subclass DeliveredOrder extending ShippedOrder, adding a deliveryDate attribute.
  - Implement a method getOrderStatus() to return the current order status based on the class level.
- Goal: Explore multilevel inheritance, showing how attributes and methods can be added across a chain of classes.

```
class Order {
   int orderId;
   String orderDate;
   Order(int orderId, String orderDate) {
       this.orderId = orderId;
       this.orderDate = orderDate;
   }
   String getOrderStatus() {
        return "Order placed.";
   }
   void displayOrderDetails() {
       System.out.println("Order ID: " + orderId);
       System.out.println("Order Date: " + orderDate);
       System.out.println("Status: " + getOrderStatus());
   }
}
class ShippedOrder extends Order {
   String trackingNumber;
```



```
ShippedOrder(int orderId, String orderDate, String trackingNumber) {
        super(orderId, orderDate);
       this.trackingNumber = trackingNumber;
   }
   @Override
   String getOrderStatus() {
       return "Order shipped with tracking number: " + trackingNumber;
}
class DeliveredOrder extends ShippedOrder {
   String deliveryDate;
   DeliveredOrder(int orderId, String orderDate, String trackingNumber, String
deliveryDate) {
        super(orderId, orderDate, trackingNumber);
       this.deliveryDate = deliveryDate;
   }
   @Override
   String getOrderStatus() {
       return "Order delivered on: " + deliveryDate;
   }
}
public class OrderManagement {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
       Order order = new Order(1001, "01-02-2025");
       order.displayOrderDetails();
       System.out.println();
       ShippedOrder shippedOrder = new ShippedOrder(1002, "02-02-2025", "T1");
        shippedOrder.displayOrderDetails();
       System.out.println();
       DeliveredOrder deliveredOrder = new DeliveredOrder(1003, "03-03-2025",
"T2", "04-02-2025");
       deliveredOrder.displayOrderDetails();
   }}
```



#### Sample Problem 2: Educational Course Hierarchy

- Description: Model a course system where Course is the base class, OnlineCourse is a subclass, and PaidOnlineCourse extends OnlineCourse.
- o Tasks:
  - Define a superclass Course with attributes like courseName and duration.
  - Define OnlineCourse to add attributes such as platform and isRecorded.
  - Define PaidOnlineCourse to add fee and discount.
- Goal: Demonstrate how each level of inheritance builds on the previous, adding complexity to the system.

```
class Course {
   String courseName;
   int duration;
   Course(String courseName, int duration) {
        this.courseName = courseName;
       this.duration = duration;
   }
   void displayCourseInfo() {
        System.out.println("Course Name: " + courseName);
        System.out.println("Duration: " + duration + " weeks");
   }
}
class OnlineCourse extends Course {
    String platform;
   boolean isRecorded;
    OnlineCourse(String courseName, int duration, String platform, boolean
isRecorded) {
        super(courseName, duration);
       this.platform = platform;
        this.isRecorded = isRecorded;
   @Override
   void displayCourseInfo() {
```



```
super.displayCourseInfo();
       System.out.println("Platform: " + platform);
       System.out.println("Recorded: " + (isRecorded ? "Yes" : "No"));
   }
}
class PaidOnlineCourse extends OnlineCourse {
   double fee;
   double discount;
   PaidOnlineCourse(String courseName, int duration, String platform, boolean
isRecorded, double fee,
            double discount) {
       super(courseName, duration, platform, isRecorded);
       this.fee = fee;
       this.discount = discount;
   }
   double getDiscountedPrice() {
       return fee - (fee * discount / 100);
   @Override
   void displayCourseInfo() {
        super.displayCourseInfo();
       System.out.println("Fee: " + fee);
       System.out.println("Discount: " + discount + "%");
       System.out.println("Final Price: " + getDiscountedPrice());
   }
}
public class CourseHierarchy {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
```



```
Course course = new Course("Java Basics", 6);
    course.displayCourseInfo();
    System.out.println();

OnlineCourse onlineCourse = new OnlineCourse("JavaScript", 8,
"Coursera", true);
    onlineCourse.displayCourseInfo();
    System.out.println();

PaidOnlineCourse paidCourse = new PaidOnlineCourse("MERN", 12, "Udemy",
true, 500, 20);
    paidCourse.displayCourseInfo();
}
```



#### **Sample Problem 1: Bank Account Types**

- Description: Model a banking system with different account types using hierarchical inheritance. BankAccount is the superclass, with SavingsAccount, CheckingAccount, and FixedDepositAccount as subclasses.
- o Tasks:
  - Define a base class BankAccount with attributes like accountNumber and balance.
  - Define subclasses SavingsAccount, CheckingAccount, and FixedDepositAccount, each with unique attributes like interestRate for SavingsAccount and withdrawalLimit for CheckingAccount.
  - Implement a method displayAccountType() in each subclass to specify the account type.
- Goal: Explore hierarchical inheritance, demonstrating how each subclass can have unique attributes while inheriting from a shared superclass.

```
class BankAccount {
   String accountNumber;
   double balance;
   BankAccount(String accountNumber, double balance) {
        this.accountNumber = accountNumber;
       this.balance = balance;
   }
   void displayDetails() {
       System.out.println("Account Number: " + accountNumber);
       System.out.println("Balance: " + balance);
   }
class SavingsAccount extends BankAccount {
   double interestRate;
   SavingsAccount(String accountNumber, double balance, double interestRate) {
        super(accountNumber, balance);
       this.interestRate = interestRate;
   }
```



```
void displayAccountType() {
        System.out.println("Account Type: Savings Account");
        System.out.println("Interest Rate: " + interestRate + "%");
   }
}
class CheckingAccount extends BankAccount {
    double withdrawalLimit;
    CheckingAccount(String accountNumber, double balance, double
withdrawalLimit) {
        super(accountNumber, balance);
       this.withdrawalLimit = withdrawalLimit;
   }
   void displayAccountType() {
        System.out.println("Account Type: Checking Account");
        System.out.println("Withdrawal Limit: $" + withdrawalLimit);
   }
}
class FixedDepositAccount extends BankAccount {
   int maturityPeriod;
    FixedDepositAccount(String accountNumber, double balance, int
maturityPeriod) {
        super(accountNumber, balance);
       this.maturityPeriod = maturityPeriod;
   }
   void displayAccountType() {
        System.out.println("Account Type: Fixed Deposit Account");
        System.out.println("Maturity Period: " + maturityPeriod + " months");
   }
}
public class BankSystem {
```



```
public static void main(String[] args) {
        SavingsAccount savings = new SavingsAccount("12345", 5000, 9);
        CheckingAccount checking = new CheckingAccount("67890", 3000, 1000);
        FixedDepositAccount fixedDeposit = new FixedDepositAccount("11223",

10000, 12);

        savings.displayDetails();
        savings.displayAccountType();
        System.out.println();

        checking.displayDetails();
        checking.displayAccountType();
        System.out.println();

        fixedDeposit.displayDetails();
        fixedDeposit.displayAccountType();
    }
}
```



- Description: Create a hierarchy for a school system where Person is the superclass, and Teacher, Student, and Staff are subclasses.
- Tasks:
  - Define a superclass Person with common attributes like name and age.
  - Define subclasses Teacher, Student, and Staff with specific attributes (e.g., subject for Teacher and grade for Student).
  - Each subclass should have a method like displayRole() that describes the role.
- Goal: Demonstrate hierarchical inheritance by modeling different roles in a school, each with shared and unique characteristics.

```
class Person {
    String name;
    int age;
    Person(String name, int age) {
        this.name = name;
        this.age = age;
    }
    void displayDetails() {
        System.out.println("Name: " + name);
        System.out.println("Age: " + age);
    }
}
class Teacher extends Person {
    String subject;
    Teacher(String name, int age, String subject) {
        super(name, age);
        this.subject = subject;
    }
    void displayRole() {
        System.out.println("Role: Teacher");
        System.out.println("Teaches: " + subject);
    }
}
class Student extends Person {
    int grade;
```



```
Student(String name, int age, int grade) {
        super(name, age);
       this.grade = grade;
   }
   void displayRole() {
       System.out.println("Role: Student");
       System.out.println("Grade: " + grade);
   }
}
class Staff extends Person {
   String department;
   Staff(String name, int age, String department) {
        super(name, age);
       this.department = department;
   }
   void displayRole() {
       System.out.println("Role: Staff");
       System.out.println("Department: " + department);
   }
}
public class SchoolSystem {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
       Teacher teacher = new Teacher("ABC", 35, "Mathematics");
       Student student = new Student("DEF", 16, 10);
       Staff staff = new Staff("GHI", 40, "Administration");
       teacher.displayDetails();
       teacher.displayRole();
       System.out.println();
        student.displayDetails();
       student.displayRole();
       System.out.println();
       staff.displayDetails();
        staff.displayRole();
```



```
}
```

# Hybrid Inheritance (Simulating Multiple Inheritance)

Since Java doesn't support multiple inheritance directly, hybrid inheritance is typically achieved through **interfaces**.

# Sample Problem 1: Restaurant Management System with Hybrid Inheritance

- Description: Model a restaurant system where Person is the superclass and Chef and Waiter are subclasses. Both Chef and Waiter should implement a Worker interface that requires a performDuties() method.
- Tasks:
  - Define a superclass Person with attributes like name and id.
  - Create an interface Worker with a method performDuties().
  - Define subclasses Chef and Waiter that inherit from Person and implement the Worker interface, each providing a unique implementation of performDuties().
- Goal: Practice hybrid inheritance by combining inheritance and interfaces, giving multiple behaviors to the same objects.

```
class Person {
    String name;
    int id;

    Person(String name, int id) {
        this.name = name;
        this.id = id;
    }

    void displayInfo() {
        System.out.println("Name: " + name);
        System.out.println("ID: " + id);
    }
}
```



```
interface Worker {
   void performDuties();
}
class Chef extends Person implements Worker {
   String specialty;
   Chef(String name, int id, String specialty) {
        super(name, id);
       this.specialty = specialty;
   }
   @Override
   public void performDuties() {
       System.out.println(name + " is preparing " + specialty + " dishes.");
}
class Waiter extends Person implements Worker {
   int tablesAssigned;
   Waiter(String name, int id, int tablesAssigned) {
        super(name, id);
       this.tablesAssigned = tablesAssigned;
   }
   @Override
   public void performDuties() {
        System.out.println(name + " is serving " + tablesAssigned + "
tables.");
   }
public class RestaurantSystem {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Chef chef = new Chef("ABC", 101, "Indian");
        Waiter waiter = new Waiter("DEF", 202, 5);
        chef.displayInfo();
        chef.performDuties();
       System.out.println();
        waiter.displayInfo();
```



```
waiter.performDuties();
}
}
```

#### Sample Problem 2: Vehicle Management System with Hybrid Inheritance

- Description: Model a vehicle system where Vehicle is the superclass and ElectricVehicle and PetrolVehicle are subclasses. Additionally, create a Refuelable interface implemented by PetrolVehicle.
- o Tasks:
  - Define a superclass Vehicle with attributes like maxSpeed and model.
  - Create an interface Refuelable with a method refuel().
  - Define subclasses ElectricVehicle and PetrolVehicle. PetrolVehicle should implement Refuelable, while ElectricVehicle include a charge() method.
- Goal: Use hybrid inheritance by having PetrolVehicle implement both Vehicle and Refuelable, demonstrating how Java interfaces allow adding multiple behaviors.

```
class Vehicle {
    String model;
    int maxSpeed;

    Vehicle(String model, int maxSpeed) {
        this.model = model;
        this.maxSpeed = maxSpeed;
    }

    void displayInfo() {
        System.out.println("Model: " + model);
        System.out.println("Max Speed: " + maxSpeed + " km/h");
    }
}

interface Refuelable {
    void refuel();
```



```
class ElectricVehicle extends Vehicle {
   int batteryCapacity;
   ElectricVehicle(String model, int maxSpeed, int batteryCapacity) {
        super(model, maxSpeed);
        this.batteryCapacity = batteryCapacity;
   }
   void charge() {
        System.out.println(model + " is charging. Battery capacity: " +
batteryCapacity + " kWh");
class PetrolVehicle extends Vehicle implements Refuelable {
   int fuelCapacity;
   PetrolVehicle(String model, int maxSpeed, int fuelCapacity) {
        super(model, maxSpeed);
       this.fuelCapacity = fuelCapacity;
   }
   @Override
   public void refuel() {
       System.out.println(model + " is refueling. Fuel capacity: " +
fuelCapacity + " liters");
}
public class VehicleManagement {
```



```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    ElectricVehicle ev = new ElectricVehicle("Tata", 250, 75);
    PetrolVehicle pv = new PetrolVehicle("Ford", 280, 60);

    ev.displayInfo();
    ev.charge();
    System.out.println();

    pv.displayInfo();
    pv.refuel();
}
```

#### 1. Favor Composition Over Inheritance

- Use composition instead
- instead of inheritance when a class can be described as "has-a" rather than "is-a".
- This avoids tight coupling and provides greater flexibility.

#### 2. Ensure Proper Use of is-a Relationship

- Use inheritance only when the subclass truly extends the behavior of the superclass, maintaining the "is-a" relationship.
- Avoid misusing inheritance for code reuse.

## 3. Follow Liskov Substitution Principle

- Subclasses should be substitutable for their superclasses without breaking the application.
- Ensure overridden methods maintain the expected behavior of the superclass.



#### 4. Avoid Deep Inheritance Hierarchies

- Keep the inheritance hierarchy shallow to reduce complexity and improve maintainability.
- Deep hierarchies can make debugging and understanding the code difficult.

### 5. Mark Superclass Methods final If Needed

- Prevent subclasses from overriding critical methods by marking them final.
- This ensures essential functionality remains unchanged.

#### 6. Use @Override Annotation

- Always use @Override to explicitly indicate that a method is being overridden.
- This helps catch errors during compilation if the method signature is incorrect.

## 7. Minimize Public Fields in Superclasses

- Use private or protected fields with proper getters and setters.
- This prevents unintended access or modification by subclasses.

## 8. Avoid Overloading Alongside Overriding

- Overloading methods with similar names and parameters in subclasses can lead to confusion.
- Ensure clarity by distinctly separating overridden methods from overloaded ones.

# 9. Prefer Abstract Classes for Partial Implementation

- Use abstract classes to define a blueprint with partial implementation for related classes.
- Abstract classes provide flexibility while enforcing a consistent structure.



#### 10. Use Interfaces for Multiple Inheritance

- Java does not support multiple inheritance through classes. Use interfaces to achieve multiple inheritance-like behavior.
- This helps avoid the "diamond problem."

#### 11. Document Inheritance Behavior

- Clearly document the purpose and expected behavior of the superclass and its methods.
- Provide details on how subclasses should override or extend the methods.

## 12. Avoid Overriding Methods Unnecessarily

 Override methods only when necessary and when the subclass needs to modify or extend the behavior of the superclass.

#### 13. Be Cautious with Constructors

- Call the superclass constructor explicitly in the subclass constructor using super().
- Avoid calling non-final methods from constructors to prevent issues with uninitialized state in subclasses.

## 14. Use Polymorphism Effectively

- Design systems to leverage polymorphism where superclass references are used to interact with subclass objects.
- This promotes flexibility and extensibility.

## 15. Beware of Fragile Base Class Problem

- Changes to the superclass can inadvertently affect all subclasses.
- Minimize dependencies and changes to the superclass once it is widely used.



### 16. Test Subclass and Superclass Interactions

- Thoroughly test how the subclass interacts with inherited methods and state.
- Ensure changes in the subclass do not break the expected behavior of the superclass.

### 17. Avoid Inheriting from Concrete Classes

- Prefer inheriting from abstract classes or interfaces rather than concrete classes.
- This avoids tight coupling to a specific implementation.

### 18. Consider Using Delegation for Special Cases

- When specific behavior is needed in some instances but not others, delegation may be a better choice than inheritance.
- This promotes better separation of concerns.