

Coding Cheat Sheet

This reading provides a reference list of code you'll encounter as you work with object-oriented coding in Java. Understanding these concepts will help you write and debug your first Java programs. Let's explore the following Java coding concepts:

- Inheritance in Java
- Polymorphism in Java
- Interfaces and abstract classes in Java
- Inner classes in Java

Keep this summary reading available as a reference as you progress through your course, and refer to this reading as you begin coding with Java after this course!

Inheritance in Java

Creating a superclass

Description	Example
Create a superclass named <code>Animal</code> , which serves as a base class for other classes that might inherit from it.	<code>class Animal {</code>
Define a <code>String</code> variable <code>name</code> to store the name of the animal.	<code>String name;</code>
Include a method <code>eat()</code> to print the message that the animal is eating.	<code>void eat() {</code>
Print the message to the console using the <code>System.out.println()</code> function. The animal name is displayed dynamically.	<code>System.out.println(name + " is eating.");</code>
Close curly braces to end the <code>Animal</code> class definition.	<code>}</code>

Description	Example

Creating a subclass

Description	Example
The Dog class inherits from the Animal class, meaning it automatically gets all properties and methods from Animal.	<pre>class Dog extends Animal {</pre>
Include a method bark() to print the message that the dog is barking.	<pre>void bark() {</pre>
Print the message to the console using the System.out.println() function. The animal name is displayed dynamically.	<pre>System.out.println(name + " says woof!");</pre>
Close curly braces to end the Animal class definition.	<pre>}</pre>

Using inheritance

Description	Example
A Java class named <code>Main</code> with a <code>main</code> method. The <code>main</code> method is the entry point of the program.	<pre>public class Main {</pre>
The <code>main</code> method is declared using <code>public static void main(String[] args)</code> . This method is required for execution in Java programs.	<pre>public static void main(String[] args) {</pre>
Creates an instance of the <code>Dog</code> class. The <code>Dog</code> class inherits from the <code>Animal</code> class.	<pre>Dog myDog = new Dog();</pre>
Assigns "Buddy" to the <code>name</code> variable inherited from <code>Animal</code> .	<pre>myDog.name = "Buddy";</pre>
Calls the <code>eat()</code> method from the <code>Animal</code> class, which prints "Buddy is eating.".	<pre>myDog.eat();</pre>
Calls the <code>bark()</code> method from the <code>Dog</code> class, which prints "Buddy says woof!".	<pre>myDog.bark();</pre>

Description	Example
Close curly braces to end the Main class definition.	}

Using multilevel inheritance

Description	Example
The Puppy class inherits from the Dog class. Since Dog already inherits from Animal, Puppy indirectly inherits all properties and methods from Animal as well.	class Puppy extends Dog {
This method adds a new behavior specific to the Puppy class.	void weep() {
Print the message to the console using the System.out.println() function. The animal name is displayed dynamically.	System.out.println(name + " is weeping.");
Close curly braces to end the Puppy class definition.	}

Explanation: This is an example of multilevel inheritance. Animal (Superclass) → Dog (Subclass) → Puppy (Subclass of Dog). The Animal class has attribute name and method eat(). The Dog class inherits from Animal and adds the bark() method. Puppy inherits from Dog and adds the weep() method.

Using hierarchical inheritance

Description	Example
The Cat class inherits from the Animal class. Since Animal contains the name variable and eat() method, Cat inherits those properties.	class Cat extends Animal {
This method adds a new behavior specific to the Cat class.	void meow() {
Print the message to the console using the System.out.println() function. The animal name is displayed dynamically.	System.out.println(name + " says meow!");
Close curly braces to end the Cat class definition.	}

Explanation: This is an example of hierarchical inheritance because multiple subclasses (Dog and Cat) inherit from the same superclass (Animal). Animal has attribute name and method eat(). Dog and Cat inherit from Animal, but each adds unique behaviors. Dog adds the bark() method and Cat adds the meow() method.

Method overriding

Description	Example
Create a superclass named <code>Animal</code> , which serves as a base class for other classes that might inherit from it.	<code>class Animal {</code>
Include a <code>sound()</code> method. This method is meant to be overridden by subclasses that define more specific behaviors.	<code>void sound() {</code>
Print the message "Animal makes a sound" to the console using the <code>System.out.println()</code> function.	<code>System.out.println("Animal makes a sound");</code>
Close curly braces to end the <code>Animal</code> class definition.	<code>}</code>

Description	Example
The <code>Dog</code> class inherits from the <code>Animal</code> class.	<code>class Dog extends Animal {</code>
Dog overrides the <code>sound()</code> method to provide a specific implementation: "Dog barks". The <code>@Override</code> annotation tells the compiler that this method replaces the <code>sound()</code> method from <code>Animal</code> .	<code>@Override</code>

Description	Example
Include a <code>sound()</code> method to print the message "Dog barks".	<code>void sound() {</code>
Print the message to the console using the <code>System.out.println()</code> function.	<code>System.out.println("Dog barks");</code>
Close curly braces to end the Dog class definition.	<code>}</code>

Explanation: In this example, Dog provides its own implementation of `sound()`, replacing the one in Animal. Method overriding occurs when a subclass provides a specific implementation of a method already defined in its superclass. The method in the subclass must have the same name, return type, and parameters as the method in the superclass.

Using overridden methods

Description	Example
A Java class named Main with a main method. The main method is the entry point of the program.	<code>public class Main {</code>
The main method is declared using <code>public static void main(String[] args)</code> . This method is required for execution in Java programs.	<code>public static void main(String[] args) {</code>

Description	Example
Creates an instance of Animal and stores it in a variable myAnimal.	<pre>Animal myAnimal = new Animal();</pre>
The Dog object is stored in an Animal reference. Since Dog overrides the sound() method, Java uses dynamic method dispatch to call the overridden method in Dog, not in Animal.	<pre>Animal myDog = new Dog();</pre>
Since myAnimal is a regular Animal object, calling myAnimal.sound() executes the sound() method from the Animal class.	<pre>myAnimal.sound();</pre>
Since myDog refers to a Dog object (even though it's declared as Animal), it calls the overridden sound() method in Dog due to polymorphism.	<pre>myDog.sound();</pre>
Close curly braces to end the Main class definition.	<pre>}</pre>

Explanation: The Dog class inherits from Animal, meaning it gets all non-private properties and methods of Animal. Dog overrides the sound() method from Animal, providing a more specific implementation. Even though myDog is declared as an Animal, Java determines the method to call at runtime, not compile time. When calling myDog.sound(), Java looks at the actual object type (Dog) and calls sound() from Dog, not Animal.

Polymorphism in Java

Compile-time polymorphism

Description	Example
Create a class <code>MathOperations</code> that contains multiple methods for performing addition.	<pre>class MathOperations {</pre>
Include an <code>add</code> method that accepts two <code>int</code> values (<code>a</code> and <code>b</code>).	<pre> int add(int a, int b) {</pre>
Add the values of <code>a</code> and <code>b</code> and return the sum to the calling method as an <code>int</code> .	<pre> return a + b;</pre>
Close curly braces to end the method.	<pre>}</pre>
Include an <code>add</code> method that accepts three <code>int</code> values (<code>a</code> , <code>b</code> , and <code>c</code>).	<pre>int add(int a, int b, int c) {</pre>
Add the values of <code>a</code> , <code>b</code> , and <code>c</code> and return the sum to the calling method as an <code>int</code> . This method overloads the first <code>add()</code> method because it has different number of parameters.	<pre> return a + b + c;</pre>

Description	Example
Close curly braces to end the method.	}
Include an add method that accepts two double values (a and b).	int add(double a, double b) {
Add the values of a and b and return the sum to the calling method as a double. This method overloads both of the previous add() methods, but it works with double values instead of int.	return a + b;
Close curly braces to end the method and the MathOperations class definition.	}
A Java class named Main with a main method. The main method is the entry point of the program.	public class Main {
The main method is declared using public static void main(String[] args). This method is required for execution in Java programs.	public static void main(String[] args) {

Description	Example
Create an instance of the <code>MathOperations</code> class and assign it to the <code>math</code> object.	<pre>MathOperations math = new MathOperations();</pre>
Calls the method <code>add(int a, int b)</code> to add two integers (2 + 3) and print the result to the console.	<pre>System.out.println("Sum of 2 and 3: " + math.add(2, 3));</pre>
Calls the method <code>add(int a, int b, int c)</code> to add three integers (2 + 3 + 4) and print the result to the console.	<pre>System.out.println("Sum of 2, 3 and 4: " + math.add(2, 3, 4));</pre>
Calls the method <code>add(double a, double b)</code> to add two double values (2.5 + 3.5) and print the result to the console.	<pre>System.out.println("Sum of 2.5 and 3.5: " + math.add(2.5, 3.5));</pre>
Close curly braces to end the Main class definition.	<pre>}</pre>

Explanation: The `add()` method is overloaded three times in the `MathOperations` class. Different number of parameters (`int a, int b`) versus (`int a, int b, int c`) and different types of parameters (`int` versus `double`). In Java, overloading is based on the method signature, which includes the number and types of parameters. It does not depend on the return type. The correct method is selected at compile time based on the arguments passed to the `add()` method. This is an example of compile-time polymorphism (or static polymorphism).

Using compile-time polymorphism

Description	Example
Create a class <code>MathOperations</code> that contains multiple methods for performing addition.	<pre>class MathOperations {</pre>
Include an <code>add</code> method that accepts two <code>int</code> values (<code>a</code> and <code>b</code>).	<pre> int add(int a, int b) {</pre>
Add the values of <code>a</code> and <code>b</code> and return the sum to the calling method as an <code>int</code> .	<pre> return a + b;</pre>
Close curly braces to end the method.	<pre>}</pre>
Include an <code>add</code> method that accepts two <code>double</code> values (<code>a</code> and <code>b</code>).	<pre> int add(double a, double b) {</pre>
Add the values of <code>a</code> and <code>b</code> and return the sum to the calling method as a <code>double</code> . This method overloads both of the previous <code>add()</code> methods, but it works with <code>double</code> values instead of <code>int</code> .	<pre> return a + b;</pre>

Description	Example
Close curly braces to end the method.	}
Include an add method that accepts three int values (a, b, and c).	int add(int a, int b, int c) {
Add the values of a, b, and c and return the sum to the calling method as an int. This method overloads the first add() method because it has different number of parameters.	return a + b + c;
Close curly braces to end the method and the MathOperations class definition.	}
A Java class named Main with a main method. The main method is the entry point of the program.	public class Main {
The main method is declared using public static void main(String[] args). This method is required for execution in Java programs.	public static void main(String[] args) {

Description	Example
Create an instance of the <code>MathOperations</code> class and assign it to the <code>math</code> object.	<pre>MathOperations math = new MathOperations();</pre>
Calls the method <code>add(int a, int b)</code> to add two integers (2 + 3) and print the result to the console.	<pre>System.out.println("Sum of 2 and 3: " + math.add(2, 3));</pre>
Calls the method <code>add(double a, double b)</code> to add two double values (2.5 + 3.5) and print the result to the console.	<pre>System.out.println("Sum of 2.5 and 3.5: " + math.add(2.5, 3.5));</pre>
Calls the method <code>add(int a, int b, int c)</code> to add three integers (2 + 3 + 4) and print the result to the console.	<pre>System.out.println("Sum of 1, 2 and 3: " + math.add(2, 3, 4));</pre>
Close curly braces to end the Main class definition.	<pre>}</pre>

Explanation: In this example, the `MathOperations` class has three overloaded `add` methods. Depending on the number and type of arguments passed to `add`, Java determines which method to invoke at compile time. This makes our code more flexible and easier to read.

Using runtime polymorphism

Description	Example
Create a superclass named <code>Animal</code> , which serves as a base class for other classes that might inherit from it.	<code>class Animal {</code>
Include a <code>sound()</code> method. This method is meant to be overridden by subclasses that define more specific behaviors.	<code>void sound() {</code>
Print the message "Animal makes a sound" to the console using the <code>System.out.println()</code> function.	<code>System.out.println("Animal makes a sound");</code>
Close curly braces to end the <code>Animal</code> class definition.	<code>}</code>

Description	Example
The <code>Dog</code> class inherits from the <code>Animal</code> class.	<code>class Dog extends Animal {</code>
Dog overrides the <code>sound()</code> method to provide a specific implementation: "Dog barks". The <code>@Override</code> annotation tells the compiler that this method replaces the <code>sound()</code> method from <code>Animal</code> .	<code>@Override</code>

Description	Example
Include a <code>sound()</code> method to print the message "Dog barks".	<code>void sound() {</code>
Print the message to the console using the <code>System.out.println()</code> function.	<code>System.out.println("Dog barks");</code>
Close curly braces to end the Dog class definition.	<code>}</code>
Description	Example
The Cat class inherits from the Animal class.	<code>class Cat extends Animal {</code>
Cat overrides the <code>sound()</code> method to provide a specific implementation: "Cat meows". The <code>@Override</code> annotation tells the compiler that this method replaces the <code>sound()</code> method from Animal.	<code>@Override</code>
Include a <code>sound()</code> method to print the message "Cat meows".	<code>void sound() {</code>

Description	Example
Print the message to the console using the <code>System.out.println()</code> function.	<code>System.out.println("Cat meows");</code>
Close curly braces to end the <code>Cat</code> class definition.	<code>}</code>

Description	Example
A Java class named <code>Main</code> with a <code>main</code> method. The <code>main</code> method is the entry point of the program.	<code>public class Main {</code>
The <code>main</code> method is declared using <code>public static void main(String[] args)</code> . This method is required for execution in Java programs.	<code> public static void main(String[] args) {</code>
Creates an instance of <code>Animal</code> and stores it in a variable <code>myAnimal</code> .	<code> Animal myAnimal = new Animal();</code>
The <code>Dog</code> object is stored in an <code>Animal</code> reference. Since <code>Dog</code> overrides the <code>sound()</code> method, Java uses dynamic method dispatch to call the overridden method in <code>Dog</code> , not in <code>Animal</code> .	<code> myAnimal = new Dog();</code>

Description	Example
Since <code>myAnimal</code> is a regular <code>Animal</code> object, calling <code>myAnimal.sound()</code> executes the <code>sound()</code> method from the <code>Animal</code> class.	<code>myAnimal.sound();</code>
The <code>Cat</code> object is stored in an <code>Animal</code> reference. Since <code>Cat</code> overrides the <code>sound()</code> method, Java uses dynamic method dispatch to call the overridden method in <code>Cat</code> , not in <code>Animal</code> .	<code>myAnimal = new Cat();</code>
Since <code>myAnimal</code> is a regular <code>Animal</code> object, calling <code>myAnimal.sound()</code> executes the <code>sound()</code> method from the <code>Animal</code> class.	<code>myAnimal.sound();</code>
Close curly braces to end the <code>Main</code> class definition.	<code>}</code>

Explanation: In this example, `Animal` is a superclass with a method called `sound()`. Both `Dog` and `Cat` classes extend `Animal`, providing their own implementation of the `sound()` method. When we create an `Animal` reference and assign it to different subclasses (`Dog` and `Cat`), the appropriate `sound()` method is called at runtime based on the object type. This allows for more dynamic and flexible code.

Creating virtual methods

Description	Example
Create a superclass named <code>Animal</code> , which serves as a base class for other classes that might inherit from it.	<code>class Animal {</code>

Description	Example
Include a <code>sound()</code> method. This method is meant to be overridden by subclasses that define more specific behaviors.	<pre>void sound() {</pre>
Print the message "Animal makes a sound" to the console using the <code>System.out.println()</code> function.	<pre>System.out.println("Animal makes a sound");</pre>
Close curly braces to end the <code>Animal</code> class definition.	<pre>}</pre>
Description	Example
The <code>Dog</code> class inherits from the <code>Animal</code> class.	<pre>class Dog extends Animal {</pre>
Dog overrides the <code>sound()</code> method to provide a specific implementation: "Dog barks". The <code>@Override</code> annotation tells the compiler that this method replaces the <code>sound()</code> method from <code>Animal</code> .	<pre>@Override</pre>
Include a <code>sound()</code> method to print the message "Dog barks".	<pre>void sound() {</pre>

Description	Example
Print the message to the console using the <code>System.out.println()</code> function.	<code>System.out.println("Dog barks");</code>

Description	Example
A Java class named <code>Main</code> with a <code>main</code> method. The <code>main</code> method is the entry point of the program.	<code>public class Main {</code>
The <code>main</code> method is declared using <code>public static void main(String[] args)</code> . This method is required for execution in Java programs.	<code> public static void main(String[] args) {</code>
Creates an instance of <code>Animal</code> and stores it in a variable <code>myAnimal</code> .	<code> Animal myAnimal = new Dog();</code>
Since <code>myAnimal</code> is a regular <code>Animal</code> object, calling <code>myAnimal.sound()</code> executes the <code>sound()</code> method from the	<code> myAnimal.sound();</code>

Description	Example
Animal class.	
Close curly braces to end the Main class definition.	}

Explanation: In this example, even though myAnimal is an Animal, the sound() method from the Dog class is called, demonstrating virtual method behavior.

Designing interfaces and abstract classes

Creating an interface

Description	Example
Declare an Animal interface.	interface Animal {
Include a method sound(). Any class that implements this interface must provide an implementation of sound().	void sound();
Close curly braces to end the interface definition.	}

Description	Example
Create a Dog class that implements the Animal interface.	class Dog implements Animal {
Include a sound() method for the class.	public void sound() {
Calling sound() prints "Bark" to the console using the System.out.println() function.	System.out.println("Bark");
Close curly braces to end the Dog class definition.	}
Description	Example
Create a Cat class that implements the Animal interface.	class Cat implements Animal {
Include a sound() method for the class.	public void sound() {

Description	Example
Calling sound() prints "Meow" to the console using the System.out.println() function.	<code>System.out.println("Meow");</code>
Close curly braces to end the Cat class definition.	<code>}</code>
Description	Example
A Java class named Main with a main method. The main method is the entry point of the program.	<code>public class Main {</code>
The main method is declared using public static void main(String[] args). This method is required for execution in Java programs.	<code>public static void main(String[] args) {</code>
Create the Dog object and assign it to the variable dog.	<code>Animal dog = new Dog();</code>
Create the Cat object and assign it to the variable cat.	<code>Animal cat = new Cat();</code>

Description	Example
Call <code>sound()</code> on the <code>dog</code> object. This prints the message "Bark".	<code>dog.sound();</code>
Call <code>sound()</code> on the <code>cat</code> object. This prints the message "Meow".	<code>cat.sound();</code>
Close curly braces to end the <code>Main</code> class definition.	}

Explanation: In this example, we define an interface `Animal` with a method `sound()`. The `Dog` and `Cat` classes implement the `Animal` interface and provide their own versions of the `sound()` method. In the `Main` class, we create instances of `Dog` and `Cat`, calling the `sound()` method on each to demonstrate polymorphism.

Creating an abstract class

Description	Example
Create an abstract class <code>Shape</code> that cannot be instantiated directly.	<code>abstract class Shape {</code>
Include an abstract method <code>draw()</code> that must be implemented by any subclass.	<code>abstract void draw();</code>

Description	Example
Include a concrete method <code>display()</code> that has a default implementation.	<pre>void display() {</pre>
Calling the <code>display()</code> method prints "This is a shape." to the console using the <code>System.out.println()</code> function.	<pre>System.out.println("This is a shape.");</pre>
Close curly braces to end the <code>Dog</code> class definition.	<pre>}</pre>
Description	Example
Create a <code>Circle</code> class that extends the <code>Shape</code> class.	<pre>class Circle extends Shape {</pre>
Include a <code>draw()</code> method for the class.	<pre>public void draw() {</pre>
Calling the <code>draw()</code> method prints "Drawing Circle" to the console using the <code>System.out.println()</code> function.	<pre>System.out.println("Drawing Circle");</pre>

Description	Example
Close curly braces to end the Dog class definition.	}
Description	Example
A Java class named Main with a main method. The main method is the entry point of the program.	public class Main {
The main method is declared using public static void main(String[] args). This method is required for execution in Java programs.	public static void main(String[] args) {
The shape object is instantiated from the Shape class but it refers to a Circle object.	Shape shape = new Circle();
Calling draw() on the shape object prints "Drawing Circle".	shape.draw();
Calling display() on the shape object prints "This is a shape."	shape.display();

Description	Example
Close curly braces to end the Main class definition.	}

Explanation: In this example, we define an abstract class Shape with an abstract method draw() and a concrete method display(). The Circle class extends the Shape class and provides an implementation for the draw() method. In the Main class, we create an instance of Circle using the Shape reference type to show how it works. The draw() method executes the overridden version from Circle. The display() method is inherited from Shape and is called as is.

Inner classes in Java

Creating inner classes

Description	Example
Create an OuterClass that works as a container for the inner class.	class OuterClass {
Set the value of the int outerVariable to 10.	int outerVariable = 10;
Create a classs InnerClass inside the OuterClass.	class InnerClass {
Include a method display() that accesses OuterVariable	void display();

Description	Example
from the outer class. Inner classes have direct access to the outer class's members (including private ones).	
Calling the <code>display()</code> method prints the <code>outerVariable</code> value to the console using the <code>System.out.println()</code> function. The <code>outerVariable</code> value is generated dynamically.	<pre>System.out.println("Outer variable value: " + outerVariable);</pre>
Close curly braces to end the <code>OuterClass</code> class definition.	<pre>}</pre>

Explanation: In this example, `OuterClass` contains a variable `outerVariable`. `InnerClass` is defined inside `OuterClass` and has a method `display()`. This method can access `outerVariable` directly.

Using inner classes

Description	Example
A Java class named <code>Main</code> with a <code>main</code> method. The <code>main</code> method is the entry point of the program.	<pre>public class Main {</pre>
The <code>main</code> method is declared using <code>public static void main(String[] args)</code> . This method is required for execution in Java programs.	<pre> public static void main(String[] args) {</pre>
Create an instance of the <code>OuterClass</code> . This is necessary because non-static inner	<pre> OuterClass outer = new OuterClass();</pre>

Description	Example
classes require an instance of the outer class to be created first.	
Create a classs InnerClass inside the OuterClass. Since InnerClass is a non-static inner class, it must be created using an instance of OuterClass.	OuterClass.InnerClass inner = outer.new InnerClass();
Call the <code>display()</code> method inside <code>InnerClass</code> .	inner.display();
Close curly braces to end the Main class definition.	}

Explanation: In this example, `InnerClass` is nested inside `OuterClass` and has access to all outer class's members. The `display()` method will print the value of `outerVariable`. The code demonstrates encapsulation in Java.

Creating a static nested classes

Description	Example
Create an <code>OuterClass</code> that works as a container for the inner class.	class OuterClass {
Set the value of the int <code>outerVariable</code> to 20.	static int staticVariable = 20;

Description	Example
Create a classs <code>InnerClass</code> inside the <code>OuterClass</code> .	<code>static class StaticNestedClass {</code>
Include a method <code>show()</code> that accesses <code>OuterVariable</code> from the outer class. Inner classes have direct access to the outer class's members (including private ones).	<code>void show();</code>
Calling the <code>show()</code> method prints the <code>outerVariable</code> value to the console using the <code>System.out.println()</code> function. The <code>outerVariable</code> value is generated dynamically.	<code>System.out.println("Static variable value: " + staticVariable);</code>
Close curly braces to end the <code>OuterClass</code> class definition.	<code>}</code> <code>}</code>

Explanation: In this example, `OuterClass` contains a static variable named `staticVariable` with a value of 20. Since the variable is static, it belongs to the class itself rather than an instance. Static nested classes do not require an instance of the outer class. It can access `staticVariable` without an instance of `OuterClass`. The nested class keeps related logic inside `OuterClass`, improving organization.

Using a static nested classes

Description	Example
A Java class named Main with a main method. The main method is the entry point of the program.	<pre>public class Main {</pre>
The main method is declared using public static void main(String[] args). This method is required for execution in Java programs.	<pre> public static void main(String[] args) {</pre>
Create an instance of StaticNestedClass inside the OuterClass.	<pre>OuterClass.StaticNestedClass nested = new OuterClass.StaticNestedClass();</pre>
Include a method nested.show() that prints the value of the staticVariable from OuterClass.	<pre> nested.show();</pre>
Close curly braces to end the OuterClass class definition.	<pre>}</pre>

Creating a method-local inner class

Description	Example
Create an OuterClass with a method myMethod() that will define and use a method-local inner class.	<pre>class OuterClass { void myMethod() {</pre>

Description	Example
<p>Define a class <code>MethodLocalInner</code> inside <code>myMethod()</code>. <code>MethodLocalInner</code> is local to the method, meaning that it cannot be accessed outside of <code>myMethod()</code>. Calling <code>MethodLocalInner</code> prints the message "Inside Method Local Inner Class" to the console using the <code>System.out.println()</code> function.</p>	<pre>class MethodLocalInner { void display() { System.out.println("Inside Method Local Inner Class"); } }</pre>
<p>The inner class is instantiated within the method where it is defined.</p>	<pre>MethodLocalInner inner = new MethodLocalInner();</pre>
<p><code>inner.display()</code> calls the <code>display()</code> method, printing "Inside Method Local Inner Class".</p>	<pre>inner.display();</pre>
<p>Close curly braces to end the <code>OuterClass</code> class definition.</p>	<pre>}</pre>

Creating an anonymous inner class

Description	Example
<p>The <code>Greeting</code> interface defines a single method <code>greet()</code>, which must be implemented by any class that uses this interface.</p>	<pre>interface Greeting { void greet(); }</pre>

Description	Example
<p>This creates an anonymous inner class that implements the Greeting interface. The anonymous class provides an implementation for the greet() method at the moment of object creation.</p>	<pre>public class Main { public static void main(String[] args) { Greeting greeting = new Greeting() { public void greet() { System.out.println("Hello from Anonymous Inner Class!"); } }; } }</pre>
<p>This calls the overridden greet() method in the anonymous inner class, printing "Hello from Anonymous Inner Class!".</p>	<pre>greeting.greet();</pre>

Using inner classes in the real world

Description	Example
<p>The Library class represents a library and has a private variable <code>libraryName</code> to store its name. A constructor initializes <code>libraryName</code>.</p>	<pre>class Library { private String libraryName; public Library(String name) { this.libraryName = name; } }</pre>

Description	Example
<p>Nested inside <code>Library</code>, this class represents a book. It has two private attributes: <code>title</code> and <code>author</code>. The <code>Book</code> class has a constructor to initialize these attributes. The <code>displayBookInfo()</code> method prints the book's title and author. It also accesses <code>libraryName</code> from <code>Library</code>, demonstrating how inner classes can access private members of the outer class.</p>	<pre data-bbox="499 159 1218 482"> class Book { private String title; private String author; public Book(String title, String author) { this.title = title; this.author = author; } public void displayBookInfo() { System.out.println("Library: " + libraryName); System.out.println("Book Title: " + title); System.out.println("Author: " + author); } } </pre>
<p>This creates a <code>Library</code> instance named "City Library" and creates a <code>Book</code> instance associated with that library. Since <code>Book</code> is a non-static inner class, it must be created using an instance of <code>Library</code>. The <code>displayBookInfo()</code> method in the <code>Book</code> inner class prints out the name of the library along with the book's title and author.</p>	<pre data-bbox="499 788 1488 909"> public class Main { public static void main(String[] args) { Library myLibrary = new Library("City Library"); Library.Book myBook = myLibrary.new Book("1984", "George Orwell"); myBook.displayBookInfo(); } } </pre>
<p>Close curly braces to end the <code>Main</code> class definition.</p>	<pre data-bbox="499 1215 563 1268"> } </pre>

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