

OOP concept in Java



give me the deep and detailed explanation of the oops concept in java.

so that i am able to understand it well and do not have any doubts so explain it in deep.

I'll explain OOP in Java from **zero to deep**, step by step, with simple examples.
If you read carefully and maybe type the examples in IntelliJ, you'll be very comfortable with OOP.

1. What is OOP in simple words?

OOP (Object-Oriented Programming) is a way of writing programs where you think in terms of:

- **Objects** → real-world entities (Student, Car, BankAccount, Employee)
- **Classes** → blueprints/templates to create those objects

OOP in Java is mainly based on **4 pillars**:

1. **Encapsulation** – data hiding + bundling data and methods together
2. **Inheritance** – one class reusing properties/behaviors of another
3. **Polymorphism** – one name, many forms (same method name behaves differently)
4. **Abstraction** – show only necessary details, hide internal complexity

Before the 4 pillars, you must be very clear about **Class & Object**.

2. Class and Object

2.1 Class

A **class** is a blueprint or template.

Example: Blueprint of a **Car** – it describes **what properties and behaviors a car should have**, but it is not an actual car.

In Java:

```
java

class Car {
    String color;      // property / field / attribute
    String model;
    int speed;
```

```

void start() {      // method / behavior
    System.out.println("Car started");
}

void accelerate(int value) {
    speed = speed + value;
    System.out.println("Car speed: " + speed);
}
}

```

Here:

- **Car** is a **class**
- **color, model, speed** → **fields / instance variables**
- **start(), accelerate()** → **methods**

2.2 Object

An **object** is a **real instance** of a class.

Using the blueprint (**class**), you build a real car (**object**).

```

java

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Car c1 = new Car();      // object 1
        c1.color = "Red";
        c1.model = "Swift";
        c1.start();
        c1.accelerate(20);

        Car c2 = new Car();      // object 2
        c2.color = "Black";
        c2.model = "Creta";
        c2.start();
        c2.accelerate(30);
    }
}

```

- **c1** and **c2** are **two separate objects**.
- Both are created from the same class **Car**, but they have **different data** (**color, model, speed**).

Key idea:

- **Class** = definition of **what it is & what it can do**
- **Object** = **actual thing** in memory

3. Encapsulation (Data Hiding + Bundling)

3.1 What is encapsulation?

Encapsulation means:

1. **Bundling**: keeping data (variables) and methods together in one unit → a class
2. **Hiding**: restricting direct access to internal data, and providing controlled access through methods

Why?

- To **protect data** from being changed in an invalid way
- To **control** how outside code interacts with your object
- To make your code **safe and maintainable**

3.2 How we do encapsulation in Java?

We use:

- **private** for fields (variables)
- **public** methods (**getters / setters**) to access/update fields

Example without encapsulation:

```
java

class Account {
    public int balance;
}
```

Anyone can do:

```
java

Account a = new Account();
a.balance = -1000000000; // invalid value - but compiler allows this
```

Problem: No control.

3.3 Encapsulated version

```
java

class Account {
    private int balance;      // hidden

    public int getBalance() { // getter
        return balance;
    }

    public void deposit(int amount) { // setter-style method
        if (amount > 0) {
            balance += amount;
        } else {
            System.out.println("Invalid deposit amount");
        }
    }

    public void withdraw(int amount) {
        if (amount > 0 && amount <= balance) {
            balance -= amount;
        } else {
            System.out.println("Invalid withdraw amount");
        }
    }
}
```

Now usage:

```
java

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Account acc = new Account();
        acc.deposit(500);           // valid
        acc.withdraw(1000);         // prints error message
        System.out.println(acc.getBalance());
    }
}
```

We are **not directly touching balance**, we are using methods.

This is **encapsulation**.

3.4 Access modifiers recap

- **private** – accessible only inside the same class
- **default** (no keyword) – same package
- **protected** – same package + subclasses (even in different packages)
- **public** – accessible from everywhere

Encapsulation usually = **private fields + public methods**.

4. Inheritance (Reusability, IS-A)

4.1 What is inheritance?

Inheritance means: one class (child) **inherits** properties and methods from another class (parent).

- Parent class: **superclass / base class**
- Child class: **subclass / derived class**

Syntax:

```
java

class Parent {
    // fields, methods
}

class Child extends Parent {
    // extra fields, extra methods
}
```

4.2 Why use inheritance?

- To **reuse** code instead of writing same things again and again
- To model **IS-A** relationships

Example:

Dog is a Animal
Car is a Vehicle

4.3 Example

```
java

class Animal {
    void eat() {
        System.out.println("Animal is eating");
    }
}

class Dog extends Animal {
    void bark() {
        System.out.println("Dog is barking");
    }
}
```

Usage:

```
java

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Dog d = new Dog();
        d.eat();    // inherited from Animal
        d.bark();   // Dog's own
    }
}
```

Because **Dog** extends **Animal**, **Dog** has both **eat()** and **bark()**.

4.4 Types of inheritance in Java

By concept:

1. Single inheritance

```
java

class A {}
class B extends A {}
```

2. Multilevel inheritance

```
java

class A {}
class B extends A {}
class C extends B {}
```

C inherits from **B**, and indirectly from **A**.

3. Hierarchical inheritance

```
java

class A {}
class B extends A {}
class C extends A {}
```

B and **C** both inherit from **A**.

Java **does NOT support multiple inheritance of classes** like:

class C extends A, B {} X

Instead, we use **interfaces** for that (we'll see in abstraction).

4.5 super keyword

Used to:

1. Call **parent class constructor**
2. Call **parent class method** when overridden

```
java

class Animal {
    Animal() {
        System.out.println("Animal constructor");
    }

    void eat() {
        System.out.println("Animal eats");
    }
}

class Dog extends Animal {
    Dog() {
        super(); // calls Animal()
        System.out.println("Dog constructor");
    }

    void eat() {
        System.out.println("Dog eats");
    }

    void printParentEat() {
        super.eat(); // calls Animal's eat()
    }
}
```

5. Polymorphism (One Name, Many Forms)

Polymorphism: “poly” = many, “morph” = forms.

In Java:

- **Compile-time polymorphism** → method overloading
- **Run-time polymorphism** → method overriding + dynamic method dispatch

5.1 Method Overloading (Compile-time polymorphism)

Same method name, different parameter list in same class.

```
java

class MathUtil {
    // 1
    int add(int a, int b) {
        return a + b;
    }

    // 2
    int add(int a, int b, int c) {
        return a + b + c;
    }

    // 3
    double add(double a, double b) {
        return a + b;
    }
}
```

Here, `add()` is **overloaded**.

Selection happens at **compile time**, based on:

- number of parameters
- types of parameters
- order of parameters

5.2 Method Overriding (Run-time polymorphism)

Same method signature (name + parameters) in **parent and child** classes.

```
java

class Animal {
    void sound() {
        System.out.println("Some generic animal sound");
    }
}

class Dog extends Animal {
    @Override
    void sound() {
        System.out.println("Bark");
    }
}

class Cat extends Animal {
    @Override
    void sound() {
        System.out.println("Meow");
    }
}
```

Usage:

```
java

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Animal a1 = new Dog(); // upcasting
        Animal a2 = new Cat();
```

```

    a1.sound(); // Bark
    a2.sound(); // Meow
}
}

```

- Variable type: **Animal**
- Actual object: **Dog / Cat**
- Method called is based on **actual object at runtime**, not reference type.

This is called **dynamic method dispatch / run-time polymorphism**.

5.3 Upcasting and dynamic dispatch

```

java

Animal a = new Dog(); // upcasting
a.sound();           // Dog's sound() called

```

Even though the reference type is **Animal**, the JVM sees the **object is Dog**, so it calls **Dog's overridden method**.

This is **run-time polymorphism**.

6. Abstraction (Show Only What's Needed)

6.1 What is abstraction?

Abstraction means:

- Show only necessary details
- Hide complex internal logic

Real life example:

You use a **mobile phone** – you just click on icons. You don't care about internal circuits or hardware working.

In Java, abstraction is implemented using:

1. Abstract classes

2. Interfaces

6.2 Abstract Classes

- Declared with **abstract** keyword
- Can have:
 - **Abstract methods** (no body)
 - **Non-abstract methods** (with body)

- Fields, constructors
- Cannot be instantiated directly

```
java

abstract class Shape {
    abstract double area(); // abstract method

    void printShape() { // normal method
        System.out.println("I am a shape");
    }
}

class Circle extends Shape {
    double radius;

    Circle(double radius) {
        this.radius = radius;
    }

    @Override
    double area() {
        return Math.PI * radius * radius;
    }
}
```

Usage:

```
java

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Shape s = new Shape(); // ❌ cannot create object of abstract class

        Shape s = new Circle(5); // ✅ allowed
        s.printShape();
        System.out.println("Area: " + s.area());
    }
}
```

Abstract class gives **partial implementation** and leaves **some parts (abstract methods) to be implemented by child classes.**

6.3 Interfaces

Interface is a completely abstract type (contract).

- Before Java 8: only abstract methods + constants
- Now (Java 8+): can have **default** and **static** methods with body

Use **interface** keyword:

```
java

interface Flyable {
    void fly(); // public abstract by default
}
```

Class implementing interface:

```
java

class Bird implements Flyable {
    @Override
    public void fly() {
        System.out.println("Bird is flying");
    }
}

class Airplane implements Flyable {
    @Override
    public void fly() {
        System.out.println("Airplane is flying");
    }
}
```

Usage:

```
java

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Flyable f1 = new Bird();
        Flyable f2 = new Airplane();

        f1.fly();
        f2.fly();
    }
}
```

6.4 Difference: Abstract class vs Interface (simple)

- **Abstract class**
 - **extends**
 - Can have fields, constructors, normal methods, abstract methods
 - A class can extend **only ONE** abstract class (because Java has single inheritance of classes)
- **Interface**
 - **implements**
 - Mainly used for defining **capabilities / behavior contracts**
 - A class can implement **multiple interfaces** (this is how Java supports something like multiple inheritance)

Example:

```
java

class A { }

interface I1 { }
interface I2 { }

class B extends A implements I1, I2 { }
```

7. “Has-A” vs “Is-A” (Composition vs Inheritance)

This is not one of the 4 pillars, but very important in OOP design.

7.1 IS-A (Inheritance)

Dog is a Animal → Dog extends Animal

Use inheritance when:

- Child is truly a **type of** parent
- You want to **reuse behavior** and also enable polymorphism

7.2 HAS-A (Composition)

Car has an Engine → Engine is a separate class, and Car has a field of type Engine.

```
java

class Engine {
    void startEngine() {
        System.out.println("Engine started");
    }
}

class Car {
    private Engine engine; // HAS-A relation

    Car() {
        this.engine = new Engine();
    }

    void startCar() {
        engine.startEngine();
        System.out.println("Car started");
    }
}
```

Here:

- Car is **not an Engine**, so we don't use inheritance.
- We use **composition** → Car **has** Engine

Good OOP design often prefers **composition over inheritance**.

8. How all four pillars work together (Mini example)

Let's design a small system using all 4 concepts.

Requirement:

- We have different types of employees:
 - FullTimeEmployee
 - PartTimeEmployee
- All employees have:
 - id, name

- `calculateSalary()` but formula differs

We'll use:

- **Abstraction:** abstract class `Employee`
- **Encapsulation:** `private` fields + getters/setters
- **Inheritance:** `FullTimeEmployee` & `PartTimeEmployee` extend `Employee`
- **Polymorphism:** same method `calculateSalary()` behaves differently

Code:

```
java

abstract class Employee {                      // Abstraction
    private int id;                          // Encapsulation
    private String name;

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

    // getters only (read-only for now)
    public int getId() {
        return id;
    }

    public String getName() {
        return name;
    }

    // abstract method
    public abstract double calculateSalary(); // Polymorphism (overridden in subclasses)
}

class FullTimeEmployee extends Employee {      // Inheritance
    private double monthlySalary;

    public FullTimeEmployee(int id, String name, double monthlySalary) {
        super(id, name);
        this.monthlySalary = monthlySalary;
    }

    @Override
    public double calculateSalary() {           // Polymorphism (override)
        return monthlySalary;
    }
}

class PartTimeEmployee extends Employee {      // Inheritance
    private int hoursWorked;
    private double hourlyRate;

    public PartTimeEmployee(int id, String name, int hoursWorked, double hourlyRate) {
        super(id, name);
        this.hoursWorked = hoursWorked;
        this.hourlyRate = hourlyRate;
    }

    @Override
    public double calculateSalary() {           // Polymorphism (override)
        return hoursWorked * hourlyRate;
    }
}
```

Usage:

```
java

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Employee e1 = new FullTimeEmployee(1, "Piyush", 50000);
        Employee e2 = new PartTimeEmployee(2, "Rahul", 80, 300);

        System.out.println(e1.getName() + " salary: " + e1.calculateSalary());
        System.out.println(e2.getName() + " salary: " + e2.calculateSalary());
    }
}
```

Points:

- **Employee** is **abstract**: you cannot create new **Employee()**
 - **FullTimeEmployee** and **PartTimeEmployee** **inherit** from **Employee**
 - All fields are **private** = encapsulation
 - Same method **calculateSalary()** is called on **Employee** type, but actual implementation depends on the **actual object** (**FullTimeEmployee** or **PartTimeEmployee**) → **polymorphism**
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9. Very quick summary (for revision)

- **Class** – blueprint
 - **Object** – real instance of a class
 - **Encapsulation**
 - Hiding data with **private**
 - Using **public** methods (**get/set**) to control access
 - **Inheritance**
 - **extends** keyword
 - Child gets properties/methods of parent
 - IS-A relationship
 - **Polymorphism**
 - Overloading (compile-time) → same name, different parameters
 - Overriding (run-time) → same signature in parent & child
 - Dynamic dispatch via parent reference → child object
 - **Abstraction**
 - Hide complexity
 - Using **abstract classes** and **interfaces**
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If you want, next I can:

- Give you **small OOP questions** to practice (and then we can discuss your answers), or

- Take one **real-world mini project** (e.g., Library System / Banking System) and design full OOP structure in Java with you step-by-step.