

Week 2 - A

Exercise Description

Write Java program on use of inheritance, preventing inheritance using final, abstract classes.

Java Inheritance (Subclass and Superclass)

In Java, it is possible to inherit attributes and methods from one class to another. We group the "inheritance concept" into two categories:

- **subclass** (child) - the class that inherits from another class
- **superclass** (parent) - the class being inherited from

To inherit from a class, use the `extends` keyword.

Java Polymorphism

Polymorphism means "many forms", and it occurs when we have many classes that are related to each other by inheritance.

Like we specified in the previous chapter; Inheritance lets us inherit attributes and methods from another class. Polymorphism uses those methods to perform different tasks. This allows us to perform a single action in different ways.

For example, think of a superclass called `Animal` that has a method called `animalSound()`. Subclasses of Animals could be Pigs, Cats, Dogs, Birds - And they also have their own implementation of an animal sound (the pig oinks, and the cat meows, etc.):

Further Reading

Here are some links to learn more about these topics:

- Java Inheritance: https://www.w3schools.com/java/java_inheritance.asp
- Java Polymorphism: https://www.w3schools.com/java/java_polymorphism.asp