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Inheritance and constructors in Java

In Java, constructor of base class with no argument gets automatically called in derived class constructor. For example, output of following program is:

Base Class Constructor Called

Derived Class Constructor Called

```
// filename: Main.java
class Base {
    Base() {
        System.out.println("Base Class Constructor Called ");
    }
}
class Derived extends Base {
    Derived() {
        System.out.println("Derived Class Constructor Called ");
    }
}

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Derived d = new Derived();
    }
}
```

Run on IDE

But, if we want to call parameterized contructor of base class, then we can call it using super(). The point to note is **base class constructor call must be the first line in derived class constructor**. For example, in the following program, super(x) is first line derived class constructor.

```
// filename: Main.java
class Base {
  int x;
  Base(int _x) {
    x = _x;
  }
}

class Derived extends Base {
  int y;
  Derived(int _x, int _y) {
    super(_x);
    y = _y;
  }
}
```



```
void Display() {
    System.out.println("x = "+x+", y = "+y);
}

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Derived d = new Derived(10, 20);
        d.Display();
    }
}
```

Run on IDE

Output:

$$x = 10, y = 20$$

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