

Advanced Programming

Interfaces in Java — Extended Edition

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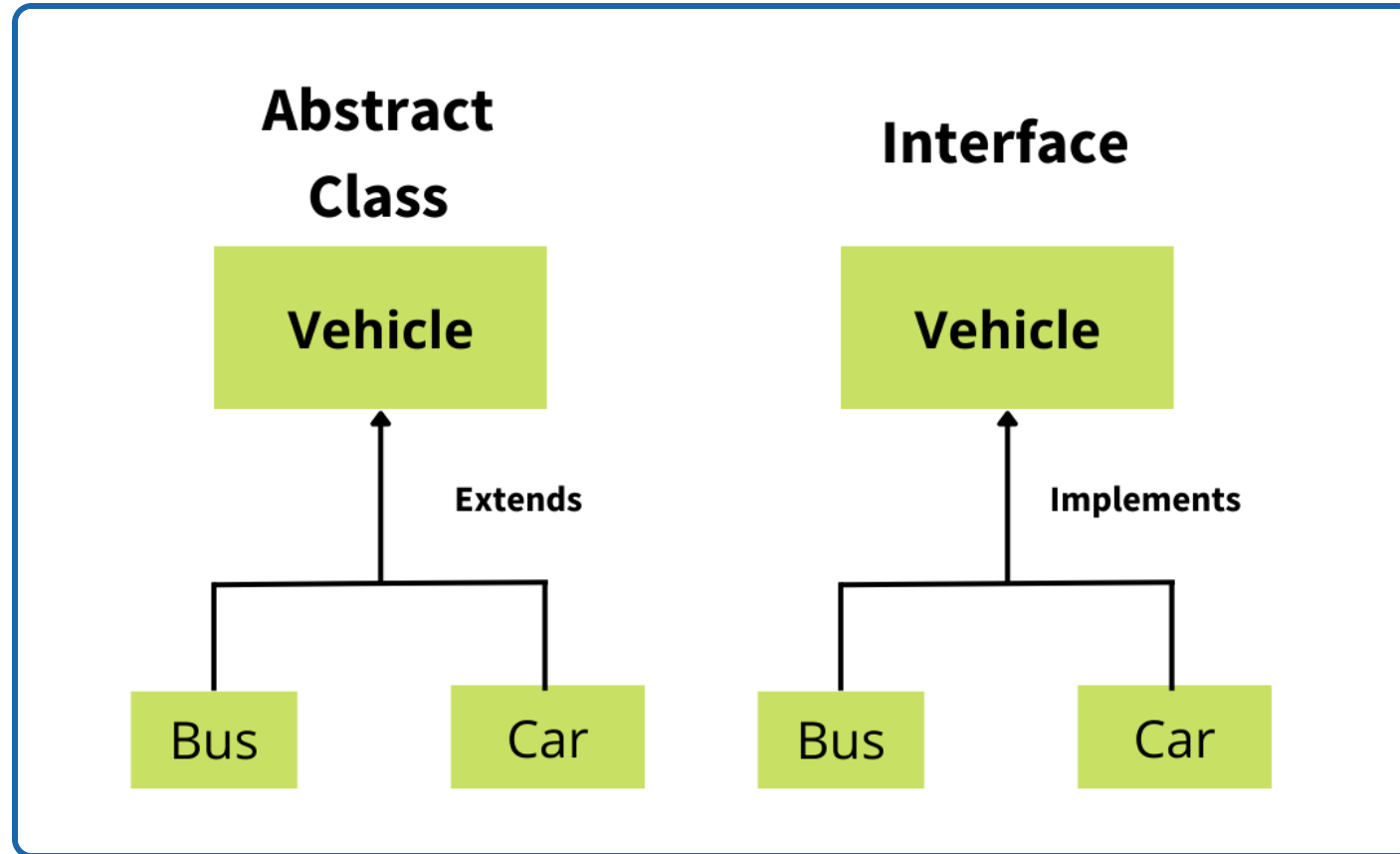
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Interface — Concept

- An **interface** defines a set of **method signatures**
- Specifies *what* a class must do — not *how*
- Classes **implement** interfaces
- Enables **polymorphism** through behavior contracts

Interfaces represent **capabilities**, not structures

1

It is used to achieve abstraction.

2

By interface, we can support the functionality of multiple inheritance.

3

It can be used to achieve loose coupling



Declaring and Implementing an Interface

```
interface Shape {  
    double area();  
    double perimeter();  
}
```

```
class Circle implements Shape {  
    private double r;  
  
    Circle(double r) { this.r = r; }  
  
    public double area() { return Math.PI * r * r; }  
    public double perimeter() { return 2 * Math.PI * r; }  
}
```

A class must implement **all** interface methods



Why Use Interfaces?

Benefit	Description
Abstraction	Hide implementation details
Loose Coupling	Reduces dependency between components
Extensibility	Easy replacement of behavior
Polymorphism	Enables behavior switching at runtime
Framework Foundation	Core principle behind Spring / Jakarta EE



Default and Static Methods (Java 8+)

```
interface Logger {  
    void log(String message);  
    default void info(String message) {  
        log("INFO: " + message);  
    }  
    static void help() {System.out.println("Logger usage help");}  
}
```

```
class ConsoleLogger implements Logger {  
    public void log(String message) { System.out.println(message); }  
}
```

`default` = shared behavior

`static` = utility function at interface level



Interface vs Abstract Class

Feature	Interface	Abstract Class
State (Fields)	Only constants	Can have instance variables
Method Implementation	Only default allowed	Can contain method bodies
Constructors	Not allowed	Allowed
Multiple Inheritance	Allowed	Not allowed
Best Usage	Behavior contract	Base implementation template



Multiple Interface Implementation

```
interface Flyable { void fly(); }  
interface Swimmable { void swim(); }  
  
class Duck implements Flyable, Swimmable {  
    public void fly() { System.out.println("Duck flying"); }  
    public void swim() { System.out.println("Duck swimming"); }  
}
```

Enables multi-capability classes



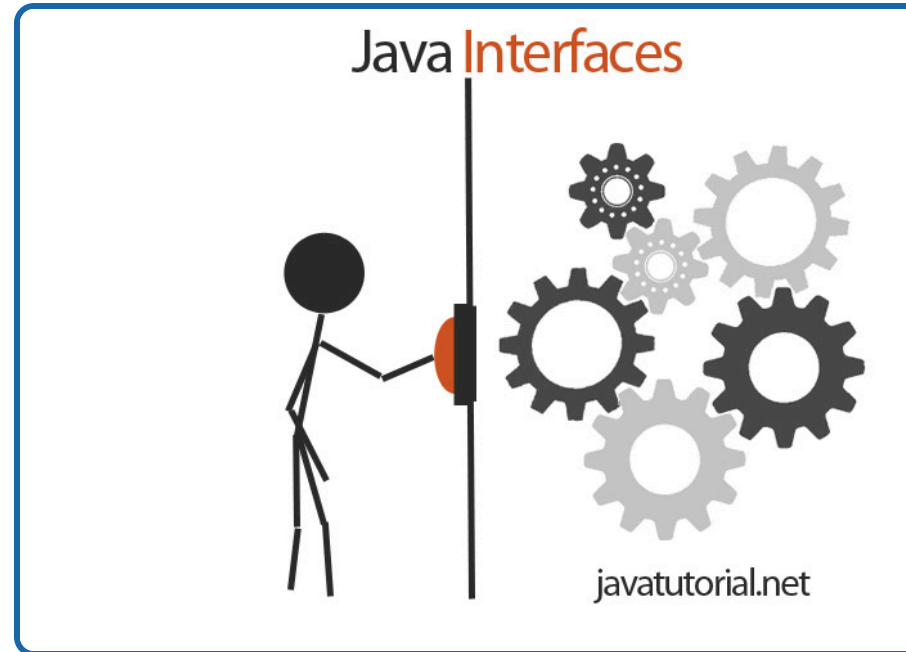
Summary

Concept	Description
Interface	Behavioral contract (what to do)
Implementation	Provided by classes (how to do it)
Default Methods	Shared optional behavior
Multiple Interfaces	Enables multiple capabilities
Goal	Flexibility, extensibility, maintainability

Interfaces are critical for clean, scalable OOP design

Thank You!

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