

Case 2 :

* We **cannot** override static method with non static method because static belongs to class whereas non static method belongs to object.

* If we try to override static method by using non static method then It will generate CE i.e overridden method is static as shown in the below program :

```
class Super
{
    public static void m1()
    {
    }
}

class Sub extends Super
{
    public void m1()
    {
    }
}

public class MethodHidingDemo1
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        System.out.println("Hello World!");
    }
}
```

Case 3 :

* We cannot override non static method with static method, if we try to do the same then It will generate compilation error Overriding method is static.

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Case 4 :

* A static method of super class is bydefault available to sub class so from sub class we can directly call the static method of super class by using **class name OR by using Object reference**

```
class Super
{
    public static void m1()
    {
        System.out.println("Super class static method");
    }
}

class Sub extends Super
{

}

public class MethodHidingDemo1
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Sub.m1();
        System.out.println(".....");
        Sub s1 = new Sub();
        s1.m1();
    }
}
```

Case 5 :

* static methods are not overridden only non static methods are overridden.

* If we write a **static method** in the **sub class** with **same signature** and **comparable return type** then It is not an overridden method, Actually It is "Method Hiding".

* Here sub class static method will hide super class static method.

* We cannot use @Override annotation with static method otherwise CE.

```
class Super
{
    public static void m1()
    {
        System.out.println("Super class static method");
    }
}

class Sub extends Super
{

}

public class MethodHidingDemo1
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Super s1 = new Sub();
        s1.m1();
    }
}
```

Another Program on Method Hiding

```
package com.ravi.method_hiding;

class Vehicle
{
    public static String name = "Generic Vehicle";

    public static void run()
    {
        System.out.println("Generic Vehicle is Running..");
    }
}

class Bike extends Vehicle
{
    public static String name = "Bike";

    public static void run()
    {
        System.out.println("Bike Vehicle is Running..");
    }
}

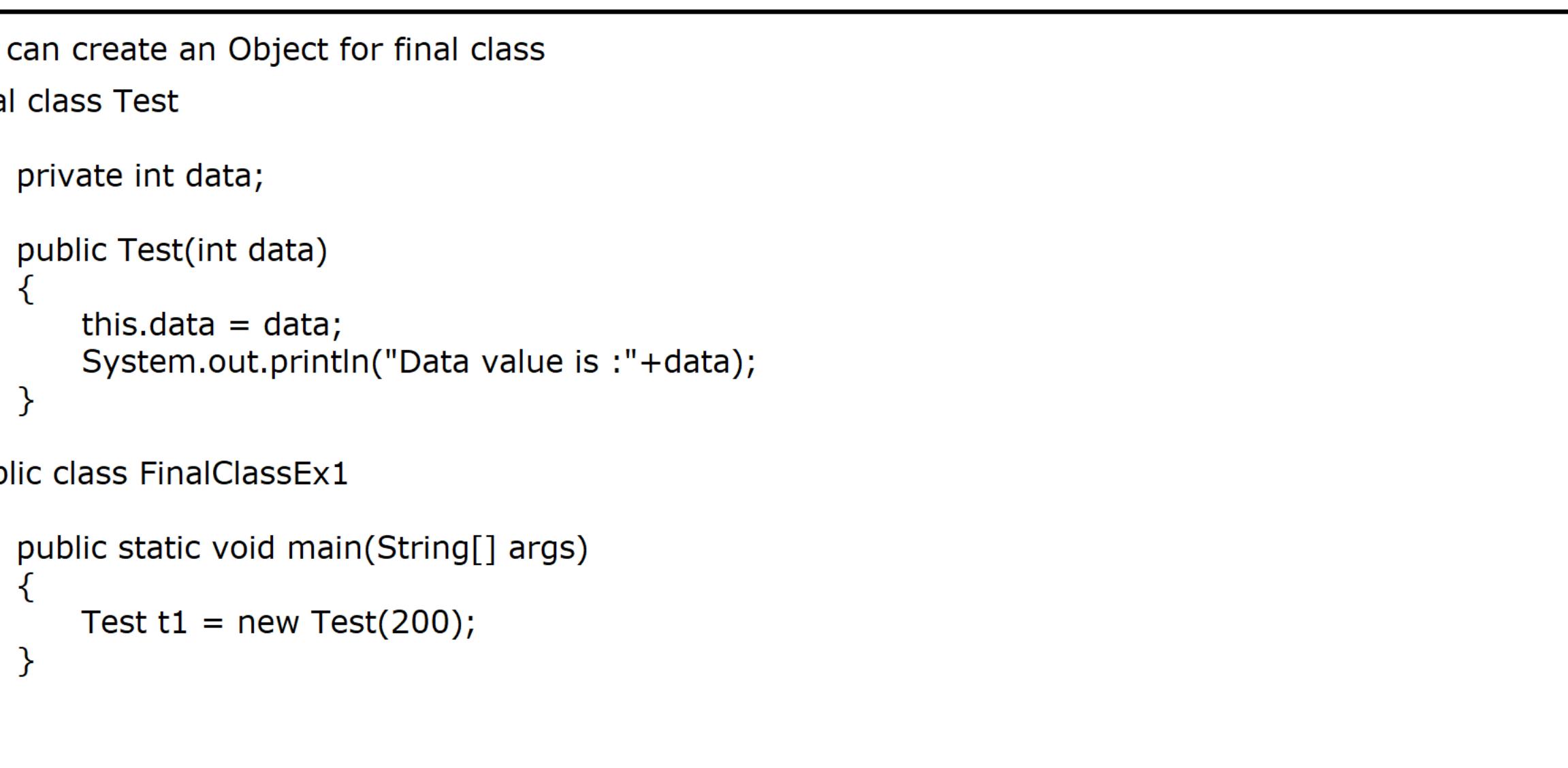
class Car extends Vehicle
{
    public static String name = "Car";

    public static void run()
    {
        System.out.println("Car Vehicle is Running..");
    }
}

public class MethodHiding {

    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Vehicle v = new Car();
        System.out.println(v.name);
        v.run();
    }
}
```

Note : NSV , SV and static methods are always executed from the current reference regardless of Object.



What is Co-Variant return type :

* As we know while overriding a method, Method signature must be same and return type must be comparable. If we don't have comparable return type then compiler will generate an error as shown in the below program.

```
class Alpha
{
    public void m1()
    {
    }
}

class Beta extends Alpha
{
    @Override
    public int m1() //error
    {
        return 0;
    }
}

public class CoVariant
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Super s1 = new Sub();
        s1.m1();
    }
}
```

Note : error, return type int is not comparable with void.

But from JDK 1.5 onwards we can change the return type of the method in only one case that the return type of both the METHODS(SUPER AND SUB CLASS METHODS) MUST BE IN INHERITANCE RELATIONSHIP (IS-A relationship so it is compatible) called Co-Variant as shown in the program below.

Note :- Co-variant will not work with primitive data type, it will work only with reference type.

***Co-variant represents only one direction that means sub class method return type object we can assign super class method return object i.e in one direction.

```
package com.ravi.co_variant;

class Animal
{}

class Dog extends Animal
{}

class Cat extends Animal
{}
```

```
class Alpha
{
    public Animal m1()
    {
        System.out.println("Alpha class M1 method");
        return null;
    }
}

class Beta extends Alpha
{
    @Override
    public Dog m1()
    {
        System.out.println("Beta class M1 method");
        return null;
    }
}
```

```
public class CoVariantDemo1
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Alpha a1 = new Beta();
        a1.m1();
    }
}
```

```
package com.ravi.co_variant;

class Super
{
    public Object m1()
    {
        System.out.println("M1 method of Super class");
        return null;
    }
}

class Sub extends Super
{
    public String m1()
    {
        System.out.println("M1 method of Sub class");
        return null;
    }
}
```

```
public class CovariantDemo2
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Super s1 = new Sub();
        s1.m1();
    }
}
```

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