

# GETTING STARTED WITH JAVA

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# INTRODUCTION

**Java** is object-oriented programming language, developed at **Sun Microsystems**

## It is used for:

- Mobile applications (specially Android apps)
- Desktop applications
- Web applications
- Web servers and application servers
- Games
- Database connection
- And much, much more!



# JAVA V/S PYTHON



- **Python** is **simpler** to learn.
- **Python** may have **less lines of code** when compared to Java.
- **Java** is **statically typed** (expects its variables to be declared before they can be assigned values), **Python** is **dynamically typed** (the declaration is not required).
- **Java** language uses **curly braces** to define the **beginning** and **end** of *each function and class* definition, whereas **Python** uses *indentation to separate code into separate blocks*.
- **Java** **does not support multi-inheritance**. This is mostly achieved by using interfaces.
- They **support different Machine Learning libraries** (**Python**: Tensorflow, pytorch, etc.; **Java**: Weka, Mallet, etc.)
- **Java** is **more portable** when compared to **Python**, because Java is available to more systems.
- **Python** **syntax is easier** to remember - it depends!

# BENEFITS OF JAVA

- Java works on **different platforms** (Windows, Mac, Linux, Raspberry Pi, etc.)
- It is one of the **most popular** programming language in the world
- It has a large demand in the current **job market**
- It is **easy** to learn and simple to use
- It is **open-source** and free
- It is **secure, fast and powerful**
- Java is an object oriented language which gives a **clear structure to programs and allows code to be reused, lowering development costs**
- As Java is close to C++ and C#, it makes it easy for programmers to switch to Java or vice versa

# FIRST JAVA PROGRAM

- In Java, every application begins with a class name, and that class must match the filename.
- Let's create our first Java file, called Main.java, which can be done in any text editor (like Notepad).
- The file should contain a "Hello World" message, which is written with the following code:

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

```
public class Exercise {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        // Write your code here  
    }  
}
```



- Unlike Python, Java variables should be explicitly declared along with their type.

#### Python

```
movie = 'Kill Bill'
ticket_price = 60
std_discount = 0.1
total_cost = ticket_price * std_discount

print(movie, 'costs', total_cost)
```

#### Java

```
String movie;
int ticket_price = 60;
double std_discount;
int total_cost;

movie = "Kill Bill";
std_discount = 0.1;
total_cost = ticket_price * std_discount;

System.out.println(movie + " costs " + totalcost);
```



Java syntax for:

- declaring variables: type name;

`int age;`

- declaring constants: final type name = value; - we'll see this later.

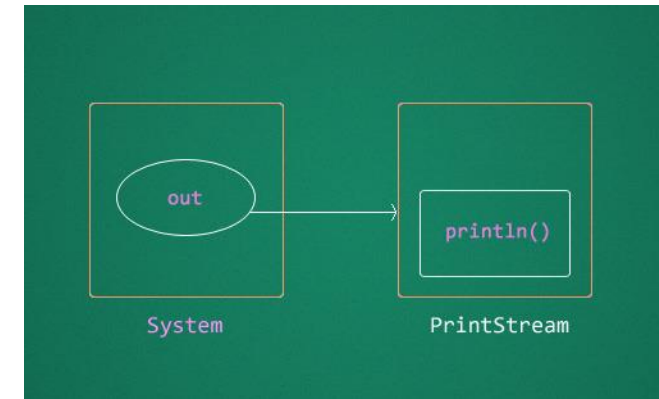
`final float PI = 3.142;`

# PRINTING

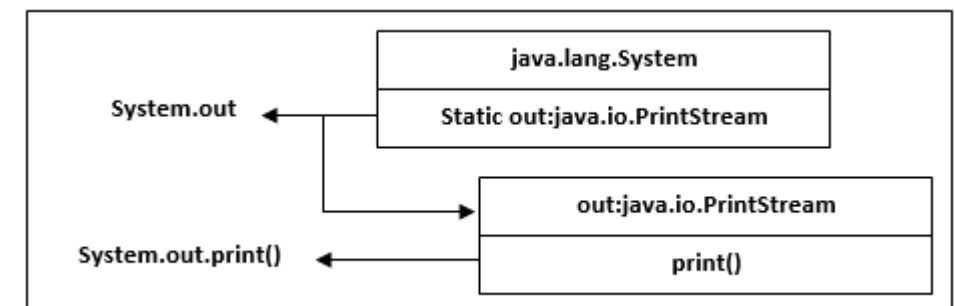
There is a '**predefined**' object which knows how to '**print**' to the screen.

- Its 'name' is `java.lang.System.out`
- You can use its short 'name': `System.out`
- It has **several functions (methods)** including:
- **println** for printing some data and a new line character
- **print** for printing some data (and remaining on the same line)

`System.out.println("Hello world!");`



```
HelloWorld.java x
1  /**
2   * HelloWorld
3   */
4  public class HelloWorld {
5
6      public static void main(String[] args) {
7          System.out.println("Hello World!");
8      }
9  }
```



# READING INPUT

- There is a **'predefined' object** which knows how to **read input from the keyboard**
  - Its 'name' is `java.lang.System.in`
  - You can use its short 'name': `System.in`
  - It has several functions (methods) including: `read` for reading one byte
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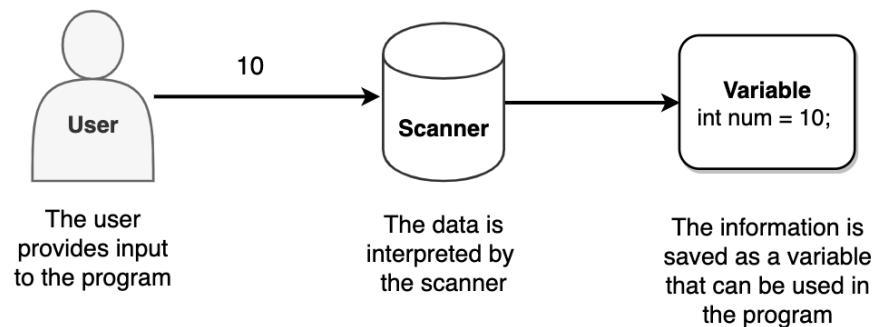
*However, this one is more complicated. When there's no suitable 'predefined' object, we need to create one using `new`.*

E.g. the following creates an object whose 'name' is `sc`:

```
java.util.Scanner sc = new java.util.Scanner(System.in);
```

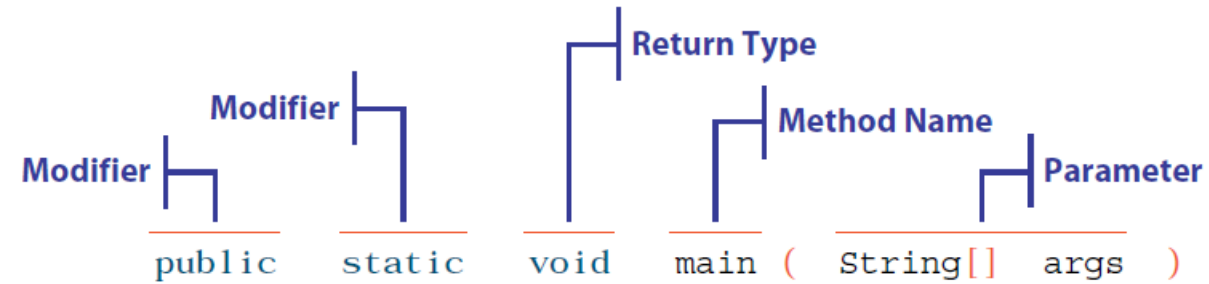
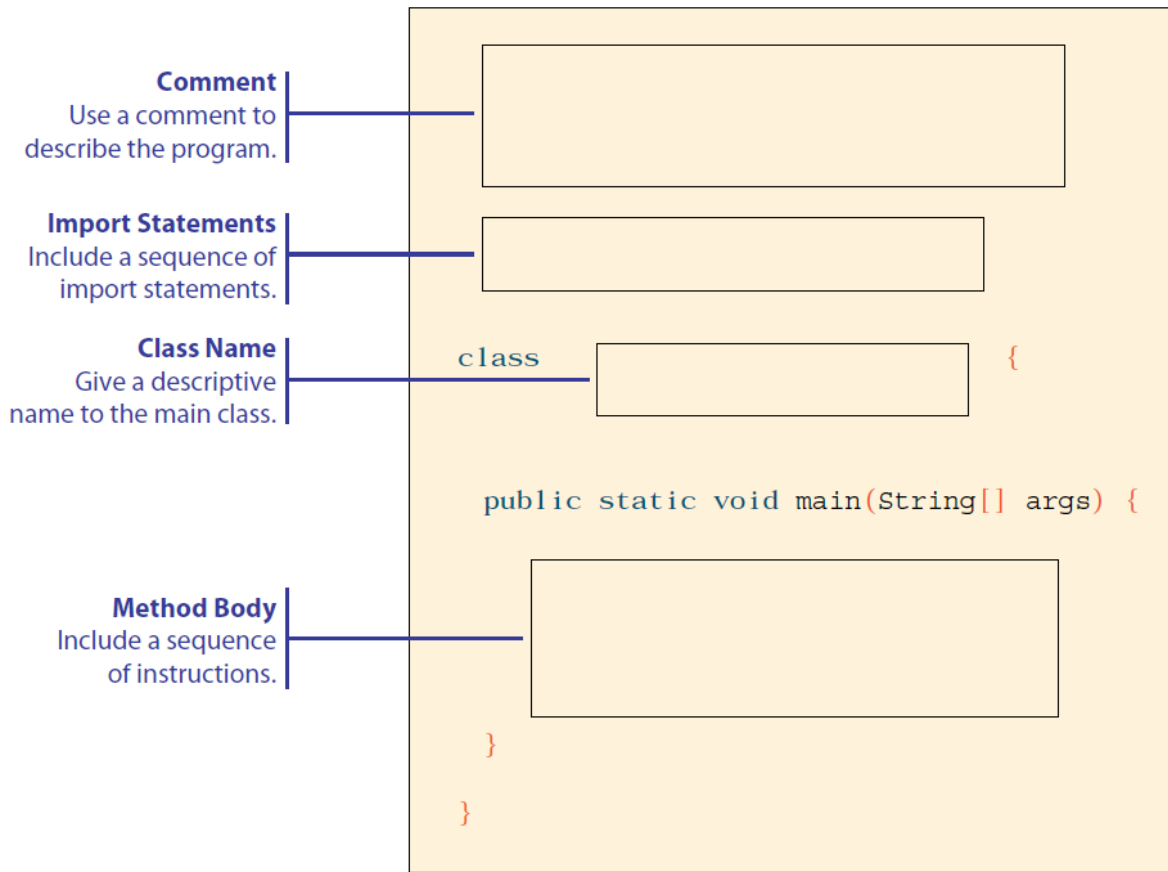
**sc has several functions (methods) including:**

- `nextInt` for reading an integer
- `nextDouble` for reading a floating-point number
- `nextLine` for reading a String

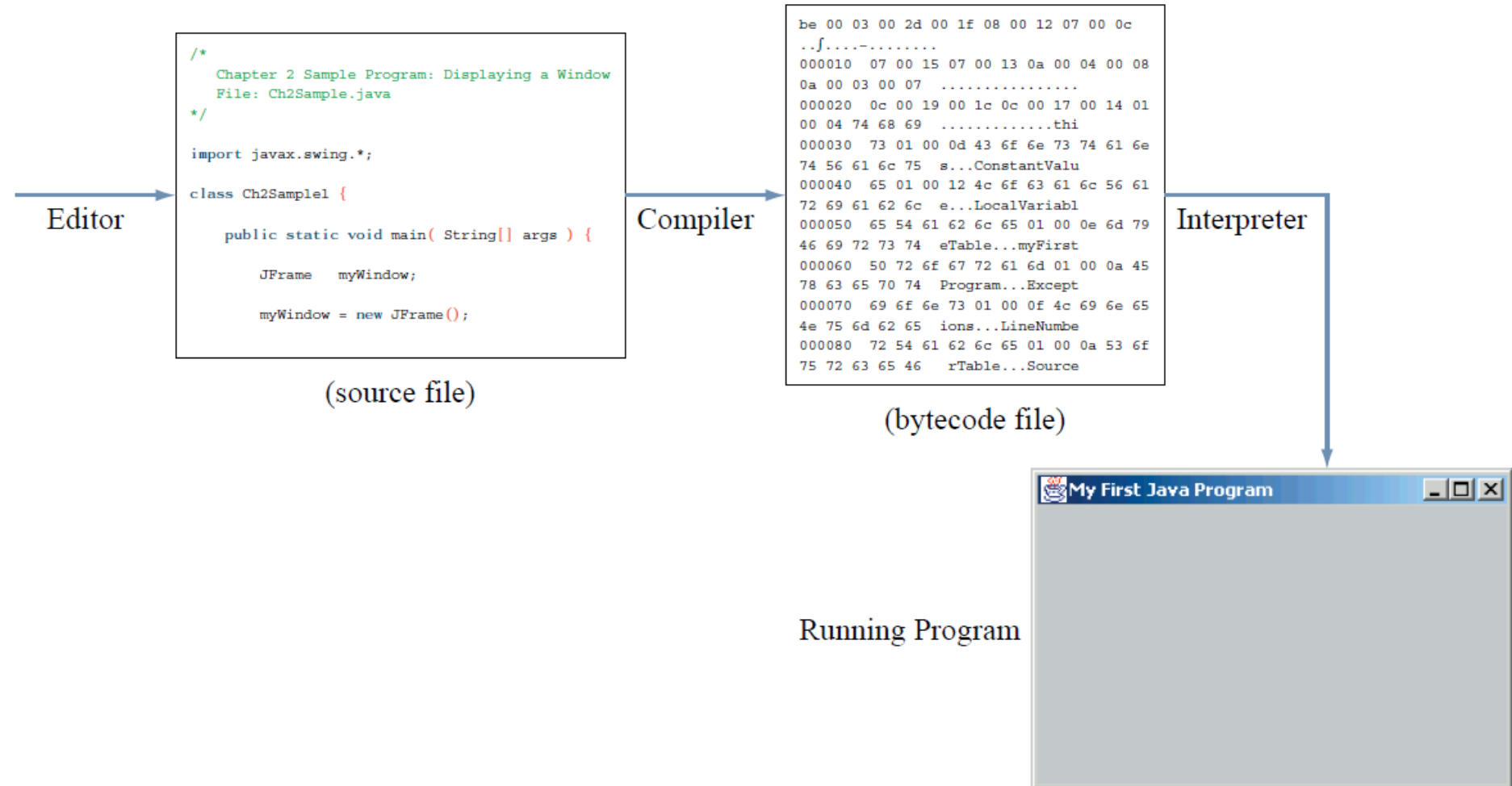




# IN A NUTSHELL



## Overall Flow



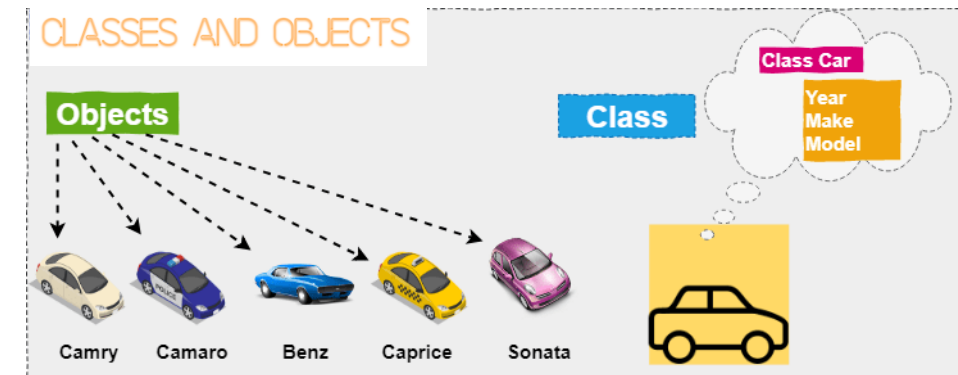
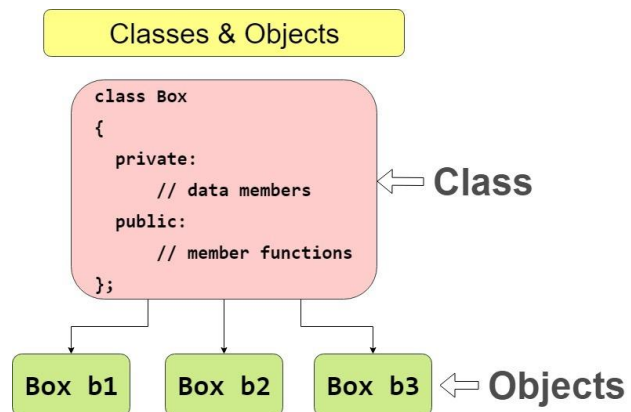
# CLASSES AND OBJECTS

The two most important concepts in object-oriented programming are the **class** and the **object**.

In the broadest term, an **object** is a **thing**, both **tangible and intangible**, that we can imagine

A **program written in object-oriented style will consist of interacting objects**

An **object** is comprised of **data and operations that manipulate these data**



Inside a program we write instructions to create objects

For the computer to be able to **create an object**, we must provide a definition, called a **class**

A class is a kind of mold or **template** that dictates what objects can and cannot do

An object is called an **instance** of a class.

An object is an instance of exactly one class.

An instance of a class *belongs to* the class.

Once a class is defined, we can create as many instances of the class as a program requires.

# TASKS

In writing object-oriented programs we must **first define classes**, and **while the program is running**, we use the classes and objects from these classes to accomplish tasks

A **task** can range from adding two numbers, to managing satellites



## Message

To **instruct a class or an object to perform a task**, we send a *message* to it

For a class or **an object to process the message**, it must be **programmed accordingly**

You cannot just send a message to any class or object.

You can send a message only to the classes and objects that understand the message you send



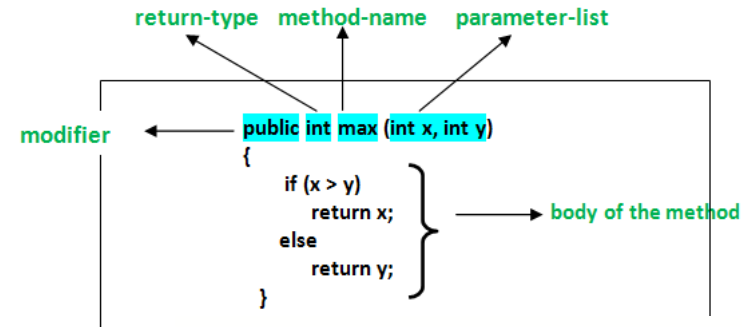
# Methods and Arguments

For a **class** or an **object** to process the message it receives, it must possess a **matching method**

A **Method** is a sequence of instructions that a class or an object follows to perform a task.

A method defined for a class is called a **class method**, and a method defined for an object is an **instance method**.

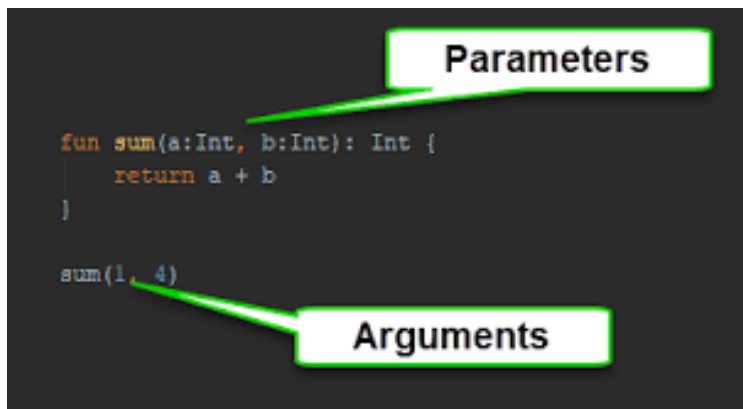
A value we pass to an object is called an **argument** of a message.



```
class ClassLesson
  def self.class_method
    "This is a class method!"
  end

  def instance_method
    "This is an instance method!"
  end
end
```

ClassLesson.class\_method



The name of the message we send to an object or a class must be the same as the method's name



# INHERITANCE

In object-oriented programming, we use a mechanism called *inheritance* to **design two or more entities that are different but share many common features**

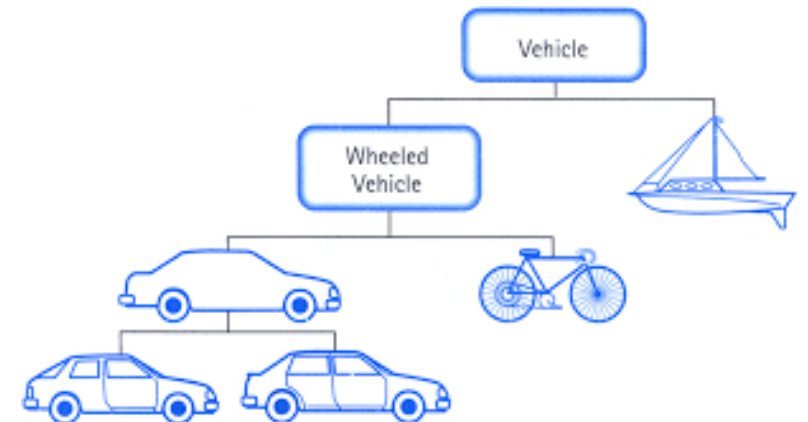
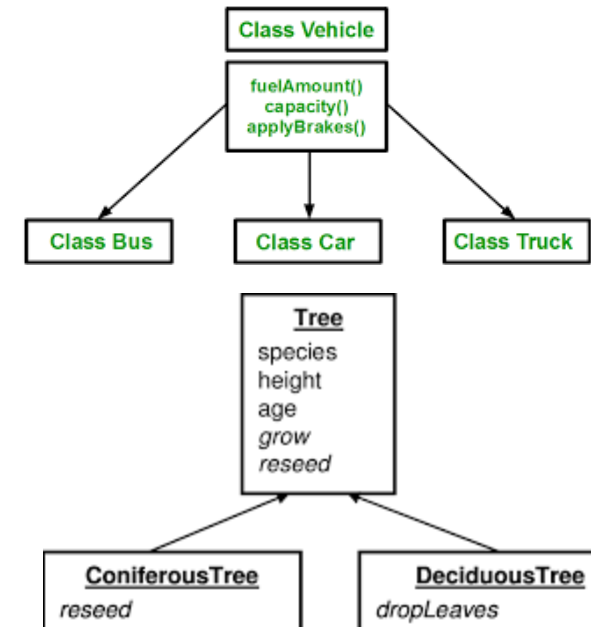
First we **define a class that contains the common features of the entities**. Then we **define classes as an extension of the common class inheriting everything from the common class**

We call the common class the *superclass* and all classes that inherit from it *subclasses*.

We also call the superclass an *ancestor* and the subclass a *descendant*. Other names for superclass and subclass are *base class* and *derived class*, respectively

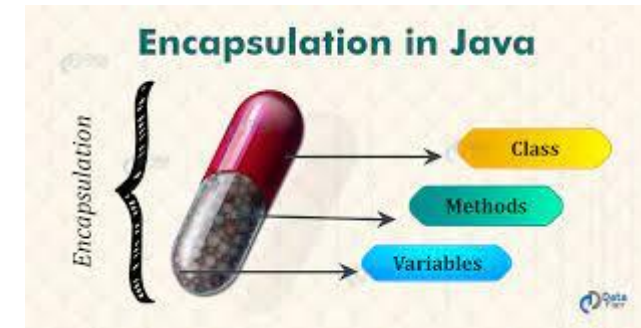
Inheritance is not limited to one level

A subclass can be a superclass of other classes, forming an inheritance hierarchy



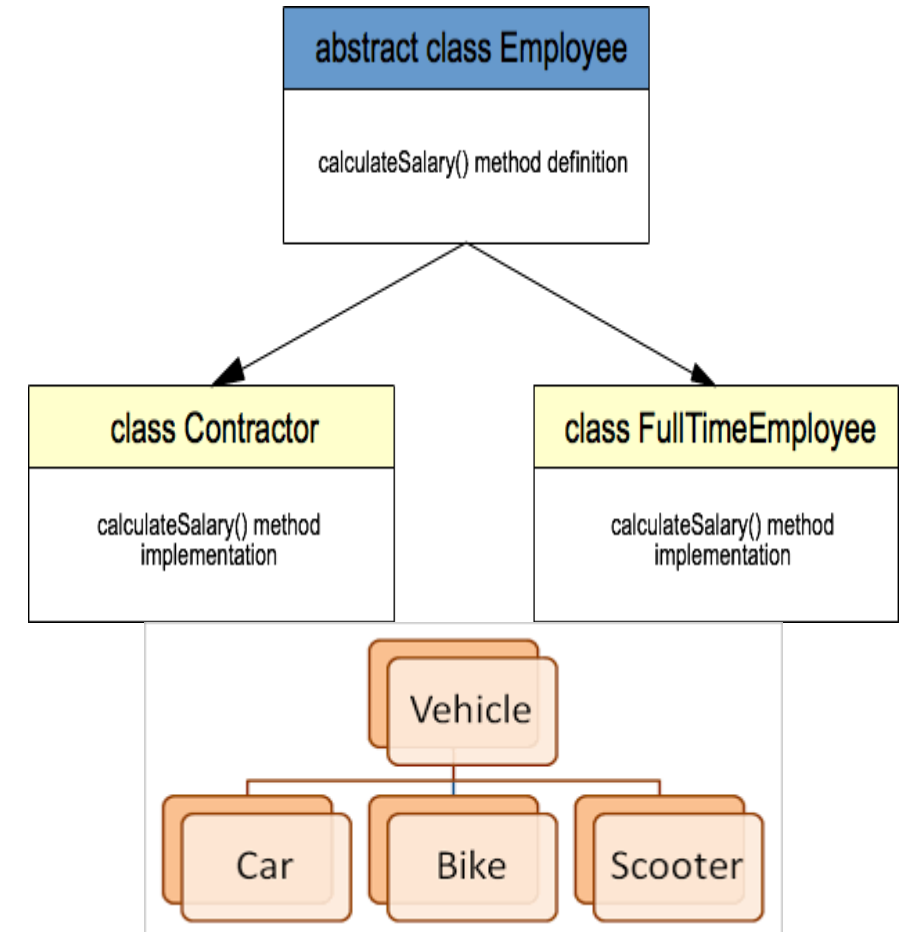
# ENCAPSULATION

- Encapsulation is the **process of hiding information** within an **object** so that **it cannot be accessed directly from outside the object**.
- This *allows you to control how data is used and prevents accidental modification of data*
- Encapsulation is important because it helps to **keep your data safe and secure**
- It also *allows you to change the implementation of your code without affecting the rest of your codebase*.



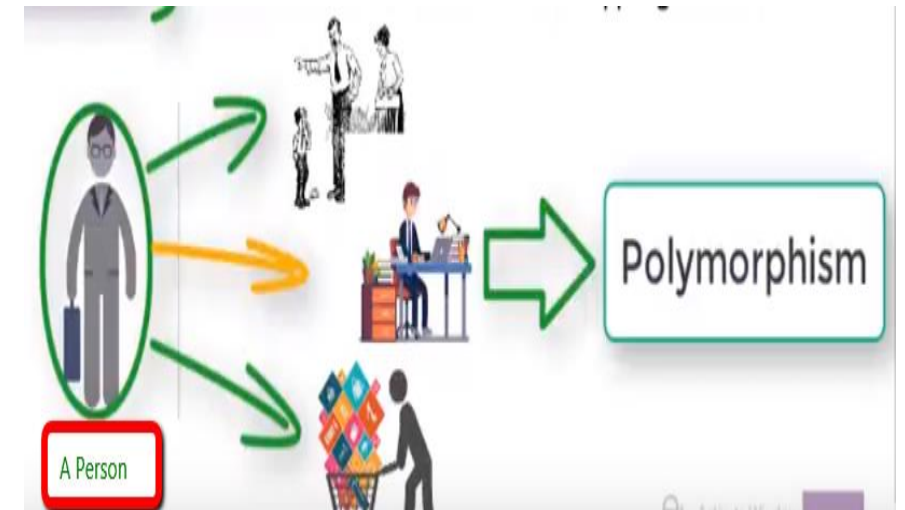
# ABSTRACTION

- Abstraction is the **process of hiding the implementation details of an object** so that *it can be used without understanding how it works*
- This *allows you to create code that is easy to use and maintain*
- Abstraction is important because it allows you to *create code that is easy to use and understand*
- Abstraction allows the user to *use your code without needing to know the details of how it works*



# POLYMORPHISM

- Polymorphism is the **ability of an object to take on multiple forms**
- This is useful because it *allows you to create code that is more flexible and adaptable*
- Polymorphism allows you to *write code that can be used with multiple types of objects*





Thanks!

