

1a) Class

- A class is a blueprint or template
- It defines the structure and behavior (fields and methods) that the objects created from the class will have.
- It does not consume memory until an object is created from it.
- Define using class keyword.

b) Object

- An object is an instance of a class.
- It is created at runtime and occupies memory.
- You can create multiple objects from one class, each with its own state (data).
- Created using the new keyword.

2a) Instance Variable

- Declared inside a class, outside methods, and without the static keyword.
- Each object gets its own copy.
- Used to store object-specific data in heap memory.
- It belongs to the instance (object).
- It is created when object is created.

b) Static Variable

- Declared using the Static keyword
- Shared across all instance of the class.
- Used for class-level data stored in Method area.
- It belongs to the class itself.
- It is created at class loading time.

3. a) Class-level Access Modifiers

- public - Can be accessed from any other class.
- default (no modifier) - accessible only within the same package.

Method-level access Modifiers

public

private - accessible only within same class

protected - accessible within the same class and subclasses [even if in diff. packages]

default

- Non-access Modifiers

• Static

• final

• abstract

• strictfp

★ Private, protected, Static only bested class.

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a) Default

- No keyword used, i.e., the member is not explicitly marked with any access modifier.
- Accessible only within the same package.
- Not accessible from outside the package, even by subclasses.

b) protected

- Accessible within the same package.
- Accessible in subclasses, even if those subclasses are in diff. packages.
- More permissive than default, but still not as permissive as public.

5) Default Constructor

- It is a special type of method that takes no arguments.
- It is automatically provided by the Java compiler if no other constructor is explicitly defined in the class.
- If you define any constructor, the default constructor will not be automatically provided unless you explicitly define it.
- In any constructor the 1st line implicitly calls to `super()`, unless you explicitly call another constructor of the superclass.

Purpose

- Initialization of object with default values, i.e., when you create an object of a class using the default constructor, Java will initialize the instance variable to their default values.
- In default constructor you can create an object without specifying any arguments.
- In case of inheritance, a subclass may rely on the default constructor of a superclass. If the superclass has no explicit constructor, the default constructor is automatically invoked.
- It can be replaced with a user-defined constructor if defined.

6 a) Constructor

- A constructor is used to initialize a new object of a class. It is called automatically when an object is created.
- The name of the constructor must be same as the class name.
- It does not have a return type, not even void.
- Constructor can be overloaded.
- It is not inherited by subclass, but a subclass can call a superclass constructor using `super()`.

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b) Method

- A method is used to define behaviors or functions that can be called on object of the class.
- The method name can be anything.
- A method must have a return type (can be void).
- It can be overloaded
- Methods are inherited by subclasses.

7) No, Constructors do not return any value, not even void. It is a special type of method that is to initialize an object when it is created, not to return any value.

9) Yes, there is a constructor class in Java, but it is a part of the reflection API.

- java.lang.reflect.

• Methods

- newInstance() - Invoke constructor dynamically
- getName() - Return name of constructor.
- getParameterTypes() - Returns the types of parameters accepted by the constructor.

10) Purpose of the Constructor class

- The Constructor class allows you to be inspect the metadata of constructors (such as their parameters, modifiers, and annotations) at runtime.
- Constructor class enables dynamic instantiation of objects, meaning you can invoke constructors at runtime.
- Can be used to access private or protected constructors, even though they would be typically be inaccessible.
- Many frameworks (like Spring, Hibernate) use reflection and the Constructor class to dynamically instantiate objects.

11) You can't directly access a protected data members outside the package.

You can only access it by using :-

- Inheritance
- Reflection

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12) a) Abstract Class

- Abstract class is declared with abstract keyword.
- It can have both abstract and concrete method.
- It can have constructors
- It can have instance variable
- It supports single inheritance
- Can have any access modifier

b) Interface

- Interface is declared with Interface keyword.
- It can have default, static and abstract methods.
- Cannot have constructors
- Variables are public static final by default
- It supports multiple inheritance.
- All methods are public abstract by default.

13 a) Abstraction

- Abstraction hides complex implementation details and showing only the essential features of an object.
- It is used to simplify complexity by hiding internal logic.
- It can be achieved using abstract classes, interfaces or method overriding.
- It focuses on what an object does.

b) Encapsulation

- It wraps data and methods that operate on that data into single unit, and restricting access to some of the object's components.
- It is used to protect the object's state and ensure it's used correctly.
- It can be achieved using access modifiers, getter/setter.
- It focuses on how the object's data is protected, who can access it