

Object Oriented Programming using Java

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Inheritance

- ❑ **Inheritance** can be defined as the process, where one class acquires the properties (method and field) of another class.
- ❑ With the use of inheritance the information is made manageable in a hierarchical order.
- ❑ When we inherit from an existing class, we can reuse methods and fields of the parent class. Moreover, we can also add new methods and fields in our current class.
- ❑ Inheritance is mainly used for method overriding and code reusability.
- ❑ **extends** is the keyword used to inherit the properties of a class.

Inheritance (Cont...)

❑ Syntax

```
class Parent
{
    //Methods and fields
}

class Child extends Parent
{
    //Methods and fields of Parent
    //Methods and fields of Child
}
```

❑ Key terms

- ❖ **Sub class:** Subclass is a class, which inherits the other class. It is also called a derived class, extended class, or child class.
- ❖ **Super class:** Superclass is the class from where a subclass inherits the features. It is also called a base class or a parent class.
- ❖ **Reusability:** It is a mechanism which facilitates us to reuse the fields and methods of the existing class, when we create a new class.

Inheritance (Cont...)

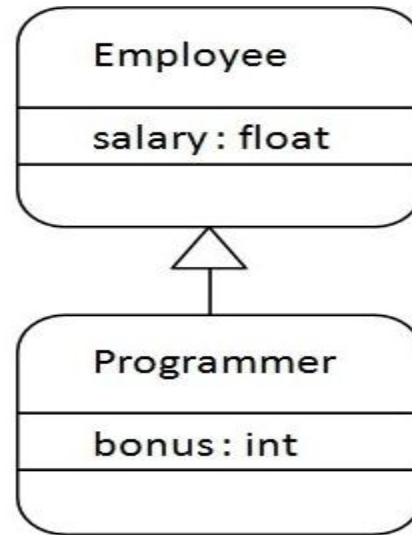


Fig. 1: Inheritance

- ❑ In Fig. 1, the relationship between the two classes is Programmer IS-A Employee. It means that Programmer is a type of Employee.

Examples of Inheritance

```
class Employee
{
    int salary = 10000;
}

class Programmer extends Employee
{
    int bonus = 2000;
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        Programmer obj = new Programmer();
        System.out.println("Programmer salary is: " + obj.salary);
        System.out.println("Bonus of Programmer is: " + obj.bonus);
    }
}
```

Examples of Inheritance (Cont...)

❑ Output

```
Programmer salary is: 10000  
Bonus of Programmer is: 2000
```

Examples of Inheritance (Cont...)

```
class Faculty
{
    String designation = "Asst. Prof.";
    String instituteName = "NIT Patna";
    void work()
    {
        System.out.println("Teaching and Administrative");
    }
}

class Cse extends Faculty
{
    String subject = "OOP";
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        Cse obj = new Cse();
        System.out.println("Institute Name: " + obj.instituteName);
        System.out.println("Designation of Faculty: " + obj.designation);
        System.out.println("Subject teaching: " + obj.subject);
        obj.work();
    }
}
```


Examples of Inheritance (Cont...)

❑ Output

```
Institute Name: MIT Patna  
Designation of Faculty: Asst. Prof.  
Subject teaching: OOP  
Teaching and Administrative
```

Examples of Inheritance (Cont...)

Animal.java

```
class Animal
{
    String name;
    public void eat()
    {
        System.out.println("It is cute");
    }
}
```

Dog.java

```
class Dog extends Animal
{
    public void disp()
    {
        System.out.println("Name of dog: " + name);
    }
}
```

Inheritance1.java

```
class Inheritance1
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Dog obj = new Dog();
        obj.name = "Max";
        obj.disp();
        obj.eat();
    }
}
```

Examples of Inheritance (Cont...)

❑ Output

Name of dog: Max

It is cute

Examples of Inheritance (Cont...)

```
class Calculation
{
    int z;

    public void add(int x, int y)
    {
        z = x + y;
        System.out.println("The sum of the given numbers: " + z);
    }

    public void subtr(int x, int y)
    {
        z = x - y;
        System.out.println("The difference between the given numbers: " + z);
    }
}

class Inheritance2 extends Calculation
{
    public void multi(int x, int y)
    {
        z = x * y;
        System.out.println("The multiplication of the given numbers: " + z);
    }

    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        int a = 5, b = 10;
        Inheritance2 obj = new Inheritance2();
        obj.add(a, b);
        obj.subtr(a, b);
        obj.multi(a, b);
    }
}
```

Examples of Inheritance (Cont...)

❑ Output

```
The sum of the given numbers: 15  
The difference between the given numbers: -5  
The multiplication of the given numbers: 50
```

Types of Inheritance

□ There are five types of inheritance in java:

- ❖ **Single inheritance:** In single inheritance, subclasses inherit the features of one superclass.
- ❖ **Multilevel inheritance:** In multilevel inheritance, a subclass inherits a superclass and as well as the subclass also acts as the base class to other subclass (child class).
- ❖ **Hierarchical inheritance:** In hierarchical inheritance, one class serves as a superclass (base class) for more than one subclass.
- ❖ **Multiple inheritance:** When one subclass inherits multiple superclasses, it is known as multiple inheritance.
- ❖ **Hybrid inheritance:** When one subclass inherits multiple superclasses and these multiple superclasses also inherit one superclass, then it is known as hybrid inheritance.

Types of Inheritance (Cont...)

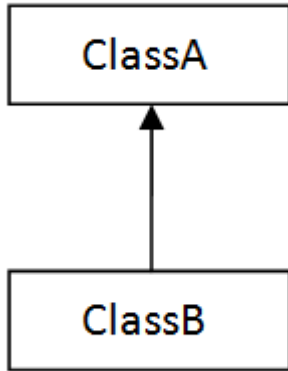


Fig. 2: Single inheritance

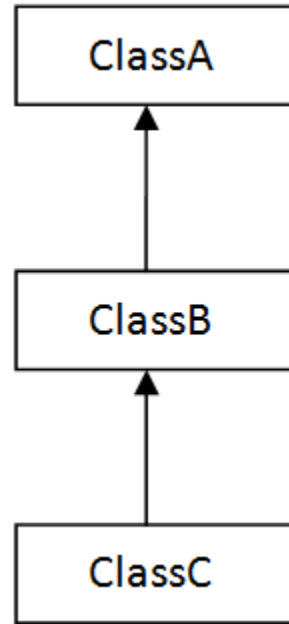


Fig. 3: Multilevel inheritance

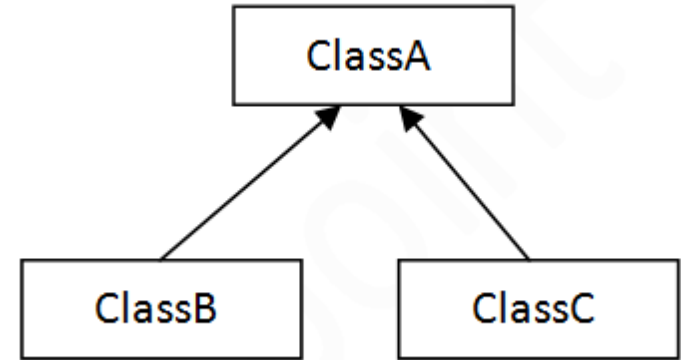


Fig. 4: Hierarchical inheritance

Types of Inheritance (Cont...)

- ❑ Java does not support multiple inheritance.
 - ❖ It is mainly because to reduce the complexity and simplify the language.
 - ❖ Consider a scenario where A, B and C are three classes. The C class inherits A and B classes. If A and B classes have the same method and we call it from the child class's object, there is an ambiguity to call the method of A or B class.
 - ❖ As compile-time errors are better than runtime errors, Java renders compile-time error, if we inherit 2 classes. So, whether we have same method or different, it will give compile time error.
- ❑ In Java, multiple and hybrid inheritance are supported through **interface** only.

Types of Inheritance (Cont...)

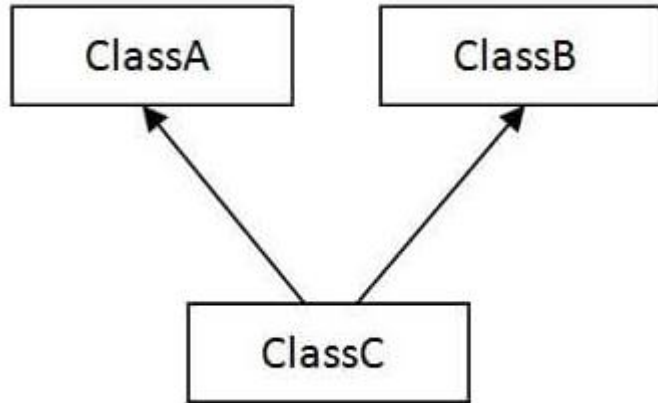


Fig. 5: Multiple inheritance

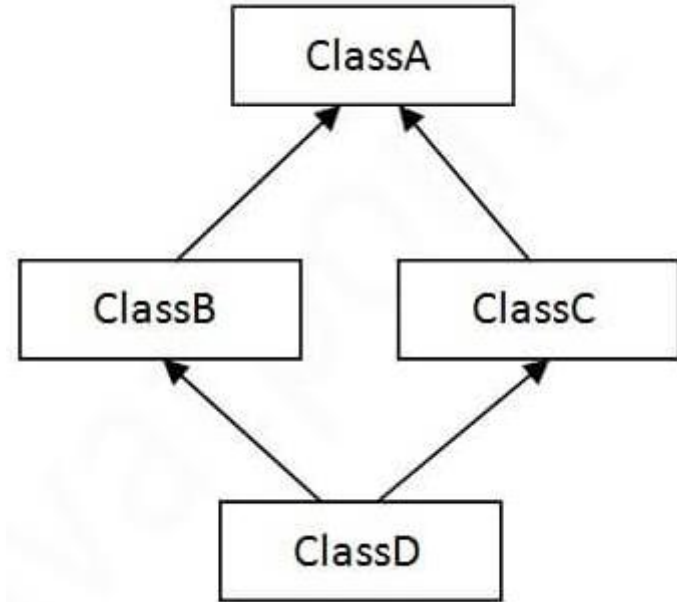


Fig. 6: Hybrid inheritance

Types of Inheritance (Cont...)

```
class Parents
{
    public void color()
    {
        System.out.println("Combination of fair and medium fair");
    }
}

class Child extends Parents
{
    public void colorChild()
    {
        System.out.println("Very fair");
    }
}

public class Inheritance3
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        Child obj = new Child();
        obj.color();
        obj.colorChild();
    }
}
```

Types of Inheritance (Cont...)

❑ Output

Combination of fair and medium fair

Very fair

Types of Inheritance (Cont...)

```
class Animal
{
    String name;
    public void look()
    {
        System.out.println("It is cute");
    }
}

class Dog extends Animal
{
    public void bark()
    {
        System.out.println("It can bark");
    }
}

class BabyDog extends Dog
{
    public void disp()
    {
        System.out.println("Name of new born dog: " + name);
    }
}

class Inheritance4
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        BabyDog obj = new BabyDog();

        obj.name = "Max";
        obj.disp();
        obj.bark();
        obj.look();
    }
}
```

Types of Inheritance (Cont...)

❑ Output

```
Name of new born dog: Max  
It can bark  
It is cute
```

Types of Inheritance (Cont...)

```
class Animal
{
    public void look()
    {
        System.out.println("It is cute");
    }
}

class Dog extends Animal
{
    public void bark()
    {
        System.out.println("It can bark");
    }
}

class Cat extends Animal
{
    public void eat()
    {
        System.out.println("It can eat");
    }
}

class Inheritance5
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        Cat obj = new Cat();
        obj.eat();
        obj.bark();
        obj.look();
    }
}
```

Types of Inheritance (Cont...)

❑ Output

```
Inheritance5.java:32: error: cannot find symbol
    obj.bark();
        ^
    symbol:   method bark()
    location: variable obj of type Cat
1 error
```

Important Points about Inheritance

❑ Default superclass

- ❖ Except Object class, which has no superclass, every class has one and only one direct superclass (single inheritance).
- ❖ In the absence of any other explicit superclass, every class is implicitly a subclass of the Object class.

❑ Superclass can only be one

- ❖ A superclass can have any number of subclasses.
- ❖ However, a subclass can have only one superclass. This is because Java does not support multiple inheritances with classes.
- ❖ Although with interfaces, multiple inheritances are supported by Java.

Important Points about Inheritance (Cont...)

❑ Inheriting constructors

- ❖ A subclass inherits all the members (fields, methods and nested classes) from its superclass.
- ❖ Constructors are not members, so they are not inherited by subclasses, but the constructor of the superclass can be invoked from the subclass.

❑ Private member inheritance

- ❖ A subclass does not inherit the private members of its parent class.
- ❖ However, if the superclass has public or protected methods (like getters and setters) for accessing its private fields, these can also be used by the subclass.

Important Points about Inheritance (Cont...)

❑ Private member inheritance

```
class Animal
{
    protected String name;
    protected void look()
    {
        System.out.println("It is cute");
    }
}

class Dog extends Animal
{
    public void info()
    {
        System.out.println("Name of the Dog: " + name);
    }
}

class Inheritance6
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        Dog obj = new Dog();
        obj.name = "Max";
        obj.look();
        obj.info();
    }
}
```

Important Points about Inheritance (Cont...)

❑ Private member inheritance (Cont...)

❖ Output

It is cute

Name of Dog: Max

Important Points about Inheritance (Cont...)

❑ Private member inheritance (Cont...)

```

class Animal
{
    private String name;
    private int age;
    void setData(String str1, int x1)
    {
        name = str1;
        age = x1;
    }
    String getData1()
    {
        return name;
    }
    int getData2()
    {
        return age;
    }
}

class Dog extends Animal
{
    String originalName;
    int originalAge;
    void originalSetData(String str1, int x1, String str2, int x2)
    {
        setData(str1, x1);
        originalName = str2;
        originalAge = x2;
    }
    void showData()
    {
        System.out.println("String String1: " + getData1());
        System.out.println("Integer x1: " + getData2());
        System.out.println("Original Name of Dog: " + originalName);
        System.out.println("Original Age of Dog: " + originalAge);
    }
}

class Inheritance7
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        Dog obj = new Dog();
        obj.originalSetData("Tiger", 10, "Max", 5);
        obj.showData();
    }
}

```

Important Points about Inheritance (Cont...)

❑ Private member inheritance (Cont...)

❖ Output

```
String String1: Tiger  
Integer x1: 10  
Original Name of Dog: Max  
Original Age of Dog: 5
```



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