

Constructors function

- Used to create an instance and initialise the instance variable
- Name is same as class name
 - easy to identify in class, suppose class have 100 methods, we can easily tell which one is constructor via its name
- Does not have any return type
 - Implicitly java will add return type of class
 - to differentiate constructor from normal methods
- Cannot be static, final, or abstract
 - constructor's are not inherited, child class does not have access to constructor
 - static method can only access static variable, if we make constructor static, constructor will not be able to initialise instance variables
 - won't be able to use super()
- 'new' keyword tells java, we need to call constructor
- Though any method can also have same name as class name, this is not good practice
- Cannot be defined in an interface, in interface we can not create an object

Types of Constructor

1. Default - when no constructor is defined
 - set default values for all instance variables
2. No argument constructor
 - same as default, but manually defined by programmer
3. Parameterised Constructor
 - constructor which takes parameters
4. Whenever we manually define any constructor, default constructor will not be added
5. Constructor Overload
 - Multiple constructor with same name and different parameters
6. Constructor cannot be overridden
 - Because it can not be inherited
7. Private Constructor
 - No one is allowed to call constructor or create an object outside class

Constructor Chaining

- this : calling constructor inside another constructor
- super: from parent to child, constructors are called
 - super() is hidden, if we do not manually invoke it
 - however, if we have parameterised parent constructor, super need to be invoked