

OOPs Concepts in C# : Inheritance and Abstract

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1. Access Modifier

Access modifiers control the **visibility** and **accessibility** of classes, methods, and other members.

Types:

| Modifier | Description |
|--------------------|--|
| public | Accessible from anywhere. |
| private | Accessible only within the containing class. |
| protected | Accessible within the containing class and by derived classes. |
| internal | Accessible within the same assembly. |
| protected internal | Accessible within the same assembly and by derived classes. |

2. Inheritance

Allows a class to inherit members from another class.

Syntax:

```
class Parent {  
    public void Greet() => Console.WriteLine("Hello");  
}  
  
class Child : Parent {  
    public void Play() => Console.WriteLine("Playing");  
}
```

- Single Inheritance is supported in C# (one base class).
- Use `: BaseClass` syntax to inherit.

3. Usage of **base** Keyword

Used to refer to the base class from a derived class.

Use Cases:

- Calling base class constructor
- Calling base class method or property

Example

```
class Parent {  
    public virtual void Show() => Console.WriteLine("Parent");  
}  
  
class Child : Parent {  
    public override void Show() {  
        base.Show(); // Call base class method  
        Console.WriteLine("Child");  
    }  
}
```

4. Abstract Classes & Methods

Used to define a base class with incomplete implementation.

Abstract Class:

- Cannot be instantiated.
- Can have **abstract** and **non-abstract** members.
- Used as a base class.

Abstract Class Example

```
abstract class Animal {  
    public abstract void MakeSound(); // Abstract method  
    public void Sleep() {  
        Console.WriteLine("Sleeping...");  
    }  
}
```

5. Abstract Method:

- Declared in abstract class.
- No body (implementation) in base class.
- Must be **overridden** in derived class.

```
class Dog : Animal {  
    public override void MakeSound() {  
        Console.WriteLine("Bark");  
    }  
}
```

6. Interfaces

Definition:

An interface defines a contract. A class or struct that implements an interface must implement all of its members.

Syntax:

```
interface IShape {  
    void Draw();  
}  
  
class Circle : IShape {  
    public void Draw() {  
        Console.WriteLine("Drawing Circle");  
    }  
}
```

Q & A

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