

MARKER INTERFACE

Marker interface in Java is interfaces with no field or methods or in simple word empty interface in java is called marker interface. Example of market interface is Serializable, Clonnable and Remote interface.

Marker interface in Java e.g. Serializable, Clonnable and Remote are used to indicate something to compiler or JVM. So if JVM sees a Class is Serializable it done some special operation on it, similar way if JVM sees one Class is implement Clonnable it performs some operation to support cloning. Same is true for RMI and Remote interface. So in short Marker interface indicate, signal or a command to Compiler or JVM.

Marker interface is a good way to classify code. You can create marker interface to logically divide your code and if you have your own tool than you can perform some pre-processing operation on those classes. Particularly useful for developing API and framework like Spring or Struts.

One more use of marker interface in Java can be commenting. a marker interface called Thread Safe can be used to communicate other developers that classes implementing this marker interface gives thread-safe guarantee and any modification should not violate that. Marker interface can also

help code coverage or code review tool to find bugs based on specified behavior of marker interfaces.