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### **Q1. Explain the role of Interfaces and Enums in software design with proper examples?**

Ans:

**INTERFACE:** An interface is a blueprint that defines what a class should do, not how it does it.

It contains method declarations (and constants), and any class that implements the interface must provide implementations for all its methods.

#### **Role of Interfaces**

##### **1. Achieves Abstraction**

- Hides implementation details
- Exposes only essential behavior to the user

##### **2. Supports Multiple Inheritance**

- A class can implement multiple interfaces
- Avoids ambiguity problems of multiple class inheritance

##### **3. Promotes Loose Coupling**

- Code depends on interfaces rather than concrete classes
- Makes the system flexible and easier to modify

##### **4. Improves Maintainability and Scalability**

- New implementations can be added with minimal code changes
- Suitable for large-scale applications and APIs



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## Example:

```
interface Payment {  
    void pay(double amount);  
}  
  
class CreditCardPayment implements Payment {  
    public void pay(double amount) {  
        System.out.println("Paid using Credit Card");  
    }  
}
```

**ENUMS:** An enum (enumeration) is a special data type used to define a fixed set of constant values. It improves code readability and ensures type safety.

## Role of Enums

1. **Provides Type Safety:** Prevents invalid or incorrect values
2. **Improves Code Readability:** Uses meaningful names instead of numbers or strings
3. **Groups Related Constants:** Keeps related values together in one place

## Example of Enum

```
enum OrderStatus {  
    PLACED,  
    SHIPPED,  
    DELIVERED,  
    CANCELLED  
}
```

**Que 2. Discuss how interfaces enable loose coupling with example.**

**Ans.**

**Loose Coupling:** Loose coupling is a software design principle in which different components of a system depend as little as possible on each other.

In a loosely coupled system, changes made in one component do not force changes in other components, making the system flexible and easy to maintain.

### **Role of Interfaces in Enabling Loose Coupling:**

- Interfaces define what a class should do, not how it should do it
- Client classes depend on interfaces instead of concrete implementations
- Implementation details are hidden from the client
- Multiple implementations of the same interface can be used interchangeably
- Enhances flexibility, reusability, scalability, and testability

### **Example Using Interface:**

```
interface MessageService {  
    void sendMessage(String message);  
}
```

- The interface declares the required behavior

```
class EmailService implements MessageService {  
    public void sendMessage(String message) {  
        System.out.println("Email sent: " + message);  
    }  
}
```

- EmailService provides one implementation of the interface

```
class Notification {  
    MessageService service;  
  
    Notification(MessageService service) {  
        this.service = service;  
    }  
  
    void notifyUser(String message) {  
        service.sendMessage(message);  
    }  
}
```

- The client class depends only on the interface
- The implementation can be changed without modifying the client class

## Conclusion

- Interfaces help in achieving loose coupling by separating abstraction from implementation
- They allow easy modification and extension of the system
- This results in a flexible, maintainable, and scalable software design