

Review

You made it! References aren't always easy, but learning how to use them unlocks a whole new set of superpowers in C#.

In this lesson you learned that:

Classes and interfaces are *reference types*. A variable of this type holds a reference to the data, not the data itself. This is different from *value types* like `int` and `bool`

The equality operator (`==`) uses a *referential* comparison for reference types and a *value* comparison for value types

Multiple references can be created for a single object

A reference and its corresponding object do not have to be the same type. For example, we can refer to a subclass object by an inherited superclass or implemented interface reference

The functionality available to an object reference is determined by the reference's type, not the object's type

Polymorphism is the ability in programming to present the same interface for differing data types

Referencing an object by an inherited type or implemented interface is called *upcasting*. It can be done implicitly

Referencing an object by a derived class is called *downcasting*, which must be made explicit by adding the type name in parentheses. It may cause an `InvalidCastException` error when the code is run

To signify that a reference is "empty" or refers to no object, we set it equal to `null`

If a reference is not set to any value it is *unassigned* and cannot perform any operations

In **Program.cs**, there are two lines that are commented out:

```
f.Define();
```

```
bdiss3.Define();
```

Before you move on, make sure you can explain why each of them cause an error.