

Dart Inheritance:

Dart inheritance is defined as the process of deriving the properties and characteristics of another class. It provides the ability to create a new class from an existing class. It is the most essential concept of the oops(Object-Oriented programming approach). We can reuse the all the behavior and characteristics of the previous class in the new class.

- **Parent Class** - A class which is inherited by the other class is called **superclass** or **parent class**. It is also known as a **base class**.
- **Child Class** - A class which inherits properties from other class is called the child class. It is also known as the **derived class** or **subclass**.

Syntax -

1. **class** child_class **extends** parent_class {
2. //body of child class
3. }

The child class inherits functions and variables, or properties of parent class using the extends keyword. It cannot inherit the parent class constructor; we will discuss this concept later.

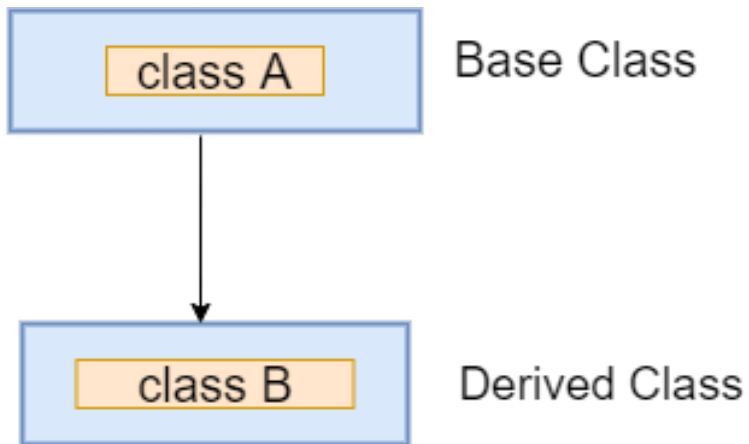
Types of Inheritance

The inheritance can be mainly four types. These are given below.

- Single Inheritance
- Multiple Inheritance
- Multilevel Inheritance
- Hierarchical Inheritance

Single Level Inheritance

In the single inheritance, a class is inherited by a single class or subclass is inherited by one parent class. In the following example, we create Person which inherits Human class.



Single Inheritance

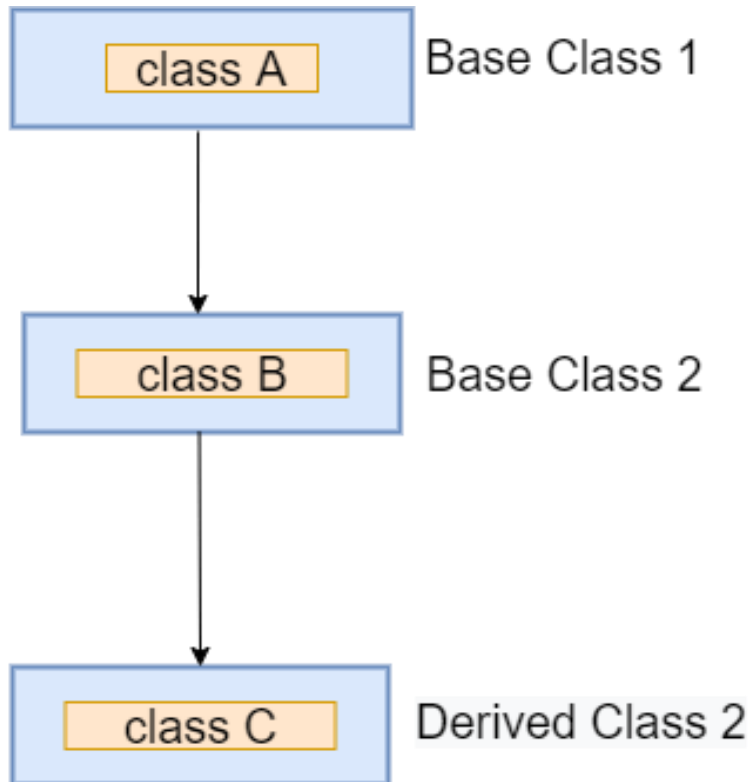
Let's understand the following example.

Example -

```
1. class Bird{
2.     void fly()
3.     {
4.         print("The bird can fly");
5.     }
6. }
7. // Inherits the super class
8. class Parrot extends Bird{
9.     //child class function
10.    void speak(){
11.        print("The parrot can speak");
12.    }
13.}
14. void main() {
15.    // Creating object of the child class
16.    Parrot p=new Parrot();
17.    p.speak();
18.    p.fly();
19.}
```

Multilevel Inheritance

In the multiple inheritance, a subclass is inherited by another subclass or creates the chaining of inheritance. Let's understand the following example.



Multilevel Inheritance

Example -

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2.     void fly()
3.     {
4.         print("The bird can fly");
5.     }
6. }
7. // Inherits the super class
8. class Parrot extends Bird{
9.     void speak(){
10.        print("The parrot can speak");
11.    }
12. }
```

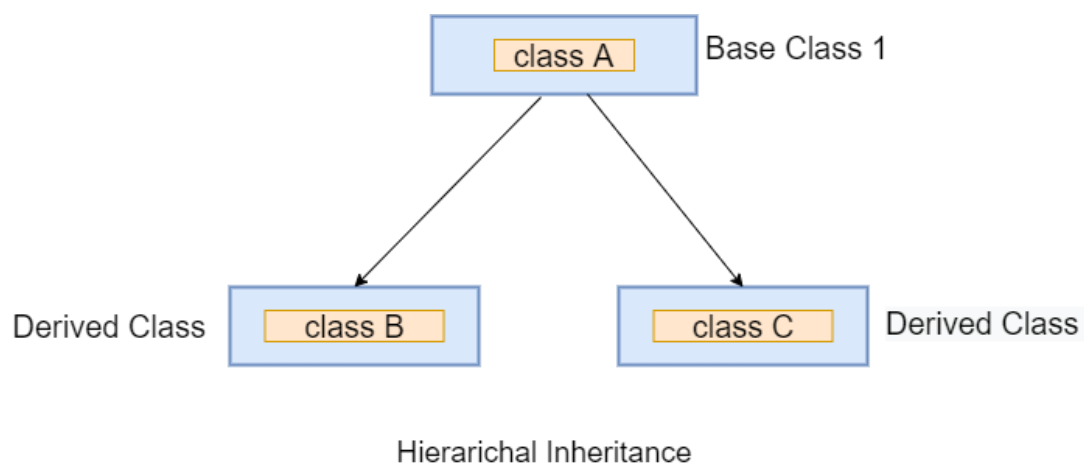
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13.}
14.
15.// Inherits the Parrot base class
16.class Eagle extends Parrot {
17.    void vision(){
18.        print("The eagle has a sharp vision");
19.    }
20.}
21.void main() {
22.    // Creating object of the child class
23.    Eagle e=new Eagle();
24.    e.speak();
25.    e.fly();
26.    e.vision();
27.}

```

Hierarchical Inheritance

In the hierarchical inheritance, two or more classes inherit a single class. In the following example, the two-child classes Peter and James inherit the Person class.



Example -

1. // Parent Class
2. class Person {

```
3. void dispName(String name) {
4.     print(name);
5. }
6.
7. void dispAge(int age) {
8.     print(age);
9. }
10.}
11.
12.class Peter extends Person {
13.
14. void dispBranch(String nationality) {
15.     print(nationality);
16. }
17.}
18.//Derived class created from another derived class.
19.class James extends Person {
20.     void result(String result){
21.         print(result);
22. }
23.}
24.void main() {
25.    // Creating Object of James class
26.    James j = new James();
27.    j.dispName("James");
28.    j.dispAge(24);
29.    j.result("Passed");
30.
31.    // Creating Object of Peter class
32.    Peter p = new Peter();
33.    p.dispName("Peter");
34.    p.dispAge(21);
35.    p.dispBranch("Computer Science");
36.
37.}
```

Dart Super Constructor

The child class can inherit all properties (methods, variables) and behavior of parent expect parent class constructor.& The superclass constructor can be invoke in sub class by using the **super()** constructor. We can access both non-parameterized and parameterized constructor of superclass. Accessing the constructor of superclass is slightly different in the Dart. The syntax is given below.

Syntax:

1. SubClassConstructor():**super()** {
2. }

Implicit super

As we know that the constructor is automatically called when we instantiate a class. When we create the object of sub class, it invokes the constructor of sub class which implicitly invokes the parent class's default(non-parameterized) constructor. We can use **super()** constructor in our subclass to invoke superclass constructor. Let's understand the following example.

Example -

1. **// Parent class**
2. **class** Superclass {
3. Superclass(){
4. print("This is a superclass constructor");
5. }
6. }
7. }
8. **class** Subclass **extends** Superclass
9. {
10. Subclass(){
11. print("This is a subclass constructor");
12. }
13. display(){
14. print("Welcome to javatpoint");
15. }

```

16.}
17.void main(){
18.    print("Dart Implicit Superclass constructor call");
19.    // We create a object of sub class which will invoke subclass constructor.
20.    // as well as parent class constructor.
21.    Subclass s = new Subclass();
22.    // Calling sub class method
23.    s.display();
24.}

```

Explicit super

If the superclass constructor consists of parameters then we require to call `super()` constructor with argument in to invoke superclass constructor in subclass explicitly. Let's understand the following example.

Example -

```

1. // Parent class
2. class Superclass {
3.     Superclass(String msg){
4.         print("This is a superclass constructor");
5.         print(msg);
6.
7.     }
8. }
9. class Subclass extends Superclass
10.{
11.     Subclass():super("We are calling superclass constructor explicitly ")
12.     {
13.         print("This is a subclass constructor");
14.     }
15.     display(){

```

```
16.         print("Welcome to javatpoint");
17.    }
18. }
19. void main(){
20.     print("Dart Implicit Superclass constructor example");
21.     // We create an object of sub class which will invoke subclass const
        ructor.
22.     // as well as parent class constructor.
23.     Subclass s = new Subclass();
24.     // Calling sub class method
25.     s.display();
26. }
```