

super and this keywords

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What is super keyword ?

-> super keyword is use to access parent class method, variable and constructors from child class

super keyword for constructor

- > by default every constructor have super keyword at their first line
- > when constructor is executed it firstly called parent class constructor because of super keyword at their first line
- > super keyword must present at first line in constructor
- > multiple super keywords not allowed in constructor
- > to initialize parent class instance variable execution of parent class constructor is mandatory that's why super keyword is present at first line in every constructor.

```
Test.java
1 package com.cjc.example1;
2
3 public class Test {
4
5     public static void main(String[] args) {
6         System.out.println("main-----start");
7         B b = new B();
8         System.out.println(b.x);
9         System.out.println("main-----ends");
10
11     }
12 }
13

A.java
1 package com.cjc.example1;
2
3 public class A {
4
5     int x = 10;
6
7     public A() {
8         System.out.println("A---constructor");
9     }
10 }
11

B.java
1 package com.cjc.example1;
2
3 public class B extends A{
4
5     int y = 20;
6
7     public B() {
8         System.out.println("B---constructor");
9     }
10 }
```

What is this keyword ?

- > this keyword represents current class object
- > this keyword is use to access method, variable and constructors of same class

this keyword for constructor

- > this keyword is use call same class constructor
- > this keyword we have to declare explicitly in constructor
- > this keyword must be present at first line of constructor
- > we can't declare super and this at a time in constructor
- > multiple this keyword in same constructor is not allowed

```
A.java
1 package com.cjc.example1;
2
3 public class A {
4
5     public A() {
6         System.out.println("A---constructor");
7     }
8
9     public A(int y)
10    {
11        this();
12        System.out.println("A---int---constructor");
13    }
14 }
15

B.java
1 package com.cjc.example1;
2
3 public class B extends A{
4
5
6     public B() {
7         this("ABC");
8         System.out.println("B-----no-arg---constructor");
9     }
10    public B(int x) {
11        this();
12        System.out.println("B-----int ---constructor");
13    }
14    public B(String s)
15    {
16        super(100);
17        System.out.println("B---String---Constructor");
18    }
19
20 }
21
```

```
Test.java
1 package com.cjc.example1;
2
3 public class Test {
4
5     public static void main(String[] args) {
6         System.out.println("main-----start");
7         B b = new B(100);
8         System.out.println("main-----ends");
9
10    }
11 }
12
```

super and this for methods and variable

- > we can use any number of super and this for method and variable calling
- > we can declare super and this anywhere for method and variable calling

A.java

```
1 package com.cjc.example2;
2
3 public class A {
4
5     int x = 10;
6
7     public void m1()
8     {
9         System.out.println("m1----A");
10    }
11 }
12
```

B.java

```
1 package com.cjc.example2;
2
3 public class B extends A{
4
5     int x = 20;
6
7     public void m1() {
8
9         System.out.println("m1---B");
10    }
11
12    public void m2() {
13        // for variable calling
14        int x = 30;
15        System.out.println(super.x); // 10
16        System.out.println(this.x); // 20
17        System.out.println(x); // 20
18
19        // for method calling
20        // super.m1(); // m1----A
21        // this.m1(); // m1----B
22        // System.out.println("m2---B"); // m2--B
23    }
24 }
25
```

Test.java

```
1 package com.cjc.example2;
2
3 public class Test {
4
5     public static void main(String[] args) {
6
7         B b = new B();
8         b.m2();
9
10    }
11 }
12
```

