

Object Type casting

Parent
↓child
↓

⇒ Object o = new String("durga");

StringBuffer sb = ~~new~~ (StringBuffer) o;

A

b

C

d

A b = (c) d ;

we are converting d type object to c type and assigning it to A type object reference variable.

⇒ Here compiler is going to check 2 rule (thing) and JVM will check 1^{rule} (thing)

Rule-1

Compile Time checking - 1

⇒ Compiler will check the relation between c and d i.e they must have some relationship. Either parent to child or child to parent or same on get C.E

Rule-2

Compile Time checking - 2

C must be of same type of A or child type of A. on get C.E

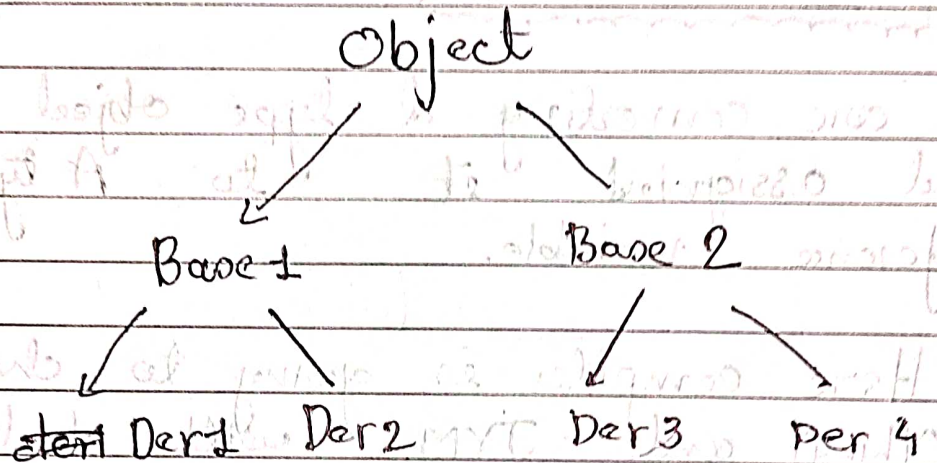
Rule - 3

JVM Checking - 3:-

⇒ The runtime object type of d must be same as ^{top} object type of c or it must be child of c

R.E : Class cast exception

Example



class Main

{

public static void main (String[] args)

{
 Parent child

Base2 b = new Der4(); ✓

Der4 d = (Der4) b; ✓

Base1 b1 = (Base1) b; X → CE

Base2 b2 = (Base2) b; ✓

Object o = (Der3) b; X → RE

Base2 b3 = (Base1) b; X → CE

}
}

```
class Object
```

```
{
```

```
}
```

X

```
class Base1
```

```
{
```

```
}
```

```
class Base2
```

```
{
```

```
}
```

```
class Der1 extends Base1
```

```
{
```

```
}
```

```
class Der2 extends Base1
```

```
{
```

```
}
```

```
class Der3 extends Base2
```

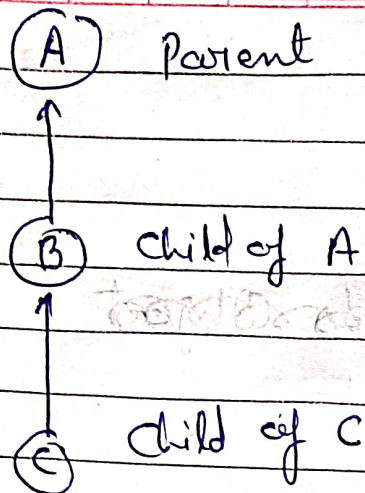
```
{
```

```
}
```

```
class Der4 extends Base2
```

```
{
```

```
}
```

`C c = new C ();`

`(B) c` → B type reference

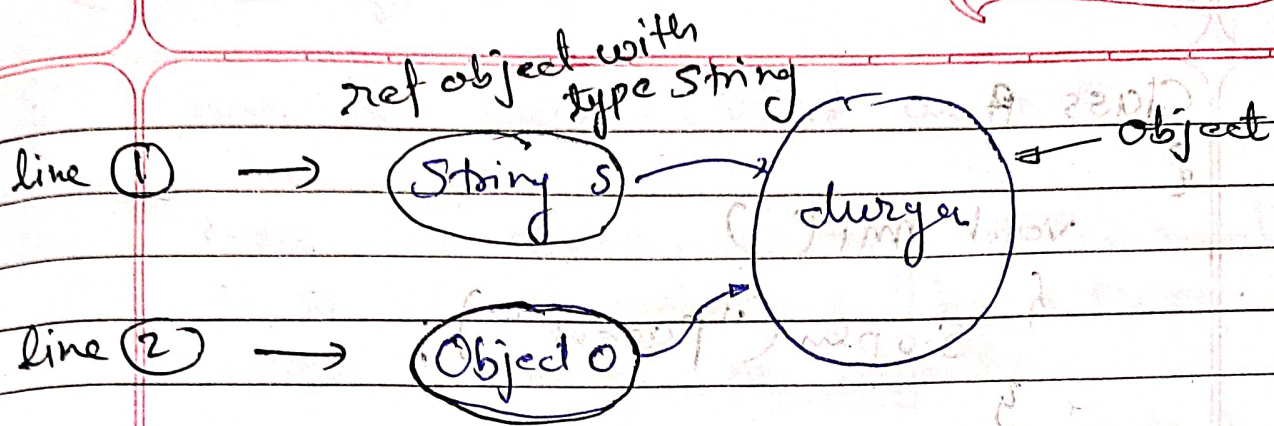
Internal object type → C type runtime object
`(A)(B) c` → A type reference
 Internal object type → C type runtime object

* Internal things in type casting

Example

`String s = new String("churga");` — (1)
`Object o = (Object) s;` — (2)

⇒ In object type casting we are not going to create any new object, for the existing object we are trying to provide a new Reference variable



we are not creating a new object
just we are changing the reference type
of the object from String to Object

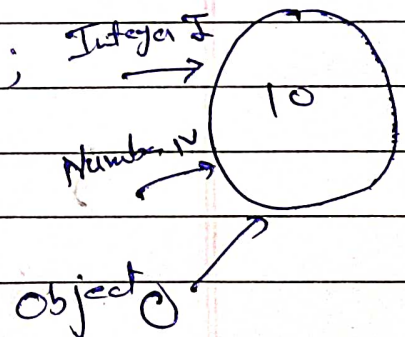
Program to check above thing!

Class Test

```
{
    p.s.v.m (String [] args)
    {
        String s = new String ("durger");
        Object o = (Object) s;
        System.out.println (s == o); // true
    }
}
```

Examples

```
Integer I = new Integer (10);
Number N = (Number) I;
Object O = (Object) N;
```



check

```
System.out.println (I == O); // true;
System.out.println (N == O); // true;
System.out.println (I == N); // true
```


Class A

```
{
    void m1()
    {
        s.opln("parent");
    }
}
```

class B extends A

```
{
    void m2()
    {
        s.opln("child");
    }
}
```

class Test

```
{
    p.s.v.m (String args)
    {
        B b = new B();
        b.m1(); → L
        b.m2(); → L
        (A) b.m1(); → L
        (A) b.m2(); → X
    }
}
```

parent class
reference

child class
reference object

can call parent class
method

cannot call child
class method with
parent class reference

for method hiding method resolution is always taken care by compiler based on Reference Object

Example with Method overriding

* Note; In Method overriding Method resolution is always taken care by JVM based on runtime object

class A

```
{ void m1()
  { println("A");
  }
```

Static void m1()

class B extends A

```
{ void m1()
  { println("B");
  }
```

Static void m1()

class C extends B

```
{ void m1()
  { println("C");
  }
```

Static void m1()

class Test

```
{ p.s.v.m(String[] args) .
```

Ans for
Method hiding

```
{ C c = new C();
```

C ← c.m1(); // C

B b = new C(); // (C)C.m1();

B ← b.m1(); // C

A a = new C(); // (A)C.m1();

A ← a.m1(); // C