

Inheritance

A class can inherit properties and methods from another class.

Basic Inheritance: One class inherits from another.

Parent class

```
class Animal:
```

```
    def speak(self):
```

```
        print("Animals make sounds")
```

Child class

```
class Dog(Animal):
```

```
    def bark(self):
```

```
        print("Dog barks")
```

```
d = Dog()
```

```
d.speak() # Inherited method
```

```
d.bark() # Own method
```

Multilevel Inheritance: A class inherits from a child class (grandchild structure).

```
class Animal:
```

```
    def eat(self):
```

```
        print("Animal eats")
```

```
class Mammal(Animal):
```

```
    def walk(self):
```

```
        print("Mammal walks")
```

```
class Dog(Mammal):
```

```
    def bark(self):
```

```
        print("Dog barks")
```

```
d = Dog()
```

```
d.eat() # From Animal
```

```
d.walk() # From Mammal
```

```
d.bark() # From Dog
```

Multiple Inheritance: A class inherits from more than one parent class.

```
class Father:
```

```
    def f_skills(self):  
        print("Father: Gardening and Programming")
```

```
class Mother:
```

```
    def m_skills(self):  
        print("Mother: Cooking and Art")
```

```
class Child(Father, Mother):
```

```
    def skills(self):  
        # Optionally call parent methods  
        Father.f_skills(self)  
        Mother.m_skills(self)  
        print("Child: Music and Dancing")  
        print()
```

```
c = Child()
```

```
c.skills()
```

```
c.f_skills()
```

```
c.m_skills()
```

Hierarchical Inheritance: Multiple child classes inherit from the same parent.

```
class Animal:
```

```
    def speak(self):  
        print("Animal speaks")
```

```
class Dog(Animal):
```

```
    def bark(self):  
        print("Dog barks")
```

```
class Cat(Animal):
```

```
    def meow(self):  
        print("Cat meows")
```

```
d = Dog()
c = Cat()
```

```
d.speak()
d.bark()
c.speak()
c.meow()
```

super() Keyword (Calling Parent Methods): Used to call a method from the parent class inside the child class.

```
class Animal:
    def __init__(self):
        print("Animal created")

class Dog(Animal):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__() # Calls Animal constructor
        print("Dog created")
d = Dog()
```

Method Overriding: When a child class defines a method with the same name as in the parent class.

```
class Animal:
    def speak(self):
        print("Animal makes sound")

class Dog(Animal):
    def speak(self): # Override
        print("Dog barks")

d = Dog()
d.speak()
```