

INTERFACE:

In Java, an interface is an abstract class that can't be instantiated on its own and must be implemented by another class. It's a collection of abstract methods and constant variables.

Characteristics of Interfaces:

1. Abstract: Interfaces are abstract and cannot be instantiated.
2. Methods: Interfaces can only have method declarations and not method bodies.
3. Implementation: A class that implements an interface must provide an implementation for all methods declared in the interface.

Code:

```
interface Car {  
    void start();  
}  
  
class ElectricCar implements Car {  
    @Override  
    public void start() {  
        System.out.println("Electric car starts");  
    }  
}  
  
public class InterfaceDemo {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        ElectricCar tesla = new ElectricCar();  
  
        tesla.start();  
    }  
}
```

EXPLANATION:

Interface Car

This interface defines a single method `start()`, which must be implemented by any class that implements this interface.

Class ElectricCar

This class implements the Car interface, which means it must provide an implementation for the start() method.

- The @Override annotation indicates that the start() method is overriding a method from the Car interface.
- The start() method in ElectricCar prints a message to the console indicating that an electric car has started.

Class InterfaceDemo

This class contains the main() method, which is the entry point of the program.

- An instance of ElectricCar named tesla is created.
- The start() method is called on the tesla object, which executes the implementation provided by the ElectricCar class.

Output

When the program is run, the output will be:

Electric car starts