

EXPERIMENT 10

// Inheritance in Java

Prerequisite Knowledge

Inheritance – It is a feature of object-oriented programming that allows the objects of a class to acquire the characteristics of some other class.

→ The class that gets inherited is known as the **parent class** or **base class**, and the class that inherits another class is known as the **child class** or **subclass** or **derived class**.

So when the objects of the derived class are created, they possess the characteristics defined in this class as well as its parent class.

→ The feature of inheritance empowers the programmer with the facility of **reusability of code**, as by deriving a class from another and adding some new functionalities to it, he can reuse a class that is almost (not exactly) what he wants, and update it in such a way that the original class does not get transformed.

Types of Inheritance in Java -

- I. **Simple/Single Inheritance** - Only one class is derived from a base class.
- II. **Multilevel Inheritance** - Only one class is derived from another derived class.
- III. **Hierarchical Inheritance** - Multiple classes are derived from one base class.
- IV. **Hybrid Inheritance** - A combination of two or more inheritance mechanisms discussed above.

Access Specifiers in Java -

Access specifiers, also known as **access modifiers** or **visibility specifiers**, are keywords that control access to a program's classes, fields, and methods.

→ They are crucial to decide which data members and member functions of a class can be accessed by some other class or not.

Here are some of the access specifiers in Java:

- **Public** - It allows unrestricted access to a class and its members from any other class or package.
- **Private** - It restricts access to a class and its data members only within the same class, preventing direct access from outside classes.
- **Protected** - It allows access to a class and its data members within the same package or by subclasses, even if they are in different packages.
- **Default** - Also known as "**package-private**" or "**no modifier**", this is the default access that has no keyword. It allows access to a class and its data members only from the other classes in the same package.

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// Simple Inheritance

Source Code -

```
class Parent
{
    private int ParentNo;
    public int num1;

    Parent()
    {
        ParentNo=1; num1=10;
    }

    int Add_Parent()      //default function
    {
        return (ParentNo+num1);
    }
}

class Child extends Parent
{
    private int ChildNo;

    Child()
    {
        ChildNo=2;
    }

    int Add_Child()      //default function
    {
        return (ChildNo + Add_Parent());
    }
}

class MainClass
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        Parent p = new Parent();
        Child c = new Child();
```

```
        System.out.println("Sum of parent class and child class numbers = " + c.Add_Child());
    }
}
```

Output -

Sum of parent class and child class numbers = 13

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// Multilevel Inheritance

Source Code -

```
class Parent
{
    private int ParentNo;
    public int num1;

    Parent()
    {
        ParentNo=1; num1=10;
    }

    int Add_Parent()      //default function
    {
        return (ParentNo+num1);
    }
}

class Child extends Parent
{
    private int ChildNo;

    Child()
    {
        ChildNo=2;
    }

    int Add_Child()      //default function
    {
        return (ChildNo + Add_Parent());
    }
}
```

```
}

class GrandChild extends Child
{
    private int GrandChildNo;

    GrandChild()
    {
        GrandChildNo=3;
    }

    int Add_GrandChild()      //default function
    {
        return (GrandChildNo + Add_Child());
    }
}

class MainClass
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        Parent p = new Parent();
        Child c = new Child();
        GrandChild g = new GrandChild();
        System.out.println("Sum of parent, child and grandchild class numbers = " +
g.Add_GrandChild());
    }
}
```

Output -

Sum of parent, child and grandchild class numbers = 16

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// Hybrid Inheritance (Hierarchical Inheritance included)

Source Code -

```
class Parent
{
    private int ParentNo;
    public int num1;

    Parent()
    {
        ParentNo=1; num1=10;
    }

    int Add_Parent()      //default function
    {
        return (ParentNo+num1);
    }
}

class Child extends Parent
{
    private int ChildNo;

    Child()
    {
        ChildNo=2;
    }

    int Add_Child()      //default function
    {
        return (ChildNo + Add_Parent());
    }
}

class GrandChild1 extends Child
{
    private int GrandChildNo1;

    GrandChild1()
    {
        GrandChildNo1=13;
    }
}
```

```

}

int Add_GrandChild1()      //default function
{
    return (GrandChildNo1 + Add_Child());
}
}

class GrandChild2 extends Child
{
    private int GrandChildNo2;

    GrandChild2()
    {
        GrandChildNo2=31;
    }

    int Add_GrandChild2()      //default function
    {
        return (GrandChildNo2 + Add_Child());
    }
}

class MainClass
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        Parent p = new Parent();
        Child c = new Child();
        GrandChild1 g1 = new GrandChild1();
        GrandChild2 g2 = new GrandChild2();

        System.out.println("Sum of parent, child and grandchild class numbers = " +
g1.Add_GrandChild1() + " and " + g2.Add_GrandChild2());
    }
}

```

Output -

Sum of parent, child and grandchild class numbers = 26 and 44