



Java abstract Keyword

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Example

An **abstract** method belongs to an **abstract** class, and it does not have a body. The body is provided by the subclass:

```
// Code from filename: Main.java
// abstract class
abstract class Main {
    public String fname = "John";
    public int age = 24;
    public abstract void study(); // abstract method
}

// Subclass (inherit from Main)
class Student extends Main {
    public int graduationYear = 2018;
    public void study() { // the body of the abstract method is provided here
        System.out.println("Studying all day long");
    }
}

// End code from filename: Main.java

// Code from filename: Second.java
class Second {
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    // create an object of the Student class (which inherits attributes and meth  
    Student myObj = new Student();  
  
    System.out.println("Name: " + myObj.fname);  
    System.out.println("Age: " + myObj.age);  
    System.out.println("Graduation Year: " + myObj.graduationYear);  
    myObj.study(); // call abstract method  
}  
}
```

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Definition and Usage

The **abstract** keyword is a non-access modifier, used for classes and methods.

Class: An abstract class is a restricted class that cannot be used to create objects (to access it, it must be inherited from another class).

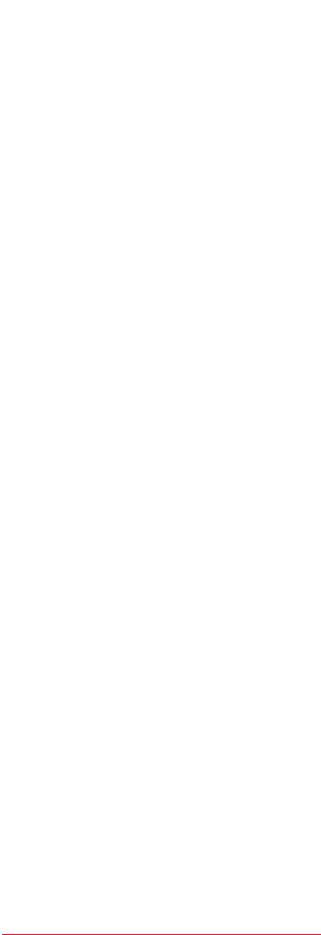
Method: An abstract method can only be used in an abstract class, and it does not have a body. The body is provided by the subclass (inherited from).

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