Inner Classes(Nested Classes)

**Java inner class** or nested class is a class that is declared inside the class or interface.

We use inner classes to logically group classes and interfaces in one place to be more readable and maintainable.

Additionally, it can access all the members of the outer class, including private data members and methods.

Advantage of Java inner classes

1. Nested classes represent a particular type of relationship that is **it can access all the members (data members and methods) of the outer class,** including private.
2. Nested classes are used **to develop more readable and maintainable code** because it logically group classes and interfaces in one place only.
3. **Code Optimization**: It requires less code to write.

**Types of Nested classes**

There are two types of nested classes non-static and static nested classes. The non-static nested classes are also known as inner classes.

* Non-static nested class (inner class)
  1. Member inner class
  2. Anonymous inner class
  3. Local inner class
* Static nested class

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| **Type** | **Description** |
| [Member Inner Class](https://www.javatpoint.com/member-inner-class) | A class created within class and outside method. |
| [Anonymous Inner Class](https://www.javatpoint.com/anonymous-inner-class) | A class created for implementing an interface or extending class. The java compiler decides its name. |
| [Local Inner Class](https://www.javatpoint.com/local-inner-class) | A class was created within the method. |
| [Static Nested Class](https://www.javatpoint.com/static-nested-class) | A static class was created within the class. |
| [Nested Interface](https://www.javatpoint.com/nested-interface) | An interface created within class or interface. |

**Java Member Inner class**

A non-static class that is created inside a class but outside a method is called **member inner class**. It is also known as a **regular inner class**. It can be declared with access modifiers like public, default, private, and protected.

**Java Anonymous inner class**

Java anonymous inner class is an inner class without a name and for which only a single object is created. An anonymous inner class can be useful when making an instance of an object with certain "extras" such as overloading methods of a class or interface, without having to actually subclass a class.

In simple words, a class that has no name is known as an anonymous inner class in Java. It should be used if you have to override a method of class or interface. Java Anonymous inner class can be created in two ways:

1. Class (may be abstract or concrete).
2. Interface

**Java Local inner class**

A class i.e., created inside a method, is called local inner class in java. Local Inner Classes are the inner classes that are defined inside a block. Generally, this block is a method body. Sometimes this block can be a for loop, or an if clause. Local Inner classes are not a member of any enclosing classes. They belong to the block they are defined within, due to which local inner classes cannot have any access modifiers associated with them. However, they can be marked as final or abstract. These classes have access to the fields of the class enclosing it.

Java static nested class

A static class is a class that is created inside a class, is called a static nested class in Java. It cannot access non-static data members and methods. It can be accessed by outer class name.

* It can access static data members of the outer class, including private.
* The static nested class cannot access non-static (instance) data members.

**Java Nested Interface**

An interface, i.e., declared within another interface or class, is known as a nested interface. The nested interfaces are used to group related interfaces so that they can be easy to maintain. The nested interface must be referred to by the outer interface or class. It can't be accessed directly.

**Points to remember for nested interfaces**

There are given some points that should be remembered by the java programmer.

* The nested interface must be public if it is declared inside the interface, but it can have any access modifier if declared within the class.
* Nested interfaces are declared static