Inheritance

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Inheritance in Java

- **Inheritance in java** is a mechanism in which one object acquires all the properties and behaviors of parent object.
- When a Class extends another class it inherits all non-private members including fields and methods. Inheritance in Java can be best understood in terms of Parent and Child relationship, also known as Super class(Parent) and Sub class(child) in Java language.
- Inheritance defines is-a relationship between a Super class and its Sub class. extends and implements keywords are used to describe inheritance in Java.

Inheritance in Java

- Inheritance represents the **IS-A relationship**, also known as *parent-child* relationship.
- **Why use Inheritance ?**
- For Method Overriding (used for Runtime Polymorphism).
- It's main uses are to enable polymorphism and to be able to reuse code for different classes by putting it in a common super class
- For code Re-usability

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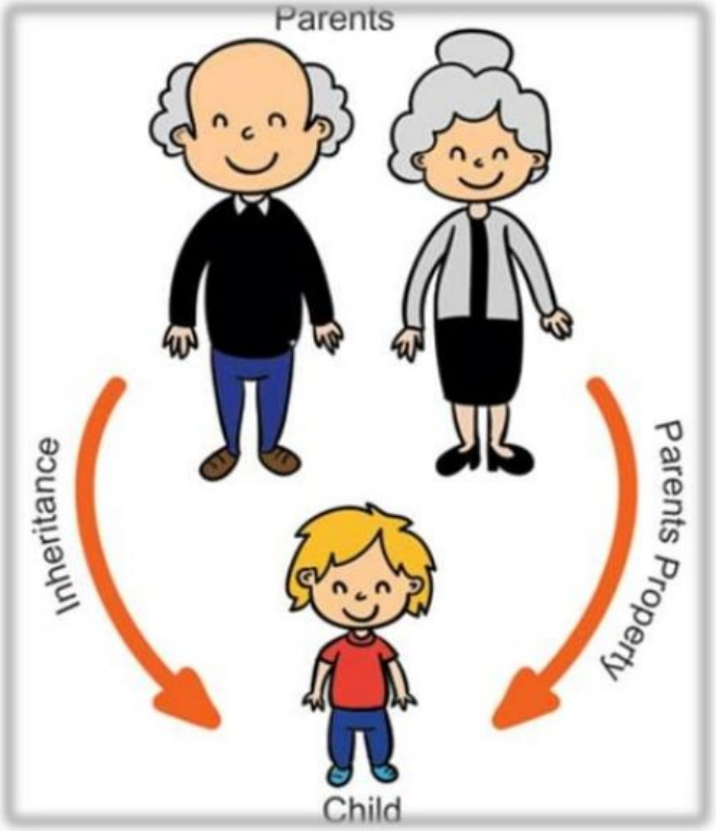

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- **Important points**
- In the inheritance the class which is give data members and methods is known as base or super or parent class.
- The class which is taking the data members and methods is known as sub or derived or child class.
- The data members and methods of a class are known as features.
- The concept of inheritance is also known as re-usability or extendable classes or sub classing or derivation.

Inheritance in Java

No	Term	Definition
1	Inheritance	**Inheritance** is a process where one object acquires the properties of another object
2	Subclass	Class which inherits the properties of another object is called as **subclass**
3	Superclass	Class whose properties are inherited by subclass is called as **superclass**
4	Keywords Used	extends and implements

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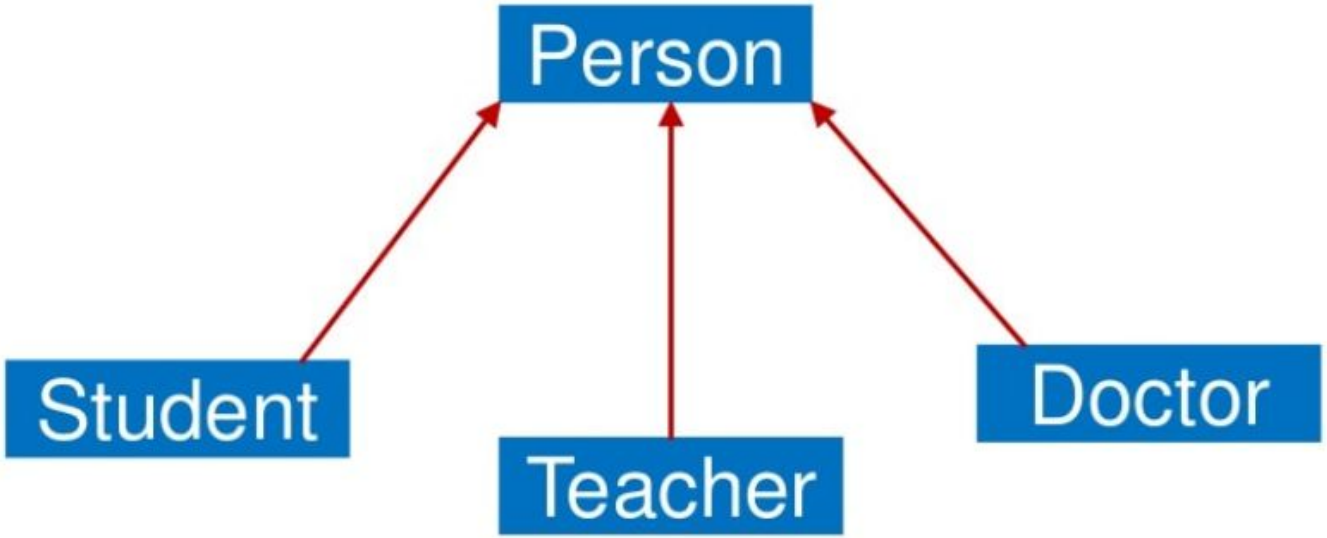

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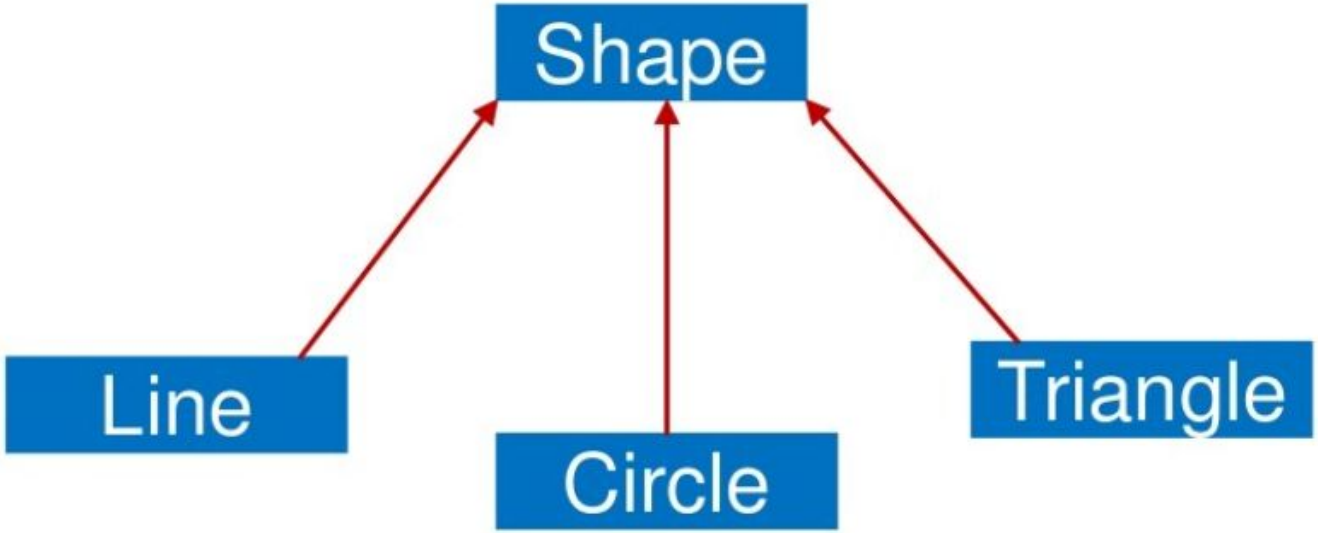

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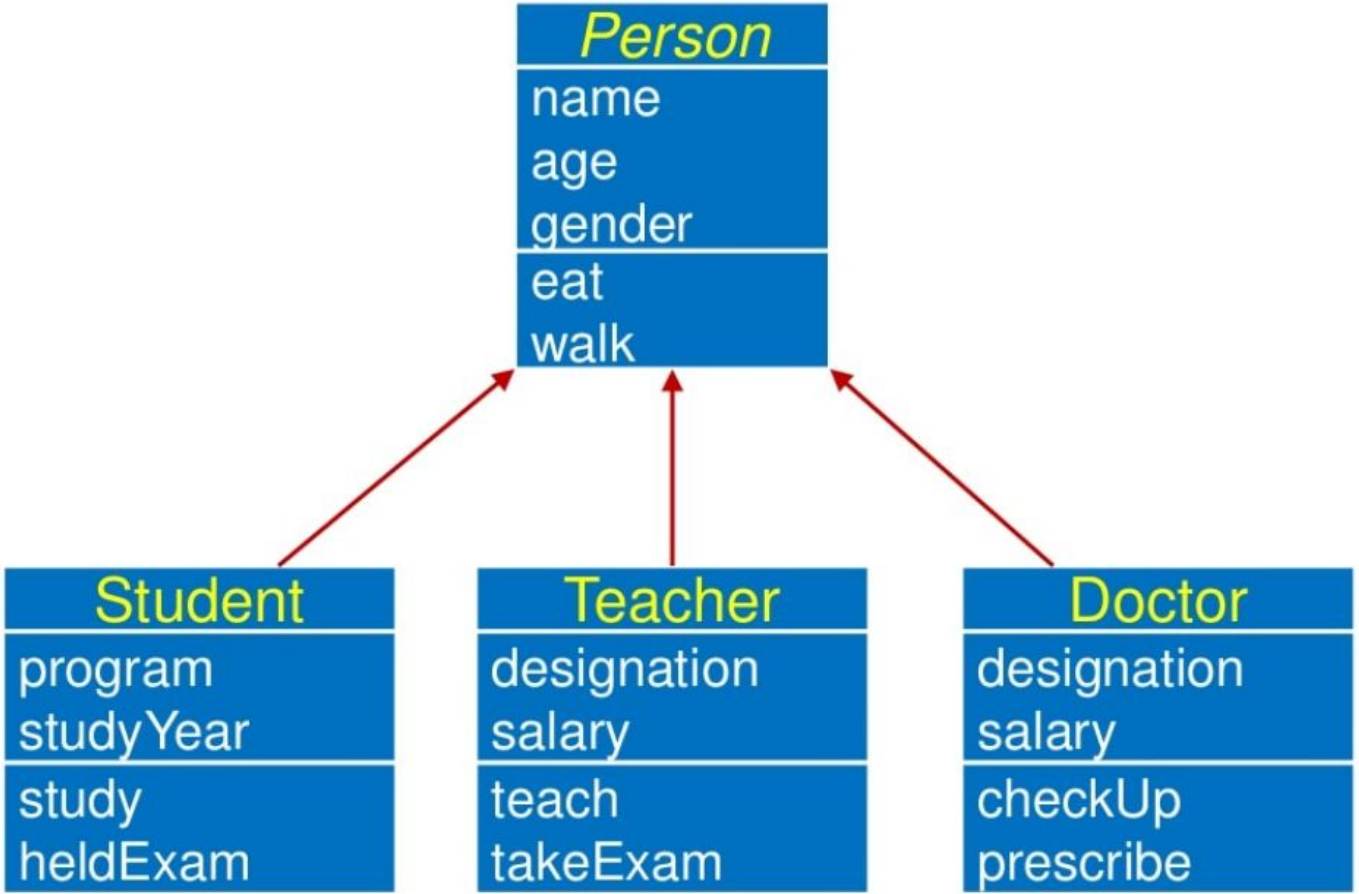

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- Subtyping (extension)
- Specialization (restriction)

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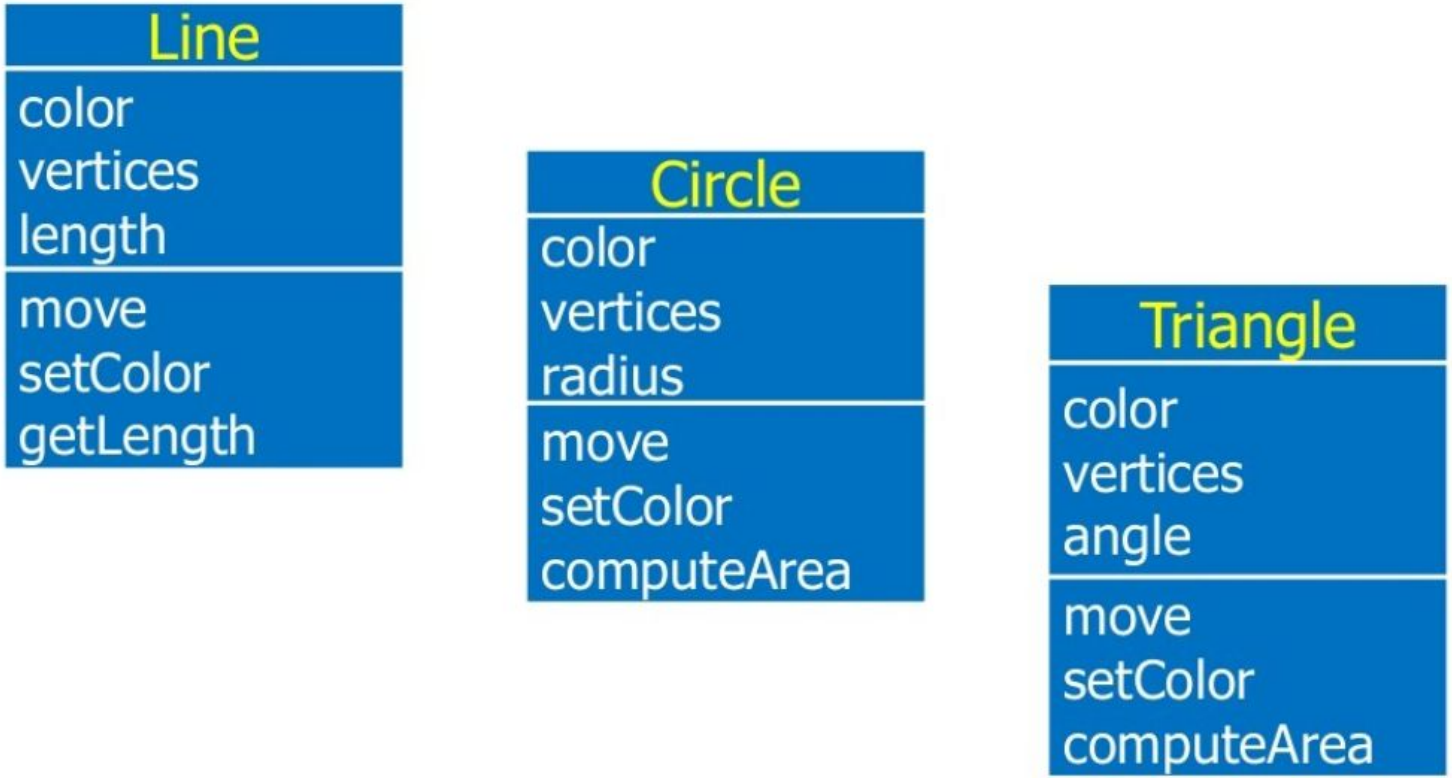
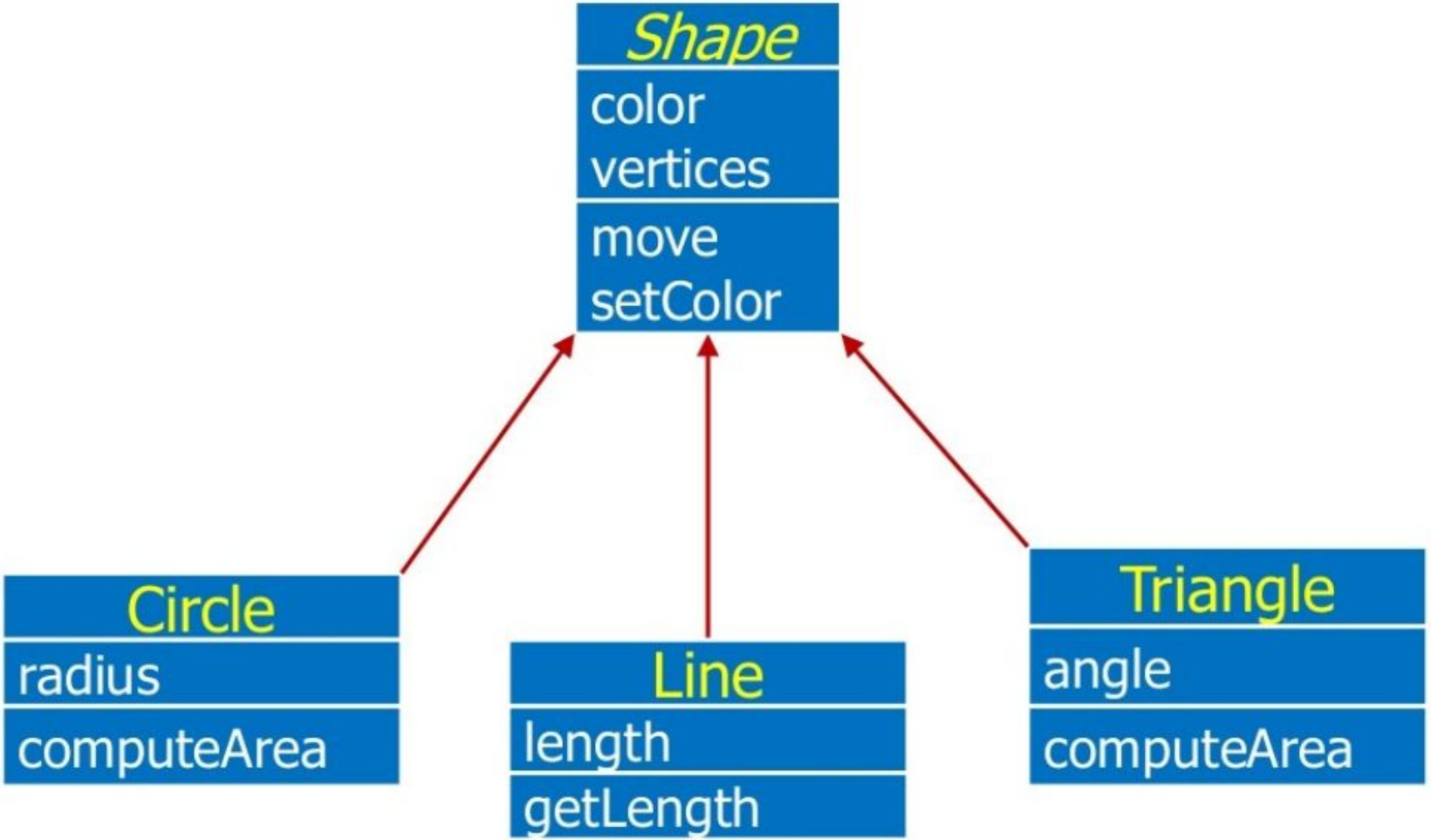
- **Generalization**

- In OO models, some classes may have common characteristics
- We extract these features into a new class and inherit original classes from this new class
- This concept is known as Generalization

Example – Generalization

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Sub-typing & Specialization

- We want to add a new class to an existing model
- Find an existing class that already implements some of the desired state and behaviour
- Inherit the new class from this class and add unique behaviour to the new class

Sub-typing (Extension)

- Sub-typing means that derived class is behaviourally compatible with the base class
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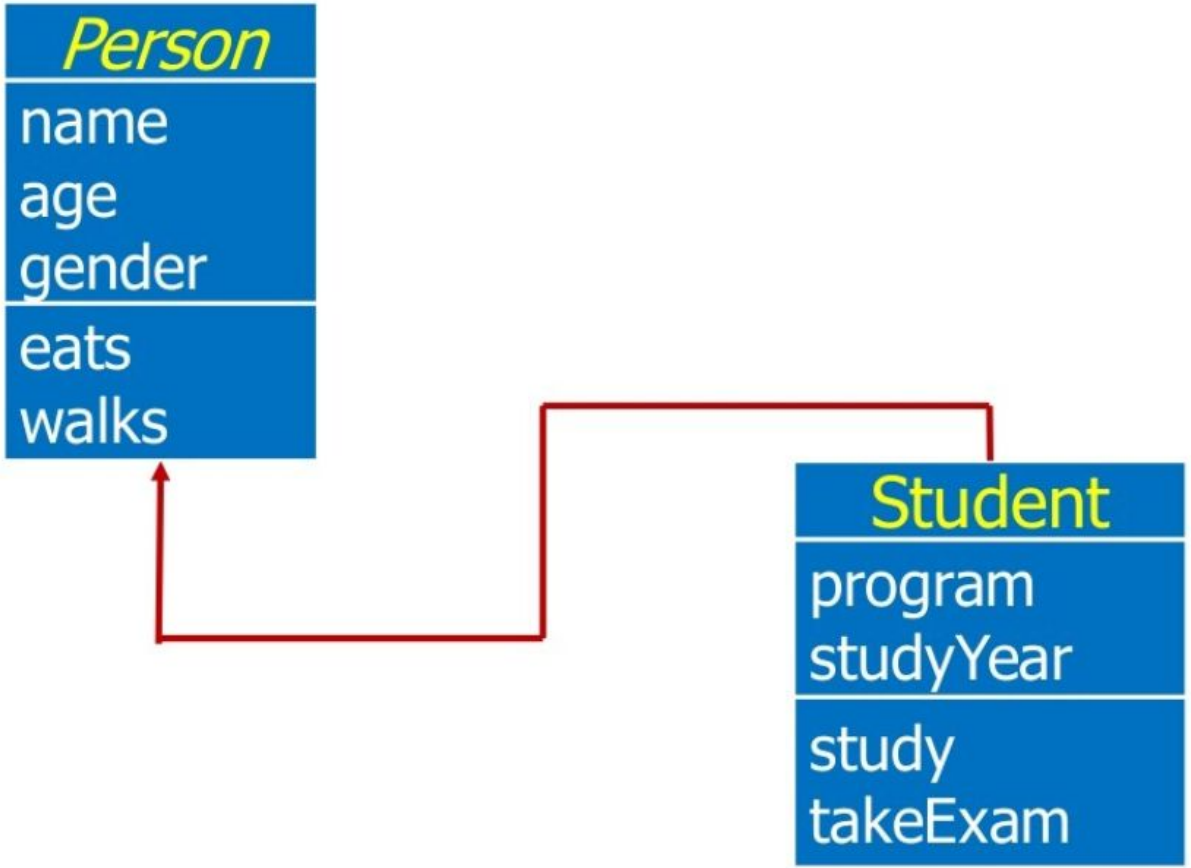
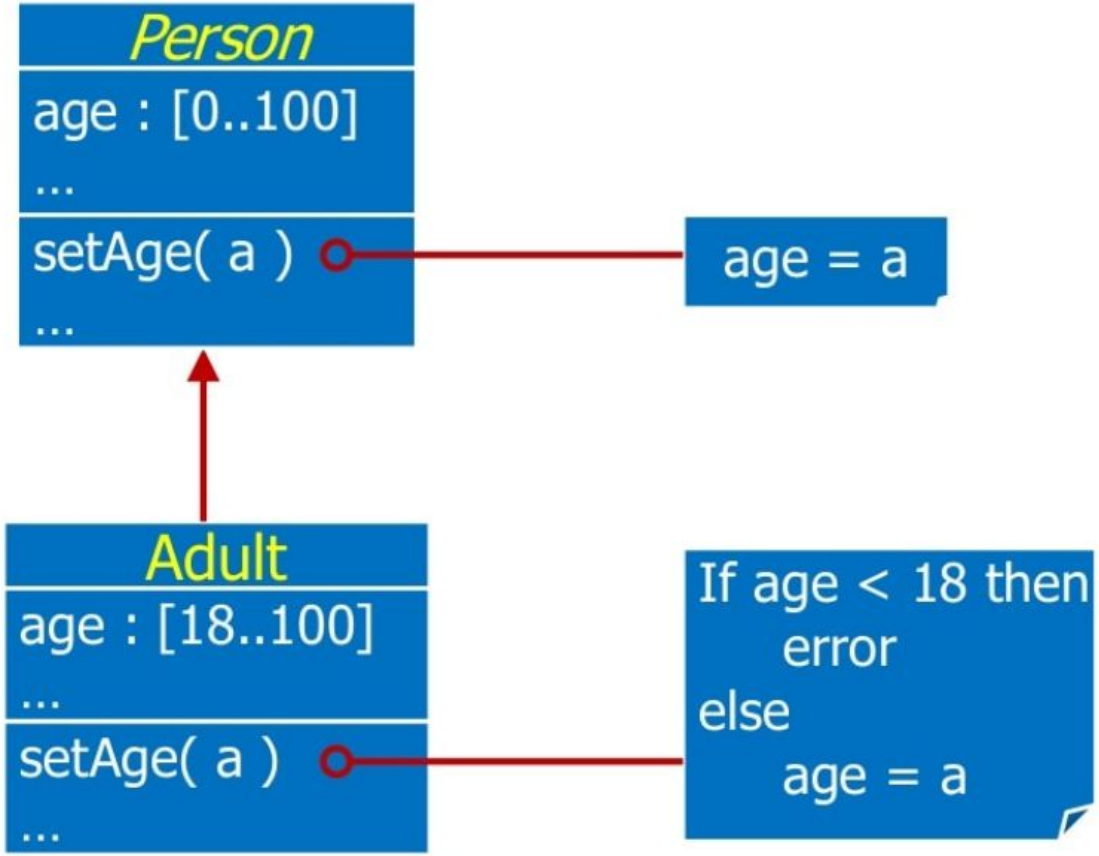


Specialization (Restriction)

- Specialization means that derived class is behaviourally incompatible with the base class
- Behaviourally incompatible means that base class can't always be replaced by the derived class

Example – Specialization (Restriction)



Inheritance in Java

- **Inheritance in Java**
- Inheritance in Java is done using
  - **extends** – In case of Java class and abstract class
  - **implements** – In case of Java interface.
- **What is inherited**
  - In Java when a class is extended, sub-class inherits all the **public**, **protected** and **default (Only if the sub-class is located in the same package as the super class)** methods and fields of the super class.
- **What is not inherited**
  - **Private** fields and methods of the super class are not inherited by the sub-class and can't be accessed directly by the subclass.
  - Constructors of the super-class are not inherited. There is a concept of constructor chaining in Java which determines in what order constructors are called in case of inheritance.

Inheritance in Java

- **Syntax of Inheritance**

```
class Subclass-name extends Superclass-name
{
  //methods and fields
}
```

- The **extends keyword** indicates that you are making a new class that derives from an existing class.

Inheritance in Java

- Please Note:
- In inheritance Parent Class and Child Class having multiple names, List of the name are below:

- **Parent Class = Base Class = Super Class**

- **Child Class = Derived Class = Sub Class**

Simple Example of Inheritance

```
class Parent
{
   public void p1() {
      System.out.println("Parent method");
   }
}
public class Child extends Parent {
   public void c1() {
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   }
   public static void main(String[] args) {
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Child Class Inherit the Properties Of Parent Class

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Calling Child Class and Parent Class Method Using Object Of Child Class

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Output is:

Child method
Parent method

Explanation of Previous Program

- When child class inherit the propertied of parent class the child class look like this (just for understanding)

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Another example of Inheritance

```
class Parent
{
  int id=11;
  String name="Adil";
}
public class Child extends Parent {
   public void display()
   {
      System.out.println("ID is: "+id);
      System.out.println("Name is: "+name);
   }
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Here in Child Class we Can Inherit Or Access the Properties of Parent Class

Output is:

ID is: 11

Name is: Adil

Access Control and Inheritance

- A derived class can access all the non-private members of its base class. Thus base-class members that should not be accessible to the members of derived classes should be declared private in the base class.

Access	public	protected	private
Same class	yes	yes	yes
Derived classes	yes	yes	no
Outside classes	yes	no	no

Access Control and Inheritance

- The following rules for inherited methods are enforced:

1. Methods declared public in a superclass also must be public in all subclasses.

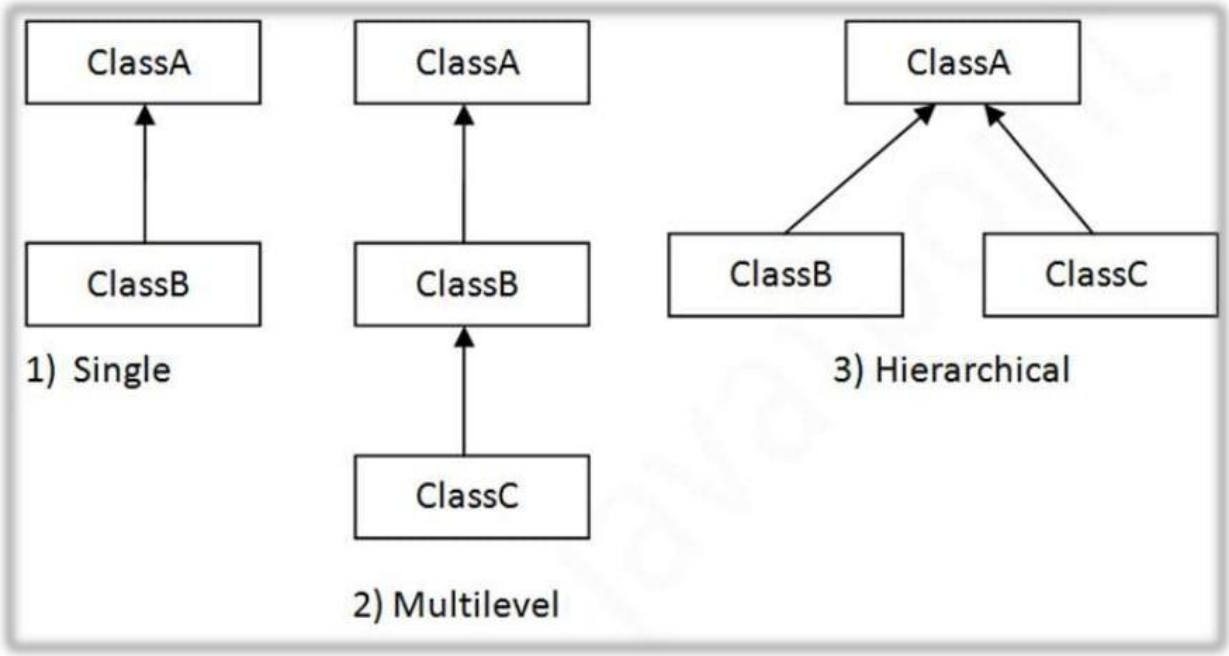
2. Methods declared protected in a superclass must either be protected or public in subclasses; they cannot be private.

3. Methods declared private are not inherited at all, so there is no rule for them.

Inheritance in Java

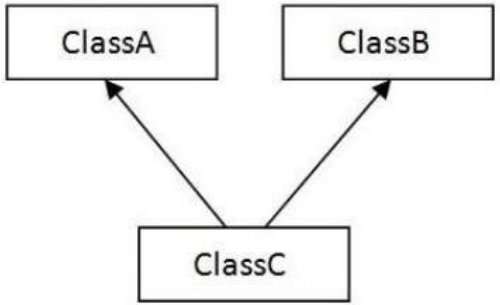
- **Types of Inheritance**
- Based on number of ways inheriting the feature of base class into derived class we have five types of inheritance; they are:
- Single inheritance
- Multiple inheritance
- Hierarchical inheritance
- Multilevel inheritance
- Hybrid inheritance

Types of Inheritance



Types of Inheritance

- In java programming, multiple and hybrid inheritance is supported through interface only. We will learn about interfaces later.



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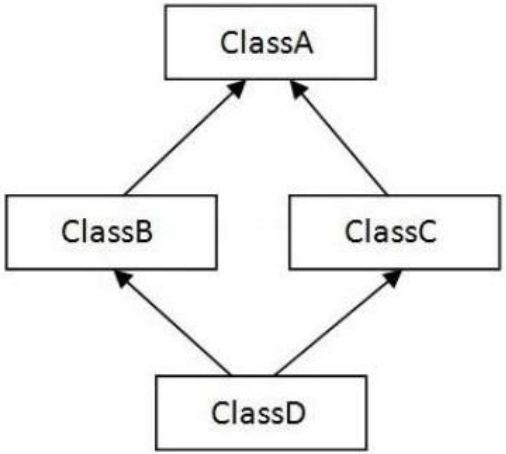
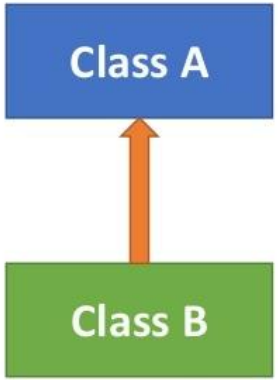


5) Hybrid

Types of Inheritance

- **1) Single Inheritance**
- **Single inheritance** is easy to understand. When a class extends another one class only then we call it a single inheritance. The below flow diagram shows that class B extends only one class which is A. Here A is a **parent class** of B and B would be a **child class** of A.



Single Inheritance Example

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class A
{
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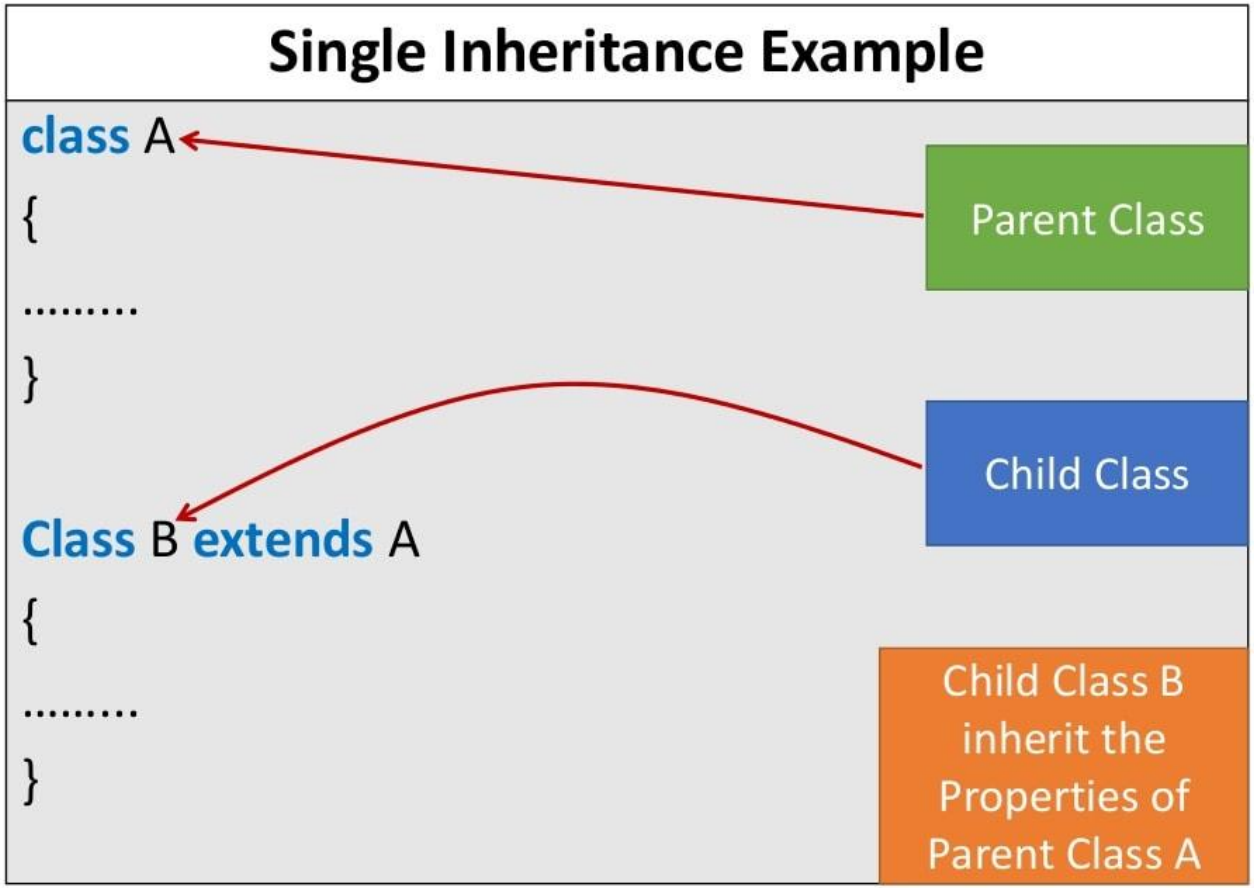
}

Class B extends A
{
.....
}
```


Single Inheritance Example
class A
{
.....
}
Class B extends A
{
.....
}
Parent Class
Child Class
Child Class B inherit the Properties of Parent Class A

Single Inheritance Example

```
class A {
  int data=10;
}
class B extends A {
   public void display()
   {
     System.out.println("Data is:"+data);
   }
   public static void main(String args[])
   {
     B obj = new B();
     obj.display();
  }
}
```

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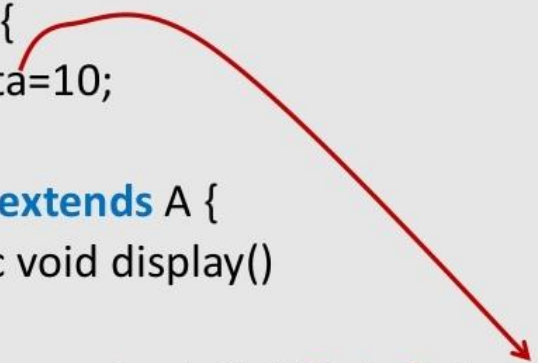

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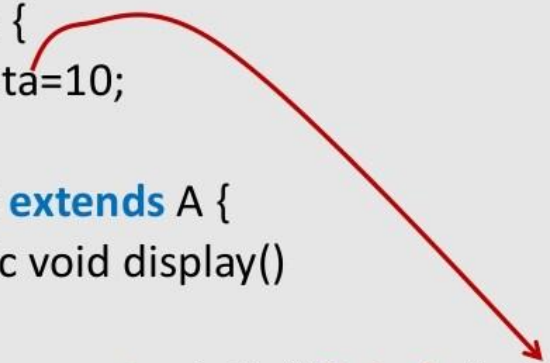

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Output is:
Data is:10

Another Single Inheritance Example

```
class Faculty {
  float salary=30000;
}
class Science extends Faculty {
  float bonus=2000;
public static void main(String args[]) {
 Science obj=new Science();
 System.out.println("Salary is:"+obj.salary);
 System.out.println("Bonus is:"+obj.bonus);
 }
}
```

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 Science obj=new Science();
 System.out.println("Salary is:"+obj.salary);
 System.out.println("Bonus is:"+obj.bonus);
 }
}
```

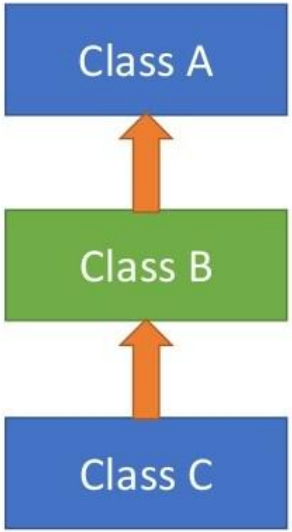
Output is:

```
Salary is:30000.0
Bonus is:2000.0
```

Types of Inheritance

- **2) Multilevel Inheritance**
- In Multilevel inheritances there exists single base class, single derived class and multiple intermediate base classes.
- **Single base class + single derived class + multiple intermediate base classes.**
- **Intermediate base classes**
- An intermediate base class is one in one context with access derived class and in another context same class access base class.

Multilevel Inheritance



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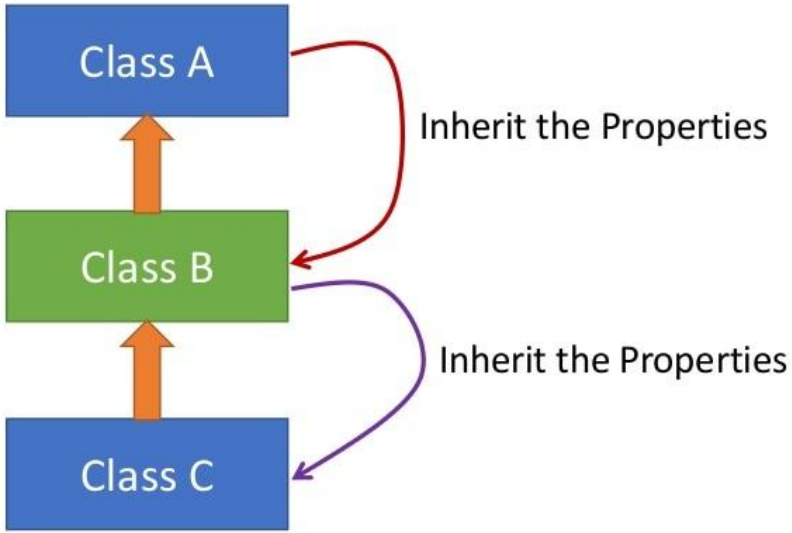

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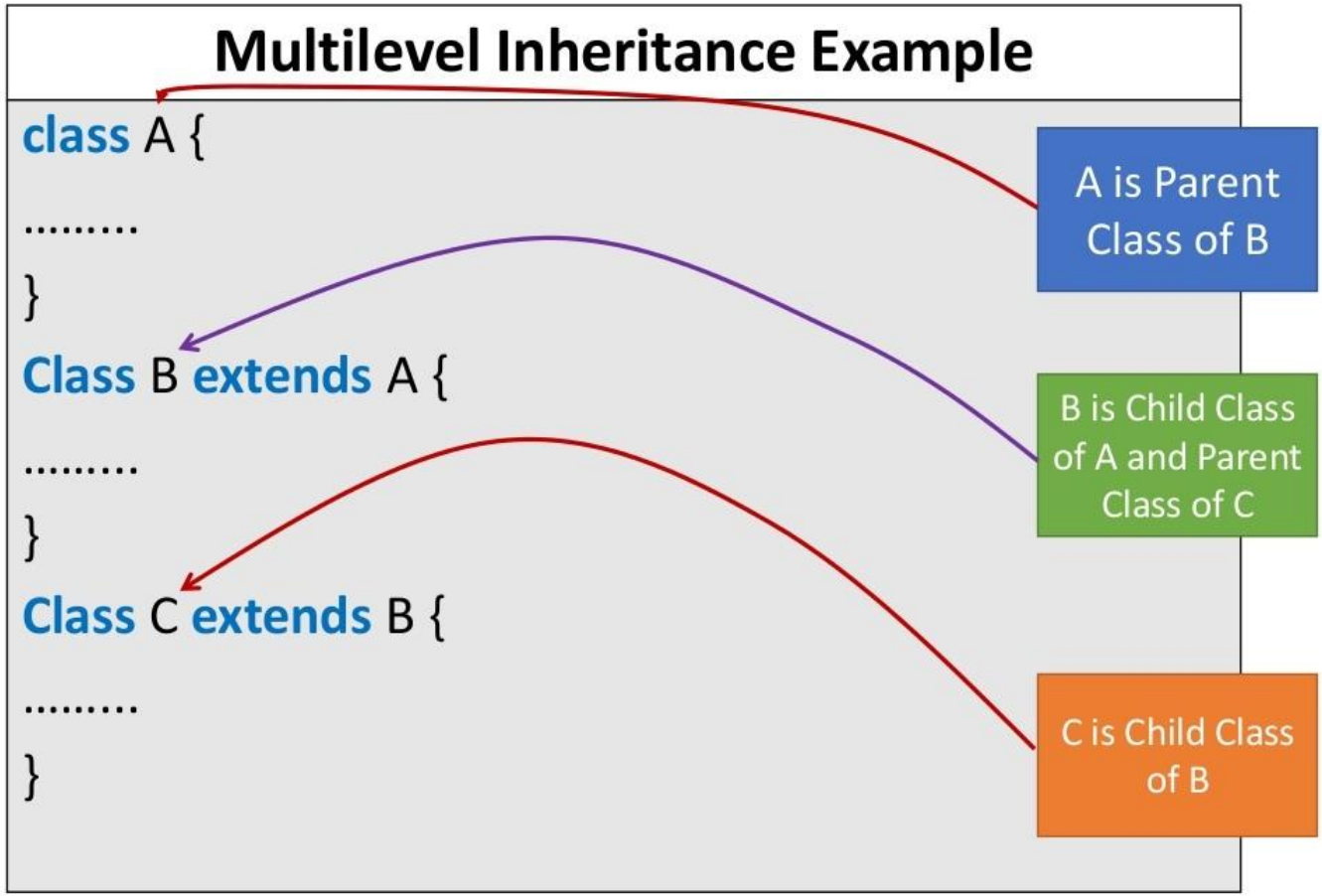
C Contains B Which Contains A


Multilevel Inheritance Example
class A {
.....
}
Class B extends A {
.....
}
Class C extends B {
.....
}
A is Parent Class of B
B is Child Class of A and Parent Class of C
C is Child Class of B

Multilevel Inheritance Example

```
class A {
  int data=10;
}
class B extends A{
}
class C extends B  {
   public void display() {
     System.out.println("Data is:"+data);
   }
 public static void main(String args[]) {
     C obj = new C();
     obj.display();
  }
}
```

Here Class B inherit the properties of Class A and Class C inherit the properties of Class B

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```

Output is:
Data is:10

Another Multilevel Inheritance Example

```
class Faculty {
 float total_sal=0, salary=1000;
}
class HRA extends Faculty {
 float hra=2000;
}
class DA extends HRA {
 float da=3000;
}
class Science extends DA {
 float bonus=4000;
public static void main(String args[]) {
 Science obj=new Science();
 obj.total_sal=obj.salary+obj.hra+obj.da+obj.bonus;
 System.out.println("Total Salary is:"+obj.total_sal);
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  Science obj=new Science();
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  System.out.println("Total Salary is:"+obj.total_sal);
 }
```

Class C look Like This After inheritance

```
float total_sal=0, salary=1000;
float hra=2000;
float da=3000;
float bonus=4000;
```

Here we can Access the Properties of Class "Faculty" , Class "HRA" and Class "DA" using the Object of Class "Science"

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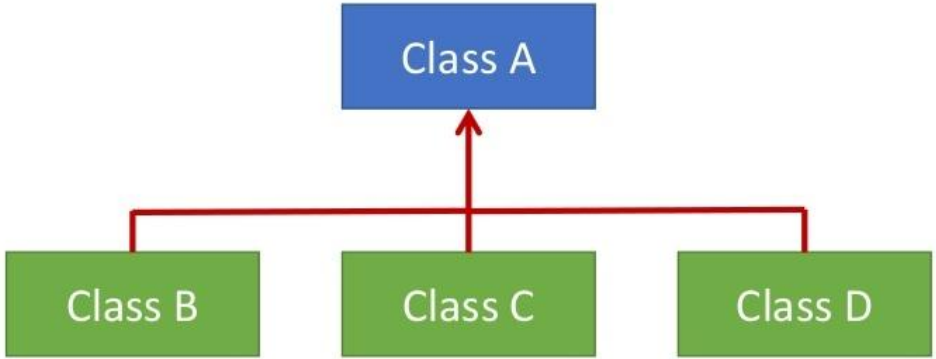
}
class Science extends DA {
  float bonus=4000;
public static void main(String args[]) {
  Science obj=new Science();
  obj.total_sal=obj.salary+obj.hra+obj.da+obj.bonus;
  System.out.println("Total Salary is:"+obj.total_sal);
 }
```

Output is:

Total Salary is:10000.0

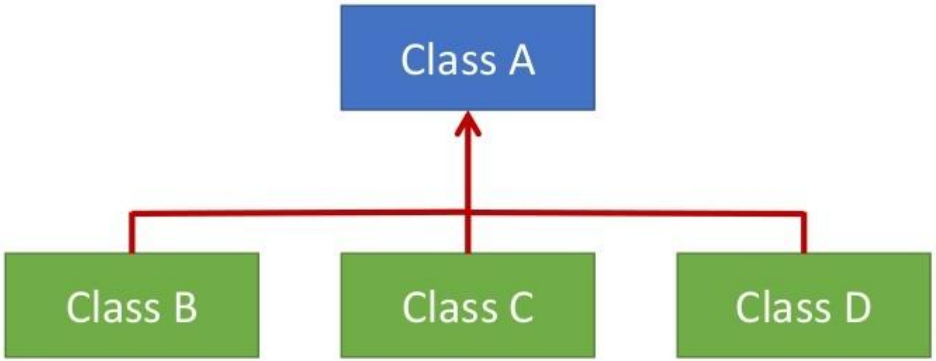
Types of Inheritance

- **3) Hierarchical Inheritance**
- In this **inheritance** multiple classes inherits from a **single** class i.e there is one super class and **multiple** sub classes. As we can see from the below diagram when a same class is having more than one sub class (or) more than one sub class has the same parent is called as **Hierarchical Inheritance**.



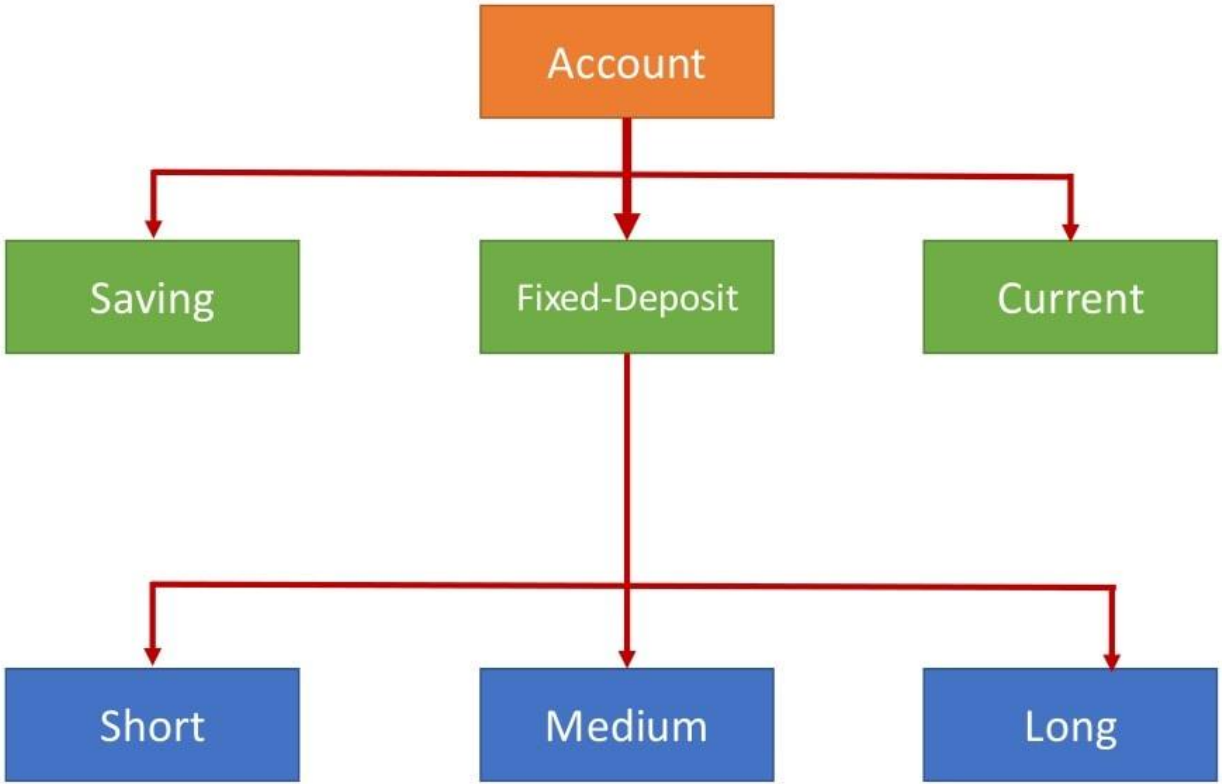
Types of Inheritance

- **3) Hierarchical Inheritance**

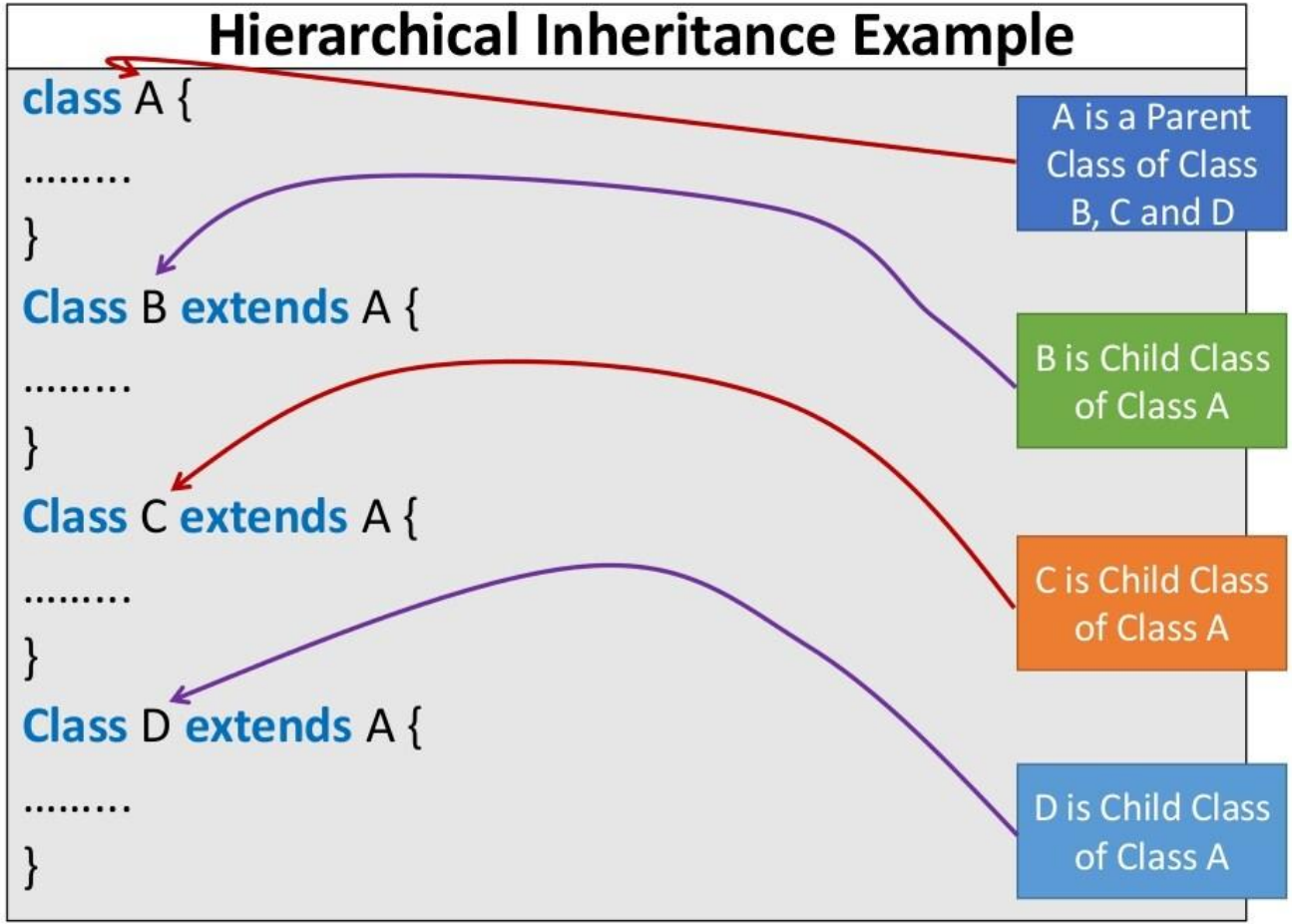


Here **Class A** acts as the **parent** for sub classes **Class B, Class C** and **Class D**

Hierarchical Inheritance(Real time Example)



Hierarchical Inheritance Example



Hierarchical Inheritance Example

```
class A {
  int data=10;
}
class B extends A{
}
class C extends A  {
}
class D extends A  {
 public static void main(String args[]) {
     B obj1 = new B();
     C obj2 = new C();
     D obj3 = new D();
   System.out.println("Data in Class B is: "+obj1.data);
   System.out.println("Data in Class C is: "+obj2.data);
   System.out.println("Data in Class D is: "+obj3.data);
  }
}
```

Hierarchical Inheritance Example

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   System.out.println("Data in Class B is: "+obj1.data);
   System.out.println("Data in Class C is: "+obj2.data);
   System.out.println("Data in Class D is: "+obj3.data);
  }
}
```

Output is:

Data in Class B is: 10
Data in Class C is: 10
Data in Class D is: 10

Another Hierarchical Inheritance Example

```
class A {
  void methodA() {
   System.out.println("Method of Class A");   }
}
class B extends A{ }
class C extends A{ }
class D extends A  {
 public static void main(String args[]) {
    B obj1 = new B();
    C obj2 = new C();
    D obj3 = new D();
    obj1.methodA();
    obj2.methodA();
    obj3.methodA();
  }
}
```

Another Hierarchical Inheritance Example

```
class A {
  void methodA() {
   System.out.println("Method of Class A");   }
}
class B extends A{ }
class C extends A{ }
class D extends A  {
 public static void main(String args[]) {
    B obj1 = new B();
    C obj2 = new C();
    D obj3 = new D();
    obj1.methodA();
    obj2.methodA();
    obj3.methodA();
  }
}
```

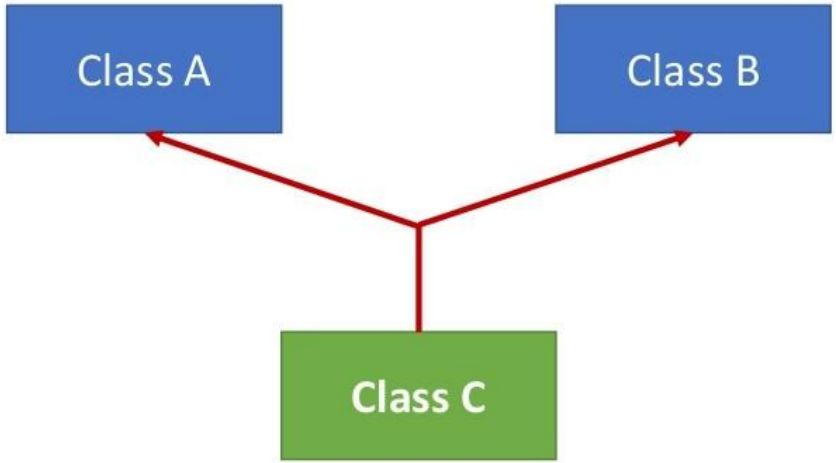
Output is:

Method of Class A
Method of Class A
Method of Class A

Types of Inheritance

- **4) Multiple Inheritance**
- In java programming, multiple and hybrid inheritance is not supported through classes but supported through interface only. We will learn about interfaces later.
- **Q) Why multiple inheritance is not supported in java?**
- To reduce the complexity and simplify the language, multiple inheritance is not supported in java.

Multiple Inheritance



Here Class A, B and C are three Classes. The C Class inherits A and B classes.in other words Class C inherit the properties of both Class A and Class B.

Multiple Inheritance

- **Why multiple inheritance is not supported in java?**
- Consider a scenario where A, B and C are three classes. The C class inherits A and B classes. If A and B classes have same method and you call it from child class object, there will be ambiguity to call method of A or B class.
- Since compile time errors are better than runtime errors, java renders compile time error if you inherit 2 classes. So whether you have same method or different, there will be compile time error now.

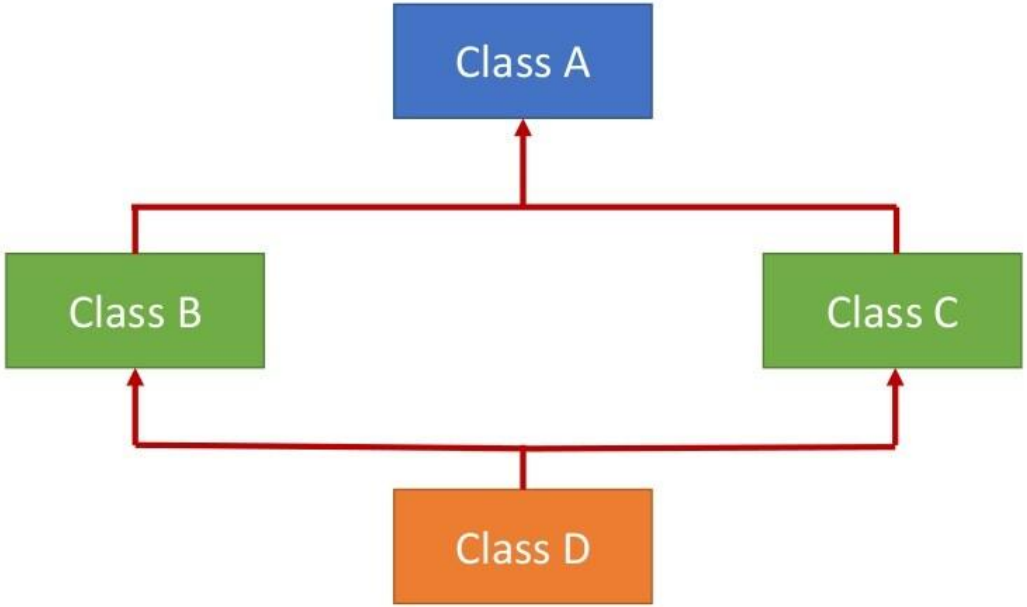
Multiple Inheritance Example

```
class A{
  void msg(){
  System.out.println("Hello"); }
}
class B{
  void msg(){
  System.out.println("Welcome");}
}
class C extends A,B{     //suppose if it were

 public static void main(String args[]){
  C obj=new C();
  obj.msg();    //Now which msg() method would be invoked?
  }
}
```

Types of Inheritance

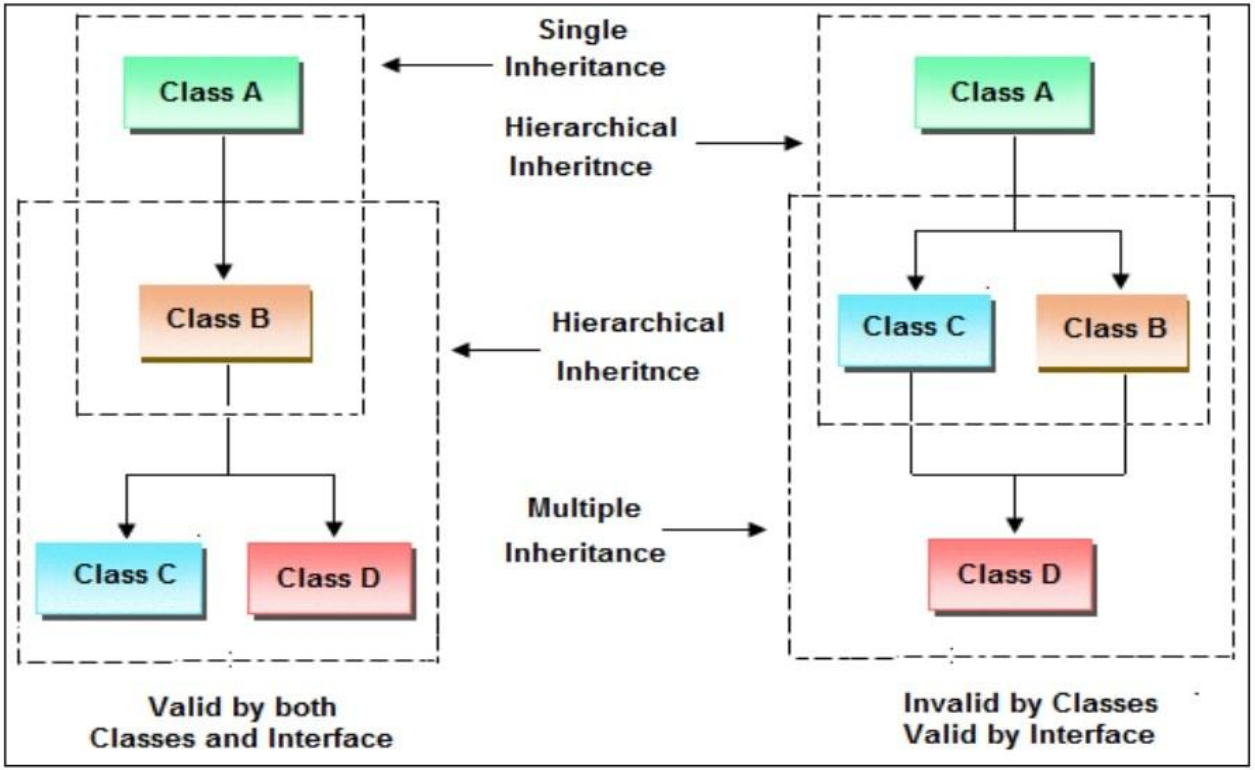
- **5) Hybrid inheritance**
- Any combination of previous three inheritance (single, hierarchical and multi level) is called as hybrid inheritance.



Hybrid Inheritance

- In simple terms you can say that Hybrid inheritance is a combination of **Single** and **Multiple** inheritance
- A typical flow diagram would look like in the previous slide.
- A hybrid inheritance can be achieved in the java in a same way as multiple inheritance can be!! Using interfaces. yes you heard it right.
- By using **interfaces** we can have multiple as well as **hybrid inheritance** in Java.

Hybrid inheritance



Important Points for Inheritance

- In java programming one derived class can extends only one base class because java programming does not support multiple inheritance through the concept of classes, but it can be supported through the concept of Interface.
- Whenever we develop any inheritance application first create an object of bottom most derived class but not for top most base class.
- When we create an object of bottom most derived class, first we get the memory space for the data members of top most base class, and then we get the memory space for data member of other bottom most derived class.
- Bottom most derived class contains logical appearance for the data members of all top most base classes.

Important Points for Inheritance

- If we do not want to give the features of base class to the derived class then the definition of the base class must be preceded by final hence final base classes are not reusable or not inheritable.
- If we are do not want to give some of the features of base class to derived class than such features of base class must be as private hence private features of base class are not inheritable or accessible in derived class.
- An object of base class can contain details about features of same class but an object of base class never contains the details about special features of its derived class (this concept is known as scope of base class object).
- For each and every class in java there exists an implicit predefined super class called java.lang.Object. because it providers garbage collection facilities to its sub classes for collecting un-used memory space and improved the performance of java application.

Inheritance in Java

- **Advantage of inheritance**
- If we develop any application using concept of Inheritance than that application have following advantages,
- Application development time is less.
- Application take less memory.
- Application execution time is less.
- Application performance is enhance (improved).
- Redundancy (repetition) of the code is reduced or minimized so that we get consistence results and less storage cost.

Inheritance in Java

- **Disadvantages of Inheritance**
- Inheritance base class and child classes are tightly coupled. Hence If you change the code of parent class, it will get affects to the all the child classes.
- In class hierarchy many data members remain unused and the memory allocated to them is not utilized. Hence affect performance of your program if you have not implemented inheritance correctly.

Reference

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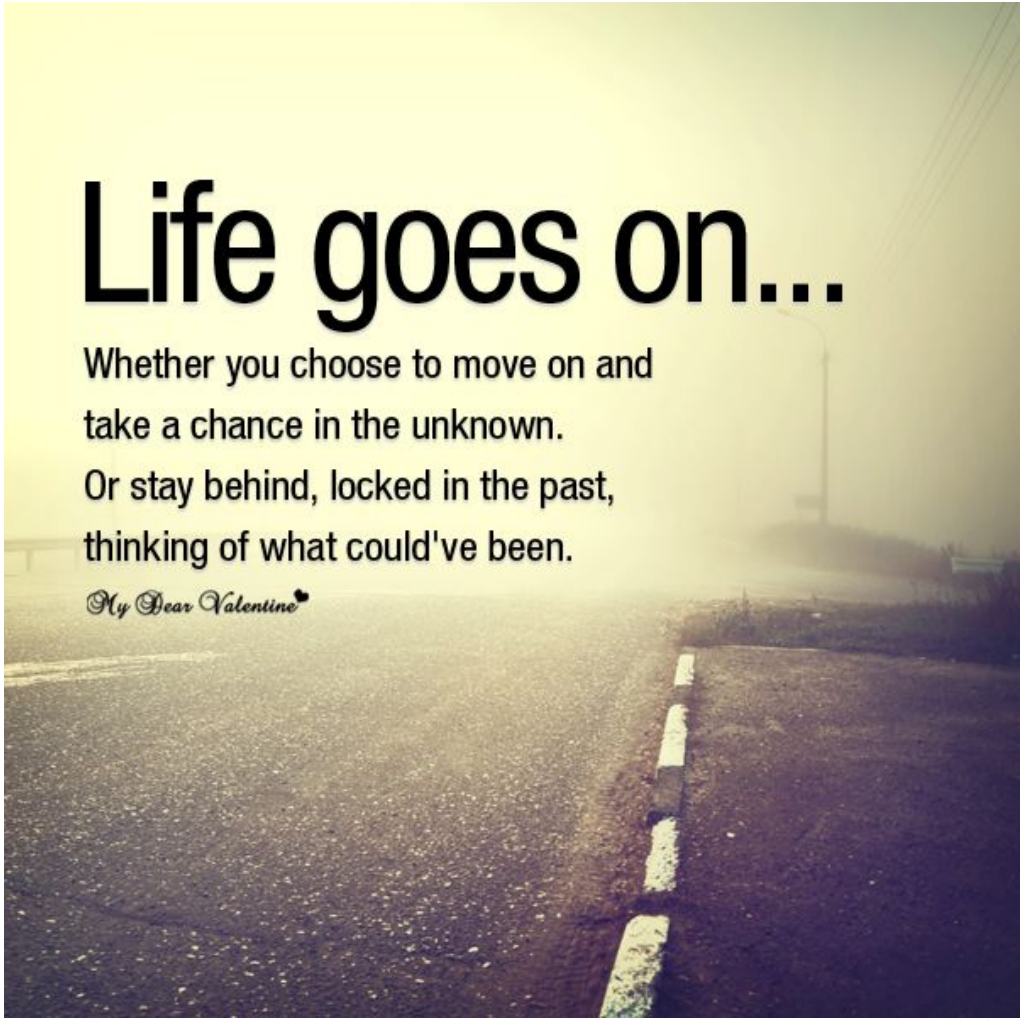
Life goes on...
Whether you choose to move on and
take a chance in the unknown.
Or stay behind, locked in the past,
thinking of what could've been.
My Dear Valentine