

Abstract classes In JAVA

Types of classes

- (A) abstract class
- (B) Concrete class → normally created class

Ex: →

```
class hello1 {  
    }  
  
abstract class hello2 {  
    }
```

— this above is a example =
of ~~abstract~~ class
concrete

= this above is example of =
abstract class

→ you can't able to create objects for concrete classes where you do it for concrete class but creation of reference is allowed

hello2 a; it is allowed

hello2 a = new hello2(); is not allowed.

→ for concrete both are allowed.

→ A You have to learn things

(A) abstract method (B) Abstract class

abstract method is a method without having a body and has keyword abstract before return type

Ex: abstract void helloworld();

→ helloworld function don't have body

→ Abstract methods can be defined as undefined methods called

→ If something in class is not abstract that is any data member or member function/method is abstract whole class is ~~abstract~~ you have to make it abstract else it will give error

→ A abstract have 0 or more abstract methods

→ so when we need abstract classes

abstract are meant only for inheritance

→ So you can declare a ~~for~~ class as abstract but if you want to declare a concrete class having abstract class as its parent you have to do method overriding for all its abstract method.

So abstract class parent {

abstract void hello();

} option 1:

class child extends parent {

• public void hello();

code

}

}

option 2

~~abstract~~
~~class child extends~~

abstract class
child extends parent {

abstract void hello();

}

now child is concrete class as it ~~de~~ declared abstract function with method overriding

Else you have to create a abstract class.

→ overriding is not compulsion here

→ Here for concrete child class you can create objects.

also you can reference it parent abstract class with that child (Dynamic method dispatch)

So

→ Dynamic method dispatch can be used for abstract class

Parent a = new child();

Where parent is abstract & child is concrete class

- Also a child can access functions inside parent normally as we do for concrete parents
- If you're working under some project & you have some goals & so we can create abstract class & share the function goals as function & when we doing implementation just declare fun
- you can declare functions inside abstract class & write code in child body
- ~~ea~~ for each child you have to do complete coding for all the ~~codes~~ abstract function even if one abstract function is not overridden it will give error.
- If you want some mandatory function in class say for polygon area & perimeter so you can do it with abstract classes
- see code & notes in abstract class folder
- An abstract class also can have a constructor

⊙ Rules to abstract class

abstract will ~~never~~ become static or final function
class can't have

- abstract class only meant for inheritance