

Interview Questions

Q1.What is the difference between compile-time polymorphism and runtime polymorphism?

| SN | compile-time polymorphism | Runtime polymorphism |
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| 1 | In compile-time polymorphism, call to a method is resolved at compile-time. | In runtime polymorphism, call to an overridden method is resolved at runtime. |
| 2 | It is also known as static binding, early binding, or overloading. | It is also known as dynamic binding, late binding, overriding, or dynamic method dispatch. |
| 3 | Overloading is a way to achieve compile-time polymorphism in which, we can define multiple methods or constructors with different signatures. | Overriding is a way to achieve runtime polymorphism in which, we can redefine some particular method or variable in the derived class. By using overriding, we can give some specific implementation to the base class properties in the derived class. |
| 4 | It provides fast execution because the type of an object is determined at compile-time. | It provides slower execution as compare to compile-time because the type of an object is determined at run-time. |
| 5 | Compile-time polymorphism provides less flexibility because all the things are resolved at compile-time. | Run-time polymorphism provides more flexibility because all the things are resolved at runtime. |

Q2.What is the Java instanceof operator?

The instanceof in Java is also known as type comparison operator because it compares the instance with type. It returns either true or false. If we apply the instanceof operator with any variable that has a null value, it returns false.

Q3.What is the difference between abstraction and encapsulation?

Abstraction hides the implementation details whereas encapsulation wraps code and data into a single unit.

Q4.What are the differences between abstract class and interface?

| Abstract class | Interface |
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| An abstract class can have a method body (non-abstract methods). | The interface has only abstract methods. |
| An abstract class can have instance variables. | An interface cannot have instance variables. |
| An abstract class can have the constructor. | The interface cannot have the constructor. |
| An abstract class can have static methods. | The interface cannot have static methods. |
| You can extend one abstract class. | You can implement multiple interfaces. |
| The abstract class can provide the implementation of the interface. | The Interface can't provide the implementation of the abstract class. |
| The abstract keyword is used to declare an abstract class. | The interface keyword is used to declare an interface. |
| An abstract class can extend another Java class and implement multiple Java interfaces. | An interface can extend another Java interface only. |
| An abstract class can be extended using keyword extends | An interface class can be implemented using keyword implements |
| A Java abstract class can have class members like private, protected, etc. | Members of a Java interface are public by default. |
| Example: <pre>public abstract class Shape{ public abstract void draw(); }</pre> | Example: <pre>public interface Drawable{ void draw(); }</pre> |

Q5.What is a superclass?

A superclass—also called a base class—is a class that is a parent for more classes rather than objects. It usually contains the most basic code and data that will be used by every class and object under it. Using the above example, 'beverage' and 'machine' could be superclasses for 'soda' and 'computer.'

Q6.What is a subclass?

A subclass is a class that falls under a superclass. It inherits from the superclass and is considered to have an “is-a” relationship with the superclass.

Q7.Are there any limitations of Inheritance?

Yes, with more powers comes more complications. Inheritance is a very powerful feature in OOPs, but it has some limitations too. Inheritance needs more time to process, as it needs to navigate through multiple classes for its implementation. Also, the classes involved in Inheritance - the base class and the child class, are very tightly coupled together. So if one needs to make some changes, they might need to do nested changes in both classes. Inheritance might be complex for implementation, as well. So if not correctly implemented, this might lead to unexpected errors or incorrect outputs.

Q8.What are the various types of inheritance?:

- Single inheritance
- Multiple inheritances
- Multi-level inheritance
- Hierarchical inheritance
- Hybrid inheritance

Q9. What is meant by static polymorphism?

Static Polymorphism is commonly known as the Compile time polymorphism. Static polymorphism is the feature by which an object is linked with the respective function or operator based on the values during the compile time. Static or Compile time Polymorphism can be achieved through Method overloading or operator overloading.