

JAVA: INTERFACE IN DEPTH.

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1. What is Interface.

->Interface is something which helps 2 system to interact with each other. without one system has to know the details of other.

->Or In simple term I can say it helps to achieve ABSTRACTION.

2. Interface declaration Consist Of.

->Modifiers.

->"interface" keyword

->Interface Name

->Comma separated list of parent interfaces.

->Body

Only PUBLIC and Default Modifiers are allowed [PROTECTED AND PRIVATE ARE NOT ALLOWED]

```
public interface Bird{
    public void fly();
}
interface Animal{
    public void run();
}
public interface LivingThing extends Bird,Animal{
    public void eat();
}
```

3. Why we need Interface.

3.1. Abstraction[100%]:

->Using Interface, We can achieve full Abstraction means, we can define WHAT class must do, but not How it will do.

```
public class Eagle implements Bird{
    @Override
    public void fly(){
        System.out.println("Eagle Is Flying");
    }
}
```

3.2 . Polymorphism:

->Interface can used to as a Data Type.

->We can not created the Object of an interface, but it can hold the reference of all the classes which implements it , and at runtime, it decided which method needs to be invoked.

```

public class Men implements Bird{
    @Override
    public void fly(){
        System.out.println("Men can not fly");
    }
}

public class Main{
    public static void main(String[] args){
        Bird birdObjEagle = new Eagle();
        Bird birdObjMen = new Men();
        birdObjMen.fly();
        birdObjEagle.fly();
    }
}

output:
Eagle is flying
Men can not fly

```

3.3 . Multiple Inheritance:

->In java Multiple inheritance is possible only through interface only.

3.4. Diamond Problem.

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```

public class WaterAnimal{
    public boolean canBreathe(){
        return true;
    }
}

public class Animal{
    public boolean canBreath(){
        return true;
    }
}

//compile time error
public class Crocodile extends LandAnimal,WaterAnimal{

}

public class Main{
    public static void main(String[] args){
        Crocodile obj = new Crocodile();
        //obj get's confused which method to call whether it is WaterAnimal or LandAnimal
        obj.canBreath();
    }
}

```

Multiple Inheritance Support through Interfaces.

```

public interface LandAnimal{
    public boolean canBreadth();
}

```

```

}
public interface WaterAnimal{
    public boolean canBreadth();
}
public class Crocodile implements LandAnimal,WaterAnimal{
    @Override
    public boolean canBreadth(){
        return true;
    }
}
public class Main{
    public static void main(String[] args){
        Crocodile obj = new Crocodile();
        Syatem.out.println(obj.canBreath());
    }
}
output:
true

```

4. Methods In Interface.

- >All Methods are implicit public only.
- >Method can not be declared as final.
- >interface contain only signature and declaration of body.

5. Fields In Interfaces.

- >Fields are public, static and final implicitly [CONSTANTS]
- >You can not make field private or protected.

```

public interface Bird{
    //Both are equal
    int MAX_HEIGHT_IN_FEET = 2000;
    public static final int MAX_HEIGHT_IN_FEET = 2000;
}

```

6. Interfaces Implementation and Rules.

- >Overriding method can not have more restrict access modifiers .
- >Concrete class must override all the methods declared int the interface.
- >Abstract classes are not forced to override all the methods.
- >A class can implement from multiple interfaces.

```

public class Eagle implements Bird{
    //Compple time error
    //you cannot restrict the access
    //it has to be public
modifier's
    @Override
    protected void fly(){

```

```

        //do something
    }
}

```

EXAMPLE of Abstract class implementation of interface.

```

public interface{
    public void canFly();
    public void noOfWings();
}
//abstract class not forced to be Override //all methods of interface.
//there is no implementation for //noOfWings()
public abstract class Eagle implements Bird{
    @Override
    public void canFly(){
        //Implementation goes here.
    }
    public abstract void breakLength();
}
//In concrete class if any abstract method
//which needs implementation, need to
//implement here forced.
public class WhiteEagle extends Eagle{
    @Override
    public void noOfWings(){
        //do something here
    }

    @Override
    public void beakLength(){
    }
}

```

7. Nested Interfaces.

->Nested Interface declared within another interface.

-> Nested Interface declared within a class.

->Generally it's used to group, logical related interfaced. And nested interface.

RULES:

->Anested interface declared within an interface must be public.

->A nested interface declared within a class can have any access modifiers.

->When you implement outer interface, inner interface implementation is not required and vice versa.

```

//In interface nested interface should be public only.
//
public interface Bird{
    public void canFly();
    public interface NonFlyingBird{

```

```

        public void canRun();
    }
}
//here there is no need for implementation
//of Nested interface
public class Eagle implements Bird{
    @Override
    public void canFly(){
    }
}
//It's only need to provide implementation
//for Nested Interface
public class Eagle implements Bird.NonFlyingBird{
    @Override
    public void canRun(){
    }
}
public class Main{
    public static void main(String[] args){
        Bird.NonFlyingBird obj = new Eagle();
        obj.canRun();
    }
}
public class Eagle implement Bird, Bird.NonFlyingBird{
    @Override
    public void canRun(){
    }
    @Override
    public void canFly(){
    }
}

```

Example of nested Interface IN class itself.

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```

//class have member's and member's can be
//public, protected and private
public class Bird{
    protected interface NonFlyingBird{
        public void canRun();
    }
}
public class Eagle implements Bird.NonFlyingBird{
    @Override
    public void canRun(){
    }
}

```

8. Difference Between Abstract classes and interfaces.

ABSTRACT CLASS:

- >Keyword used here is "abstract"
- >Child classes needs to use keyword "extend"
- >It can have both abstract and non abstract method.
- >It can extend from Another class and multiple interfaces.
- >Variables can be static , non-static, final, non-final etc.
- >Variables and methods can be private, protected, public and default.
- >Multiple Inheritance is not supported.
- >It can provide the implementation of the interface.
- >It can have Constructor
- >To declare abstract method , we have to use keyword "abstract" keyword and it can be protected public and private too.

INTERFACES:

- >Keyword used here is "interface"
- >Child classes needs to use keyword "implements"
- >It can have only abstract method.
 - >[from Java8 onwards it can have default, static, and private methods too, where we can provide implementation.]
- >It can only extend from Another Interfaces.
- >Variables are by default CONSTANT.
- >Variables and methods are by default public.
- [in java 9 private method is supported]
- >Multiple Inheritance supported with this in java.
- >it can not provide implementation of any other interface and abstract class.
- >It can not have constructor.
- >No need for any keyword to make method abstract, and by defaults it is public.

9. [JAVA 8 AND JAVA 9 Features].

9.1. Default Method[JAVA8].

- >Before Java 8, interface can have only Abstract method. And all child classes has to provide abstract method implementation.
- >When we are introducing some new method in interface . All child classes which implements that interface needs to provide new method implementation although it's core functionality will be the same.

```
public interface Bird{
    public void canFly();
    //Introducing new Method their
    //core functionality will be the same.
    public int getMinimumFlyHeight();
}
```

```

public class Eagle implements Bird{
    @Override
    public void canFly(){
    }
    @Override
    public int getMinimumFlyHeight(){
        return 100;
    }
}
public class Sparrow implements Bird{
    @Override
    public void canFly(){
    }
    @Override
    public int getMinimumFlyHeight(){
        return 100;
    }
}

```

SOLUTION:

```

public interface Bird{
    public void canFly();
    default int getMinimumFlyHeight(){
        return 100;
    }
}

```

9.2 Why default method was introduced.

->To add functionality in existing Leagcy interface we need to use default method.

->Example stream() method in Collection interface.

10. Default and Multiple Inheritance, How to handle.

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```

public interface Bird {
    default boolean canBreath(){
        return true;
    }
}
public interface LivingThing{
    default boolean canBreath(){
        return true;
    }
}
//Multiple Ineritance with same name //default method
//compile time error
public class Eagle implements Bird,LivingThing{
}
public class Eagle implements Bird,LivingThing{
}

```

```

    public boolean canBreathe(){
        return true;
    }
}

```

11 . Default method when an interface extend another interface.

->There are 3 way.

11.1. FIRST WAY.

```

public interface LivingThing{
    default boolean canBreadth(){
        return true;
    }
}

public interface Bird extends LivingThing{

}

public class Eagle implements Bird{
}

public class Main{
    public static void main(String[] args){
        Eagle eagleObj = new Eagle();
        eagleObj.canBreadth();
    }
}

```

11.2. Second Way.

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```

public interface LivingThing{
    default boolean canBreadth(){
        return true;
    }
}

public interface Bird extends LivingThing{
    boolean canBreadth();
}

//comile time error
//we need to provide implementation for //abstract method.
public class Eagle implements Bird{

}

public class Eagle implements Bird{
    @Override
    public boolean canBreadth(){
        return true;
    }
}

```

11.3 Third Way.

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```

public interface LivingThing{
    default boolean canBreadth(){
        return true;
    }
}

public interface Bird extends LivingThing{
    @Override
    default boolean canBreadth(){
        boolean canBreadthOrNot = LivingThing.super.canBreadth();
        return canBreadthOrNot;
    }
}

```

12. Static Method In [JAVA 8].

- >we can provide implementation of the method in interface.
- >But it can not be overridden by classes which implement the interface.
- >We can access it using Interface name itself.
- >It's by default public.

```

public interface Bird{
    static boolean canBreadth(){
        return true;
    }
}

public class Eagle implements Bird{
    public void digestiveSystemTestMethod(){
        if(Bird.canBreadth()){

        }
    }
}

```

Default method can be overrides but not STATIC ONE.

13 . Private method and private static method JAVA 9.

- >We can provide the implementation of method but as private access modifiers in interface.
- >It brings more readability of the code. For Example it multiple default method share some code, than this can help.
- >It can defined as static and not-static.
- >From Static method, we can call only private static interface method.
- >Private static method, can be called from both static and non-static method.
- >Private static method can not be abstract. means we have to provide definition.
- >private method or private static method It can be used inside of the particular interface only.

```

public interface Bird{
    //this is equivalent to
    //public abstract void canFly();
    void canFly();
    public default void minimumFlyingHeight(){
        myStaticPublicMethod();//calling static method
        myPrivateMethod();//calling Private
        myPrivateStaticMethod();// calling
    }

    static void myStaticPublicMethod(){
        //from static we can call other static method only.
        myPrivateStaticMethod();
        priavte void myPrivateMethod(){
            //implementation here
        }
        private static void myPrivateStaticMethod(){
            //implementation
        }
    }
}

```