

Multiple Inheritance

Multiple inheritance is a concept in **Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)** where **one child class inherits properties and methods from more than one parent class**.

☞ In simple words:

One child, many parents.

❖ Simple Real-Life Example

Imagine:

- Father gives **money**
- Mother gives **care**
- Child gets **both money and care**

This is **multiple inheritance**.

```
# Parent class 1
class Father:
    def money(self):
        print("Father provides money")

# Parent class 2
class Mother:
    def care(self):
        print("Mother provides care")

# Child class (inherits from both)
class Child(Father, Mother):
    pass

# Create object
c = Child()

# Access methods from both parents
c.money()
c.care()
```

◆ Output

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Father provides money

Mother provides care

❖ When to Use Carefully ⚡

If both parents have same method name, Python follows MRO (Method Resolution Order).

❖ What is MRO (Method Resolution Order)?

MRO is the order in which Python searches for a method when you call it on an object, especially in multiple inheritance.

👉 In simple words:

When a method is called, Python needs to decide from which class to take that method. The rule Python follows is called **MRO**.

❖ How to see MRO in Python

```
print(Class_Name.mro())
```

❖ What is the Diamond Problem?

The diamond problem occurs in **multiple inheritance** when:

- A class inherits from **two classes**
 - Both of those classes inherit from **the same parent**
 - The inheritance structure looks like a **diamond** 💎
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Diamond Shape Structure :

```
A  
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B C  
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 D
```

❖ Problem Question

If class A has a method show()

and both B and C inherit from A:

👉 **Which show() should class D use?**

This confusion is the **diamond problem**.

❖ Python Solution: MRO (C3 Linearization)

Python solves this problem using C3 Linearization, which defines a clear and consistent order to search classes.

❖ Simple Diamond Problem Example

```
class A:  
    def show(self):  
        print("Class A")  
  
class B(A):  
    def show(self):  
        print("Class B")  
  
class C(A):  
    def show(self):  
        print("Class C")  
  
class D(B, C):  
    pass  
  
obj = D()  
obj.show()
```

Output:

Class B

❖ Why Class B?

Python checks classes in this order (MRO):

```
print(D.mro())
```

Output:

[D, B, C, A, object]

Search order:

1. D
2. B (found show())
3. C
4. A

So Python uses B's method first.

❖ MRO

Method Resolution Order defines the order in which Python searches for methods in a class hierarchy.

❖ Diamond Problem

The diamond problem occurs in multiple inheritance when a class inherits from two classes that have a common parent, causing ambiguity in method resolution.

❖ What is Composition (in OOPs)?

Composition is an Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) concept where one class contains an object of another class to use its functionality.

☞ In simple words:

“Has-a relationship”

❖ Difference in One Line

- Inheritance → *is-a* relationship
- Composition → *has-a* relationship

❖ Simple Real-Life Example

- A Car *has an* Engine
- An Employee *has an* Address

This is composition.

```
# Part class
class Engine:
    def start(self):
        print("Engine started")

# Whole class
class Car:
    def __init__(self):
        self.engine = Engine()    # Car HAS an Engine

    def drive(self):
        self.engine.start()
        print("Car is moving")

# Object creation
car = Car()
car.drive()
```



Output:

Engine started

Car is moving

❖ Why Use Composition?

- ✓ Better code reuse
- ✓ Avoids complexity of multiple inheritance
- ✓ More flexible than inheritance
- ✓ Preferred in real-world designs

