

Relationship in java

As a part of application development, we have to use few entities(class) as per our application requirement.

By promoting relationship we can achieve

- Optimisation over our code(less lines of code)
- Code Reusability
- Execution time
- Sharability.

How many types of relationship exists in Java?

we have 2 types of relationship

- IS-A(achieved through extends keyword)
- HAS-A

What is the difference b/w IS-A relationship and HAS-A relationship?

IS-A relationship

=> It is able to define inheritance b/w 2 entity classes

=> It also promotes code reusability in java application.

HAS-A relationship

=> It will define associations b/w 2 entities in java application.

=> Through association b/w entities it will improve communication b/w 2 entities and data navigation b/w 2 entities.

Associations in Java

In Java we have 4 types of association

- 1 to 1 association
- 1 to many association
- Many to One association
- Many to Many association.

To achieve association b/w 2 entities we have to declare either single reference or array of reference variable of an entity in another entity class.

eg:

```
class Address{
    Integer pinNo;
    Integer doorNo;
    String state;
    String city;
    String country;
}
```

```
class Student{
    String name;
    Integer age;
    Integer sid;
```

//HAS-A variable

Address address;//1 to 1 Association

//HAS-A variable

```
Address[] address;//1 to Many Association
}
```

Key points of Associations

DependencyInjection

a. The process of Injecting the dependent object into target object is called "Dependency Injection".

Target Object => The object which is been given to the developers for usage is called "Target Object".

Dependent Object => The object which is an helper object for the target object is called "Dependant Object".

eg#1

```
class Address{}//Dependant Object
class Student{}//Target Object
```

How to perform Dependency Injection in Java?

It can be done in 2 ways

- a. Constructor Injection.
 - a. We can inject primitive value to object.
 - b. We can inject one more object into another object.
- b. Setter Injection.
 - a. We can inject primitive value to object.
 - b. We can inject one more object into another object.

One-One Association

It is a relationship b/w 2 entities, where one entity of one class is mapped to one more entity of another class.

eg:

```
Employee(target object)
|
|HAS-A
|
Account(dependent object)
```

refer: ONE_ONE_EXample.png

refer: One-One-Association(Constructor Injection)
One-One-Association(Setter Injection)

When to use Constructor Injection and when to use Setter Injection?

Ans. It totally depends on the project requirement

Constructor => If the dependant object is ready at the time of target object creation then perform "Constructor injection".

Setter => If the dependant object is not ready at the time of target object creation then perform "Setter injection".

One to Many Association

It is a relationship b/w 2 entities, where one entity of one class is mapped to multiple entities of another class.

eg:

Department(1) //Target Object

|

|HAS-A

|

Employee(Many)//Dependent Object

refer: ONE_ONE_EXample.png

refer: One-Many-Association(Constructor Injection)