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Constructors vs. Methods

Aspect	Constructor	Method
Definition	A block of code that initializes a newly created object.	A collection of statements that returns a value upon execu
Purpose	Used to initialize an object.	Contains Java code to perform operations.
Invocation	Invoked implicitly by the system when an object is created using the `new` keyword.	Invoked explicitly through method calls by the programme
Return Type	Does not have a return type.	Must have a return type.
Object State	Initializes an object that doesn't exist.	Performs operations on an already created object.
Naming	Must have the same name as the class.	Can have any name.
Overloading	A class can have many constructors, but their parameters must differ.	A class can have many methods, but their parameters mu
Inheritance	Cannot be inherited by subclasses.	Can be inherited by subclasses.

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Constructor Overloading vs. Method Overloading

Aspect	Constructor Overloading	Method Overloading
Name	Constructors share the same name as the class.	Methods share the same name within a class.
Return Type	Constructors have no return type.	Methods must have a return type.
Invocation	Triggered when an object is created using the `new` keyword.	Invoked explicitly using method names.
Purpose	Provides multiple ways to initialize objects with different parameters.	Provides multiple ways to perform the same action with d
Parameter List	Requires different argument lists for constructor overloading.	Requires different parameter lists for method overloading
Inheritance	Cannot be inherited, but can be invoked using the `super` keyword.	Can be inherited and overridden in child classes.
Default Behavior	The compiler provides a default no-argument constructor if none is defined.	The compiler does not provide a default method if none is

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Method Overloading vs. Method Overriding

Aspect	Method Overloading	Method Overriding
Polymorphism	Compile-time polymorphism.	Runtime polymorphism.
Purpose	Increases program readability.	Provides a specific implementation of a method defined in
Class Context	Occurs within a single class.	Requires two classes with an inheritance relationship.
Inheritance	Does not require inheritance.	Always requires inheritance.
Signatures	Methods must have the same name but different signatures.	Methods must have the same name and the same signat
Return Type	The return type can differ or remain the same.	The return type must be the same or covariant.
Binding	Static binding is used.	Dynamic binding is used.
Modifiers	Private and final methods can be overloaded.	Private and final methods cannot be overridden.

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Early Binding vs. Late Binding

Aspect	Early Binding	Late Binding
Timing	Compile-time process.	Runtime process.
Binding	Links method definition and call at compile time.	Links method definition and call at runtime.
Object	Does not use the actual object for binding.	Uses the actual object for binding.
Examples	Method overloading.	Method overriding.
Performance	Faster execution.	Slower execution.

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Static Polymorphism vs. Dynamic Polymorphism

Aspect	Static Polymorphism	Dynamic Polymorphism
Definition	Also known as compile-time polymorphism.	Also known as runtime polymorphism.
Achieved By	Method overloading.	Method overriding.
Binding	Uses compile-time (early) binding.	Uses runtime (late) binding.
Performance	Faster than dynamic polymorphism.	Slower than static polymorphism.
Inheritance Requirement	Does not require inheritance.	Requires inheritance.

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Mutable vs. Immutable Objects

Aspect	Mutable	Immutable
Value Modification	Values can be changed after initialization.	Values cannot be changed after initialization.
State Change	The state of the object can change.	The state of the object cannot change.
Object Formation	No new object is formed when values are altered.	A new object is formed when values are altered.
Methods	Provides methods to change object values.	Does not provide methods to change object values.
Getter/Setter	Supports `get()` and `set()` methods for object manipulation.	Only supports `get()` methods.
Thread Safety	May or may not be thread-safe.	Always thread-safe.
Class Requirements	Requires methods for modifying fields and getters/setters.	Requires `final` class, `private` fields, and `final` objects