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INHERITANCE

Inheritance basics

- Inheritance can be defined as the procedure or mechanism of acquiring all the properties and behavior of one class to another.
- In the terminology of Java, a class that is inherited is called a *superclass*.
- The class that does the inheriting is called a *subclass*.
- It inherits all of the instance variables and methods defined by the superclass and adds its own, unique elements.
- The keyword `extends` is used to inherit the properties of the base class to derived class.

Inheritance basics cntd.,

Syntax

```
class base
```

```
{
```

```
.....
```

```
.....
```

```
}
```

```
class derive extends base
```

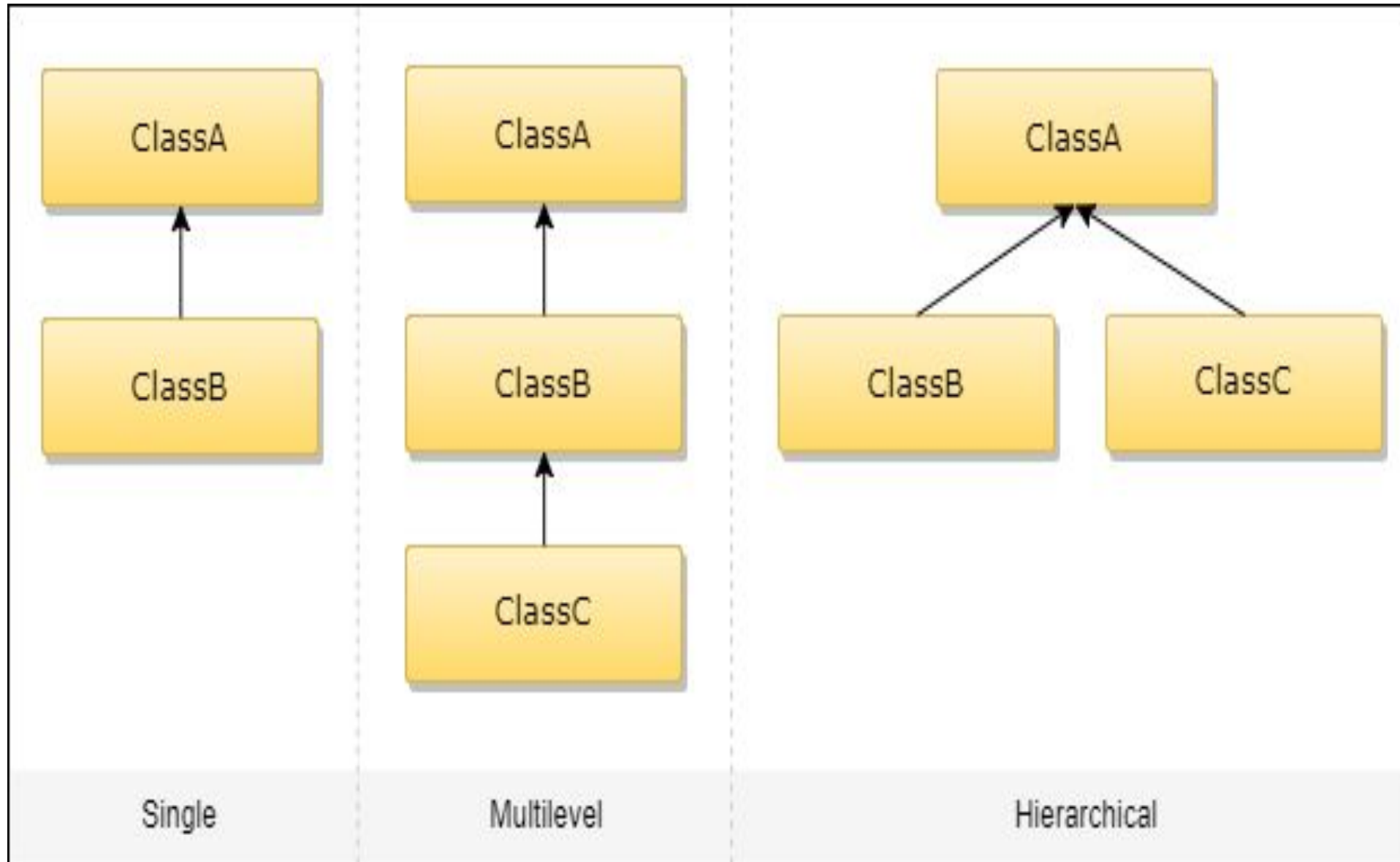
```
{
```

```
.....
```

```
.....
```

```
}
```

Types of Inheritance



Single Inheritance

When a single class gets derived from its base class, then this type of inheritance is termed as single inheritance.

EXAMPLE:

```
class Teacher {  
    void teach() {  
        System.out.println("Teaching subjects");  
    }  
}  
  
class Students extends Teacher {  
    void listen() {  
        System.out.println("Listening to teacher");  
    }  
}
```

```
class CheckForInheritance {  
    public static void main(String  
        args[]) {  
        Students s1 = new Students();  
        s1.teach();  
        s1.listen();  
    }  
}
```


Multi-level Inheritance

- In this type of inheritance, a derived class gets created from another derived class and can have any number of levels.

EXAMPLE:

```
Class Teacher{  
void teach() {  
    System.out.println("Teaching subject");  
}  
}  
class Student extends Teacher {  
void listen() {  
    System.out.println("Listening");  
}  
}  
class homeTution extends Student {  
void explains() {  
    System.out.println("Does homework");  
}  
}
```

```
class CheckForInheritance {  
public static void main(String argu[]) {  
    homeTution h = new himeTution();  
    h.explains();  
    h.teach();  
    h.listen();  
}  
}
```

Hierarchical Inheritance

In this type of inheritance, there are more than one derived classes which get created from one single base class.

```
class Teacher {  
    void teach() {  
        System.out.println("Teaching subject");  
    }  
}  
  
class Student extends Teacher {  
    void listen() {  
        System.out.println("Listening");  
    }  
}
```

Hierarchical Inheritance cntd.,

```
class Principal extends Teacher {  
    void evaluate() {  
        System.out.println("Evaluating");  
    }  
}  
  
class CheckForInheritance {  
    public static void main(String argu[]) {  
        Principal p = new Principal();  
        p.evaluate();  
        p.teach();  
        // p.listen(); will produce an error  
    }  
}
```

Member Access and Inheritance

Although a subclass includes all of the members of its superclass, it cannot access those members of the superclass that have been declared as **private**.

Example: // Create a superclass.

```
class A {  
    int i; // public by default  
    private int j; // private to A  
    void setij(int x, int y) {  
        i = x;  
        j = y;  
    }  
}  
  
// A's j is not accessible here.  
  
class B extends A {  
    int total;  
    void sum() {  
        total = i + j; // ERROR, j is not accessible here  
    }  
}
```

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```
class Access {  
    public static void main(String args[]) {  
        B subOb = new B();  
        subOb.setij(10, 12);  
        subOb.sum();  
        System.out.println("Total is " + subOb.total);  
    }  
}
```

A Superclass Variable Can Reference a Subclass Object

- A reference variable of a superclass can be assigned a reference to any subclass derived from that superclass.

```
Example: class RefDemo {  
public static void main(String args[]) {  
BoxWeight weightbox = new BoxWeight(3, 5, 7, 8.37);  
Box plainbox = new Box();  
double vol;  
vol = weightbox.volume();  
System.out.println("Volume of weightbox is " + vol);  
System.out.println("Weight of weightbox is " +  
weightbox.weight);  
System.out.println();  
}
```


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```
// assign BoxWeight reference to Box reference
plainbox = weightbox;
vol = plainbox.volume(); // OK, volume() defined in Box
System.out.println("Volume of plainbox is " + vol);
/* The following statement is invalid because plainbox
does not define a weight member. */
// System.out.println("Weight of plainbox is " + plainbox.weight);
}
}
```

Super Keyword in Java

- **super** keyword in Java is a reference variable which is used to refer immediate parent class object.
- Whenever you create the instance of subclass, an instance of parent class is created implicitly which is referred by super reference variable.

Usage of Java super Keyword

- super can be used to refer immediate parent class instance variable.
- super can be used to invoke immediate parent class method.
- super() can be used to invoke immediate parent class constructor.

Example 1: super is used to refer immediate parent class instance variable.

```
class Animal{
String color="white";
}
class Dog extends Animal{
String color="black";
void printColor(){
System.out.println(color);//prints color of Dog class
System.out.println(super.color);//prints color of Animal class
}
}
class TestSuper1 {
public static void main(String args[]){
Dog d=new Dog();
d.printColor();
}}
```

Output:

Black
white

Example 2: super is used to invoke parent method

```
class Animal{
void eat(){System.out.println("eating...");}
}
class Dog extends Animal{
void eat(){System.out.println("eating bread...");}
void bark(){System.out.println("barking...");}
void work(){
super.eat();
bark();
}
}
class TestSuper2{
public static void main(String args[]){
Dog d=new Dog();
d.work();
}}
```

Output:

eating...
Barking...

Example 3: super is used to invoke parent class constructor

```
class Animal{  
    Animal(){System.out.println("animal is created");  
}  
}  
class Dog extends Animal{  
    Dog(){  
        super();  
        System.out.println("dog is created");  
    }  
}  
class TestSuper3 {  
    public static void main(String args[]){  
        Dog d=new Dog();  
    }  
}
```

Output:

Animal is created
Dog is created

Method Overriding

- If subclass (child class) has the same method as declared in the parent class, it is known as **method overriding in Java**.
- In other words, If a subclass provides the specific implementation of the method that has been declared by one of its parent class, it is known as method overriding.
- Usage of Java Method Overriding
 - Method overriding is used to provide the specific implementation of a method which is already provided by its superclass.
 - Method overriding is used for runtime polymorphism

Method Overriding cntd.,

- Rules for Java Method Overriding
 - The method must have the same name as in the parent class
 - The method must have the same parameter as in the parent class.
 - There must be an IS-A relationship (inheritance).

Example: without method overriding

```
//Java Program to demonstrate why we need method overriding
//Here, we are calling the method of parent class with child class object.
//Creating a parent class
class Vehicle{
    void run()
    {
        System.out.println("Vehicle is running");
    }
}
//Creating a child class
class Bike extends Vehicle{
    public static void main(String args[]){
        //creating an instance of child class
        Bike obj = new Bike();
        //calling the method with child class instance
        obj.run();
    }
}
```

Output:
vehicle is running

Example: with method overriding

//Java Program to illustrate the use of Java Method Overriding

//Creating a parent class.

```
class Vehicle{  
    //defining a method  
    void run(){System.out.println("Vehicle is running");}  
}  
//Creating a child class  
class Bike2 extends Vehicle{  
    //defining the same method as in the parent class  
    void run(){System.out.println("Bike is running safely");}  
  
    public static void main(String args[]){  
        Bike2 obj = new Bike2();//creating object  
        obj.run();//calling method  
    }  
}
```

Output:

Bike is running
safely

Difference between method overloading and method overriding in java

	Method Overloading	Method Overriding
1)	Method overloading is used <i>to increase the readability</i> of the program.	Method overriding is used <i>to provide the specific implementation</i> of the method that is already provided by its super class.
2)	Method overloading is performed <i>within class</i> .	Method overriding occurs <i>in two classes</i> that have IS-A (inheritance) relationship.
3)	In case of method overloading, <i>parameter must be different</i> .	In case of method overriding, <i>parameter must be same</i> .
4)	Method overloading is the example of <i>compile time polymorphism</i> .	Method overriding is the example of <i>run time polymorphism</i> .

Abstract class in Java

- A class which is declared with the abstract keyword is known as an abstract class in Java. It can have abstract and non-abstract methods (method with the body).
- **Abstraction** is a process of hiding the implementation details and showing only functionality to the user.
- That is, sometimes we want to create a superclass that only defines a generalized form that will be shared by all of its subclasses, leaving it to each subclass to fill in the details.
- There are two ways to achieve abstraction in java
 - Abstract class
 - Interface

Cntd.,

- A class which is declared as abstract is known as an **abstract class**.
- It can have abstract and non-abstract methods. It needs to be extended and its method implemented. It cannot be instantiated.
- Rules for abstract class are as follows
 - An abstract class must be declared with an abstract keyword.
 - It can have abstract and non-abstract methods.
 - It cannot be instantiated.
 - It can have constructors and static methods also.
 - It can have final methods which will force the subclass not to change the body of the method.

Example of Abstract class that has an abstract method

```
abstract class Bike{  
    abstract void run();  
}  
class Honda4 extends Bike{  
    void run(){System.out.println("running safely");}  
    public static void main(String args[]){  
        Bike obj = new Honda4();  
        obj.run();  
    }  
}
```

Example 2: Abstract class

```
abstract class Shape{  
abstract void draw();  
}
```

//In real scenario, implementation is provided by others i.e. unknown by end user

```
class Rectangle extends Shape{  
void draw(){System.out.println("drawing rectangle");}  
}  
  
class Circle1 extends Shape{  
void draw(){System.out.println("drawing circle");}  
}
```

//In real scenario, method is called by programmer or user

```
class TestAbstraction1 {  
public static void main(String args[]){
```

```
Shape s=new Circle1();//In a real scenario, object is provided through method, e.g., getShape() method  
s.draw();  
}
```

Output:
drawing circle

Example 3: Abstract class

```
abstract class Bank{  
    abstract int getRateOfInterest();  
}  
  
class SBI extends Bank{  
    int getRateOfInterest(){return 7;}  
}  
  
class PNB extends Bank{  
    int getRateOfInterest(){return 8;}  
}
```

```
class TestBank{  
    public static void main(String args[]){  
        Bank b;  
        b=new SBI();  
        System.out.println("Rate of Interest is: "+b.getRateOfInterest()+" %");  
        b=new PNB();  
        System.out.println("Rate of Interest is: "+b.getRateOfInterest()+" %");  
    }  
}
```

Output:

Rate of Interest is: 7 %
Rate of Interest is: 8 %

Abstract class having constructor, data member and methods

```
abstract class Bike{  
    Bike(){System.out.println("bike is created");}  
    abstract void run();  
    void changeGear(){System.out.println("gear changed");}  
}  
//Creating a Child class which inherits Abstract class  
class Honda extends Bike{  
    void run(){System.out.println("running safely..");}  
}  
//Creating a Test class which calls abstract and non-abstract methods  
class TestAbstraction2{  
    public static void main(String args[]){  
        Bike obj = new Honda();  
        obj.run();  
        obj.changeGear();  
    }  
}
```

Output:

```
bike is created  
gear changed  
running safely..
```

Using final with Inheritance

- The keyword **final** has three uses.
- First, it can be used to create the equivalent of a named constant.

Using final to Prevent Overriding

- To disallow a method from being overridden, specify **final** as a modifier at the start of its declaration.

Example:

```
class A {  
    final void meth() {  
        System.out.println("This is a final method.");  
    }  
}  
  
class B extends A {  
    void meth() { // ERROR! Can't override.  
        System.out.println("Illegal!"); } } }
```

Using final to Prevent Inheritance

- Sometimes you will want to prevent a class from being inherited.
- To do this, precede the class declaration with **final**.
- Declaring a class as **final** implicitly declares all of its methods as **final**, too.

Example: Here is an example of a **final** class:

```
final class A {
```

```
// ...
```

```
}
```

```
// The following class is illegal.
```

```
class B extends A { // ERROR! Can't subclass A
```

```
// ...
```

```
}
```


Chapter 9:

INTERFACE

Defining an Interface

- An **interface in Java** is a blueprint of a class. It has static constants and abstract methods.
- The interface in Java is *a mechanism to achieve abstraction*.
- There can be only abstract methods in the Java interface, not method body.
- It is used to achieve abstraction and multiple inheritance in Java.
- Java Interface also **represents the IS-A relationship**.

Defining an Interface

- However, an interface is different from a class in several ways, including –
- You cannot instantiate an interface.
- An interface does not contain any constructors.
- All of the methods in an interface are abstract.
- An interface cannot contain instance fields. The only fields that can appear in an interface must be declared both static and final.
- An interface is not extended by a class; it is implemented by a class.
- An interface can extend multiple interfaces.

Declaring Interfaces cntd.,

- The **interface** keyword is used to declare an interface. Here is a simple example to declare an interface –

Example 1: /* File name : NameOfInterface.java */

```
import java.lang.*;
```

```
// Any number of import statements
```

```
public interface NameOfInterface {
```

```
    // Any number of final, static fields
```

```
    // Any number of abstract method declarations\
```

```
}
```

Declaring Interfaces cntd.,

- Interfaces have the following properties –
- An interface is implicitly abstract. You do not need to use the **abstract** keyword while declaring an interface.
- Each method in an interface is also implicitly abstract, so the abstract keyword is not needed.
- Methods in an interface are implicitly public

Example 2:

```
interface Callback {  
void callback(int param);  
}
```

Implementing Interfaces

- Once an **interface** has been defined, one or more classes can implement that interface.
- To implement an interface, include the **implements** clause in a class definition, and then create the methods defined by the interface.
- The general form of a class that includes the **implements** clause looks like this:

```
class classname [extends superclass] [implements interface  
[,interface...]] {  
// class-body  
}
```

Implementing Interfaces

Example: class Client implements Callback {

// Implement Callback's interface

public void callback(int p) {

System.out.println("callback called with " + p);

}

}

- It is both permissible and common for classes that implement interfaces to define additional members of their own.

Implementing Interfaces cntd.,

Example:

```
class Client implements Callback {  
    // Implement Callback's interface  
    public void callback(int p) {  
        System.out.println("callback called with " + p);  
    }  
    void nonIfaceMeth() {  
        System.out.println("Classes that implement interfaces " +  
            "may also define other members, too.");  
    }  
}
```


Implementing Interfaces cntd.,

- **Example 2:**

/* File name : Animal.java */

```
interface Animal {  
    public void eat();  
    public void travel();  
}
```

/* File name : MammalInt.java */

```
public class MammalInt implements Animal {
```

```
    public void eat() {  
        System.out.println("Mammal eats");  
    }
```

```
    public void travel() {  
        System.out.println("Mammal travels");  
    }
```

```
    public int noOfLegs() {  
        return 0;  
    }
```

```
public static void main(String args[]) {  
    MammalInt m = new MammalInt();  
    m.eat();  
    m.travel();  
}
```

Output:

Mammal eats
Mammal travels

Implementing Interfaces cntd.,

When implementing interfaces, there are several rules –

- A class can implement more than one interface at a time.
- A class can extend only one class, but implement many interfaces.
- An interface can extend another interface, in a similar way as a class can extend another class.

Applying Interfaces

- To understand the power of interfaces, let's look at a more practical example.
- Consider class called **Stack** that implemented a simple fixed-size stack.
- For example, the stack can be of a fixed size or it can be “growable.”
- No matter how the stack is implemented, the interface to the stack remains the same.
- That is, the methods **push()** and **pop()** define the interface to the stack independently of the details of the implementation.
- Example: [module3-fixedstack.docx](#)

Variables in Interfaces

- You can use interfaces to import shared constants into multiple classes by simply declaring an interface that contains variables that are initialized to the desired values.
- If an interface contains no methods, then any class that includes such an interface doesn't actually implement anything.
- It is as if that class were importing the constant fields into the class name space as **final** variables.
- The example below uses this technique to implement an automated “decision maker”: [Module 3-variableOnterface.docx](#)