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Introduction

- Provides **implementation reuse – provides default implementation**
- To create a super class 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.**
- The super class determines the nature of methods that the subclasses must implement.
- Referred to as **subclasser responsibility** because they have no implementation specified in the superclass.
- No method body is present.

Creation and usage in Java

- Created using **abstract** keyword at the beginning of the class declaration.
- May contain **abstract methods**, i.e., methods without body
- If a class has **at least one abstract method**, then the **class must be declared abstract**
- **Cannot be instantiated**
- If a class extends abstract class then either it has to provide implementation of all abstract methods or declare this class as abstract class
- Can have both **static and non-static data members and methods** like any other java class
- **Can not be final** in Java because abstract classes are used only by extending
- A **class can extend only one abstract class** as Java does not support multiple inheritance

Coding Example: If the abstract class contains the below data, how to implement Rectangle and Triangle classes?

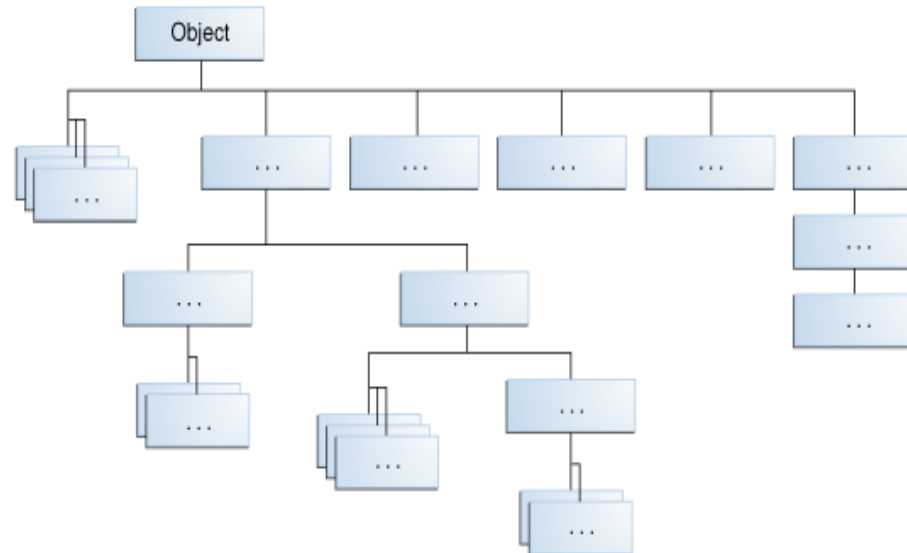
```
abstract class Figure {  
    double dim1;  
    double dim2;  
    Figure(double a, double b) {  
        dim1 = a;  
        dim2 = b;  
    }  
    abstract double findArea();  
}
```

```
class Rectangle extends Figure {  
    ??  
}
```

```
class Triangle extends Figure {  
    ??  
}
```

Introduction

- Object class defined by Java is a super class of all other classes, in the absence of any other explicit superclass
- A reference variable of type Object can refer to an object of any class
- This is defined in the **java.lang** package



Methods: Object class defines some methods, which are available in every object

Method	Purpose
Object clone()	Creates a new object that is the same as the object being cloned.
boolean equals(Object <i>object</i>)	Determines whether one object is equal to another.
void finalize()	Called before an unused object is recycled.
Class getClass()	Obtains the class of an object at run time.
int hashCode()	Returns the hash code associated with the invoking object.
void notify()	Resumes execution of a thread waiting on the invoking object.
void notifyAll()	Resumes execution of all threads waiting on the invoking object.
String toString()	Returns a string that describes the object.
void wait() void wait(long <i>milliseconds</i>) void wait(long <i>milliseconds</i> , int <i>nanoseconds</i>)	Waits on another thread of execution.

Coding example – 1: Demo of overriding toString() function

```
class Box {  
    int width;  
    int height;  
    int depth;  
    Box()  
    {    this.width = 0; this.height = 0; this.depth = 0;  
    }  
    Box(int l,int m,int n)  
    {    this.width = l; this.height = m; this.depth = n;  
    }  
    @Override  
    public String toString() {  
        return width + " " + height + " " + depth;  
    }  
}
```

```
public class P1_object {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Box obj = new Box();  
        System.out.println(obj);  
        Box new_obj = new Box(3,2,1);  
        System.out.println(new_obj);  
    }  
}
```

Coding example – 2: Demo of overriding of equals() function

```
class Box {
    int width;
    int height;
    int depth;
    Box()
    {   this.width = 0; this.height = 0; this.depth = 0;
    }
    Box(int l,int m,int n)
    {   this.width = l; this.height = m; this.depth = n;
    }
    @Override
    public boolean equals(Object o) {
        Box b2 = (Box) o; // imp
        return this.width == b2.width && this.height == b2.height && this.depth == b2.depth;
    }
}
```

```
public class P2_Object {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Box obj1 = new Box();
        Box obj2 = new Box(3,2,1);
        Box obj3 = new Box(3,2,1);
        System.out.println(obj1 == obj2);
        System.out.println(obj2.equals(obj3));
    }
}
```



THANK YOU

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