



Object Oriented Analysis and Design with Java

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Inheritance -II

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Constructor Calling In Inherited Classes

- Constructors are called in the order of derivation, from superclass to subclass
- `super()` is the first statement executed in the subclass constructor, irrespective whether `super()` is explicitly specified or not.
- If `super()` not specified then default constructor (parameter less) of the super class is called.
- Super class constructor must be called by the subclass constructor first to do the initialization of super class fields/data.
(**mandate**)

Constructor Calling In Inherited Classes

```
class Constructor{
    public static void main(String[] args){
        A o1 = new A(); // Constructor A called
        B o2 = new B(); // Constructor A called Constructor B called
        A o3 = new B(); // Constructor A called Constructor B called
    }
}
class A{
    public A(){
        System.out.print("Constructor A called ");
    }
}
class B extends A{
    public B(){
        System.out.print("Constructor B called");
    }
}
```

Method Overriding

- If the method in the subclass has same name and type signature as superclass, then the method in the subclass is said to override the method in the superclass.

```
class Inheritance{
    public static void main(String[] args){
        B obj = new B();
        obj.method(); // method of B
    }
}
class A{
    void method(){
        System.out.println("method of A");
    }
}
class B extends A{
    void method(){
        System.out.println("method of B");
    }
}
```

Method Overriding

- To invoke super class version of the overridden method in sub class, super is used.

```
class Inheritance{
    public static void main(String[] args){
        B obj = new B();
        obj.method();
    }
}
class A{
    void method(){
        System.out.println("method of A");
    }
}
class B extends A{
    void method(){
        super.method();
        System.out.println("method of B");
    }
}
```

Output:
method of A
method of B

- Dynamic Method dispatch is a mechanism by which call to an overridden method is resolved at **run-time**.

HOW?

- **Superclass reference variable can refer to subclass objects**
- When an overridden method is called through a superclass reference, Java determines which version of that method to execute based upon the type of the object being referred to at the time the call occurs.

```
class A {
void callme() {
    System.out.println("Inside A's callme method"); } }
class B extends A {
    void callme() { System.out.println("Inside B's callme method"); } }
class C extends A {
    void callme() { System.out.println("Inside C's callme method"); }}
class Dispatch {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        A a = new A();
        B b = new B();
        C c = new C();
        A r;
        r = a; r.callme(); // calls A's version of callme
        r = b; r.callme(); // calls B's version of callme
        r = c; r.callme(); // calls C's version of callme } }
```




THANK YOU

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