

Java Unit - 3

Inheritance and Polymorphism: Inheritance, Method overriding, super keyword, Object class and overriding toString() and equals() method, Using super and final keywords, instanceof operator
Abstract Class and Interface: Abstract method and abstract class, Interfaces, static and default methods.

Inheritance and Polymorphism

Inheritance

Inheritance is a fundamental concept of Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) in Java that allows a class to inherit properties (fields) and behavior (methods) from another class. It helps in code reusability, method overriding, and creating a hierarchical classification of objects.

The class that **inherits** from another class is called the **subclass** (**child class**), and the class from which it inherits is called the **superclass** (**parent class**).

Key Benefits of Inheritance

- Code Reusability: Common properties and methods can be defined in a parent class and reused in child classes.
- Method Overriding: Allows a subclass to provide a specific implementation of a method already defined in the parent class.
- **Polymorphism Support**: Helps in achieving dynamic method dispatch (runtime polymorphism).
- Better Organization: Creates a logical hierarchy of classes in a program.

Types of Inheritance in Java

Java supports different types of inheritance:

- 1. Single Inheritance
- 2. Multilevel Inheritance
- 3. Hierarchical Inheritance
- 4. Multiple Inheritance using Interfaces



Note: Java does not support **Multiple Inheritance** using classes to avoid ambiguity/diamond problem, but it can be achieved using **interfaces**.

1. Single Inheritance

Definition: In Single Inheritance, a child class inherits from a single parent class.

Example:

```
class Vehicle {
                                                      Ummed Singh
  String brand = "Toyota";
                                                           ByteXL
  void honk() {
       System.out.println("Vehicle is honking...");
class Car extends Vehicle {
  int speed = 100;
  void display() {
       System.out.println("Brand: " + brand);
      System.out.println("Speed: " + speed + " km/h");
public class SingleInheritanceExample {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
      Car myCar = new Car();
      myCar.display();
      myCar.honk();
Output:
Brand: Toyota
Speed: 100 km/h
Vehicle is honking...
```



Real-World Use Case:

- Banking System (User Account Inheritance)
 - Parent Class: BankAccount (common properties like balance, account number)
 - Child Class: SavingsAccount, CurrentAccount

```
class BankAccount {
                                                     Ummed Singh
  String accountHolder;
  double balance;
  BankAccount(String accountHolder, double balance) {
       this.accountHolder = accountHolder;
       this.balance = balance;
  void deposit(double amount) {
      balance += amount;
       System.out.println(amount + " deposited. New balance: " +
balance);
class SavingsAccount extends BankAccount {
  SavingsAccount(String accountHolder, double balance) {
       super(accountHolder, balance);
  void withdraw(double amount) {
       if (balance >= amount) {
          balance -= amount;
           System.out.println(amount + " withdrawn. Remaining
balance: " + balance);
       } else {
           System.out.println("Insufficient balance.");
public class BankingSystem {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
```



```
SavingsAccount myAccount = new SavingsAccount("Ummed
Singh", 500.0);
    myAccount.deposit(200);
    myAccount.withdraw(100);
    myAccount.withdraw(700);
}
```

Problem Without Inheritance

If every account type (SavingsAccount, CurrentAccount) defines balance and deposit separately, it leads to duplicate code.

Solution Through Inheritance

By making BankAccount a superclass, all account types can inherit common properties, avoiding redundancy.

2. Multilevel Inheritance

Definition: In Multilevel Inheritance, a class inherits from another class, which in turn is inherited by another class.

Example:

```
class Animal {
    void eat() {
        System.out.println("This animal eats food.");
    }
}
// Derived class
class Mammal extends Animal {
    void walk() {
        System.out.println("Mammals can walk.");
    }
}
// Derived from Mammal
class Human extends Mammal {
    void speak() {
        System.out.println("Humans can speak.");
}
```



```
}
}
// Main class
public class MultilevelInheritanceExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Human human = new Human();
        human.eat();
        human.walk();
        human.speak();
    }
}
Output:
This animal eats food.
Mammals can walk.
Humans can speak.
```

Real-World Use Case:

PEducational Management System

- Parent Class: Person (common properties like name, age)
- Child Class: Student (adds roll number)
- **Grandchild Class**: EngineeringStudent (specializes further)

Problem Without Inheritance

Redundant fields for each role like name, age, gender.

Solution Through Inheritance

By inheriting Person, Student, and EngineeringStudent, we create a structured hierarchy.

```
class Person {
    String name;

Person(String name) {
    this.name = name;
}
```



```
void displayPersonInfo() {
       System.out.println("Name: " + name);
class Student extends Person {
  int rollNumber;
  Student(String name, int rollNumber) {
       super(name);
       this.rollNumber = rollNumber;
  void displayStudentInfo() {
       displayPersonInfo(); // Calling parent class method
       System.out.println("Roll Number: " + rollNumber);
class EngineeringStudent extends Student {
  String specialization;
  EngineeringStudent(String name, int rollNumber, String
specialization) {
       super(name, rollNumber);
```



```
this.specialization = specialization;
  void displayEngineeringStudentInfo() {
       displayStudentInfo(); // Calling student class method
      System.out.println("Specialization: " + specialization);
public class EducationSystem {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
      EngineeringStudent engStudent = new
EngineeringStudent("Ummed Singh", 1001, "Computer Science");
      engStudent.displayEngineeringStudentInfo();
```

3. Hierarchical Inheritance

Definition: In Hierarchical Inheritance, multiple child classes inherit from a single parent class.

Example:

```
// Parent class

class Shape {
  void area() {
     System.out.println("Calculating area...");
  }
}
```



```
class Circle extends Shape {
  void area() {
      System.out.println("Area of Circle: " + (3.14 * radius *
radius));
class Rectangle extends Shape {
  void area() {
       System.out.println("Area of Rectangle: " + (length *
width));
public class HierarchicalInheritanceExample {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
       Circle c = new Circle();
      c.area();
      Rectangle r = new Rectangle();
      r.area();
```

Real-World Use Case:

University Management System

- Parent Class: LpuCollege(common variable like director name)
- Child Classes: EngDpart, ManagementDepart

Problem Without Inheritance

Each display method must implement directorName separately.



Solution Through Inheritance

Create a LpuCollege base class to enforce consistency.

```
class LpuCollege{
                                                      Ummed Singh
  String directorName = "Mr Dr.Ashok Kumar Mittal Sir";
class EngineeringDepart extends LpuCollege{
  String hod = "";
  void display() {
       System.out.println(directorName);
class ManagementDepartment extends LpuCollege{
  void display() {
       System.out.println(directorName);
public class LpuManagementSystem {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
       ManagementDepartment obj = new ManagementDepartment();
      obj.display();
```



4. Multiple Inheritance using Interfaces

Java does **not support multiple inheritance** with classes to avoid ambiguity but allows it with **interfaces**.

Example:

```
interface Printable {
                                                      Ummed Singh
  void print();
interface Showable {
  void show();
class Document implements Printable, Showable {
  public void print() {
       System.out.println("Printing document...");
       System.out.println("Showing document...");
public class MultipleInheritanceExample {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
       Document doc = new Document();
      doc.print();
      doc.show();
```

Real-World Use Case:



Messaging System

- Interface 1: Sendable (defines send())
- Interface 2: Receivable (defines receive())
- **Class**: Email (implements both interfaces)

Problem Without Inheritance

Emails and SMS need to implement send() and receive() separately.

Solution Through Inheritance

A single class implements both interfaces for code reusability.

```
interface Sendable {
  void send(String message);
interface Receivable {
  void receive();
  private String inboxMessage;
  @Override
  public void send(String message) {
       System.out.println("Sending Email: " + message);
      inboxMessage = message; // Simulating sending an email
```



```
@Override
          System.out.println("Received Email: " +
inboxMessage);
          System.out.println("No new emails.");
public class MessagingSystem {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
      Email email = new Email();
      email.send("Hello, this is a test email.");
      email.receive();
```

Diamond Problem in Java and Its Solution

The **diamond problem** occurs in programming languages that support **multiple inheritance**, leading to ambiguity when a class inherits from multiple classes that have methods with the same name.



Java avoids this problem by not allowing multiple inheritance with classes but allows it with interfaces.

Diamond Problem in Multiple Inheritance (Not Allowed in Java)

Problem Example (If Java Allowed Multiple Inheritance)

Problem:

If Java allowed multiple inheritance with classes, class C would inherit the show()
 method from both A and B, causing ambiguity.



Solution: Use Interfaces in Java

Java solves the diamond problem by **allowing multiple inheritance using interfaces**, where ambiguity is resolved explicitly.

Example Using Interfaces (Allowed in Java)

```
interface A {
  default void show() {
       System.out.println("A's show method");
interface B {
  default void show() {
       System.out.println("B's show method");
class C implements A, B {
  @Override
  public void show() {
       System.out.println("Resolving ambiguity...");
      A.super.show(); // Explicitly calling A's show()
       B.super.show(); // Explicitly calling B's show()
  public static void main(String[] args) {
       C obj = new C();
      obj.show();
Output:
Resolving ambiguity...
```



A's show method B's show method

How This Works in Java

- 1. Interfaces allow default methods (Java 8+) to define behavior.
- 2. If multiple interfaces have the **same method**, Java forces the child class to **override it** and specify which version to use.
- The child class can use A.super.methodName() or B.super.methodName() to resolve ambiguity explicitly.

1. What is Polymorphism?



Polymorphism is a core concept in Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) that **allows a single interface or a method to be used for different types.** It enables code reusability and flexibility, making it easier to manage and extend.

Types of Polymorphism in Java:

- 1. **Compile-Time Polymorphism/static type (Method Overloading):** Method Overloading allows multiple methods in the same class with the same name but different parameters. The compiler determines which method to invoke based on the method signature.
- 2. Run-Time Polymorphism/dynamic type (Method Overriding)

Run-Time Polymorphism (Method Overriding)

Method Overriding allows a subclass to provide a specific implementation of a method that is already defined in its superclass. This is achieved using **dynamic method dispatch**, where the method call is resolved at runtime.

Example of Method Overriding in a Real-World Software (Ride Booking Applike Uber):



```
class Ride {
  void calculateFare(int distance) {
      System.out.println("Ride fare for " + distance + " km is
calculated.");
class EconomyRide extends Ride {
  @Override
  void calculateFare(int distance) {
      System.out.println("Economy ride fare for " + distance +
 km: $" + (distance * 2));
class LuxuryRide extends Ride {
  @Override
  void calculateFare(int distance) {
      System.out.println("Luxury ride fare for " + distance + "
km: $" + (distance * 5));
public class RideBookingAppOverriding {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
      Ride myRide; // Reference variable of parent class
      myRide = new EconomyRide();
      myRide.calculateFare(10); // Calls EconomyRide's method
```



```
myRide = new LuxuryRide();
myRide.calculateFare(10); // Calls LuxuryRide's method
}
```

Advantages of Polymorphism in Java

- Code Reusability We can write a common method with multiple implementations.
- Scalability Easy to add new features (new ride types in the Uber example).
- Maintainability Clean and structured code with better separation of concerns.

super Keyword



The super keyword in Java is used to refer to the **parent class** (superclass) of a subclass. It is primarily used for the following purposes:

- Access Parent Class Methods (Method Overriding): When a subclass overrides a
 method from its parent class, the overridden method can still be accessed using
 super.methodName().
- Call Parent Class Constructor: When a subclass object is created, the parent class
 constructor runs before the subclass constructor or it must be the first statement in the
 subclass constructor. The super() keyword allows us to explicitly call a specific parent
 constructor.
- 3. Access Parent Class Variables (When Hidden by Subclass): If a subclass defines a variable with the same name as its parent class, it **hides** the parent's variable. The super keyword allows access to the parent class variable.

super is commonly used to eliminate ambiguity between parent and child class members when they have the same name.

Example:

```
class ParentSuper {
    String name = "Parent";
Ummed Singh
```



```
System.out.println("Executed the ParentClass
constructor");
  void display() {
      System.out.println("This is the parent class.");
class ChildSuper extends ParentSuper {
  String name = "Child";
  ChildSuper() {
      super();
  void display() {
      System.out.println("This is the child class.");
  void show() {
      System.out.println("Name in Child class: " + name);
      System.out.println("Name in Parent class: " +
super.name);
      display();
      super.display(); // Calls Parent's display method
public class SuperDemo {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
      ChildSuper child = new ChildSuper();
      child.show();
```



Introduction to Object Class

In Java, the Object class is the **superclass of all classes**. Every class in Java **implicitly** extends the Object class (except when explicitly extending another class).

Key Points:

- The Object class is part of java.lang package.
- It provides basic methods that all Java objects inherit.
- It allows Java to implement key object-oriented programming concepts like polymorphism and inheritance.

2. Methods of Object Class

The Object class provides several important methods that can be overridden in subclasses for customization.

List of Important Methods in the Object Class

Method	Description
equals(Object obj)	Checks if two objects are equal.
hashCode()	Returns a hash code value for the object.
toString()	Returns a string representation of the object.
clone()	Creates a duplicate (shallow copy) of an object.



finalize()	Called by the garbage collector before destroying an object.
<pre>getClass()</pre>	Returns the runtime class of the object.
<pre>wait(), notify(), notifyAll()</pre>	Used in thread synchronization.

Understanding Object Class Methods with Examples

(i) equals() Method



The equals() method compares two objects for equality. By default, it uses the == operator, which checks **memory address (reference equality)**.

Example Without Overriding equals()

```
class Car {
    String model;

    Car(String model) {
        this.model = model;
    }
}

public class ObjectEqualsExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Car car1 = new Car("Tesla");
        Car car2 = new Car("Tesla");

        System.out.println(car1.equals(car2)); // false
(different memory locations)
    }
}
```



Overriding equals() for Logical Comparison

```
class Bike {
                                                     Ummed Singh
  String model;
  Bike(String model) {
      this.model = model;
  @Override
  public boolean equals(Object obj) {
      if (this == obj) return true; // Same reference
      if (obj == null || getClass() != obj.getClass()) return
false;
      Bike bike = (Bike) obj;
      return model.equals(bike.model);
public class ObjectEqualsExample1 {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
      Bike bike1 = new Bike("Tesla");
      Bike bike2 = new Bike("Tesla");
      System.out.println(bike1.equals(bike2)); // true (based
```



}

(ii) hashCode() Method

The hashCode() method returns an integer that represents the **memory address** or a **logical value**. It is important when storing objects in **hash-based collections (e.g., HashMap, HashSet)**.

Example Without Overriding hashCode()

```
class BMW {
                                                      Ummed Singh
  String model;
  BMW (String model) {
      this.model = model;
public class ObjectHashCodeExample {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
      BMW bmw1 = new BMW ("BMW");
      BMW bmw2 = new BMW ("BMW");
      System.out.println(bmw1.hashCode()); // Different hash
      System.out.println(bmw2.hashCode()); // Different hash
```



Overriding hashCode() for Consistent Hashing

```
class Car3 {
                                                     Ummed Singh
  String model;
  Car3(String model) {
      this.model = model;
  @Override
  public int hashCode() {
      return model.hashCode();
public class ObjectHashCodeExample1 {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
      Car3 car1 = new Car3("BMW");
      Car3 car2 = new Car3("BMW");
      System.out.println(car1.hashCode()); // Same hash code
      System.out.println(car2.hashCode()); // Same hash code
```



Relation Between equals() and hashCode()

- If equals() returns true, then hashCode() must return the same value.
- If equals() returns false, hashCode() can be different.

(iii) toString() Method

The toString() method returns a **string representation** of an object.

Default toString() Implementation

Overriding toString() for Better Output

```
class Mahindra { Ummed Singh String model;
```



```
Mahindra(String model) {
      this.model = model;
  @Override
  public String toString() {
public class ObjectToStringExample1 {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
      Mahindra mahindra = new Mahindra("Mahindra");
      System.out.println(mahindra.toString()); // Output: Car
Model: Mahindra
```

(iv) clone() Method (Shallow Copy)

The clone() method creates a **copy of an object**. It requires the **Cloneable** interface.

Example of clone()

```
class Car implements Cloneable { Ummed Singh String model;
```



```
Car(String model) {
       this.model = model;
  @Override
  protected Object clone() throws CloneNotSupportedException {
      return super.clone();
public class ObjectCloneExample {
  public static void main(String[] args) throws
CloneNotSupportedException {
      Car car1 = new Car("Tesla");
       Car car2 = (Car) car1.clone();
       System.out.println(car1.model); // Tesla
       System.out.println(car2.model); // Tesla
```



(v) finalize() Method

The finalize() method is called before an object is garbage collected.

Example of finalize()

```
class Car {
                                                     Ummed Singh
  @Override
      System.out.println("Car object is destroyed");
public class ObjectFinalizeExample {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
      System.gc(); // Suggest garbage collection
```

instanceof Operator in Java

The instanceof operator is a binary operator in Java used to test whether an object is an instance of a specific class or a subclass of that class. It is used to check type compatibility at runtime.



Syntax:

object instanceof ClassName

- Returns true → If the object is an instance of the specified class or its subclass.
- Returns false → If the object is not an instance of the specified class.

Example of instanceof Operator:

```
class Animal1 {}

class Dog extends Animal1 {}

public class InstanceofExample {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      Dog dog = new Dog();
      System.out.println(dog instanceof Dog); // true
      System.out.println(dog instanceof Animal1); // true
      System.out.println(dog instanceof Object); // true
}
```

☑ instanceof confirms that dog is an instance of Dog, Animal, and Object.

Use instanceof Operator

- **Avoid ClassCastException** → Prevents invalid type casting.
- Supports Runtime Type Checking → Useful when dealing with polymorphism.
- Ensures Safe Downcasting → Checks before performing a downcast.

Final Keyword

The final keyword in Java is used to apply restrictions on variables, methods, and classes. It ensures that the variable's value cannot be changed, the method cannot be overridden, and the class cannot be inherited.



1. Final Variable

A **final** variable in Java is a constant; once assigned, its value cannot be changed.

Syntax:

```
final int MAX_USERS = 100;
```

Real-World Example: Database Connection URL

In a web application, we often define database connection details as constants since they should not be modified.

Here, **DB_URL**, **USERNAME**, and **PASSWORD** should remain unchanged throughout the application.

2. Final Method

A final method cannot be overridden by subclasses. This is useful when we want to prevent changes to the core logic of a method.

Syntax:

```
class Parent { Ummed Singh
```



```
public final void display() {
        System.out.println("This is a final method.");
   }
}
class Child extends Parent {
    // Cannot override display() method
}
```

3. Final Class

A final class cannot be inherited. This is useful for security and utility classes where modification is undesirable.

Syntax:

Real-World Example: Java's Built-in String Class

In Java, the String class is final to prevent subclassing and potential security risks.



If String were not final, anyone could extend it and modify its behavior, which could lead to security vulnerabilities.

Use case of final in Software Development

- **final variables**: For constants like database URLs, API keys, or mathematical constants (PI = 3.14159).
- **final methods**: When you want to ensure that core logic (e.g., logging, authentication) remains unchanged.
- final classes: For utility or security-sensitive classes (e.g., String, Math).

Abstract class and Interface

Abstraction in Java

Abstraction is one of the core concepts of Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) in Java. It is the process of **hiding implementation details and exposing only the necessary parts to the user.** Abstraction helps in reducing complexity and increasing code maintainability.

Java achieves abstraction using:

- 1. Abstract Classes
- 2. Interfaces

1. Abstract Classes



An **abstract class** in Java is a class that cannot be instantiated. It can contain both abstract methods (methods without implementation) and concrete methods (methods with implementation).

Example of Abstract Class

```
abstract class Vehicle {
                                                     Ummed Singh
  abstract void start(); // Abstract method (no implementation)
  void stop() { // Concrete method (with implementation)
      System.out.println("Vehicle is stopping.");
class Car extends Vehicle {
  @Override
  void start() {
      System.out.println("Car is starting with a key.");
class Bike extends Vehicle {
  @Override
  void start() {
      System.out.println("Bike is starting with a self-start
button.");
public class AbstractionExample {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
      Vehicle myCar = new Car();
      myCar.start(); // Outputs: Car is starting with a key.
      myCar.stop(); // Outputs: Vehicle is stopping.
      Vehicle myBike = new Bike();
      myBike.start(); // Outputs: Bike is starting with a
```



2. Interfaces

An **interface** in Java is a completely abstract class that only contains abstract methods (before Java 8). From Java 8 onwards, interfaces can also have default and static methods.

Example of Interface

```
interface Payment {
                                                     Ummed Singh
  void makePayment(); // Abstract method
class CreditCardPayment implements Payment {
  @Override
  public void makePayment() {
      System.out.println("Payment made using Credit Card.");
class PayPalPayment implements Payment {
  @Override
  public void makePayment() {
      System.out.println("Payment made using PayPal.");
public class InterfaceExample {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
       Payment payment1 = new CreditCardPayment();
      payment1.makePayment(); // Outputs: Payment made using
      Payment payment2 = new PayPalPayment();
      payment2.makePayment(); // Outputs: Payment made using
```



Scenario: Online Payment System

Imagine an **Online Banking System** where different payment methods (Credit Card, PayPal, UPI) are available. Instead of implementing separate payment logic in multiple places, we define an **interface (Abstraction)** called PaymentGateway. Any new payment method can implement this interface without affecting existing code.

Implementation:

```
interface PaymentGateway {
class CreditCard implements PaymentGateway {
  @Override
  public void processPayment(double amount) {
       System.out.println("Processing Credit Card Payment of $"
 amount);
class PayPal implements PaymentGateway {
  @Override
  public void processPayment(double amount) {
       System.out.println("Processing PayPal Payment of $" +
amount);
class UPI implements PaymentGateway {
  @Override
  public void processPayment(double amount) {
       System.out.println("Processing UPI Payment of $" +
amount);
public class PaymentSystem {
```



```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    PaymentGateway payment1 = new CreditCard();
    payment1.processPayment(250.00);

    PaymentGateway payment2 = new PayPal();
    payment2.processPayment(100.50);

    PaymentGateway payment3 = new UPI();
    payment3.processPayment(50.00);
}
```

Another Example:

abstract class PaymentPoly {

```
double amount;
                                                     Ummed Singh
  PaymentPoly(double amount) {
      this.amount = amount;
  abstract void processPayment(); // Abstract method to be
class CreditCardPaymentPoly extends PaymentPoly {
  String cardNumber;
  CreditCardPaymentPoly(double amount, String cardNumber) {
      super(amount);
      this.cardNumber = cardNumber;
  @Override
  void processPayment() {
      System.out.println("Processing Credit Card Payment of $"
 amount + " using card: " + cardNumber);
class UPIPaymentPoly extends PaymentPoly {
  String upild;
```



```
UPIPaymentPoly(double amount, String upiId) {
      super(amount);
      this.upiId = upiId;
  @Override
  void processPayment() {
      System.out.println("Processing UPI Payment of $" + amount
 " using UPI ID: " + upiId);
public class ECommercePaymentSystemPoly extends Object {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
      List<PaymentPoly> payments = new ArrayList<>();
      payments.add(new CreditCardPaymentPoly(100.0,
"1234-5678-9876-5432"));
      payments.add(new UPIPaymentPoly(50.0, "ummed@upi"));
      for (PaymentPoly payment : payments) {
          payment.processPayment();
```

Advantages of Abstraction in This Example

- Code Maintainability: New payment methods can be added without modifying existing code.
- 2. **Scalability:** If a new payment method like "Crypto Payment" is introduced, we can create a new class implementing PaymentGateway without changing existing classes.
- 3. **Security:** The internal logic of each payment method is hidden from the users, preventing unauthorized changes.
- Abstraction in Java allows us to define a blueprint and hide unnecessary details.



- Abstract classes allow partial abstraction, while interfaces provide full abstraction.
- In real-world applications like banking, e-commerce, and authentication systems, abstraction helps improve modularity and maintainability.

Difference Between Abstract Class and Interface

Both **Abstract Classes** and **Interfaces** are used to achieve **abstraction**, but they have key differences in how they work and when they should be used.

Feature	Abstract Class	Interface
Definition	A class that cannot be instantiated and may contain abstract and concrete methods.	A completely abstract type that only defines method signatures (until Java 8) and allows multiple implementations.
Method Types	Can have both abstract methods (without body) and concrete methods (with body).	Can have only abstract methods (before Java 8). From Java 8, can have default and static methods.
Method Implementation	Can provide partial implementation.	Cannot provide method implementation (except default/static methods in Java 8+).
Access Modifiers	Methods can have any access modifier (public, private, protected, default).	Methods are public by default.
Variable Types	Can have instance variables (fields) with any access modifier.	Only public , static , final constants (no instance variables).
Constructors	Can have constructors.	Cannot have constructors.
Multiple Inheritance	Supports single inheritance only (a class can extend only one abstract class).	Supports multiple inheritance (a class can implement multiple interfaces).
Use Case	Used when classes share common behavior, but require some methods to be implemented by subclasses.	Used when different classes need to follow the same contract but may have completely different implementations.



Static and Default Methods in Abstraction (Java 8 and Above)

In Java, abstraction is mainly achieved using **abstract classes** and **interfaces**. However, before Java 8, interfaces could only have abstract methods (methods without implementations). Java 8 introduced **default** and **static** methods in interfaces to enhance flexibility and backward compatibility.

1. Static Methods in Interfaces

A **static method** in an interface belongs to the interface itself, not to the instances of the implementing classes. These methods cannot be overridden by implementing classes.

Why Are Static Methods Introduced?

- To avoid utility/helper method duplication across implementing classes.
- To provide utility functions related to an interface without requiring an implementing class.

Example

Let's say we have an **E-commerce application** where multiple payment gateways (HDFC, SBI card, etc.) are integrated. Each payment gateway implements a common PaymentGatewayDemo interface. A utility method for validating credit card numbers can be implemented as a **static method** inside the interface.

```
interface PaymentGatewayDemo {
    void processPayment(double amount);

    // Static method for card validation
    static boolean validateCard(String cardNumber) {
        return cardNumber.matches("\\d{16}\"); // Checks if card

number is 16 digits
    }
}

class HDFC implements PaymentGateway {
    @Override
    public void processPayment(double amount) {
        System.out.println("Processing payment through HDFC: $" +

amount);
    }
```



```
class SBI implements PaymentGateway {
    @Override
    public void processPayment(double amount) {
        System.out.println("Processing payment through SBI: $" +
amount);
    }
}

// Testing static method
public class PaymentTestStatic {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        boolean isValid =
PaymentGatewayDemo.validateCard("1234567812345678");
        System.out.println("Is card valid? " + isValid);
    }
}
```

Key Benefit: The validateCard() method can be used directly without needing an instance of PaymentGatewayDemo, preventing duplicate validation logic in multiple classes.

2. Default Methods in Interfaces

A **default method** provides a default implementation inside an interface. It allows new methods to be added to interfaces without breaking existing implementations.

Why Are Default Methods Introduced?

- To extend interfaces without breaking existing classes that implement them.
- To provide **common behavior** that can be overridden when necessary.

Example

Consider an **E-commerce Discount System** where different vendors apply different discount rules. Instead of forcing every vendor to implement a discount calculation method, we can provide a **default discount calculation** in the interface and allow vendors to override it when needed.



```
interface DiscountService {
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  default double calculateDiscount(double price) {
       return price * 0.10; // Default 10% discount
class Pnb implements DiscountService {
class Icici implements DiscountService {
  @Override
  public double calculateDiscount(double price) {
       return price * 0.15; // Walmart gives a 15% discount
public class DiscountTestDefault {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
      DiscountService pnb = new Pnb();
      DiscountService icici = new Icici();
      System.out.println("PNB Discounted Price: $" +
pnb.calculateDiscount(100));
      System.out.println("ICICI Discounted Price: $" +
icici.calculateDiscount(100));
```

Key Benefit:

- Pnb uses the default 10% discount without extra code.
- Icici overrides the method to apply a different discount.