

# Introduction of Inheritance

## Assisted Problems

### 1. Animal Hierarchy

- **Description:** Create a hierarchy where **Animal** is the superclass, and **Dog**, **Cat**, and **Bird** are subclasses. Each subclass has a unique behavior.
- **Tasks:**
  - Define a superclass **Animal** with attributes **name** and **age**, and a method **makeSound()**.
  - Define subclasses **Dog**, **Cat**, and **Bird**, each with a unique implementation of **makeSound()**.
- **Goal:** Learn basic inheritance, method overriding, and polymorphism with simple classes.

```
class Animal {
    String name;
    int age;

    Animal(String name, int age) {
        this.name = name;
        this.age = age;
    }

    void makeSound() {
        System.out.println("Some generic animal sound");
    }
}

class Dog extends Animal {
    Dog(String name, int age) {
        super(name, age);
    }
    void makeSound() {
        System.out.println(name + " barks: Woof Woof!");
    }
}
```

```
}

class Cat extends Animal {
    Cat(String name, int age) {
        super(name, age);
    }
    void makeSound() {
        System.out.println(name + " meows: Meow Meow!");
    }
}

class Bird extends Animal {
    Bird(String name, int age) {
        super(name, age);
    }
    void makeSound() {
        System.out.println(name + " chirps: Chirp Chirp!");
    }
}

public class AnimalHierarchy {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Animal myDog = new Dog("Buddy", 3);
        Animal myCat = new Cat("Whiskers", 2);
        Animal myBird = new Bird("Tweety", 1);

        myDog.makeSound();
        myCat.makeSound();
        myBird.makeSound();
    }
}
```

## 2. Employee Management System

- **Description:** Create an **Employee** hierarchy for different employee types such as **Manager**, **Developer**, and **Intern**.
- **Tasks:**

- Define a base class **Employee** with attributes like **name**, **id**, and **salary**, and a method **displayDetails()**.
- Define subclasses **Manager**, **Developer**, and **Intern** with unique attributes for each, like **teamSize** for **Manager** and **programmingLanguage** for **Developer**.
- **Goal:** Practice inheritance by creating subclasses with specific attributes and overriding superclass methods.

```
class Employee {
    String name;
    int id;
    double salary;

    Employee(String name, int id, double salary) {
        this.name = name;
        this.id = id;
        this.salary = salary;
    }

    void displayDetails() {
        System.out.println("ID: " + id + ", Name: " + name + ", Salary: " +
salary);
    }
}

// Subclasses
class Manager extends Employee {
    int teamSize;

    Manager(String name, int id, double salary, int teamSize) {
        super(name, id, salary);
        this.teamSize = teamSize;
    }

    void displayDetails() {
        super.displayDetails();
        System.out.println("Team Size: " + teamSize);
    }
}

class Developer extends Employee {
```

```
String programmingLanguage;

Developer(String name, int id, double salary, String
programmingLanguage) {
    super(name, id, salary);
    this.programmingLanguage = programmingLanguage;
}

void displayDetails() {
    super.displayDetails();
    System.out.println("Programming Language: " + programmingLanguage);
}
}

class Intern extends Employee {
    String duration;

    Intern(String name, int id, double salary, String duration) {
        super(name, id, salary);
        this.duration = duration;
    }

    void displayDetails() {
        super.displayDetails();
        System.out.println("Internship Duration: " + duration);
    }
}

public class EmployeeManagement {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Employee emp1 = new Manager("Alice", 101, 90000, 5);
        Employee emp2 = new Developer("Bob", 102, 70000, "Java");
        Employee emp3 = new Intern("Charlie", 103, 20000, "6 months");

        emp1.displayDetails();
        emp2.displayDetails();
        emp3.displayDetails();
    }
}
```

### 3. Vehicle and Transport System

- **Description:** Design a vehicle hierarchy where **Vehicle** is the superclass, and **Car**, **Truck**, and **Motorcycle** are subclasses with unique attributes.
- **Tasks:**
  - Define a superclass **Vehicle** with **maxSpeed** and **fuelType** attributes and a method **displayInfo()**.
  - Define subclasses **Car**, **Truck**, and **Motorcycle**, each with additional attributes, such as **seatCapacity** for **Car**.
  - Demonstrate polymorphism by storing objects of different subclasses in an array of **Vehicle** type and calling **displayInfo()** on each.
- **Goal:** Understand how inheritance helps in organizing shared and unique features across subclasses and use polymorphism for dynamic method calls.

```
class Vehicle {
    int maxSpeed;
    String fuelType;

    Vehicle(int maxSpeed, String fuelType) {
        this.maxSpeed = maxSpeed;
        this.fuelType = fuelType;
    }

    void displayInfo() {
        System.out.println("Max Speed: " + maxSpeed + " km/h, Fuel Type: "
+ fuelType);
    }
}

class Car extends Vehicle {
    int seatCapacity;

    Car(int maxSpeed, String fuelType, int seatCapacity) {
        super(maxSpeed, fuelType);
        this.seatCapacity = seatCapacity;
    }
}
```

```

    void displayInfo() {
        System.out.println("Car - Max Speed: " + maxSpeed + " km/h, Fuel
Type: " + fuelType + ", Seat Capacity: " + seatCapacity);
    }
}

class Truck extends Vehicle {
    int loadCapacity;

    Truck(int maxSpeed, String fuelType, int loadCapacity) {
        super(maxSpeed, fuelType);
        this.loadCapacity = loadCapacity;
    }

    void displayInfo() {
        System.out.println("Truck - Max Speed: " + maxSpeed + " km/h, Fuel
Type: " + fuelType + ", Load Capacity: " + loadCapacity + " tons");
    }
}

class Motorcycle extends Vehicle {
    boolean hasSidecar;

    Motorcycle(int maxSpeed, String fuelType, boolean hasSidecar) {
        super(maxSpeed, fuelType);
        this.hasSidecar = hasSidecar;
    }

    void displayInfo() {
        System.out.println("Motorcycle - Max Speed: " + maxSpeed + " km/h,
Fuel Type: " + fuelType + ", Sidecar: " + (hasSidecar ? "Yes" : "No"));
    }
}

public class VehicleTransportSystem {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Vehicle[] vehicles = new Vehicle[3];
        vehicles[0] = new Car(180, "Petrol", 5);
        vehicles[1] = new Truck(120, "Diesel", 10);
        vehicles[2] = new Motorcycle(150, "Petrol", false);
    }
}

```

```
    for (int i = 0; i < vehicles.length; i++) {  
        vehicles[i].displayInfo();  
    }  
}
```

## Single Inheritance

### Sample Problem 1: Library Management with Books and Authors

- **Description:** Model a **Book** system where **Book** is the superclass, and **Author** is a subclass.
- **Tasks:**
  - Define a superclass **Book** with attributes like **title** and **publicationYear**.
  - Define a subclass **Author** with additional attributes like **name** and **bio**.
  - Create a method **displayInfo()** to show details of the book and its author.
- **Goal:** Practice single inheritance by extending the base class and adding more specific details in the subclass.

```
class Book {  
    String title;  
    int publicationYear;  
  
    Book(String title, int publicationYear) {  
        this.title = title;  
        this.publicationYear = publicationYear;  
    }  
  
    void displayInfo() {  
        System.out.println("Book Title: " + title);  
        System.out.println("Publication Year: " + publicationYear);  
    }  
}
```

```
    }  
}  
  
class Author extends Book {  
    String name;  
    String bio;  
  
    Author(String title, int publicationYear, String name, String bio) {  
        super(title, publicationYear);  
        this.name = name;  
        this.bio = bio;  
    }  
  
    void displayInfo() {  
        super.displayInfo();  
        System.out.println("Author Name: " + name);  
        System.out.println("Author Bio: " + bio);  
    }  
}  
  
public class LibraryManagement {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Author bookAuthor = new Author("The Great Gatsby", 1925, "F. Scott  
Fitzgerald", "American novelist and short-story writer.");  
        bookAuthor.displayInfo();  
    }  
}
```

## Sample Problem 2: Smart Home Devices

- **Description:** Create a hierarchy for a smart home system where **Device** is the superclass and **Thermostat** is a subclass.
- **Tasks:**
  - Define a superclass **Device** with attributes like **deviceId** and **status**.
  - Create a subclass **Thermostat** with additional attributes like **temperatureSetting**.



- Implement a method `displayStatus()` to show each device's current settings.
- **Goal:** Understand single inheritance by adding specific attributes to a subclass, keeping the superclass general.

```
class Device {
    int deviceId;
    String status;

    Device(int deviceId, String status) {
        this.deviceId = deviceId;
        this.status = status;
    }

    void displayStatus() {
        System.out.println("Device ID: " + deviceId + ", Status: " +
status);
    }
}

class Thermostat extends Device {
    int temperatureSetting;

    Thermostat(int deviceId, String status, int temperatureSetting) {
        super(deviceId, status);
        this.temperatureSetting = temperatureSetting;
    }

    void displayStatus() {
        super.displayStatus();
        System.out.println("Temperature Setting: " + temperatureSetting +
"°C");
    }
}

public class SmartHomeSystem {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Thermostat thermostat = new Thermostat(101, "On", 24);
        thermostat.displayStatus();
    }
}
```

```
}  
}
```

## Multilevel Inheritance

### Sample Problem 1: Online Retail Order Management

- **Description:** Create a multilevel hierarchy to manage orders, where `Order` is the base class, `ShippedOrder` is a subclass, and `DeliveredOrder` extends `ShippedOrder`.
- **Tasks:**
  - Define a base class `Order` with common attributes like `orderId` and `orderDate`.
  - Create a subclass `ShippedOrder` with additional attributes like `trackingNumber`.
  - Create another subclass `DeliveredOrder` extending `ShippedOrder`, adding a `deliveryDate` attribute.
  - Implement a method `getOrderStatus()` to return the current order status based on the class level.
- **Goal:** Explore multilevel inheritance, showing how attributes and methods can be added across a chain of classes.

```
class Order {  
    int orderId;  
    String orderDate;  
  
    Order(int orderId, String orderDate) {  
        this.orderId = orderId;  
        this.orderDate = orderDate;  
    }  
  
    void getOrderStatus() {  
        System.out.println("Order ID: " + orderId + " is placed on " +  
orderDate);  
    }  
}
```

```
    }  
}  
class ShippedOrder extends Order {  
    String trackingNumber;  
  
    ShippedOrder(int orderId, String orderDate, String trackingNumber) {  
        super(orderId, orderDate);  
        this.trackingNumber = trackingNumber;  
    }  
  
    void getOrderStatus() {  
        System.out.println("Order ID: " + orderId + " is shipped with  
Tracking Number: " + trackingNumber);  
    }  
}  
class DeliveredOrder extends ShippedOrder {  
    String deliveryDate;  
  
    DeliveredOrder(int orderId, String orderDate, String trackingNumber,  
String deliveryDate) {  
        super(orderId, orderDate, trackingNumber);  
        this.deliveryDate = deliveryDate;  
    }  
  
    void getOrderStatus() {  
        System.out.println("Order ID: " + orderId + " was delivered on " +  
deliveryDate);  
    }  
}  
  
public class OnlineRetailOrder {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Order order = new Order(1001, "2024-03-01");  
        ShippedOrder shippedOrder = new ShippedOrder(1002, "2024-03-02",  
"TRK12345");  
        DeliveredOrder deliveredOrder = new DeliveredOrder(1003,  
"2024-03-03", "TRK67890", "2024-03-05");  
  
        order.getOrderStatus();  
        shippedOrder.getOrderStatus();  
        deliveredOrder.getOrderStatus();  
    }  
}
```

```
}  
}
```

## Sample Problem 2: Educational Course Hierarchy

- **Description:** Model a course system where `Course` is the base class, `OnlineCourse` is a subclass, and `PaidOnlineCourse` extends `OnlineCourse`.
- **Tasks:**
  - Define a superclass `Course` with attributes like `courseName` and `duration`.
  - Define `OnlineCourse` to add attributes such as `platform` and `isRecorded`.
  - Define `PaidOnlineCourse` to add `fee` and `discount`.
- **Goal:** Demonstrate how each level of inheritance builds on the previous, adding complexity to the system.

```
class Course {  
    String courseName;  
    int duration;  
  
    Course(String courseName, int duration) {  
        this.courseName = courseName;  
        this.duration = duration;  
    }  
  
    void displayInfo() {  
        System.out.println("Course Name: " + courseName);  
        System.out.println("Duration: " + duration + " weeks");  
    }  
}  
  
class OnlineCourse extends Course {  
    String platform;  
    boolean isRecorded;
```

```

    OnlineCourse(String courseName, int duration, String platform, boolean
isRecorded) {
        super(courseName, duration);
        this.platform = platform;
        this.isRecorded = isRecorded;
    }

    void displayInfo() {
        super.displayInfo();
        System.out.println("Platform: " + platform);
        System.out.println("Recorded: " + (isRecorded ? "Yes" : "No"));
    }
}

class PaidOnlineCourse extends OnlineCourse {
    double fee;
    double discount;

    PaidOnlineCourse(String courseName, int duration, String platform,
boolean isRecorded, double fee, double discount) {
        super(courseName, duration, platform, isRecorded);
        this.fee = fee;
        this.discount = discount;
    }

    void displayInfo() {
        super.displayInfo();
        System.out.println("Course Fee: $" + fee);
        System.out.println("Discount: " + discount + "%");
    }
}

public class EducationalCourseHierarchy {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        PaidOnlineCourse poc = new PaidOnlineCourse("Java Programming", 8,
"Udemy", true, 100, 20);
        poc.displayInfo();
    }
}

```

## Hierarchical Inheritance

### Sample Problem 1: Bank Account Types

- **Description:** Model a banking system with different account types using hierarchical inheritance. `BankAccount` is the superclass, with `SavingsAccount`, `CheckingAccount`, and `FixedDepositAccount` as subclasses.
- **Tasks:**
  - Define a base class `BankAccount` with attributes like `accountNumber` and `balance`.
  - Define subclasses `SavingsAccount`, `CheckingAccount`, and `FixedDepositAccount`, each with unique attributes like `interestRate` for `SavingsAccount` and `withdrawalLimit` for `CheckingAccount`.
  - Implement a method `displayAccountType()` in each subclass to specify the account type.
- **Goal:** Explore hierarchical inheritance, demonstrating how each subclass can have unique attributes while inheriting from a shared superclass.

### Sample Problem 2: School System with Different Roles

- **Description:** Create a hierarchy for a school system where `Person` is the superclass, and `Teacher`, `Student`, and `Staff` are subclasses.
- **Tasks:**
  - Define a superclass `Person` with common attributes like `name` and `age`.
  - Define subclasses `Teacher`, `Student`, and `Staff` with specific attributes (e.g., `subject` for `Teacher` and `grade` for `Student`).
  - Each subclass should have a method like `displayRole()` that describes the role.
- **Goal:** Demonstrate hierarchical inheritance by modeling different roles in a school, each with shared and unique characteristics.

```
class Person {
    String name;
    int age;

    Person(String name, int age) {
```

```
        this.name = name;
        this.age = age;
    }
}
class Teacher extends Person {
    String subject;

    Teacher(String name, int age, String subject) {
        super(name, age);
        this.subject = subject;
    }
    void displayRole() {
        System.out.println(name + " is a teacher of " + subject);
    }
}

class Student extends Person {
    int grade;

    Student(String name, int age, int grade) {
        super(name, age);
        this.grade = grade;
    }
    void displayRole() {
        System.out.println(name + " is a student in grade " + grade);
    }
}

class Staff extends Person {
    String department;

    Staff(String name, int age, String department) {
        super(name, age);
        this.department = department;
    }
    void displayRole() {
        System.out.println(name + " is a staff member in " + department);
    }
}

public class SchoolSystem {
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    Teacher teacher = new Teacher("Alice", 35, "Mathematics");  
    Student student = new Student("Bob", 15, 10);  
    Staff staff = new Staff("Charlie", 40, "Administration");  
  
    teacher.displayRole();  
    student.displayRole();  
    staff.displayRole();  
}  
}
```

## Hybrid Inheritance (Simulating Multiple Inheritance)

Since Java doesn't support multiple inheritance directly, hybrid inheritance is typically achieved through **interfaces**.

### Sample Problem 1: Restaurant Management System with Hybrid Inheritance

- **Description:** Model a restaurant system where **Person** is the superclass and **Chef** and **Waiter** are subclasses. Both **Chef** and **Waiter** should implement a **Worker** interface that requires a **performDuties()** method.
- **Tasks:**
  - Define a superclass **Person** with attributes like **name** and **id**.
  - Create an interface **Worker** with a method **performDuties()**.
  - Define subclasses **Chef** and **Waiter** that inherit from **Person** and implement the **Worker** interface, each providing a unique implementation of **performDuties()**.
- **Goal:** Practice hybrid inheritance by combining inheritance and interfaces, giving multiple behaviors to the same objects.

```
interface Worker {  
    void performDuties();  
}
```



```
class Person1 {
    String name;
    int id;

    Person1(String name, int id) {
        this.name = name;
        this.id = id;
    }
}

class Chef extends Person1 implements Worker {
    Chef(String name, int id) {
        super(name, id);
    }
    public void performDuties() {
        System.out.println(name + " is cooking food.");
    }
}

class Waiter extends Person1 implements Worker {
    Waiter(String name, int id) {
        super(name, id);
    }
    public void performDuties() {
        System.out.println(name + " is serving customers.");
    }
}

public class RestaurantSystem {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Chef chef = new Chef("John", 101);
        Waiter waiter = new Waiter("Mark", 202);

        chef.performDuties();
        waiter.performDuties();
    }
}
```

## Sample Problem 2: Vehicle Management System with Hybrid Inheritance

- **Description:** Model a vehicle system where `Vehicle` is the superclass and `ElectricVehicle` and `PetrolVehicle` are subclasses. Additionally, create a `Refuelable` interface implemented by `PetrolVehicle`.
- **Tasks:**
  - Define a superclass `Vehicle` with attributes like `maxSpeed` and `model`.
  - Create an interface `Refuelable` with a method `refuel()`.
  - Define subclasses `ElectricVehicle` and `PetrolVehicle`.  
`PetrolVehicle` should implement `Refuelable`, while `ElectricVehicle` include a `charge()` method.
- **Goal:** Use hybrid inheritance by having `PetrolVehicle` implement both `Vehicle` and `Refuelable`, demonstrating how Java interfaces allow adding multiple behaviors.

```
interface Refuelable {
    void refuel();
}

class Vehicle {
    int maxSpeed;
    String model;

    Vehicle(int maxSpeed, String model) {
        this.maxSpeed = maxSpeed;
        this.model = model;
    }
}

class ElectricVehicle extends Vehicle {
    ElectricVehicle(int maxSpeed, String model) {
        super(maxSpeed, model);
    }
    void charge() {
        System.out.println(model + " is charging.");
    }
}
```

```
class PetrolVehicle extends Vehicle implements Refuelable {
    PetrolVehicle(int maxSpeed, String model) {
        super(maxSpeed, model);
    }
    public void refuel() {
        System.out.println(model + " is refueling.");
    }
}

public class VehicleManagement {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        ElectricVehicle ev = new ElectricVehicle(150, "Tesla Model 3");
        PetrolVehicle pv = new PetrolVehicle(200, "Ford Mustang");

        ev.charge();
        pv.refuel();
    }
}
```

## 1. Favor Composition Over Inheritance

- Use composition instead
  - instead of inheritance when a class can be described as "has-a" rather than "is-a".
  - This avoids tight coupling and provides greater flexibility.
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## 2. Ensure Proper Use of **is-a** Relationship

- Use inheritance only when the subclass truly extends the behavior of the superclass, maintaining the "is-a" relationship.
  - Avoid misusing inheritance for code reuse.
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## 3. Follow Liskov Substitution Principle

- Subclasses should be substitutable for their superclasses without breaking the application.
  - Ensure overridden methods maintain the expected behavior of the superclass.
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## 4. Avoid Deep Inheritance Hierarchies

- Keep the inheritance hierarchy shallow to reduce complexity and improve maintainability.
  - Deep hierarchies can make debugging and understanding the code difficult.
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## 5. Mark Superclass Methods **final** If Needed

- Prevent subclasses from overriding critical methods by marking them **final**.
  - This ensures essential functionality remains unchanged.
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## 6. Use **@Override** Annotation

- Always use **@Override** to explicitly indicate that a method is being overridden.
  - This helps catch errors during compilation if the method signature is incorrect.
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## 7. Minimize Public Fields in Superclasses

- Use private or protected fields with proper getters and setters.
  - This prevents unintended access or modification by subclasses.
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## 8. Avoid Overloading Alongside Overriding

- Overloading methods with similar names and parameters in subclasses can lead to confusion.
  - Ensure clarity by distinctly separating overridden methods from overloaded ones.
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## 9. Prefer Abstract Classes for Partial Implementation

- Use abstract classes to define a blueprint with partial implementation for related classes.
  - Abstract classes provide flexibility while enforcing a consistent structure.
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## 10. Use Interfaces for Multiple Inheritance

- Java does not support multiple inheritance through classes. Use interfaces to achieve multiple inheritance-like behavior.
  - This helps avoid the "diamond problem."
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## 11. Document Inheritance Behavior

- Clearly document the purpose and expected behavior of the superclass and its methods.
  - Provide details on how subclasses should override or extend the methods.
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## 12. Avoid Overriding Methods Unnecessarily

- Override methods only when necessary and when the subclass needs to modify or extend the behavior of the superclass.
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## 13. Be Cautious with Constructors

- Call the superclass constructor explicitly in the subclass constructor using `super()`.
  - Avoid calling non-final methods from constructors to prevent issues with uninitialized state in subclasses.
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## 14. Use Polymorphism Effectively

- Design systems to leverage polymorphism where superclass references are used to interact with subclass objects.
  - This promotes flexibility and extensibility.
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## 15. Beware of Fragile Base Class Problem

- Changes to the superclass can inadvertently affect all subclasses.
  - Minimize dependencies and changes to the superclass once it is widely used.
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## 16. Test Subclass and Superclass Interactions

- Thoroughly test how the subclass interacts with inherited methods and state.
  - Ensure changes in the subclass do not break the expected behavior of the superclass.
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## 17. Avoid Inheriting from Concrete Classes

- Prefer inheriting from abstract classes or interfaces rather than concrete classes.
  - This avoids tight coupling to a specific implementation.
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## 18. Consider Using Delegation for Special Cases

- When specific behavior is needed in some instances but not others, delegation may be a better choice than inheritance.
- This promotes better separation of concerns.