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Your explanation of **polymorphism** in Java is well-structured and clear! Here's a brief recap and additional details for enhanced clarity:

Polymorphism Overview:

Polymorphism enables Java objects to take on many forms, where a single interface can be used to refer to different object types. It supports the ability for one object to behave differently based on its actual subclass, providing flexibility and extensibility in code.

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Certainly! Here's the content you provided:

Polymorphism in Java is one of the core concepts of Object-Oriented Programming (OOP). The word polymorphism means "many forms," and it allows objects to be treated as instances of their parent class while behaving according to their actual subclass.

Polymorphism provides flexibility in Java by allowing methods to perform differently based on the object that invokes them. There are two types of polymorphism in Java:

1. **Compile-time (Static) Polymorphism**
2. **Run-time (Dynamic) Polymorphism**

1. Compile-time Polymorphism (Method Overloading)

Compile-time polymorphism is achieved through **method overloading**. It happens when multiple methods in the same class have the same name but different parameters (type, number, or both). The decision of which method to call is made at compile time.

Example of Method Overloading:

java

```
class Calculator {
    // Method to add two integers
    public int add(int a, int b) {
        return a + b;
    }

    // Overloaded method to add three integers
    public int add(int a, int b, int c) {
        return a + b + c;
    }

    // Overloaded method to add two double values
    public double add(double a, double b) {
        return a + b;
    }
}

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Calculator calc = new Calculator();
        System.out.println(calc.add(10, 20));           // Calls method with 2 int parameters
        System.out.println(calc.add(10, 20, 30));       // Calls method with 3 int parameters
        System.out.println(calc.add(5.5, 6.5));         // Calls method with 2 double
parameters
    }
}
```

In this example, the `add` method is overloaded based on the number and type of parameters. The correct method is determined at **compile-time**.

2. Run-time Polymorphism (Method Overriding)

Run-time polymorphism is achieved through **method overriding**. This happens when a subclass provides its own implementation of a method that is already defined in its parent class. The decision of which method to call is made at runtime based on the object type, not the reference type.

Example of Method Overriding:

java

```
class Animal {
    // Base class method
    public void sound() {
        System.out.println("Animal makes a sound");
    }
}

class Dog extends Animal {
    // Overridden method
    @Override
    public void sound() {
        System.out.println("Dog barks");
    }
}
```

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    }
}

class Cat extends Animal {
    // Overridden method
    @Override
    public void sound() {
        System.out.println("Cat meows");
    }
}

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Animal myAnimal = new Animal(); // Animal reference and object
        Animal myDog = new Dog();        // Animal reference but Dog object
        Animal myCat = new Cat();         // Animal reference but Cat object

        myAnimal.sound(); // Output: Animal makes a sound
        myDog.sound();     // Output: Dog barks (Dog's method is called)
        myCat.sound();     // Output: Cat meows (Cat's method is called)
    }
}

```

In this example:

- The `sound` method is overridden in the `Dog` and `Cat` subclasses.
- The method to be executed is determined at **runtime** based on the actual object type (whether it's a `Dog` or `Cat`), even though the reference is of type `Animal`.

Key Points of Polymorphism:

- **Method Overloading** (compile-time polymorphism) allows different methods with the same name but different parameters within the same class.
- **Method Overriding** (run-time polymorphism) allows a subclass to provide a specific implementation of a method that is already defined in its parent class.
- Polymorphism promotes flexibility and reusability by allowing objects of different types to be treated as objects of a common parent class.

Why Use Polymorphism?

- **Code Reusability:** You can write more general code that works with multiple types, reducing redundancy.
- **Flexibility:** It allows one method or object to perform different behaviors based on the type of object or class.
- **Scalability:** As new classes are added (like new types of `Animal`), they can fit into the existing structure without modifying existing code.

Polymorphism makes your code more **maintainable**, **flexible**, and **extensible**.

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