### **Abstraction in Java**

**Abstraction** is a process of hiding the implementation details and showing only functionality to the user.

Another way, it shows only essential things to the user and hides the internal details, for example, sending SMS where you type the text and send the message. You don't know the internal processing about the message delivery.

Abstraction lets you focus on what the [object](https://www.javatpoint.com/object-and-class-in-java) does instead of how it does it.

### **Ways to achieve Abstraction**

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1. Abstract class (0 to 100%)
2. Interface (100%)

### **Abstract class in Java**

A class which is declared as abstract is known as an **abstract class**. It can have abstract and non-abstract methods. It needs to be extended and its method implemented. It cannot be instantiated.

#### **Points to Remember**

* An abstract class must be declared with an abstract keyword.
* It can have abstract and non-abstract methods.
* It cannot be instantiated.
* It can have [constructors](https://www.javatpoint.com/java-constructor) and static methods also.
* It can have final methods which will force the subclass not to change the body of the method.

**Example of abstract class**

**abstract** **class** A{}

### **Abstract Method in Java**

A method which is declared as abstract and does not have implementation is known as an abstract method.

**Example of abstract method**

**abstract** **void** printStatus();//no method body and abstract

### **Example of Abstract class that has an abstract method**

In this example, Bike is an abstract class that contains only one abstract method run. Its implementation is provided by the Honda class.

1. **abstract** **class** Bike{
2. **abstract** **void** run();
3. }
4. **class** Honda4 **extends** Bike{
5. **void** run(){System.out.println("running safely");}
6. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
7. Bike obj = **new** Honda4();
8. obj.run();
9. }
10. }

### **Another example of Abstract class in java**AD

1. **abstract** **class** Bank{
2. **abstract** **int** getRateOfInterest();
3. }
4. **class** SBI **extends** Bank{
5. **int** getRateOfInterest(){**return** 7;}
6. }
7. **class** PNB **extends** Bank{
8. **int** getRateOfInterest(){**return** 8;}
9. }
11. **class** TestBank{
12. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
13. Bank b;
14. b=**new** SBI();
15. System.out.println("Rate of Interest is: "+b.getRateOfInterest()+" %");
16. b=**new** PNB();
17. System.out.println("Rate of Interest is: "+b.getRateOfInterest()+" %");
18. }}

### **Abstract class having constructor, data member and methods**

An abstract class can have a data member, abstract method, method body (non-abstract method), constructor, and even main() method.

*File: TestAbstraction2.java*

1. //Example of an abstract class that has abstract and non-abstract methods
2. **abstract** **class** Bike{
3. Bike(){System.out.println("bike is created");}
4. **abstract** **void** run();
5. **void** changeGear(){System.out.println("gear changed");}
6. }
7. //Creating a Child class which inherits Abstract class
8. **class** Honda **extends** Bike{
9. **void** run(){System.out.println("running safely..");}
10. }
11. //Creating a Test class which calls abstract and non-abstract methods
12. **class** TestAbstraction2{
13. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
14. Bike obj = **new** Honda();
15. obj.run();
16. obj.changeGear();
17. }
18. }

#### **Rule: If there is an abstract method in a class, that class must be abstract.**

## **Instantiation**

In [Java](https://www.javatpoint.com/java-tutorial), **instantiation** mean to call the [constructor](https://www.javatpoint.com/java-constructor) of a class that creates an **instance** or **object** of the type of that class. In other words, creating an object of the class is called **instantiation**. It occupies the initial memory for the object and returns a reference.

# **Difference between abstract class and interface**

Abstract class and interface both are used to achieve abstraction where we can declare the abstract methods. Abstract class and interface both can't be instantiated.

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| **Abstract class** | **Interface** |
| 1) Abstract class can **have abstract and non-abstract** methods. | Interface can have **only abstract** methods. Since Java 8, it can have **default and static methods** also. |
| 2) Abstract class **doesn't support multiple inheritance**. | Interface **supports multiple inheritance**. |
| 3) Abstract class **can have final, non-final, static and non-static variables**. | Interface has **only static and final variables**. |
| 4) Abstract class **can provide the implementation of interface**. | Interface **can't provide the implementation of abstract class**. |
| 5) The **abstract keyword** is used to declare abstract class. | The **interface keyword** is used to declare interface. |
| 6) An **abstract class** can extend another Java class and implement multiple Java interfaces. | An **interface** can extend another Java interface only. |
| 7) An **abstract class** can be extended using keyword "extends". | An **interface** can be implemented using keyword "implements". |
| 8) A Java **abstract class** can have class members like private, protected, etc. | Members of a Java interface are public by default. |
| 9)**Example:** public abstract class Shape{ public abstract void draw(); } | **Example:** public interface Drawable{ void draw(); } |

Simply, abstract class achieves partial abstraction (0 to 100%) whereas interface achieves fully abstraction (100%).

### **Example of abstract class and interface in Java**

Let's see a simple example where we are using interface and abstract class both.

1. //Creating interface that has 4 methods
2. **interface** A{
3. **void** a();//bydefault, public and abstract
4. **void** b();
5. **void** c();
6. **void** d();
7. }
9. //Creating abstract class that provides the implementation of one method of A interface
10. **abstract** **class** B **implements** A{
11. **public** **void** c(){System.out.println("I am C");}
12. }
14. //Creating subclass of abstract class, now we need to provide the implementation of rest of the methods
15. **class** M **extends** B{
16. **public** **void** a(){System.out.println("I am a");}
17. **public** **void** b(){System.out.println("I am b");}
18. **public** **void** d(){System.out.println("I am d");}
19. }
21. //Creating a test class that calls the methods of A interface
22. **class** Test5{
23. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
24. A a=**new** M();
25. a.a();
26. a.b();
27. a.c();
28. a.d();
29. }}