Advantages of Inheritance

In this lesson, you'll get to know about the advantages of Inheritance.

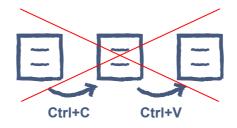
WE'LL COVER THE FOLLOWING

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- Avoiding Duplication of Code
- Extensibility
- Data Hiding

We have learned that we can implement *inheritance* which will result in avoiding **redundant coding** and will also save the programmer's *time and effort*.

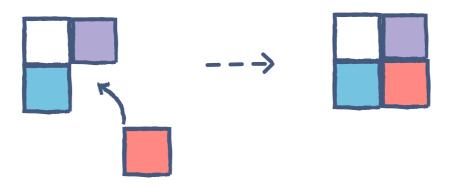
Avoiding Duplication of Code

Considering the previous example, if we have to implement another class for MoneyMarketAccount we don't need to duplicate the code for the deposit() and withdraw() methods inside this new Class because we can inherit and use the parent class's methods. In this way, we can avoid the duplication of code.



Extensibility

Using inheritance, one can extend the base class logic as per the business logic of the derived class. This is an easy way to upgrade or enhance specific parts of a product without changing the core attributes. An existing class can act as a base class to derive a new class having upgraded features.



Data Hiding

The base class can decide to keep some data private so that it cannot be altered by the derived class. This concept i.e. Encapsulation has already been discussed in the previous chapter.

Let's move on to quiz for checking your understanding of inheritance.