

Encapsulation, Inheritance and Polymorphism

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Object–Oriented Technology

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Why do we need OOP?

- **Scenario:** You are building a Game Character.

- **The "Old" Way:**

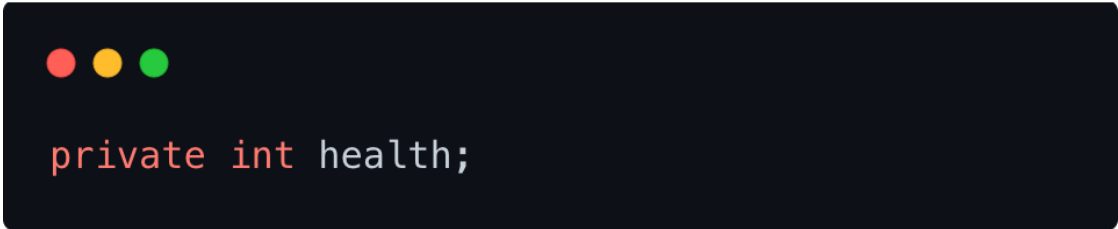


```
String heroName = "Arthur";  
int heroHealth = 100;  
// ... 1000 lines later ...  
heroHealth = -500; // Oops! Logic error.
```

- **The Problem:** Data is global or unprotected. Anyone can break the state of your application.
- **The Solution:** Bundle the data and the logic together -> Objects.


Encapsulation (The Shield)

- **Definition:** Bundling data (variables) and methods (functions) into a single unit (Class) and restricting direct access.
- **The Golden Rule:**
 - Variables should usually be Private.



```
private int health;
```

- Methods can be Public (to provide controlled access).



```
public void takeDamage(int amount) {  
    health -= amount;  
}
```

Example - Encapsulation

✗ Without Encapsulation

```
int health = 100;  
health = -999; // Anyone can change it → unsafe!
```

✓ With Encapsulation

```
class Hero {  
    private int health = 100;  
  
    public void setHealth(int value) {  
        if (value >= 0) health = value;  
    }  
}
```

Controlling Visibility

Modifier	Class	Package	Subclass	World	Role
public	✓	✓	✓	✓	Open to everyone
protected	✓	✓	✓	✗	For family (inheritance)
default	✓	✓	✗	✗	Package neighbors only
private	✓	✗	✗	✗	Strictly internal

Getters and Setters

- Instead of accessing *user.age* directly, we use methods.
- Why? Validation!

```
public class User {  
    private int age; // Hidden  
  
    public void setAge(int age) {  
        if (age > 0 && age < 120) { // Validation Logic  
            this.age = age;  
        } else {  
            System.out.println("Invalid Age!");  
        }  
    }  
  
    public int getAge() {  
        return this.age;  
    }  
}
```

The *this* Keyword (Who am I?)

- **Problem:** Naming conflicts between Parameters and Fields.
- **Solution:** *this* refers to the current object instance.
- *Code Example:*

```
public class Car {  
    private String model;  
  
    // 'model' here is the parameter  
    public void setModel(String model) {  
        // this.model is the field belonging to the object  
        this.model = model;  
    }  
}
```

Constructors

- A special method called when an object is instantiated (new).
- Rules:
 - Must have the same name as the Class.
 - Must not have a return type (not even void).

Code Example:

```
public class Pizza {  
    private String size;  
  
    // Constructor  
    public Pizza(String size) {  
        this.size = size;  
        System.out.println("Baking a " + size + " pizza!");  
    }  
}
```

Usage:

```
Pizza p = new Pizza("Large");
```

Result:

```
Baking a Large pizza!
```


Static vs Instance

- **Instance Variable (Non-static):**
 - Belongs to a specific object.
 - Example: *myEyeColor*, *myHeight*.
- **Static Variable:**
 - Belongs to the Class. Shared by all objects.
 - Example: *HumanPopulation*, *Math.PI*.

```
public class Human {
    // Instance Variables (unique to each object)
    private String name;
    private int age;

    // Static Variable (shared by all objects)
    private static int population = 0;

    // Constructor
    public Human(String name, int age) {
        this.name = name;
        this.age = age;

        // Every time a new human is created, population increases
        population++;
    }

    // Instance Method
    public void introduce() {
        System.out.println("Hi, I'm " + name + " and I'm " + age + " years old.");
    }

    // Static Method
    public static int getPopulation() {
        return population;
    }
}
```

```
public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Human h1 = new Human("Alice", 20);
        Human h2 = new Human("Bob", 25);

        h1.introduce(); // Instance method
        h2.introduce();

        // Static method -> can be called using the Class name
        System.out.println("Total Humans: " + Human.getPopulation());
    }
}
```




Inheritance (The Family Tree)

- **Definition:** A mechanism where a new class acquires the properties and behaviors of an existing class.
- **Terminology:**
 - Parent (Superclass / Base Class)
 - Child (Subclass / Derived Class)
- **Syntax:**



```
class Child extends Parent
```

When to use Inheritance?

- Use Inheritance only if the relationship is "Is-A".
 - A Cat is an Animal? ->  Yes.
 - A Manager is an Employee? ->  Yes.
 - A Car is a Wheel? ->  No. (This is "Has-A" / Composition).

Basic Example : Inheritance in Action

```
// Parent Class
class Animal {
    public void eat() {
        System.out.println("This animal is eating.");
    }
}

// Child Class
class Dog extends Animal {
    public void bark() {
        System.out.println("The dog barks!");
    }
}
```

```
// Usage
public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Dog d = new Dog();

        d.eat();    // inherited from Animal
        d.bark();   // Dog's own method
    }
}
```

The *super* Keyword (Talking to Parents)

- *super* is used to access the Parent class members.
- **Usage 1:** Calling Parent Constructor (*Must be the first line!*).
- **Usage 2:** Calling Parent Methods.

```
class Dog extends Animal {  
  
    public Dog() {  
        super(); // Calls Animal() constructor  
        System.out.println("A dog is born.");  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public void eat() {  
        super.eat(); // Call generic animal eating logic  
        System.out.println("Dog eating kibble.");  
    }  
}
```

Method Overriding (Changing Behavior)

- Definition: When a Child class provides a specific implementation of a method already defined in the Parent.
- Annotation: Always use @Override to prevent typos.

```
// Parent Class
class Animal {
    public void makeSound() {
        System.out.println("Some generic animal sound...");
    }
}

// Child Class 1
class Dog extends Animal {
    @Override
    public void makeSound() {
        System.out.println("Woof! Woof!");
    }
}

// Child Class 2
class Cat extends Animal {
    @Override
    public void makeSound() {
        System.out.println("Meow~");
    }
}
```

```
// Usage
public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Animal a1 = new Animal();
        Animal a2 = new Dog();
        Animal a3 = new Cat();

        a1.makeSound(); // generic sound
        a2.makeSound(); // Woof! Woof!
        a3.makeSound(); // Meow~
    }
}
```

The Cosmic Superclass

- Every class in Java implies extends Object.
- Common methods you inherit automatically:
 - `toString()`: Converts object to String (usually memory address unless overridden).
 - `equals(Object o)`: Compares if two objects are the same instance.

```
class Planet {
    String name;

    Planet(String name) {
        this.name = name;
    }

    @Override
    public String toString() {
        return "Planet: " + name;
    }
}

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Planet p1 = new Planet("Earth");
        Planet p2 = new Planet("Earth");

        System.out.println(p1.toString()); // Uses toString()
        System.out.println(p1.equals(p2)); // false (different objects)
    }
}
```

Polymorphism (Many Forms)

- Poly = Many, Morph = Forms.
- Concept: One interface, many implementations.
- It allows us to treat different specific objects (Cat, Dog, Cow) as a single general type (Animal).

Polymorphism in Action

Without Polymorphism

```
Dog d = new Dog();  
Cat c = new Cat();  
d.makeSound();  
c.makeSound();
```

With Polymorphism:

```
// List of the PARENT type  
Animal[] zoo = { new Dog(), new Cat() };  
  
for (Animal a : zoo) {  
    a.makeSound(); // Java figures out which method to run!  
}
```

Abstract Classes

- Sometimes, a parent class is just a concept.
- **Example:** You cannot have just a "Shape". It must be a Circle or a Square.
- **Keyword:** abstract
 - Cannot be instantiated (new Shape() is illegal).
 - Can have abstract methods (methods without body).

```
abstract class Shape {  
    abstract void draw(); // ไม่มี body  
}  
  
class Circle extends Shape {  
    @Override  
    void draw() {  
        System.out.println("Drawing a circle");  
    }  
}  
  
class Square extends Shape {  
    @Override  
    void draw() {  
        System.out.println("Drawing a square");  
    }  
}
```

Interfaces

- An interface is a completely abstract class (mostly).
- It acts as a Contract.
- A class uses implements (not extends).
- Power: Java allows implementing multiple interfaces!

```
interface Animal {  
    void makeSound(); // abstract by default  
}  
  
interface CanRun {  
    void run();  
}  
  
class Dog implements Animal, CanRun {  
    @Override  
    public void makeSound() {  
        System.out.println("Woof!");  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public void run() {  
        System.out.println("Dog is running!");  
    }  
}
```

Example

Engine.java (Interface)

```
public interface Engine {  
    void startEngine();  
    void stopEngine();  
}
```

Vehicle.java (Abstract Class)

```
public abstract class Vehicle {  
    private String brand;  
    private int year;  
  
    public Vehicle(String brand, int year) {  
        this.brand = brand;  
        this.year = year;  
    }  
  
    public String getBrand() {  
        return brand;  
    }  
  
    public void setBrand(String brand) {  
        this.brand = brand;  
    }  
  
    public int getYear() {  
        return year;  
    }  
  
    public void setYear(int year) {  
        this.year = year;  
    }  
  
    public abstract void drive();  
}
```

Example

Car.java (Subclass)

```
public class Car extends Vehicle implements Engine {
    private int doors;

    public Car(String brand, int year, int doors) {
        super(brand, year);
        this.doors = doors;
    }

    public int getDoors() {
        return doors;
    }

    public void setDoors(int doors) {
        this.doors = doors;
    }

    @Override
    public void drive() {
        System.out.println("Driving a car: " + getBrand());
    }

    @Override
    public void startEngine() {
        System.out.println("Car engine started.");
    }

    @Override
    public void stopEngine() {
        System.out.println("Car engine stopped.");
    }
}
```

Motorcycle.java (Subclass)

```
public class Motorcycle extends Vehicle implements Engine {
    private boolean hasSidecar;

    public Motorcycle(String brand, int year, boolean hasSidecar) {
        super(brand, year);
        this.hasSidecar = hasSidecar;
    }

    public boolean isHasSidecar() {
        return hasSidecar;
    }

    public void setHasSidecar(boolean hasSidecar) {
        this.hasSidecar = hasSidecar;
    }


    @Override
    public void drive() {
        System.out.println("Riding a motorcycle: " + getBrand());
    }

    @Override
    public void startEngine() {
        System.out.println("Motorcycle engine started.");
    }

    @Override
    public void stopEngine() {
        System.out.println("Motorcycle engine stopped.");
    }
}
```

Example

Main.java (Main Class)



```
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Vehicle myCar = new Car("Toyota", 2023, 4);  
        Vehicle myBike = new Motorcycle("Honda", 2022, false);  
  
        myCar.drive();  
        myBike.drive();  
  
        ((Engine) myCar).startEngine();  
        ((Engine) myBike).startEngine();  
    }  
}
```

Summary

- Encapsulation: Protect data using private and Getters/Setters.
- Inheritance: Reuse code using extends and super.
- Polymorphism: Write flexible code using Overriding, Abstract classes, and Interfaces.