

Interfaces



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Interface

- ✓ Similar to a Class
- ✓ Contains abstract methods and final fields
- ✓ A class that implements the Interface must define the code for abstract methods

Syntax

```
graph TD; K[Keyword] --> I[interface]; VJN[Valid Java Name] --> IN[interfacename]; VJN --> SD[variables declaration]; VJN --> MD[methods declaration]; VJN --> AFV[static final variables]; VJN --> AM[Abstract methods]
```

The diagram illustrates the structure of a Java interface definition. It starts with the keyword "interface" followed by a valid Java name "interfacename". The body of the interface, enclosed in curly braces {}, contains "variables declaration;" and "methods declaration;". Annotations are placed above the code: "Keyword" points to "interface", "Valid Java Name" points to "interfacename", and three additional annotations point to the body: "static final variables" points to the declaration of variables, "Abstract methods" points to the declaration of methods, and another annotation points to the body itself.

Syntax

variables declaration;

methods declaration;

static final type variablename = value;

return_type methodname (Parameter List);

Example 1

```
Keyword  
interface Item  
{  
    static final int code = 100;  
    static final String name = "Fan";  
    void display();  
}
```

Interface name: Item

static final variable: code

static final variable: name

Abstract method: display()

```
graph TD; Keyword --> interface; InterfaceName --> Item; S1[static final variable] --> code; S2[static final variable] --> name; S3[Abstract method] --> display;
```

Example 2

```
Keyword  
interface Area {  
    static final float pi = 3.14F;  
    float compute(float x, float y);  
    void show();  
}
```

Interface Name: Area

static final variable: pi

Abstract method: compute()

Abstract method: show()

```
graph TD; Keyword --> interface; InterfaceName[Interface Name: Area] --> Area; StaticFinal[static final variable: pi] --> pi; AbstractMethodCompute[Abstract method: compute( )] --> Compute; AbstractMethodShow[Abstract method: show( )] --> Show;
```

Extending Interfaces

- ✓ An interface can extend one or many interfaces
- ✓ Inheritance property

```
interface interface2 extends interface1
{
    body of interface2;
}
```

Example 3

```
interface ItemConstants
{
    int itemcode = 100;
    String itemname = "Fan";
    float unitprice = 1500;
    int quantity = 10;
}
interface ItemMethods
{
    void computecost( );
}
interface Item extends ItemConstants, ItemMethods
{
    void display( );
}
```

Implementing Interfaces

- ✓ A class can inherit properties of one or more Interfaces
- ✓ A class can implement one or more Interfaces

```
class classname implements interfacename  
{  
    body of the classname  
}
```

Implementing Interfaces

- ✓ A class can inherit properties of one or more
 - ✓ Classes (use extends)
 - ✓ Interfaces (use implements)

```
class classname extends superclass1, superclass2  
implements interfacename1, interfacename2  
{  
    body of the classname  
}
```

Example 4

```
interface Area
{
    final static float pi = 3.14F;
    float compute(float x, float y);
}

class Rectangle implements Area
{
    public float compute(float x, float y)
    {
        return(x * y);
    }
}

class Circle implements Area
{
    public float compute(float x, float y)
    {
        return(pi * x * x);
    }
}
```

```
class InterfaceExample2
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        Rectangle R = new Rectangle();
        Circle C = new Circle();
        System.out.println("Rectangle Area: " + R.compute(10,20));
        System.out.println("Circle Area: " + C.compute(10,0));
    }
}
```

Example 4 - Output

Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7601]

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C:\Users\Senthil>d:

D:\>cd D:\jdk1.8.0_111\jdk1.8.0_111\bin

D:\jdk1.8.0_111\jdk1.8.0_111\bin>javac InterfaceExample2.java

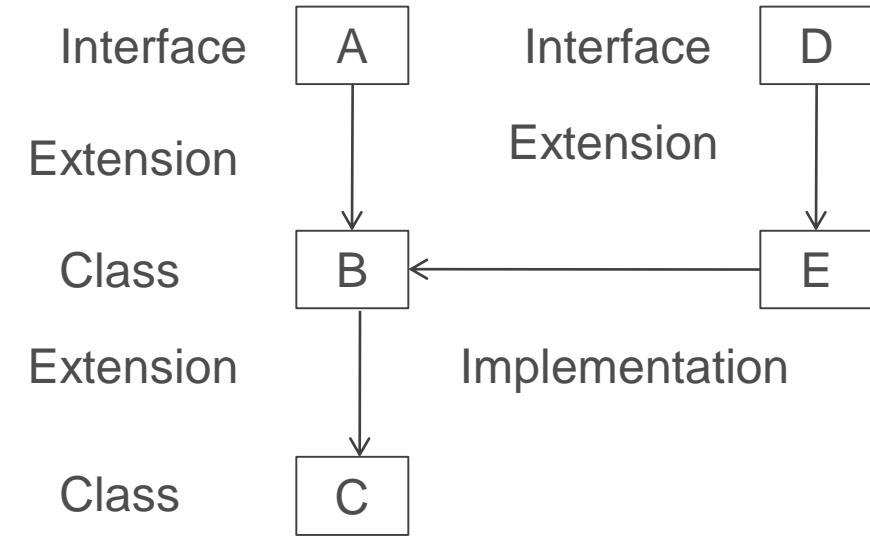
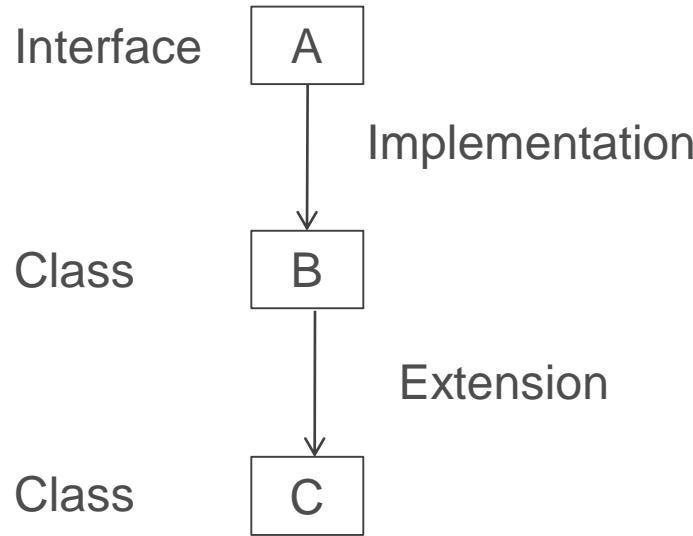
D:\jdk1.8.0_111\jdk1.8.0_111\bin>java InterfaceExample2

Rectangle Area: 200.0

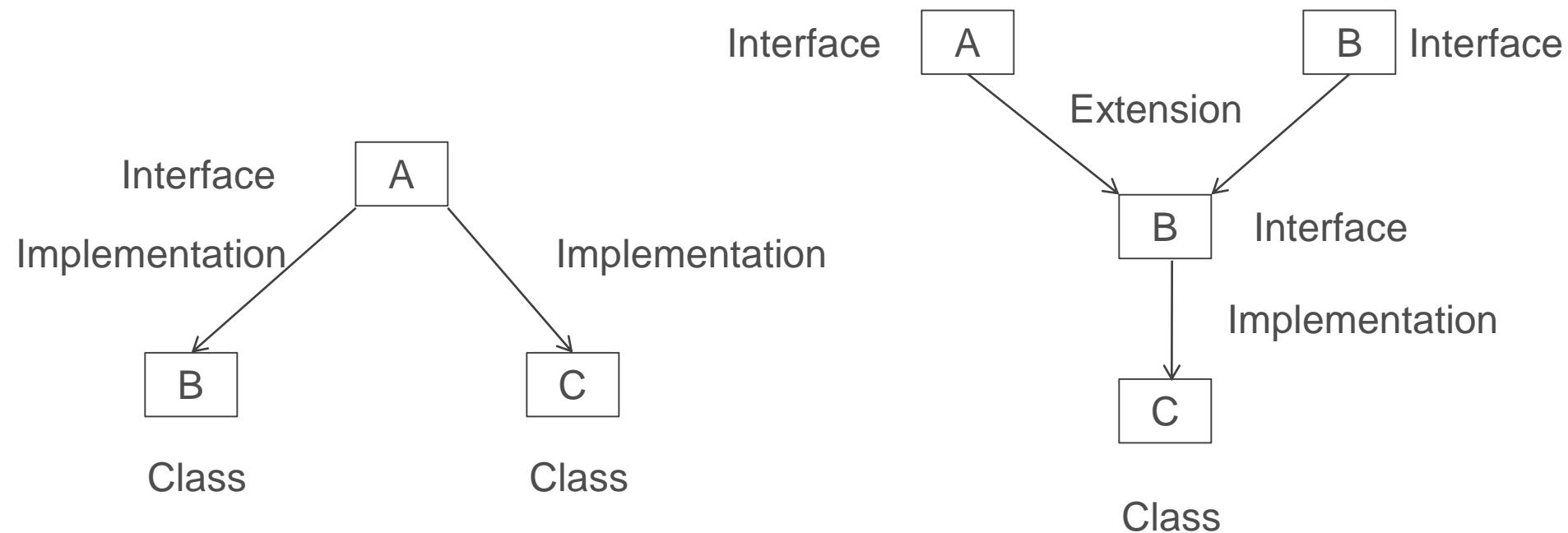
Circle Area: 314.0

D:\jdk1.8.0_111\jdk1.8.0_111\bin>

Forms of Interface Implementation



Forms of Interface Implementation



Example 5

```
class Student
{
    int rollNo;
    void getNumber(int n)
    {
        rollNo = n;
    }
    void putNumber( )
    {
        System.out.println("Roll No : " + rollNo);
    }
}
class Test extends Student
{
    float JavaMarks, DSMarks;
    void getMarks(float m1, float m2)
    {
        JavaMarks = m1; DSMarks = m2;
    }
}

void putMarks( )
{
    System.out.println("Marks Received : ");
    System.out.println("Java Marks: " + JavaMarks);
    System.out.println("DS Marks: " + DSMarks);
}

interface sports
{
    float SportsMarks = 6.0F;
    void putSportsMarks( );
}
```

Example 5

```
class Results extends Test implements Sports
{
    float total;
    public void putSportsMarks( )
    {
        System.out.println("Sports Marks: "+ SportsMarks);
    }
    void display( )
    {
        total = JavaMarks + DSMarks + SportsMarks;
        putNumber( );
        putMarks( );
        putSportsMarks( );
        System.out.println("Total Score: "+ total);
    }
}
```

```
class HybridInterface
{
    public static void main(String args[ ])
    {
        Results S1 = new Results( );
        S1.getNumber(100);
        S1.getMarks(27.5F, 33.0F);
        S1.display( );
    }
}
```

Example 5 - Output

```
D:\jdk1.8.0_111\jdk1.8.0_111\bin>javac HybridInterface.java
```

```
D:\jdk1.8.0_111\jdk1.8.0_111\bin>java HybridInterface
```

Roll No : 100

Marks Received :

Java Marks: 27.5

DS Marks: 33.0

Sports Marks: 6.0

Total Score: 66.5

```
D:\jdk1.8.0_111\jdk1.8.0_111\bin>
```

References

- ✓ Programming with Java – A Primer - E. Balagurusamy, 3rd Edition, TMH

Thank You