

Inheritance

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Class Employee (1/2)



```
public class Employee {
  private final String name;
  private double salary;
  private static int lastId = 0;
  private int id:
  public Employee( String name , double salary ) {
    Employee.lastId++;
   this.id = lastId:
    this.name = name;
   this.salary = salary;
  public void raiseSalary( double byPercent ) {
    double raise = salary*byPercent/100;
    salary += raise;
```





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public void setSalary( double salary ) {
  this.salary = salary;
public double getSalary( ) {
 return this.salary;
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The dynamic type of a receiver is used to select the method to invoke (dynamic method lookup)!

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public abstract class Person {
  private final String name;
 public Person( String name ) {
    this.name = name;
  public final String getName() {
    return name;
  public abstract int getId();
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```
public class Student extends Person {
  private final int id;
 public Student( int id , String name ) {
   super( name );
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Protected fields must be used with caution! Protected methods and constructor are more standard!





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Inheritance and Default Methods



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In this case we have not a conflict! The class-win approach is used (to guarantee backward compatibility)!

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   Thread t = new Thread(super::work);
   t.start();
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    return super.toString()+"[bonus="+this.bonus+"]";
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Example:

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public class Item {
  private String description;
  private double price;
  public boolean equals( Object other ) {
    if (this = other) return true;
    if (other == null) return false;
    if (getClass() != other.getClass()) return false;
    Item otherItem = (Item) other;
    return
      Objects.equals (this.description, other ltem.description)
     \&\&(this.price = other.price);
```

Method equals (2)



```
public class DiscountedItem extends Item {
  private double discount;
  ...
  public boolean equals( Object other ) {
    if (!super.equals(other)) return false;
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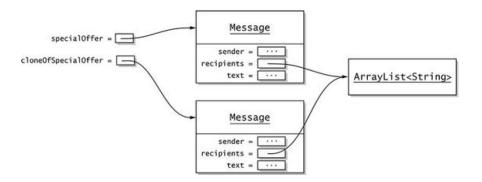
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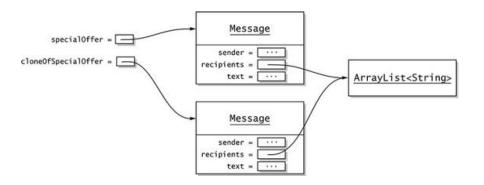
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public final class Message {
  private String sender;
  private ArrayList < String > recipients;
  private Strin text;
  ...
  public void addRecipient( String recipient ) { ... }
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   Size(String abbreviation) {
     this.abbreviation = abbreviation;
   }
   public String getAbbreviation() { return abbreviation; }
}
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   MUL {public int eval(int arg1,int arg2) {return arg1*arg2;}

   DIV {public int eval(int arg1,int arg2) {return arg1/arg2;}

   public abstract int eval(int arg1, int arg2);
}
```



To be continued...