

2.6 Inheritance: Thoughts on Design

THINGS THAT CAN BE DONE WITH AN INHERITED METHOD:

1. Simply **inherit** an implemented method
 - what the subclasses tend to do :use methods from the superclass
 - **Keep in mind:** *abstract methods from the superclass have to be overriden by the subclasses!*
2. **Override** an abstract method to **implement** it
3. **Override** an implemented method to **replace** it
 - *does the subclass need another behaviour?*
4. **Override** an implemented method to **extend** it
 - Use the behaviours from the superclass but add some more!
 - **Any inherited method can be extended**, not just the initializer

```
class SalariedEmployee(Employee):
    def pay(self, pay_date: date) -> None:
        Employee.pay(self, pay_date) # Call the superclass method as a helper.
        print('Payment accepted! Have a nice day. :)')

>>> fred = SalariedEmployee()
>>> fred.pay(date(2017, 9, 30))
An employee was paid 3200 on September 30, 2017.
Payment accepted! Have a nice day. :)
```

- The client can write code to an interface defined once in the abstract class that will work for **any** of its subclasses!!!!
- **Polymorphic:** Base classes that have multiple subclasses (**taking many forms**)

INHERITANCE VS COMPOSITION:

INHERITANCE:

- "Is a " relationship
- Any change in the superclass affects all its subclasses

COMPOSITION:

- "Has a" relationship