

1. What is the purpose of the finally block?

The `finally` block contains code that always executes after a `try` (and optional `catch`), regardless of whether an exception was thrown or caught. It's commonly used for cleanup tasks like releasing resources.

2. How does `int.TryParse()` improve program robustness compared to `int.Parse()`?

`TryParse` returns a boolean indicating success or failure without throwing exceptions on invalid input, allowing safer parsing and better error handling, whereas `Parse` throws exceptions on invalid input.

3. What exception occurs when trying to access `Value` on a null `Nullable<T>`?

`InvalidOperationException` is thrown if you access `.Value` when the `Nullable<T>` has no value (`null`).

4. Why is it necessary to check array bounds before accessing elements?

To prevent `IndexOutOfRangeException`, accessing elements outside valid indices leads to runtime errors and possible program crashes.

5. How is the `GetLength(dimension)` method used in multi-dimensional arrays?

`GetLength(dimension)` returns the size (length) of the specified dimension (0-based) of a multi-dimensional array, allowing safe iteration over each dimension.

6. How does the memory allocation differ between jagged arrays and rectangular arrays?

- **Rectangular arrays:** Stored as a single contiguous block of memory.
- **Jagged arrays:** Arrays of arrays, each sub-array can have different lengths and are allocated separately on the heap.

7. What is the purpose of nullable reference types in C#?

Nullable reference types enable the compiler to detect and warn about potential `null` dereferences, improving code safety by differentiating nullable and non-nullable references.

8. What is the performance impact of boxing and unboxing in C#?

Boxing creates a heap object from a value type, and unboxing extracts it back. Both add overhead, including memory allocation and CPU time, thus can degrade performance if overused.

9. Why must out parameters be initialized inside the method?

Because the caller expects the `out` parameter to be assigned by the called method before returning, ensuring the variable is initialized when used afterwards.

10. Why must optional parameters always appear at the end of a method's parameter list?

To avoid ambiguity during method calls, since parameters after optional ones cannot be skipped without naming them explicitly.

11. How does the null propagation operator prevent `NullReferenceException`?

By short-circuiting evaluation if an object is `null`, it prevents access to members on `null` references, safely returning `null` instead.

Example:

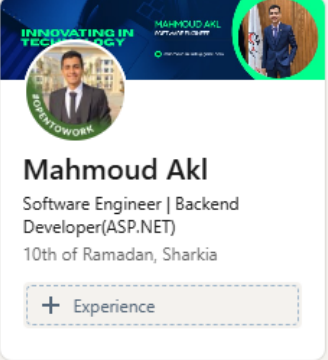
```
string? name = person?.Name;
```

12. When is a switch expression preferred over a traditional if statement?

When you want a concise, readable way to select from multiple discrete cases or patterns and return a value directly.

13. What are the limitations of the `params` keyword in method definitions?

- Only one `params` array allowed per method.
- It must be the last parameter.
- All arguments passed to `params` must be of the declared element type or convertible to it.



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Boxing & Unboxing

تخيل معايا إن عندك حاجة صغيرة (value type) زي `int` أو `bool`, وحبيت تحطها في شنة كبيرة (object type) علشان تتعامل معاها زي أي كائن (object) في `C#`. العملية دي اسمها `Boxing`.
يعني: `Boxing`

تحويل الـ Value Type (زي `int`, `float`, `struct`) إلى Object أو Any Reference Type.
بيتم عن طريق نسخ القيمة من الـ stack إلى object جديد على الـ heap.
ده بيخليك تقدر تخزن القيمة في مكان بيتعامل مع الكائنات عموماً (زي `ArrayList` قبل الـ `generics`).

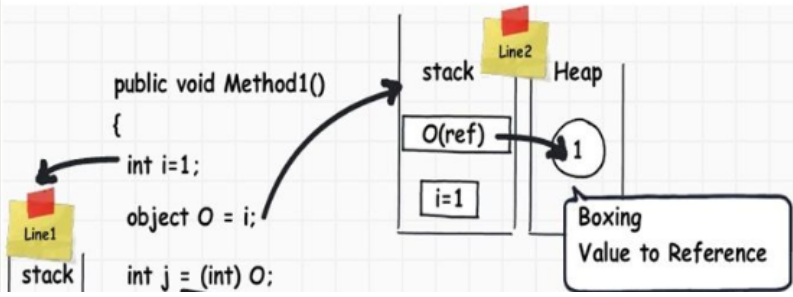
```
stack int x = 10; // Value type
heap object obj = x; // Boxing
```

Unboxing بقى هو العكس:
بتحول الـ object ده تاني لـ value type الأصلي.
بس خلي بالك... العملية دي بتحتاج `casting` صريح، ولو النوع مش مطابق هتأخذ `InvalidCastException`.
وكمان بيحصل نسخ تاني من الـ heap للـ stack.

```
object obj = 10; // Boxing
int y = (int)obj; // Unboxing
```

الـ Boxing بيكلف في الأداء لأنه بيعمل allocation على الـ heap + نسخ بيانات.
الـ Unboxing كمان بيكلف لأنه بيعمل `casting` + نسخ.
في الـ loops الكثيرة، ده ممكن يبطأ البرنامج من غير ما تحس.

إزاي نتجنب المشكلة؟
استخدم الـ `Generics` بدل ما تعتمد على الـ object علشان تتفادي الـ `boxing/unboxing`.
مثال: `<List<int>` أفضل من `ArrayList` لأنها بتخزن القيم كـ value types على طول.



The diagram illustrates the boxing and unboxing process in memory. It shows a `stack` and a `Heap`. In the `stack`, there is a variable `i` with the value `1`. In the `Heap`, there is a reference object `O(ref)` pointing to the `stack` variable `i`. A callout box labeled "Boxing Value to Reference" points to the `O(ref)` object. The code snippet shows the following steps:

```
public void Method1()
{
    int i=1;
    object O = i;
    int j = (int) O;
}
```

Line 1: `int i=1;` (stack)
Line 2: `object O = i;` (Heap)
Line 3: `int j = (int) O;` (stack)