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The native keyword in Java is applied to a method to indicate that the method is implemented in native code using JNI (Java Native Interface). The native keyword is a modifier that is applicable **only for methods**, and we can’t apply it anywhere else. The methods which are implemented in C, C++ are called native methods or foreign methods.

The native modifier indicates that a method is implemented in platform-dependent code, often seen in C language. Native modifier indicates that a method is implemented in platform-dependent code, often in C.

**Main objectives of the native keyword**

* To improve the performance of the system.
* To achieve machine level/memory level communication.
* To use already existing legacy non-java code.

***Conclusion:****Java application scan call code is written in C, C++, or assembler.*

**Create Native Method**

The steps for the creation of native methods are as follows:

1. Write java code
2. Compile the Java code.
3. Create C header(.h file)
4. Create C stubs file (using tool: Java HEdge)
5. Write C code
6. Create a shared code library (DLL)
7. Run application