**1. What is Java?**

**Java** is a general-purpose, class-based, object-oriented programming language designed for having lesser implementation dependencies. It is a computing platform for application development. Java is fast, secure, and reliable, therefore. It is widely used for developing Java applications in laptops, data centers, game consoles, scientific supercomputers, cell phones, etc.

**2. What is a package in Java? List down various advantages of packages.**

A package is a collection of similar types of Java entities such as classes, interfaces, subclasses, exceptions, errors, and enums. A package can also contain sub-packages.

Advantages:

* Make easy searching or locating of classes and interfaces.
* Avoid naming conflicts. For example, there can be two classes with the name Student in two packages, university.csdept.Student and college.itdept.Student
* Implement data encapsulation (or data-hiding).
* Provide controlled access: The access specifiers protected and default have access control on package level. A member declared as protected is accessible by classes within the same package and its subclasses. A member without any access specifier that is default specifier is accessible only by classes in the same package.
* Reuse the classes contained in the packages of other programs.
* Uniquely compare the classes in other packages.

**3. Explain JDK, JRE and JVM?**

**JDK** is a software development kit.

**JRE** is a software bundle that allows **Java** program to run.

**JVM** is an environment for executing bytecode.

The full form of **JDK** is **Java** Development Kit, while the full form of **JRE** is **Java** Runtime Environment, while the full form of **JVM** is **Java Virtual Machine**.

**4. Explain public static void main(String args[]) in Java.**

public: This is the access modifier of the main method. It has to be public so that java runtime can execute this method.

static: In this main method has to be static so that JVM can load the class into memory and call the main method.

void: Java main method doesn’t return anything, that’s why it’s return type is void.

main: This is the name of java main method. It’s fixed and when we start a java program, it looks for the main method.

String[] args: Java main method accepts a single argument of type String array. This is also called as java command line arguments.

**5. What are the differences between C++ and Java?**

* **History**

The first major difference between these two programming languages is the amount of time they have been in use by programming professionals.

C language was first created by Dennis M. Ritchie between 1969 and 1973, whereas Java was not introduced until 1995 when it was developed by James Gosling.

* **Type of programming language**

There are several differences between C++ and Java when it comes to the types of categories they fall into, such as:

**C++**

* Procedural
* Procedure-oriented
* Middle-level language
* Compiled language

**Java**

* Object-oriented
* Data-oriented
* High-level language
* Interpreted language
* **Purpose of language**

Although used to produce similar coding solutions, C++ and Java each have their own distinctive functions that the other cannot achieve

C++ along with other C programming languages is typically designed to create and maintain system and application programming, whereas Java is designed to create and maintain web, desktop and mobile applications.

* **Property of inheritance**

Another difference that separates C++ from Java is the property of inheritance. Property of inheritance is the process by which an object obtains all of the elements of its parent object.

As Java is an object-oriented programming language, it promotes users to reusing code for other projects. For this reason, Java incorporates the property of inheritance into its make up to ensure that code can be reused by future programmers.

As C++ is focused on procedures and functions, it does not need the same components as object-oriented programming languages and does not use the property of inheritance.

* **Declaration of variables**

Declaration of variables is the process by which a program assigns a name and data type to a variable. This allows compilers to allocate memory to that variable and store it for future use.

In C++ programming and other C languages, the declaration of variables takes place at the starting point of a block. In Java programming, declaration of variables is not limited to one area like in C++ and instead can take place anywhere.

* **Memory allocation**

Memory allocation is the idea that computer programs and applications are provided with a certain amount of space for memorizing important program features.

In C++ programming the (malloc()) function completes memory allocation, whereas in Java programming a new keyword completes memory allocation. This means that memory allocation in Java is completed much faster than in C++ programming.

* **Portability**

In programming, portability can be defined as any instance when a program can run on multiple different operating systems or hardware devices. C++ is not portable, meaning it would take time to install it as part of another system, while Java is portable, meaning that it can be easily applied to a system with little-to-no effort.

* **Exception handling**

Exception handling is the process by which a programming system is or is not able to apply an adequate response to incidents where an unusual process is required to continue the normal workflow.

C++ programming cannot directly support exception handling, whereas Java does support exception handling without disruption to its normal workflow.

* **Threading**

Threading or thread of execution is the ability for a programming system to separate itself into simultaneous running tasks, and they use up fewer resources when compared to processes.

C++ programming does not support threading, whereas Java does support threading as a part of its programming components.

* **Method overloading**

Method overloading, also called function overloading, is when a program can create more than one function that has the same name but different implementations.C++ does not support method overloading, whereas Java does support it. This is important, as Java's ability to apply method overloading means that programmers can obtain better code readability.

* **Method of approach**

Method of approach refers to how a program is written (coded).

C++ programming uses a top-down approach, meaning that it focuses on the overall system first, before identifying and reworking the subsystems that make up the system in its entirety. In contrast, Java uses a bottom-up approach. This approach focuses on writing the individual subsystems first before building on them to create a more complex system.

* **Keywords**

Two factors differentiate C++ and Java from one another in relation to keywords. The number they use, and their support or lack-there-of, of virtual keywords.

Keywords also called reserved names, are words that a programming system labels as reserved. They act as commands or guidelines for the program and its functions. It is important that programs label keywords as they cannot be used in variable names. C++ programming has 32 whereas Java programming has 50 keywords.

Virtual keywords are important because they are used to change or override a declaration, method or property that has previously been applied to a system. C++ supports virtual keywords, whereas Java does not support virtual keywords, this is because Java already uses virtual methods as its default.

**6. Why Java is platform independent?**

Java is a platform-independent and object-oriented programming language similar to C++ with some advancement in feature and simplification in use. It was developed by James Gosling with his team including Mike Sheridan and Patrick Naughton in the year 1995 for SunMicrosystem who released it.

**7. What are wrapper classes in Java?**

A Wrapper class is a class whose object wraps or contains primitive data types. When we create an object to a wrapper class, it contains a field and in this field, we can store primitive data types. In other words, we can wrap a primitive value into a wrapper class object.

**8. Why pointers are not used in Java?**

So overall **Java** doesn't have **pointers** (in the C/C++ sense) because it doesn't need them for general purpose OOP programming. Furthermore, adding **pointers** to **Java** would undermine security and robustness and make the language more complex.

**9. List some features of Java?**

Linking

JShell: the interactive **Java** REPL

Improved Javadoc

Collection factory methods

Stream API improvements

Private interface methods

HTTP/2

**10. Why is Java Architectural Neutral?**

**Java is architecture neutral** because there are no implementation dependent features, for example, the size of primitive types is fixed. In C programming, int data type occupies 2 bytes of memory for 32-bit **architecture** and 4 bytes of memory for 64-bit **architecture**.

**11. How Java enabled High Performance?**

**Java** uses Just-In-Time compiler to **enable high performance**. Just-In-Time compiler is a program that turns **Java** byte code, which is a program that contains instructions that must be interpreted into instructions that can be sent directly to the processor.

**12. Why Java is considered dynamic?**

**Java is considered dynamic** because of Byte code. The source code which is written in one platform that code can be executed in any platform. It loads the class file during runtime only. Hence, anything that happens in runtime is **dynamic.**

**13. What is Java Virtual Machine and how it is considered in context of Java’s platform independent feature?**

Java Virtual Machine (JVM) is a specification that provides runtime environment in which java bytecode(. class files) can be executed. The JVM is the platform. ... JVM makes this possible because it is aware of the specific instruction lengths and other particularities of the platform (Operating System).

**14. List two Java IDE’s?**

The following are the best Java IDEs that are mostly used in the world:

* Eclipse
* NetBeans
* IntelliJ IDEA
* BlueJ
* JCreator
* JDeveloper
* MyEclipse
* Greenfoot
* DrJava
* Xcode
* Codenvy

**15. Why Java is called as “Platform”?**

Platform is a software and hardware programs that runs. JAVA is platform independent because it having its own JVM so that it can run on any platform. Java is platform independent, which means once written you can run it anywhere. The platform is a hardware or software used to run an application.

**16. Is Java Pure-Object oriented Language?**

Java is not a pure object oriented language because it supports Primitive data type such as int, byte, long... etc, to be used, which are not objects. Contrast with a pure OOP language like Smalltalk, where there are no primitive types, and boolean, int and methods are all objects. ... All user defined types are objects.

Java language is not a Pure Object Oriented Language as it contain these properties: Primitive Data Type ex. ... In Smalltalk, primitive values such as integers, booleans and characters are also objects. In Java, we have predefined types as non-objects (primitive types).

**17. Which version of java have u learned? Name some of the new features added to it.**

Oracle released a new version of Java as Java 8 in March 18, 2014. It was a revolutionary release of the Java for software development platform. It includes various upgrades to the Java programming, JVM, Tools and libraries.

Java 8 provides following features for Java Programming:

* Lambda expressions,
* Method references,
* Functional interfaces,
* Stream API,
* Default methods,
* Base64 Encode Decode,
* Static methods in interface,
* Optional class,
* Collectors class,
* ForEach() method,
* Parallel array sorting,
* Nashorn JavaScript Engine,
* Parallel Array Sorting,
* Type and Repating Annotations,
* IO Enhancements,
* Concurrency Enhancements,
* JDBC Enhancements etc.

**18. What gives Java its 'write once and run anywhere' nature?**

The "Write Once, Run Everywhere" slogan refers to the fact that an application written is Java can be run on any hardware which has the Java Virtual Machine (JVM), and that the JVM is now licensed to hundreds of operating systems vendors systems including Microsoft for Windows.

**19. Difference between path and classpath.**

Let us clear the difference in points:

PATH

a) An environment variable which is used by the operating system to find the executables.

b) PATH is nothing but setting up an environment for operating system. Operating System will look in this PATH for executables.

c) Refers to the system

CLASSPATH

a) An environment variable which is used by the Java compiler to find the path, of classes i.e in J2EE we give the path of jar files.

b) Classpath is nothing but setting up the environment for Java. Java will use to find compiled classes.

c) Refers to the Developing Enviornment.

**20. What is the signature of main function in java?**

The method signature for the main() method contains three modifiers: public indicates that the main() method can be called by any object. static indicates that the main() method is a class method. void indicates that the main() method has no return value.

Void keyword acknowledges the compiler that main() method does not return any value. main(): It is a default signature which is predefined in the JVM. It is called by JVM to execute a program line by line and end the execution after completion of this method. We can also overload the main() method.

**21. What is the difference between JDK and JRE?**

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JDK includes the JRE plus command-line development tools such as compilers and debuggers that are necessary or useful for developing applets and applications. JRE is basically the Java Virtual Machine where your Java programs run on. JDK is an abstract machine.

**22. What is JVM ? What it does?**

A Java virtual machine (JVM) is a virtual machine that enables a computer to run Java programs as well as programs written in other languages that are also compiled to Java bytecode. ... The JVM reference implementation is developed by the OpenJDK project as open source code and includes a JIT compiler called HotSpot.

The JVM has two primary functions: to allow Java programs to run on any device or operating system (known as the "Write once, run anywhere" principle), and to manage and optimize program memory.

**23. Why JVM is called as “virtual machine”?**

The JVM is "virtual" because it is generally implemented in software on top of a "real" hardware platform and operating system. All Java programs are compiled for the JVM. Therefore, the JVM must be implemented on a particular platform before compiled Java programs will run on that platform.

**24. What are the main components of JVM? Explain them. Or Explain JVM Architecture?**

It performs three major functions viz. Loading, Linking, and Initialization. JVM Method Area stores class structures like metadata, the constant runtime pool, and the code for methods. All the Objects, their related instance variables, and arrays are stored in the heap.

Java Virtual Machine (JVM) is a engine that provides runtime environment to drive the Java Code or applications. It converts Java bytecode into machines language. JVM is a part of Java Run Environment (JRE). In other programming languages, the compiler produces machine code for a particular system.

**25. What is the difference between Java compiler (javac) and JIT ?**

When compiling a java program, the static compiler that is run using the command javac converts the source code to byte code which are in the form of . class files. ... JIT compiles the code when it is needed but not before runtime.

**26. Is Empty .java file name a valid source file name?**

Since, you cannot leave class name empty as well as you can't also change its name to any other since it is public. ... If you write a file in Java which is already present in the location, it will be overwritten automatically. Unless you are writing to that file with an append flag set to True.

**27. Is JRE different for different Platforms?**

Whenever we try to run the code, JVM requires some library set and files for code execution and these files are presented in JRE. JRE = JVM + set of libraries. ... JRE is also platform dependent. That means we have different JRE versions for different platforms.

**28. Difference between C++ and java in terms of object creation.**

C++ supports manual object management with the help of new and delete keywords whereas Java has built-in automatic garbage collection. C++ supports structures whereas Java doesn't supports structures. C++ supports unions while Java doesn't support unions.

**29. Who invokes main() function?**

In 'C', the "main" function is called by the operating system when the user runs the program and it is treated the same way as every function, it has a return type. Although you can call the main() function within itself and it is called recursion.

**30. What is .class file known as?**

 A Java class file is a file (with the . class filename extension) containing Java bytecode that can be executed on the Java Virtual Machine (JVM). A Java class file is usually produced by a Java compiler from Java programming language source files.

**31. Can we define more than one public class in a java source code? What is the rule of public class and file name?**

No, while defining multiple classes in a single Java file you need to make sure that only one class among them is public. If you have more than one public classes a single file a compile-time error will be generated.

**32. What is JIT compiler?**

The Just-In-Time (JIT) compiler is a component of the runtime environment that improves the performance of Java™ applications by compiling bytecodes to native machine code at run time. ... The JIT compiler helps improve the performance of Java programs by compiling bytecodes into native machine code at run time.

**33. How many types of memory areas are allocated by JVM?**

The memory in the JVM divided into 5 different parts:

* Class(Method) Area.
* Heap.
* Stack.
* Program Counter Register.
* Native Method Stack.

**34. What is the rule for local member in java?**

Local variables cannot use any of the access level since their scope is only inside the method. Final is the Only Non Access Modifier that can be applied to a local variable. Local variables are not assigned a default value, hence they need to be initialized.

**35. What are the various access specifiers in Java?**

Access Specifiers in Java | Access Modifiers

* Public Access Specifier.
* Protected Access Specifier.
* Default Access Specifier.
* Private Access Specifiers.

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**37. What is native code?**

Native code is computer programming (code) that is compiled to run with a particular processor (such as an Intel x86-class processor) and its set of instructions. ... Java bytecode and Microsoft's Intermediate Language can be compiled into native code before execution by a just-in-time compiler for faster performance.

**38. Why there is no sizeof operator in java?**

Because the size of primitive types is explicitly mandated by the Java language. There is no variance between JVM implementations. Moreover, since allocation is done by the new operator depending on its argument there is no need to specify the amount of memory needed.

**39. What kinds of programs u can develop using Java?**

* Mobile Applications
* Desktop GUI Applications
* Web-based Applications
* Enterprise Applications
* Scientific Applications
* Gaming Applications
* Big Data technologies
* Business Applications
* Distributed Applications
* Cloud-based Applications

**40. You have reference type as a member of class. What is the default value it gets?**

‘null’

The default value of a reference type variable is null when they are not initialized. Null means not refering to any object.

**41. What is the job done by classloader?**

The Java ClassLoader is a part of the Java Runtime Environment that dynamically loads Java classes into the Java Virtual Machine. The Java run time system does not need to know about files and file systems because of classloaders. Java classes aren't loaded into memory all at once, but when required by an application.

**42. Explain the hierarchy of classloaders in java.**

ClassLoader is hierarchical in loading a class into memory. Whenever a request is raised to load a class, it delegates it to the parent classloader. This is how uniqueness is maintained in the runtime environment. If the parent class loader doesn’t find the class then the class loader itself tries to load the class.

**43. What is the role played by Bytecode Verifier?**

The bytecode verifier acts as a sort of gatekeeper: it ensures that code passed to the Java interpreter is in a fit state to be executed and can run without fear of breaking the Java interpreter. Imported code is not allowed to execute by any means until after it has passed the verifier's tests.

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* Stack.
* Program Counter Register.
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Heap − Runtime storage allocation for objects (reference types). Stack − Storage for local variables and partial results. A stack contains frames and allocates one for each thread. ... Native method stacks − It contains all the native methods used by the application.

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**46. When parseInt() method can be used?**

The Integer. parseInt() java method is used primarily in parsing a String method argument into an Integer object. The Integer object is a wrapper class for the int primitive data type of java API.

 Convert a string to an integer with the parseInt method of the Java Integer class. The parseInt method is to convert the String to an int and throws a NumberFormatException if the string cannot be converted to an int type.

**47. What is finalized() method ?**

Finalize() is the method of Object class. This method is called just before an object is garbage collected. finalize() method overrides to dispose system resources, perform clean-up activities and minimize memory leaks.

The finalize() method of Object class is a method that the Garbage Collector always calls just before the deletion/destroying the object which is eligible for Garbage Collection, so as to perform clean-up activity.

**48. Difference between C++ pointer and Java reference.**

Reference: A reference is a variable that refers to something else and can be used as an alias for that something else. ... Pointers are a particular implementation of the concept of a reference, and the term tends to be used only for languages that give you direct access to the memory address. References are used to refer an existing variable in another name whereas pointers are used to store address of variable. References cannot have a null value assigned but pointer can. A reference variable can be referenced by pass by value whereas a pointer can be referenced by pass by reference.

**49. You have reference type as a member of class. What is the default value it gets?**

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**50. What are the expressions allowed in switch block of java?**

A switch works with the byte , short , char , and int primitive data types. It also works with enumerated types (discussed in Enum Types), the String class, and a few special classes that wrap certain primitive types: Character , Byte , Short , and Integer (discussed in Numbers and Strings).