1. What is Maven?

Maven is an open-source build automation and project management tool for Java applications. It simplifies compilation, packaging, testing, and deployment through a standardized approach.

2. How Does Maven Work?

- Manages dependencies by downloading necessary JAR files.
- Uses pom.xml (Project Object Model) for configuration.
- Automates software development life cycle (compile \rightarrow test \rightarrow package \rightarrow deploy).

3. Maven in DevOps

- Maven is useful in DevOps when:
- A project has many dependencies.
- Dependencies require frequent updates.
- Fast compilation and packaging (JAR/WAR/EAR) are needed.

4. Types of Applications:

- WAR Web applications
- JAR Java applications
- EAR Enterprise applications

Limitation: Supports only Java-based applications.

5. Maven Repositories

- Central Repository Public repository for dependencies.
- Remote Repository Hosted by organizations for internal use.
- Local Repository Cached dependencies on a developer's system.

6. Maven Life Cycle

Maven follows 3 stages with 7 build steps:

Stages:

Default – compile, validate, test, package, verify

Clean – pre-clean, clean, post-clean

Site - pre-site, site, post-site

Steps:

Validate – Ensures all dependencies exist.

Compile – Converts source code into bytecode.

Test – Runs JUnit test cases.

Package – Creates JAR/WAR files.

Verify – Checks for errors.

Install – Saves the package in the local repository.

Deploy – Uploads the package to a remote repository.

7. Maven vs. ANT

| Feature | Maven | ANT |
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| Туре | Build automation & project management tool | Build automation tool only |
| Configuration File | pom.xml (Project Object Model) | build.xml |
| Dependency Management | Yes, handles automatically | No, manual handling required |
| Life Cycle | Yes, follows a predefined lifecycle | No lifecycle, tasks are scripted |
| Build Process | Convention over configuration (standardized) | Requires custom scripting |
| Learning Curve | Easier due to predefined structure | Harder due to manual configurations |
| Plugins Support | Yes, many built-in plugins | Limited plugins support |
| Test Integration | Supports JUnit/TestNG for automated testing | No built-in testing support |
| Usage | Preferred for large-scale Java projects | Used for simple build automation |
| Speed | Faster due to lifecycle automation | Slower due to manual scripting |

Apache ANT: An older build tool that lacks dependency management and lifecycle support.

8. Maven Commands & Compilation

How to Compile Maven in Linux:

Connect to EC2 instance.

Install Java, Git, and Maven.

Run:

sh

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mvn clean package

9.Common Maven Commands:

mvn clean - Deletes compiled files.

mvn compile – Compiles the source code.

mvn package - Creates JAR/WAR files.

mvn install – Installs the package in the local repository.

10. Uses of Maven

- Automates project builds.
- implifies dependency management.
- standardizes the development process.