# Developing Software (SCQF level 8)\_ J6V1 48

Before we start - Let's discuss fair use of AI software

Tip! - I used AI to generate some of your the guidelines.

I have no problem with you using a similar tool as a research technique.

HOWEVER- You must then extrapolate and combine this with other research so that your answer reflects your own understanding and is refactored into your own wording.

Obviously, It can be an extremely useful tool for grasping and enhancing your understanding of theory (and will be a valid tool to utilise in the workplace - It would therefore be ridiculous to ignore its potential).

Similarly, it can be used to perhaps give you an example of a code snippet if you are struggling with a particularly tricky concept but should not be used to generate entire passages of your code.

ie: you might ask it to show me an example of how to establish a JDBC connection to a MySQL database. This will give you a guideline example from which you can interpret and adapt — to make your own connection to your own database.

So, "DO NOT" try to pass off Al generated text or code samples as your own work this will not reflect your own understanding, is actually quite easy to detect and could result in you losing your apprenticeship.

Here is what an alternative AI software though of my answer -

Yes, the answer provided appears to have been generated by Al software!

YOU MAY FREELY QUOTE FROM AI GENERATED ANSWERS and discuss the relevance of the information you have researched

YOU MUST, HOWEVER, REFERENCE THE AI SITE AND DATE OF USE.

# **Performance Requirements**

1. Selecting and applying software development paradigms relevant to the end user context.

So, quite a big question - tricky! Lol - Here is how I would tackle it:

# Guidelines first think what is a software paradigm?

A software development paradigm is a methodology used to structure and define how we approach software development. Some of the more common paradigms are listed below. (fuller list at bottom)

- Procedural
- Event Driven
- Object-Oriented
- Functional

I would research each one to a point that I feel I have a good grasp of each concept.

Then think how are these relevant to the end user?

Are we programming a washing machine with a tiny amount of memory (procedural), building an interactive web-site with lots of buttons and drop down lists (event-driven), describing a complex business logic (object-oriented) or streaming & filtering huge amounts of data (functional).

# Now think what are end user contexts?

End user contexts are the scenarios and environments in which the end users interact with the given software system. (goals, tasks, preferences, devices, and environment)

So your task is to write a decent paragraph (approx 150-200 words) explaining some of the available paradigms and why we might choose one over the other given different user contexts. You should include a captioned screenshot of one of the web-sites you have used for your research. The caption should explain the relevance of the screenshot to your answer and additionally reference it with the web-site address and date of research.



Caption - Above you can see an article on "Software Development Paradigms and Processes"

https://icarus.cs.weber.edu/~dab/cs1410/textbook/1.Basics/models.html as at 03/07/24

I have given you a list of common paradigms below, hopefully this helps.

# **List of common Paradigms:**

# Imperative Paradigm

A sequence of instructions that change the state of the system. C Language

# Procedural Paradigm

A subset of the imperative paradigm, focus is on capturing the steps of a procedure into functions or subroutines that are subject to procedure calls. procedural programming focuses on the concept of procedure calls. Pascal, Fortran

# Event-Driven Paradigm

This paradigm is centred around the concept of events and event handlers. It is commonly used in graphical user interfaces. JavaScript, Visual Basic

# Object-Oriented Paradigm

This paradigm is based on the concept of "objects," which are instances of classes that encapsulate data and behaviour. It promotes code reuse and modularity.

Java, C#, Java, Python

# Functional Paradigm

In this paradigm, Functional programming is a way of writing software where you build programs using pure functions. Functions always produce the same output for the same input and don't change any outside data, making your code easier to understand and maintain Haskell and Lisp

# 2. Developing effective user interfaces for the platform being developed.

**How to answer** - For our paragraph we could discuss how there are many ways to generate a graphic user interfaces for a Java application. (examples listed below).

Think what does the customer need and how should I implement that?

We should discuss considerations such as usability, intuitiveness, responsiveness(different shaped/sized devices), Accessibility(catering for disability), robustness, research of end user needs and preferences, aesthetics, cross compatibility (different OS's), wire-framing, prototyping and modelling, Documentation and help systems, user and engineer support, performance and security.

We could use "Play with GUI" that we did in class where we used WindowBuilder to generate a simple GUI. This could also provide our screenshots.

ie:

Caption - Above you can see that we have created a Java Application with a simple GUI implemented with WindowBuilder in Eclipse. WindowBuilder is a plugin that supports both Swing and SWT Libraries.

# List of some suggested methods/Libraries that we could provide a GUI:

JavaScript frameworks are collections of pre-written JavaScript code that provide developers with a structured and efficient way to build web applications. They offer reusable components and tools to streamline development, enforce best practices, and enhance productivity. (examples incl React, Angular, Vue.js etc)

JSP & Servlets: Servlets are Java classes that extend the capabilities of servers that host applications accessed via an HTML request-response model. JSP is a technology that allows developers to create dynamically generated web pages based on HTML, XML, or other document types. JSP pages are essentially HTML pages with embedded Java code

Swing: A part of Java Foundation Classes (JFC), Swing is a widely used GUI toolkit that provides a rich set of widgets and packages to create sophisticated GUI components. It's platform-independent and lightweight.

JavaFX: This is the modern way to create rich internet applications with a lightweight user interface API. JavaFX provides a more modern and flexible approach compared to Swing and includes features like property binding and CSS styling.

Abstract Window Toolkit (AWT): The original Java GUI toolkit, AWT is platform-dependent and provides basic GUI components. It's less commonly used today but still relevant for simpler applications.

SWT (Standard Widget Toolkit): Developed by IBM, SWT uses native OS components for rendering, which can result in a more native look and feel. It's commonly used with the Eclipse IDE2.

WindowBuilder: An Eclipse plugin that allows you to design GUI applications visually. It supports both Swing and SWT, making it easier to create and manage GUI components.

NetBeans GUI Builder (formerly known as Project Matisse): A powerful tool integrated into the NetBeans IDE that allows you to design GUIs by dragging and dropping components.

JFormDesigner: A commercial GUI designer for Java Swing, it provides a WYSIWYG (What You See Is What You Get) editor and supports various layout managers.

Scene Builder: A visual layout tool for JavaFX applications. It allows you to design user interfaces without writing any code and integrates seamlessly with JavaFX5.

# 3. Writing good quality code (logic) with sound syntax.

### How to answer

Firstly the importance of well commented code when working in a team environment

Making full use of the IDE and the available automatic tools for generating code – (Intellisense (colour coding, auto completion, hover-over, parameter info, error detection) All help the coder write better code.

Eclipse has "Source" and "Refactor" tools built in that allow you to auto generate Constructors and Getters & Setters, rename elements and auto update the references to that element.

IDE Debugging tools.

Making use of tools like Maven or Gradle to update the project dependencies

Using repositories like Git Hub that can be integrated with the IDE and manage team sharing and version control

We could discuss OOP principles the use of Java Design Patterns reusable tried and tested patterns for solving common issues.

We could discuss TDD Test driven development where we write the tests first and then implement the code to verify the test. (Still to cover but you could research the basic principles)

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* But first let's deal with the XML file supplied by Burgers R_US

* Public class XMLParser {

* private static final String Burgers R_US FILENAME = "/home/watso/eclipse Workspace_JEEE/Parsers/src/com/J1ggy/Menu.xml"; //THIS LINE JUST SETS THE XML FILENAME TO A VA

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** Important - An XIS attack occurs when untrusted XML input with a reference to an external entity is processed by a weakly configured XML parser,

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** 1 - A denial of service attack on the system

** 2 - A Server Side Request Forgery (SSRF) attack

** 3 - The ability to scan ports from the machine where the parser is located

** // Parse XML file

** //
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Caption – Above you can see that my code is thoroughly commented. This is to ensure that any other team member who has to pick up the project will be quickly able to understand my implementation. The picture also shows that the IDE's Intellisense has colour coded each line of code appropriately. (any well commented code snippet will do for screenshot)

# 4. Linking code to databases and data sets to provide access to data stores.

### How to answer

Add two screenshots from the DBConnect we covered in class



Caption - Here you can see I have created a MySQL database called "students\_db" with a students table. Screenshot from MySQLWorkbench GUI.

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➡ JavaDesignPatterns_Singleton [QA master]

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    try{
        Connection c = DriverManager.getConnection("jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/students_db","watso","gww22");
        System.out.println("Connection Good!");
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pstat.setNString(2, "Jacob");
pstat.setNString(3, "Cracker"
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√ I src/main/java

                                                                          pstat.executeUpdate();
System.out.println("successful Update");

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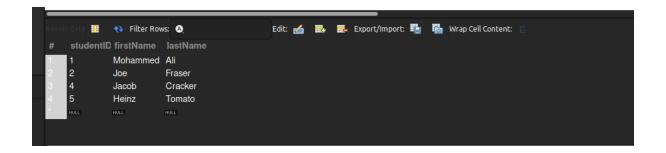
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Caption – Here you can see a screenshot of the "myDbConnection" class which makes a connection to the database and executes a prepared statement to add a student to the table.

For the paragraph discuss what each line in the "myDbConnection class is doing.

The class Listing – Explain each line of code

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import java.sql.*;
public class MyDbConnection {
      public static void main(String[] args) {
            try{
            Connection c =
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o", "gww22");
            System.out.println("Connection Good!");
            PreparedStatement pstat = c.prepareStatement("insert into
students values(?,?,?)");
            pstat.setNString(1, "5");
            pstat.setNString(2, "Heinz");
            pstat.setNString(3, "Tomato");
            pstat.executeUpdate();
            System.out.println("successful Update");
            }catch(Exception e) {System.out.println("Error connecting to
Database" );e.printStackTrace();}
      }
}
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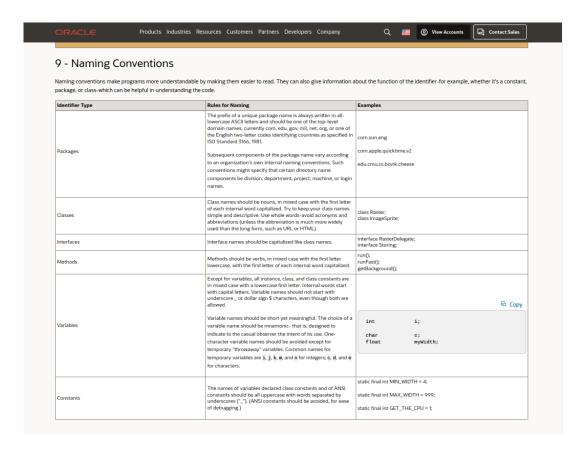
Caption - Here you can see student "Heinz Tomato" has been added to the database

 Applying agreed standards and tools to achieve wellengineered software including code. commenting, naming and layout.

# **How to answer**

Add a paragraph discussing the importance of consistency of code writing within a software development team. Discuss the importance of commenting and documenting your work. Write an example of a Java Class for a student with ID, first name, last name, age, Tel, e-mail, Address, Post code, courses and achievements. Think about appropriate data types for each field (You should remind yourself how to implement ArrayLists) Implement a Constructor with parameters and "Getters & Setters". Write a program that creates and instantiates one instance of your class and prints out the details using an overridden toString() method (remember to call super()). Comment each line of your code. Discuss your choices and the naming conventions you have used. Follow Oracles naming conventions throughout this exercise. (Link below)

Screenshot and Caption your Student Class



Caption - Here you can see Oracles Code Conventions for naming Java Elements

https://www.oracle.com/java/technologies/javase/codeconventionsnamingconventions.html as at 03/07/24

# Refactoring software to improve its structure, legibility, efficiency and reusability.

An example of refining our code might be replacing multiple "If else" statements with a "switch" statement.

Take your student class from the previous exercise and add a new **String** field called "funding". (Remember the getter & setter for funding)

We will use this new field and the "age" and "achievements" fields for an exercise in refactoring code.

# **Exercise:**

If a student instance is over 25 and they have "no" achievements then they should be funded by a "backToWrkGrant" otherwise they should be funded by a "studentLoan".

Using the following keywords:

- if to specify a block of code to be executed, if a specified condition is true
- **else** to specify a block of code to be executed, if the same condition is false
- **else if -** to specify a new condition to test, if the first condition is false

Re-implement your program to include a student instance (Andy Mann who is 26 and has no achievements) and a student instance (Abe Young who is 24 and has achieved "Html\_CSS\_JScript\_Module\_1")

Your program should use an adjusted "toString()" method to print out each students details.

Screenshot and caption your code showing both the code and your Console result.

The challenge is to now refactor your code so that you no longer make use of "**if else** constructs" but instead use a "**switch statement**" to make all the necessary checks.

Re-screenshot and caption your new refactored code showing both the code and your Console result.

Discuss your refactoring

# 7. Reviewing own software development activities to find and eliminate problems and identify productivity improvements.

### How to answer

Think of an example from your course work (or workplace) so far where you have either hit an issue, had to use the debugger, missed a library ... Anything that has stopped you in your tracks and that you have had to resolve. Write a paragraph discussing what the issue was, how you resolved it and what you might do differently.

Discuss your use of comments when you review some work which you haven't looked at for a few weeks ... Are your comments strong enough?

Have you researched the technologies such as GitHub or Maven that help you configure your project set up or dependencies, store, share and version control your code? Discuss your experiences.

Create a GitHub Account and practice tracking your work

You have access to QA online content to enhance your learning.

https://cloudacademy.com/login

Java Servlet Technology in Java EE 7 Lesson (qa.com) QA content

Does your employer help review your work? Discuss that experience.

Do you attend "Scrum" meetings or review meetings at your work?

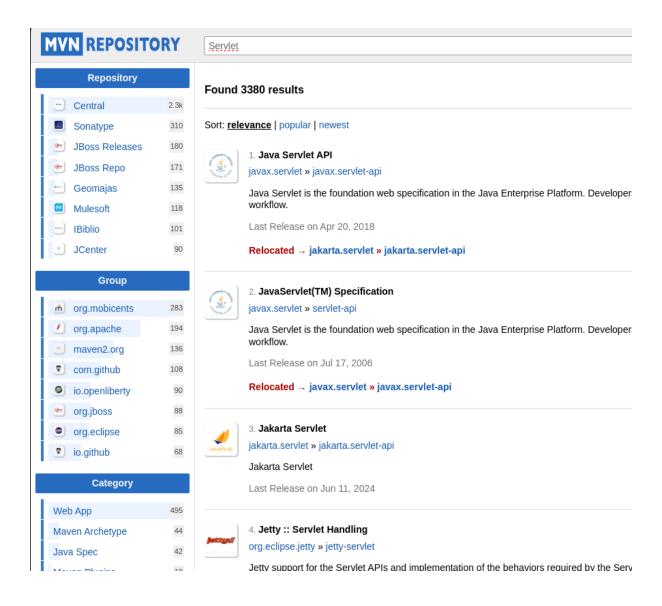
# **Optional**

Try creating a Maven project – using your research resources and see if you can add the dependencies you need from the Maven Repository <a href="https://mvnrepository.com">https://mvnrepository.com</a>

To do this choose an area of research such as Servlets and JSP.

There are lots of short courses freely available on YouTube that can provide "alternative takes" or just a fun challenge if you have the spare time. I thought this one was quite good - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?">https://www.youtube.com/watch?</a> v=b42Cl0r-1to&list=PLE0F6C1917A427E96

How good an experience do you get from pushing yourself to research & self learn?



Caption - Above you can see the Maven Repository where I am searching for a Java Servlet API. The Maven Repository is "a standard way to build the projects, a clear definition of what the project consisted of, an easy way to publish project information, and a way to share JARs across several projects".Quoted from <a href="https://maven.apache.org/what-is-maven.html">https://maven.apache.org/what-is-maven.html</a>

# 8. Collaborating with others in work reviews to support improvements to the software development processes adopted.

Group project – We will split the class into groups (of approx 4).

You can decide amongst yourselves how you wish to communicate – WhatsApp, Teams, email etc. Each group should elect a Project Manager who will set up the communications and monitor the the input. You should create a GitHub group repository shared for each member.

The Project itself will be to create a database driven course enrolment system where students and tutors can create an account.

We can create a Course(courseID ,name, price and departmentID)

We can enrol a Student(studentID, firstName, lastName, enrolmentDate, Email, houseNo, postcode, pin)

Items can be added to a cart(cartID, StudentID, courseID, orderDate)

Relationships

A student can have many cartItems but a cartItem is associated with one student.

...a course can be associated with many cartItems but a cartItem can only be one course

(Nb: It should not actually be published on line but should run on a Tomcat Web-Server using Servlets & JSPs)

The business logic will be to display a Login or redirect to a Register page.

If Login is successful start a Session and display the courses.

Else Register – create a student notify them of their pin and redirect to Login

The courses should display as a table and allow the students to filter & sort the table. They should also be able to select a course and add/remove it to/from their cart.

Build a schedule and agree on meeting times.

Decide on an approach - Waterfall, Agile, Scrum etc

Jointly research Servlets and JSPs.

# Java Servlet Technology in Java EE 7 Lesson (qa.com)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b42CJ0r-1to&list=PLE0F6C1917A427E96

Create an Entity Relationship Diagram for your database.

Model the graphic user interfaces for approval.

Create a set of UML Diagrams to model the system requirements.

Delegate tasks between Team members setting appropriate timescales.

Track the teams progress – keeping records of who has done what and by when. This can be an Excel spreadsheet showing a breakdown of tasks, estimated and actual completion times of each task and the responsible person for each task.

Please report back to your tutor if anyone is not pulling their weight at the earliest opportunity. We can then approach them and try to resolve any issues as quickly as possible so that this is not detrimental to team progress. In extreme circumstances we may remove a team member.

The final submittal of evidence should include all your modelling diagrams, a full code listing, A project tracking record as described and a demonstration video of one of the candidates using all of the features of the software. This can be as simple as a video recoded on a phone. We

can use any suitable free video editor such as <a href="https://www.wevideo.com">https://www.wevideo.com</a>
to tidy this up. If you require assistance with this step please request through your assessor.

Finally – Research and produce a set of support documentation for your project. Include a bibliography of all research books, websites etc used by the team whilst carrying out your research or to aid in resolving/improving your code.

Nb: FEEL FREE TO INVITE YOUR TUTOR TO YOUR MEETING \_ IF I CAN ATTEND I WILL ENDEAVOUR TO HELP:D

Using third party integration tools (screen scraping data and integrating to other systems) to capture, reformat and display data more conveniently.

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10. Staging and deploying validated code into live enterprise environments.

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11. Debugging code and applying structured techniques to problem solving.

## How to answer -

Write a small app of your own choice introduce an issue (perhaps out of index on an array) capture screenshots of the issue using the debugger provided in Eclipse. Fix your code with the use of Error Handling (Try catch) provide screenshots and a paragraph explaining how you used the debugger to resolve the problem

# **Suggested research video:**

https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?

# 12. Describe how to read and write technical software documentation.

### How to answer -

Discuss internal and external documentation Watch the following video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9TuKt5G4MVo

Implement some JavaDocs for one of your code samples – screen shot and describe the difference between Internal and External Documentation and the importance and benefits.

# External User manual API specification Software design notes Internal Single-line comments Multi-line comments JavaDoc

# 13. Describe the SDLC software Development Life Cycle and each of its stages

## How to answer -

Information covered by course slides See - "Software Developer Level 8 Designing Software Day 1"

# 14. Discuss some of the Range of development tools available and how you have used them.

How to answer -

# **DEFER FOR NOW -**

Over the course of the year will will be using a number of software tools and plug-ins including the Eclipse IDE, Junit, WindowBuilder, Selenium Webdriver, JDBC drivers, MySql, Maven, Git-Hub, Servlets, JSP, SpringBoot, Visual Paradigm etc... I think this question is therefore best answered towards the end of the course.

15. Discuss Industry standard software and web design and accessibility frameworks and guidelines and how to apply them, including those from W3C (world wide web consortium).

**How to answer - Research** (Sample answer below to be replaced with own version)

The World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) plays a crucial role in establishing these standards. W3C's Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) provide a set of recommendations for making web content more accessible to people with disabilities. To apply these guidelines effectively, designers and developers should consider factors such as providing alternative text for images, ensuring proper heading structures for screen readers, implementing keyboard navigation, and maintaining colour contrast for readability. Additionally, utilizing responsive design principles ensures websites are accessible across various devices. By following these industry standards and guidelines, developers can create software and websites that are not only visually appealing but also functional for all users, including those with disabilities.

## ONCE YOU HAVE ALL YOUR ANSWERS COMPLETED

PLEASE NOW CHECK YOUR ANSWERS AGAINST THE MAPPINGS BELOW TO ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE COVERED ALL THE EXPECTED KNOWLEDGE CRITERIA IN GIVING YOUR ANSWERS – I HAVE TRIED TO INDICATE WHERE WE WOULD EXPECT YOU TO HAVE COVERED THESE IN YOUR ANSWERS, HOWEVER, IF YOU FEEL YOU ARE MISSING ANYTHING PLEASE TRY TO REVISIT THE QUESTION AND APPEND A COUPLE OF LINES TO COVER YOURSELF>

# **Knowledge and understanding**

- 1. How to review software requirements and design specifications.
  - (covered by Q1)
- 2. How to read and write technical software documentation.
  - (covered by Q12)
- 3. The software development lifecycle.
  - (covered by Q13)
- 4. How to operate at all stages of the software development lifecycle.
  - (covered by Designing Software (SCQF level 8)\_J6TY48 module see separate essay)
- 5. Good practice approaches for the relevant software development paradigm, including object oriented, event driven or procedural.
  - (covered by Q1)
- 6. How to develop software for web, mobile and fixed platforms.
  - (covered by Q2)
- 7. The range of development tools available and how to use them.
  - (covered by Q2 & Q14)
- 8. How to produce software code directly using a command line editor.
  - Covered in class by Lab (A Guide to Running a Java Application From The Command Line Software Level 8)

Follow Lab guide and paste in captioned screenshot

- 9. Industry standard software and web design and accessibility frameworks and guidelines and how to apply them, including those from W3C (world wide web consortium).
  - (covered by Q15)
- 10. How to implement unit testing at each stage of software development.
  - (covered by Providing Software Testing and Assurance | 16VA 48 module |
- 11. How to develop software using industry standard software languages, and development environments and tools.
  - (covered in detail across 3 modules -
- Designing Software (SCQF level 8)\_J6TY48 module
- Developing Software (SCQF level 8) J6V1 48
- Providing Software Testing and Assurance\_ J6VA 48 )

- 12. How to resolve software development problems through online research to find solutions.
  - (covered by Group Project Q8)
- 13. How to design, build and interface with databases to provide data creation, updating and deletion functions.
  - (covered by Group Project Q4)
- 14. How teams work effectively to produce software.
  - (covered by Q8 & the Group Project Designing Software (SCQF level 8)\_J6TY48 module)
- 15. The importance of considering different approaches and tools including cost and efficiency.

(covered in detail across 3 modules -

- Designing Software (SCQF level 8) J6TY48 module
- Developing Software (SCQF level 8) J6V1 48
- Providing Software Testing and Assurance J6VA 48 )