

# Java Interview Questions and Answers

Last Updated : 22 Nov, 2025

Java is the most used language in top companies such as Uber, Airbnb, Google, Netflix, Instagram, Spotify, Amazon and many more because of its features and performance. In this article, we will provide 200+ Core Java Interview Questions tailored for both freshers and experienced professionals.

## Java Interview questions for Freshers

### 1. Is Java Platform Independent if then how?

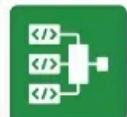
Yes, Java is a Platform Independent language. Unlike many programming languages javac compiles the program to form a bytecode or .class file. This file is independent of the software or hardware running but needs a JVM(Java Virtual Machine) file preinstalled in the operating system for further execution of the bytecode.

Although **JVM** is **platform dependent**, the bytecode can be created on any System and can be executed in any other system despite hardware or software being used which makes Java platform independent.

### 2. What are the top Java Features?

Java is one the most famous and most used language in the real world, there are many features in Java that makes it better than any other language some of them are mentioned below:

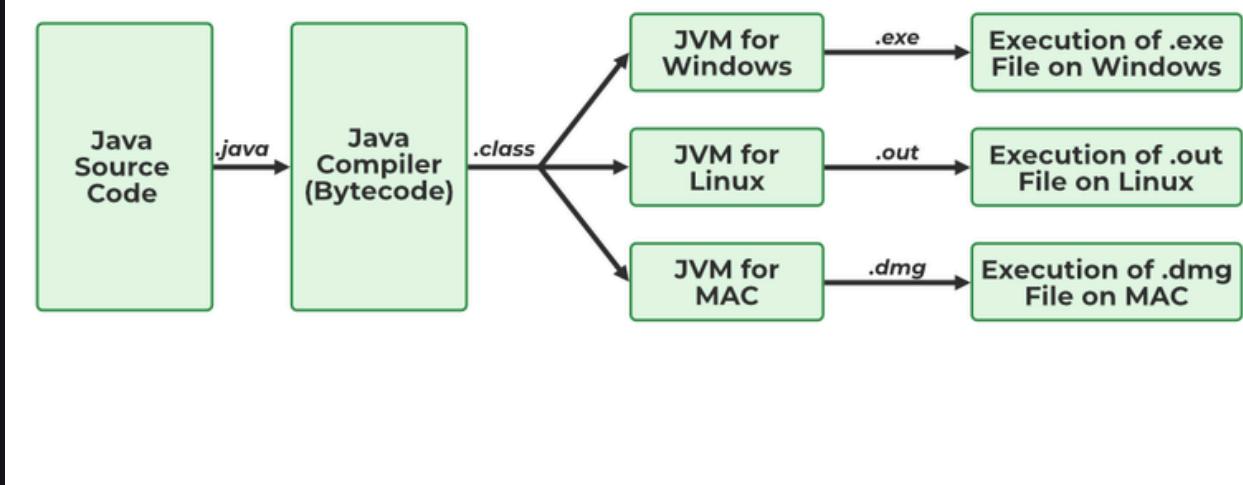
# Features of Java

	Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)		Platform Independence
	Robust and Secure		Multithreading and Concurrency
	Rich API and Standard Libraries		Frameworks for Enterprise and Web Development
	Open-Source Libraries		Maintainability and Scalability

*Features of Java*

- **Simple:** Java is quite simple to understand and the syntax
- **Platform Independent:** Java is platform independent means we can run the same program in any software and hardware and will get the same result.
- **Interpreted:** Java is interpreted as well as a compiler-based language.
- **Robust:** features like Garbage collection, exception handling, etc that make the language robust.
- **Object-Oriented:** Java is an object-oriented language that supports the concepts of class, objects, four pillars of OOPS, etc.
- **Secured:** As we can directly share an application with the user without sharing the actual program makes Java a secure language.
- **High Performance:** faster than other traditional interpreted programming languages.
- **Dynamic:** supports dynamic loading of classes and interfaces.
- **Distributed:** feature of Java makes us able to access files by calling the methods from any machine connected.
- **Multithreaded:** deal with multiple tasks at once by defining multiple threads
- **Architecture Neutral:** it is not dependent on the architecture.

## 3. What is JVM?

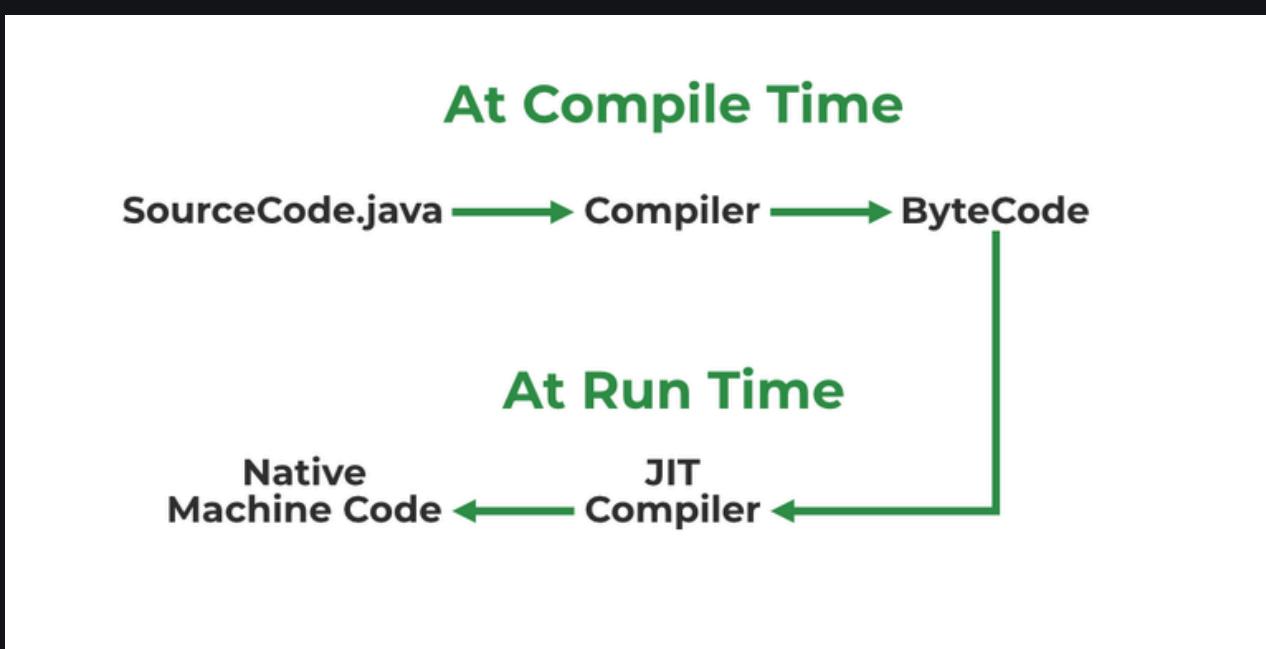


JVM

- JVM stands for Java Virtual Machine it is a Java interpreter. It is responsible for loading, verifying, and executing the bytecode created in Java.
- Although it is platform dependent which means the software of JVM is different for different Operating Systems it plays a vital role in making Java platform Independent.

To know more about the topic refer to [JVM in Java](#).

#### 4. What is JIT?



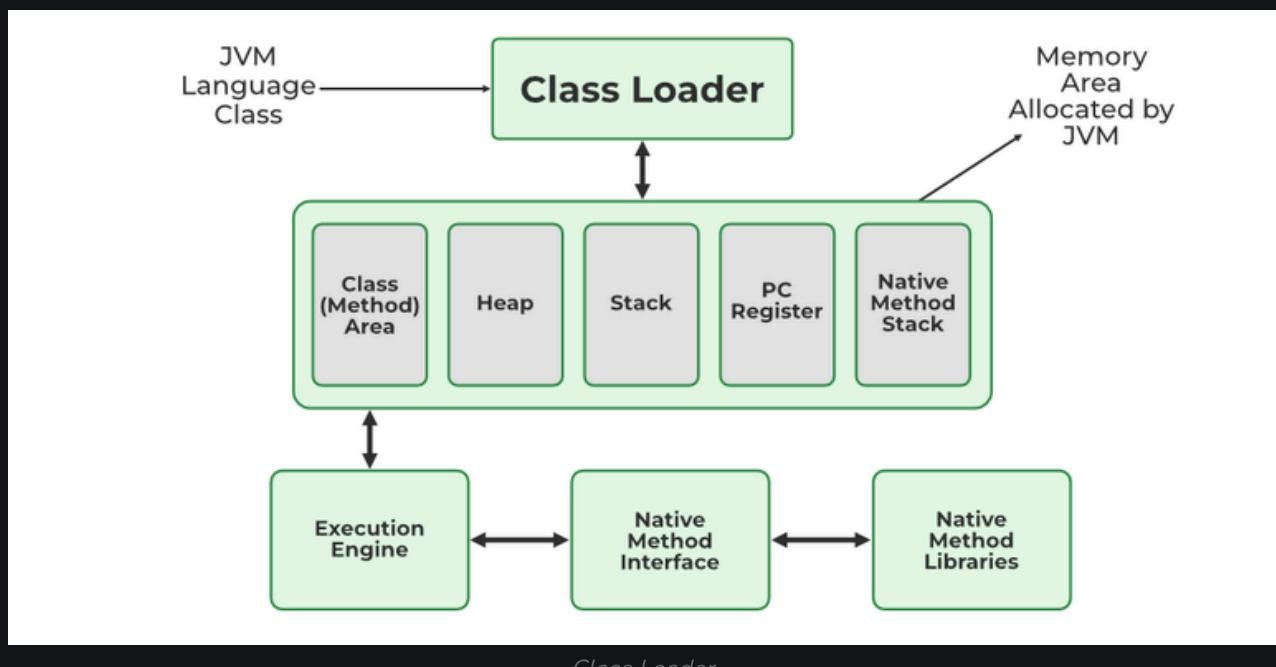
JIT

JIT stands for (Just-in-Time) compiler is a part of JRE(Java Runtime Environment), it is used for better performance of the Java applications during run-time. The use of JIT is mentioned in step by step process mentioned below:

1. Source code is compiled with **javac** to form bytecode
2. Bytecode is further passed on to JVM
3. JIT is a part of JVM, JIT is responsible for compiling bytecode into native machine code at run time.
4. The JIT compiler is enabled throughout, while it gets activated when a method is invoked. For a compiled method, the JVM directly calls the compiled code, instead of interpreting it.
5. As JVM calls the compiled code that increases the performance and speed of the execution.

To know more about the topic refer to [JIT in Java](#).

## 5. What are Memory storages available with JVM?



JVM consists of a few memory storages as mentioned below:

1. Class(Method) Area: stores class-level data of every class such as the runtime constant pool, field, and method data, and the code for methods.
2. Heap: Objects are created or objects are stored. It is used to allocate memory to objects during run time.
3. Stack: stores data and partial results which will be needed while returning value for method and performing dynamic linking
4. Program Counter Register: stores the address of the Java virtual machine instruction currently being executed.
5. Native Method Stack: stores all the native methods used in the application.

To know more about the topic refer to [JVM Memory Storages](#).

## 6. What is a classloader?

Classloader is the part of JRE(Java Runtime Environment), during the execution of the bytecode or created .class file classloader is responsible for dynamically loading the java classes and interfaces to JVM(Java Virtual Machine). Because of classloaders Java run time system does not need to know about files and file systems.

To know more about the topic refer to [ClassLoader in Java](#).

## 7. Difference between JVM, JRE, and JDK.

**JVM:** JVM also known as Java Virtual Machine is a part of JRE. JVM is a type of interpreter responsible for converting bytecode into machine-readable code. JVM itself is platform dependent but it interprets the bytecode which is the platform-independent reason why Java is platform-independent.

**JRE:** JRE stands for Java Runtime Environment, it is an installation package that provides an environment to run the Java program or application on any machine.

**JDK:** JDK stands for Java Development Kit which provides the environment to develop and execute Java programs. JDK is a package that includes two things Development Tools to provide an environment to develop your Java programs and, JRE to execute Java programs or applications.

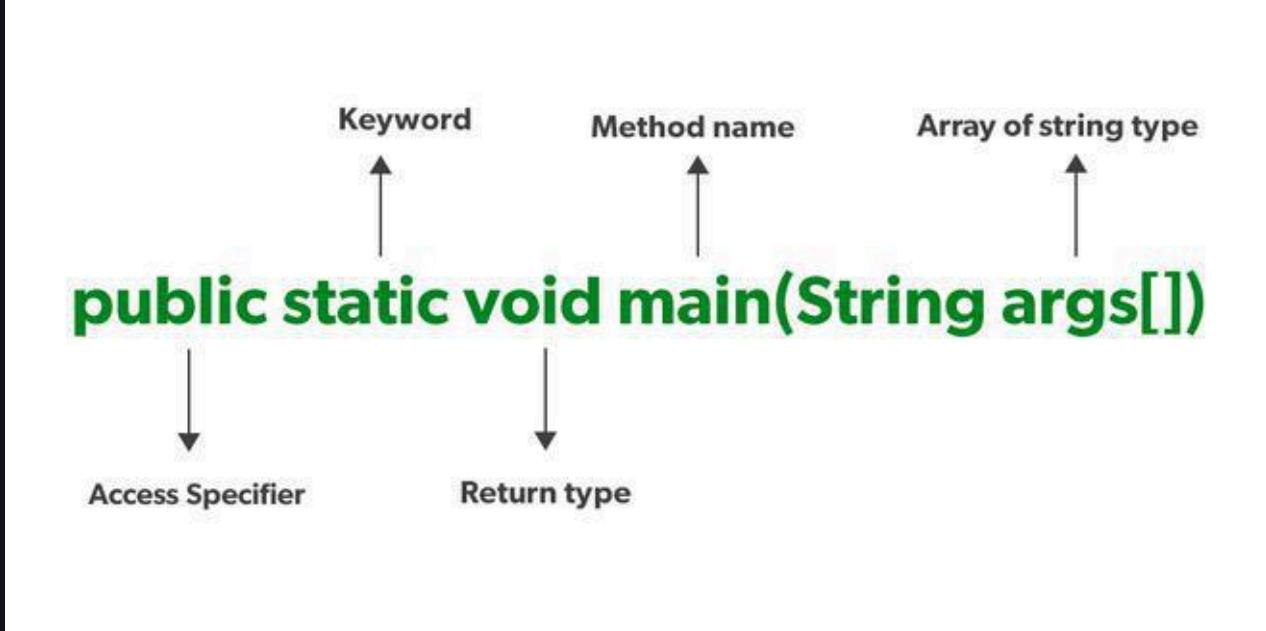
To know more about the topic refer to the [Differences between JVM, JRE, and JDK](#).

## 8. What are the differences between Java and C++?

Basis	C++	Java
<b>Platform</b>	C++ is Platform Dependent	Java is Platform Independent
<b>Application</b>	C++ is mainly used for System Programming	Java is Mainly used for Application Programming

Basis	C++	Java
<b>Hardware</b>	C++ is nearer to hardware	Java is not so interactive with hardware
<b>Global Scope</b>	C++ supports global and namespace scope.	Java doesn't support global scope.
<b>Not Supporting</b>	<p>Functionality supported in Java but not in C++ are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• thread support</li> <li>• documentation comment</li> <li>• unsigned right shift(&gt;&gt;&gt;)</li> </ul>	<p>Functionality supported in C++ but not in Java are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• goto</li> <li>• Pointers</li> <li>• Call by reference</li> <li>• Structures and Unions</li> <li>• Multiple Inheritance</li> <li>• Virtual Functions</li> </ul>
<b>OOPS</b>	C++ is an object-oriented language. It is not a single root hierarchy .	Java is also an object-oriented language. It is a single root hierarchy as everything gets derived from a single class (java.lang.Object).
<b>Inheritance Tree</b>	C++ always creates a new inheritance tree.	Java uses a Single inheritance tree as classes in Java are the child of object classes in Java.

## 9. Explain `public static void main(String args[])` in Java.



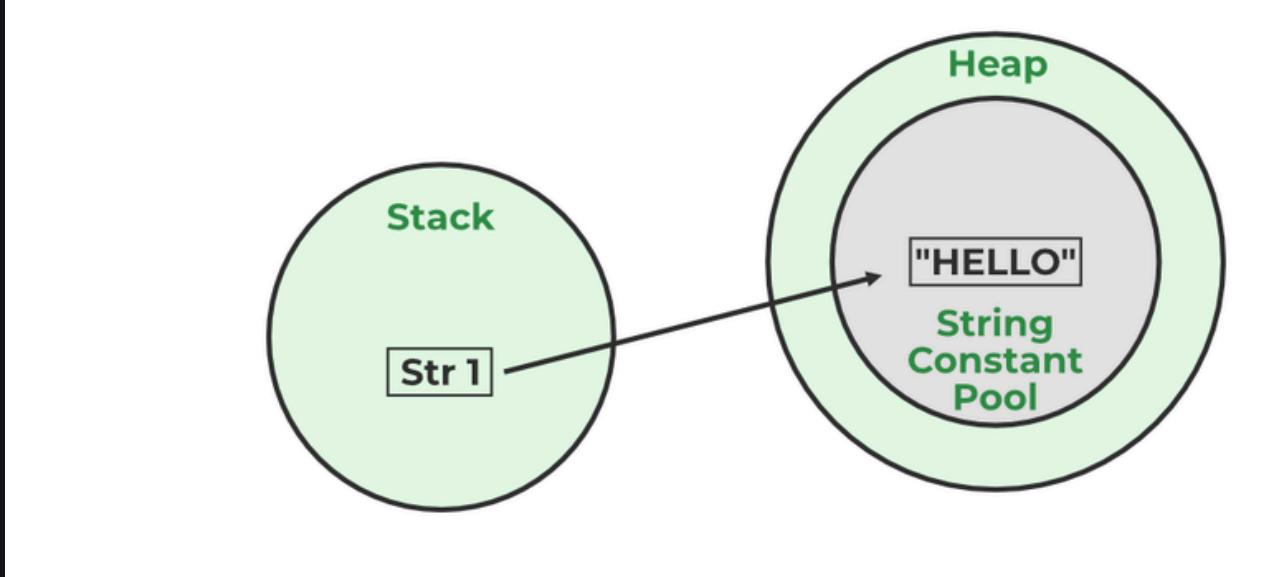
*public static void main*

Unlike any other programming language like C, C++, etc. In Java, we declared the main function as a public static void main (String args[]). The meanings of the terms are mentioned below:

1. **public**: the public is the access modifier responsible for mentioning who can access the element or the method and what is the limit. It is responsible for making the main function globally available. It is made public so that JVM can invoke it from outside the class as it is not present in the current class.
2. **static**: static is a keyword used so that we can use the element without initiating the class so to avoid the unnecessary allocation of the memory.
3. **void**: void is a keyword and is used to specify that a method doesn't return anything. As the main function doesn't return anything we use void.
4. **main**: main represents that the function declared is the main function. It helps JVM to identify that the declared function is the main function.
5. **String args[]**: It stores Java command-line arguments and is an array of type `java.lang.String` class.

## 10. What is Java String Pool?

A Java String Pool is a place in heap memory where all the strings defined in the program are stored. A separate place in a stack is there where the variable storing the string is stored. Whenever we create a new string object, JVM checks for the presence of the object in the String pool, If String is available in the pool, the same object reference is shared with the variable, else a new object is created.



Java String Pool

### Example:

```
String str1="Hello";
// "Hello" will be stored in String Pool
// str1 will be stored in stack memory
```

## 11. What will happen if we don't declare the main as static?

We can declare the main method without using static and without getting any errors. But, the main method will not be treated as the entry point to the application or the program.

## 12. What are Packages in Java?

Packages in Java can be defined as the grouping of related types of classes, interfaces, etc providing access to protection and namespace management.

## 13. Why Packages are used?

Packages are used in Java in order to prevent naming conflicts, control access, and make searching/locating and usage of classes, interfaces, etc easier.

## 14. What are the advantages of Packages in Java?

There are various advantages of defining packages in Java.

- Packages avoid name clashes.
- The Package provides easier access control.

- We can also have the hidden classes that are not visible outside and are used by the package.
- It is easier to locate the related classes.

## 15. How many types of packages are there in Java?

There are two types of packages in Java

- User-defined packages
- Build In packages

## 16. Explain different data types in Java.

There are 2 types of data types in Java as mentioned below:

1. Primitive Data Type
2. Non-Primitive Data Type or Object Data type

**Primitive Data Type:** Primitive data are single values with no special capabilities. There are 8 primitive data types:

- **boolean:** stores value true or false
- **byte:** stores an 8-bit signed two's complement integer
- **char:** stores a single 16-bit Unicode character
- **short:** stores a 16-bit signed two's complement integer
- **int:** stores a 32-bit signed two's complement integer
- **long:** stores a 64-bit two's complement integer
- **float:** stores a single-precision 32-bit IEEE 754 floating-point
- **double:** stores a double-precision 64-bit IEEE 754 floating-point

**Non-Primitive Data Type:** Reference Data types will contain a memory address of the variable's values because it is not able to directly store the values in the memory. Types of Non-Primitive are mentioned below:

- Strings
- Array
- Class
- Object
- Interface

## 17. When a byte datatype is used?

A byte is an 8-bit signed two-complement integer. The minimum value supported by bytes is -128 and 127 is the maximum value. It is used in conditions where we need to save memory and the limit of numbers needed is between -128 to 127.

## **18. Can we declare Pointer in Java?**

No, Java doesn't provide the support of Pointer. As Java needed to be more secure because which feature of the pointer is not provided in Java.

## **19. What is the default value of byte datatype in Java?**

The default value of the byte datatype in Java is 0.

## **20. What is the default value of float and double datatype in Java?**

The default value of the float is 0.0f and of double is 0.0d in Java.

## **21. What is the Wrapper class in Java?**

Wrapper, in general, is referred to a larger entity that encapsulates a smaller entity. Here in Java, the wrapper class is an object class that encapsulates the primitive data types.

The primitive data types are the ones from which further data types could be created. For example, integers can further lead to the construction of long, byte, short, etc. On the other hand, the string cannot, hence it is not primitive.

Getting back to the wrapper class, Java contains 8 wrapper classes. They are Boolean, Byte, Short, Integer, Character, Long, Float, and Double. Further, custom wrapper classes can also be created in Java which is similar to the concept of Structure in the C programming language. We create our own wrapper class with the required data types.

## **22. Why do we need wrapper classes?**

The wrapper class is an object class that encapsulates the primitive data types, and we need them for the following reasons:

1. Wrapper classes are final and immutable
2. Provides methods like valueOf(), parseInt(), etc.

3. It provides the feature of autoboxing and unboxing.

## 23. Differentiate between instance and local variables.

Instance Variable	Local Variable
Declared outside the method, directly invoked by the method.	Declared within the method.
Has a default value.	No default value
It can be used throughout the class.	The scope is limited to the method.

## 24. What are the default values assigned to variables and instances in Java?

In Java When we haven't initialized the instance variables then the compiler initializes them with default values. The default values for instances and variables depend on their data types. Some common types of default data types are:

- The default value for numeric types (byte, short, int, long, float, and double) is 0.
- The default value for the boolean type is false.
- The default value for object types (classes, interfaces, and arrays) is null.
- The null character, "u0000, " is the default value for the char type.

**Example:**

```
// Java Program to demonstrate use of default values
import java.io.*;
class GFG {
    // static values
    static byte b;
    static int i;
    static long l;
    static short s;
    static boolean bool;
    static char c;
    static String str;
```

```

static Object object;
static float f;
static double d;
static int[] Arr;
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    // byte value
    System.out.println("byte value" + b);
    // short value
    System.out.println("short value" + s);
    // int value
    System.out.println("int value" + i);
    // long value
    System.out.println("long value" + l);
    System.out.println("boolean value" + bool);
    System.out.println("char value" + c);
    System.out.println("float value" + f);
    System.out.println("double value" + d);
    System.out.println("string value" + str);
    System.out.println("object value" + object);
    System.out.println("Array value" + Arr);
}
}

```

### Output:

*byte value0  
 short value0  
 int value0  
 long value0  
 boolean valuefalse  
 char value  
 float value0.0  
 double value0.0  
 string valuenull  
 object valuenull  
 Array valuenull*

## 25. What is a Class Variable?

In Java, a class variable (also known as a static variable) is a variable that is declared within a class but outside of any method, constructor, or block.

Class variables are declared with the static keyword, and they are shared by all instances (objects) of the class as well as by the class itself. No matter how many objects are derived from a class, each class variable would only exist once.

### Example:

```
// Java program to demonstrate use of Class Variable
class GFG {
    public static int ctr = 0;
    public GFG() { ctr++; }
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        GFG obj1 = new GFG();
        GFG obj2 = new GFG();
        GFG obj3 = new GFG();
        System.out.println("Number of objects created are "
                           + GFG.ctr);
    }
}
```



### Output

```
Number of objects created are 3
```

## 26. What is the default value stored in Local Variables?

There is no default value stored with local variables. Also, primitive variables and objects don't have any default values.

## 27. Explain the difference between instance variable and a class variable.

**Instance Variable:** A class variable without the static modifier is called an instance variable. It is unique to each object (instance) of the class and is not shared between instances.

### Example:

```
// Java Program to demonstrate Instance Variable
import java.io.*;
class GFG {
    private String name;
    public void setName(String name) { this.name = name; }
    public String getName() { return name; }
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        GFG obj = new GFG();
        obj.setName("John");
    }
}
```



```
        System.out.println("Name " + obj.getName());
    }
}
```

## Output

```
Name John
```

**Class Variable:** Class Variable variable can be declared anywhere at the class level using the keyword static. These variables can only have one value when applied to various objects. These variables can be shared by all class members since they are not connected to any specific object of the class.

### Example:

```
// Java Program to demonstrate Class Variable
import java.io.*;
class GFG {
    // class variable
    private static final double PI = 3.14159;
    private double radius;
    public GFG(double radius) { this.radius = radius; }
    public double getArea() { return PI * radius * radius; }
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        GFG obj = new GFG(5.0);
        System.out.println("Area of circle: "
                           + obj.getArea());
    }
}
```

## Output

```
Area of circle: 78.53975
```

## 28. What is a static variable?

The static keyword is used to share the same variable or method of a given class. Static variables are the variables that once declared then a single copy of the variable is created and shared among all objects at the class level.

## 29. What is the difference between System.out, System.err, and System.in?

**System.out** - It is a PrintStream that is used for writing characters or can be said it can output the data we want to write on the Command Line Interface console/terminal.

**Example:**

```
// Java Program to implement
// System.out
import java.io.*;
// Driver Class
class GFG {
    // Main Function
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        // Use of System.out
        System.out.println("");
    }
}
```

**System.err** - It is used to display error messages.

**Example:**

```
// Java program to demonstrate
// System.err
import java.io.*;
// Driver Class
class GFG {
    // Main function
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        // Printing error
        System.err.println(
            "This is how we throw error with System.err");
    }
}
```

**Output:**

*This is how we throw error with System.err*

Although, System.err have many similarities both of them have quite a lot of difference also, let us check them.

System.out	System.err
It will print to the standard out of the system.	It will print to the standard error.
It is mostly used to display results on the console.	It is mostly used to output error texts.
It gives output on the console with the default(black) color.	It also gives output on the console but most of the IDEs give it a red color to differentiate.

**System.in** - It is an InputStream used to read input from the terminal Window. We can't use the System.in directly so we use Scanner class for taking input with the system.in.

**Example:**

```
import java.util.*;
// Driver Class
class Main {
    // Main Function
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        // Scanner class with System.in
        Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
        // Taking input from the user
        int x = sc.nextInt();
        int y = sc.nextInt();
        // Printing the output
        System.out.printf("Addition: %d", x + y);
    }
}
```

**Output:**

```
3
4
Addition: 7
```

**30. What do you understand by an IO stream?**



Java brings various Streams with its I/O package that helps the user to perform all the input-output operations. These streams support all types of objects, data types, characters, files, etc to fully execute the I/O operations.

### 31. What is the difference between the Reader/Writer class hierarchy and the InputStream/OutputStream class hierarchy?

The key difference between them is that byte stream data is read and written by input/output stream classes. Characters are handled by the Reader and Writer classes. In contrast to Reader/Writer classes, which accept character arrays as parameters, input/output stream class methods accept byte arrays. In comparison to input/output streams, the Reader/Writer classes are more efficient, handle all Unicode characters, and are useful for internalization. Use Reader/Writer classes instead of binary data, such as pictures, unless you do so.

**Example:**

```
import java.io.*;

class GFG {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try {
            // Writing binary data to a file using OutputStream
            byte[] data = {(byte) 0xe0, 0x4f, (byte) 0xd0, 0x20, (byte) 0xea};

            OutputStream os = new FileOutputStream("data.bin");
            os.write(data);
            os.close();

            // Reading binary data from a file using InputStream
            InputStream is = new FileInputStream("data.bin");
            byte[] newData = new byte[5];

            is.read(newData);
            is.close();

            // Printing the read data
            for (byte b : newData) {
```

```
        System.out.print(b+" ");
    }
} catch (IOException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
}
}
```

## Output

```
-32 79 -48 32 -22
```

## 32. What are the super most classes for all the streams?

All the stream classes can be divided into two types of classes that are `ByteStream` classes and `CharacterStream` Classes. The `ByteStream` classes are further divided into `InputStream` classes and `OutputStream` classes. `CharacterStream` classes are also divided into `Reader` classes and `Writer` classes. The SuperMost classes for all the `InputStream` classes is `java.io.InputStream` and for all the output stream classes is `java.io.OutputStream`. Similarly, for all the reader classes, the super-most class is `java.io.Reader`, and for all the writer classes, it is `java.io.Writer`.

## 33. What are the `FileInputStream` and `FileOutputStream`?

To read and write data, Java offers I/O Streams. A Stream represents an input source or an output destination, which could be a file, an i/o device, another program, etc. [FileInputStream](#) in Java is used to read data from a file as a stream of bytes. It is mostly used for reading binary data such as images, audio files, or serialized objects.

### Example:

```
File file = new File("path_of_the_file");
FileInputStream inputStream = new FileInputStream(file);
```

In Java, the [FileOutputStream](#) function is used to write data byte by byte into a given file or file descriptor. Usually, raw byte data, such as pictures, is written into a file using `FileOutputStream`.

### Example:

```
File file = new File("path_of_the_file");
FileOutputStream outputStream = new FileOutputStream(file);
```

### 34. What is the purpose of using BufferedInputStream and BufferedOutputStream classes?

When we are working with the files or stream then to increase the Input/Output performance of the program we need to use the BufferedInputStream and BufferedOutputStream classes. These both classes provide the capability of buffering which means that the data will be stored in a buffer before writing to a file or reading it from a stream. It also reduces the number of times our OS needs to interact with the network or the disk. Buffering allows programs to write a big amount of data instead of writing it in small chunks. This also reduces the overhead of accessing the network or the disk.

```
BufferedInputStream(InputStream inp);
// used to create the bufferinput stream and save the arguments.
```

```
BufferedOutputStream(OutputStream output);
// used to create a new buffer with the default size.
```

### 35. What are FilterStreams?

**Stream filter or Filter Streams** returns a stream consisting of the elements of this stream that match the given predicate. While working filter() it doesn't actually perform filtering but instead creates a new stream that, when traversed, contains the elements of initial streams that match the given predicate.

**Example:**

```
FileInputStream fis =new FileInputStream("file_path");
FilterInputStream = new BufferedInputStream(fis);
```

### 36. What is an I/O filter?

An I/O filter also defined as an Input Output filter is an object that reads from one stream and writes data to input and output sources. It used java.io package to use this filter.

### 37. How many ways you can take input from the console?

There are two methods to take input from the console in Java mentioned below:

1. Using Command line argument
2. Using Buffered Reader Class
3. Using Console Class
4. Using Scanner Class

The program demonstrating the use of each method is given below.

**Example:**

```
// Java Program to implement input
// using Command line argument
import java.io.*;
class GFG {
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        // check if length of args array is
        // greater than 0
        if (args.length > 0) {
            System.out.println(
                "The command line arguments are:");
            // iterating the args array and printing
            // the command line arguments
            for (String val : args)
                System.out.println(val);
        }
        else
            System.out.println("No command line "
                + "arguments found.");
    }
}
// Use below commands to run the code
// javac GFG.java
// java Main GeeksforGeeks
```

```
// Java Program to implement
// Buffer Reader Class
import java.io.*;
class GFG {
    public static void main(String[] args)
        throws IOException
    {
        // Enter data using BufferedReader
```

```
BufferedReader read = new BufferedReader(  
    new InputStreamReader(System.in));  
// Reading data using readLine  
String x = read.readLine();  
// Printing the read line  
System.out.println(x);  
}  
}
```

## Output

```
null
```

```
// Java program to implement input  
// Using Console Class  
public class GfG {  
    public static void main(String[] args)  
    {  
        // Using Console to input data from user  
        String x = System.console().readLine();  
        System.out.println("You entered string " + x);  
    }  
}
```

```
// Java program to demonstrate  
// working of Scanner in Java  
import java.util.Scanner;  
class GfG {  
    public static void main(String args[])  
    {  
        // Using Scanner for Getting Input from User  
        Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in);  
        String str = in.nextLine();  
        System.out.println("You entered string " + str);  
    }  
}
```

## Output:

```
GeeksforGeeks
```

### 38. Difference in the use of print, println, and printf.

print, println, and printf all are used for printing the elements but print prints all the elements and the cursor remains in the same line. println shifts the

cursor to next line. And with printf we can use format identifiers too.

## 39. What are operators?

Operators are the special types of symbols used for performing some operations over variables and values.

## 40. How many types of operators are available in Java?

All types of operators in Java are mentioned below:

1. [Arithmetic Operators](#)
2. [Unary Operators](#)
3. [Assignment Operator](#)
4. [Relational Operators](#)
5. [Logical Operators](#)
6. [Ternary Operator](#)
7. [Bitwise Operators](#)
8. [Shift Operators](#)
9. [instance of operator](#)

Postfix operators are considered as the highest precedence according to Java operator precedence.

## 41. Explain the difference between >> and >>> operators.

Operators like >> and >>> seem to be the same but act a bit differently. >> operator shifts the sign bits and the >>> operator is used in shifting out the zero-filled bits.

**Example:**

```
import java.io.*;

// Driver
class GFG {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int a = -16, b = 1;
        // Use of >>
        System.out.println(a >> b);
        a = -17;
        b = 1;
        // Use of >>>
```

```
        System.out.println(a >>> b);
    }
}
```

## Output

```
-8  
2147483639
```

## 42. Which Java operator is right associative?

There is only one operator which is right associative which is = operator.

## 43. What is dot operator?

The Dot operator in Java is used to access the instance variables and methods of class objects. It is also used to access classes and sub-packages from the package.

## 44. What is covariant return type?

The covariant return type specifies that the return type may vary in the same direction as the subclass. It's possible to have different return types for an overriding method in the child class, but the child's return type should be a subtype of the parent's return type and because of that overriding method becomes variant with respect to the return type.

We use covariant return type because of the following reasons:

- Avoids confusing type casts present in the class hierarchy and makes the code readable, usable, and maintainable.
- Gives liberty to have more specific return types when overriding methods.
- Help in preventing run-time ClassCastException on returns.

## 45. What is the transient keyword?

The transient keyword is used at the time of serialization if we don't want to save the value of a particular variable in a file. When JVM comes across a transient keyword, it ignores the original value of the variable and saves the default value of that variable data type.

## 46. What's the difference between the methods sleep() and wait()?

Sleep()	Wait()
The sleep() method belongs to the thread class.	Wait() method belongs to the object class.
Sleep does not release the lock that the current thread holds.	wait() release the lock which allows other threads to acquire it.
This method is a static method.	This method is not a static method.
Sleep() does not throw an InterruptedException.	InterruptedException is shown if the thread is interrupted while waiting.
Mainly used to delay a thread for some specific time duration.	Mainly used to pause a thread until notified by another thread.
<p>Sleep() Has Two Overloaded Methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• sleep(long millis): milliseconds</li><li>• sleep(long millis, int nanos): Nanoseconds</li></ul>	<p>Wait() Has Three Overloaded Methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• wait()</li><li>• wait(long timeout)</li><li>• wait(long timeout, int nanos)</li></ul>

## 47. What are the differences between String and StringBuffer?

String	StringBuffer
Store of a sequence of characters.	Provides functionality to work with the strings.

String	StringBuffer
It is immutable.	It is mutable (can be modified and other string operations could be performed on them.)
No thread operations in a string.	It is thread-safe (two threads can't call the methods of StringBuffer simultaneously)

## 48. What are the differences between StringBuffer and StringBuilder?

StringBuffer	StringBuilder
StringBuffer provides functionality to work with the strings.	StringBuilder is a class used to build a mutable string.
It is thread-safe (two threads can't call the methods of StringBuffer simultaneously)	It is not thread-safe (two threads can call the methods concurrently)
Comparatively slow as it is synchronized.	Being non-synchronized, implementation is faster

## 49. Which among String Builder or String Buffer should be preferred when there are a lot of updates required to be done in the data?

String is immutable, making it inefficient for scenarios requiring frequent updates. Instead, we can use StringBuilder or StringBuffer. If thread safety is required (synchronized operations), StringBuffer should be used. However, if performance is a priority in a single-threaded context, StringBuilder is the better choice since it is faster and does not incur synchronization overhead.

## 50. Why is StringBuffer called mutable?

StringBuffer class in Java is used to represent a changeable string of characters. It offers an alternative to the immutable String class by enabling you to change a string's contents without constantly creating new objects. Mutable (modifiable) strings are created with the help of the StringBuffer class. The StringBuffer class in Java is identical to the String class except that it is changeable.

### Example:

```
// Java Program to demonstrate use of StringBuffer
public class StringBufferExample {
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        StringBuffer s = new StringBuffer();
        s.append("Geeks");
        s.append("for");
        s.append("Geeks");
        String message = s.toString();
        System.out.println(message);
    }
}
```

### Output

```
GeeksforGeeks
```

## 51. How is the creation of a String using new() different from that of a literal?

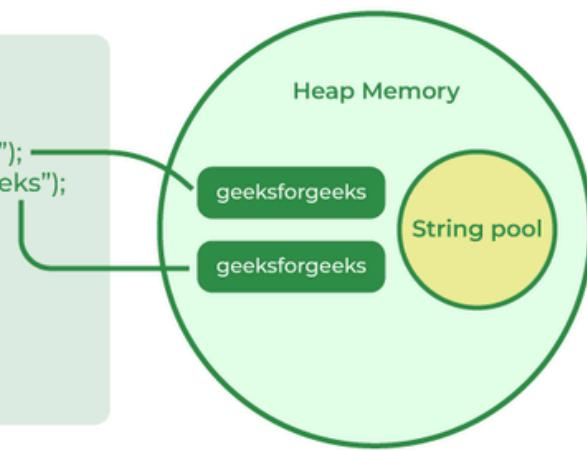
String using new() is different from the literal as when we declare string it stores the elements inside the stack memory whereas when it is declared using new() it allocates a dynamic memory in the heap memory. The object gets created in the heap memory even if the same content object is present.

### Syntax:

```
String x = new String("ABC");
```

## String pool by means of new operator

```
Public boolean checking() {  
    String first = new String("geeksforgeeks");  
    String second = new String("geeksforgeeks");  
  
    if (first == second)  
        return true;  
    else  
        return false;  
}
```



## 52. What is an array in Java?

An Array in Java is a data structure that is used to store a fixed-size sequence of elements of the same type. Elements of an array can be accessed by their index, which starts from 0 and goes up to a length of minus 1. Array declaration in Java is done with the help of square brackets and size is also specified during the declaration.

**Syntax:**

```
int[] Arr = new int[5];
```

## 53. On which memory arrays are created in Java?

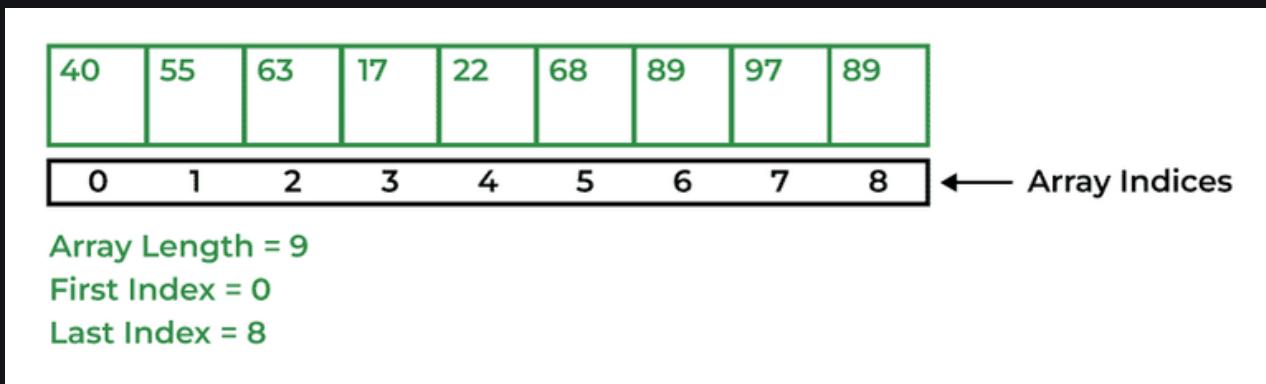
Arrays in Java are created in heap memory. When an array is created with the help of a new keyword, memory is allocated in the heap to store the elements of the array. In Java, the heap memory is managed by the Java Virtual Machine(JVM) and it is also shared between all threads of the Java Program. The memory which is no longer in use by the program, JVM uses a garbage collector to reclaim the memory. Arrays in Java are created dynamically which means the size of the array is determined during the runtime of the program. The size of the array is specified during the declaration of the array and it cannot be changed once the array is created.

## 54. What are the types of an array?

There are two types of arrays i.e., Primitive arrays and References Arrays.

- **Single-Dimensional Arrays:** Arrays that have only one dimension i.e., an array of integers or an array of strings are known as single-dimensional

arrays.



Syntax:

*data\_type[] Array\_Name = new data\_type[ArraySize];*

- **Multi-Dimensional Arrays:** Arrays that have two or more dimensions such as two-dimensional or three-dimensional arrays.

## 55. Why does the Java array index start with 0?

The index of an array signifies the distance from the start of the array. So, the first element has 0 distance therefore the starting index is 0.

Syntax:

*[Base Address + (index \* no\_of\_bytes)]*

## 56. What is the difference between int array[] and int[] array?

Both int array[] and int[] array are used to declare an array of integers in java. The only difference between them is on their syntax no functionality difference is present between them.

*int arr[] is a C-Style syntax to declare an Array.*

*int[] arr is a Java-Style syntax to declare an Array.*

However, it is generally recommended to use Java-style syntax to declare an Array. As it is easy to read and understand also it is more consistent with other Java language constructs.

## 57. How to copy an array in Java?

In Java, there are multiple ways to copy an array based on the requirements:

### 1. `clone()` Method (Shallow Copy)

- The `clone()` method creates a new array with its own memory but contains references to the same objects for non-primitive data types.
- For primitive arrays, it behaves like a deep copy since primitive values are directly copied.

```
int[] arr = {1, 2, 3, 5, 0};  
int[] tempArr = arr.clone(); // Creates a new array with copied values
```

### 2. `System.arraycopy()` Method (Deep Copy)

- This method creates a new array and copies elements from the original array.
- It allows partial copying by specifying an offset and length.

```
int[] arr = {1, 2, 7, 9, 8};  
int[] tempArr = new int[arr.length];  
System.arraycopy(arr, 0, tempArr, 0, arr.length);
```

### 3. `Arrays.copyOf()` Method (Creates New Array)

- This method creates a new array and copies the entire original array into it.
- If the specified length is greater than the original array, extra elements are initialized with default values.

```
int[] arr = {1, 2, 4, 8};  
int[] tempArr = Arrays.copyOf(arr, arr.length);
```

### 4. `Arrays.copyOfRange()` Method (Copying a Subset)

- Similar to `copyOf()`, but allows copying a specific range of elements.

```
int[] arr = {1, 2, 4, 8};  
int[] tempArr = Arrays.copyOfRange(arr, 0, arr.length);
```

## 58. What do you understand by the jagged array?

A jagged Array in Java is just a two-dimensional array in which each row of the array can have a different length. Since all the rows in a 2-d Array have

the same length but a jagged array allows more flexibility in the size of each row. This feature is very useful in conditions where the data has varying lengths or when memory usage needs to be optimized.

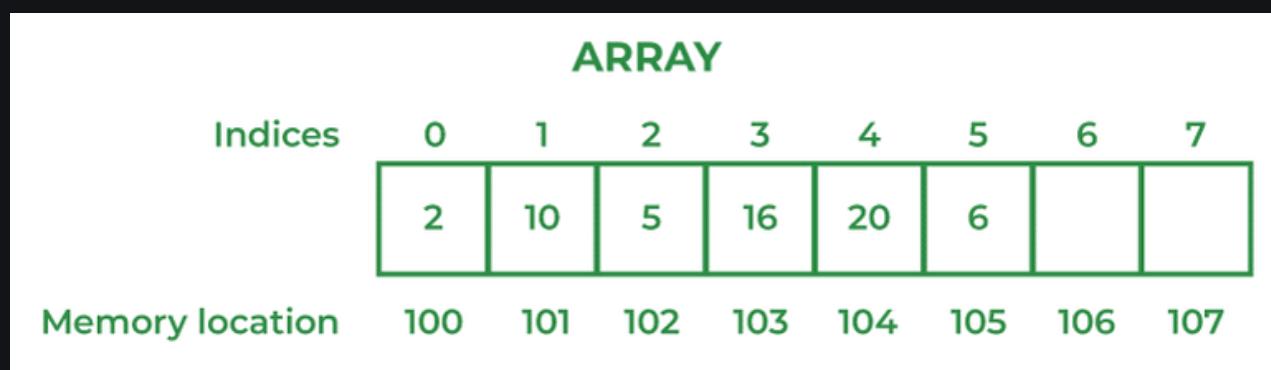
#### Syntax:

```
int[][] Arr = new int[][] {  
    {1, 2, 8},  
    {7, 5},  
    {6, 7, 2, 6}  
};
```

#### 59. Is it possible to make an array volatile?

In Java, it is not possible to make a volatile. Volatile keywords in Java can only be applied to individual variables but not to arrays or collections. The value of the Variable is always read from and written to the main memory when it is defined as volatile rather than being cached in a thread's local memory. This makes it easier to make sure that all threads that access the variable can see changes made to it.

#### 60. What are the advantages and disadvantages of an array?



#### The advantages of Arrays are:

- Direct and effective access to any element in the collection is made possible by arrays. An array's elements can be accessed using an O(1) operation, which means that the amount of time needed to do so is constant and independent of the array's size.
- Data can be stored effectively in memory using arrays. The size of an array is known at compile time since its elements are stored in contiguous memory regions.
- Due to the fact that the data is stored in contiguous memory areas, arrays provide quick data retrieval.

- Arrays are easy to implement and understand, making them an ideal choice for beginners learning computer programming.

### **Disadvantages of Arrays are:**

- Arrays are created with a predetermined size that is chosen at that moment. This means that if the array's size needs to be extended, a new array will need to be made, and the data will need to be copied from the old array to the new array, which can take a lot of time and memory.
- There may be unused memory space in an array's memory space if the array is not completely occupied. If you have poor recall, this can be a problem.
- Compared to other data structures like linked lists and trees, arrays might be rigid due to their fixed size and limited support for sophisticated data types.
- Because an array's elements must all be of the same data type, it does not support complex data types like objects and structures.

### **61. What is an object-oriented paradigm?**

Paradigm literally means a pattern or a method. Programming paradigms are the methods to solve a program that is of four types namely, Imperative, logical, functional, and object-oriented. When objects are used as base entities upon which the methods are applied, encapsulation or inheritance functionalities are performed, it is known as an object-oriented paradigm.

### **62. What are the main concepts of OOPs in Java?**

The main concepts of OOPs in Java are mentioned below:

- Inheritance
- Polymorphism
- Abstraction
- Encapsulation

### **63. What is the difference between an object-oriented programming language and an object-based programming language?**

Object-Oriented Programming Language	Object-Based Programming Language
Object-oriented programming language covers larger concepts like inheritance, polymorphism, abstraction, etc.	The scope of object-based programming is limited to the usage of objects and encapsulation.
It supports all the built-in objects	It doesn't support all the built-in objects
Examples: Java, C#, etc.	Examples: Java script, visual basics, etc.

#### 64. How is the ‘new’ operator different from the ‘newInstance()’ operator in Java?

the new operator is used to create objects, but if we want to decide the type of object to be created at runtime, there is no way we can use the new operator. In this case, we have to use the [newInstance\(\) method](#).

#### 65. What are Classes in Java?

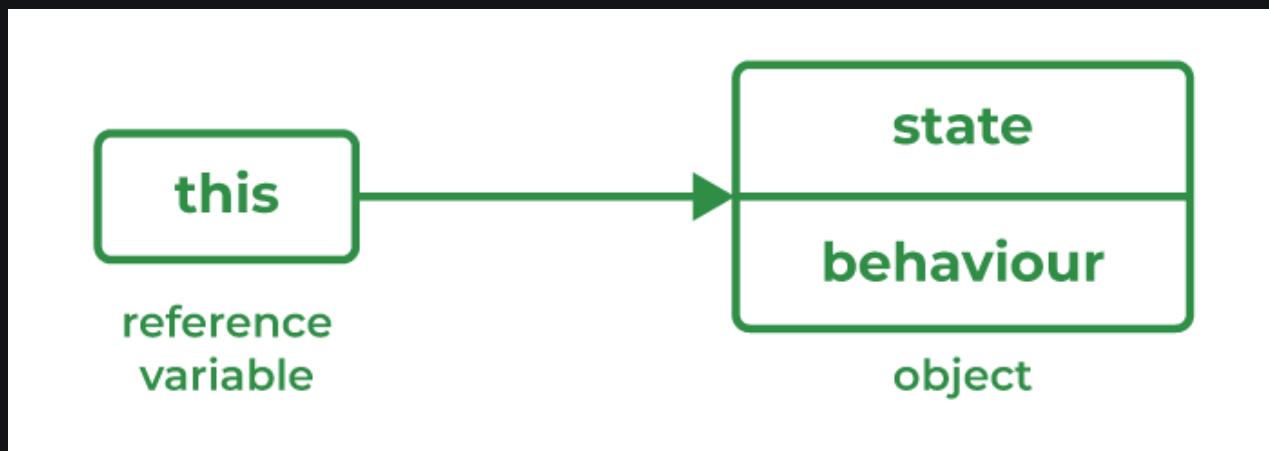
In Java, Classes are the collection of objects sharing similar characteristics and attributes. Classes represent the blueprint or template from which objects are created. Classes are not real-world entities but help us to create objects which are real-world entities.

#### 66. What is the difference between static (class) method and instance method?

Static(Class) method	Instance method
Static method is associated with a class rather than an object.	The instance method is associated with an object rather than a class.
Static methods can be called using the class name only without creating	The instance methods can be called on a specific instance of a class using

Static(Class) method	Instance method
an instance of a class.	the object reference.
Static methods do not have access to <b>this</b> keyword.	Instance methods have access to <b>this</b> keyword.
Static methods can access only static members of the class.	Instance methods can access both static and non-static methods of the class.
Static methods cannot be overridden because they are resolved at compile time, not at run time. This means that the compiler decides which method to call based on the reference type, not on the object type.	Instance methods can be overridden because they are resolved at run time, not at compile time. This means that the compiler decides which method to call based on the object type, not on the reference type.

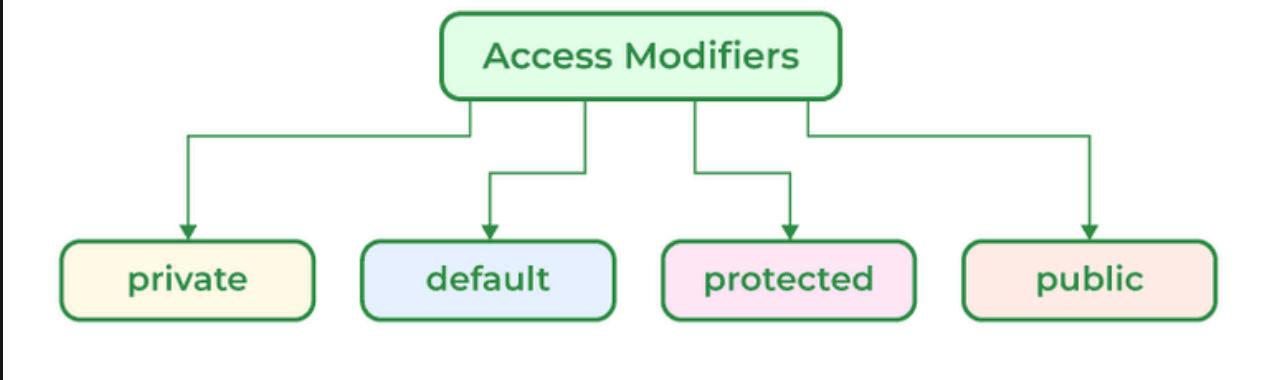
## 67. What is **this** keyword in Java?



'this' is a keyword used to reference a variable that refers to the current object.

## 68. What are Brief Access Specifiers and Types of Access Specifiers?

# Access Modifiers in Java



Access Specifiers in Java help to restrict the scope of a class, constructor, variable, method, or data member. There are four types of Access Specifiers in Java mentioned below:

1. Public
2. Private
3. Protected
4. Default

## 69. What will be the initial value of an object reference which is defined as an instance variable?

The initial value of an object reference which is defined as an instance variable is a NULL value.

## 70. What is an object?

The object is a real-life entity that has certain properties and methods associated with it. The object is also defined as the instance of a class. An object can be declared using a new keyword.

## 71. What are the different ways to create objects in Java?

Methods to create objects in Java are mentioned below:

1. Using new keyword
2. Using new instance
3. Using clone() method
4. Using deserialization
5. Using the newInstance() method of the Constructor class

To know more about methods to create objects in Java refer to [this article](#).

## 72. What are the advantages and disadvantages of object cloning?

There are many advantages and disadvantages of using object cloning as mentioned below:

### Advantages:

- In Java, the '=' assignment operator cannot be used for cloning as it simply creates a copy of reference variables. To overcome such discrepancy the `clone()` method of Object class can be used over the assignment operator.
- The `clone()` method is a protected method of class Object which means that only the Employee class can clone Employee objects. This means no class other than Employee can clone Employee objects since it does not know the Employee class' attributes.
- Code size decreases as repetition decreases.
- Allows replication (kind of like prototype pattern) manually initializing each field creates large code if object is complex, its faster with cloning.

### Disadvantages:

- As the `Object.clone()` method is protected, so need to provide our own `clone()` and indirectly call `Object.clone()` from it.
- If we don't have any methods then we need to provide a `Cloneable` interface as we need to provide JVM information so that we can perform a `clone()` on our object. If not, we can't clone because `clone` does shallow copy of fields if we just return `super.clone()` from `clone` method that can be problematic.

## 73. What are the advantages of passing this into a method instead of the current class object itself?

There are a few advantages of passing this into a method instead of the current class object itself these are:

- `this` is the final variable because of which `this` cannot be assigned to any new value whereas the current class object might not be final and can be changed.
- `this` can be used in the synchronized block.

## 74. What is the constructor?

Constructor is a special method that is used to initialize objects. Constructor is called when a object is created. The name of constructor is same as of the class.

### Example:

```
// Class Created
class XYZ{
    private int val;

    // Constructor
    XYZ(){
        val=0;
    }
}
```

## 75. What happens if you don't provide a constructor in a class?

If you don't provide a constructor in a class in Java, the compiler automatically generates a default constructor with no arguments and no operation which is a default constructor.

## 76. How many types of constructors are used in Java?

There are two types of constructors in Java as mentioned below:

1. Default Constructor
2. Parameterized Constructor

**Default Constructor:** It is the type that does not accept any parameter value. It is used to set initial values for object attributes.

```
class_Name();
// Default constructor called
```

**Parameterized Constructor:** It is the type of constructor that accepts parameters as arguments. These are used to assign values to instance variables during the initialization of objects.

```
class_Name(parameter1, parameter2.....);
// All the values passed as parameter will be
```

```
// allocated accordingly
```

## 77. What is the purpose of a default constructor?

Constructors help to create instances of a class or can be said to create objects of a class. Constructor is called during the initialization of objects. A default constructor is a type of constructor which do not accept any parameter, So whatever value is assigned to properties of the objects are considered default values.

## 78. What do you understand by copy constructor in Java?

The copy constructor is the type of constructor in which we pass another object as a parameter because which properties of both objects seem the same, that is why it seems as if constructors create a copy of an object.

## 79. Where and how can you use a private constructor?

A private constructor is used if you don't want any other class to instantiate the object to avoid subclassing. The use private constructor can be seen as implemented in the example.

**Example:**

```
// Java program to demonstrate implementation of Singleton pattern using private constructors.
import java.io.*;
class GFG {
    static GFG instance = null;
    public int x = 10;
    // private constructor can't be accessed outside the class
    private GFG() {}
    // Factory method to provide the users with instances
    static public GFG getInstance()
    {
        if (instance == null)
            instance = new GFG();
        return instance;
    }
}
// Driver Class
class Main {
```

```
public static void main(String args[])
{
    GFG a = GFG.getInstance();
    GFG b = GFG.getInstance();
    a.x = a.x + 10;
    System.out.println("Value of a.x = " + a.x);
    System.out.println("Value of b.x = " + b.x);
}
}
```

## Output

```
Value of a.x = 20
Value of b.x = 20
```

## 80. What are the differences between the constructors and methods?

Java constructors are used for initializing objects. During creation, constructors are called to set attributes for objects apart from this few basic differences between them are:

1. Constructors are only called when the object is created but other methods can be called multiple times during the life of an object.
2. Constructors do not have a return type, whereas methods have a return type, which can be `void` or any other type.
3. Constructors are used to setting up the initial state but methods are used to perform specific actions.

## 81. What is an Interface?

An interface in Java is a collection of static final variables and abstract methods that define the contract or agreement for a set of linked classes. Any class that implements an interface is required to implement a specific set of methods. It specifies the behavior that a class must exhibit but not the specifics of how it should be implemented.

### Syntax:

```
interface
{
    // constant fields
```

```
// methods that are abstract by default  
}
```

### Example:

```
// Java Program to demonstrate Interface  
import java.io.*;  
interface Shape {  
    double getArea();  
    double getPerimeter();  
}  
class Circle implements Shape {  
    private double radius;  
    public Circle(double radius) { this.radius = radius; }  
    public double getArea()  
    {  
        return Math.PI * radius * radius;  
    }  
    public double getPerimeter()  
    {  
        return 2 * Math.PI * radius;  
    }  
}  
class GFG {  
    public static void main(String[] args)  
    {  
        Circle circle = new Circle(5.0);  
        System.out.println("Area of circle is "  
                           + circle.getArea());  
        System.out.println("Perimeter of circle is"  
                           + circle.getPerimeter());  
    }  
}
```

### Output

```
Area of circle is 78.53981633974483  
Perimeter of circle is 31.41592653589793
```

### 82. Give some features of the Interface.

An Interface in Java programming language is defined as an abstract type used to specify the behavior of a class. An interface in Java is a blueprint of a behavior. A Java interface contains static constants and abstract methods.

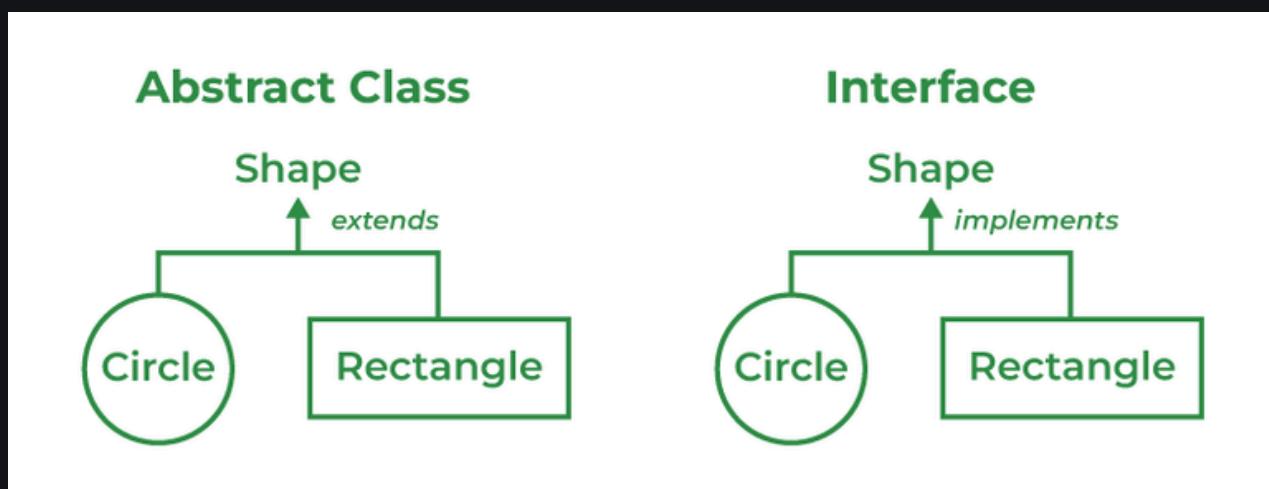
Features of the Interface are mentioned below:

- The interface can help to achieve total abstraction.
- Allows us to use multiple inheritances in Java.
- Any class can implement multiple interfaces even when one class can extend only one class.
- It is also used to achieve loose coupling.

### 83. What is a marker interface?

An Interface is recognized as an empty interface (no field or methods) it is called a marker interface. Examples of marker interfaces are Serializable, Cloneable, and Remote interfaces.

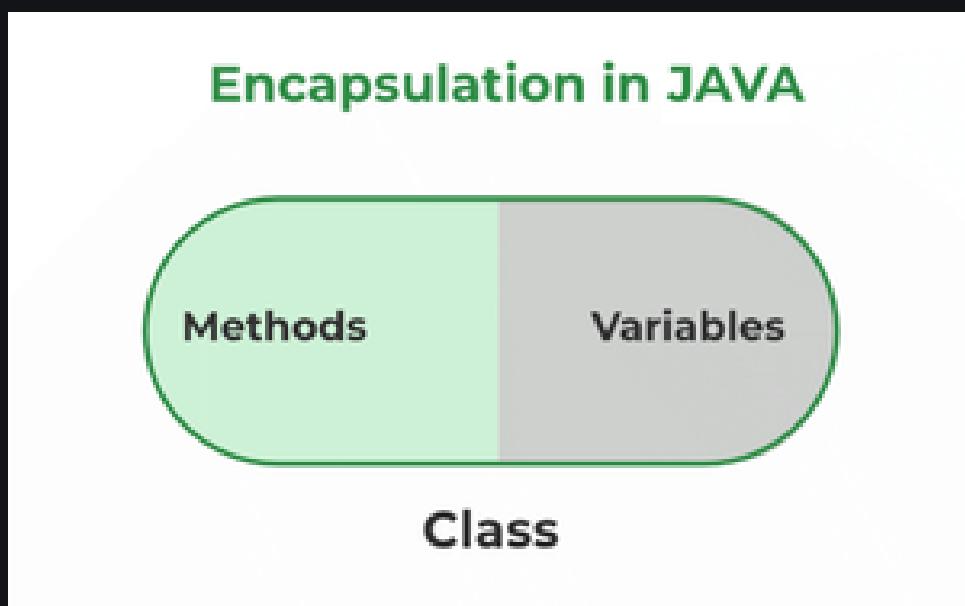
### 84. What are the differences between abstract class and interface?



Abstract Class	Interface Class
Both abstract and non-abstract methods may be found in an abstract class.	The interface contains only abstract methods.
Abstract Class supports Final methods.	The interface class does not support Final methods.
Multiple inheritance is not supported by the Abstract class.	Multiple inheritances is supported by Interface Class.

Abstract Class	Interface Class
Abstract Keyword is used to declare Abstract class.	Interface Keyword is used to declare the interface class.
<b>extend</b> keyword is used to extend an Abstract Class.	<b>implements</b> keyword is used to implement the interface.
Abstract Class has members like protected, private, etc.	All class members are public by default.

## 85. What do you mean by data encapsulation?



Data Encapsulation is the concept of OOPS properties and characteristics of the classes that bind the interface together. Basically, it bundles data and methods that operate on that data within a single unit. Encapsulation is achieved by declaring the instance variables of a class as private, which means they can only be accessed within the class.

## 86. What are the advantages of Encapsulation in Java?

The advantages of Encapsulation in Java are mentioned below:

1. Data Hiding: it is a way of restricting the access of our data members by hiding the implementation details. Encapsulation also provides a way for data hiding. The user will have no idea about the inner implementation of the class.

2. Increased Flexibility: We can make the variables of the class read-only or write-only depending on our requirements.
3. Reusability: Encapsulation also improves the re-usability and is easy to change with new requirements.
4. Testing code is easy: Code is made easy to test for unit testing.

## 87. What is the primary benefit of Encapsulation?

The main advantage of Encapsulation in Java is its ability to protect the internal state of an object from external modification or access. It is a way of hiding the implementation details of a class from outside access and only exposing a public interface that can be used to interact with the class. The main benefit is of providing a way to control and manage the state and the behavior of an object and also protecting it from modification and unauthorized access at the same time.

**Example:**

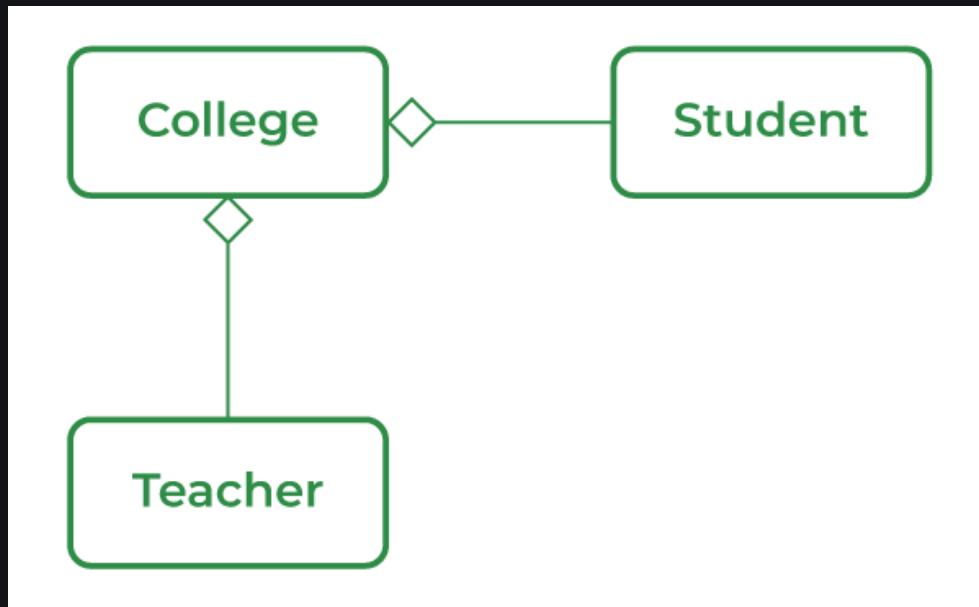
```
// Java Program to demonstrate use of Encapsulation
import java.io.*;
class Person {
    private String Name;
    private int age;
    public String getName() { return Name; }
    public void setName(String Name) { this.Name = Name; }
    public int getAge() { return age; }
    public void setAge(int age) { this.age = age; }
}
// Driver class
class GFG {
    // main function
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Person p = new Person();
        p.setName("Rohan");
        p.setAge(29);
        System.out.println("Name is " + p.getName());
        System.out.println("Age is " + p.getAge());
    }
}
```

**Output**

Name is Rohan

Age is 29

## 88. What do you mean by aggregation?



Aggregation is a term related to the relationship between two classes best described as a "has-a" relationship. This kind is the most specialized version of association. It is a unidirectional association means it is a one-way relationship. It contains the reference to another class and is said to have ownership of that class.

## 89. What is the 'IS-A' relationship in OOPs Java?

'IS-A' is a type of relationship in OOPs Java where one class inherits another class.

## 90. Define Inheritance.

When an object that belongs to a subclass acquires all the properties and behavior of a parent object that is from the superclass, it is known as inheritance. A class within a class is called the subclass and the latter is referred to as the superclass. Sub class or the child class is said to be specific whereas the superclass or the parent class is generic. Inheritance provides code reusability.

## 91. What are the different types of inheritance in Java?

Inheritance is the method by which the Child class can inherit the features of the Super or Parent class. In Java, Inheritance is of four types:

- **Single Inheritance:** When a child or subclass extends only one superclass, it is known to be single inheritance. Single-parent class properties are passed down to the child class.
- **Multilevel Inheritance:** When a child or subclass extends any other subclass a hierarchy of inheritance is created which is known as multilevel inheritance. In other words, one subclass becomes the parent class of another.
- **Hierarchical Inheritance:** When multiple subclasses derive from the same parent class is known as Hierarchical Inheritance. In other words, a class that has a single parent has many subclasses.
- **Multiple Inheritance:** When a child class inherits from multiple parent classes is known as Multiple Inheritance. In Java, it only supports multiple inheritance of interfaces, not classes.

## 92. What is multiple inheritance? Is it supported by Java?

A component of the object-oriented notion known as multiple inheritance allows a class to inherit properties from many parent classes. When methods with the same signature are present in both superclasses and subclasses, an issue arises. The method's caller cannot specify to the compiler which class method should be called or even which class method should be given precedence.

**Note:** Java doesn't support Multiple Inheritance

**Example:**

```
// Java Program to show multiple Inheritance
import java.io.*;
interface Animal {
    void eat();
}
interface Mammal {
    void drink();
}
class Dog implements Animal, Mammal {
    public void eat() { System.out.println("Eating"); }
    public void drink() { System.out.println("Drinking"); }
    void bark() { System.out.println("Barking"); }
}
```

```

class GFG {
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Dog d = new Dog();
        d.eat();
        d.drink();
        d.bark();
    }
}

```

## Output

Eating  
Drinking  
Barking

## 93. How is inheritance in C++ different from Java?

Inheritance in C++	Inheritance in Java
C++ lets the user to inherit multiple classes.	Java doesn't support multiple inheritances.
When a class is created in C++, it doesn't inherit from the object class, instead exists on its own.	Java is always said to have a single inheritance as all the classes inherit in one or the other way from the object class.

## 94. Is there any limitation to using Inheritance?

Yes, there is a limitation of using Inheritance in Java, as because of inheritance one can inherit everything from super class and interface because of which subclass is too clustered and sometimes error-prone when dynamic overriding or dynamic overloading is done in certain situations.

## 95. Although inheritance is a popular OOPs concept, it is less advantageous than composition. Explain.

Inheritance is a popular concept of Object-Oriented Programming (OOP), in which a class can inherit the properties and methods from any other class,

which is referred to as a Parent or superclass. On the other hand in Composition, a class can contain an instance of another class as a member variable which is often referred to as part or a component. Below are some reasons why composition is more advantageous than inheritance:

- **Tight Coupling:** Whenever any changes are made to the superclass, these changes can affect the behavior of all its child or Subclasses. This problem makes code less flexible and also creates issues during maintenance. This problem also leads to the Tight coupling between the classes.
- **Fragile Base Class Problem:** When the changes to the base class can break the functionality of its derived classes. This problem can make it difficult to add new features or modify the existing ones. This problem is known as the Fragile Base class problem.
- **Limited Reuse:** Inheritance in Java can lead to limited code reuse and also code duplication. As a subclass inherits all the properties and methods of its superclass, sometimes it may end up with unnecessary code which is not needed. This leads to a less maintainable codebase.

## 96. What is an association?

The association is a relation between two separate classes established through their Objects. It represents Has-A's relationship.

## 97. What do you mean by aggregation?

Aggregation is a relationship between two entities where one entity is associated with another, but they can exist independently. It represents a "has-a" relationship. In Aggregation, the contained object does not get destroyed when the container object is destroyed.

### Example:

A Department has multiple Professors, but a Professor can exist independently of a Department.

## 98. What is the composition of Java?

Composition in Java is a design principle where one class contains an instance of another class and establishes a strong relationship between them. The child object cannot exist independently of the parent object.

### **Example:**

A Human has a Heart, but a Heart cannot exist without a Human.

### **99. State the difference between Composition and Aggregation.**

Aggregation	Composition
It defines a "has a" relationship between the objects	It represents the part-of relationship
Objects are independent of each other.	Objects are dependent on each other.
Represent it by using the empty diamond.	Represent it by using the filled diamond.
Child objects don't have a lifetime.	Child objects have a lifetime.

### **100. Can the constructor be inherited?**

No, we can't inherit a constructor.

### **101. What is Polymorphism?**

Polymorphism is defined as the ability to take more than one form. It is of two types namely, Compile time polymorphism or method overloading- a function called during compile time. For instance, take a class 'area'. Based on the number of parameters it may calculate the area of a square, triangle, or circle. Run time polymorphism or method overriding- links during run time. The method inside a class overrides the method of the parent class.

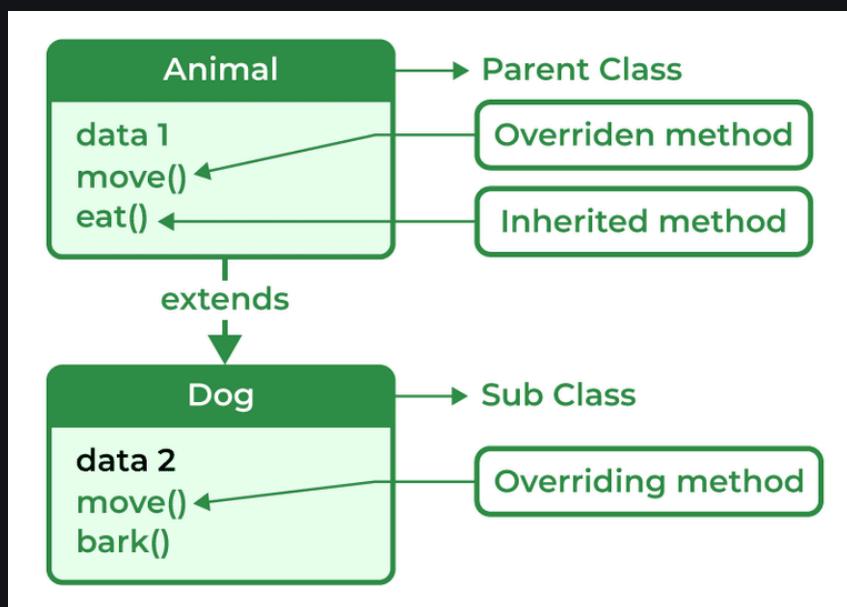
### **102. What is runtime polymorphism or dynamic method dispatch?**

Dynamic method dispatch is a resolving mechanism for method overriding during the run time. Method overriding is the one where the method in a subclass has the same name, parameters, and return type as a method in the superclass. When the over-ridden method is called through a superclass

reference, java determines which version (superclass or subclass) of that method is to be executed based upon the type of an object being referred to at the time the call occurs. Thus the decision is made at run time. This is referred to as dynamic method dispatch.

### 103. What is method overriding?

Method overriding, also known as run time polymorphism is one where the child class contains the same method as the parent class. For instance, we have a method named 'gfg()' in the parent class. A method gfg() is again defined in the sub-class. Thus when gfg() is called in the subclass, the method within the class id executed. Here, gfg() within the class overridden the method outside.



Method overriding is a method to achieve Run-time polymorphism in Java. Method overriding is a feature that allows a child class to provide a specific implementation of a method that is already provided by one of its parent classes. When a method in a child class has the same name, the same parameters or signature, and the same return type (or sub-type) as a method in its parent class, then the method in the subclass is said to override the method in the superclass.

### 104. What is method overloading?

In Java, Method Overloading allows different methods to have the same name, but different signatures where the signature can differ by the number of input parameters or type of input parameters, or a mixture of both.

Method overloading in Java is also known as [Compile-time Polymorphism](#), [Static Polymorphism](#), or [Early binding](#). In Method overloading compared to the parent argument, the child argument will get the highest priority.

## 105. Can we override the static method?

No, as static methods are part of the class rather than the object so we can't override them.

## 106. Can we override the overloaded method?

Yes, since the overloaded method is a completely different method in the eyes of the compiler. Overriding isn't the same thing at all. The decision as to which method to call is deferred to runtime.

## 107. Can we overload the main() method?

Yes in Java we can overload the main method to call the main method with the help of its predefined calling method.

## 108. What are method overloading and method overriding?

**Method Overloading:** It is also known as Compile Time Polymorphism. In method overloading two or more methods are shared in the same class with a different signature.

**Example:**

```
// Java Program to demonstrate use of Method Overloading
import java.io.*;
class GFG {
    static int multiply(int a, int b) { return a * b; }
    static int multiply(int a, int b, int c)
    {
        return a * b * c;
    }
    static int multiply(int a, int b, int c, int d)
    {
        return a * b * c * d;
    }
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        System.out.println("multiply() with 2 parameters");
    }
}
```

```

        System.out.println(multiply(4, 5));
        System.out.println("multiply() with 3 parameters");
        System.out.println(multiply(2, 3, 4));
        System.out.println("multiply() with 4 parameters");
        System.out.println(multiply(2, 3, 4, 1));
    }
}

```

## Output

```

multiply() with 2 parameters
20
multiply() with 3 parameters
24
multiply() with 4 parameters
24

```

**Method Overriding:** Method Overriding occurs when a subclass can provide the implementation of a method which is already defined in the parent class or superclass. The return type, name and arguments must be similar to the methods in superclass.

### Example:

```
// Java Program to demonstrate use of Method Overriding
import java.io.*;
class Vehicle {
    void drive()
    {
        System.out.println("drive() method of base class");
        System.out.println("driving the Car.");
    }
}
class Car extends Vehicle {
    void drive()
    {
        System.out.println(
            "drive() method of derived class");
        System.out.println("Car is driving.");
    }
}
class GFG {
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Car c1 = new Car();
        Vehicle v1 = new Vehicle();
    }
}
```

```

        c1.drive();
        v1.drive();
        Vehicle vehicle = new Car();
        // drive() method of Vehicle class is overridden by
        // Car class drive()
        vehicle.drive();
    }
}

```

## Output

```

drive() method of derived class
Car is driving.
drive() method of base class
driving the Car.
drive() method of derived class
Car is driving.

```

Method Overloading	Method Overriding
When two or multiple methods are in the same class with different parameters but the same name.	When a subclass provides its own implementation of a method that is already defined in the parent class.
Method overloading can only happen in the same class or between a subclass or parent class.	Method overriding can only happen in Subclass.
When an error occurs it is caught at the compile time of the program.	When an error occurs it is caught at Runtime of the program.
Example of Compile Time Polymorphism.	Example of Run Time Polymorphism.
Method Overloading may or may not require Inheritance.	Method overriding always needs Inheritance.

Method Overloading	Method Overriding
It occurs within the class.	It is performed in two classes with an inheritance relationship.

## 109. Can we override the private methods?

It is not possible to override the private methods in Java. Method overriding is where the method in the subclass is implemented instead of the method from the parent class. The private methods are accessible only within the class in which it is declared. Since this method is not visible to other classes and cannot be accessed, it cannot be overridden.

## 110. Can we change the scope of the overridden method in the subclass?

Yes, we can change the scope of an overridden method in the subclass, but only to make it wider or the same as the superclass method's scope.

- If the overridden method in the superclass is public, the subclass method must be public (it cannot be protected, default, or private).
- If the overridden method in the superclass is protected, the subclass method can be protected or public, but not private or default.
- If the overridden method in the superclass has default (package-private) access, the subclass method can be default, protected, or public, but not private.
- A private method cannot be overridden because it is not visible to the subclass.

## 111. Can we modify the throws clause of the superclass method while overriding it in the subclass?

We can modify the throws clause of the Superclass method with some limitations, we can change the throws clause of the superclass method while overriding it in the subclass. The subclass overridden method can only specify unchecked exceptions if the superclass method does not declare any exceptions. If the superclass method declares an exception, the subclass method can declare the same exception, a subclass exception, or no

exception at all. However, the subclass method cannot declare a parent exception that is broader than the ones declared in the superclass method.

## 112. Can you have virtual functions in Java?

Yes, Java supports virtual functions. Functions are by default virtual and can be made non-virtual using the final keyword.

## 113. What is Abstraction?

Abstraction refers to the act of representing essential features without including background details. The detailed information or the implementation is hidden. The most common example of abstraction is a car, we know how to turn on the engine, accelerate and move, however, the way engine works, and its internal components are complex logic hidden from the general users. This is usually done to handle the complexity.

## 114. What is Abstract class?

A class declared as abstract, cannot be instantiated i.e., the object cannot be created. It may or may not contain abstract methods but if a class has at least one abstract method, it must be declared abstract.

*Example of an abstract class with abstract method:*

```
// Java Program to implement
// abstract method
import java.io.*;
// Abstract class
abstract class Fruits {
    abstract void run();
}
// Driver Class
class Apple extends Fruits {
    void run()
    {
        System.out.println("Abstract class example");
    }
    // main method
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        Fruits obj = new Apple();
        obj.run();
    }
}
```

}

## Output

Abstract class example

### 115. When Abstract methods are used?

An abstract method is used when we want to use a method but want to child classes to decide the implementation in that case we use Abstract methods with the parent classes.

### 116. How can you avoid serialization in the child class if the base class is implementing the Serializable interface?

Serialization in the child class if the base class is implementing the Serializable interface then we can avoid it by defining the writeObject() method and throwing NotSerializableException().

### 117. What is Collection Framework in Java?

Collections are units of objects in Java. The collection framework is a set of interfaces and classes in Java that are used to represent and manipulate collections of objects in a variety of ways. The collection framework contains classes(ArrayList, Vector, LinkedList, PriorityQueue, TreeSet) and multiple interfaces (Set, List, Queue, Deque) where every interface is used to store a specific type of data.

### 118. Explain various interfaces used in the Collection framework.

Collection framework implements

1. Collection Interface
2. List Interface
3. Set Interface
4. Queue Interface
5. Deque Interface
6. Map Interface

**Collection interface:** Collection is the primary interface available that can be imported using java.util.Collection.

**Syntax:**

```
public interface Collection<E> extends iterable
```

## 119. How can you synchronize an ArrayList in Java?

An ArrayList can be synchronized using two methods mentioned below:

1. Using Collections.synchronizedList()
2. Using CopyOnWriteArrayList

Using Collections.synchronizedList():

```
public static List<T> synchronizedList(List<T> list)
```

Using CopyOnWriteArrayList:

1. Create an empty List.
2. It implements the List interface
3. It is a thread-safe variant of ArrayList
4. T represents generic

## 120. Why do we need a synchronized ArrayList when we have Vectors (which are synchronized) in Java?

ArrayList is in need even when we have Vectors because of certain reasons:

1. ArrayList is faster than Vectors.
2. ArrayList supports multithreading whereas Vectors only supports single-thread use.
3. ArrayList is safer to use, as Vectors supports single threads and individual operations are less safe and take longer to synchronize.
4. Vectors are considered outdated in Java because of their synchronized nature.

## 121. Why can't we create a generic array?

Generic arrays can't be created because an **array** carries type information of its elements at runtime because of which during runtime it throws 'ArrayStoreException' if the elements' type is not similar. Since generics type information gets erased at compile time by Type Erasure, the array store check would have been passed where it should have failed.

## 122. Can you explain how elements are stored in memory for both regular arrays and ArrayLists in Java? . Explain.

The elements of a regular array in Java are stored in contiguous memory locations, meaning that each element is stored in a sequential block of memory. This allows easy access to any element by its index because the address can be calculated using the base address of the array and the size of each element.

In contrast, the **ArrayList** class implements a dynamic array, which means that its size can change as elements are added or removed. **ArrayList** elements are also stored in contiguous memory locations, similar to arrays. However, when an **ArrayList** reaches its capacity and more elements need to be added, a new, larger underlying array is created. The elements from the old array are then copied to the new one. This process ensures that the **ArrayList** can grow dynamically while keeping the elements in contiguous memory locations.

## 123. Explain the method to convert ArrayList to Array and Array to ArrayList.

### Conversion of List to ArrayList

There are multiple methods to convert List into ArrayList



```
graph LR; A([Array]) --> B([ArrayList])
```

### Methods:

1. **Arrays.asList()**
2. **Collections.addAll()**
3. **add() method**

Programmers can convert an Array to ArrayList using `asList()` method of the Arrays class. It is a static method of the Arrays class that accepts the List object.

### Syntax:

```
Arrays.asList(item)
```

### Example:

```
// Java program to demonstrate conversion of
// Array to ArrayList of fixed-size.
import java.util.*;
// Driver Class
class GFG {
    // Main Function
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        String[] temp = { "Abc", "Def", "Ghi", "Jkl" };
        // Conversion of array to ArrayList
        // using Arrays.asList
        List conv = Arrays.asList(temp);
        System.out.println(conv);
    }
}
```



### Output

```
[Abc, Def, Ghi, Jkl]
```

### Conversion of ArrayList to Array

```
graph LR; A([ArrayList]) --> B([Array])
```

A diagram illustrating the conversion process. It consists of two rounded rectangular boxes, both with green outlines and light green backgrounds. The left box contains the text "ArrayList". An arrow points from this box to the right box, which contains the text "Array".

ArrayList

Array

### Methods:

1. `Object[]toArray()`
2. `T[]toArray(T[]a)`
3. `get() method`

Java programmers can convert ArrayList to

## Syntax:

```
List_object.toArray(new String[List_object.size()])
```

## Example:

```
import java.util.List;
import java.util.ArrayList;

// Driver Class
class GFG {
    // Main Function
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // List declared
        List<Integer> arr = new ArrayList<>();
        arr.add(1);
        arr.add(2);
        arr.add(3);
        arr.add(2);
        arr.add(1);

        // Conversion
        Object[] objects = arr.toArray();

        // Printing array of objects
        for (Object obj : objects)
            System.out.print(obj + " ");
    }
}
```



## Output

```
1 2 3 2 1
```

**124. How does the size of ArrayList grow dynamically? And also state how it is implemented internally.**

Due to ArrayLists array-based nature, it grows dynamically in size ensuring that there is always enough room for elements. When an ArrayList element is first created, the default capacity is around 10-16 elements which basically depends on the Java version. ArrayList elements are copied over from the original array to the new array when the capacity of the original array is full. As the ArrayList size increases dynamically, the class creates a

new array of bigger sizes and it copies all the elements from the old array to the new array. Now, the reference of the new array is used internally. This process of dynamically growing an array is known as resizing.

## 125. What is a Vector in Java?

Vectors in Java are similar and can store multiple elements inside them.

Vectors follow certain rules mentioned below:

1. Vector can be imported using Java.util.Vector.
2. Vector is implemented using a dynamic array as the size of the vector increases and decreases depending upon the elements inserted in it.
3. Elements of the Vector using index numbers.
4. Vectors are synchronized in nature means they only used a single thread ( only one process is performed at a particular time ).
5. The vector contains many methods that are not part of the collections framework.

**Syntax:**

```
Vector gfg = new Vector(size, increment);
```

## 126. How to make Java ArrayList Read-Only?

An ArrayList can be made ready only using the method provided by Collections using the Collections.unmodifiableList() method.

**Syntax:**

```
array_READONLY = Collections.unmodifiableList(ArrayList);
```

**Example:**

```
import java.util.*;  
  
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {  
        try {  
            // creating object of ArrayList  
            ArrayList<Character> temp = new ArrayList<>();  
            // populate the list  
            temp.add('X');
```

```

        temp.add('Y');
        temp.add('Z');
        // printing the list
        System.out.println("Initial list: " + temp);

        // getting readonly list
        // using unmodifiableList() method
        List<Character> new_array = Collections.unmodifiableList

        // printing the list
        System.out.println("ReadOnly ArrayList: " + new_array);

        // Attempting to add element to new Collection
        System.out.println("\nAttempting to add element to the R
ArrayList");
        new_array.add('A');
    } catch (UnsupportedOperationException e) {
        System.out.println("Exception is thrown : " + e);
    }
}
}

```

## Output

```

Initial list: [X, Y, Z]
ReadOnly ArrayList: [X, Y, Z]

Attempting to add element to the ReadOnly ArrayList
Exception is thrown : java.lang.UnsupportedOperationException

```

## 127. What is a priority queue in Java?

Priority Queue		
Initial Queue = {}		
Operation	Return value	Queue Content
insert ( C )		C
insert ( O )		C O
insert ( D )		C O D
<b>remove max</b>	O	C D
insert ( I )		C D I
insert ( N )		C D I N
<b>remove max</b>	N	C D I
insert ( G )		C D I G

A priority queue is an abstract data type similar to a regular queue or stack data structure. Elements stored in elements are depending upon the priority defined from low to high. The PriorityQueue is based on the priority heap.

#### Syntax:

```
import java.util.*;  
  
class PriorityQueueDemo {  
    // Main Method  
    public static void main(String args[]) {  
        // Creating empty priority queue  
        PriorityQueue<Integer> var1 = new PriorityQueue<Integer>  
();  
        // Adding items to the pQueue using add()  
        var1.add(10);  
        var1.add(20);  
        var1.add(15);  
        // Printing the top element of PriorityQueue  
        System.out.println(var1.peek());  
    }  
}
```

#### Output

```
10
```

### 128. Explain the LinkedList class.

LinkedList class is Java that uses a doubly linked list to store elements. It inherits the AbstractList class and implements List and Deque interfaces. Properties of the LinkedList Class are mentioned below:

1. LinkedList classes are non-synchronized.
2. Maintains insertion order.
3. It can be used as a list, stack, or queue.

#### Syntax:

```
LinkedList<class> list_name=new LinkedList<class>();
```

## **129. What is the Stack class in Java and what are the various methods provided by it?**

A Stack class in Java is a LIFO data structure that implements the Last In First Out data structure. It is derived from a Vector class but has functions specific to stacks. The Stack class in java provides the following methods:

- **peek():** returns the top item from the stack without removing it
- **empty():** returns true if the stack is empty and false otherwise
- **push():** pushes an item onto the top of the stack
- **pop():** removes and returns the top item from the stack
- **search():** returns the 1, based position of the object from the top of the stack. If the object is not in the stack, it returns -1

## **130. What is Set in the Java Collections framework and list down its various implementations?**

Sets are collections that don't store duplicate elements. They don't keep any order of the elements. The Java Collections framework provides several implementations of the Set interface, including:

- **HashSet:** HashSet in Java, stores the elements in a hash table which provides faster lookups and faster insertion. HashSet is not ordered.
- **LinkedHashSet:** LinkedHashSet is an implementation of HashSet which maintains the insertion order of the elements.
- **TreeSet:** TreeSet stores the elements in a sorted order that is determined by the natural ordering of the elements or by a custom comparator provided at the time of creation.

## **131. What is the HashSet class in Java and how does it store elements?**

The HashSet class implements the Set interface in the Java Collections Framework and is a member of the HashSet class. Unlike duplicate values, it stores a collection of distinct elements. In this implementation, each element is mapped to an index in an array using a hash function, and the index is used to quickly access the element. It produces an index for the element in the array where it is stored based on the input element. Assuming the hash function distributes the elements among the buckets appropriately, the

HashSet class provides constant-time performance for basic operations (add, remove, contain, and size).

## 132. What is LinkedHashSet in Java Collections Framework?

The LinkedHashSet is an ordered version of HashSet maintained by a doubly-linked List across all the elements. It is very helpful when iteration order is needed. During Iteration in LinkedHashSet, elements are returned in the same order they are inserted.

**Syntax:**

```
LinkedHashSet<E> hs = new LinkedHashSet<E>();
```

**Example:**

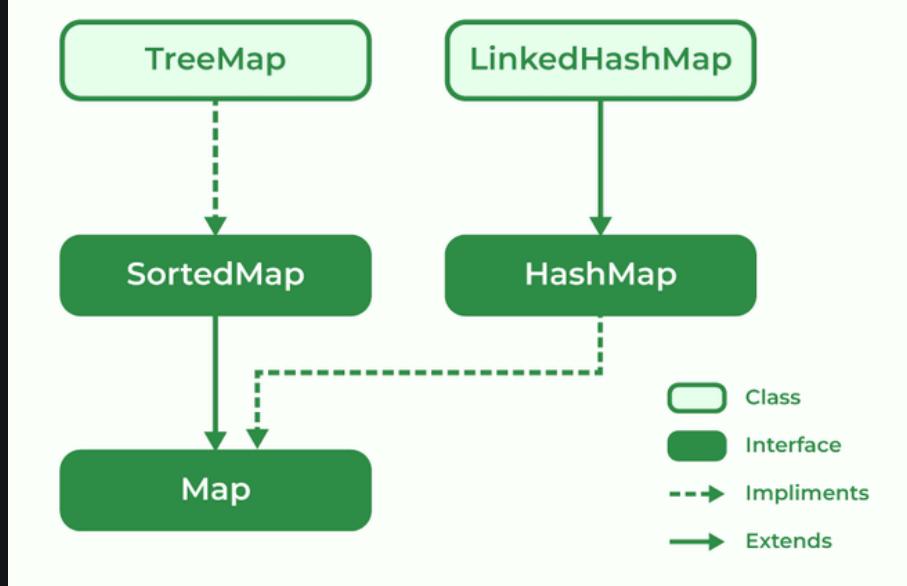
```
import java.io.*;
import java.util.*;

// Driver Class
class GFG {
    // Main Function
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // LinkedHashSet declared
        LinkedHashSet<Integer> hs = new LinkedHashSet<Integer>();
        // Add elements in HashSet
        hs.add(1);
        hs.add(2);
        hs.add(5);
        hs.add(3);
        // Print values
        System.out.println("Values:" + hs);
    }
}
```

**Output**

```
Values:[1, 2, 5, 3]
```

## 133. What is a Map interface in Java?



The map interface is present in the Java collection and can be used with `Java.util` package. A map interface is used for mapping values in the form of a key-value form. The map contains all unique keys. Also, it provides methods associated with it like `containsKey()`, `contains value ()`, etc.

There are multiple types of maps in the map interface as mentioned below:

1. `SortedMap`
2. `TreeMap`
3. `HashMap`
4. `LinkedHashMap`

### 134. Explain Treemap in Java

`TreeMap` is a type of map that stores data in the form of key-value pair. It is implemented using the red-black tree. Features of `TreeMap` are :

1. It contains only unique elements.
2. It cannot have a NULL key
3. It can have multiple NULL values.
4. It is non-synchronized.
5. It maintains ascending order.

### 135. What is EnumSet?

`EnumSet` is a specialized implementation of the `Set` interface for use with enumeration type. A few features of `EnumSet` are:

1. It is non-synchronized.
2. Faster than `HashSet`.

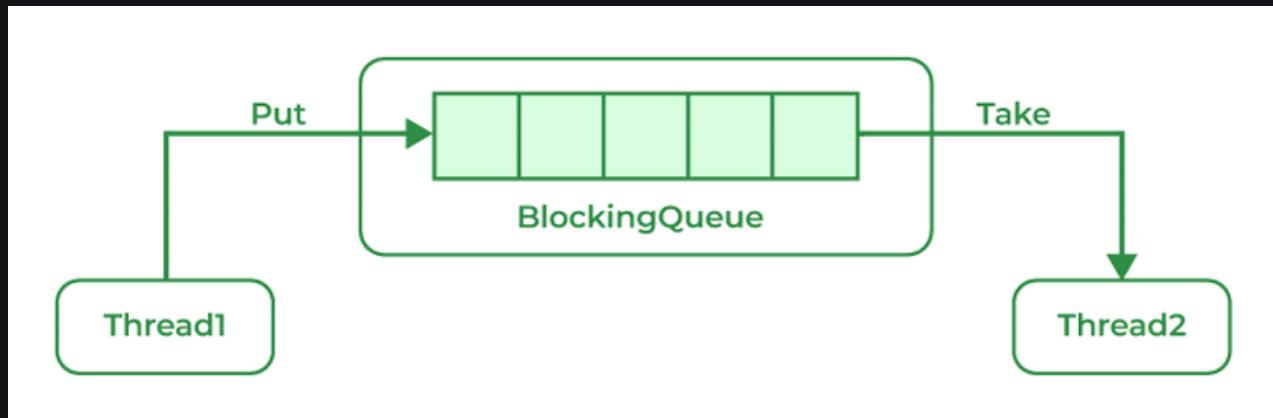
3. All of the elements in an EnumSet must come from a single enumeration type.
4. It doesn't allow null Objects and throws NullPointerException for exceptions.
5. It uses a fail-safe iterator.

**Syntax:**

```
public abstract class EnumSet<E extends Enum<E>>
```

**Parameter:** E specifies the elements.

## 136. What is BlockingQueue?



A blocking queue is a Queue that supports the operations that wait for the queue to become non-empty while retrieving and removing the element, and wait for space to become available in the queue while adding the element.

**Syntax:**

```
public interface BlockingQueue<E> extends Queue<E>
```

**Parameters:** E is the type of elements stored in the Collection

## 137. What is the ConcurrentHashMap in Java and do you implement it?

ConcurrentHashMap is implemented using Hashtable.

**Syntax:**

```
public class ConcurrentHashMap<K, V>
extends AbstractMap<K, V>
```

implements ConcurrentMap<K, V>, Serializable

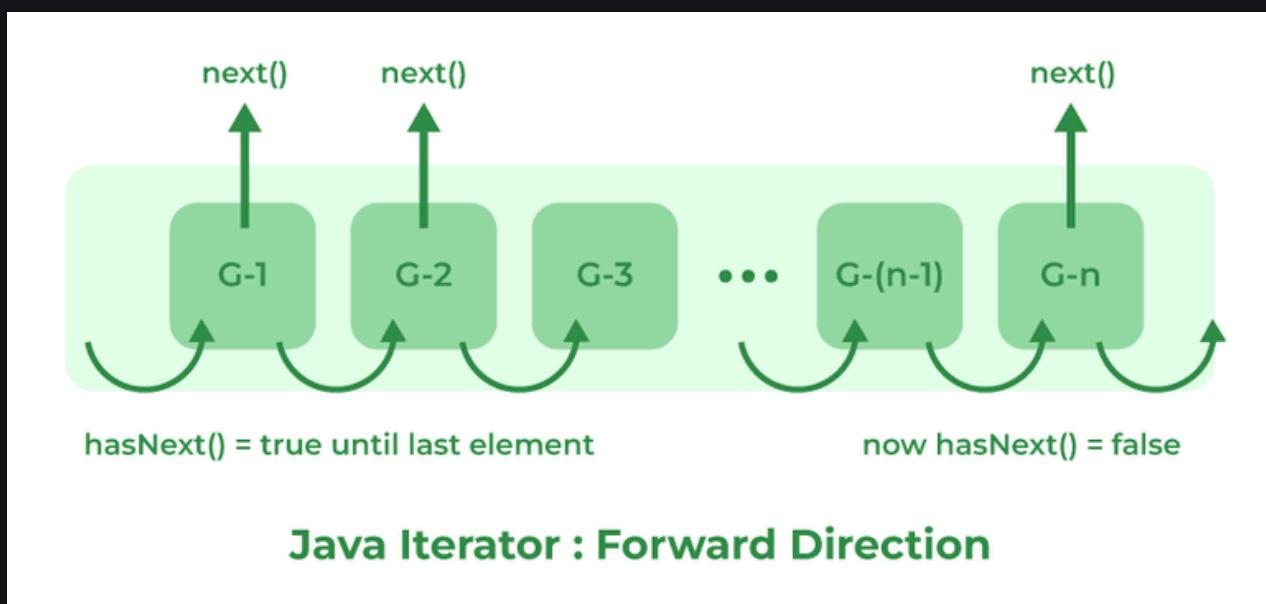
**Parameters:** K is the key Object type and V is the value Object type

## 138. Can you use any class as a Map key?

Yes, we can use any class as a Map Key if it follows certain predefined rules mentioned below:

1. The class overriding the equals() method must also override the hashCode() method
2. The concurrentHashMap class is thread-safe.
3. The default concurrency level of ConcurrentHashMap is 16.
4. Inserting null objects in ConcurrentHashMap is not possible as a key or as value.

## 139. What is an Iterator?



The Iterator interface provides methods to iterate over any Collection in Java. Iterator is the replacement of Enumeration in the Java Collections Framework. It can get an iterator instance from a Collection using the `_iterator()` method. It also allows the caller to remove elements from the underlying collection during the iteration.

## 140. What is an enumeration?

Enumeration is a user-defined data type. It is mainly used to assign names to integral constants, the names make a program easy to read and maintain. The main objective of the enum is to define user-defined data types.

## Example:

```
// A simple enum example where enum is declared  
// outside any class (Note enum keyword instead of  
// class keyword)  
enum Color  
{  
    RED, GREEN, BLUE;  
}
```

## 141. What is the difference between Collection and Collections?

Collection	Collections
The Collection is an Interface.	Collections is a class.
It provides the standard functionality of data structure.	It is to sort and synchronize the collection elements.
It provides the methods that can be used for the data structure.	It provides static methods that can be used for various operations.

## 142. Differentiate between Array and ArrayList in Java.

Array	ArrayList
Single-dimensional or multidimensional	Single-dimensional
For and for each used for iteration	Here iterator is used to traverse riverArrayList
length keyword returns the size of the array.	size() method is used to compute the size of ArrayList.

Array	ArrayList
The array has Fixed-size.	ArrayList size is dynamic and can be increased or decreased in size when required.
It is faster as above we see it of fixed size	It is relatively slower because of its dynamic nature
Primitive data types can be stored directly in unlikely objects.	Primitive data types are not directly added to unlikely arrays, they are added indirectly with help of autoboxing and unboxing
They can not be added here hence the type is in the unsafe.	They can be added here hence makingArrayList type-safe.
The assignment operator only serves the purpose	Here a special method is used known as add() method

### 143. What is the difference between Array and Collection in Java?

Array	Collections
Array in Java has a fixed size.	Collections in Java have dynamic sizes.
In an Array, Elements are stored in contiguous memory locations.	In Collections, Elements are not necessarily stored in contiguous memory locations.
Objects and primitive data types can be stored in an array.	We can only store objects in collections.

Array	Collections
Manual manipulation is required for resizing the array.	Resizing in collections is handled automatically.
The array has basic methods for manipulation.	Collections have advanced methods for manipulation and iteration.
The array is available since the beginning of Java.	Collections were introduced in Java 1.2.

#### 144. Difference between ArrayList and LinkedList.

ArrayList	LinkedList
ArrayList is Implemented as an expandable Array.	LinkedList is Implemented as a doubly-linked list.
In ArrayList, Elements are stored in contiguous memory locations	LinkedList Elements are stored in non-contiguous memory locations as each element has a reference to the next and previous elements.
ArrayLists are faster for random access.	LinkedLists are faster for insertion and deletion operations
ArrayLists are more memory efficient.	LinkedList is less memory efficient
ArrayLists Use more memory due to maintaining the array size.	LinkedList Uses less memory as it only has references to elements
The search operation is faster in ArrayList.	The search operation is slower in LinkedList

## 145. Differentiate between ArrayList and Vector in Java.

ArrayList	Vector
<b>ArrayList</b> is implemented as a resizable array.	<b>Vector</b> is implemented as a synchronized, resizable array.
ArrayList is not synchronized.	The vector is synchronized.
ArrayLists are Faster for non-concurrent operations.	Vector is Slower for non-concurrent operations due to added overhead of synchronization.
ArrayLists were Introduced in Java 1.2.	Vector was Introduced in JDK 1.0.
Recommended for use in a single-threaded environment.	Vectors are Recommended for use in a multi-threaded environment.
The default initial capacity of ArrayLists is 10.	In Vectors, the default initial capacity is 10 but the default increment is twice the size.
ArrayList performance is high.	Vector performance is low.

## 146. What is the difference between Iterator and ListIterator?

Iterator	ListIterator
Can traverse elements present in Collection only in the forward direction.	Can traverse elements present in Collection both in forward and backward directions.
Used to traverse Map, List, and Set.	Can only traverse List and not the other two.

Iterator	ListIterator
Indexes can't be obtained using Iterator	It has methods like nextIndex() and previousIndex() to obtain indexes of elements at any time while traversing the List.
Can't modify or replace elements present in Collection	Can modify or replace elements with the help of set(E e)
Can't add elements, and also throws ConcurrentModificationException.	Can easily add elements to a collection at any time.
Certain methods of Iterator are next(), remove(), and hasNext().	Certain methods of ListIterator are next(), previous(), hasNext(), hasPrevious(), add(E e).

#### 147. Differentiate between HashMap and HashTable.

HashMap	HashTable
HashMap is not synchronized	HashTable is synchronized
One key can be a NULL value	NULL values not allowed
The iterator is used to traverse HashMap.	Both Iterator and Enumertar can be used
HashMap is faster.	HashTable is slower as compared to HashMap.

#### 148. What is the difference between Iterator and Enumeration?

Iterator	Enumeration
The Iterator can traverse both legacies as well as non-legacy elements.	Enumeration can traverse only legacy elements.
The Iterator is fail-fast.	Enumeration is not fail-fast.
The Iterators are slower.	Enumeration is faster.
The Iterator can perform a remove operation while traversing the collection.	The Enumeration can perform only traverse operations on the collection.

#### 149. What is the difference between Comparable and Comparator?

Comparable	Comparator
The interface is present in java.lang package.	The Interface is present in java.util package.
Provides compareTo() method to sort elements.	Provides compare() method to sort elements.
It provides single sorting sequences.	It provides multiple sorting sequences.
The logic of sorting must be in the same class whose object you are going to sort.	The logic of sorting should be in a separate class to write different sorting based on different attributes of objects.
Method sorts the data according to fixed sorting order.	Method sorts the data according to the customized sorting order.

Comparable	Comparator
It affects the original class.	It doesn't affect the original class.
Implemented frequently in the API by Calendar, Wrapper classes, Date, and String.	It is implemented to sort instances of third-party classes.

## 150. What is the difference between Set and Map?

Set	Map
The Set interface is implemented using java.util package.	The map is implemented using java.util package.
It can extend the collection interface.	It does not extend the collection interface.
It does not allow duplicate values.	It allows duplicate values.
The set can sort only one null value.	The map can sort multiple null values.

## Java Intermediate Interview Questions

### 151. Explain the FailFast iterator and FailSafe iterator along with examples for each.

A FailFast iterator is an iterator that throws a **ConcurrentModificationException** if it detects that the underlying collection has been modified while the iterator is being used. This is the default behavior of iterators in the Java Collections Framework. For example, the iterator for a HashMap is FailFast.

**Example:**

```
import java.io.*;
```

```
import java.io.*;
import java.util.HashMap;
import java.util.Iterator;
import java.util.Map;

class GFG {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        HashMap<Integer, String> map = new HashMap<>();
        map.put(1, "one");
        map.put(2, "two");

        Iterator<Map.Entry<Integer, String>> iterator =
map.entrySet().iterator();
        while (iterator.hasNext()) {
            Map.Entry<Integer, String> entry = iterator.next();
            // this will throw a ConcurrentModificationException
            if (entry.getKey() == 1) {
                map.remove(1);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

### Output:

```
Exception in thread "main"
java.util.ConcurrentModificationException
```

A FailSafe iterator does not throw a **ConcurrentModificationException** if the underlying collection is modified while the iterator is being used. Alternatively, it creates a snapshot of the collection at the time the iterator is created and iterates over the snapshot. For example, the iterator for a ConcurrentHashMap is FailSafe.

### Example:

```
import java.io.*;
import java.util.Iterator;
import java.util.Map;
import java.util.concurrent.ConcurrentHashMap;

class GFG {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        ConcurrentHashMap<Integer, String> map = new ConcurrentHashMap<>();
        map.put(1, "one");
        map.put(2, "two");
```

```

Iterator<Map.Entry<Integer, String>> iterator =
map.entrySet().iterator();
while (iterator.hasNext()) {
    Map.Entry<Integer, String> entry = iterator.next();
    // this will not throw an exception
    if (entry.getKey() == 1) {
        map.remove(1);
    }
}
}

```

## 152. What is Exception Handling?

An [Exception](#) is an Event that interrupts the normal flow of the program and requires special processing. During the execution of a program, errors and unplanned occurrences can be dealt with by using the Java Exception Handling mechanism. Below are some reasons why Exceptions occur in Java:

- Device failure
- Loss of Network Connection
- Code Errors
- Opening an Unavailable file
- Invalid User Input
- Physical Limitations (out of disk memory)

## 153. How many types of exceptions can occur in a Java program?



There are generally two types of exceptions in Java:

- **Built-in Exceptions:** Built-in exceptions in Java are provided by the Java Libraries. These exceptions can be further divided into two subcategories i.e., checked and unchecked Exceptions. Below are some of the built-in exceptions in Java:
  - `ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException`

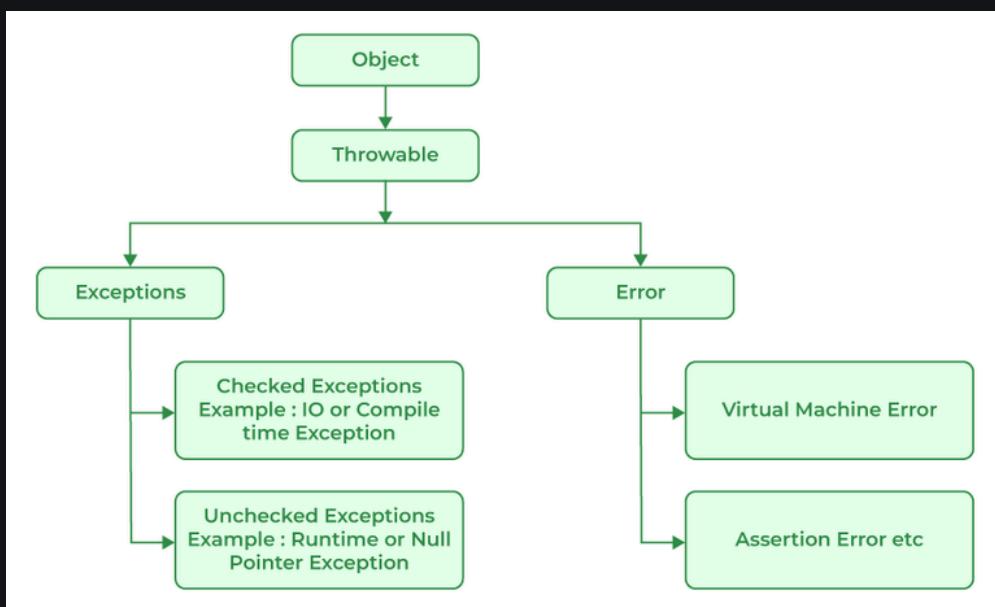
- ClassNotFoundException
  - FileNotFoundException
  - IOException
  - NullPointerException
  - ArithmeticException
  - InterruptedException
  - RuntimeException
- **User-Defined Exceptions:** User-defined exceptions are defined by the programmers themselves to handle some specific situations or errors which are not covered by built-in exceptions. To define user-defined exceptions a new class that extends the appropriate exception class must be defined. User-defined Exceptions in Java are used when the built-in exceptions are in Java.

## 154. Difference between an Error and an Exception.

Errors	Exceptions
Recovering from Errors is not possible.	Recover from exceptions by either using a try-catch block or throwing exceptions back to the caller.
Errors are all unchecked types in Java.	It includes both checked as well as unchecked types that occur.
Errors are mostly caused by the environment in which the program is running.	The program is mostly responsible for causing exceptions.
Errors can occur at compile time as well as run time. Compile Time: Syntax Error, Run Time: Logical Error.	All exceptions occur at runtime but checked exceptions are known to the compiler while unchecked are not.
They are defined in java.lang.Error package.	They are defined in java.lang.Exception package

Errors	Exceptions
<b>Examples:</b> java.lang.StackOverflowError, java.lang.OutOfMemoryError	<b>Examples:</b> Checked Exceptions: SQLException, IOException Unchecked Exceptions: ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException, NullPointerException, ArithmeticException.

## 155. Explain the hierarchy of Java Exception classes.



All exception and error types in Java are subclasses of the class `Throwable`, which is the base class of the hierarchy. This class is then used for exceptional conditions that user programs should catch. `NullPointerException` is an example of such an exception. Another branch, `Error` is used by the Java run-time system to indicate errors having to do with the JRE. `StackOverflowError` is an example of one of such error.

## 156. Explain Runtime Exceptions.

Runtime Exceptions are exceptions that occur during the execution of a code, as opposed to compile-time exceptions that occur during compilation. Runtime exceptions are unchecked exceptions, as they aren't accounted for by the JVM.

**Examples of runtime exceptions in Java include:**

- **NullPointerException:** This occurs when an application attempts to use a null object reference.
- **ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException:** This occurs when an application attempts to access an array index that is out of bounds.
- **ArithmaticException:** This occurs when an application attempts to divide by zero.
- **IllegalArgumentException:** This occurs when a method is passed on an illegal or inappropriate argument.

Unlike checked exceptions, runtime exceptions do not require a declaration in the throws clause or capture in a try-catch block. However, handling runtime exceptions is advisable in order to provide meaningful error messages and prevent a system crash. Because runtime exceptions provide more specific information about the problem than checked exceptions, they enable developers to detect and correct programming errors more easily and quickly.

## 157. What is NullPointerException?

It is a type of run-time exception that is thrown when the program attempts to use an object reference that has a null value. The main use of NullPointerException is to indicate that no value is assigned to a reference variable, also it is used for implementing data structures like linked lists and trees.

## 158. When is the ArrayStoreException thrown?

ArrayStoreException is thrown when an attempt is made to store the wrong type of object in an array of objects.

**Example:**

```
// Java Program to implement
// ArrayStoreException
public class GFG {
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        // Since Double class extends Number class
        // only Double type numbers
        // can be stored in this array
        Number[] a = new Double[2];
        // Trying to store an integer value
        // in this Double type array
```

```
a[0] = new Integer(4);
}
}
```

### Example:

```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArrayStoreException:
java.lang.Integer
at GFG.main(GFG.java:6)
```

## 159. What is the difference between Checked Exception and Unchecked Exception?

### Checked Exception:

Checked Exceptions are the exceptions that are checked during compile time of a program. In a program, if some code within a method throws a checked exception, then the method must either handle the exception or must specify the exception using the throws keyword.

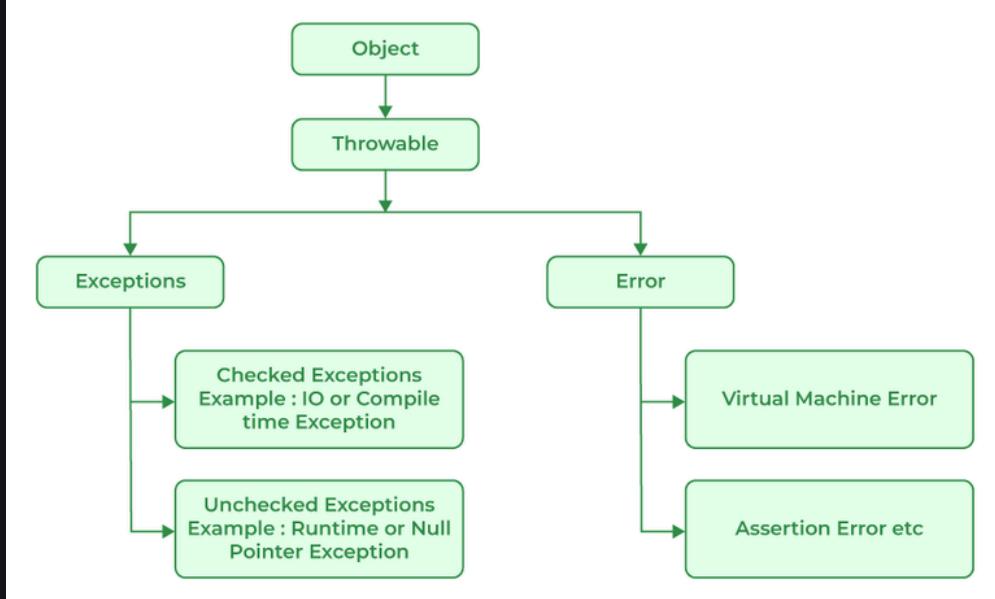
Checked exceptions are of two types:

- Fully checked exceptions: all its child classes are also checked, like IOException, and InterruptedException.
- Partially checked exceptions: some of its child classes are unchecked, like an Exception.

### Unchecked Exception:

Unchecked are the exceptions that are not checked at compile time of a program. Exceptions under Error and RuntimeException classes are unchecked exceptions, everything else under throwable is checked.

## 160. What is the base class for Error and Exception?



Error is an illegal operation performed by the user which causes abnormality in the program. Exceptions are the unexpected events or conditions that comes while running the program, exception disrupts the normal flow of the program's instructions.

Errors and Exceptions both have a common parent class which is `java.lang.Throwable` class.

### **161. Is it necessary that each try block must be followed by a catch block?**

No, It is not necessary to use catch block after try block in Java as we can create another combination with finally block. Finally is the block which runs despite the fact that the exception is thrown or not.

### **162. What is exception propagation?**

Exception propagation is a process in which the exception is dropped from top to the bottom of the stack. If not caught once, the exception again drops down to the previous method, and so on until it gets caught or until it reaches the very bottom of the call stack.

### **163. What will happen if you put `System.exit(0)` on the try or catch block? Will finally block execute?**

`System.exit(int)` has the capability to throw `SecurityException`. So, if in case of security, the exception is thrown then finally block will be executed otherwise JVM will be closed while calling `System.exit(0)` because of which finally block will not be executed.

## **164. What do you understand by Object Cloning and how do you achieve it in Java?**

It is the process of creating an exact copy of any object. In order to support this, a java class has to implement the Cloneable interface of java.lang package and override the clone() method provided by the Object class the syntax of which is:

Protected Object clone() throws CloneNotSupportedException{ return (Object)super.clone();}In case the Cloneable interface is not implemented and just the method is overridden, it results in CloneNotSupportedException in Java.

## **165. How do exceptions affect the program if it doesn't handle them?**

Exceptions are responsible for abruptly terminating the running of the program while executing and the code written after the exception occurs is not executed.

## **166. What is the use of the final keyword?**

The final keyword is used to make functions non-virtual. By default, all the functions are virtual so to make it non-virtual we use the final keyword.

## **167. What purpose do the keywords final, finally, and finalize fulfill?**

### **i). final:**

final is a keyword is used with the variable, method, or class so that they can't be overridden.

**Example:**

```
// Java Program to use final
// keyword
import java.io.*;
// Driver Class
class GFG {
    // Main function
    public static void main(String[] args)
```



```
    {
        final int x = 100;
        x = 50;
    }
}
```

## Output:

```
./GFG.java:6: error: cannot assign a value to final variable x
        x=50;
               ^
1 error
```

## ii). finally

finally is a block of code used with "try-catch" in exception handling. Code written in finally block runs despite the fact exception is thrown or not.

### Example:

```
// Java Program to implement finally
import java.io.*;
// Driver class
class GFG {
    // Main function
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        int x = 10;
        // try block
        try {
            System.out.println("Try block");
        }
        // finally block
        finally {
            System.out.println(
                "Always runs even without exceptions");
        }
    }
}
```

## Output

```
Try block
Always runs even without exceptions
```

### iii). finalize

It is a method that is called just before deleting/destructing the objects which are eligible for Garbage collection to perform clean-up activity.

Example:

```
/*package whatever // do not write package name here */  
import java.io.*;  
class GFG {  
    public static void main(String[] args)  
    {  
        System.out.println("Main function running");  
        System.gc();  
    }  
    // Here overriding finalize method  
    public void finalize()  
    {  
        System.out.println("finalize method overridden");  
    }  
}
```

### Output

```
Main function running
```

## 168. What is the difference between this() and super() in Java?

this( )	super( )
It represents the current instance of the class.	It represents the current instance of the parent class.
Calls the default constructor of the same class.	Calls the default constructor of the base class.
Access the methods of the same class.	Access the methods of the parent class.
Points current class instance.	Points the superclass instance.

## 169. What is multitasking?

Multitasking in Java refers to a program's capacity to carry out several tasks at once. Threads, which are quick operations contained within a single program, can do this. Executing numerous things at once is known as multitasking.

**Example:**

```
// Java program for multitasking
import java.io.*;
public class MyThread extends Thread {
    public void run()
    {
        // Code to be executed in this thread
        for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
            System.out.println(
                "Thread " + Thread.currentThread().getId()
                + ": " + i);
        }
    }
}
public class GFG {
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        MyThread thread1 = new MyThread();
        MyThread thread2 = new MyThread();
        // Start the threads
        thread1.start();
        thread2.start();
    }
}
```

## 170. What do you mean by a Multithreaded program?

Multithreaded programs in Java contain threads that run concurrently instead of running sequentially. A computer can use its resources more efficiently by combining multiple tasks at once. Any program with multithreading allows more than one user to simultaneously use the program without running multiple copies. A multithreaded program is designed to run multiple processes at the same time which can improve the performance of a program and allows the program to utilize multiple processors and improves the overall throughput.

## 171. What are the advantages of multithreading?

There are multiple advantages of using multithreading which are as follows:

- Responsiveness: User Responsiveness increases because multithreading interactive application allows running code even when the section is blocked or executes a lengthy process.
- Resource Sharing: The process can perform message passing and shared memory because of multithreading.
- Economy: We are able to share memory because of which the processes are economical.
- Scalability: Multithreading on multiple CPU machines increases parallelism.
- Better Communication: Thread synchronization functions improves inter-process communication.
- Utilization of multiprocessor architecture
- Minimized system resource use

## 172. What are the two ways in which Thread can be created?

Multithreading is a Java feature that allows concurrent execution of two or more parts of a program for maximum utilization of the CPU. In general, threads are small, lightweight processes with separate paths of execution. These threads use shared memory, but they act independently, thus if any one thread fails it does not affect the other threads. There are two ways to create a thread:

- By extending the Thread class
- By implementing a Runnable interface.

### By extending the Thread class

We create a class that extends the **java.lang.Thread class**. This class overrides the run() method available in the Thread class. A thread begins its life inside run() method.

#### Syntax:

```
public class MyThread extends Thread {  
    public void run() {  
        // thread code goes here  
    }  
}
```

```
}
```

### By implementing the Runnable interface

We create a new class that implements **java.lang.Runnable** interface and override run() method. Then we instantiate a Thread object and call the start() method on this object.

#### Syntax:

```
public class MyRunnable implements Runnable {  
    public void run() {  
        // thread code goes here  
    }  
}
```

### 173. What is a thread?

Threads in Java are subprocess with lightweight with the smallest unit of processes and also has separate paths of execution. These threads use shared memory but they act independently hence if there is an exception in threads that do not affect the working of other threads despite them sharing the same memory. A thread has its own program counter, execution stack, and local variables, but it shares the same memory space with other threads in the same process. Java provides built-in support for multithreading through the **Runnable interface** and the **Thread class**.

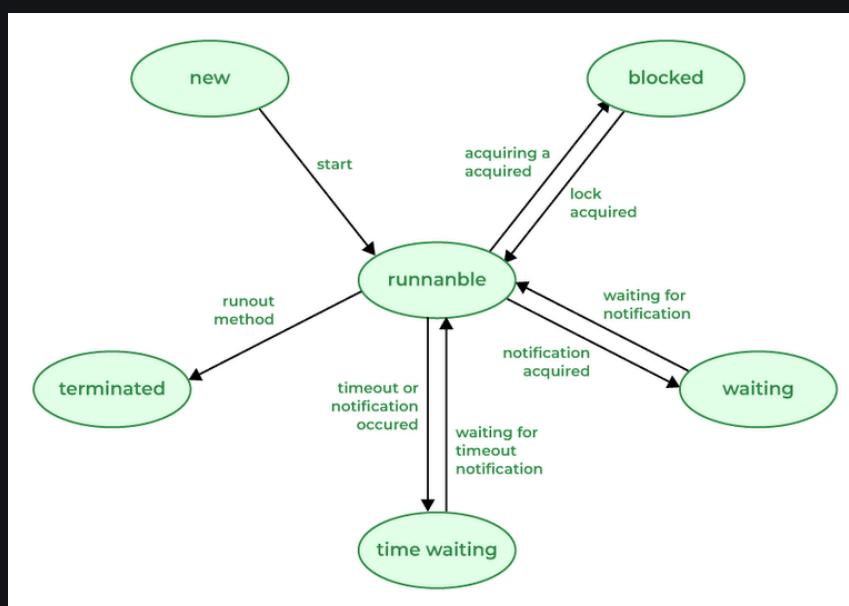
### 174. Differentiate between process and thread?

A process and a thread are both units of execution in a computer system, but they are different in several ways:

Process	Thread
A process is a program in execution.	A thread is a single sequence of instructions within a process.

Process	Thread
The process takes more time to terminate.	The thread takes less time to terminate.
The process takes more time for context switching.	The thread takes less time for context switching.
The process is less efficient in terms of communication.	Thread is more efficient in terms of communication.
The process is isolated.	Threads share memory.
The process has its own Process Control Block, Stack, and Address Space.	Thread has Parents' PCB, its own Thread Control Block, and Stack and common Address space.
The process does not share data with each other.	Threads share data with each other.

## 175. Describe the life cycle of the thread?



A thread in Java at any point in time exists in any one of the following states.  
A thread lies only in one of the shown states at any instant:

1. **New:** The thread has been created but has not yet started.

2. **Runnable:** The thread is running, executing its task, or is ready to run if there are no other higher-priority threads.
3. **Blocked:** The thread is temporarily suspended, waiting for a resource or an event.
4. **Waiting:** The thread is waiting for another thread to perform a task or for a specified amount of time to elapse.
5. **Terminated:** The thread has completed its task or been terminated by another thread.

## 176. Explain suspend() method under the Thread class.

The suspend() method of the Thread class in Java temporarily suspends the execution of a thread. When a thread is suspended it goes into a blocked state and it would not be scheduled by the operating system which means that it will not be able to execute its task until it is resumed. There are more safer and flexible alternatives to the suspend() methods in the modern java programming language. This method does not return any value.

**Syntax:**

```
public final void suspend();
```

**Example:**

```
// Java program to show thread suspend() method
import java.io.*;
class MyThread extends Thread {
    public void run()
    {
        for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
            System.out.println(" Running thread : " + i);
            try {
                Thread.sleep(1000);
            }
            catch (InterruptedException e) {
                e.printStackTrace();
            }
        }
    }
}
class GFG {
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        MyThread t1 = new MyThread();
```

```

t1.start();
try {
    Thread.sleep(3000);
}
catch (InterruptedException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
}
// suspend the execution of the thread
t1.suspend();
System.out.println("Suspended thread ");
try {
    Thread.sleep(3000);
}
catch (InterruptedException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
}
// resume the execution of the thread
t1.resume();
System.out.println("Resumed thread");
}
}

```

### Output:

```

Thread running: 0
Thread running: 1
Thread running: 2
Suspended thread
Resumed thread
Thread running: 3
Thread running: 4
Thread running: 5
Thread running: 6
Thread running: 7
Thread running: 8
Thread running: 9

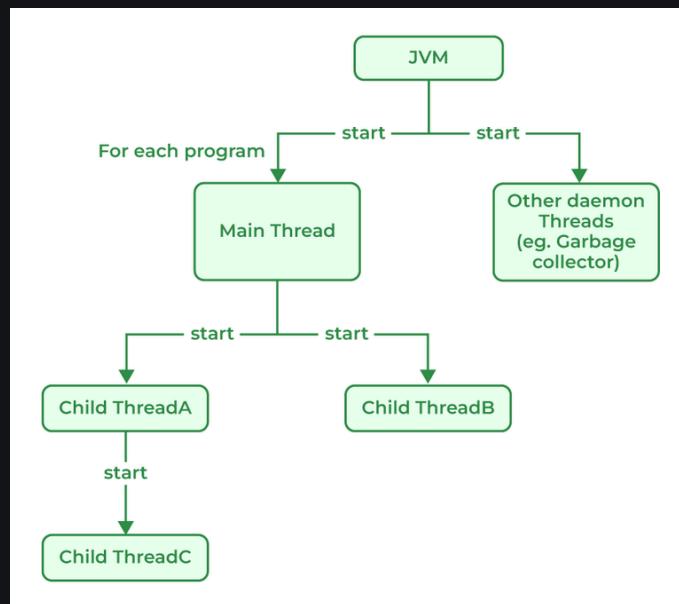
```

### 177. Explain the main thread under Thread class execution.

Java provides built-in support for multithreaded programming. The main

created during the program execution. The main thread is automatically created when the program starts running. This thread executes the main method of the program. It is responsible for executing the main logic of the

Java program as well as handling the user input operations. The main thread serves as the base thread from which all other child threads are spawned.



## 178. What is a daemon thread?

A daemon thread in Java is a low-priority thread that is used to perform background operations or tasks which are used to perform continuously, such as Garbage collection, Signal dispatches, Action listeners, etc. Daemon threads in Java have lower priority than user threads, which means they can only execute when no user threads are running. Daemon threads in Java are useful features that are required for background tasks that do not require explicit shutdown or finalization. It allows more efficient use of system resource and are used to simplify resources and can simplify long-running tasks.

## 179. What are the ways in which a thread can enter the waiting state?

Thread is a lightweight process that runs concurrently with the other thread inside a single process. Each thread can execute a different task and share the resources within a single process. Thread in Java can enter the waiting state in many different ways:

- **Sleep() method Call:** The `sleep()` method is used to pause the execution of the thread for a specific amount of time. While the thread is paused it goes into the waiting state.
- **Wait() method:** This method is used to wait a thread until the other thread signals it to wake up. Thread goes into the waiting state until it receives a notification from another thread.

- **Join() method:** Join() method can be used to wait for thread to finish the execution. Calling thread goes into the waiting state until the target thread is completed.
- **Waiting for I/O operations:** If the thread is waiting for Input/Output operation to complete, it goes into the waiting state until the operation is finished.
- **Synchronization Issues:** If there are any synchronization issues in a multi-threaded application, threads may go into the waiting state until the synchronization issues are resolved.

## 180. How does multi-threading take place on a computer with a single CPU?

Java uses a technique called time-sharing, commonly referred to as time-slicing, to implement multi-threading on computers with a single CPU. The appearance of parallel execution is created by the CPU switching between active threads. The operating system is in charge of allocating CPU time to each thread sequentially and scheduling the threads.

In order to stop threads from interacting with one another and creating race situations or other issues, Java has a number of ways to govern the behavior of threads, including synchronization and locking. It is feasible to create multi-threaded programmers that operate correctly and effectively on a machine with a single CPU by regulating the interaction between threads and making sure that crucial code parts are synchronized. In contrast to running the same program on a computer with multiple CPUs or cores, multi-threading on a single CPU can only give the appearance of parallelism, and actual performance gains may be modest. The operating system divides the CPU time that is available when numerous threads are running on a single CPU into small time slices and gives each thread a time slice to execute. Rapid switching between the threads by the operating system creates the appearance of parallel execution. The switching between threads appears to be immediate because the time slices are often very tiny, on the order of milliseconds or microseconds.

## Java Interview Questions For Experienced

### 181. What are the different types of Thread Priorities in Java? And what is the default priority of a thread assigned by JVM?

Priorities in threads is a concept where every thread is having a priority which in layman's language one can say every object is having priority here which is represented by numbers ranging from 1 to 10. There are different types of thread properties in Java mentioned below:

- MIN\_PRIORITY
- MAX\_PRIORITY
- NORM\_PRIORITY

By default, the thread is assigned NORM\_PRIORITY.

## **182. Why Garbage Collection is necessary in Java?**

For Java, Garbage collection is necessary to avoid memory leaks which can cause the program to crash and become unstable. There is no way to avoid garbage collection in Java. Unlike C++, Garbage collection in Java helps programmers to focus on the development of the application instead of managing memory resources and worrying about memory leakage. Java Virtual Machine (JVM) automatically manages the memory periodically by running a garbage collector which frees up the unused memory in the application. Garbage collection makes Java memory efficient because it removes unreferenced objects from the heap memory.

## **183. What is the drawback of Garbage Collection?**

Apart from many advantages, Garbage Collector has certain drawbacks mentioned below:

1. The main drawback to Garbage collection is that it can cause pauses in an application's execution as it works to clear the memory which slows down the performance of the application.
2. The Process of Garbage collection is non-deterministic which makes it difficult to predict when garbage collection occurs which causes unpredictable behavior in applications. For Example, if we write any program then it is hard for programmers to decide if the issue is caused by garbage collection or by any other factors in the program.
3. Garbage collection can also increase memory usage if the program creates and discards a lot of short-lived objects.

## **184. Explain the difference between a minor, major, and full garbage collection.**

The Java Virtual Machine (JVM) removes objects that are no longer in use using a garbage collector which periodically checks and removes these objects. There are different types of garbage collection in the JVM, each with different characteristics and performance implications. The main types of garbage collection are:

- **Minor garbage collection:** Also known as young generation garbage collection, this type of garbage collection is used to collect and reclaim memory that is used by short-lived objects (objects that are quickly created and discarded).
- **Major garbage collection:** Also known as old-generation garbage collection, this type of garbage collection is used to collect and reclaim memory that is used by long-lived objects (objects that survive multiple minor garbage collections and are promoted to the old generation).
- **Full garbage collection:** During full garbage collection, memories from all generations are collected and reclaimed, including memories of young and old. A full garbage collection normally takes longer to complete than a minor or major garbage collection which causes that app to pause temporarily.

## 185. How will you identify major and minor garbage collections in Java?

Major garbage collection works on the survivor space and Minor garbage collection works on the Eden space to perform a mark-and-sweep routine. And we can identify both of them based on the output where the minor collection prints "GC", whereas the major collection prints "Full GC" for the case where the garbage collection logging is enabled with "-XX:PrintGCDetails" or "verbose:gc".

## 186. What is a memory leak, and how does it affect garbage collection?

In Java Memory leaks can be caused by a variety of factors, such as not closing resources properly, holding onto object references longer than necessary, or creating too many objects unnecessarily. There are situations in which garbage collector does not collect objects because there is a reference to those objects. In these situations where the application creates lots of objects and does not use them and every object has some valid references, a Garbage collector in Java cannot destroy the objects. These useless objects

which do not provide any value to the program are known as Memory leaks. Memory leaks can impact garbage collection negatively by preventing the garbage collector from reclaiming unused memory. This behavior will lead to slow performance or sometimes system failure. In a program, it is important to avoid memory leaks by managing resources and object references properly.

### Example:

```
// Java Program to demonstrate memory leaks
import java.io.*;
import java.util.Vector;
class GFG {
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Vector a = new Vector(21312312);
        Vector b = new Vector(2147412344);
        Vector c = new Vector(219944);
        System.out.println("Memory Leak in Java");
    }
}
```

### Output:

```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.OutOfMemoryError: Java heap
space
at java.base/java.util.Vector.<init>(Vector.java:142)
at java.base/java.util.Vector.<init>(Vector.java:155)
at GFG.main(GFG.java:9)
```

## 187. Name some classes present in `java.util.regex` package.

Regular Expressions or Regex in Java is an API used for searching and manipulating of strings in Java. It creates String patterns that can extract the data needed from the strings or can generalize a pattern.

There are 3 Classes present in `java.util.regex` mentioned below:

- Pattern Class: Can define patterns
- Matcher Class: Can perform match operations on text using patterns
- PatternSyntaxException Class: Can indicate a syntax error in a regular expression pattern.

Also, apart from the 3 classes package consists of a single interface MatchResult Interface which can be used for representing the result of a match operation.

**188. Write a regular expression to validate a password. A password must start with an alphabet and followed by alphanumeric characters; Its length must be in between 8 to 20.**

```
regex = “^(?=.*[0-9])(?=.*[a-z])(?=.*[A-Z])(?=.*[@#$%^&-+=()])(?=\S+$.{8, 20}$”
```

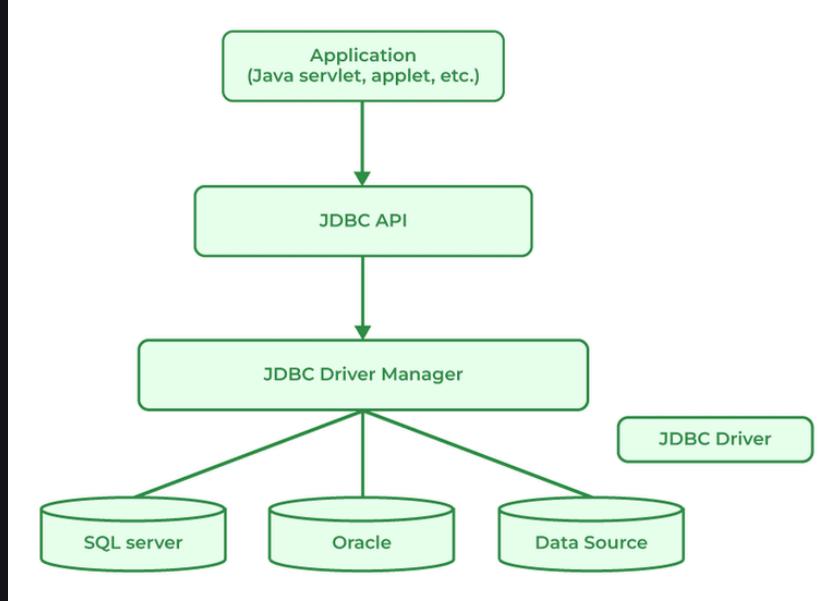
**Explanation:**

- ^ used for starting character of the string.
- (?=.\*[0-9]) used for a digit must occur at least once.
- (?=.\*[a-z]) used for a lowercase alphabet must occur at least once.
- (?=.\*[A-Z]) used for an upper case alphabet that must occur at least once in the substring.
- (?=.\*[@#\$%^&-+=()]) used for a special character that must occur at least once.
- (?=\S+) white spaces don't allow in the entire string.
- .{8, 20} used for at least 8 characters and at most 20 characters.
- \$ used for the end of the string.

**189. What is JDBC?**

JDBC standard API is used to link Java applications and relational databases. It provides a collection of classes and interfaces that let programmers to use the Java programming language to communicate with the database. The classes and interface of JDBC allow the application to send requests which are made by users to the specified database. There are generally four components of JDBC by which it interacts with the database:

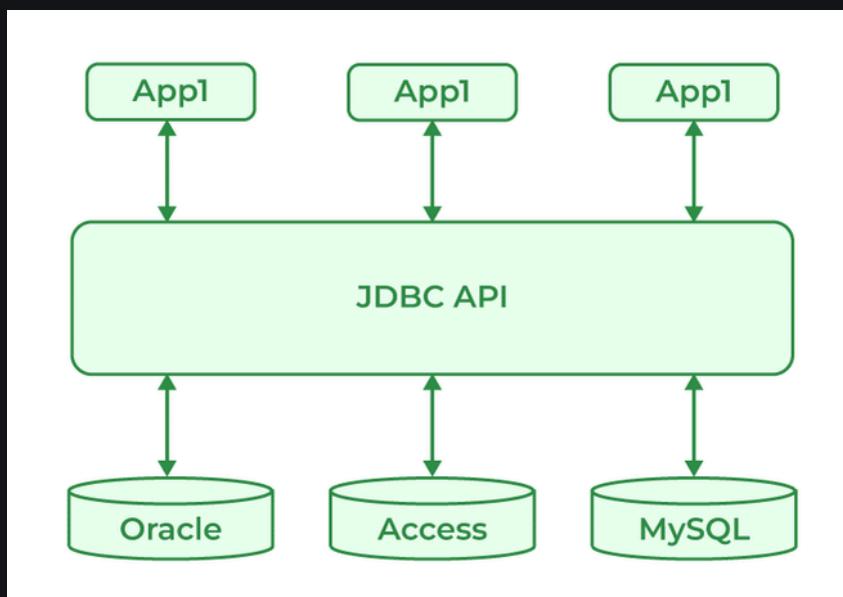
- JDBC API
- JDBC Driver manager
- JDBC Test Suite
- JDBC-ODBC Bridge Drivers



## 190. What is JDBC Driver?

[JDBC Driver](#) is a software component that is used to enable a Java application to interact with the database. JDBC provides the implementation of the JDBC API for a specific database management system, which allows it to connect the database, execute SQL statements and retrieve data. There are four types of JDBC drivers:

- JDBC-ODBC Bridge driver
- Native-API driver
- Network Protocol driver
- Thin driver



## 191. What are the steps to connect to the database in Java?

There are certain steps to connect the database and Java Program as mentioned below:

- Import the Packages
- Load the drivers using the `forName()` method
- Register the drivers using `DriverManager`
- Establish a connection using the `Connection` class object
- Create a statement
- Execute the query
- Close the connections

## 192. What are the JDBC API components?

JDBC API components provide various methods and interfaces for easy communication with the databases also it provides packages like java Se and java EE which provides the capability of write once run anywhere (WORA).

**Syntax:**

```
java.sql.*;
```

## 193. What is JDBC Connection interface?

Java database connectivity interface (JDBC) is a software component that allows Java applications to interact with databases. To enhance the connection, JDBC requires drivers for each database.

## 194. What does the JDBC ResultSet interface?

JDBC `ResultSet` interface is used to store the data from the database and use it in our Java Program. We can also use `ResultSet` to update the data using `updateXXX()` methods. `ResultSet` object points the cursor before the first row of the result data. Using the `next()` method, we can iterate through the `ResultSet`.

## 195. What is the JDBC Rowset?

A JDBC `RowSet` provides a way to store the data in tabular form. `RowSet` is an interface in java that can be used within the `java.sql` package. The connection between the `RowSet` object and the data source is maintained throughout its life cycle. `RowSets` are classified into five categories based on implementation mentioned below:

1. JdbcRowSet
2. CachedRowSet
3. WebRowSet
4. FilteredRowSet
5. JoinRowSet

## 196. What is the role of the JDBC DriverManager class?

JDBC DriverManager class acts as an interface for users and Drivers. It is used in many ways as mentioned below:

- It is used to create a connection between a Java application and the database.
- Helps to keep track of the drivers that are available.
- It can help to establish a connection between a database and the appropriate drivers.
- It contains all the methods that can register and deregister the database driver classes.
- DriverManager.registerDriver() method can maintain the list of Driver classes that have registered themselves.

## Java Difference Interview Questions

### 197. Differentiate between Iterable and Iterator.

Iterable	Iterator
Iterable provides a way to iterate over a sequence of elements.	Iterator helps in iterating over a collection of elements sequentially.
<b>iterator()</b> method returns an Iterator.	<b>hasNext()</b> and <b>next()</b> methods are required.
<b>remove()</b> method is optional.	<b>remove()</b> method is required in the iterator.
Examples are <b>List</b> , <b>Queue</b> , and <b>Set</b> .	Examples are <b>ListIterator</b> , <b>Enumeration</b> , and <b>ArrayIterator</b> .

## 198. Differentiate between List and Set.

List	Set
Ordered	Unordered
List allows duplicates.	Set does not allow duplicate values.
List is accessed by index.	Set is accessed by hashcode.
Multiple null elements can be stored.	Null element can store only once.
Examples are ArrayList, LinkedList, etc.	Examples are HashSet and TreeSet. LinkedHashSet etc.

## 199. Differentiate between List and Map.

List	Map
List interface allows duplicate elements.	Map does not allow duplicate elements.
List maintains insertion order.	Map do not maintain insertion order.
Multiple null elements can be stored.	The map allows a single null key at most and any number of null values.
The list provides get() method to get the element at a specified index.	The map does not provide a get method to get the elements at a specified index.
List is Implemented by ArrayList, etc.	Map is Implemented by HashMap, TreeMap, LinkedHashMap

## 200. Differentiate between Queue and Stack.

Queue	Stack
Queue data structure is used to store elements, and is used to perform operations like enqueue, dequeue from back or end of the queue.	Stack data structure is used to store elements, and is used to perform operations like push, pop from top of the stack.
Queue data structure Implements FIFO order.	Stack data structure Implements LIFO order.
Insertion and deletion in queues take place from the opposite ends of the list. Deletion takes place from the front of the list and insertion takes place at the rear of the list.	Insertion and deletion in stacks take place only from one end of the list called the top.
Insert operation is called enqueue operation.	Insert operation is called Push operation.
Queue is generally used to solve problems related to sequential processing.	Stack is generally used to solve problems related to recursion.

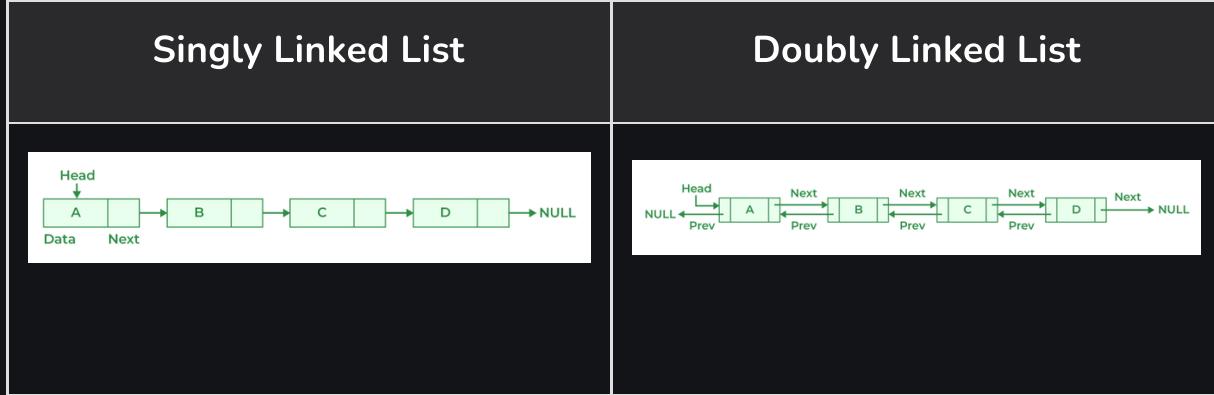
## 201. Differentiate between PriorityQueue and TreeSet.

Priority Queue	TreeSet
It uses Queue as an underlying data structure.	It uses a Set as an underlying data structure.
This data structure allows duplicate elements	This data structure does not allow duplicate elements

Priority Queue	TreeSet
Priority Queue is Implemented by PriorityQueue class.	TreeSet is implemented by TreeSet class.
PriorityQueue comes in JDK 1.5.	TreeSet comes in JDK 1.4.
PriorityQueue<Integer> pq = new PriorityQueue<>();	TreeSet<Integer> ts = new TreeSet<>();

## 202. Differentiate between the Singly Linked List and Doubly Linked List.

Singly Linked List	Doubly Linked List
Singly Linked List contain only two segments i.e, Data and Link.	Doubly Linked List contains three segments i.e, Data, and two pointers.
Traversal in a singly linked list is possible in only a forward direction.	Traversal in a doubly linked list is only possible in both directions forward as well as backward.
It uses less memory as every single node has only one pointer.	It requires more memory than a singly linked list as each node has two pointers.
Easy to use and insert nodes at the beginning of the list.	Slightly more complex to use and easy to insert at the end of the list.
Insertion and deletion at the head take O(1), but at any other position, they require traversal, making them O(n).	Insertion and deletion at the start or end take O(1) (if head and tail pointers are maintained). However, operations at arbitrary positions require O(n) time due to traversal.



## 203. Differentiate between Failfast and Failsafe.

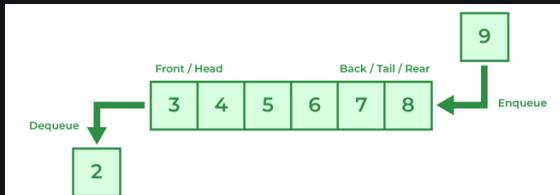
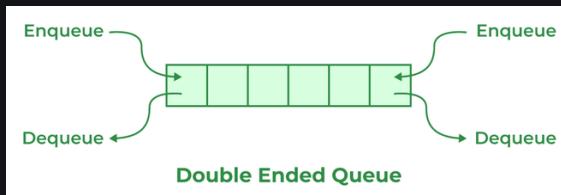
FailFast	FailSafe
Failsfast fails immediately when it detects concurrent modification during the time of iteration.	Failsafe continues to iterate over the original collection and also creates a copy to modify.
Failfast is generally used in single-threaded environments.	Failsafe is used in multithreaded environments.
Failfast does not allow any modification while iteration.	Failsafe allows modification during the time of iteration.
Failfast is fast compared to failsafe as it does not involve the copying of the collection.	Failsafe is generally slow compared to failfast.
FailFast throws <b>ConcurrentModificationException</b> if the collection is modified during iteration.	FailSafe does not throw any exception but instead, it creates a copy of the collection to iterate.

## 204. Differentiate between HashMap and TreeMap.

<b>HashMap</b>	<b>TreeMap</b>
Hasmap uses a hashtable in order to store key-value pairs.	Treemap uses Red-black trees to store key-value pair.
Hashmap does not maintain any specific order for key-value pairs.	Treemap maintains a natural ordering based on the keys.
Order of iteration is not guaranteed in the hashmap.	Iteration is of sorted order based on keys.
Hashmaps are faster for retrieval compared to Treemap.	Retrieval in Treemap is slower as it uses tree traversal to find keys.
Hashmap is implemented by using an Array of linked list.	TreeMap is implemented using a Red-black Tree.
Hashmap uses the equals() method of the Object class to compare keys.	TreeMap uses compareTo() method to compare keys.

## 205. Differentiate between Queue and Deque.

<b>Queue</b>	<b>Deque</b>
The queue is a linear Data structure that is used to store a collection of elements.	Deque also known as a Double-ended queue is also a linear data structure that stores a collection of elements with operations to remove and add from both ends.
Elements in the queue can only be inserted at the end of the data structure.	Elements can be inserted from both ends of the data structure.

Queue	Deque
Queue can be implemented using Array or Linked List.	Deque can be implemented using Circular Array or Doubly Linked List.
Queues are generally used to implement a waiting list or task queue.	Deque is used to implement a stack or dequeuing elements from both ends.
	 <b>Double Ended Queue</b>

## 206. Differentiate between HashSet and TreeSet.

HashSet	TreeSet
HashSet is unordered.	TreeSet is based on natural ordering.
HashSet allows null elements.	TreeSet does not allow null elements.
HashSet is Implemented by the HashSet class.	TreeSet is Implemented by TreeSet class.
<code>HashSet&lt;String&gt; hs = new HashSet&lt;&gt;();</code>	<code>TreeSet&lt;String&gt; ts = new TreeSet&lt;&gt;();</code>

# JAVA INTERVIEW Questions

[Comment](#)

anshul...

[+ Follow](#) [253](#)**Article Tags :**[Java](#)[Interview Questions](#)[interview-preparation](#)[Java-Interview](#)[+1 More](#)

**Corporate & Communications Address:**  
A-143, 7th Floor, Sovereign Corporate Tower, Sector- 136, Noida, Uttar Pradesh (201305)

**Registered Address:**  
K 061, Tower K, Gulshan Vivante Apartment, Sector 137, Noida, Gautam Buddh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, 201305

[GET IT ON  
Google Play](#)[Download on the  
App Store](#)**Company****Explore****Tutorials****Courses****Offline Centers****Preparation**[About Us](#)[POTD](#)[Programming](#)[IBM Certification](#)[Noida](#)[Corner](#)[Legal](#)[Job-A-Thon](#)[Languages](#)[DSA and](#)[Bengaluru](#)[Interview Corner](#)[Privacy Policy](#)[Connect](#)[DSA](#)[Placements](#)[Pune](#)[Aptitude](#)[Careers](#)[Blogs](#)[Web Technology](#)[Web Development](#)[Hyderabad](#)[Puzzles](#)[Contact Us](#)[Nation Skill Up](#)[AI, ML & Data](#)[Data Science](#)[Patna](#)[GfG 160](#)[Corporate](#)[Science](#)[Programming](#)[System Design](#)[Solution](#)[DevOps](#)[Languages](#)

Campus Training

Program

CS Core Subjects

GATE

School Subjects

Software and

Tools

DevOps & Cloud

GATE

Trending

Technologies

---

@GeeksforGeeks, Sanchhaya Education Private Limited, All rights reserved