Module 7 – Java – RDBMS & Database Programming with JDBC

1.i). What is JDBC (Java Database Connectivity)?

-: JDBC (Java Database Connectivity) is a Java API (Application Programming Interface) that defines how a Java application can connect to and interact with a database, most commonly a relational database using SQL (Structured Query Language).

It provides a standardized, platform-independent way for Java programs to perform basic database operations, such as:

- Establishing a connection to a database.
- Sending SQL queries (like SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE).
- Processing the results returned by the database.

Essentially, JDBC acts as a bridge between the Java application and the database.

Key Components of JDBC Architecture

The JDBC architecture consists of several key components that work together to enable database access:

1. JDBC API: This is the core set of classes and interfaces (found primarily in the java.sql and javax.sql packages) that a Java application uses to interact with the database. These interfaces are implemented by the JDBC Drivers.
2. JDBC Driver Manager: This class is responsible for loading the appropriate JDBC drivers and establishing a database connection. It acts as a management layer that selects the correct driver for a given database connection URL.
3. JDBC Driver: This is a set of vendor-specific software (often provided by the database vendor) that implements the JDBC API interfaces. The driver handles the low-level communication, translating the generic JDBC calls into the specific network protocol or API calls required by the particular database (e.g., MySQL, Oracle, PostgreSQL).
4. Database (Data Source): This is the actual data repository where the data is stored and retrieved.

ii). Importance of JDBC in Java Programming

-: JDBC (Java Database Connectivity) is profoundly important in Java programming because it is the foundational API that enables data persistence—the ability for a Java application to store and retrieve data

from a database. Without it, most serious, data-driven applications couldn't exist.

Key Importance and Benefits of JDBC

The importance of JDBC stems from its role as a universal bridge, providing a robust, standard interface for data access.

1. Database Independence (Portability)

- Standardized API: JDBC provides a single, consistent set of interfaces and classes for connecting to *any* relational database (like Oracle, MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQL Server).
- Driver-Based: The application code calls the generic JDBC API, and a vendor-specific JDBC Driver handles the translation of those calls into the database's native protocol. This means you can swap databases by simply changing the driver and the connection URL, without rewriting the core data access logic.

2. Foundational for Data Management

- Core Data Operations: JDBC is the essential tool for performing the fundamental CRUD (Create, Read, Update, Delete) operations in a database from a Java application. It allows you to:
    - Establish and manage the Connection.
    - Execute SQL queries (Statement, PreparedStatement).
    - Process returned data efficiently (ResultSet).
- Transaction Management: It provides built-in mechanisms for managing database transactions (commit and rollback) to ensure data integrity and consistency.

3. High Performance and Granular Control

- Direct SQL Access: Unlike higher-level abstractions like ORMs (Object-Relational Mapping, e.g., Hibernate, JPA), pure JDBC gives the developer complete and direct control over the SQL statements being executed.
- Performance Tuning: This control is critical for:

- Executing highly complex, non-standard, or database-specific queries.
- Optimizing bulk operations (like batch inserts) using PreparedStatement to achieve the best possible performance.

4. Support for Advanced Features

- JDBC includes specific interfaces and methods for advanced database functionality, such as:
  - Executing stored procedures and functions (CallableStatement).
  - Accessing database metadata (information about tables, columns, etc.).
  - Utilizing connection pooling (often via DataSource), which is vital for high-performance, scalable enterprise applications like web servers, by efficiently reusing database connections.

iii). JDBC Architecture: Driver Manager, Driver, Connection, Statement, and ResultSet

-: The JDBC architecture is a tiered model that allows a Java application to interact with a database using a series of defined classes and interfaces. The five core components you mentioned each play a distinct role in the process:

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1. DriverManager (Class)

The DriverManager is the management layer of JDBC. It's the first point of contact for a Java application that needs a database connection.

- Role: Manages the set of available JDBC Drivers. It selects the most appropriate driver for a given connection request.
- Key Action: The application calls the static method DriverManager.getConnection(), providing the database URL, username, and password. The DriverManager then locates the correct Driver implementation for that URL.

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2. Driver (Interface)

The Driver is the vendor-specific software component that understands the database's native communication protocol.

- Role: Acts as the bridge between the generic JDBC API calls and the specific database protocol. It handles all the low-level communication.
- Key Action: The appropriate driver implementation is loaded and then used by the DriverManager to physically establish the connection to the database.

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3. Connection (Interface)

The Connection object represents a session or active link between the Java application and a specific database. It's the communication context for all subsequent database interactions.

- Role: Manages the database session, handles transactions (commit/rollback), and is the factory for creating Statement objects.
- Key Action: Once a connection is established (returned by DriverManager.getConnection()), you use this object to create an object for executing SQL: Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();.

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4. Statement (Interface)

The Statement objects are used to send SQL queries or update commands to the database. They operate within the context of an established Connection.

- Role: Encapsulates and executes a SQL command.
- Key Types:
    - Statement: For executing simple, static SQL.
    - PreparedStatement: For precompiled, parameterized SQL. This is safer (prevents SQL injection) and faster for repeated execution.
    - CallableStatement: For executing stored procedures.

- Key Action: The application calls a method like stmt.executeQuery("SELECT * FROM employees") or stmt.executeUpdate("INSERT INTO...").

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5. ResultSet (Interface)

The ResultSet object is essentially a table of data representing the result set generated by executing a SQL query (like a SELECT statement).

- Role: Holds the data retrieved from the database and provides methods to iterate over the rows and access column values.
- Key Action: The application uses the rs.next() method to move a cursor from one row to the next and methods like rs.getString("columnName") or rs.getInt(1) to retrieve the column data for the current row.

The Typical Flow of a JDBC Operation

The components work together sequentially in a standard six-step process:

1. Load Driver: The application ensures the database-specific driver is available (usually by including its JAR file).
2. Get Connection: DriverManager selects the correct Driver and returns a Connection object.
3. Create Statement: The Connection object creates a Statement (or PreparedStatement) object.
4. Execute Query: The Statement object executes the SQL query/update on the database.
5. Process Result: The database returns data, which is held in a ResultSet object for the application to process.
6. Close Resources: The ResultSet, Statement, and Connection objects are explicitly closed to release database resources.

2.i). Overview of JDBC Driver Types:

Type 1: JDBC-ODBC Bridge Driver

Type 2: Native-API Driver

Type 3: Network Protocol Driver

Type 4: Thin Driver

-: 1. Type 1: JDBC-ODBC Bridge Driver (Obsolete)

- Architecture: This driver uses the Open Database Connectivity (ODBC) bridge to connect to a database. The JDBC call is translated into an ODBC call, which is then handled by the database's native ODBC driver.
- Pros: Highly flexible; can connect to virtually any database that has an ODBC driver.
- Cons:
    - Performance overhead due to two layers of translation (JDBC to ODBC, then ODBC to native API).
    - Requires the ODBC client library to be installed on every client machine.
    - Not portable (relies on native code).
    - Status: Deprecated and removed from recent versions of the Java Development Kit (JDK) due to its limitations.

2. Type 2: Native-API Driver (Partially Java)

- Architecture: This driver converts JDBC calls directly into calls to the database's native client API (like Oracle's OCI).
- Pros: Faster than Type 1 because it bypasses the ODBC layer.
- Cons:
    - Requires the database vendor's native library to be installed on the client machine.
    - Not pure Java (contains native code), making it less portable.
    - A driver change is required if the native API is updated.

3. Type 3: Network Protocol Driver (Middleware)

- Architecture: This is a pure Java driver that communicates with a middleware application server using a database-independent network protocol. The middleware server then translates the protocol into the database-specific calls.

- Pros:
    - Pure Java and highly portable.
    - No client-side native libraries are required.
    - Allows a single driver on the client to connect to multiple database types via the middleware server.
    - The middleware layer can provide services like connection pooling and security.
- Cons: Requires a separate, dedicated application server (middleware), adding to cost and complexity.

4. Type 4: Thin Driver (Pure Java)

- Architecture: This is a pure Java driver that converts JDBC calls directly into the database's native network protocol. It communicates with the database server directly over the network.
- Pros:
    - Pure Java and therefore highly portable and platform-independent.
    - Requires no client-side software (no native libraries or middleware).
    - Highest performance among the portable drivers, as it has no intermediate translation or server layer.
- Cons: The driver must implement the specific wire protocol for the database, so a driver is generally database-vendor specific.
- Status: This is the most widely used and recommended driver type today for developing modern, scalable Java applications.

2.ii). Comparison and Usage of Each Driver Type

-: 1. Type 1: JDBC-ODBC Bridge Driver

Feature	Details
Architecture	Translates JDBC calls into ODBC (Open Database Connectivity) calls. It relies on a local ODBC driver to talk to the database.
Portability	Low (Platform-Dependent)
Performance	Slowest (incurs overhead from two translation layers: JDBC → ODBC → Native API).
Usage	Obsolete. It was primarily used for initial testing or for connecting to legacy databases that only had an ODBC driver. Note: This driver was deprecated and removed from the JDK starting with Java 8.
Key Drawback	Requires the ODBC configuration on every client machine and limits functionality to the capabilities of the underlying ODBC driver.

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2. Type 2: Native-API Driver (Partially Java)

Feature	Details
Architecture	Converts JDBC calls into the database vendor's native API calls (e.g., Oracle Call Interface - OCI). It uses Java Native Interface (JNI) to call the native code.
Portability	Low (Platform-Dependent)
Performance	Moderate to Good. Faster than Type 1 since it skips the ODBC layer.
Usage	Used in environments where a specific database vendor's native features or performance optimizations are necessary, and a Type 4 driver is unavailable or less optimized.
Key Drawback	Requires the vendor's client-side native libraries to be installed on every client machine, making deployment more complex.

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3. Type 3: Network Protocol Driver (Middleware)

Feature	Details
Architecture	A pure Java driver that communicates with a separate middleware server using a database-independent network protocol. The middleware server then translates the protocol into the database-specific calls.
Portability	High (Pure Java on the client side)
Performance	Good. Generally faster than Type 1 and Type 2.
Usage	Ideal for enterprise applications that need to access multiple different database types from the same client code, leveraging the central middleware server for unified security, logging, and connection management.
Key Drawback	Requires an additional middleware server to be installed, configured, and maintained, adding architectural complexity and a network hop (potential latency).

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4. Type 4: Thin Driver (Pure Java)

Feature	Details
Architecture	A pure Java driver that converts JDBC calls directly into the database's native network protocol. It communicates directly with the database server.
Portability	Highest (Pure Java)
Performance	Fastest. It has no translation or middleware overhead.
Usage	Recommended for almost all modern Java applications, including web, enterprise, and mobile environments, due to its simplicity, performance, and "no-client-install" deployment.

Feature	Details
Key Drawback	It is database-vendor specific; you need a different Type 4 driver for Oracle, MySQL, SQL Server, etc.

3. Step-by-Step Process to Establish a JDBC Connection:

1. **Import the JDBC packages**
2. **Register the JDBC driver**
3. **Open a connection to the database**
4. **Create a statement**
5. **Execute SQL queries**
6. **Process the resultset**
7. **Close the connection**

-: 1. Import the JDBC Packages

You need to import the core classes and interfaces from the java.sql package.

Java

```
import java.sql.Connection;
import java.sql.DriverManager;
import java.sql.PreparedStatement;
import java.sql.ResultSet;
import java.sql.SQLException;
```

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2. Register the JDBC Driver (Implicit in Modern JDBC)

For modern JDBC drivers (JDBC 4.0 and later), this step is often automatic. The driver registers itself with the DriverManager when it's loaded.

- Older Method (Pre-JDBC 4.0): Manually loading the driver class:

Java

```
Class.forName("com.mysql.cj.jdbc.Driver");
```

- Modern Method (JDBC 4.0+): The DriverManager automatically discovers and registers the driver when the getConnection() method is called, provided the driver's JAR file is on the classpath. No explicit code is needed.

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3. Open a Connection to the Database

You use the DriverManager to establish the physical connection to the database.

- Syntax:

Java

// 1. Define the database URL, username, and password

String DB_URL = "jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/mydatabase";

String USER = "user";

String PASS = "password";

// 2. The Connection object is created and represents the session.

Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection(DB_URL, USER, PASS);

- Best Practice: Use this call within a try-with-resources block (see next step).

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4. Create a Statement

Once you have a Connection (conn), you use it to create an object capable of carrying an SQL query. The PreparedStatement is highly recommended over the basic Statement for security (prevents SQL injection) and performance.

Java

// Recommended: Use PreparedStatement for security and efficiency

String sql = "SELECT employee_id, name FROM employees WHERE department = ?";

PreparedStatement pstmt = conn.prepareStatement(sql);

pstmt.setString(1, "Sales"); // Set parameter value

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5. Execute SQL Queries

The Statement object sends the SQL to the database. The method you call depends on the type of SQL operation:

Method	Used For	Returns
executeQuery()	SELECT queries (data retrieval)	ResultSet object
executeUpdate()	INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE (data modification)	An int (the count of affected rows)

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Java

```
// Execute the query and store the results in a ResultSet object
ResultSet rs = pstmt.executeQuery();
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6. Process the ResultSet

The ResultSet object (rs) acts as a table of data. You use the next() method to iterate through each row returned by the query, and use getter methods (e.g., getInt(), getString()) to retrieve data by column name or index.

Java

```
// Iterate through the result set row by row
while (rs.next()) {
    int id = rs.getInt("employee_id");
    String name = rs.getString("name");

    // Output or use the retrieved data
    System.out.println("ID: " + id + ", Name: " + name);
}
```

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7. Close the Connection (Automatically Handled)

This is the cleanup step. You must explicitly call the close() method on the ResultSet, Statement, and Connection objects to release system and database resources.

- Best Practice: Enclose steps 3 through 6 in a try-with-resources block. This guarantees that conn, pstmt, and rs will be automatically closed when the block finishes, regardless of whether it completes normally or throws an exception.

Complete Code Example

```
import java.sql.Connection;

import java.sql.DriverManager;

import java.sql.PreparedStatement;

import java.sql.ResultSet;

import java.sql.SQLException;


public class JDBCTest {


   public static void main(String[] args) {


      String DB_URL = "jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/mydatabase";

      String USER = "user";

      String PASS = "password";

      String SQL = "SELECT employee_id, name FROM employees WHERE department = ?";


      // The try-with-resources block ensures all resources (conn, pstmt, rs) are closed automatically.
```

```
      try (Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection(DB_URL, USER,
PASS);
           PreparedStatement pstmt = conn.prepareStatement(SQL)) {

          // 4. Create Statement and Set Parameters
          pstmt.setString(1, "Sales");

          // 5. Execute SQL Queries
          try (ResultSet rs = pstmt.executeQuery()) {

             // 6. Process the ResultSet
             while (rs.next()) {
                int id = rs.getInt("employee_id");
                String name = rs.getString("name");
                System.out.println("ID: " + id + ", Name: " + name);
             }
          } // rs is closed here automatically

      } catch (SQLException e) {
          // Handle any database-related errors
          e.printStackTrace();
      } // conn and pstmt are closed here automatically
   }
}
```

4.Overview of JDBC Statements:

Statement: Executes simple SQL queries without parameters. PreparedStatement: Precompiled SQL statements for queries with parameters. CallableStatement: Used to call stored procedures.Differences between Statement, PreparedStatement, and CallableStatement

-: The Statement, PreparedStatement, and CallableStatement interfaces in JDBC (Java Database Connectivity) are used to execute SQL statements and interact with a database, but they differ primarily in their handling of parameters, performance, and ability to execute stored procedures.

Overview of JDBC Statements

Feature	Statement	PreparedStatement	CallableStatement
Purpose	Executes simple, static SQL queries **without** parameters.	Executes precompiled SQL statements, typically with parameters.	Executes stored procedures and functions.
SQL Handling	SQL is sent to the database *every time* it's executed, leading to re-parsing and re-compilation.	SQL is sent to the database *once* for compilation, and then only the parameter values are sent on subsequent executions.	Handles SQL escape syntax for calling stored procedures and functions.
Parameters	Cannot handle input parameters safely (requires manual string concatenatio	Uses placeholder question marks (?) for input parameters, which are set using setXxx() methods.	Uses placeholders (?) for both input and output parameters, requiring registration of

Feature	Statement	PreparedStatement	CallableStatement
	n, which is risky).		output parameter types.
Performance	Lower performance for repeated execution of the same query, as it's recompiled each time.	Higher performance for repeated execution due to pre-compilation.	Generally good performance for stored procedure execution.
Security	**Vulnerable** to SQL injection attacks if user input is concatenated into the SQL string.	**Prevents** SQL injection by separating the SQL command from the data.	Safe for parameter handling.
Inheritance	Base interface.	Extends Statement.	Extends PreparedStatement.

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Key Differences

1. Parameters and Security

- **Statement**: You construct the SQL query as a complete string. If you need dynamic values, you have to concatenate strings, making it highly susceptible to **SQL injection** attacks.
- **PreparedStatement**: It uses **placeholder** question marks (?) in the SQL string. Values are bound to these placeholders using setXxx() methods (e.g., setString(1, "value")). The database treats the bound values as

data, not part of the executable SQL, which prevents SQL injection. This is the most secure way to execute dynamic SQL.

- **CallableStatement**: It also uses placeholders and setXxx() methods for input parameters, and additionally uses registerOutParameter() to handle values returned from stored procedures.

2. Performance

- **Statement**: The database must parse and compile the SQL query every time you execute it, which incurs overhead.
- **PreparedStatement**: The database **pre-compiles** the SQL statement the first time it's sent. Subsequent executions only send the new parameter values, reusing the compiled plan. This results in significantly better performance when the same query is executed multiple times with different data.
- **CallableStatement**: Performance depends on the stored procedure's efficiency, but the mechanism for calling it is efficient.

3. Usage

- **Statement**: Best for simple, one-off, static SQL commands where there are no dynamic input values (e.g., CREATE TABLE, DROP TABLE, or simple SELECT * FROM table).
- **PreparedStatement**: The recommended and most common approach for executing SQL queries, especially when they include user input or are executed repeatedly (e.g., INSERT, UPDATE, parameterized SELECT).
- **CallableStatement**: Specifically designed for executing database-side stored procedures and functions.

5. JDBC CRUD Operations (Insert, Update, Select, Delete)

i). Insert: Adding a new record to the database

-: Adding a new record to the database is performed using the SQL INSERT statement.

In the context of JDBC, you would typically use a PreparedStatement for this operation to ensure security against SQL injection and improved performance.

Here is a breakdown of the process and a Java example:

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1. SQL INSERT Syntax
The basic SQL command to add a new record (a row) to a table is:
SQL
INSERT INTO table_name (column1, column2, column3, ...)
VALUES (value1, value2, value3, ...);
For example, to insert a new employee:
SQL
INSERT INTO Employees (EmployeeID, FirstName, LastName, Department)
VALUES (101, 'John', 'Doe', 'IT');

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2. JDBC Implementation (Using PreparedStatement)
The PreparedStatement is the recommended way to execute an INSERT because it uses parameter placeholders (?) to safely bind the data.
Java Example
Java

```
import java.sql.*;

public class RecordInserter {

   private static final String SQL_INSERT =
      "INSERT INTO Employees (EmployeeID, FirstName, LastName, Department) VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?)";

   public void insertRecord(int id, String firstName, String lastName, String department) {

      // 1. Establish the connection (assuming 'conn' is an active Connection object)
      try (Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection("jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/db_name", "user", "password");
           // 2. Prepare the statement with the SQL and placeholders
           PreparedStatement preparedStatement = conn.prepareStatement(SQL_INSERT)) {
```

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            // 3. Set the parameter values
            preparedStatement.setInt(1, id);           // Sets the EmployeeID
            preparedStatement.setString(2, firstName);   // Sets the
FirstName
            preparedStatement.setString(3, lastName);    // Sets the LastName
            preparedStatement.setString(4, department);  // Sets the
Department

            // 4. Execute the update (for INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE)
            // executeUpdate() returns the number of rows affected (should
be 1)
            int rowsAffected = preparedStatement.executeUpdate();

            if (rowsAffected > 0) {
               System.out.println(" A new record was inserted successfully!");
            } else {
               System.out.println(" Record insertion failed.");
            }

         } catch (SQLException e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
         }
      }
}
```

Why Use PreparedStatement for INSERT?

- Security (SQL Injection Prevention): It keeps the SQL command separate from the data. If the data contained malicious SQL (like 'A'; DROP TABLE Users;), the database would treat it as a literal string value for the column, not as executable code.
- Clarity and Simplicity: It avoids complex and error-prone string concatenation to build the SQL.
- Performance: If you are inserting multiple records in a loop, the PreparedStatement is compiled only once, and subsequent executions only send the new parameter data, which is much faster.

ii). Update: Modifying existing records.

-: Modifying existing records in a database is performed using the SQL UPDATE statement.
In JDBC, the UPDATE operation, like INSERT and DELETE, is executed using the executeUpdate() method on a PreparedStatement for safe and efficient modification of data.

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1. SQL UPDATE Syntax
The basic SQL command to modify existing rows in a table is:
SQL
UPDATE table_name
SET column1 = new_value1, column2 = new_value2, ...
WHERE condition;

- UPDATE table_name: Specifies the table to be modified.
- SET column1 = new_value1: Lists the columns to change and their new values.
- WHERE condition: This critical clause specifies which records (rows) to modify. If the WHERE clause is omitted, the operation will modify ALL records in the table.

Example: To change the department of the employee with EmployeeID 101 to 'HR':
SQL
UPDATE Employees
SET Department = 'HR', Salary = 65000
WHERE EmployeeID = 101;

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2. JDBC Implementation (Using PreparedStatement)
Using a PreparedStatement is the standard practice for UPDATE operations, as it allows you to safely set both the new values and the condition parameters.
Java Example
Java
```
import java.sql.*;

public class RecordUpdater {

    private static final String SQL_UPDATE =
```

```
      "UPDATE Employees SET Department = ?, Salary = ? WHERE
EmployeeID = ?";

   public void updateEmployee(String newDepartment, double
newSalary, int employeeId) {

      // Assume 'conn' is an active Connection object
      try (Connection conn =
DriverManager.getConnection("jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/db_name",
"user", "password");
          // 1. Prepare the statement with the SQL and placeholders
          PreparedStatement preparedStatement =
conn.prepareStatement(SQL_UPDATE)) {

          // 2. Set the parameter values
          preparedStatement.setString(1, newDepartment); // Set the new
Department value
          preparedStatement.setDouble(2, newSalary);     // Set the new
Salary value
          preparedStatement.setInt(3, employeeId);       // Set the
EmployeeID (in the WHERE clause)

          // 3. Execute the update
          // executeUpdate() returns the number of rows affected
          int rowsAffected = preparedStatement.executeUpdate();

          if (rowsAffected > 0) {
             System.out.println(" ✅ " + rowsAffected + " record(s) updated
successfully!");
          } else {
             System.out.println(" ⚠️ No record found with ID " + employeeId
+ " to update.");
          }

      } catch (SQLException e) {
          e.printStackTrace();
      }
```

```
    }
}
```

Key Considerations

1. Safety (WHERE Clause): Always use a precise WHERE clause to target the specific records you intend to change. Using PreparedStatement helps enforce this by safely binding the values used in the condition.
2. executeUpdate(): This method is used for all Data Manipulation Language (DML) operations—INSERT, UPDATE, and DELETE—as they modify the database structure or data. It returns an int indicating the count of rows modified.
3. Data Types: Ensure the setXxx() method you use (e.g., setString, setDouble, setInt) matches the corresponding column's data type in the database.

iii). Select: Retrieving records from the database.

-: Retrieving records from a database is performed using the SQL SELECT statement. This operation is fundamental to data access and is executed in JDBC using the executeQuery() method, which returns a ResultSet object containing the retrieved data.

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1. SQL SELECT Syntax

The basic SQL command to retrieve data (rows) from a table is:

SQL

```
SELECT column1, column2, ...  -- Specifies which columns to retrieve
FROM table_name               -- Specifies the table
WHERE condition;              -- (Optional) Specifies which rows to include
```

- Use an asterisk (*) to select all columns: SELECT * FROM Employees;
- The WHERE clause is crucial for filtering results based on specific criteria (e.g., WHERE Department = 'IT').

Example: To get the name and salary of employees in the 'Sales' department:

SQL

```
SELECT FirstName, LastName, Salary

FROM Employees

WHERE Department = 'Sales';
```

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2. JDBC Implementation (The ResultSet)

In JDBC, the SELECT query is typically executed using a PreparedStatement for safe filtering. The result of a SELECT is handled by the ResultSet interface.

The ResultSet

The ResultSet object acts as an iterator over the data returned by the query. It initially points before the first row of data. You use the following methods to process the data:

- boolean next(): Moves the cursor to the next row. It returns true if there is a next row, and false if there are no more rows (i.e., the end of the data has been reached). This is typically used in a while loop to iterate through all results.
- getXxx(columnLabel) or getXxx(columnIndex): Retrieves the value of the specified column in the current row. Xxx is a data type (e.g., getString(), getInt(), getDouble()).

Java Example

Java

```
import java.sql.*;


public class RecordRetriever {


    private static final String SQL_SELECT =

        "SELECT FirstName, LastName, Salary FROM Employees WHERE
Department = ?";


    public void retrieveEmployees(String department) {
```

```
// Assuming 'conn' is an active Connection object
try (Connection conn =
DriverManager.getConnection("jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/db_name", "user",
"password");
// 1. Prepare the statement
PreparedStatement preparedStatement =
conn.prepareStatement(SQL_SELECT)) {

// 2. Set the parameter for the WHERE clause
preparedStatement.setString(1, department);

// 3. Execute the query
// executeQuery() is used for SELECT and returns a ResultSet
try (ResultSet rs = preparedStatement.executeQuery()) {

System.out.println("Employees in Department: " + department);
System.out.println("------------------------------");

// 4. Iterate through the ResultSet
while (rs.next()) {
// 5. Retrieve data from the current row
String firstName = rs.getString("FirstName");
String lastName = rs.getString("LastName");
double salary = rs.getDouble("Salary");

System.out.printf("%s %s - $%.2f%n", firstName, lastName, salary);
```

```
            }
        } // The inner try-with-resources closes the ResultSet automatically


    } catch (SQLException e) {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
  }
}
```

Key Considerations

1. executeQuery(): This method is only used for SELECT statements, as it is the only one designed to return a ResultSet.
2. PreparedStatement: It's crucial for SELECT queries with a WHERE clause to safely bind filtering parameters, preventing SQL Injection.
3. Column Names: It's safer and generally preferred to retrieve column values using their column labels (e.g., rs.getString("FirstName")) rather than their index, as it makes the code easier to maintain if the query changes.
4. Closing Resources: The try-with-resources statement used in the example is the recommended JDBC practice, ensuring that the Connection, PreparedStatement, and ResultSet objects are automatically closed, preventing resource leaks.

iv). Delete: Removing records from the database.

-: Removing records from a database is performed using the SQL DELETE statement.

In JDBC, the DELETE operation is executed using the executeUpdate() method, typically on a PreparedStatement, as it modifies the database and should safely handle parameters in the condition.

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1. SQL DELETE Syntax

The basic SQL command to remove rows from a table is:

SQL

DELETE FROM table_name

WHERE condition;

- DELETE FROM table_name: Specifies the table from which records will be removed.
- WHERE condition: This is the most crucial part. It specifies which records (rows) to delete.
    - Crucial Warning: If you omit the WHERE clause, ALL records in the table will be permanently deleted!

Example: To remove the employee with EmployeeID 205:

SQL

DELETE FROM Employees

WHERE EmployeeID = 205;

---

2. JDBC Implementation (Using PreparedStatement)

A PreparedStatement is highly recommended for DELETE operations to safely bind the parameters used in the WHERE clause, preventing SQL injection.

Java Example

Java

```
import java.sql.*;


public class RecordDeleter {


   private static final String SQL_DELETE =
      "DELETE FROM Employees WHERE EmployeeID = ?";
```

```
    public void deleteEmployee(int employeeId) {


        // Assume 'conn' is an active Connection object

        try (Connection conn =
DriverManager.getConnection("jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/db_name", "user",
"password");

             // 1. Prepare the statement with the SQL and placeholder

             PreparedStatement preparedStatement =
conn.prepareStatement(SQL_DELETE)) {


            // 2. Set the parameter value for the WHERE clause

            preparedStatement.setInt(1, employeeId); // Sets the EmployeeID to
delete


            // 3. Execute the update

            // executeUpdate() is used for DML (INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE) and
returns the number of rows affected

            int rowsAffected = preparedStatement.executeUpdate();


            if (rowsAffected > 0) {

                System.out.println( rowsAffected + " record(s) deleted successfully.");

            } else {

                System.out.println("No record found with ID " + employeeId + " to
delete.");

            }


        } catch (SQLException e) {

            e.printStackTrace();
```

```
        }
    }
}
```

Key Considerations

1. Safety First: Always use a specific WHERE clause in your DELETE statements unless you genuinely intend to clear the entire table.
2. executeUpdate(): This is the method used for all Data Manipulation Language (DML) operations (Insert, Update, Delete) because they modify the data in the database. It returns an int representing the number of rows removed.
3. Permanent Action: DELETE is a permanent operation (unless a transaction is used). Ensure you have backups or confirmation before running DELETE statements on production data.

6.i). What is ResultSet in JDBC?

-: The ResultSet is a crucial interface in JDBC (Java Database Connectivity) that represents a table of data resulting from the execution of a SQL query, specifically a SELECT statement.

It acts as an iterator or a cursor that points to the data retrieved from the database. When you execute a query using the executeQuery() method of a Statement or PreparedStatement, a ResultSet object is returned, allowing you to traverse and access the retrieved rows one by one.

Key Characteristics and Usage

1. Cursor Mechanism

The ResultSet maintains a cursor that initially points before the first row of the result set. You use the next() method to move the cursor to the next row of data.

- rs.next(): This method moves the cursor to the next record. It returns a boolean value:

- true: If the cursor successfully moved to the next row (meaning there is more data).
- false: If there are no more rows (meaning the end of the result set has been reached).

2. Data Retrieval

Once the cursor is positioned on a row, you can retrieve the data from its columns using the appropriate getXxx() methods, where Xxx corresponds to the data type you expect:

Method	Description
rs.getString(columnLabel)	Retrieves the column value as a String.
rs.getInt(columnLabel)	Retrieves the column value as an int.
rs.getDouble(columnLabel)	Retrieves the column value as a double.
rs.getDate(columnLabel)	Retrieves the column value as a java.sql.Date object.

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You can specify the column either by its label (name) or by its index (starting from 1). Using the column label is generally recommended for better code readability and maintenance.

3. Example of Use

A typical pattern for processing a ResultSet involves a while loop:

Java

```
try (ResultSet rs = preparedStatement.executeQuery()) {


  // The while loop continues as long as rs.next() returns true
  while (rs.next()) {
    // Retrieve data from the current row
    String name = rs.getString("employee_name");
    int id = rs.getInt("employee_id");
```

```
        double salary = rs.getDouble("salary");


        System.out.println("ID: " + id + ", Name: " + name + ", Salary: " + salary);
    }
} catch (SQLException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
}
```

4. Closing the ResultSet

Like other JDBC resources (Connection and Statement), the ResultSet should be closed when you are finished with it to release database and system resources. The most effective way to ensure this is by using the try-with-resources statement, as shown in the example above.

6.ii). Navigating through ResultSet (first, last, next, previous)

-: Navigating through a ResultSet involves moving the cursor to access different rows of the retrieved data. While the standard way to iterate is using the next() method, JDBC allows for more flexible movement if the ResultSet is created with specific scrollability properties.

The methods you listed—first(), last(), next(), and previous()—are part of the scrollable ResultSet capabilities.

Creating a Scrollable ResultSet

By default, a ResultSet is forward-only (you can only use next()). To enable movement using first(), last(), previous(), or absolute(), you must explicitly specify the result set type when creating the Statement or PreparedStatement:

Java

```
// Syntax for creating a scrollable, read-only PreparedStatement
PreparedStatement ps = conn.prepareStatement(
    sql,
```

```
    ResultSet.TYPE_SCROLL_INSENSITIVE, // Allows movement (first, last, next, previous)
    ResultSet.CONCUR_READ_ONLY       // Prevents updating the result set
);

ResultSet rs = ps.executeQuery();
```

- ResultSet.TYPE_SCROLL_INSENSITIVE: Allows the cursor to move both forward and backward, and the ResultSet does not reflect changes made to the database after it was created.
- ResultSet.TYPE_SCROLL_SENSITIVE: Allows scrollable movement, and the ResultSet attempts to reflect changes made to the database while it is open.

Navigation Methods

Once a scrollable ResultSet (TYPE_SCROLL_INSENSITIVE or TYPE_SCROLL_SENSITIVE) is obtained, you can use the following methods:

Method	Description
next()	Moves the cursor from the current position to the next row. This is the standard, forward-only method. Returns true if successful.
previous()	Moves the cursor from the current position to the previous row. Returns true if successful.
first()	Moves the cursor directly to the first row of the result set. Returns true if successful.
last()	Moves the cursor directly to the last row of the result set. Returns true if successful.
beforeFirst()	Moves the cursor just before the first row (its initial position after execution).
afterLast()	Moves the cursor just after the last row.

Method	Description
absolute(rowNumber)	Moves the cursor to the row number specified. A positive number is relative to the start (1st row is 1); a negative number is relative to the end (last row is -1). Returns true if successful.
relative(rows)	Moves the cursor a specified number of rows relative to the current position (positive for forward, negative for backward). Returns true if successful.

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Example of Scrollable Navigation

Java

```
// Assume rs is a scrollable ResultSet
if (rs.last()) {
   System.out.println("Last record ID: " + rs.getInt("id"));
}

if (rs.previous()) {
   System.out.println("Second to last record ID: " + rs.getInt("id"));
}

rs.first();
System.out.println("First record ID: " + rs.getInt("id"));

// Move 3 rows forward from the first row
if (rs.relative(3)) {
   System.out.println("Fourth record ID: " + rs.getInt("id"));
}
```

6.iii). Working with ResultSet to retrieve data from SQL queries

-: Working with a ResultSet in JDBC is the standard way to retrieve and process data returned by a SQL SELECT query. The ResultSet acts as an iterator that allows you to traverse the retrieved rows and extract the column values.

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1. The Core Steps

The process of retrieving data using a ResultSet involves four main steps:

1. Execute the Query: Use the executeQuery() method on a Statement or PreparedStatement to send the SELECT command to the database. This method returns the ResultSet object.
2. Iterate Over Rows: Use the rs.next() method in a while loop to move the cursor through the result set, one row at a time.
3. Retrieve Column Data: Use the appropriate getXxx() method (e.g., getString(), getInt()) to extract the value from each column in the current row.
4. Close Resources: Ensure the ResultSet, Statement, and Connection are closed to free up resources.

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2. Iteration and Navigation (next())

The most common and efficient way to move through a ResultSet is with the next() method, which is suitable for the default forward-only cursor type.

Method	Description
rs.next()	Moves the cursor to the next row. Returns true if a new row is available, and false if the end of the results has been reached.

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Standard Iteration Example

Java

```
try (ResultSet rs = preparedStatement.executeQuery()) {
```

```
    // The loop continues as long as there is a next row
    while (rs.next()) {
        // ... process the data for the current row ...
    }

} catch (SQLException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
}
```

---

3. Retrieving Column Data (getXxx())

To retrieve data from the current row, you use the getXxx() methods. You can specify the column either by its label (name) or its index (1-based).

Data Retrieval Example

Java

```
// Inside the while (rs.next()) loop:
int id = rs.getInt(1);              // Retrieve by 1-based index
String name = rs.getString("full_name"); // Retrieve by column label (recommended)
double price = rs.getDouble("price");
java.sql.Date date = rs.getDate("order_date");

System.out.printf("Order ID: %d, Name: %s, Price: $%.2f%n", id, name, price);
```

Note: Always use the getXxx() method that matches the data type of the column in the database to prevent data conversion errors.

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4. Scrollable and Updatable ResultSets

While next() is standard, you can enable more flexible navigation and modification by setting the result set type and concurrency when creating the statement.

Creating a Flexible Statement

Java

```
PreparedStatement ps = conn.prepareStatement(
   sql,
   ResultSet.TYPE_SCROLL_INSENSITIVE, // Enables movement (first, last, previous, absolute, etc.)
   ResultSet.CONCUR_UPDATABLE        // Enables modifying the result set (and underlying database)
);
```

Advanced Navigation Methods

If the ResultSet is scrollable (TYPE_SCROLL_INSENSITIVE or TYPE_SCROLL_SENSITIVE), you can use:

- rs.first(): Moves to the first row.
- rs.last(): Moves to the last row.
- rs.previous(): Moves to the previous row (backward iteration).
- rs.absolute(rowNum): Moves to a specific row number.

Updating Records via ResultSet

If the ResultSet is updatable (CONCUR_UPDATABLE), you can modify data and commit changes directly to the database:

1. Move to the row you want to update (e.g., rs.next()).
2. Use rs.updateXxx(columnLabel, newValue) to change a column value in the ResultSet buffer (e.g., rs.updateInt("stock", 50)).
3. Call rs.updateRow() to push the changes from the ResultSet buffer to the database.

7.i). What is DatabaseMetaData?

-: The DatabaseMetaData interface in JDBC (Java Database Connectivity) is a powerful tool that provides detailed information about the database itself, rather than the data within it. Think of it as a database schema introspection tool or a database's "ID card."

It allows you to discover metadata (data about data) like the database version, supported SQL features, available tables, column definitions, stored procedures, primary keys, and more.

How to Obtain DatabaseMetaData

You get an instance of DatabaseMetaData from an active Connection object:

Java

```
try (Connection conn = /* ... establish connection ... */) {

    // Get the DatabaseMetaData object from the Connection
    DatabaseMetaData dbMetaData = conn.getMetaData();

    // Now you can call its methods
    // ...

} catch (SQLException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
}
```

Key Information Provided by DatabaseMetaData

The DatabaseMetaData interface offers hundreds of methods, but here are some of the most commonly used categories:

1. General Database Information

Method	Description
getDatabaseProductName()	The name of the database (e.g., "MySQL," "PostgreSQL," "Oracle").
getDatabaseProductVersion()	The version of the database software.
getDriverName()	The name of the JDBC driver being used.
supportsTransactions()	Returns true if the database supports transactions.
getSQLKeywords()	A comma-separated list of SQL keywords that are not keywords in JDBC.

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2. Schema and Object Information

These methods return a ResultSet containing the requested metadata, allowing you to iterate through the results.

Method	Description	Result Set Contents
getTables(...)	Retrieves a description of the tables available in a given catalog.	Table names, type (e.g., TABLE, VIEW, SYSTEM TABLE), schema, and catalog.
getColumns(...)	Retrieves a description of the table columns available in a given catalog.	Column names, data types, size, nullability, and default values.
getPrimaryKeys(...)	Retrieves a description of the primary key columns for a table.	Column names that constitute the primary key.
getProcedures(...)	Retrieves a description of the stored procedures available.	Procedure names, type, and schema.

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3. Example: Retrieving Table Names

A common use case is listing all tables in the current database schema:

Java

```
// dbMetaData is the DatabaseMetaData object
try (ResultSet rs = dbMetaData.getTables(null, null, "%", new String[]{"TABLE"}))
{


   System.out.println("Available Tables:");


   while (rs.next()) {
      // The table name is typically in the 3rd column (or column label
"TABLE_NAME")
      String tableName = rs.getString("TABLE_NAME");
      System.out.println("- " + tableName);
   }


} catch (SQLException e) {
   e.printStackTrace();
}
```

7.ii) Importance of Database Metadata in JDBC

-: The DatabaseMetaData interface is extremely important in JDBC because it provides a standardized way for Java applications to introspect (examine and discover information about) the connected database and the capabilities of its JDBC driver. This metadata is essential for building flexible, robust, and data-driven applications that don't rely on hardcoding database specifics.

Key Importance of Database Metadata

The importance of DatabaseMetaData can be summarized across several critical areas:

1. Database and Driver Discovery

It allows an application to dynamically determine the specifics of the environment it's running in:

- Identification: Get the name and version of the database product (e.g., "PostgreSQL 14.2," "Oracle 19c") and the JDBC driver (getDatabaseProductName(), getDriverName()).
- Feature Support: Check which SQL features, such as transaction isolation levels, stored procedures, or specific data types, are supported by the database or driver (supportsTransactions(), supportsBatchUpdates(), etc.). This is vital for writing portable code.

2. Application Adaptability and Portability

Applications can adjust their behavior based on the retrieved information, making them more portable across different database systems:

- Dynamic SQL Generation: An application can use metadata to safely generate SQL queries or schema changes. For instance, it can check which catalog/schema delimiters the database uses.
- Type Mapping: It helps in correctly mapping JDBC data types to database-specific data types, especially when creating new tables or procedures.

3. Schema Introspection and Tooling

It is the foundation for creating tools, frameworks, and utilities that interact with databases:

- Data Modeling Tools: Applications (like IDEs or ORMs) use methods like getTables(), getColumns(), and getPrimaryKeys() to reverse-engineer the database schema and display it to the user.
- Security and Constraints: Determine the primary and foreign key constraints on tables, which is crucial for data validation and referential integrity enforcement within the application layer.

4. Robust Error Handling

Knowing the database's specific constraints and limits allows developers to write more precise validation logic, reducing runtime errors:

- Limits and Constraints: Discover maximum identifiers lengths, maximum column limits, and supported character sets. For example, knowing the maximum length of a table name prevents a schema generation process from failing.

In essence, DatabaseMetaData turns a generic JDBC connection into a database-aware connection, enabling sophisticated applications and development tools to interact with the database intelligently and reliably.

7.iii). Methods provided by DatabaseMetaData (getDatabaseProductName, getTables, etc.)

-: The DatabaseMetaData interface in JDBC provides a comprehensive set of methods to retrieve descriptive information (metadata) about the database system, its structure, and the capabilities of the JDBC driver.

These methods generally fall into two categories: those that return scalar values (a single piece of information, like a string or boolean) and those that return a ResultSet (data representing multiple schema objects).

Key Methods Provided by DatabaseMetaData

1. General Information and Capabilities (Scalar Methods)

These methods return basic facts about the database or driver.

Method	Return Type	Description	Example Output
getDatabaseProductName()	String	The name of the database product.	"MySQL" or "Oracle"
getDatabaseProductVersion()	String	The full version number	"8.0.33" or "19c"

Method	Return Type	Description	Example Output
		of the database.	
getDriverName()	String	The name of the JDBC driver being used.	"MySQL Connector/J"
getDriverVersion()	String	The version of the JDBC driver.	"8.0.33"
getDefaultTransactionIsolation()	int	The database's default transaction isolation level.	Connection.TRANSACTION_READ_COMMITTED
supportsTransactions()	boolean	Indicates if the database supports transactions.	true
getSQLKeywords()	String	A comma-separated list of SQL keywords	"LIMIT,OFFSET,ROWNUM,..."

Method	Return Type	Description	Example Output
		that are not JDBC keywords.	

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2. Schema and Object Information (Methods Returning ResultSet)

These methods return a ResultSet that the application must iterate through to read the schema information. Most of these methods accept filtering arguments for catalog, schemaPattern, and tableNamePattern (which support SQL wildcard characters like % and _).

Method	Description	Key Information Returned in ResultSet
getTables(...)	Retrieves a description of the tables, views, and system tables available.	TABLE_CAT, TABLE_SCHEM, TABLE_NAME, TABLE_TYPE (e.g., 'TABLE', 'VIEW').
getColumns(...)	Retrieves a description of the columns for a specified table.	COLUMN_NAME, DATA_TYPE (JDBC type code), TYPE_NAME (database type name), COLUMN_SIZE, IS_NULLABLE.
getPrimaryKeys(...)	Retrieves a description of the primary key columns for a specified table.	COLUMN_NAME, KEY_SEQ (sequence number within the key).
getImportedKeys(...)	Retrieves a description of the foreign key columns in the table	PKTABLE_NAME (referenced table), FKCOLUMN_NAME,

Method	Description	Key Information Returned in ResultSet
	that reference other tables.	PKCOLUMN_NAME, UPDATE_RULE, DELETE_RULE.
getProcedures(...)	Retrieves a description of the stored procedures available.	PROCEDURE_NAME, PROCEDURE_TYPE.
getSchemas()	Retrieves the available schema names.	TABLE_SCHEM, TABLE_CATALOG.

8. i).**What is ResultSetMetaData?**

-:ResultSetMetaData is a JDBC interface that provides information about the structure and properties of a ResultSet (the data returned by a SQL query). It gives you metadata about the columns, such as their names, data types, sizes, and whether they are nullable.

It's essentially the metadata for the *data itself*, distinguishing it from DatabaseMetaData, which provides metadata about the *database system*.

Key Information Provided by ResultSetMetaData

You obtain an instance of ResultSetMetaData by calling the getMetaData() method on an active ResultSet object:

Java

ResultSet rs = preparedStatement.executeQuery();

ResultSetMetaData rsmd = rs.getMetaData();

The methods in this interface allow you to discover structural details of the query results without needing to know the table definitions beforehand.

1. Column Count

Method	Description
getColumnCount()	Returns the number of columns in the ResultSet. This is often used to iterate through all columns in a generic data display tool.

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2. Column Identification and Naming

Method	Description
getColumnLabel(columnIdx)	Returns the column's label for printouts and displays (which might be an alias defined in the SQL query).
getColumnName(columnIdx)	Returns the column's database name (the actual name in the table).
getCatalogName(columnIdx)	Returns the catalog name for the column's table.
getSchemaName(columnIdx)	Returns the schema name for the column's table.
getTableName(columnIdx)	Returns the name of the table from which the column originated.

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3. Data Type Information

Method	Description
getColumnTypeName(columnIdx)	Returns the database-specific type name (e.g., "VARCHAR," "INT," "DATETIME").
getColumnType(columnIdx)	Returns the column's SQL type as an integer constant defined in java.sql.Types (e.g., Types.VARCHAR, Types.INTEGER).
getColumnDisplaySize(columnIdx)	Returns the maximum number of characters required to display data from the column.
getPrecision(columnIdx)	For numeric types, the number of decimal digits.

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4. Characteristics and Constraints

Method	Description
isNullable(columnIdx)	Indicates whether the column is nullable. Returns a constant like ResultSetMetaData.columnNoNulls.
isAutoIncrement(columnIdx)	Indicates whether the column is automatically numbered (e.g., an identity column).
isReadOnly(columnIdx)	Indicates whether the column is guaranteed to be read-only (useful if the query includes calculated fields).

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Importance and Usage

ResultSetMetaData is most valuable in scenarios where the application cannot know the structure of the result set ahead of time:

- Generic Data Viewers: Tools that need to display data from *any* arbitrary query (e.g., SQL editors) use this to dynamically create column headers and format the data correctly.
- Dynamic Object Mapping: Frameworks that map database results to Java objects without explicit configuration (like some ORMs) use metadata to match column names and types to class fields.
- Logging and Auditing: Applications can use it to log the structure of incoming data streams.

8.ii). Importance of ResultSet Metadata in analyzing the structure of query results

-: The ResultSetMetaData interface is critical for analyzing the structure of query results because it provides a standardized, runtime-accessible description of the columns contained within a ResultSet. This allows applications to process or display data without prior knowledge of the database schema or the specific SQL query used.

Key Importance and Use Cases

The significance of ResultSetMetaData lies in its ability to provide structural details dynamically:

1. Dynamic Column Handling and Display ⚙️

The most vital role of ResultSetMetaData is enabling applications to handle and present data from arbitrary or unknown SQL queries.

- Generic Data Viewers: Tools like SQL clients, IDEs, or generic reporting modules rely on methods like getColumnCount() and getColumnLabel(columnIdx) to dynamically generate column headers and populate data grids.
- Aliasing Support: It distinguishes between the column's original database name (getColumnName(columnIdx)) and its display name, which may be an alias (getColumnLabel(columnIdx)) defined in the SELECT statement (e.g., SELECT COUNT(*) AS total_count).

2. Type and Format Validation

It provides crucial information about the data types and formatting requirements of each column, which is essential for correct data handling.

- Type Conversion: Methods like getColumnType(columnIdx) (which returns a constant from java.sql.Types) and getColumnTypeName(columnIdx) (which returns the database-specific name) ensure the application can correctly convert the retrieved data into the appropriate Java type (e.g., mapping a database's DECIMAL to a Java BigDecimal).
- Data Formatting: Information such as getPrecision(columnIdx) and getScale(columnIdx) is used to format numeric data correctly for display, particularly for currency or scientific notation.

3. Application Security and Portability

By inspecting the metadata, applications can make safer and more portable decisions about data interaction.

- Nullability Check: isNullable(columnIdx) tells the application if a column is allowed to contain NULL values, aiding in application-level data validation before processing.
- Read-Only Detection: isReadOnly(columnIdx) helps prevent attempted modifications on columns that are calculated fields (e.g., aggregate functions like SUM(price)) or derived values that cannot be written back to the database.
- Source Mapping: Methods like getTableName(columnIdx) and getSchemaName(columnIdx) inform the application which table and schema a column originated from, which is vital for Object-Relational Mapping (ORM) tools.

In summary, ResultSetMetaData is the interpreter between the raw data structure returned by the database and the Java application, allowing for flexible, robust, and dynamic handling of query results.

8.iii). Methods in ResultSetMetaData (getColumnCount, getColumnName, getColumnType)

-: The ResultSetMetaData interface provides a set of methods to discover the structure and characteristics of the columns within a ResultSet. The methods you listed are among the most fundamental for analyzing query results.

Key Methods in ResultSetMetaData

The following methods are used to get information about the columns in a ResultSet, with the column index typically being 1-based (i.e., the first column is index 1).

1. Structure

Method	Return Type	Description
getColumnCount()	int	Returns the total number of columns in the ResultSet. This is often used to iterate through all columns dynamically.

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2. Naming and Labeling

These methods help identify the columns, particularly when using SQL aliases.

Method	Return Type	Description
getColumnName(columnIdx)	String	Returns the name of the column as it appears in the database (the source column name).
getColumnLabel(columnIdx)	String	Returns the suggested title for the column when displayed (the column's alias in the SQL query, if one was used, or the column name otherwise). This is generally preferred for display purposes.
getTableName(columnIdx)	String	Returns the name of the table from which the column value originated.

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3. Data Type Information

These methods are crucial for handling and converting data types correctly in the Java application.

Method	Return Type	Description
getColumnType(columnIdx)	int	Returns the column's SQL type as an integer constant defined in java.sql.Types (e.g., Types.VARCHAR, Types.INTEGER). This is used for programmatic type checking.
getColumnTypeName(columnIdx)	String	Returns the database-specific type name (e.g., "VARCHAR," "INT," "DECIMAL"). This is useful for

Method	Return Type	Description
		presentation or generating SQL schema.
getPrecision(columnIdx)	int	For numeric types, returns the total number of significant digits. For character types, returns the maximum length in characters.
getScale(columnIdx)	int	For numeric types, returns the number of digits to the right of the decimal point (i.e., the precision).

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Example Usage

Here's how these methods are typically used to dynamically print a result set's header:

Java

```
try (ResultSet rs = statement.executeQuery("SELECT id, name AS client FROM customers")) {

    ResultSetMetaData rsmd = rs.getMetaData();
    int columnCount = rsmd.getColumnCount(); // 1. Use getColumnCount()

    // Dynamically print the header row
    for (int i = 1; i <= columnCount; i++) {
        // 2. Use getColumnLabel() for display
        System.out.printf("%-15s", rsmd.getColumnLabel(i));
    }
```

```
    System.out.println("\n--------------------------------");


    // Example of type inspection
    System.out.println("Column 1 SQL Type Code: " + rsmd.getColumnType(1));
// 3. Use getColumnType()
    System.out.println("Column 2 Database Type: " +
rsmd.getColumnTypeName(2));


} catch (SQLException e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
}
```

10.i). Introduction to Java Swing for GUI development

-: Java Swing is a popular toolkit for creating Graphical User Interfaces (GUIs) in Java. It is an extension of the older Abstract Window Toolkit (AWT) and is part of the Java Foundation Classes (JFC). Swing allows developers to build rich, interactive desktop applications.

Key Features and Concepts

1. Platform Independence

Swing components are often called "lightweight" because they are written entirely in Java, which means they do not rely on the native operating system's windowing toolkit to render their appearance. This ensures that a Swing application looks and behaves consistently across different operating systems (Windows, macOS, Linux), adhering to the Java motto: "Write Once, Run Anywhere."

2. Pluggable Look and Feel (PLAF)

Swing supports a Pluggable Look and Feel (PLAF) architecture. This feature separates the component's visual appearance from its behavior, allowing

developers or users to change the entire GUI's theme or "look and feel" at runtime without restarting the application.

3. Rich Set of Components

Swing provides a more extensive and flexible collection of components compared to AWT. Common components include:

- Top-Level Containers: JFrame (the main window), JDialog, JWindow, and JApplet.
- Components/Controls: JButton, JLabel, JTextField, JCheckBox, JRadioButton, JList, JComboBox, JMenu, etc.
- Containers (for grouping): JPanel, JTabbedPane, JScrollPane, etc.

4. Model-View-Controller (MVC) Architecture

Swing components follow a variation of the Model-View-Controller design pattern, often referred to as the Model-Delegate or Separable Model architecture.

- Model: Represents the component's data or state (e.g., the text inside a JTextField).
- View & Controller (UI Delegate): The *View* handles the visual rendering, and the *Controller* handles user interactions (events). In Swing, these are often combined into a UI Delegate. This separation allows for the Pluggable Look and Feel.

5. Containment Hierarchy

A Swing GUI is built using a hierarchy of containers and components.

- Top-Level Containers (like JFrame) are at the top. They do not have parent components.
- All other components and containers are placed within a top-level container, typically inside its Content Pane.
- The JComponent class is the base class for most of the Swing components, inheriting from AWT's Container and Component.

6. Layout Managers

Layout Managers are classes that automatically arrange components within a container. They control the size and position of components, ensuring the GUI looks appropriate even when the window is resized. Common layout managers include:

- FlowLayout: Arranges components in a row, wrapping to the next row when space runs out.
- BorderLayout: Divides the container into five regions: North, South, East, West, and Center.
- GridLayout: Arranges components in a grid of rows and columns.
- GridBagLayout: A more complex, flexible layout manager that allows components to occupy multiple cells and use different sizing/padding options.

7. Event Handling

Interactivity in a Swing application is managed through the delegation event model.

1. A Source object (e.g., a JButton) fires an Event (e.g., an ActionEvent) when a user action occurs.
2. A Listener object (which implements a specific *Listener Interface*, like ActionListener) is registered with the source.
3. When the event fires, the source object calls the appropriate method on the registered listener object, and the listener executes the programmed response.

Basic Swing Application Structure

A minimal Swing application typically involves these steps:

1. Create the Top-Level Container: Instantiate a JFrame.
2. Set Properties: Define the frame's title, size, and default close operation (e.g., frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);).
3. Create Components: Instantiate components like JPanel, JLabel, and JButton.

4. Add Components: Use the frame's content pane to add a main JPanel, and then add other components to the panel.
5. Set Layout: Apply a LayoutManager to the containers (e.g., panel.setLayout(new FlowLayout());).
6. Add Functionality: Register event listeners (e.g., an ActionListener for a button) to handle user interaction.
7. Finalize: Call frame.pack() to size the frame based on its contents, and then frame.setVisible(true) to display it.
    - Crucially, all Swing operations that create or modify components must be run on the Event Dispatch Thread (EDT). This is often done using SwingUtilities.invokeLater() or EventQueue.invokeLater().

10.ii). How to integrate Swing components with JDBC for CRUD operations

-: Integrating Java Swing with JDBC (Java Database Connectivity) for CRUD (Create, Read, Update, Delete) operations involves connecting your GUI's user actions to database manipulation. This typically follows a layered architecture to keep the GUI logic separate from the database logic.

Here is a step-by-step breakdown of how to structure this integration:

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1. Establish the Architecture (Layered Approach)

To maintain a clean, scalable application, it's best to separate concerns into three primary layers:

Layer	Responsibility	Components Used
Presentation (View)	Handles the GUI. Displays data to the user and captures user input/actions.	Swing Components (JFrame, JButton, JTextField, JTable), Event Listeners (ActionListener).
Business Logic (Controller)	Manages the flow of the application. It receives input from the View, calls the	Plain Java Classes, Event Handler methods.

Layer	Responsibility	Components Used
	appropriate methods in the Data Access Layer, and updates the View.	
Data Access Object (DAO)	Interacts directly with the database using JDBC. It performs the actual CRUD operations.	JDBC Classes (Connection, Statement, PreparedStatement, ResultSet).

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2. Data Access Object (DAO) Implementation

The DAO layer is responsible for all database interaction.

A. Database Connection

You need a utility class or method to handle establishing and closing the database connection.

Java

```
import java.sql.Connection;

import java.sql.DriverManager;

import java.sql.SQLException;


public class DBUtil {

   private static final String DB_URL =
"jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/mydatabase";

   private static final String USER = "dbuser";

   private static final String PASS = "dbpassword";


   public static Connection getConnection() throws SQLException {

      // Register the driver (optional in modern Java versions)
```

```
        // DriverManager.registerDriver(new com.mysql.cj.jdbc.Driver());
        return DriverManager.getConnection(DB_URL, USER, PASS);
    }
}
```

B. CRUD Methods in DAO

Create a specific DAO class for the data you are manipulating (e.g., StudentDAO).

Java

```
public class StudentDAO {

    // R: Read (Retrieve All)
    public List<Student> getAllStudents() {
        List<Student> students = new ArrayList<>();
        String sql = "SELECT id, name, age FROM students";
        try (Connection conn = DBUtil.getConnection();
             Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
             ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery(sql)) {

            while (rs.next()) {
                Student student = new Student(
                    rs.getInt("id"),
                    rs.getString("name"),
                    rs.getInt("age")
                );
                students.add(student);
            }
        } catch (SQLException e) {
```

```
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
        return students;
    }

    // C: Create
    public void addStudent(Student student) {
        String sql = "INSERT INTO students (name, age) VALUES (?, ?)";
        try (Connection conn = DBUtil.getConnection();
             PreparedStatement pstmt = conn.prepareStatement(sql)) {

            pstmt.setString(1, student.getName());
            pstmt.setInt(2, student.getAge());
            pstmt.executeUpdate(); // Execute the INSERT statement

        } catch (SQLException e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
    // Implement U (Update) and D (Delete) similarly using PreparedStatement
}
```

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3. Swing GUI and Event Handling (Presentation Layer)

This layer builds the GUI and uses Event Listeners to trigger the DAO operations.

A. Design the GUI

You would use Swing components to build an interface. For data display, a JTable is commonly used, which requires a custom TableModel to feed it data.

B. Event Handling and Integration

The interaction between the GUI and the DAO happens when an event (like a button click) is handled.

Action	Swing Component	Event Handling	JDBC/DAO Interaction
Read (Display)	JTable / Initial Frame Load	Called during frame initialization or via a "Refresh" button.	The Controller calls StudentDAO.getAllStudents() and uses the returned List<Student> to populate the JTable's TableModel.
Create	"Add" JButton	ActionListener on the button.	The listener retrieves data from JTextFields, creates a new Student object, and the Controller calls StudentDAO.addStudent(newStudent).
Update/Delete	"Update" or "Delete" JButton	ActionListener on the button.	The listener retrieves the ID of the selected row from the JTable, and the Controller calls StudentDAO.updateStudent() or StudentDAO.deleteStudent().

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Example: Handling a "Create" (Add Student) Button

Java

```
// Inside your JFrame class (Controller/View combined for simplicity)


private void setupAddButton(JButton addButton, JTextField nameField,
JTextField ageField) {
```

```
    StudentDAO studentDAO = new StudentDAO(); // Instantiate DAO

    addButton.addActionListener(e -> {
        try {
            // 1. Get input from Swing components (View)
            String name = nameField.getText();
            int age = Integer.parseInt(ageField.getText());

            // 2. Create the data object (Business Logic)
            Student newStudent = new Student(0, name, age); // ID is 0 for a new record

            // 3. Call the DAO method (Data Access)
            studentDAO.addStudent(newStudent);

            // 4. Provide feedback and refresh the display (View Update)
            JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "Student added successfully!");
            refreshStudentTable(); // Method to re-read and update the JTable

        } catch (NumberFormatException ex) {
            JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "Age must be a number.", "Input Error", JOptionPane.ERROR_MESSAGE);
        }
    });
}
```

11. What is a CallableStatement?

-: A CallableStatement is a specialized JDBC interface used in Java to execute stored procedures and functions within a relational database.

It extends the functionality of PreparedStatement by providing built-in support for the unique features of stored procedures, which include:

Key Characteristics

- Stored Procedure Execution: Its primary purpose is to invoke database-side stored procedures or functions using a standard JDBC escape syntax (e.g., "{call procedure_name(?, ?, ...)}") that is consistent across different database management systems (DBMSs).
- Parameter Support: It supports all three types of parameters used by stored procedures:
    - IN parameters: Input values sent from the Java application to the stored procedure. Handled using the inherited setXXX() methods (like in a PreparedStatement).
    - OUT parameters: Output values returned from the stored procedure to the Java application. These must be registered using the registerOutParameter() method *before* execution, and their values are retrieved using getXXX() methods *after* execution.
    - INOUT parameters: Parameters that provide an input value before execution and return a potentially modified output value after execution. These require both a setXXX() call and a registerOutParameter() call.
- Creation: A CallableStatement object is created by calling the prepareCall() method on a Connection object:

Java

CallableStatement cstmt = connection.prepareCall("{call getEmployeeName(?, ?)}");

Usage Steps (Example with OUT parameter)

1. Prepare the Statement: Create the CallableStatement using the connection's prepareCall() method with the stored procedure call syntax.
2. Set IN Parameters: Use the setXXX() methods for any input parameters.

3. Register OUT Parameters: For any output parameters, use registerOutParameter(parameterIndex, SQLType) to inform the JDBC driver about the data type to expect back from the database.
4. Execute: Execute the statement using execute() or executeQuery().
5. Retrieve OUT Values: Use the getXXX() methods to retrieve the values of the registered output parameters.

11.ii) How to call stored procedures using CallableStatement in JDBC

-: Calling stored procedures using a CallableStatement in JDBC involves four main steps: creating the statement, setting input parameters, registering output parameters, and executing the call.

Here is the general process and an example:

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1. JDBC Escape Syntax

You must use the JDBC escape syntax to call stored procedures, which is placed inside curly braces {}.

Scenario	Syntax
Procedure with NO return value (most common)	"{call procedure_name(?, ?, ...)}"
Function with a return value	"{? = call function_name(?, ?, ...)}"
No parameters	"{call procedure_name()}"

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2. Steps to Use CallableStatement

The following example demonstrates calling a procedure named GET_EMPLOYEE_INFO which accepts an employee ID as an IN parameter and returns the employee's name and salary as OUT parameters.

Step 1: Create the CallableStatement

Use the Connection object's prepareCall() method.

Java

```
import java.sql.*;

// Assume 'conn' is an active Connection object


// Stored Procedure: GET_EMPLOYEE_INFO(IN emp_id INT, OUT emp_name VARCHAR, OUT emp_salary DECIMAL)

String sql = "{call GET_EMPLOYEE_INFO(?, ?, ?)}";

CallableStatement cstmt = conn.prepareCall(sql);
```

Step 2: Set IN Parameters

Use the appropriate setXXX() methods (inherited from PreparedStatement) to set the values for input parameters (those marked as IN or INOUT in the procedure definition). Parameters are indexed starting from 1.

Java

```
// Set the IN parameter (Employee ID) at index 1

int employeeId = 101;

cstmt.setInt(1, employeeId);
```

Step 3: Register OUT Parameters

Use the registerOutParameter() method for any parameters that return values (those marked as OUT or INOUT). This must be done before execution, and you must specify the expected JDBC data type.

Java

```
// Register the OUT parameter for Employee Name (index 2) as VARCHAR

cstmt.registerOutParameter(2, Types.VARCHAR);


// Register the OUT parameter for Employee Salary (index 3) as DECIMAL

cstmt.registerOutParameter(3, Types.DECIMAL);
```

Step 4: Execute the Call

Use the execute() method if the procedure performs DML (INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE) or DDL. Use executeQuery() if the procedure explicitly returns a ResultSet.

Java

cstmt.execute(); // Executes the stored procedure

Step 5: Retrieve OUT Values

After execution, use the appropriate getXXX() methods to retrieve the values from the registered output parameters.

Java

// Retrieve Employee Name from index 2

String employeeName = cstmt.getString(2);

// Retrieve Employee Salary from index 3

double employeeSalary = cstmt.getDouble(3);

System.out.println("Employee Name: " + employeeName);

System.out.println("Employee Salary: " + employeeSalary);

11.iii). Working with IN and OUT parameters in stored procedures

-: Working with IN and OUT parameters in stored procedures is a fundamental feature when using the JDBC CallableStatement. These parameters define the direction of data flow between your Java application and the database procedure.

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1. Parameter Types in Stored Procedures

Stored procedures can use three types of parameters, all of which are supported by CallableStatement:

Parameter Type	Data Flow	JDBC Method Used	Purpose
IN (Input)	Application → Database	cstmt.setXXX(index, value)	Passes a value from Java to the stored procedure to be used in its logic.
OUT (Output)	Database → Application	cstmt.registerOutParameter(index, SQLType) & cstmt.getXXX(index)	Returns a value from the stored procedure to Java.
INOUT	Application → Database → Application	Both setXXX() and registerOutParameter() & getXXX()	Passes an initial value to the procedure, which then modifies the value and returns the new result.

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2. General Steps for Handling Parameters

To correctly handle both IN and OUT parameters, you must perform the steps in a specific order:

1. Create the CallableStatement: Use the JDBC escape syntax and the Connection.prepareCall() method.

Java

String sql = "{call process_data(?, ?, ?)}"; // 3 parameters

CallableStatement cstmt = connection.prepareCall(sql);

2. Register OUT Parameters (Before Execution): For any parameter that will return a value (OUT or INOUT), you must tell the JDBC driver what SQL data type to expect back. This uses the java.sql.Types enum.

Java

```
// Assuming parameter at index 2 is an OUT parameter of type VARCHAR
cstmt.registerOutParameter(2, Types.VARCHAR);
```

3. Set IN Parameters (Before Execution): Use the setXXX() methods for all IN and INOUT parameters to supply the initial values. The XXX matches the Java data type (e.g., setString, setInt).

Java

```
// Set the IN parameter (index 1)
cstmt.setInt(1, 45);

// Set the initial value for the INOUT parameter (index 3)
cstmt.setDouble(3, 100.50);
```

4. Execute the Statement: Run the stored procedure.

Java

```
cstmt.execute();
```

5. Retrieve OUT Parameters (After Execution): Use the appropriate getXXX() methods to retrieve the returned values from the parameters that were registered as OUT or INOUT. The XXX here matches the *Java* data type you want to retrieve it as.

Java

```
// Retrieve the value of the OUT parameter (index 2)
String outputName = cstmt.getString(2);

// Retrieve the modified value of the INOUT parameter (index 3)
double finalAmount = cstmt.getDouble(3);
```

3. Example: Handling IN and OUT Parameters

Imagine a database procedure called CALCULATE_BONUS defined as: CALCULATE_BONUS(IN employee_id INT, OUT employee_level VARCHAR, INOUT bonus_amount DECIMAL)

Here's the JDBC code to call it:

Java

```
import java.sql.*;
import java.math.BigDecimal;


public class StoredProcedureCaller {
    public static void callProcedure(Connection conn, int empId, BigDecimal initialBonus) throws SQLException {
        String sql = "{call CALCULATE_BONUS(?, ?, ?)}";

        try (CallableStatement cstmt = conn.prepareCall(sql)) {

            // --- STEP 1: Register OUT/INOUT Parameters ---
            // Parameter 2: OUT parameter (employee_level)
            cstmt.registerOutParameter(2, Types.VARCHAR);

            // Parameter 3: INOUT parameter (bonus_amount)
            cstmt.registerOutParameter(3, Types.DECIMAL);

            // --- STEP 2: Set IN/INOUT Parameters ---
            // Parameter 1: IN parameter (employee_id)
            cstmt.setInt(1, empId);
```

```
            // Parameter 3: Set initial value for INOUT parameter
            cstmt.setBigDecimal(3, initialBonus);

            // --- STEP 3: Execute ---
            cstmt.execute();

            // --- STEP 4: Retrieve OUT/INOUT values ---
            String level = cstmt.getString(2);
            BigDecimal finalBonus = cstmt.getBigDecimal(3);

            System.out.println("Procedure Results for Employee " + empId + ":");
            System.out.println("  Employee Level: " + level);
            System.out.println("  Final Bonus Amount: " + finalBonus);

        } catch (SQLException e) {
            System.err.println("Database Error: " + e.getMessage());
        }
    }
}
```