

Exercise 1: Use @Override Correctly

Problem Statement:

Create a parent class Animal with a method makeSound(). Then, create a Dog class that overrides this method using @Override.

Steps to Follow:

- 1. Define a makeSound() method in Animal class.
- 2. Override it in Dog class with @Override.
- 3. Instantiate Dog and call makeSound().

```
class Animal {
    void makeSound() {
        System.out.println("Some sound");
    }
}

class Dog extends Animal {
    @Override
    void makeSound() {
        System.out.println("Bark");
    }
}

public class AnimalMain {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Dog obj = new Dog();
        obj.makeSound();
    }
}
```



Exercise 2: Use @Deprecated to Mark an Old Method

Problem Statement:

Create a class LegacyAPI with an **old** method oldFeature(), which should not be used anymore. Instead, introduce a **new** method newFeature().

Steps to Follow:

- 1. Define a class LegacyAPI.
- Mark oldFeature() as @Deprecated.
- 3. Call both methods and observe the warning.

```
class LegacyAPI {
    @Deprecated
    void oldFeature() {
        System.out.println("Old feature");
    }

    void newFeature() {
        System.out.println("New feature");
    }
}

public class LegacyAPIMain {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        LegacyAPI api = new LegacyAPI();
        api.oldFeature();
        api.newFeature();
    }
}
```



Exercise 3: Suppress Unchecked Warnings

Problem Statement:

Create an ArrayList without generics and use

@SuppressWarnings("unchecked") to hide compilation warnings.

```
import java.util.*;

public class SuppressWarningsMain {

    @SuppressWarnings("unchecked")
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        ArrayList list = new ArrayList();
        list.add("Test");
        System.out.println(list.get(0));
    }
}
```

Exercise 4: Create a Custom Annotation and Use It

✓ Problem Statement:

Create a custom annotation @TaskInfo to mark **tasks** with priority and assigned person.

Steps to Follow:

- 1. Define an annotation @TaskInfo with fields priority and assignedTo.
- 2. Apply this annotation to a method in TaskManager class.
- 3. Retrieve the annotation details using **Reflection API**.



```
import java.lang.annotation.*;
import java.lang.reflect.*;
@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)
@interface TaskInfo {
   String priority();
   String assignedTo();
}
class TaskManager {
   @TaskInfo(priority = "High", assignedTo = "ABC")
   void task() {
       System.out.println("Task executed");
   }
}
public class TaskInfoMain {
   public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
       Method m = TaskManager.class.getMethod("task");
       TaskInfo info = m.getAnnotation(TaskInfo.class);
       System.out.println("Priority: " + info.priority());
       System.out.println("Assigned To: " + info.assignedTo());
```

Exercise 5: Create and Use a Repeatable Annotation

✓ Problem Statement:

Define an annotation @BugReport that can be applied **multiple times** on a method.

- Steps to Follow:
 - 1. Define @BugReport with a description field.
 - 2. Use @Repeatable to allow multiple bug reports.



- 3. Apply it twice on a method.
- 4. Retrieve and print all bug reports.

```
import java.lang.annotation.*;
import java.lang.reflect.*;
@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)
@Repeatable(BugReports.class)
@interface BugReport {
   String description();
}
@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)
@interface BugReports {
    BugReport[] value();
class Software {
   @BugReport(description = "Null pointer issue")
   @BugReport(description = "Memory leak detected")
   void process() {
        System.out.println("Processing");
    }
public class BugReportMain {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
        Method m = Software.class.getMethod("process");
        BugReports reports = m.getAnnotation(BugReports.class);
        for (BugReport report : reports.value()) {
            System.out.println("Bug: " + report.description());
   }
```



Practice Problems for Custom Annotations in Java

Beginner Level

1 Create an Annotation to Mark Important Methods

Problem Statement:

Define a custom annotation @ImportantMethod that can be applied to methods to indicate their importance.

- Requirements:
 - Define @ImportantMethod with an optional level parameter (default: "HIGH").
 - Apply it to at least two methods.
 - Retrieve and print annotated methods using Reflection API.

```
import java.lang.annotation.*;
import java.lang.reflect.*;

@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)
@interface ImportantMethod {
    String level() default "HIGH";
}

class Utility {
    @ImportantMethod(level = "HIGH")
    void criticalTask() {
        System.out.println("Executing critical task");
    }

    @ImportantMethod(level = "MEDIUM")
    void regularTask() {
        System.out.println("Executing regular task");
    }
}

public class ImportantMethodMain {
```



```
public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
    Method[] methods = Utility.class.getDeclaredMethods();
    for (Method m : methods) {
        if (m.isAnnotationPresent(ImportantMethod.class)) {
            ImportantMethod im = m.getAnnotation(ImportantMethod.class);
            System.out.println(m.getName() + " - Level: " + im.level());
        }
    }
}
```

2 Create a @Todo Annotation for Pending Tasks

Problem Statement:

Define an annotation @Todo to mark **pending** features in a project.

- Requirements:
 - The annotation should have fields:

```
    task() (String) → Description of the task
    assignedTo() (String) → Developer responsible
```

- o priority() (default: "MEDIUM")
- Apply it to multiple methods.
- Retrieve and print all pending tasks using Reflection.

```
import java.lang.annotation.*;
import java.lang.reflect.*;

@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)
@interface Todo {
    String task();

    String assignedTo();
```



```
String priority() default "MEDIUM";
class Project {
   @Todo(task = "Implement authentication", assignedTo = "PQR", priority =
"HIGH")
   void loginFeature() {
       System.out.println("Login feature");
   }
   @Todo(task = "Optimize database queries", assignedTo = "XYZ")
   void optimizeDB() {
        System.out.println("Optimizing database");
   }
}
public class TodoMain {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
        Method[] methods = Project.class.getDeclaredMethods();
        for (Method m : methods) {
            if (m.isAnnotationPresent(Todo.class)) {
                Todo todo = m.getAnnotation(Todo.class);
                System.out.println(m.getName() + " - Task: " + todo.task() + ",
Assigned To: " + todo.assignedTo()
                       + ", Priority: " + todo.priority());
       }
   }
```



Intermediate Level

3 Create an Annotation for Logging Method Execution Time

Problem Statement:

Define an annotation @LogExecutionTime to measure method execution time.

- Requirements:
 - Apply @LogExecutionTime to a method.
 - Use System.nanoTime() before and after execution.
 - Print execution time.
 - Apply it on different methods and compare the time taken.

```
import java.lang.annotation.*;
import java.lang.reflect.*;

@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)
@interface LogExecutionTime {}

class Performance {
    @LogExecutionTime
    void task() {
        long start = System.nanoTime();
        for (int i = 0; i < 1000000; i++);
        long end = System.nanoTime();
        System.out.println("Execution Time: " + (end - start) + " ns");
    }
}

public class LogExecutionTimeMain {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        new Performance().task();
    }
}</pre>
```



4 Create a @MaxLength Annotation for Field Validation

Problem Statement:

Define a field-level annotation @MaxLength(int value) that restricts the **maximum** length of a String field.

- Requirements:
 - Apply it to a User class field (username).
 - Validate length in the constructor.
 - Throw IllegalArgumentException if the limit is exceeded.

```
import java.lang.annotation.*;
@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)
@interface MaxLength {
   int value();
class User {
   @MaxLength(5)
   String username;
   User(String username) {
        if (username.length() > 5) {
            throw new IllegalArgumentException("Username too long");
        this.username = username;
   }
public class MaxLengthMain {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
        User user = new User("John");
        System.out.println("Username: " + user.username);
}
```



Advanced Level

5 Implement a Role-Based Access Control with @RoleAllowed

Problem Statement:

Define a class-level annotation @RoleAllowed to restrict method access based on roles.

Requirements:

- @RoleAllowed("ADMIN") should **only allow ADMIN users** to execute the method.
- Simulate user roles and validate access before invoking the method.
- If a non-admin tries to access it, print Access Denied!

```
import java.lang.annotation.*;
@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)
@interface RoleAllowed {
   String value();
}
class SecureSystem {
   @RoleAllowed("ADMIN")
   void secureTask(String role) {
        if (!role.equals("ADMIN")) {
            System.out.println("Access Denied!");
            return;
        }
       System.out.println("Secure task executed");
   }
public class RoleAllowedMain {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
       SecureSystem obj = new SecureSystem();
       obj.secureTask("USER");
       obj.secureTask("ADMIN");
```



6 Implement a Custom Serialization Annotation @JsonField

Problem Statement:

Define an annotation @JsonField to mark fields for JSON serialization.

- Requirements:
 - @JsonField(name = "user_name") should map field names to custom JSON keys.
 - Apply it on a User class.
 - Write a method to convert object to JSON string by reading the annotations.

```
import java.lang.annotation.*;
import java.lang.reflect.*;
@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)
@interface JsonField {
   String name();
class Person {
   @JsonField(name = "user_name")
   String username = "ABC";
public class JsonFieldMain {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
        Person person = new Person();
        Field field = person.getClass().getDeclaredField("username");
        JsonField annotation = field.getAnnotation(JsonField.class);
        System.out.println("{\"" + annotation.name() + "\": \"" +
field.get(person) + "\"}");
   }
```



Problem Statement:

Define @CacheResult to store method return values and avoid repeated execution.

Requirements:

- Apply @CacheResult to a computationally expensive method.
- Implement a **cache (HashMap)** to store previously computed results.
- If method is called with the same input, return cached result instead of re-computation.

```
import java.lang.annotation.*;
import java.util.HashMap;
@Retention(RetentionPolicy.RUNTIME)
@interface CacheResult {
class Calculator {
    private HashMap<Integer, Integer> cache = new HashMap<>();
   @CacheResult
    int square(int num) {
        if (cache.containsKey(num)) {
            return cache.get(num);
        int result = num * num;
        cache.put(num, result);
        return result;
   }
public class CacheResultMain {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Calculator calc = new Calculator();
       System.out.println(calc.square(5));
       System.out.println(calc.square(5));
```