

Assignment No - 3

i) Explain the components of the JDK

→ Java Development Kit is a software development environment provided by Oracle Corporation, enabling developers to build Java applications and applets. It includes various tools, libraries, and executables required for Java development. The JDK forms the foundation for Java Platform, Standard Edition (Java SE), which is the platform used to develop and deploy Java applications for desktops, servers and embedded environments.

Major Components of JDK :1) Java Compiler (javac)

The Java Compiler (javac) is a key component of JDK that transforms Java source code (.java files) into bytecode (.class files). The generated bytecode can be executed on any platform with a Java Virtual Machine (JVM) installed, ensuring the "write once, run anywhere" philosophy of Java.

2) Java Virtual Machine (JVM)

The Java Virtual Machine (JVM) is the runtime engine that executes Java bytecode. It provides an abstraction layer between the Java application and the underlying operating system. The JVM enables Java programs to run independently of the hardware and operating system, enhancing portability and security.

3) Java Runtime Environment (JRE)

The Java Runtime Environment (JRE) is a subset of JDK that includes the JVM and essential class libraries. It is required to run Java Applications on end-user systems without the need for development tools. Users can execute Java applications via the JRE, ensuring a seamless experience.

4) Java API Libraries

Java API libraries provide a vast collection of pre-built classes and methods that simplify common programming tasks. These libraries cover areas such as input/output, networking, database connectivity, GUI development, and more. Developers can leverage those APIs to accelerate application development and improve code quality.

5) Java Debugger (jdb)

The Java Debugger (jdb) is a powerful tool for debugging Java applications. It allows developers to set breakpoints, inspect variables, and step through the code to identify and fix issues during development. The debugger significantly aids in understanding the program flow and identifying logical errors.

6) Java Documentation Generator (Javadoc)

Java Documentation Generator (Javadoc) automatically generates documentation from Java source code. It helps in creating comprehensive API documentation, making it easier for developers to understand and use the classes and methods provided by the application's codebase.

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Difference between: JDK, JRE

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JDK	JRE	JVM
1) JDK is an abbreviation for Java Development Kit	The JRE is an abbreviation for Java Runtime Environment	The JVM is an abbreviation for Java Virtual Machine
2) JDK is a software development kit that developers kit develops apps in JAVA. Along with various development tools (JAVA Debugger, Javadoc, compiler.)	The JRE is an It is a type of Software package that provides class libraries of Java, JVM, and various other components for running the applications written in Java programming.	The JVM is a platform-independent abstract machine that has three notions in the form of specification. This document describes the requirement of JVM implementation.
3) The JDK primarily consists in executing codes. It primarily functions in developing.	JRE has a major responsibility for creating an environment for the execution of code.	JVM specifies all of the implementations. It is responsible for providing all of these implementations to the JRE.
<u>Why USE</u> 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It consists of various tools required for writing Java Prog. they must install JRE or JRE for executing Java programs.• If a user wants to run their system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It provides its users with a platform-independent way for executing the Java source code.• It consists of class libraries along with various tools, libraries, JVM and its supporting files. It has no other tools like a compiler or a debugger or a debuggin for a Java development• JVM consists of and multiple framework

- It includes an Appletviewer, Java package classes like gpl launcher, compiler, util, math, aot, lang, etc.
- JRE uses crucial and various runtime libraries
- The JVM also comes with a Just-In-Time (JIT) compiler for converting the Java source code into a low-level machine language.

Features

Features of JDK

- It has all the features that JRE does.
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- JDK enables a user to handles multiple extensions in only one catch block.
- It basically provides an environment for developing and executing the Java Source code.

JRE

- It is a set of tools that actually helps the JVM to run.
- The JRE also consists of deployment technology. It includes Java Plug-in and Java web Start as well.

JVM

- The JVM enables a user to run applets on their device or in a cloud environment.
- It helps in converting the bytecode into machine-specific code.

3) What is the role of the JVM in Java? & How does the JVM execute Java code?

→ Java Virtual Machine, or JVM, loads, verifies, and runs Java bytecode. It is known as the interpreter or the core of the Java programming language because it runs Java programs.

Role of JVM in Java

JVM is responsible for converting bytecode to machine-specific code and is necessary in both JDK and JRE. It is also platform-dependent and performs many functions, including memory management and security. In addition, JVM can run programs that are written in other programming languages that have been converted to Java bytecode.

Java Native Interface (JNI) is often referred to in connection with JVM.

4) Explain the memory management system of the JVM.

→ JVM defines various runtime data area which are used during execution of a program. Some of the areas are created by the JVM whereas some are created by the threads that are used in a program. However, memory area created by JVM is destroyed only when the JVM exits. The data areas of thread are created during the installation and destroyed when threads exit.

Heap Area	Method area	JVM Stack	Native Method Stack	PC Registers

Heap

- It is a shared runtime data area and stores the actual object in a memory. It is instantiated during the virtual machine startup.
- This memory is allocated for all class instances and arrays. Heap can be of fixed or dynamic size depending upon the system's requirement.
- JVM provides the user control to initialize or vary the size of heap as per the requirement.

Method Area

- It is a logical part of the heap area and is created on virtual machine startup.
- This memory is allocated for class structure, method data and constructor field data and also for interfaces or special methods used in class.

JVM Stacks

- A stack is created at the same time when a thread is created and is used to store data and partial results which will be needed while returning value for method and performing dynamic linking.
- Stack can either be of fixed or dynamic size. The size of a stack can be chosen independently when it is created.
- The memory for stack needs not to be contiguous.

Native method stacks

Also called as C stacks, native method stacks are not written in Java language. This memory is allocated for each thread when it's created.

Program counter (PC) registers

Each JVM thread which carries out the task of a specific method has a program counter register associated with it. The non native method, the value of program counter is undefined. PC register is capable of storing the return address or a native pointer on specific platform.

5) What are the JIT compiler and its role in the JVM? What is the bytecode and why is it important?

→ JIT (Just-In-Time) compiler is a component of the runtime environment that improves the performance of Java app. by compiling bytecodes to native machine code at run time. Java program consists of classes, which contain platform-neutral bytecodes that can be interpreted by a JVM on many different computer architectures. At run time, the JVM loads the class files, determines the semantics of each individual bytecode, and performs the appropriate computation. The additional processor and memory usage during interpretation means that a Java application performs more slowly than a native application.

The JIT compiler helps improve the performance of Java programs by compiling bytecodes into native machine code at runtime.

The JIT Compiler is enabled by default. When a method has been compiled, the JVM calls the compiled code of that method directly instead of interpreting it.

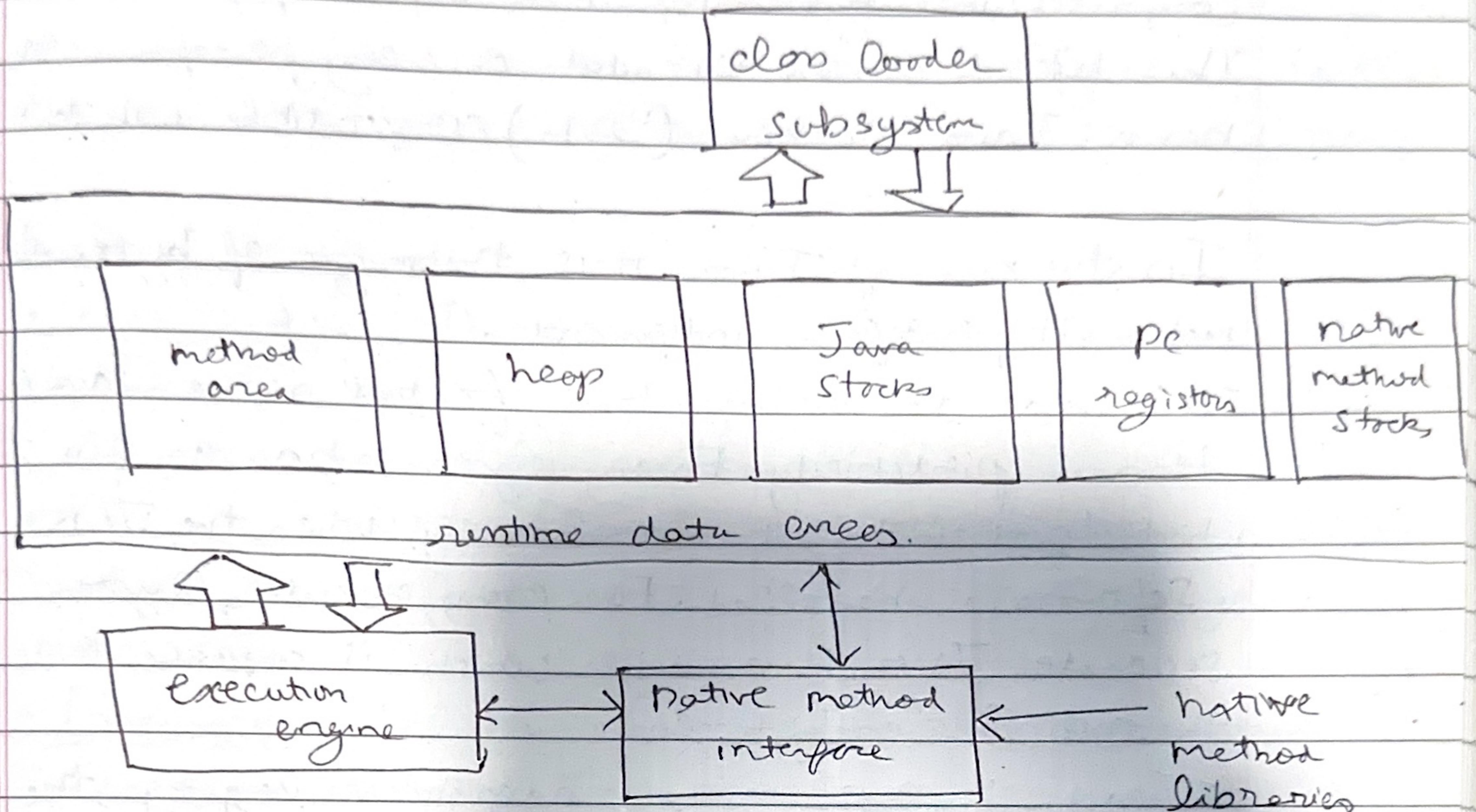
Theoretically, if compilation did not require processor time and memory usage, compiling every method could allow the speed of the Java program to match that of a native application.

For each method, the JVM maintains an invocation count, which starts at a predefined compilation threshold value and is incremented everytime the method is called. When the invocation count reaches zero, a just-in-time compilation for the method is triggered. Therefore, often-used methods are compiled soon after the JVM has started, and less-used ones are compiled much later, or not at all.

Javabyte code is the instruction set for the Java Virtual Machine. It acts similar to an assembler which is an alias representation of C++ code. As soon as a Java program is compiled, java bytecode is generated. In more apt terms, java bytecode is the machine code in the form of .class file. With the help of java bytecode we achieve platform independence in java.

Q) Describe the architecture of the JVM

JVM stands for Java Virtual Machine. It is a crucial component of the Java platform and serves as an execution environment for Java bytecode.



Class Loader: It is responsible for loading Java class files into the JVM at runtime. It performs tasks such as locating and reading class files, verifying their bytecode.

Runtime Data Area: The Runtime Data Area is the memory area where the JVM manages data during program execution. It consists of several components.

Method Area: The Method Area stores class-level data including the bytecode of the method, constant pool, static variables.

Heap: The heap is the runtime data area where objects are allocated. It is divided into Young gen and new gen.

Java Stack: Each thread in the JVM has a Java Stack that stores method specific data, including local variables, method arguments and method invocation records.

7) What does Java achieve platform independence through the JVM?

→ Java is platform-independent because it uses "Write Once, Run anywhere" approach. Java source code is compiled into bytecode, which is platform-neutral. This bytecode can be executed on any platforms that has a Java Machine (JVM) compatible with that bytecode.

In the case of Java, it is the magic of bytecode that makes it platform-independent.

This adds to an important feature is the Java language termed portability. Every system has its own JVM which gets installed automatically when the JDK Software is installed. For every operating system separate JVM is available which is capable to read the .class file or byte code.

Java is a platform-independent language, the JVM is platform-dependent.

8) What is the significance of the class loader in Java?

What is the process of garbage collection in Java?

→ The Class Loader in Java is another crucial component of the Java Runtime Environment (JRE) and plays a central role in loading classes at runtime. It is responsible for locating and loading class files into memory so that they can be executed by the Java Virtual Machine (JVM).

Role of classLoader

- Class Loading - The primary role of the Class Loader is to load Java Classes and interfaces into the JVM when they are needed for execution.
- Dynamic Loading - Class loading occurs dynamically as classes are referenced or needed during program execution.
- NameSpace Isolation - Class Loader helps maintain namespace isolation. Each Class Loader creates a separate namespace for loaded classes, preventing naming conflicts between classes loaded by different Class Loaders.
- Security - Class Loader play a crucial role in Java's security model. They enable the enforcement of access control and security policies by controlling which classes can be loaded and executed.

Garbage Collection: is a key feature for developers who build and compile Java programs on a Java Virtual Machine or JVM. Java objects are created on the heap, which is a section of memory dedicated to a program. When objects are no longer needed, the garbage collector finds and tracks these unused objects and deletes them to free up space. Without garbage collection, the heap would eventually run out of memory, leading to a runtime OutOfMemoryError.

9) What are the four access modifiers in Java, and how do they differ from each other?

→ In Java, access modifiers are keywords used in object-oriented programming to set the access level for classes, variables, methods, and constructors.

1) Private: The private access modifier is the most restrictive level of access control. When a member is declared private, it can only be accessed within the same class. No other class, including subclasses in the same package or different packages can access the member. This modifier is typically used for sensitive data that should be hidden from external codes.

2) Default (no modifier)

When no access modifier is specified, Java uses a default access level, often called package-private. This means the member is accessible only within classes in the same package. It is less restrictive than private but more restrictive than protected and public.

3) Protected

The protected access modifier is less restrictive than private and default. Members declared as protected can be accessed within the same package or in subclases in different packages. This is particularly useful in cases where you want to hide a member from the world but still make it available to child classes.

4) public

The public access modifier is the least restrictive and specifies that the member can be accessed from any other class anywhere, whether within or in a different package. This access level is typically used for methods and variables that must be available consistently to all other classes.

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10) What is difference between public, protected and default access levels?

→ Access Levels

<u>Modifier</u>	<u>Modifier</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Package</u>	<u>Subclass</u>	<u>World</u>
public	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
protected	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
no modifier	Y	Y	N	N	N
private	Y	N	N	N	N

Public: The access level of a public modifier is everywhere. It can be accessed from within the class, outside the class, within the package and outside the package.

Protected: The access level of protected modifier is within the package from the outside the package through the child class. If you do not make the child class, it cannot be accessed from outside the package.

Default: The access level of a default modifier is only within the Package. If you do not specify any access level, it will be the default.

Private: The access level of private modifier is only within the class. It cannot be accessed from outside the class.

- 11) Can you override a method with a different access modifier in a subclass? For eg. Can a protected method in a superclass be overridden with a private method in a subclass? Explain.
→ One cannot override a method which already has restricted access modifiers in a subclass.

The following rules for inherited method are enforced:-

- Method declared public in a superclass also must be public in all subclasses.
- Method declared protected in a superclass must either be protected in a superclass or either be protected or public in subclasses; they cannot be private.
- Methods declared private are not inherited at all, so there is no rule for them.

12) What is difference between protected and default (package-private) access

→ Default :-

If no modifiers are used, it is treated as default. The default is accessible only within package. It cannot be accessed from outside the package. It provides more accessibility than private. But it is more restrictive than protected, and public.

Protected

The protected access modifier is accessible within package and outside the package but through inheritance only.

The protected access modifier can be applied on the class. It provides more accessibility than the default modifier.

13) Is it possible to make a class private in Java? If yes where can it be done, and what are the limitations.

→ We cannot declare top level class as private.

Java allows only public and default modifiers for top level classes in java. Inner classes can be private.

If we declare a class as public, that class name should be file name.

We can declare a class with private access specifier. But not in main class.

14) Can a top-level in Java be declared as protected or private? why or why not?

→ No, a top-level class in Java cannot be declared 'protected' or 'private'. Top-level classes can only have two possible access modifiers.

- public: The class is accessible from any other, regardless of the package.

- default: (no modifier, also known as package-private)
The class is accessible only to other classes within the same package.

Java restricts top-level classes to either public or default access to maintain clear visibility and accessibility rules. The language design enforces this so that top-level classes are either globally accessible (public) or package-restricted (default access).

15) What happens if you declare a variable or method as private in a class and try to access it from another class with the same package?

→ In Java, if you declare a variable or method as private in a class, it is only accessible within that class. This means that any attempt to access the private variable or method from another class, even if the classes are in the same package, will result in a compile-time error.

Key points

- 'private' members of a class are not accessible outside the class in which they are declared, regardless of whether the other class is in the same package or a different one.

- Access to private members is restricted to the declaring class only.

16) Explain the concept of "package-private" or "default" access.

How does it affect the visibility of class members?

→ In Java, "package-private" (also known as "default" access) refers to the access level when no explicit access modifier is specified. When a class, method, or variable is declared without an access modifier, it is only accessible within the same package. It cannot be accessed from classes outside the package, even if those classes are in a subclass or in the same project.