

Here is a detailed set of notes based on the document about **Static and Final Keywords in Java**:

Static Keyword in Java

1. Definition:

- Members declared with the `static` keyword inside a class are called static members.
- `Static` is primarily used for memory management.
- Static elements belong to the class rather than any object of the class.

2. Key Points:

- A **static variable** is also called a **class variable**.
- Static can be applied to variables, methods, inner classes, and blocks.
- A **static class** cannot be declared, but an **inner class** can be static.
- Static members are allocated memory only once, when the class is loaded, whereas instance members are allocated when the object is created.
- Local variables cannot be declared as `static`.

Changing the Value of Static Variables

- Methods to change the value:
 1. Constructor
 2. Static block
 - Cannot change static variable value inside a static method.
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Static Methods

1. Definition:

- Declared using the `static` keyword.
- Known as class methods since they are tied to the class and not to any specific object.

2. Features:

- Access other static members directly.
 - Can be called directly using the class name or within the same class.
 - Cannot access instance (non-static) members.
 - Cannot declare static and instance methods with the same signature in the same class.
 - Only one copy of a static method is shared across all instances of the class.
 - Bound at compile time.
 - `this` and `super` keywords are not allowed in static methods.
 - Cannot be overridden.
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Static Block

1. Definition:

- A block declared with the `static` keyword, also called a static initialization block.
- Executes only once when the class is loaded by the JVM.

2. Key Points:

- Executed before the main method.
- The JVM loads the class file into memory and executes the static block during this process.
- Static blocks cannot access instance variables or methods.

3. Uses:

- To initialize static variables.
- To set default values for static variables.

Final Keyword in Java

• Uses:

1. To declare constants.
2. To prevent inheritance.
3. To prevent method overriding.

Final Variable

1. Definition:

- Declared with the `final` keyword; its value cannot be modified after initialization.

2. Key Points:

- Applicable to local, instance, and static variables.
- A **blank final variable** (uninitialized) must be initialized in the constructor.
- A static blank final variable can only be initialized in a static block.

3. Final Reference Variable:

- A reference declared as `final` cannot point to another object but the object it references can still be modified.

Final Method

- A method declared as `final` cannot be overridden by subclasses.
- A subclass can call a `final` method from the superclass.

Final Class

1. Definition:

- Declared with the `final` keyword to prevent inheritance.

2. Key Points:

- Example: `String` class in Java.

- All constructors of a final class can be private to enforce immutability.

Summary of Final Keyword

- A constructor cannot be declared `final` .
- A block cannot be `final` .
- A local `final` variable must be initialized at the time of declaration.
- Final variables cannot be reassigned.
- Final methods cannot be overridden.
- Final classes cannot be extended but objects can still be created.

These notes provide a structured and detailed overview of the concepts related to the `static` and `final` keywords in Java. Let me know if you'd like any section expanded or explained further!