JAVA DEVELOPER INTERNSHIP BY ELEVATE LABS

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1. What is method overloading?

Method overloading lets you have **multiple methods with the same name** in one class, as long as they have different **parameters**. The difference can be the number of parameters or the type of parameters. This makes your code cleaner and more intuitive.

Think of it like different ways to ask for something: "Get the book" vs. "Get the book from the top shelf." The basic action is the same ("get the book"), but the details are different.

Example:

Java

```
class Calculator {
    // Adds two integers
    int add(int a, int b) {
        return a + b;
    }
// Overloaded: Adds three integers
    int add(int a, int b, int c) {
        return a + b + c;
    }
 // Overloaded: Adds two doubles
    double add(double a, double b) {
        return a + b;
    }
}
```

2. How do you handle divide-by-zero?

Dividing by zero is an error. How Java handles it depends on the number type:

- **Integers (int)**: Dividing an integer by zero throws an ArithmeticException, which will crash your program if you don't handle it.
- **Floating-point numbers (double, float)**: Dividing by 0.0 doesn't crash the program. It results in a special value called Infinity.

To prevent crashes from integer division by zero, you use a **try-catch block**. This lets you "try" the risky code and "catch" the specific error, allowing your program to continue running smoothly.

Example:

Java

```
try {
   int result = 10 / 0; // This line causes an error
   System.out.println(result);
} catch (ArithmeticException e) {
   // This block runs when the error is caught
   System.out.println("Error: Cannot divide by zero!");
}
```

3. Difference between == and .equals()?

This is a key concept for comparing objects.

- **==**: This operator compares the **memory addresses** of objects. It checks if two variables point to the *exact same object*. For primitive types (int, char, etc.), it simply compares their values.
- **.equals()**: This method compares the **actual content** of objects. It's used to check if two objects are meaningfully equivalent, even if they are separate instances in memory.

Analogy: Imagine two identical copies of a book.

- == asks, "Are these the very same physical book?" The answer is no.
- .equals() asks, "Do these books have the same title and content?" The answer is yes.

Example:

Java

```
String s1 = new String("Java");

String s2 = new String("Java");


System.out.println(s1 == s2);      // false (different objects in memory)

System.out.println(s1.equals(s2)); // true (their content is identical)
```

4. What are the basic data types in Java?

Java has eight **primitive data types**. These are the fundamental building blocks for data and are not objects.

- **byte, short, int, long**: For whole numbers of increasing size. int is the most common.
- **float, double**: For decimal numbers. double is more precise and more commonly used.
- **char**: For a single character (e.g., 'A', '$').
- **boolean**: For true or false values.

5. How is Scanner used for input?

The **Scanner** class is the standard way to get user input from the console.

Here are the steps:

1. **Import the class**: Add import java.util.Scanner; at the top of your Java file.
2. **Create a Scanner object**: Scanner inputReader = new Scanner(System.in);
3. **Read the input**: Use methods like inputReader.nextInt() to read an integer or inputReader.nextLine() to read a line of text.

Example:

Java

```
import java.util.Scanner;


class UserInput {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      Scanner inputReader = new Scanner(System.in);
      System.out.print("Enter your age: ");
      int age = inputReader.nextInt();
      System.out.println("You are " + age + " years old.");
      inputReader.close(); // Good practice
   }
}
```

6. Explain the role of a loop.

A **loop** is a control structure used to **repeat a block of code** as long as a certain condition is true. 🔁 Loops help you avoid writing repetitive code, making your program shorter, more efficient, and easier to manage.

Analogy: It's like telling someone to "keep stirring the soup until it boils." You don't repeat "stir" a hundred times; you set a condition for stopping.

7. Difference between while and for loop?

Both for and while are loops, but they're best suited for different situations.

- **for loop**: Use this when you **know the number of times** you want to repeat. It's great for iterating a specific number of times or looping through all items in a list or array. Its structure combines initialization, condition, and update in one line.
- **while loop**: Use this when the number of repetitions is **unknown**. The loop continues as long as a condition is true, and it's perfect for situations like waiting for user input or processing data until a special "stop" value is found.

Feature	for loop	while loop
Best For	Known number of iterations	Unknown number of iterations
Example	Looping through an array; counting from 1 to 10.	Reading a file until it ends; game loops.

8. What is the JVM?

The **JVM** (Java Virtual Machine) is the runtime engine for Java. It's like a virtual computer inside your real computer that runs Java applications. The JVM's main job is to take compiled Java code (**bytecode**) and translate it into instructions that your computer's specific operating system and hardware can understand. It also manages memory for your application.

9. How is Java platform-independent?

Java is famous for being platform-independent, which means you can **"Write Once, Run Anywhere" (WORA)**. This is possible because of the JVM.

Here's the process:

1. **Compilation**: A Java programmer writes code (.java file). The Java compiler turns this code into a universal, intermediate format called **bytecode** (.class file). This bytecode is not specific to any operating system like Windows or macOS.
2. **Execution**: You can take this bytecode file and run it on any device that has a **JVM** installed. The JVM on a Windows PC translates the bytecode for Windows, the JVM on a Mac translates it for macOS, etc.

The code itself is universal; the JVM acts as the specific translator for each different platform.

10. How do you debug a Java program?

Debugging is the process of finding and fixing bugs (errors) in your code. Common methods include:

1. **Print Statements**: The simplest technique. Add System.out.println() in your code to print the values of variables at different stages. This helps you trace the program's flow and see where values become incorrect.
2. **Using an IDE Debugger**: Modern code editors (like VS Code, Eclipse, IntelliJ) have powerful built-in debuggers. They allow you to:
    - Set **breakpoints** to pause your program at a specific line.
    - **Step through** your code one line at a time to watch what happens.
    - **Inspect variables** to see their values at any point during the pause.
3. **Reading Stack Traces**: When your program crashes, it often prints a **stack trace**. This is a report that shows the exact sequence of method calls that led to the error. By reading the trace (usually from the top down), you can find the file and line number where the problem occurred.