

Assignment 3

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* Interview Questions

1. Explain the components of the JDK.

→ JDK (Java development kit) is a software development environment which is used to develop java applications & applets. It contains JRE + development tools. JDK consist of

1. JVM
2. Interpreter/loader (Java)
3. Compiler (Javac)
4. archive (Jor)
5. documentations (Javadoc)

So,

Javac, java, javap, jstack, jdb, etc

Java JDK = Java Dev tools + JAVA DOCS + rt.jar + JVM
(or)

Java JDK = Java Dev tools + Java docs + ~~JRE~~ JRE (rt.jar + JVM)
API lib

2] Differentiate between JDK, JVM & JRE

→ JDK :- • It is a software development environment
• consist JRE + development tools + docs.

~~JVM~~ ^{JRE} :- • It is a set of software tools used for developing java applications.

- Provide runtime env.
- consist of set of libraries + other JVM files & rt.jar & Jre.

~~JVM~~:-

JVM:- It provides env for byte code to execute.

JVM's main task

1. loads code
2. verifies code
3. Execute code
4. Provide runtime env

Q3] What is the role of the JVM in java 4. How does the JVM execute Java code?

→ JVM:- provides runtime env for bytecode execution.
• It is platform dependent.

Java file → Compiler → Java class file → JVM → execution -
(byte code)

JVM converts bytecode by

1. loads code ← loads class files.
2. Verifies code
3. executes code
4. Provide runtime env.

Q5] JIT compiler & its role in JVM?

→ - It is used to improve performance

- JIT compiles parts of the code that have similar functionality at same time & hence reduces the amount of time needed for compilation. Here 'Compiler' refers to a translation from the instruction set of JVM to instruction set of CPU.

Q6] How does Jar achieve platform independence JVM?

→ JAR (Java archive) → platform-independent file format that aggregates many files into one.
 - The jar file contains java ^{source} code i.e. which are in java class files are present so they are in byte code which makes it platform independent as long as ~~it~~ the system on which we have to run the java program contains JRE to run it.

Q7] What is the significance of the class loader in java? What is the process of garbage collection in java?

→ In java, class loader & garbage collector are imp part of JVM.

Significance of class loader:-

- Dynamic loading:- It means classes are loaded as per their requirement/needed.
- Class isolation:- Provide isolation between diff classes so multiple versions can coexist.
- Loading from various sources:-

Process of garbage collection.

Java app $\xrightarrow{\text{Compiler}}$ Java class file $\xrightarrow{\text{JVM}}$ execute

Obj $\xrightarrow{\text{stored}}$ heap area $\xrightarrow{\text{Garbage collector}}$ free up space by removing code no longer needed.

- Modifiers are used to set the access level for classes, attributes, methods & constructors.

1. Access modifiers :-

- public :- That makes it visible for other classes.
- private :- The code will be visible within the declared class.
- default :- The code will be visible to the package.
- protected :- The code will be exercised by same package & subclass.

2. Non - Access modifiers :-

- final :- The class cannot be inherited.
- abstract :- The class cannot be used to create obj.
- static :- Attribute & class belongs to class rather than obj.
- transient :- Attribute & methods are skipped when serializing obj containing them.
- synchronized :- 1 thread at a time.
- volatile :- not cached read from main-memory.

Q9] What are the four access modifiers in Java, how do they differ from each other?

→ Java modifiers are used to set access levels for classes, variables, methods & constructors.

4 types

1. Public :- Accessible from any class in the application.
2. Private :- Accessible only within the class they are declared.

3. Protected :- Accessible within the same package or in ~~same~~ subclass even if they are in diff package.

4. Default :- No modifier is specified, so accessibility is limited to classes within same package.

Q10] Can you override a method with a diff access modifier? For example can a protected method in a superclass be overridden with private method in subclass? explain?

→ In java an overriding is possible but only to allow more access. so protected can be made public but not private.

Q11] What is the difference between protected & default (package-private) access?

→ Protected access is more than default access.
- protected allow access to child classes even when they're outside the package.

Q13] Is it possible to make a class private in Java? if yes, where can it be done, what are the limitations?

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- No, you can not declare top most or main class with private access modifier.
 - but you can make nested classes & then declare it as private.

Q14] Can a top-level class in java be declared as protected or private? why or why not?

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- No. we cannot declare top-level class as private if we do it will show private modifier not allowed because the ~~top~~ that class cannot be accessed by any other class which will render it useless.

Q15] What happens if you declare a variable or method as private ~~etc~~ in a class & try to access it from another class within the same package?

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- Private class cannot be accessed by any other class even when they are in same package.

Q16] Explain the concept of "package-private" or "default" access. How does it affect the visibility of class members.

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- default access means it can be accessed by the classes within the same package. It should not affect visibility of class member.