

Salesforce Developer Catalyst v3.0 - 100 Viva Questions and Answers

1. What are the different types of triggers in Salesforce?

There are two types of triggers:

- Before Triggers: Used to update or validate values before saving.
- After Triggers: Used to access system-set values like record IDs and make changes in other records.

2. How do you bulkify a trigger?

Avoid SOQL/DML inside loops. Use collections (Lists, Sets, Maps) to store records and perform operations outside the loop.

3. What is the difference between SOQL and SOSL?

- SOQL: Query one object or related objects.
- SOSL: Search across multiple objects and fields.

4. How many DML statements and SOQL queries are allowed per transaction?

Maximum 150 DML statements and 100 SOQL queries per transaction.

5. What are the types of Asynchronous Apex in Salesforce?

- Future Methods
- Batch Apex
- Queueable Apex
- Scheduled Apex
- Future with Callout

6. When would you use Batch Apex?

For processing large datasets (over 50K records), such as mass updates or deletions.

7. How do you make a REST callout in Apex?

Use HttpRequest and Http classes. Example:

```
HttpRequest req = new HttpRequest();  
req.setEndpoint('https://api.example.com');  
req.setMethod('GET');  
Http http = new Http();  
HttpResponse res = http.send(req);
```

8. Can you make callouts from triggers?

No. Use asynchronous methods like Queueable Apex or Platform Events to perform callouts.

9. What is the minimum test coverage required for Apex deployment?

75% code coverage is required to deploy Apex code to production.

10. How do you test callouts in Apex?

Use the `HttpCalloutMock` interface to simulate HTTP responses in tests.

11. What are different types of Flows in Salesforce?

- Screen Flow
- Record-Triggered Flow
- Schedule-Triggered Flow
- Auto-launched Flow
- Platform Event-Triggered Flow

12. Can Flows call Apex classes?

Yes. Use `@InvocableMethod` in Apex classes to expose methods to Flows.

13. What are different ways to deploy code in Salesforce?

- Change Sets
- Ant Migration Tool
- Salesforce CLI (SFDX)
- Git + CI/CD tools

14. What is a governor limit?

Limits enforced by Salesforce to ensure resource fairness in the multitenant architecture.

15. How do you handle limits in Apex?

Bulkify code, minimize SOQL/DML, and use the `Limits` class for monitoring.

16. What is the trigger framework pattern?

A design pattern that separates trigger logic into handler classes for better maintenance and testing.

17. What is a Singleton in Apex?

A class where only one instance is used per transaction. Useful for shared static data.

18. What is the use of `Database.insert()` with `allOrNone` set to false?

Allows partial success. Some records may insert while others return errors.

19. What is the use of `@AuraEnabled`?

Exposes Apex methods to Lightning components. Use `cacheable=true` for read-only methods.

20. How do you secure Apex methods from unauthorized access?

Use 'with sharing' and `Security.stripInaccessible()` to enforce field- and record-level security.

21. What is Apex?

Apex is a strongly typed, object-oriented programming language that allows developers to execute flow and transaction control statements on Salesforce servers.

22. What are Apex classes?

Classes in Apex are templates or blueprints for creating objects. They encapsulate logic and data.

23. What are Apex triggers?

Apex triggers are pieces of code that execute before or after data manipulation language (DML) events occur on Salesforce records.

24. What is SOQL?

SOQL (Salesforce Object Query Language) is used to query records from a single object or multiple related objects.

25. What is SOSL?

SOSL (Salesforce Object Search Language) is used to search text, email, and phone fields for multiple objects simultaneously.

26. What is a governor limit?

Governor limits are runtime limits enforced by Salesforce to ensure efficient use of shared resources.

27. What are collections in Apex?

Collections in Apex are data structures used to store groups of elements: Lists, Sets, and Maps.

28. What is a List in Apex?

A List is an ordered collection of elements that can contain duplicates.

29. What is a Set in Apex?

A Set is an unordered collection of unique elements.

30. What is a Map in Apex?

A Map is a collection of key-value pairs where each key maps to a single value.

31. What is the difference between a class and an interface?

A class is a blueprint for creating objects. An interface defines methods that must be implemented by classes.

32. What is a constructor in Apex?

A constructor is a special method that is invoked when an object of the class is created.

33. What is a static method?

A static method belongs to the class rather than any object instance and can be called without instantiating the class.

34. What is the purpose of the 'this' keyword?

It refers to the current instance of the class.

35. What is the difference between 'with sharing' and 'without sharing'?

'With sharing' enforces the sharing rules that apply to the current user, while 'without sharing' ignores them.

36. What is a custom object?

A custom object is a database table created by the user to store custom data in Salesforce.

37. What are validation rules?

Validation rules verify that the data entered in a record meets the standards you specify before the record is saved.

38. What is a formula field?

A read-only field that automatically calculates a value based on other fields or expressions.

39. What is a workflow rule?

A workflow rule is an automated process that triggers an action based on evaluation criteria and rule criteria.

40. What is a Process Builder?

A point-and-click tool used to automate business processes by creating processes.

41. What is Flow Builder?

Flow Builder is a declarative automation tool that can handle complex business logic without code.

42. What is a screen flow?

A type of flow that requires user input through a screen interface.

43. What is a record-triggered flow?

A flow that launches automatically when a record is created, updated, or deleted.

44. What are custom metadata types?

Custom metadata types let you define application configurations that can be reused and deployed between orgs.

45. What is the use of the 'final' keyword?

Final variables cannot be reassigned, and final methods or classes cannot be overridden or extended.

46. What is an enum?

An enum is a list of named constants.

47. What is a test class in Apex?

A class written to test Apex code. It contains methods annotated with @isTest.

48. What is the @testSetup annotation?

Used to define methods that create test data common to all test methods in a class.

49. What is the use of Test.startTest() and Test.stopTest()?

These methods help test asynchronous code and governor limits by resetting limits during test execution.

50. How can you avoid recursive triggers?

Use static variables to track and prevent repeated trigger executions.

51. What is the Trigger.new context variable?

A list of the new versions of the sObject records.

52. What is the Trigger.old context variable?

A list of the old versions of the sObject records.

53. What is the use of the 'transient' keyword?

Used to declare instance variables that cannot be serialized.

54. What is a custom setting?

Custom settings are similar to custom objects and provide a way to store application data and cache it for efficient access.

55. What is a wrapper class?

A class used to wrap multiple data types into a single object for use in Visualforce pages or Apex logic.

56. What is the Lightning Component Framework?

A UI framework for developing dynamic web apps for mobile and desktop devices.

57. What is LWC?

Lightning Web Components (LWC) is a modern framework based on web standards for building web components in Salesforce.

58. What is Aura?

Aura is the older component framework that uses proprietary syntax to create dynamic web apps in Salesforce.

59. What is SLDS?

Salesforce Lightning Design System (SLDS) is a CSS framework that allows you to style applications with Salesforce's UI design principles.

60. What is the difference between Aura and LWC?

LWC is modern, faster, and based on web standards. Aura is older and more verbose.

61. How do you perform Apex callouts to REST APIs?

By using the `HttpRequest` and `Http` classes to send and receive HTTP requests/responses.

62. What is a named credential?

A named credential specifies the URL of a callout endpoint and its required authentication parameters.

63. What are Platform Events?

Platform Events are part of Salesforce's event-driven architecture and are used to deliver secure, scalable custom notifications.

64. What is an Invocable method?

A method annotated with `@InvocableMethod` to be called from Flow or Process Builder.

65. What is a visualforce page?

A web page built using Visualforce markup that allows developers to create custom UI on Salesforce.

66. How do you pass parameters in a Visualforce page?

Using query strings or Apex parameters in the controller.

67. What is a standard controller?

A controller provided by Salesforce that contains the standard logic for an object.

68. What is a custom controller?

A custom Apex class used to control the behavior of a Visualforce page.

69. What is a controller extension?

An Apex class that extends the functionality of a standard or custom controller.

70. What is the difference between standard and custom objects?

Standard objects are provided by Salesforce; custom objects are created by users to store custom data.