Topic 26: Exception Handling in Java

Definition:

- **Exception Handling** in Java is a mechanism that allows a program to detect and respond to **runtime errors** (exceptions) in a controlled and user-friendly way, rather than crashing abruptly.
- An **exception** is an event that disrupts the normal flow of the program during execution.

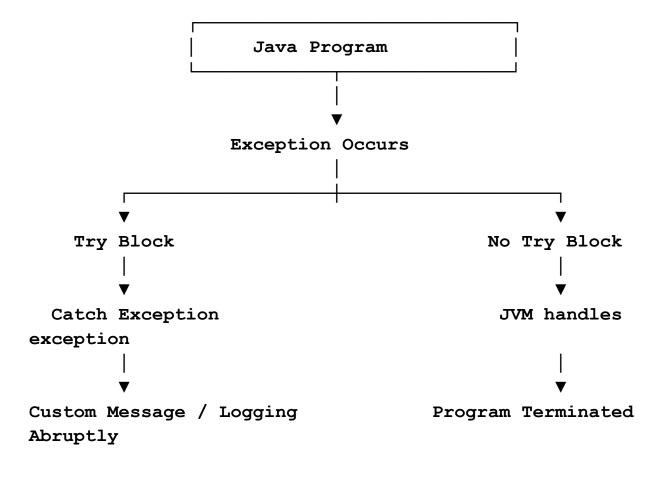
Use Case:

| Scenario | Application |
|---------------------------|--|
| File not found | File handling |
| Invalid user input | Web form or CLI input validation |
| Dividing by zero | Arithmetic operations |
| Null reference access | Object access in real-world applications |
| Array index out of bounds | Collection and array operations |

Real-Time Usage:

- In banking apps: To handle invalid transactions or server issues.
- In online shopping: To catch cart errors, payment failures.
- In file processing: To handle file not found, access denied, I/O errors.

Architecture Diagram:



Syntax:

```
try {
    // Code that may throw an exception
} catch (ExceptionType name) {
    // Code to handle the exception
} finally {
    // Code that will execute always
}
```

W Keywords:

try, catch, finally, throw, throws, Exception, Throwable

V Types of Exceptions:

| Category | Description | Examples |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Checked | Checked at compile-time | IOException, SQLException |
| Unchecked | Occurs at runtime | NullPointerException, ArithmeticException |
| Errors | Not meant to be handled by programs | StackOverflowError, OutOfMemoryError |

Example 1: Basic Try-Catch

```
public class Example {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try {
            int result = 10 / 0;
        } catch (ArithmeticException e) {
            System.out.println("Cannot divide by zero.");
        }
    }
}
```

Example 2: Multiple Catch Blocks

```
try {
    int[] arr = new int[3];
    arr[4] = 10;
} catch (ArithmeticException e) {
    System.out.println("Arithmetic Exception");
} catch (ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e) {
    System.out.println("Array Index Exception");
} catch (Exception e) {
    System.out.println("General Exception");
}
```

Example 3: Finally Block

```
try {
    int a = 5 / 1;
} catch (Exception e) {
    System.out.println("Error occurred");
} finally {
    System.out.println("Finally block always executes");
}
```

Example 4: Throw Keyword

Example 5: Throws Keyword

Real-Time Example:

15 MCQ Questions with Answers:

- 1. What is an exception?
 - A) Compile error
 - B) Runtime error
 - Answer: B
- 2. Which block is always executed?
 - A) try
 - B) catch
 - C) finally
 - Answer: C
- 3. Which keyword is used to throw exception manually?
 - A) throws
 - B) throw
 - Answer: B
- 4. Can we have multiple catch blocks?
 - A) No
 - B) Yes
 - Answer: B

| 5. What is the superclass of all exceptions?A) ObjectB) ThrowableAnswer: B |
|--|
| 6. Which is a checked exception? A) ArithmeticException B) IOException Answer: B |
| 7. Which keyword is used to handle exception declaration?A) throwB) throwsAnswer: B |
| 8. What happens if exception is not caught?A) JVM terminates the programAnswer: A |
| 9. Can finally block be skipped?A) YesB) NoAnswer: B |
| 10. What is the purpose of catch block?A) Catch errors |

| E | 3) Handle exceptions |
|----------------|--|
| | Answer: B |
| 11. | What happens if exception is caught? |
| A | A) Program terminates |
| E | 3) Control continues normally |
| | Answer: B |
| 12. | Which block can be skipped if no exception occurs? |
| A | a) try |
| E | 3) catch |
| | Answer: B |
| 13. | Can we re-throw exceptions in catch? |
| A | a) No |
| | B) Yes |
| \(\bar{\chi}\) | Answer: B |
| | |
| 14. | Which exception is thrown when dividing by 0? |
| A | NumberFormatException |
| Е | 3) ArithmeticException |
| \(\bar{\chi}\) | Answer: B |
| | on we have try without eatch or finally? |
| 15. C | an we have try without catch or finally? |

B) No

Answer: B

20 Interview Q&A:

1. **Q:** What is exception handling in Java?

A: A mechanism to handle runtime errors gracefully.

2. **Q:** What are checked and unchecked exceptions?

A: Checked: checked at compile time; Unchecked: runtime errors.

3. **Q:** Can we use multiple catch blocks?

A: Yes, to handle different types of exceptions.

4. **Q:** What is the use of finally block?

A: Executes regardless of exception occurrence.

5. **Q:** Can a try block exist without catch or finally?

A: No, must be followed by either catch or finally.

6. **Q:** What is the difference between throw and throws?

A: throw is used to throw an exception; throws declares it.

7. **Q:** What is the base class of all exceptions?

A: Throwable.

8. **Q:** Can we catch multiple exceptions in a single catch block (Java 7+)?

A: Yes, using pipe | operator.

9. Q: Can finally block override return statement?

A: Yes, if return exists in both try and finally.

10. **Q:** Can we throw a custom exception?

A: Yes, by extending Exception or RuntimeException.

11. **Q:** What is a custom exception?

A: User-defined exception for specific errors.

12. **Q:** What is the order of execution in try-catch-finally?

A: Try \rightarrow Catch (if exception) \rightarrow Finally

13. **Q:** What happens if finally block has an exception?

A: It overrides previous exceptions if not handled.

14. **Q:** What is the difference between Error and Exception?

A: Errors are not meant to be handled (e.g., OutOfMemoryError).

- 15. **Q:** Can you catch an Error?
 - A: Yes, but not recommended.
- 16. **Q:** What is exception chaining?
 - A: Passing one exception as cause to another.
- 17. **Q:** What is NullPointerException?
 - **A:** Occurs when trying to use a null object.
- 18. **Q:** Can we have nested try blocks?
 - A: Yes.
- 19. **Q:** Can a catch block exist without try? **A:** No.
- 20. Q: What is the use of e.printStackTrace()?
 - **A:** Prints complete stack trace of the exception.

Topic Outcome:

After learning this topic, students will:

- Understand the flow and need of exception handling.
- Write resilient applications with try-catch-finally blocks.
- Create and use custom exceptions.

Use throw and throws properly.

Summary:

- Exception handling in Java is critical for building robust, secure, and stable applications.
- It separates error-handling logic from regular code and prevents the program from crashing due to unexpected errors.

Compile-Time Exceptions vs Run-Time Exceptions

✓ 1. Compile-Time Exceptions (Checked Exceptions)

Definition:

- These exceptions are checked by the compiler at compile time.
- The compiler ensures they are either handled using try-catch or declared using throws.

Common Examples:

- IOException
- SQLException
- FileNotFoundException
- ClassNotFoundException

Example:

```
import java.io.IOException;

public class ThrowsExample {

    // Method that declares it may throw IOException
    static void checkFile() throws IOException {
        throw new IOException("File not found!");
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try {
            checkFile(); // calling method that throws
exception
        } catch (IOException e) {
            System.out.println("Exception caught: " +
e.getMessage());
      }
    }
}
```

If you don't handle or declare the exception, the compiler throws an error.

Characteristics:

| Feature | Compile-Time Exceptions |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Checked by compiler | ✓ Yes |
| Must handle or declare | ✓ Required |
| Occurs | Before program runs |
| Causes | External operations (file, DB) |

When to Use:

- File operations
- Database connections
- Network communications

2. Run-Time Exceptions (Unchecked Exceptions)

Definition:

- These are not checked by the compiler.
- They occur **at runtime**, and it's up to the developer to handle them (optional).

Common Examples:

- ArithmeticException
- NullPointerException
- ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException
- NumberFormatException
- IllegalArgumentException

Example:

Code compiles fine, but throws exception at runtime.

Characteristics:

| Feature | Run-Time Exceptions |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Checked by compiler | × No |
| Must handle or declare | X Optional |
| Occurs | During execution |
| Causes | Logical errors, bad input |

When to Handle:

- User inputs
- Object manipulation (null checks)
- Arithmetic logic
- Collections and data access

Comparison Table:

| Aspect | Compile-Time Exception | Run-Time Exception |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Also Known As | Checked Exception | Unchecked Exception |
| Compiler Check | ✓ Required | X Not required |
| Handling Requirement | Must handle or declare | Optional |

| Common Examples | IOException, SQLException | NullPointerException, ArithmeticException |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Typical Cause | External issues (File, DB) | Logic errors, wrong operations |
| Occurs | Before execution | During execution |
| Package | java.io, java.sql | java.lang |

Summary:

- Compile-time exceptions (checked) must be handled or declared.
- Run-time exceptions (unchecked) don't need to be handled, but should be to avoid crashes.
- Good exception handling strategy involves a mix of compile-time safety and runtime validation.

Topic 27: Collections in Java

Definition:

- The **Collections Framework** in Java is a unified architecture for storing and manipulating groups of data.
- It includes a set of interfaces and classes that handle **dynamic data structures** like **lists, sets, queues, and maps**, allowing efficient storage, retrieval, and manipulation of data.

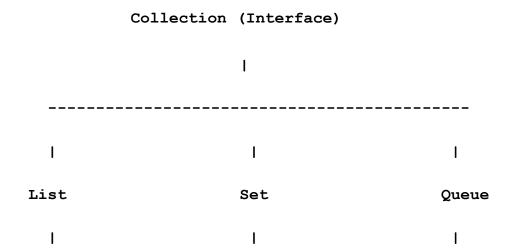
Use Case:

- To manage groups of related objects.
- Dynamic data storage with automatic resizing.
- Efficient searching, sorting, and filtering.
- Real-time modeling of data using maps, sets, queues, etc.

Real-Time Usage:

| Real-Time Scenario | Collection Usage | |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| E-commerce Cart | Use List <product> to store cart items</product> | |
| Employee Database | Use Map <empid, employee=""> for fast lookup</empid,> | |
| Unique Email Storage | Use Set <string> to avoid duplicates</string> | |
| Job Scheduling System | Use Queue or PriorityQueue | |

Architecture Diagram of Java Collections:



ArrayList,LinkedList HashSet,TreeSet LinkedList,PriorityQueue

Syntax Overview:

```
List<String> list = new ArrayList<>();
Set<Integer> set = new HashSet<>();
Map<String, Integer> map = new HashMap<>();
Queue<Double> queue = new PriorityQueue<>();
```

W Keywords:

Collection, List, Set, Map, Queue, ArrayList, HashSet, HashMap, LinkedList, TreeSet, PriorityQueue

Collection vs Collections

| Term | Definition | Package |
|-------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Collection | It is the root interface in the java.util package representing a group of objects, known as elements. | |
| Collections | It is a utility class in java.util that consists of static methods to operate on or return collections. | java.util. Collection s |

Core Interfaces in Collections Framework:

| Interface | Description | Common Implementations |
|------------|---|------------------------|
| Collection | Root interface of the hierarchy | - |
| List | Ordered collection with duplicates | ArrayList, LinkedList |
| Set | Unordered collection without duplicates | HashSet, TreeSet |

| Queue | FIFO-based collection | LinkedList, PriorityQueue |
|-------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Мар | Key-value pair collection | HashMap, TreeMap |

Simple Example: List

```
import java.util.*;

public class ListExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        List<String> names = new ArrayList<>();
        names.add("Alice");
        names.add("Bob");
        names.add("Alice"); // Duplicates allowed

        for (String name : names) {
            System.out.println(name);
        }
    }
}
```

Simple Example: Set

```
import java.util.*;

public class SetExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Set<String> emails = new HashSet<>();
```

🔽 Simple Example: Map

```
import java.util.*;

public class MapExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Map<Integer, String> users = new HashMap<>();
        users.put(101, "Alice");
        users.put(102, "Bob");

        System.out.println(users.get(101)); // Output:

Alice
    }
}
```

✓ Simple Example: Queue

```
import java.util.*;

public class QueueExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Queue<String> queue = new LinkedList<>();
        queue.add("Task1");
        queue.add("Task2");
```

```
System.out.println(queue.poll()); // Task1
}
```

Real-Time Example: Employee Directory using Map

```
import java.util.*;

class Employee {
    int id;
    String name;

    Employee(int id, String name) {
        this.id = id;
        this.name = name;
    }
}
```

```
public class EmployeeDirectory {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Map<Integer, Employee> directory = new HashMap<>();

        directory.put(1, new Employee(1, "Alice"));
        directory.put(2, new Employee(2, "Bob"));

        Employee e = directory.get(2);
        System.out.println("Employee: " + e.name);
    }
}
```

Example: Collection Interface

```
import java.util.*;

public class CollectionExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Collection<String> fruits = new ArrayList<>();
        fruits.add("Apple");
        fruits.add("Banana");
        fruits.add("Cherry");

        for (String fruit : fruits) {
            System.out.println(fruit);
        }
    }
}
```

Example: Collections Utility Class

```
import java.util.*;

public class CollectionsExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        List<Integer> numbers = Arrays.asList(4, 1, 3, 2);
        Collections.sort(numbers); // Static method from

Collections class
        System.out.println("Sorted list: " + numbers);
    }
}
```

Iterators in Java Collections

➤ Iterator:

- Iterator is an interface used to **iterate through elements** in a collection.
- Available in **java.util** package.

Syntax:

```
Iterator<Type> itr = collection.iterator();
while (itr.hasNext()) {
    Type element = itr.next();
    // Process element
}
```

Example:

```
import java.util.*;

public class IteratorExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        List<String> names = new ArrayList<>();
        names.add("Alice");
        names.add("Bob");
```

```
Iterator<String> iterator = names.iterator();

while (iterator.hasNext()) {
        System.out.println(iterator.next());
    }
}
```

> ListIterator:

- Can traverse both forward and backward.
- Only available for classes that implement **List** (like ArrayList, LinkedList).

Example:

```
import java.util.*;

public class ListIteratorExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        List<String> colors = new

ArrayList<>(Arrays.asList("Red", "Green", "Blue"));

        ListIterator<String> listIterator =
    colors.listIterator();

        System.out.println("Forward Direction:");
        while (listIterator.hasNext()) {
            System.out.println(listIterator.next());
        }
}
```

```
System.out.println("Backward Direction:");
while (listIterator.hasPrevious()) {
        System.out.println(listIterator.previous());
    }
}
```

15 MCQs with Answers:

- 1. Which collection allows duplicate values?
 - A) Set
 - B) List
 - **Manual** Answer: B
- 2. Which of these maintains insertion order?
 - A) HashSet
 - B) LinkedHashSet
 - Answer: B
- 3. Which is not part of the Collection interface?
 - A) List
 - B) Set
 - C) Map
 - Answer: C

| 4. Which class implements Map? |
|--|
| A) ArrayList |
| B) HashMap |
| ✓ Answer: B |
| 5. Which collection does not allow duplicates? |
| A) List |
| B) Set |
| ✓ Answer: B |
| 6. Which data structure follows FIFO? |
| A) Queue |
| ✓ Answer: A |
| 7. What is the default capacity of ArrayList? |
| A) 5 |
| B) 10 |
| ✓ Answer: B |
| 8. Which Map maintains order of insertion? |
| A) HashMap |
| B) LinkedHashMap |
| ✓ Answer: B |
| 9. Which Map sorts by natural order of keys? |
| A) TreeMap |

| V | Answer: A |
|----------|---|
| 10. W | hat method is used to remove element in List? |
| A) d | lelete() |
| B) r | remove() |
| V | Answer: B |
| 11. W | hat is the return type of poll() in Queue? |
| A) (| Object |
| V | Answer: A |
| 12. W | hich allows key-value pairs? |
| A) S | Set |
| B) I | Лар |
| V | Answer: B |
| 13. W | hich is a legacy class in Collection? |
| A) V | vector vector |
| V | Answer: A |
| 14. W | hich implementation is thread-safe? |
| A) F | IashMap |
| B) I | Hashtable |
| | Answer: B |

- 15. Which allows null keys and values?
 - A) HashMap
 - Answer: A

20 Interview Q&A:

1. **Q:** What is Java Collections Framework?

A: A group of interfaces and classes for storing and manipulating groups of data.

2. **Q:** Difference between ArrayList and LinkedList?

A: ArrayList is faster in search; LinkedList is faster in insertion/deletion.

3. **Q:** Why Map is not a part of Collection interface?

A: Because it doesn't represent a collection of elements; it's key-value pairs.

4. Q: Difference between HashMap and Hashtable?

A: HashMap is not synchronized; Hashtable is synchronized and legacy.

5. **Q:** What is the difference between HashSet and TreeSet?

A: HashSet is unordered; TreeSet is sorted.

6. **Q:** What is the difference between List and Set?

A: List allows duplicates; Set doesn't.

7. **Q:** What is the use of Iterator?

A: To traverse a collection safely.

8. Q: Difference between Iterator and ListIterator?

A: ListIterator can traverse both forward and backward.

9. **Q:** What is fail-fast and fail-safe?

A: Fail-fast throws ConcurrentModificationException, fail-safe does not.

10. **Q:** Which classes are fail-fast?

A: ArrayList, HashMap.

11. **Q:** Which classes are fail-safe?

A: ConcurrentHashMap, CopyOnWriteArrayList.

12. **Q:** What is the time complexity of HashMap get()?

A: O(1) in average case.

13. **Q:** Can HashMap have null key?

A: Yes, one null key.

14. **Q:** Can HashMap have null values?

A: Yes, multiple null values.

15. **Q:** What is the difference between Comparable and

Comparator?

A: Comparable is for natural order; Comparator is for custom order.

16. **Q:** Can we sort HashSet?

A: No, use TreeSet for sorting.

17. **Q:** How does HashSet work internally?

A: Uses HashMap for storing elements.

18. **Q:** Difference between Array and ArrayList?

A: Array is fixed size; ArrayList is dynamic.

19. **Q:** Which class should be used in multithreaded

environment?

A: CopyOnWriteArrayList or Collections.synchronizedList()

20. **Q:** Which Map ensures thread-safety?

A: ConcurrentHashMap

Topic Outcome:

After this topic, learners can:

- Choose appropriate collection types based on the use case.
- Use List, Set, Map, and Queue effectively.
- Understand time complexity and memory optimization in collections.
- Handle real-time problems using dynamic data structures.

Summary:

- Java Collections Framework is one of the most powerful tools for handling data dynamically.
- From ordered lists to unique sets and key-value pairs, collections are essential for modern Java development and mastering data structure usage in object-oriented programming.

Topic 28: File Handling in Java (Working with Streams)

Definition:

- **File Handling** in Java refers to the mechanism of reading from and writing to files (text/binary) on the file system.
- Java provides the **java.io** and **java.nio** packages to manage file input/output using **Streams** (byte and character-based).
- **Streams** in Java are abstract representations of input/output devices used to read data from sources (like files, networks) and write data to destinations.

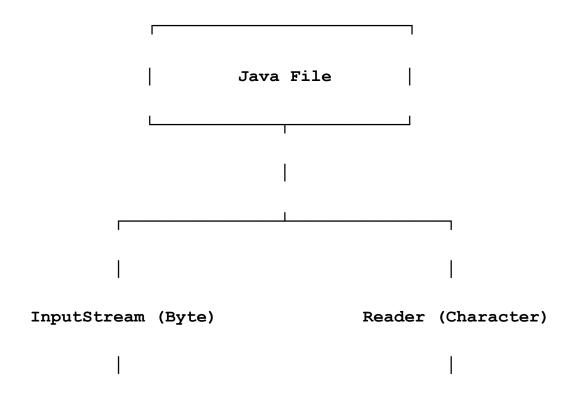
Use Case:

- Storing user data into a file
- Logging application events
- Loading configuration from a file
- Reading input data for processing

Real-Time Usage:

| Scenario | File Operation Used |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Save logs of transactions | FileWriter / BufferedWriter |
| Read data from CSV for processing | FileReader / BufferedReader |
| Exporting reports | PrintWriter / OutputStreamWriter |
| Storing form data in a file | FileOutputStream / FileWriter |

Architecture Diagram: File Handling Stream Flow



FileInputStream FileReader BufferedInputStream BufferedReader OutputStream (Byte) Writer (Character) FileOutputStream FileWriter | BufferedOutputStream | BufferedWriter

Syntax:

```
// Reading from a file
BufferedReader reader = new BufferedReader(new
FileReader("input.txt"));
String line = reader.readLine();
reader.close();
```

```
// Writing to a file
BufferedWriter writer = new BufferedWriter(new
FileWriter("output.txt"));
writer.write("Hello, File!");
writer.close();
```

W Keywords:

File, FileReader, FileWriter, BufferedReader, BufferedWriter, InputStream, OutputStream, try-with-resources, IOException

Types of Streams in File Handling:

| Stream Type | Description | Classes Used |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Byte Stream | Handles binary data | FileInputStream, FileOutputStream |
| Character Stream | Handles text data | FileReader, FileWriter |

| Buffered Stream | Improves performance using buffers | BufferedReader, BufferedWriter |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Print Stream | Used for formatted output | PrintWriter, PrintStream |

Simple Example: Writing to a File

```
import java.io.*;

public class WriteFileExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try {
            FileWriter writer = new

FileWriter("output.txt");
            writer.write("Java File Handling Example");
            writer.close();
            System.out.println("Successfully written to

file.");
        } catch (IOException e) {
            System.out.println("Error occurred: " +

e.getMessage());
        }
    }
}
```

Simple Example: Reading from a File

```
import java.io.*;

public class ReadFileExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try {
            BufferedReader reader = new BufferedReader(new FileReader("output.txt"));
        String line;
        while ((line = reader.readLine()) != null) {
            System.out.println(line);
        }
        reader.close();
    } catch (IOException e) {
        System.out.println("Error reading file: " +
    e.getMessage());
     }
}
```

Real-Time Example: Logging to a File

```
System.out.println("Logging failed.");
}
}
```

15 MCQ Questions with Answers:

- 1. Which class is used to read character data?
 - A) FileInputStream
 - B) FileReader
 - Answer: B
- 2. Which class provides buffering for character input?
 - A) BufferedReader
 - **M** Answer: A
- 3. What is used to write formatted data to a file?
 - A) PrintWriter
 - **M** Answer: A
- 4. Which package is required for file handling?
 - A) java.io
 - Answer: A
- 5. readLine() returns what?
 - A) char

| 6. Which stream is used for binary input? |
|---|
| A) FileInputStream |
| ✓ Answer: A |
| |
| 7. FileWriter extends which class? |
| A) OutputStream |
| B) Writer |
| ✓ Answer: B |
| |
| 8. Can FileReader read binary files? |
| A) Yes |
| B) No |
| ✓ Answer: B |
| |
| 9. What method is used to write a string? |
| A) write() |
| ✓ Answer: A |
| |
| 10. Can you append using FileWriter? |
| A) Yes, using constructor overload |
| ✓ Answer: A |
| |

B) String

Answer: B

| 11. What happens if file not found in FileReader? |
|---|
| A) NullPointerException |
| B) FileNotFoundException |
| ✓ Answer: B |
| |
| 12. What method closes the file stream? |
| A) end() |
| B) close() |
| ✓ Answer: B |
| |
| 13. Which class reads line-by-line? |
| A) BufferedReader |
| ✓ Answer: A |
| |
| 14. Can you use try-with-resources with file streams? |
| A) Yes |
| ✓ Answer: A |
| |
| 15. What does FileWriter("file.txt", true) do? |
| A) Overwrites file |
| B) Appends to file |
| ✓ Answer: B |
| |
| |

20 Interview Q&A:

1. **Q:** What is file handling in Java?

A: It's the process of reading from and writing to files using java.io or java.nio.

2. **Q:** Which classes are used for reading characters from a file?

A: FileReader, BufferedReader

3. **Q:** How do you write to a file in Java?

A: Using FileWriter or BufferedWriter.

4. Q: What is the difference between Reader and InputStream?

A: Reader is for characters, InputStream is for bytes.

5. **Q:** What is buffering in file handling?

A: Temporary memory to improve performance using buffered classes.

6. **Q:** What is the use of flush()?

A: To forcefully write buffered content to file.

7. **Q:** Can you append data to an existing file?

A: Yes, using FileWriter("file.txt", true).

- 8. **Q:** How do you handle FileNotFoundException? **A:** Using try-catch or declaring with throws.
- 9. Q: What is the role of PrintWriter?A: Used for writing formatted text to files.
- 10. Q: What is the difference between write() and append()?
 A: write() overwrites, append() adds data at the end.
- 11. Q: Why is close() method used?A: To release system resources.
- 12. **Q:** What is try-with-resources?**A:** Auto-closes resources after try block.
- 13. Q: How to read multiple lines from a file?A: Using BufferedReader.readLine() in a loop.
- 14. **Q:** What happens if the file doesn't exist? **A:** FileNotFoundException is thrown.
- 15. Q: Can we read/write binary files?A: Yes, using FileInputStream and FileOutputStream.

- 16. **Q:** How do we ensure a file is always closed?**A:** Use try-with-resources.
- 17. **Q:** Can you check if file exists?**A:** Yes, using File.exists() method.
- 18. **Q:** Is file handling thread-safe?**A:** No, it must be managed manually or use synchronization.
- 19. **Q:** What's the default encoding for file writing? **A:** Platform-dependent (often UTF-8 or ANSI).
- Q: How can you delete a file in Java?A: Using File.delete().

V Topic Outcome:

After completing this topic, learners can:

- Read and write files using streams.
- Understand and differentiate between byte and character streams.
- Use buffered classes for performance.

• Implement real-world scenarios like logs, file-based storage, reports, etc.

Summary:

- File handling in Java is a critical feature for applications that require persistent data storage.
- Mastery of streams enables reading, writing, and managing file
 I/O with performance and safety, using the versatile java.io
 package.

Topic 29: Implementing Thread Synchronization and Synchronized Methods in Java

Definition:

- **Thread Synchronization** in Java is a technique to control the access of multiple threads to shared resources.
- It ensures **data consistency** when multiple threads try to read and write shared variables or objects concurrently.

• The **synchronized** keyword in Java is used to lock methods or blocks so that only one thread can execute them at a time, preventing **race conditions** and **data inconsistency**.

Use Case:

- Managing **shared resources** (e.g., counters, logs, files).
- Avoiding concurrent modification errors.
- Ensuring **thread-safe operations** in multi-threaded environments.

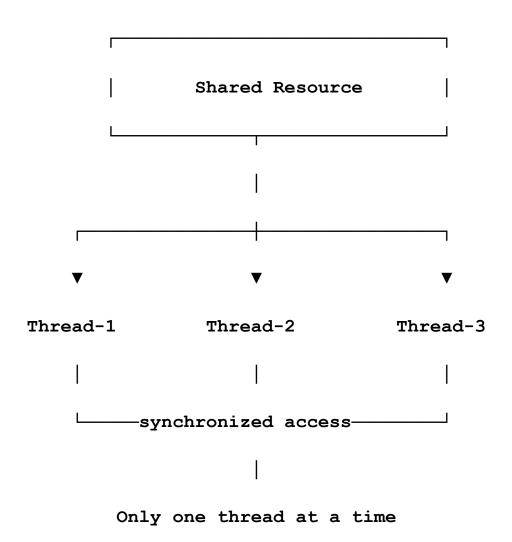
Real-Time Usage:

| Scenario | Why Synchronization is Needed |
|---------------------------|---|
| Bank transactions system | Prevent double withdrawal from same account |
| Railway booking system | Avoid issuing the same seat to two users |
| Logging services | Prevent interleaved log entries |

| Shopping | cart | updates |
|----------|------|---------|
| | cart | apaates |

Ensure consistent stock updates

Architecture Diagram: Thread Synchronization Flow



Syntax:

> Synchronized Method:

```
public synchronized void methodName() {
    // Critical section
}
> Synchronized Block:
```

```
synchronized (objectReference) {
    // Critical section
}
```

Keywords:

```
synchronized, thread, Runnable, lock, multithreading,
monitor, wait(), notify()
```

Simple Example: Without Synchronization

```
class Counter {
   int count = 0;
   void increment() {
        count++;
```

```
}
}
```

```
public class NoSyncExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws
InterruptedException {
        Counter counter = new Counter();

        Runnable task = () -> {
            for (int i = 0; i < 1000; i++)

        counter.increment();
        };

        Thread t1 = new Thread(task);
        Thread t2 = new Thread(task);
        t1.start(); t2.start();
        t1.join(); t2.join();

        System.out.println("Final Count: " +

counter.count); // Output may vary due to race condition
    }
}</pre>
```

Example: With Synchronized Method

```
class Counter {
   int count = 0;

   synchronized void increment() {
      count++;
   }
}
```

```
public class SyncMethodExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws
InterruptedException {
        Counter counter = new Counter();

        Runnable task = () -> {
            for (int i = 0; i < 1000; i++)

        counter.increment();
        };

        Thread t1 = new Thread(task);
        Thread t2 = new Thread(task);
        t1.start(); t2.start();
        t1.join(); t2.join();

        System.out.println("Final Count: " +

counter.count); // Correct output: 2000
      }
}</pre>
```

Example: Synchronized Block

Real-Time Example: Bank Transaction

```
class BankAccount {
    private int balance = 1000;

    synchronized void withdraw(int amount) {
        if (balance >= amount) {
            System.out.println("Withdrawn: " + amount);
            balance -= amount;
        } else {
            System.out.println("Insufficient balance");
        }
    }

    int getBalance() {
        return balance;
    }
}
```

```
public class BankExample {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      BankAccount acc = new BankAccount();

      Runnable r1 = () -> acc.withdraw(600);
      Runnable r2 = () -> acc.withdraw(700);

      Thread t1 = new Thread(r1);
      Thread t2 = new Thread(r2);
      t1.start();
      t2.start();
   }
}
```

15 MCQ Questions with Answers:

- 1. What does synchronized do in Java?
 - A) Starts a thread
 - B) Pauses execution
 - **✓** Answer: Controls thread access to shared resource
- 2. Which thread can access a synchronized method?
 - Answer: Only one thread at a time
- 3. Where can you use synchronized?
 - A) Method only
 - B) Block only
 - Answer: Both A and B
- 4. Can a static method be synchronized?
 - Answer: Yes
- 5. What is a critical section?
 - Answer: Code that must be executed by one thread at a time
- 6. Can synchronized be used with a constructor?
 - Answer: No

- 7. What is race condition?
 - ✓ Answer: Multiple threads modifying shared data simultaneously
- 8. Which keyword notifies a waiting thread?
 - Answer: notify()
- 9. What is thread starvation?
 - Answer: Thread never gets CPU time due to long waits
- 10. What is used to implement wait-notify?
 - Answer: Object's monitor
- 11. What is the default lock object in a synchronized method?
 - Answer: The current instance (this)
- 12. Can we use synchronized in interface?
 - Answer: No
- 13. Which statement is true about synchronized blocks?
 - Answer: They are used to reduce the scope of synchronization
- 14. What is thread-safe code?
 - Answer: Code that can be safely executed by multiple

threads

- 15. Is ReentrantLock part of synchronization?
 - ✓ Answer: No, it's from java.util.concurrent.locks

20 Interview Q&A:

- 1. **Q:** What is synchronization?
 - **A:** It's a process of controlling access to shared resources in multithreaded programming.
- 2. **Q:** What is the difference between synchronized method and block?
 - **A:** Method locks the entire object; block allows fine-grained control.
- 3. Q: Can static methods be synchronized?
 - **A:** Yes, they acquire a class-level lock.
- 4. **Q:** What is a monitor in Java?
 - **A:** Every object in Java has an implicit monitor associated with it for thread control.

5. **Q:** How does synchronized(this) work?

A: It locks the current object before executing the code inside.

6. **Q:** What are some alternatives to synchronized?

A: Lock, ReentrantLock, AtomicInteger

7. **Q:** What is deadlock?

A: When two or more threads are waiting forever for each other to release resources.

8. **Q:** Can we synchronize a constructor?

A: No, because object is not fully created yet.

9. **Q:** What is notify() and wait()?

A: Methods for inter-thread communication.

10. **Q:** Can synchronized methods be overridden?

A: Yes, and the overriding method can be synchronized or not.

11. **Q:** What happens if two threads access different synchronized methods of same object?

A: Only one gets the lock, other waits.

12. **Q:** Can we have synchronized static and non-static methods?

A: Yes, they lock different objects (class vs instance).

13. **Q:** What is atomicity in synchronization?

A: Ensuring operations execute as one unbreakable unit.

14. **Q:** What happens if one thread does not release lock?

A: Other threads remain blocked, possibly leading to deadlock.

15. **Q:** Can we use multiple locks in one class?

A: Yes, by using different synchronized blocks.

16. **Q:** What is thread-safe class in Java?

A: Class whose objects can be safely used across threads.

17. **Q:** Difference between Lock and synchronized?

A: Lock gives more flexibility (tryLock, interruptible lock, etc.)

18. **Q:** Can threads interfere with each other without synchronization?

A: Yes, leads to race condition.

19. **Q:** Does synchronization affect performance?

A: Yes, slight overhead due to locking.

20. **Q:** How to make a class thread-safe?

A: Use synchronized, immutable objects, or thread-safe data structures.

V Topic Outcome:

After completing this topic, learners can:

- Apply synchronized methods and blocks to prevent race conditions.
- Handle concurrent data modifications safely.
- Write multi-threaded applications that are reliable and thread-safe.

Summary:

- Thread synchronization is essential in multithreaded applications where shared resources are involved.
- Java's synchronized keyword provides a powerful way to manage concurrent access and ensure consistent, safe execution without corrupting data.

Topic 30: Multithreading in Java

Definition:

- Multithreading in Java is a process of executing two or more threads simultaneously to perform multiple tasks concurrently.
- Each thread runs independently, sharing the same memory space, making Java programs **faster and more efficient**, especially in applications involving UI responsiveness, background processing, or real-time systems.
- A **thread** is the smallest unit of a process that can execute independently.
- Java provides built-in support for multithreading through the Thread class and Runnable interface.

Use Case:

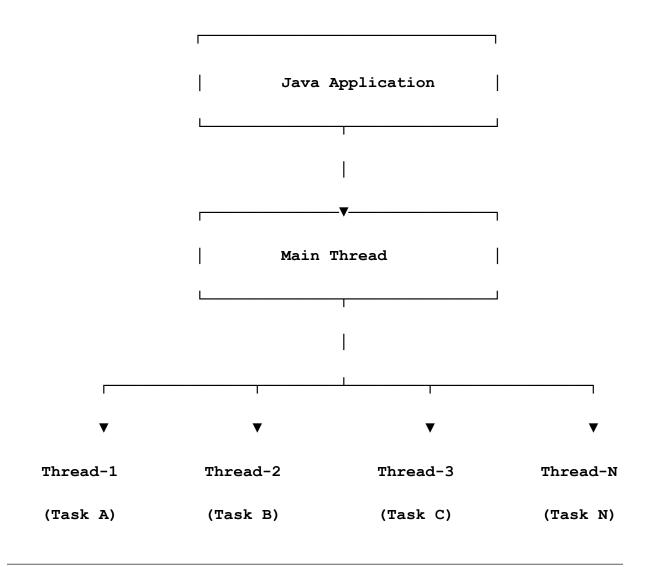
- Background file downloads
- Real-time chat applications
- Parallel searching and sorting

- Server request handling
- Video and audio streaming apps

Real-Time Usage:

| Application Area | Example Use Case |
|------------------|---|
| Web Servers | Handling multiple user requests |
| Mobile Apps | Background image upload |
| Games | AI processing, rendering, and sound in parallel |
| Banking Systems | Processing multiple transactions |
| IoT Systems | Reading from sensors concurrently |

Architecture Diagram: Java Multithreading Model



Syntax:

➤ Extending Thread Class

```
class MyThread extends Thread {
    public void run() {
        System.out.println("Thread is running...");
    }
}
```

➤ Implementing Runnable Interface

```
class MyRunnable implements Runnable {
    public void run() {
        System.out.println("Runnable thread running...");
    }
}
```

Keywords:

```
Thread, Runnable, start(), run(), sleep(), join(),
synchronized, yield(), wait(), notify()
```

Simple Example: Using Thread Class

```
class MyThread extends Thread {
    public void run() {
        System.out.println("Thread running: " +
Thread.currentThread().getName());
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        MyThread t1 = new MyThread();
        t1.start(); // creates new thread and runs
    }
}
```

Simple Example: Using Runnable Interface

```
class MyRunnable implements Runnable {
    public void run() {
        System.out.println("Runnable thread: " +
Thread.currentThread().getName());
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Thread t = new Thread(new MyRunnable());
        t.start();
    }
}
```

Real-Time Example: Parallel Printing

```
class Printer extends Thread {
    String message;

Printer(String message) {
    this.message = message;
}

public void run() {
    for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {
        System.out.println(message + " " + i);
    }
}

public static void main(String[] args) {
    new Printer("Printing A").start();
    new Printer("Printing B").start();
}</pre>
```

Important Thread Methods:

| Method | Description |
|-----------|---|
| start() | Starts thread execution |
| run() | Contains the code executed by thread |
| sleep(ms) | Pauses thread temporarily |
| join() | Waits for a thread to finish execution |
| isAlive() | Checks if thread is alive |
| yield() | Pauses current thread to let others execute |

Thread Lifecycle:

- 1. **New**
- 2. Runnable

- 3. Running
- 4. Waiting/Blocked/Sleeping
- 5. Dead/Terminated

What is a Thread?

- A Thread is a lightweight subprocess.
- It's the smallest unit of processing that can be performed concurrently with other threads in a program.
- Threads allow parallel execution of tasks.

Java supports multithreading by:

- Extending the Thread class
- Implementing the Runnable interface
- Using ExecutorService (from Java 5 onwards)

Thread Life Cycle in Java:

A thread in Java can be in one of the following states:

NEW → RUNNABLE → RUNNING → BLOCKED/WAITING → TERMINATED

1. Multiprocessing

Definition:

• Running multiple processes simultaneously on multiple CPUs or cores.

Key Idea:

• Each process runs independently with its own memory space.

Example:

• Running a video editor, browser, and a game at the same time on different CPU cores.

Real-life analogy:

• Multiple chefs (processes) cooking in different kitchens (separate memory).

2. Multitasking

Definition:

• Ability of an operating system to execute multiple tasks (programs) at the same time by rapidly switching between them (context switching).

Key Idea:

• Tasks appear to run at the same time (on single CPU) or truly run concurrently on multi-core CPUs.

Types:

Preemptive Multitasking – OS decides when to switch tasks (used in modern OS).

Cooperative Multitasking – Tasks voluntarily yield control.

Example:

• Listening to music while typing a document and downloading files.

Real-life analogy:

• One person (CPU) switching between writing, checking phone, and eating (tasks).

3. Multithreading

Definition:

• Running multiple threads (smaller units of a process) within the same process concurrently.

Key Idea:

• Threads share the same memory space and can communicate easily, making it lighter than multiprocessing.

Example:

- A web browser:
- One thread handles UI
- One handles network
- One handles rendering

Real-life analogy:

- One chef (process) preparing multiple dishes (threads) using the same kitchen (shared memory).
- Thread-->class
- Runnable-->interface

15 MCQ Questions with Answers:

- 1. Which method starts a thread?
 - Answer: start()
- 2. Can you restart a thread after it finishes?
 - Answer: No
- 3. Which interface provides thread behavior?
 - Answer: Runnable
- 4. What is the return type of run()?
 - Answer: void
- 5. Which method pauses a thread?
 - Answer: sleep()

- 6. Can a class implement Runnable and extend another class?Answer: Yes7. Which method checks if thread is alive?
 - Answer: isAlive()
- 8. What does yield() do?Answer: Pauses current thread for others
- 9. What is the default priority of a thread?
 - Answer: 5
- 10. Which thread is automatically created in every Java program?
 - Answer: Main thread
- 11. Which is preferred: Runnable or Thread?
 - Answer: Runnable
- 12. Can we override start() method?
 - Answer: Not recommended
- 13. Which class is superclass of all threads?
 - Answer: Thread

- 14. Is run() called directly to start thread?
 - 🔽 Answer: No, use start() instead
- 15. What causes race conditions?
 - Answer: Concurrent access without synchronization

20 Interview Q&A:

1. **Q:** What is multithreading?

A: It's the ability of a CPU or single core to execute multiple threads concurrently.

2. Q: Difference between Thread and Runnable?

A: Thread is a class, Runnable is an interface. Runnable is preferred due to multiple inheritance.

3. **Q:** What is context switching?

A: Switching CPU from one thread to another.

4. **Q:** What is thread priority?

A: Determines the order of thread execution.

5. **Q:** How do you pause a thread?

A: Using sleep(milliseconds).

6. **Q:** How to safely access shared data?

A: Use synchronized blocks or methods.

7. **Q:** What are daemon threads?

A: Background threads like garbage collector.

8. **Q:** What is thread starvation?

A: When low-priority threads are never executed.

9. **Q:** How is a thread created?

A: Extend Thread or implement Runnable.

10. **Q:** When does a thread die?

A: After run() completes or exception occurs.

11. **Q:** What is deadlock?

A: When two threads wait forever for each other to release resources.

12. **Q:** Can we start a thread twice?

A: No. It throws IllegalThreadStateException.

13. **Q:** What is thread-safe code?

A: Code that can be safely executed by multiple threads.

14. **Q:** Why use join()?

A: To wait for thread completion before proceeding.

15. **Q:** Is start() or run() used for execution?

A: Use start(); calling run() won't create a new thread.

16. **Q:** Can threads share resources?

A: Yes, but need synchronization to avoid data inconsistency.

17. **Q:** How to handle thread exceptions?

A: Use try-catch within run() method.

18. **Q:** What is the use of Thread.sleep()?

A: Delays execution of thread temporarily.

19. **Q:** Can we synchronize run() method?

A: Yes, but better to synchronize shared resources.

20. **Q:** Is Java multithreaded by default?

A: Yes, it supports multithreading from the beginning.

Topic Outcome:

After completing this topic, learners can:

- Create and manage multiple threads
- Use Thread and Runnable effectively
- Understand thread lifecycle and common thread methods
- Apply synchronization to avoid concurrency issues

Summary:

- Multithreading is a vital concept in Java for building efficient, concurrent applications.
- By utilizing threads and synchronization techniques, developers can create responsive, fast-performing programs suitable for real-world environments.

Topic 31: JDBC Connectivity in Java

Definition:

• JDBC (Java Database Connectivity) is a Java API that enables Java applications to connect, interact, and manipulate relational databases using SQL commands.

• It provides classes and interfaces to establish a connection, execute queries, and retrieve results from databases like MySQL, Oracle, PostgreSQL, etc.

Use Case:

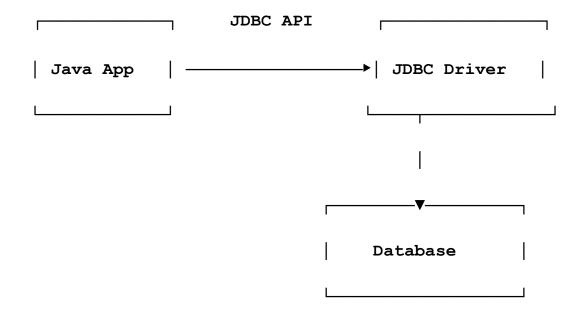
- Performing **CRUD** operations on relational databases.
- Connecting enterprise Java applications to backend databases.
- Generating reports from stored data.
- Building web apps with data-driven features (e.g., login, dashboard, reports).

Real-Time Usage:

| Application Area | | Usage | |
|------------------|----------|--|--|
| Banking Systems | | Customer & transaction database access | |
| Online Sites | Shopping | Product catalog, user data, orders | |

| Employee Management | Employee records CRUD operations | | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|------------|-----------|-----|
| University Portals | Student updates | marks, | attendance | tracking, | fee |

Architecture Diagram: JDBC Communication Flow



IDBC Components:

| Component | Description | | | | |
|--------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| DriverManager | Manages JDBC drivers and establishes connections | | | | |
| Connection | Represents the connection between Java and DB | | | | |
| Statement | Executes SQL queries (static) | | | | |
| PreparedState ment | Executes parameterized queries (dynamic + secure) | | | | |
| ResultSet | Stores results returned from SELECT queries | | | | |

Syntax (JDBC Connection):

```
Class.forName("com.mysql.cj.jdbc.Driver"); // Load driver
Connection con = DriverManager.getConnection(
    "jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/mydb", "username",
"password");

Statement stmt = con.createStatement();
ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT * FROM users");

while (rs.next()) {
```

```
System.out.println(rs.getString("username"));
}
con.close();
```

Keywords:

```
Connection, DriverManager, ResultSet, Statement, PreparedStatement, executeQuery(), executeUpdate(), close()
```

Simple Example: Read Data from MySQL

```
con.close();
}
```

Example: Insert Record using PreparedStatement

```
import java.sql.*;
public class InsertExample {
   public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception
        Class.forName("com.mysql.cj.jdbc.Driver");
        Connection con = DriverManager.getConnection(
            "jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/demo", "root",
"password");
        String query = "INSERT INTO student(name, age)
VALUES (?, ?)";
        PreparedStatement pst =
con.prepareStatement(query);
        pst.setString(1, "John");
        pst.setInt(2, 22);
        int rows = pst.executeUpdate();
        System.out.println("Inserted: " + rows);
        con.close();
```

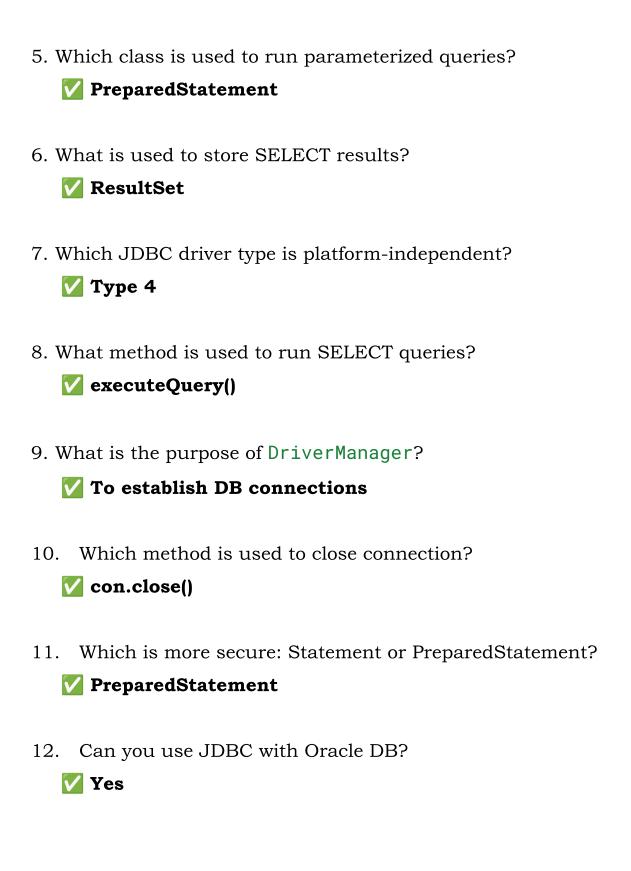
Example: Update and Delete

```
// UPDATE
String query = "UPDATE student SET age=? WHERE name=?";
PreparedStatement pst = con.prepareStatement(query);
pst.setInt(1, 25);
pst.setString(2, "John");
pst.executeUpdate();

// DELETE
String del = "DELETE FROM student WHERE name=?";
PreparedStatement delStmt = con.prepareStatement(del);
delStmt.setString(1, "John");
delStmt.executeUpdate();
```

15 MCQ Questions with Answers:

- 1. What does JDBC stand for?
 - **✓** Java Database Connectivity
- 2. Which class loads the database driver?
 - Class.forName()
- 3. Which interface manages connection to DB?
 - **Connection**
- 4. What does executeUpdate() return?
 - **✓** Number of rows affected



- 13. Can ResultSet be updated?
 - Yes (with correct settings)
- 14. Which exception is commonly thrown in JDBC?
 - **▼** SQLException
- 15. Can JDBC access NoSQL databases?
 - ✓ No (primarily for RDBMS)

20 Interview Q&A:

1. **Q:** What is JDBC?

A: Java API to connect Java applications with relational databases.

2. **Q:** Explain the steps to connect to a DB using JDBC.

A: Load driver → Create connection → Create statement → Execute query → Close connection

3. **Q:** What is DriverManager?

A: A class that loads DB drivers and manages DB connections.

4. **Q:** What is the difference between Statement and PreparedStatement?

A: Statement is for static queries, PreparedStatement for dynamic, parameterized queries.

5. **Q:** What is a ResultSet?

A: It stores the result of SELECT queries.

6. **Q:** Which method is used for INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE?

A: executeUpdate()

7. **Q:** Which method is used for SELECT queries?

A: executeQuery()

8. **Q:** How do you handle SQL injection?

A: Use PreparedStatement.

9. **Q:** What is the use of Class.forName()?

A: Loads and registers the JDBC driver.

10. **Q:** Can you execute stored procedures in JDBC?

A: Yes, using CallableStatement.

11. **Q:** What are JDBC driver types?

A: Type 1 to Type 4 (Type 4 is pure Java driver)

12. **Q:** What is batch processing in JDBC?

A: Executing multiple queries together using addBatch() and executeBatch().

13. **Q:** How to retrieve auto-generated keys?

A: Use getGeneratedKeys().

14. **Q:** Can you have multiple connections open?

A: Yes, each with its own object.

15. **Q:** What is a transaction in JDBC?

A: A set of queries executed as a unit using commit() and rollback().

16. **Q:** What is the use of setAutoCommit(false)?

A: Disables auto-commit to manually handle transactions.

17. **Q:** How to prevent memory leaks in JDBC?

A: Always close Connection, Statement, and ResultSet.

18. **Q:** Can JDBC connect to cloud databases?

A: Yes, using proper drivers and endpoints.

19. **Q:** What is SQLWarning?

A: Used to capture non-fatal database warnings.

20. **Q:** Which JDBC version supports try-with-resources? **A:** JDBC 4.1+ (Java 7+)

V Topic Outcome:

After this topic, learners can:

- Connect and interact with relational databases using JDBC.
- Perform CRUD operations using Statement & PreparedStatement.
- Implement secure, efficient database-driven Java applications.

Summary:

- JDBC is essential for database interaction in Java.
- From setting up connections to executing queries and managing results, JDBC enables seamless integration between Java apps and relational databases, forming the backbone of most enterprise applications.