

CDAC Mumbai

Lab Assignment

Section 3: Food for Thought: Research and Read More About

1. Evolution of Programming Languages

- **Research Topic:** Explore the different levels of programming languages: Low-level, High-level, and Assembly-level languages.

- **Questions to Ponder:**

- What is a Low-level language? Give examples and explain how they work.

Ans:

- 1) Low level language is raw code like binary code that CPU directly operates.
- 2) You write code, then an assembler turns them into that machine directed code. Every command gives direct orders to the CPU.

- What is a High-level language? How does it differ from a low-level language in terms of abstraction and usage?

Ans:

- 1) high level language are human readable. it hides detail like abstraction.
- 2) then compiler converts high level language into computer readable language like binary number.

- What is an Assembly-level language, and what role does it play in programming?

Ans:

- 1) Assembly language uses direct machine code.
- 2) instead of using binary number we write something like ADD AX, BX.

- Why do we need different levels of programming languages? What are the trade-offs between simplicity and control over the hardware?

Ans:

- 1) For simplicity, abstraction, productivity and performance.
- 2) Control, less error, maximum performance.

2. Different Programming Languages and Their Usage

- **Research Topic:** Explore different programming languages and understand their use cases.

- **Questions to Ponder:**
 - What are the strengths and weaknesses of languages like C, Python, Java, JavaScript, C++, Ruby, Go, etc.?
Ans:
 - 1) **C:**
Strengths: efficiency, close to hardware.

Weaknesses: Manual memory management, prone to errors.
 - 2) **Python:**
Strengths: Easy Readability , rapid development.

Weaknesses: Slower execution
 - 3) **Java:**
Strengths: Write once, run anywhere.

Weakness: memory consumption
 - 4) **JavaScript:**

Strengths: Ubiquitous for web interactivity, dynamic typing.

Weakness: performance issues in large-scale apps.
 - 5) ☐ **C++:**
Strengths: Performance, object-oriented features

weaknesses: long compile times, manual memory management.
 - 6) **Ruby:**
Strengths: good syntax, productivity for web development.

Weaknesses: Performance concerns.
 - 7) **Go (Golang):**
Strengths: Concurrency support, fast compilation..

Weaknesses: Generics were late to the game
 - In which scenarios would you choose a specific language over others? For example, why would you use JavaScript for web development but Python for data science?
Ans:
 - 1) **JavaScript for Web Development:** it runs in browser. dynamic rich ecosystem and for full stack development.
 - 2) **Python for Data Science:** Ease of Use, Libraries and ML
 - Can one programming language be used for all types of software development? Why or why not?
Ans: No single programming language can efficiently handle all types of software development due to varying performance, platform, and domain-specific requirements.

3. Which Programming Language is the Best?

- **Research Topic:** Investigate the debate around the "best" programming language.
 - **Questions to Ponder:**
 - Is there truly a "best" programming language? If so, which one, and why?
Ans: the "best" programming language is subjective and depends on the specific needs of a project and the priorities.
 - If a language is considered the best, why aren't all organizations using it? What factors influence the choice of a programming language in an organization (e.g., cost, performance, ecosystem, or community support)?
Ans:
Organizations do not universally adopt a single "best" programming language due to various factors, including cost, availability of trained staff, reliability, and organizational policies
 - How do trends in programming languages shift over time? What are some emerging languages, and why are they gaining popularity?
Ans:
Trends in programming languages shift over time due to technological advancements. Notable emerging languages like Rust, Go, and Dart are gaining popularity for their performance, safety features.

4. Features of Java

- **Research Topic:** Dive deep into the features of Java.
 - **Questions to Ponder:**
 - Why is Java considered platform-independent? How does the JVM contribute to this feature?
Ans: Java is considered platform-independent because it compiles code into universal bytecode, which can be executed on any device with a Java Virtual Machine (JVM), allowing the same program to run across different platforms without modification.
 - What makes Java robust? Consider features like memory management, exception handling, and type safety. How do these features contribute to its robustness?
Ans: features like automatic memory management through garbage collection, strong exception handling, and type safety, which collectively enhance reliability
 - Why is Java considered secure? Explore features like bytecode verification, automatic garbage collection, and built-in security mechanisms.
Ans: Java is also regarded as secure due to mechanisms like bytecode verification, which ensures code integrity, automatic garbage collection that helps prevent memory leaks
 - Analyze other features like multithreading, portability, and simplicity. Why are they important, and how do they impact Java development?
Ans: features such as multithreading enable concurrent execution of tasks, portability allows seamless deployment across various systems, and simplicity facilitates easier learning and development,

5. Role of public static void main(String[] args) (PSVM)

- **Research Topic:** Analyze the structure and purpose of the main method in Java.
 - **Questions to Ponder:**
 - What is the role of each keyword in public static void main(String[] args)?
Ans: public static void main(String[] args) serve specific roles: public allows the method to be accessible from anywhere, static enables the method to be called without creating an instance of the class, and void indicates that the method does not return any value. The String[] args parameter is an array that holds command-line arguments passed to the program when it starts
 - What would happen if one of these keywords (public, static, or void) were removed or altered? Experiment by modifying the main method and note down the errors.
Ans: If any of the keywords are removed or altered, errors will occur; for instance, removing public would lead to a visibility error if the JVM cannot access the method, while changing static would prevent the JVM from calling it without an instance.
 - Why is the String[] args parameter used in the main method? What does it do, and what happens if you omit it?
Ans: Omitting String[] args means the program cannot accept command-line arguments, which may limit its functionality, though it would still compile and run without it.

6. Can We Write Multiple main Methods?

- **Research Topic:** Experiment with multiple main methods in Java.
 - **Questions to Ponder:**
 - Can a class have more than one main method? What would happen if you tried to define multiple main methods in a single class?
Ans:
A class can have multiple main methods through overloading, but only the standard public static void main(String[] args) is recognized as the program's entry point by the JVM. If you attempt to define multiple main methods with the exact same signature in a single class, the compiler will throw an error indicating the method is already defined
 - What happens if multiple classes in the same project have their own main methods? How does the Java compiler and JVM handle this situation?
Ans: When multiple classes in a project have their own main methods, the Java compiler compiles all of them, and the JVM executes the main method of the class specified at runtime.
 - Investigate method overloading for the main method. Can you overload the main method with different parameters, and how does this affect program execution?
Ans: You can overload the main method with different parameters . but only public static void main(String[] args) will be Executed.
- **Research Topic:** Investigate Java's naming conventions.
 - **Questions to Ponder:**
 - Why do some words in Java start with uppercase (e.g., Class names) while others are lowercase (e.g., variable names and method names)?
Ans: class names start with uppercase to differentiate them from variables and methods, which start with lowercase.
 - What are the rules for naming variables, classes, and methods in Java, and why is following these conventions important?
Ans: Naming rules in Java dictate that class names use UpperCase, method and variable names use lowerCase, .
 - How do naming conventions improve code readability and maintainability, especially in large projects?
Ans: By standard Java naming conventions, seasoned developers can infer details about the code simply by looking at how identifiers are cased, which helps ideas flow faster and more naturally between developers

7. Java Object Creation and Memory Management

- **Research Topic:** Understand Java's approach to objects and memory.

- **Questions to Ponder:**
 - Why are Java objects created on the heap, and what are the implications of this?
Ans: Java objects are created on the heap because it allows for dynamic memory allocation, enabling objects to persist beyond the method calls that created them and ensuring they can be accessed globally
 - How does Java manage memory, and what role does the garbage collector play?
Ans: design supports object-oriented programming principles but requires careful management to avoid memory leaks and excessive garbage collection overhead
 - What are the differences between method overloading and method overriding in Java?
Ans: Method overloading in Java allows multiple methods with the same name but different parameter . overriding occurs when a subclass provides a specific implementation of a method already defined in its superclass
 - What is the role of classes and objects in Java? Explore how they support the principles of object-oriented programming (OOP), such as encapsulation, inheritance, and polymorphism.
Ans: Classes and objects in Java are fundamental to object-oriented programming (OOP), supporting principles such as encapsulation (by bundling data and methods), inheritance (allowing new classes to inherit properties from existing ones), and polymorphism (enabling methods to operate on objects of different classes.

8. Purpose of Access Modifiers in Java

- **Research Topic:** Explore the purpose of access modifiers in Java.
 - **Questions to Ponder:**
 - What is the purpose of access modifiers (e.g., public, private) in controlling access to classes, methods, and variables?
Ans: Access modifiers in Java (public, private, protected, and default) are keywords that control the visibility and accessibility of classes, methods, variables, and constructors
 - How do access modifiers contribute to encapsulation, data protection, and security in object-oriented programming?
Ans:
Encapsulation: They allow you to encapsulate code into classes, exposing only what other parts of the code need to access.
Data Protection: They prevent unintended misuse of methods or variables by limiting access, ensuring that sensitive data
Security: Access modifiers enhance security by restricting access to sensitive data
 - How do access modifiers influence software design and maintenance?
Ans:
Marking classes and interfaces as public if they will be used externally by other code.
Encouraging that member variables should almost always be private, with getter and setter methods providing controlled access
- Consider potential challenges or limitations of automatic memory management.
Ans:Memory leak,fragmentation,performance ,limited control