- Q1. What are the new features added in Python 3.8 version?
- A1. Python 3.8 introduced several new features and improvements. Some notable additions include the 'walrus operator' (:=) for assignment expressions, allowing you to assign values within expressions, 'Positional-only parameters' to define function parameters that can only be passed positionally, the 'math.prod()' function to calculate the product of a sequence of numbers, the 'f-strings' syntax allowing expressions inside string literals using the '=' sign, and 'typing' enhancements for more precise type annotations, among others.
- Q2. What is monkey patching in Python?
- A2. Monkey patching refers to the practice of modifying or extending the behavior of existing code at runtime by altering or adding new attributes, methods, or functions to the objects. In Python, the dynamic nature of the language allows you to modify classes, objects, or modules on the fly, enabling you to change their behavior without altering the original source code. Monkey patching can be a powerful technique but should be used with caution as it can make code harder to understand and maintain.
- Q3. What is the difference between a shallow copy and deep copy?
- A3. In Python, a shallow copy creates a new object that references the original elements. Both the original object and the shallow copy share the same references to the nested objects. Any changes made to the nested objects will be reflected in both the original and the shallow copy. On the other hand, a deep copy creates a new object and recursively copies all the elements and nested objects. The resulting object is completely independent of the original object, and changes made to the original or the deep copy do not affect each other.
- Q4. What is the maximum possible length of an identifier?
- A4. In Python, the maximum possible length of an identifier is not explicitly defined in the language specification. However, most implementations limit identifiers to a maximum of 255 characters. It's important to note that using excessively long identifiers can make the code less readable and harder to maintain, so it is generally recommended to keep identifiers concise and meaningful.
- Q5. What is generator comprehension?
- A5. Generator comprehension, also known as generator expression, is a concise way to create a generator object in Python. It follows a similar syntax to list comprehension but uses parentheses instead of square brackets. Generator comprehension allows you to generate elements on-the-fly without creating a full list in memory. It is useful when working with large datasets or when you only need to iterate over the elements once. The generator object can be iterated over using a 'for' loop or by using built-in functions like 'next()' to retrieve values one at a time.