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FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS

Q 1. What is the difference between JDK and JRE?

Ans. The JDK (Java Development Kit) is a complete package of tools and libraries that developers use to build Java applications. It includes a Java Virtual Machine, Java Development Tools, Java API libraries, and a compiler required for writing and compiling Java code.

On the other hand, the JRE (Java Runtime Environment) is a software environment designed for running Java applications. It provides the runtime environment along with necessary class libraries. Unlike the JDK, the JRE does not contain development tools like a compiler.

Q 2. What are the advantages of using Java?

Ans. Here are some key advantages of Java:

- **Platform Independence:** Java programs can run on any computer system equipped with a Java Virtual Machine, making them portable and ensuring cross-platform compatibility.
- **Enhanced Security:** Java incorporates a strong security framework that safeguards users against potential security threats in their code.
- **Object-Oriented Approach:** Java follows an object-oriented programming paradigm, making code more modular, reusable, and easier to maintain.
- **High Reliability:** Java is designed to be a stable and reliable programming language, with features like automatic memory management and thread safety built-in.



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Q 3. What are the different components of the Java platform?

Ans. The Java platform is a comprehensive software stack that enables the development and execution of applications. It comprises the following main components:

- **Java Virtual Machine (JVM):** The core component that executes Java bytecode, making Java programs platform-independent.
- **Java Runtime Environment (JRE):** Provides the necessary libraries and runtime support for running Java applications.
- **Java Development Kit (JDK):** A complete toolset that includes the JRE, compiler, and essential development tools required for creating Java programs.

Q 4. What are the different types of control statements in Java?

Ans. Java control statements are classified into three categories:

- **Decision-making statements:** if, if-else, and switch statements.
- **Looping statements:** while, do-while, and for loops.
- **Jump statements:** break, continue, and return statements.



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Q 5. What are the different types of data types in Java?

Ans. Java data types are categorized into two main categories: primitive data types and non-primitive data types.

1. Primitive Data Types

These are the basic built-in data types in Java that store simple values. They include:

- boolean – Stores true or false values.
- byte – A small integer type (8-bit).
- short – A 16-bit integer type.
- int – A 32-bit integer type (commonly used for integers).
- long – A 64-bit integer type for larger values.
- float – A 32-bit floating-point number for decimal calculations.
- double – A 64-bit floating-point number, used for decimal calculations.
- char – A 16-bit Unicode character type.

2. Non-Primitive Data Types

These are more complex data types that are derived from primitive types. They include:

- String – Represents a sequence of characters.
- Array – A collection of elements of the same type.
- Class – A blueprint for creating objects in Java.



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Q 6. What are the different types of Java exceptions?

Ans. Java exceptions are categorized into two types:

- **Checked Exceptions:** These must be declared in the method signature or handled using a try-catch block. If an exception is not managed properly, the compiler generates an error.

```
try {
    File file = new File("myfile.txt");
    Scanner scanner = new Scanner(file);
    // Do something with the scanner
} catch (IOException e) {
    System.out.println("File not found");
}
```

- **Unchecked Exceptions:** These do not require declaration in the method signature. They can be thrown from any method, and the compiler does not enforce them.

```
try {
    File file = new File("myfile.txt");
    Scanner scanner = new Scanner(file);
    // Do something with the scanner
} catch (IOException e) {
    throw new RuntimeException(e);
}
```



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Q 7. What are the different types of Java classes and interfaces?

Ans. Java classes are mainly of two types:

- **Normal Classes:** Regular classes that can have methods, and constructors.
- **Abstract Classes:** Classes that cannot be instantiated and are used as a base for other classes.

Java interfaces are categorized into:

- **Normal Interfaces:** Contain abstract methods that the class must implement.
- **Marker Interfaces:** Do not contain methods and are used to indicate a specific property or behavior of a class.

Q 8. What are the different types of Java libraries and frameworks?

Ans. A Java library is a collection of reusable classes.
Examples include:

- Apache Commons
- Google Guava
- Joda-Time
- JUnit



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Q 9. What are the different types of Java threads?

Ans. Java threads are categorized into two types:

- **User Threads:** Created by users or application programmers. They are high-priority threads. The JVM waits for all user threads to complete before terminating.
- **Daemon Threads:** These provide services to user threads. They run in the background. They are low-priority threads. The JVM terminates them once all user threads finish.

Q 10. What are the different types of Java networking?

Ans. Java networking is mainly classified into two types:

- **Client-Server Networking:** A model where a client application requests services from a server computer, which processes and responds accordingly.
- **Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Networking:** A model where applications communicate directly with each other without a central server.



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OBJECT ORIENTED PROGRAMMING

Q 1. What is the difference between Procedural Programming and OOP?

Ans. • **Procedural Programming:** Uses a top-down approach, where programs are structured as a series of procedures that operate on data. It focuses on procedures and functions.

• **Object-Oriented Programming (OOP):** Uses a bottom-up approach, where programs are designed using objects that represent real-world entities. It focuses on data and behavior, which are encapsulated within objects.

Q 2. What are the core concepts of OOP?

Ans. The four main concepts of OOP are:

1. Abstraction: Hides unnecessary details and shows only the important features. Example: A car driver only needs to know how to use the steering and pedals without knowing how the engine works.

2. Encapsulation: Keeps data and methods together in a single class and restricts direct access to the data. Example: A bank account class allows balance changes through deposit and withdraw methods.

3. Inheritance: Allows one class to inherit properties and methods from another class.



OBJECT ORIENTED PROGRAMMING

Q 3. What is the difference between Overloading and Overriding?

- Ans.**
- **Overloading:** Allows multiple methods to share the same name within a class, but they must have different parameters or return types.
 - **Overriding:** Occurs when a subclass provides an implementation for a method that already exists in its superclass, using the same method signature.

Q 4. What is the difference between Static and Dynamic Binding?

- Ans.** Static binding and dynamic binding are two ways of resolving method calls in object-oriented programming (OOP).

- **Static Binding:** The method to be called is determined at compile time. It is commonly used for static class methods and virtual methods.
- **Dynamic Binding:** The method to be called is determined at runtime, allowing polymorphism through virtual methods.

Feature	Static Binding	Dynamic Binding
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Q 5. What is the difference between an Abstract Class and Interface?

Ans. The following table highlights the key differences between abstract classes and interfaces:

Feature	Abstract Class	
Can be instantiated?	No	
Can have abstract methods?	Yes	
Can have non-abstract methods?	Yes	
Can have state (fields/variables)?	Yes	
Can be extended by other classes?	Yes (extends)	
Can be implemented by other classes?	Yes (extends)	Yes

Q 6. Why doesn't Java support Multiple Inheritance?

Ans. Java does not support multiple inheritance because it can lead to a number of problems, including:



OBJECT ORIENTED PROGRAMMING

Q 1. When should you use an Interface and an Abstract Class in Java?

Ans. Both abstract classes and interfaces are used for OOP in Java, but they serve different purposes:

- **Abstract Class:** Used when you want to share behavior among multiple related classes. It can contain abstract (without a body) and non-abstract methods, as well as instance variables (state). It cannot be instantiated directly.
- **Interface:** Used when you want to define a contract that multiple unrelated classes must follow. It can contain abstract methods (instance variables) and must be implemented by concrete classes.

Q 2. What are the challenges of using OOP in Java?

Ans. Some challenges of using Object-Oriented Programming in Java include:

- Complexity: Large systems with multiple objects and their relationships can be difficult to manage.
- Overhead: Objects take up memory and require runtime management, leading to additional overhead.
- Testing: Objects need to be tested both individually and as part of larger systems.



DATA STRUCTURES ALGORITHMS

Q 1. What is the difference between an Array and a Linked List?

Ans. Arrays and linked lists are two common data structures, each with its own advantages:

- Arrays are best when fast access to elements and maintaining order are important.
- Linked Lists are ideal when frequent insertions and deletions are needed.

Feature	Array	Linked List
Data Storage	Contiguous memory	Non-contiguous memory
Access Efficiency	High (direct indexing)	Low (sequential traversal)
Insertion/Deletion	Slow (shifting required)	Fast (just pointer modification)
Order of Data	Important	Not important

Q 2. Explain the concept of a Hash Table.

Ans. A hash table is a data structure that stores key-value pairs.



DATA STRUCTURES ALGORITHMS

Q 3. What is the difference between an Array and a List?

Ans. The time complexity of BST operations depends on the height. In a balanced BST, operations are efficient ($O(\log n)$), while in a skewed BST, they can degrade to $O(n)$.

Operation	Time Complexity
Search	$O(\log n)$
Insert	$O(\log n)$
Delete	$O(\log n)$
Inorder Traversal	$O(n)$
Preorder Traversal	$O(n)$
Postorder Traversal	$O(n)$



DATA STRUCTURES ALGORITHMS

Q 4. What is the difference between Breadth-First Search (BFS) and Depth-First Search (DFS)?

Ans. BFS and DFS are two common graph traversal algorithms with different exploration strategies.

Feature	BFS (Breadth-First Search)	DFS (Depth-First Search)
Exploration	Visits all nodes at the current level before moving deeper	Goes as deep as possible before backtracking
Time Complexity	$O(V + E)$	$O(V^2)$
Space Complexity	$O(V)$ (stores all nodes at a level)	$O(V)$ (stores previous node in workspace)
Use Cases	Shortest path finding, discovering all reachable nodes	Finding all solutions to puzzles



OBJECT ORIENTED PROGRAMMING

Q 5. What is a Priority Queue, and where is it used?

Ans. A priority queue is a data structure where each element has a priority, and elements are processed based on their priority rather than the order they were added. The highest (or lowest) priority element is always retrieved first.

Example Application:

A priority queue is used in task scheduling for operating systems. Tasks are assigned priorities, ensuring that high-priority tasks (like system-critical processes) are executed before lower-priority ones.

Q 6. What is Dynamic Programming, and where is it used?

Ans. Dynamic Programming (DP) is a problem-solving technique that solves complex problems by breaking them down into overlapping subproblems and solving each subproblem once using memoization or tabulation.

Example:

The Knapsack Problem is a classic DP problem. Given a set of items with weights and values, and a knapsack with limited capacity, the goal is to determine the maximum value that can fit within the weight limit. DP helps efficiently solve this problem by avoiding redundant calculations.



OBJECT ORIENTED PROGRAMMING

Q 7. What is a Priority Queue, and where is it used?

Ans. A HashSet in Java is backed by a HashMap to store elements. When an element is added:

1. It is hashed using the hashCode() method.
2. The hash code determines the bucket in the HashTable where the element is stored.
3. If the bucket is empty, the element is added. If it's not empty, it's checked using equals(). If the element already exists, it is not added again (ensuring uniqueness).

Q 8. What is the time complexity of operations in a HashTable?

Ans. The efficiency of hash table operations depends on the hash function and collision handling.

Operation	Average Case	Worst Case (when collision)
Insertion	$O(1)$	$O(n)$
Search	$O(1)$	$O(n)$



MULTI THREADING

Q 1. What is Multithreading, and why is it important?

Ans. Multithreading allows multiple tasks to execute within a program. In Java, it is achieved using the Thread class or Runnable interface.

Importance of Multithreading in Java:

- Increased Performance: Utilizes CPU more effectively by running multiple threads simultaneously.
- Improved Responsiveness: Helps keep applications responsive, especially in GUI-based programs.
- Reduced Resource Usage: Threads share memory, reducing overhead compared to creating multiple processes.

Q 2. How can you create a thread in Java?

Ans. There are two ways to create a thread in Java:

1. Extending the Thread class
2. Implementing the Runnable interface

Q 3. What is the difference between a Process and a Thread?

Ans. A process is an independent program in execution, having its own memory space and system resources. Processes share memory and are heavier to create and manage. A thread is a smaller unit within a process that can be executed independently.



MULTI THREADING

Q 4. How does synchronization work in Java? Explain concepts of synchronized methods and blocks

Ans. Synchronization in Java ensures that multiple threads can safely access shared resources without conflicting. A race condition occurs when multiple threads try to modify the same resource simultaneously.

There are two ways to implement synchronization:

- **Synchronized Methods:** A method declared with the `synchronized` keyword ensures that only one thread can execute it at a time.
- **Synchronized Blocks:** Instead of synchronizing an entire method, a synchronized block allows us to lock a specific section of code using an object reference. This improves performance by reducing unnecessary locking.

Q 5. What is a deadlock, and how can it be avoided?

Ans. A deadlock occurs when two or more threads enter a waiting cycle, waiting for each other to release resources, thus preventing further execution.

To avoid deadlocks, we can:



MULTI THREADING

Q 6. What are the differences between the Thread class and the Runnable interface in Java?

Ans. In Java, there are two ways to create a thread: the Thread class or by implementing the Runnable interface.

Feature	Thread Class	Runnable Interface
Type	Concrete class	Abstract class
Inheritance	Extends the Thread class (cannot extend another class)	Can be implemented by any class
Implementation	Must override run() method	Must implement run() method
Memory Usage	More memory required	Less memory required
Flexibility	Less flexible (since class is already extending Thread)	More flexible due to inheritance

Using Runnable is generally preferred in larger applications as it promotes better separation of concerns and greater reusability.

Q 7. What is the purpose of the volatile keyword in Java?



MULTI THREADING

Q 8. Explain the difference between preemptive scheduling and time-slicing in the context of thread scheduling.

Ans.

- Preemptive scheduling: The operating system can interrupt a running thread and assign CPU time to another thread based on priority. This ensures that higher-priority tasks get executed first.
- Time-slicing: Each thread gets a fixed time slice to run on the CPU. Once its time is up, the CPU switches to the next thread in a round-robin manner, regardless of priority.

The key difference is that in preemptive scheduling, a thread can be interrupted anytime, whereas in time-slicing, a thread runs until its allocated time expires.



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EXCEPTION HANDLING

Q 1. What is an exception in Java, and why is exception handling important?

Ans. An exception in Java is an event that disrupts the flow of a program during execution. It is an object thrown at runtime when an error occurs.

Importance of exception handling:

- Prevents program crashes.
- Helps recover from errors.
- Provides useful error information.
- Improves code robustness.
- Makes code easier to read and maintain.

Q 2. How does Java handle exceptions?

Ans. Java handles exceptions using exception propagation.

When an exception is thrown, it moves up the call stack until it is caught by a matching catch block. If no catch block is found, the program terminates abnormally.

```
public class Example {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        try {  
            doSomethingThatMightThrowAnException();  
        } catch (Exception e) {  
            // Handle the exception here.  
        }  
    }  
}
```



EXCEPTION HANDLING

Q 3. Describe the try-catch-finally block and its purpose in exception handling.

Ans. The try-catch-finally block in Java is used for handling exceptions gracefully. It consists of three parts:

- try block – Contains code that might throw an exception.
- catch block – Handles the exception if it occurs.
- finally block – Contains code that always executes regardless of whether an exception occurs or not.

Benefits of try-catch-finally:

- Prevents program crashes.
- Allows recovery from errors.
- Provides useful error information.
- Improves code robustness.
- Enhances code readability and maintainability.

Q 4. What is the difference between the throw and throws keywords in Java?

Ans. The throw and throws keywords are used for handling exceptions in Java but serve different purposes.

- throw – Used inside a method to explicitly throw an exception.



EXCEPTION HANDLING

Q 5. How can you create custom exceptions in Java?

Ans. To create a custom exception in Java, you need to define a class that extends the Exception class (for checked exceptions) or the RuntimeException class (for unchecked exceptions). The custom exception class can include its own constructors, methods, and fields to provide details about the error.

```
public class MyException extends Exception {  
    private String message;  
    public MyException(String message) {  
        super(message);  
        this.message = message;  
    }  
    public String getMessage() {  
        return message;  
    }  
}
```



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