

Preparing for a Java Backend Interview?

A quick guide to must-know questions & topics

#Java #SpringBoot #InterviewPrep

SLIDE 2 — Introduction

Over the last few weeks, I've attended multiple interviews for Java Backend roles — and noticed certain questions came up repeatedly.

Here's a curated checklist to help you crack your next interview!

SLIDE 3 — Core Java (Part 1)

- Java 8 Features (Lambdas, Streams, Functional Interfaces)
 - ✓ Streams API map, filter, reduce, collect
 - (Expect coding questions!)
 - ✓ Immutable Class how to create & its advantages
 - ✓ Create a Singleton Class steps & best practices
 - ✓ Marker Interfaces what and why?



- ✓ HashSet Working internal implementation
- Internal Working of HashMap
- ✓ HashMap vs TreeMap when to use which?
 - Fail-safe vs Fail-fast Iterators
 - JVM Memory Areas Heap, Stack, Method Area, etc.
 - ✓ Reflection in Java uses and best practices



- volatile vs Atomic variables Visibility guarantees & differences
 - ✓ Thread Creation methods & lifecycle
 - Fixing

ConcurrentModificationException

- ✓ Future vs CompletableFuture async programming differences
 - ✓ FlatMap vs Map when to use which?
- String, StringBuilder & StringBuffer– performance and use cases

SLIDE 6 — → Spring & Spring Boot

- ✓ Bean Scopes singleton, prototype, request, session
- ✓ IOC Container & DI constructor vs setter vs field injections
 - Exception Handling using @ExceptionHandler & @ControllerAdvice
- ✓ CRUD & JPA Repositories best practices and differences
- **✓** JWT & Auth Token implementation & flow
 - Securing Endpoints best practices
- Spring Security common questions & use cases
 - **✓** Redis Caching why & how?
 - ☑ @Transactional when and why?
 - Annotations in Spring common and advanced usage

SLIDE 7 — ★ Microservices

- Saga Pattern managing distributed transactions across services
 - ✓ Circuit Breaker Pattern resilience design (using Resilience4J)
 - Deployment Models Docker & Kubernetes best practices
 - ✓ ELK Stack how it works & benefits for logging and monitoring



- **SOLID Principles** − especially Dependency Inversion & why it matters
- ✓ How to print "Hello World" WITHOUT using the main method? (One of the unique questions I came across!)
- Prepare questions on DSA (Medium & Easy Level) Take reference from Striver's Sheet for practice

SLIDE 9 — Final Advice

If you're actively preparing for interviews:

- Save this post for later!
- Share it with someone on the same path.
- Stay consistent, practice daily, and crack that next interview!