

What is Java

Java is a **programming language** and a **platform**.

Java is a high level, robust, object-oriented and secure programming language.

Platform: Any hardware or software environment in which a program runs, is known as a platform. Since Java has a runtime environment (JRE) and API, it is called a platform.

Application

According to Sun, 3 billion devices run Java. There are many devices where Java is currently used. Some of them are as follows:

1. Desktop Applications such as acrobat reader, media player, antivirus, etc.
2. Web Applications such as irctc.co.in, javatpoint.com, etc.
3. Enterprise Applications such as banking applications.
4. Mobile
5. Embedded System
6. Smart Card
7. Robotics
8. Games, etc.

Types of Java Applications

There are mainly 4 types of applications that can be created using Java programming:

1) Standalone Application

Standalone applications are also known as desktop applications or window-based applications. These are traditional software that we need to install on every machine. Examples of standalone application are Media player, antivirus, etc. AWT and Swing are used in Java for creating standalone applications.

2) Web Application

An application that runs on the server side and creates a dynamic page is called a web application. Currently, [Servlet](#), [JSP](#), [Struts](#), [Spring](#), [Hibernate](#), [JSF](#), etc. technologies are used for creating web applications in Java.

3) Enterprise Application

An application that is distributed in nature, such as banking applications, etc. is called enterprise application. It has advantages of the high-level security, load balancing, and clustering. In Java, [EJB](#) is used for creating enterprise applications.

4) Mobile Application

An application which is created for mobile devices is called a mobile application. Currently, Android and Java ME are used for creating mobile applications.

Java Platforms / Editions

There are 3 platforms or editions of Java:

1) Java SE (Java Standard Edition)

It is a Java programming platform. It includes Java programming APIs such as java.lang, java.io, java.net, java.util, java.sql, java.math etc. It includes core topics like OOPs, [String](#), Regex, Exception, Inner classes, Multithreading, I/O Stream, Networking, AWT, Swing, Reflection, Collection, etc.

2) Java EE (Java Enterprise Edition)

It is an enterprise platform which is mainly used to develop web and enterprise applications. It is built on the top of the Java SE platform. It includes topics like Servlet, JSP, Web Services, EJB, [JPA](#), etc.

3) Java ME (Java Micro Edition)

It is a micro platform which is mainly used to develop mobile applications.

History of Java

The history of Java is very interesting. Java was originally designed for interactive television, but it was too advanced technology for the digital cable television industry at the time. The history of java starts with Green Team. Java team members (also known as **Green Team**), initiated this project to develop a language for digital devices such as set-top boxes, televisions, etc. However, it was suited for internet programming. Later, Java technology was incorporated by Netscape.

The principles for creating Java programming were "Simple, Robust, Portable, Platform-independent, Secured, High Performance, Multithreaded, Architecture Neutral, Object-Oriented, Interpreted and Dynamic".

Currently, Java is used in internet programming, mobile devices, games, e-business solutions, etc. There are given the significant points that describe the history of Java.

- 1) James Gosling, Mike Sheridan, and Patrick Naughton initiated the Java language project in June 1991. The small team of sun engineers called Green Team.
- 2) Originally designed for small, embedded systems in electronic appliances like set-top boxes.
- 3) Firstly, it was called "**Greentalk**" by James Gosling, and file extension was .gt.
- 4) After that, it was called **Oak** and was developed as a part of the Green project.

Why Java named "Oak"?

- 5) **Why Oak?** Oak is a symbol of strength and chosen as a national tree of many countries like U.S.A., France, Germany, Romania, etc.
- 6) In 1995, Oak was renamed as "**Java**" because it was already a trademark by Oak Technologies.

Why Java Programming named "Java"?

- 7) **Why had they chosen java name for java language?** The team gathered to choose a new name. The suggested words were "dynamic", "revolutionary", "Silk", "jolt", "DNA", etc. They wanted something that reflected the essence of the technology: revolutionary, dynamic, lively, cool, unique, and easy to spell and fun to say.

According to James Gosling, "Java was one of the top choices along with **Silk**". Since Java was so unique, most of the team members preferred Java than other names.

8) Java is an island of Indonesia where first coffee was produced (called java coffee).

9) Notice that Java is just a name, not an acronym.

10) Initially developed by James Gosling at Sun Microsystems (which is now a subsidiary of Oracle Corporation) and released in 1995.

11) In 1995, Time magazine called **Java one of the Ten Best Products of 1995**.

12) JDK 1.0 released in (January 23, 1996).

Java Version History

Many java versions have been released till now. The current stable release of Java is Java SE 10.

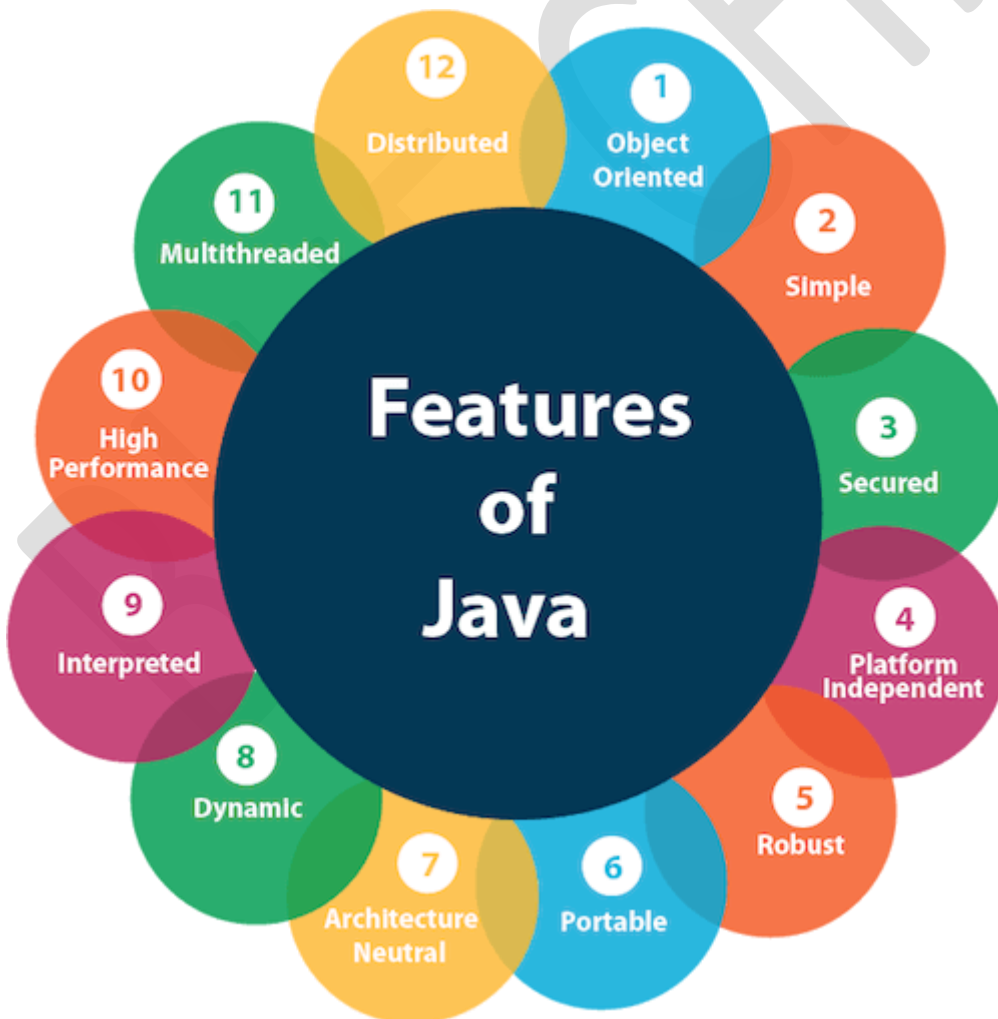
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Features of Java

The primary objective of Java programming language creation was to make it portable, simple and secure programming language. Apart from this, there are also some excellent features which play an important role in the popularity of this language. The features of Java are also known as java *buzzwords*.

A list of most important features of Java language is given below.



1. Simple
2. Object-Oriented
3. Portable
4. Platform independent
5. Secured
6. Robust
7. Architecture neutral
8. Interpreted
9. High Performance
10. Multithreaded
11. Distributed
12. Dynamic

Simple

Java is very easy to learn, and its syntax is simple, clean and easy to understand. According to Sun, Java language is a simple programming language because:

- Java syntax is based on C++ (so easier for programmers to learn it after C++).
- Java has removed many complicated and rarely-used features, for example, explicit pointers, operator overloading, etc.
- There is no need to remove unreferenced objects because there is an Automatic Garbage Collection in Java.

Object-oriented

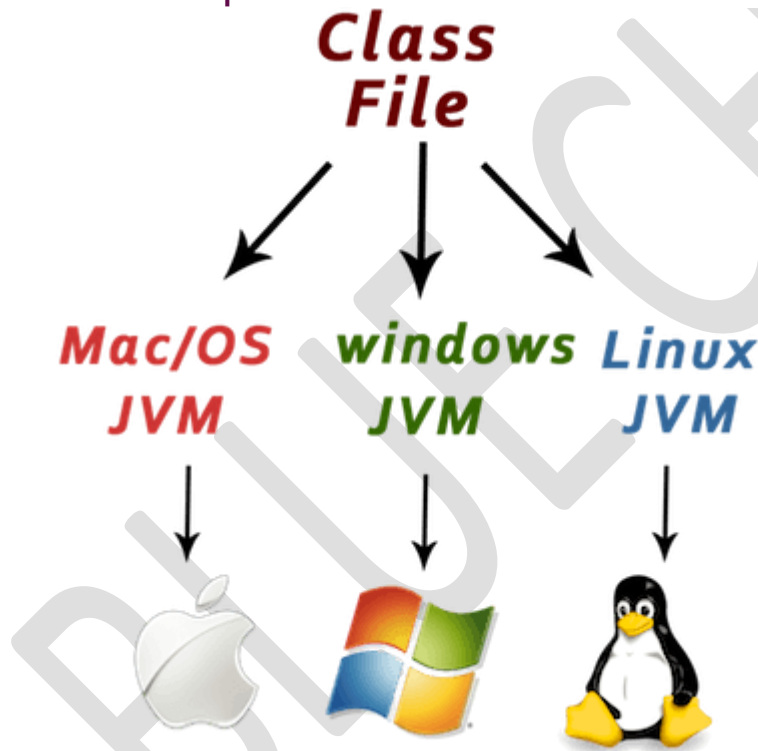
Java is an object-oriented programming language. Everything in Java is an object. Object-oriented means we organize our software as a combination of different types of objects that incorporates both data and behavior.

Object-oriented programming (OOPs) is a methodology that simplifies software development and maintenance by providing some rules.

Basic concepts of OOPs are:

1. Object
2. Class
3. Inheritance
4. Polymorphism
5. Abstraction
6. Encapsulation

Platform Independent



Java is platform independent because it is different from other languages like C, C++, etc. which are compiled into platform specific machines while Java is a write once, run anywhere language. A platform is the hardware or software environment in which a program runs.

There are two types of platforms software-based and hardware-based. Java provides a software-based platform.

The Java platform differs from most other platforms in the sense that it is a software-based platform that runs on the top of other hardware-based platforms. It has two components:

1. Runtime Environment
2. API(Application Programming Interface)

Java code can be run on multiple platforms, for example, Windows, Linux, Sun Solaris, Mac/OS, etc. Java code is compiled by the compiler and converted into bytecode. This bytecode is a platform-independent code because it can be run on multiple platforms, i.e., Write Once and Run Anywhere(WORA).

Secured

Java is best known for its security. With Java, we can develop virus-free systems. Java is secured because:

- **No explicit pointer**
- **Java Programs run inside a virtual machine sandbox**

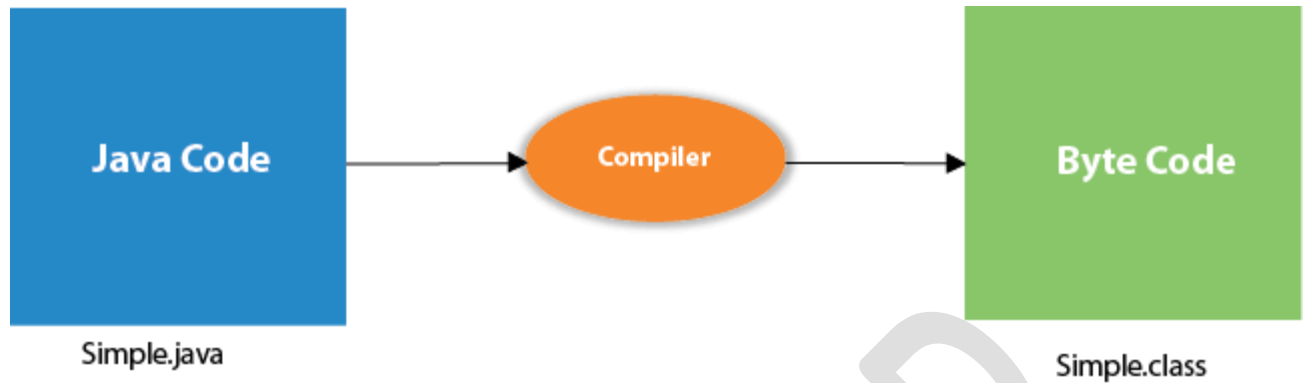
Internal Details of Hello Java Program

1. [Internal Details of Hello Java](#)

In the previous page, we have learnt about the first program, how to compile and run the first java program. Here, we are going to learn, what happens while compiling and running the java program. Moreover, we will see some question based on the first program.

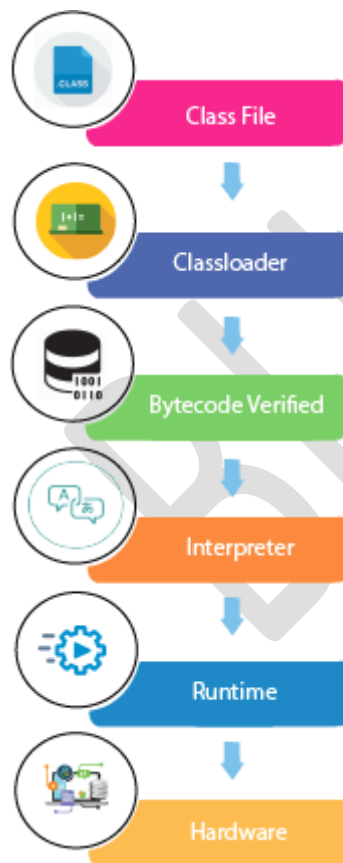
What happens at compile time?

At compile time, java file is compiled by Java Compiler (It does not interact with OS) and converts the java code into bytecode.



What happens at runtime?

At runtime, following steps are performed:



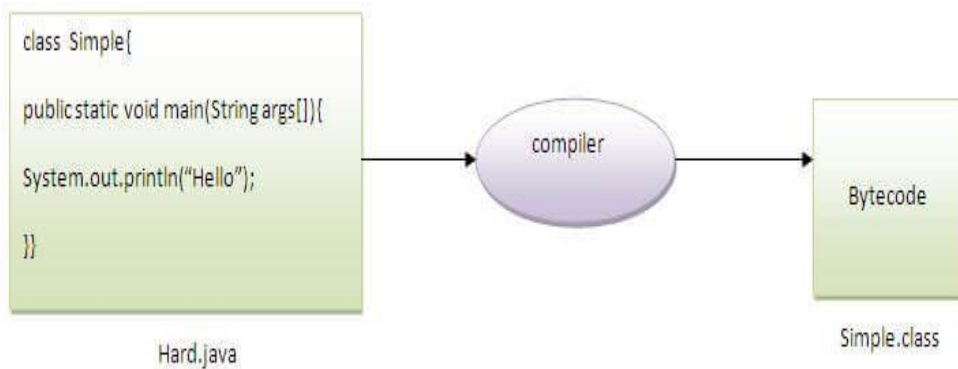
Classloader: is the subsystem of JVM that is used to load class files.

Bytecode Verifier: checks the code fragments for illegal code that can violate access right to objects.

Interpreter: read bytecode stream then execute the instructions.

Q) Can you save a java source file by other name than the class name?

Yes, if the class is not public. It is explained in the figure given below:



To compile:

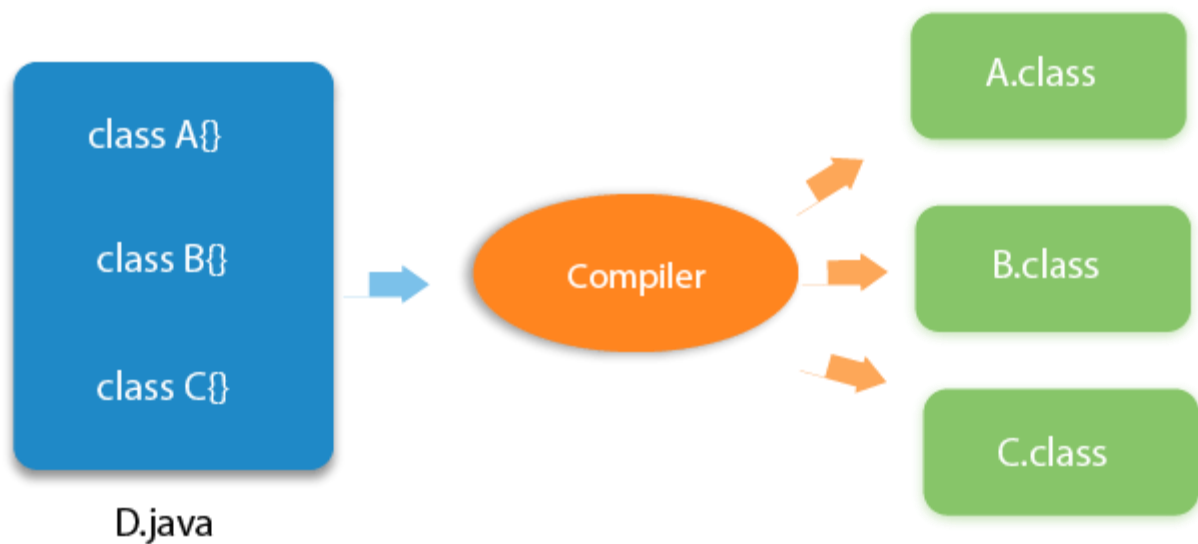
javac Hard.java

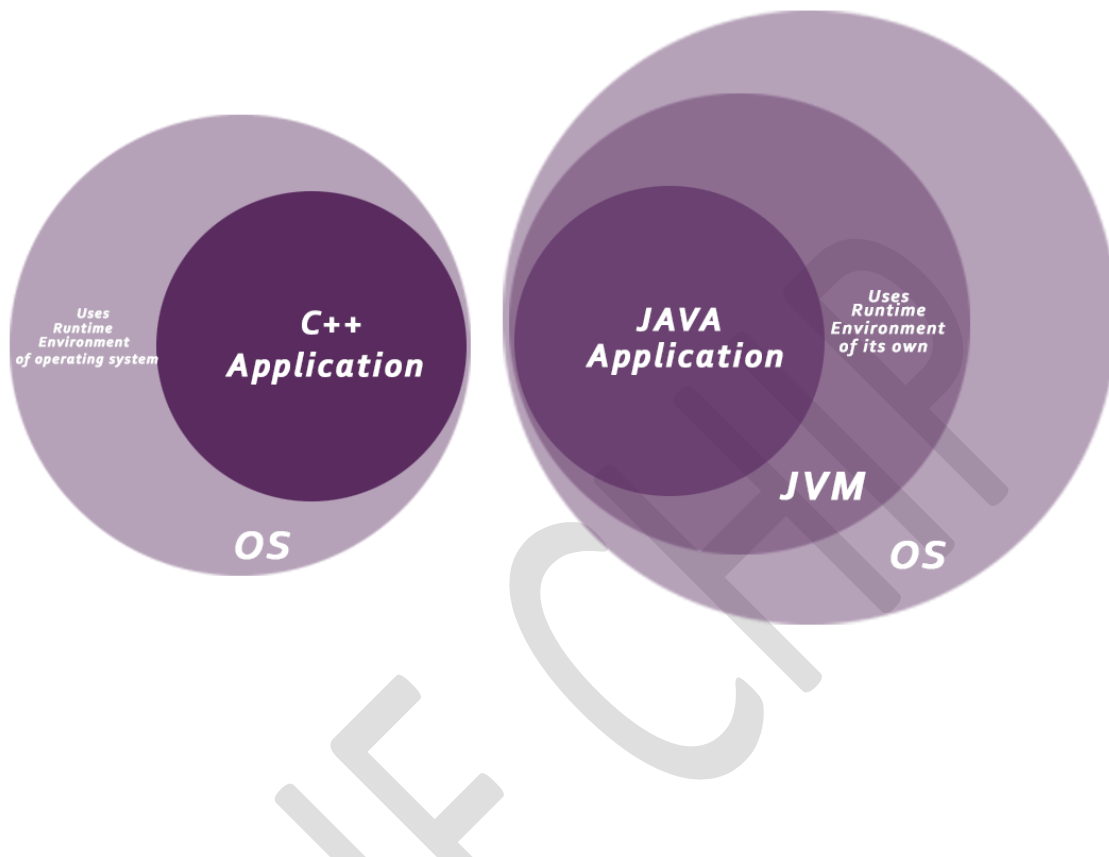
To execute:

java Simple

Q) Can you have multiple classes in a java source file?

Yes, like the figure given below illustrates:





- **Classloader:** Classloader in Java is a part of the Java Runtime Environment(JRE) which is used to load Java classes into the Java Virtual Machine dynamically. It adds security by separating the package for the classes of the local file system from those that are imported from network sources.
- **Bytecode Verifier:** It checks the code fragments for illegal code that can violate access right to objects.
- **Security Manager:** It determines what resources a class can access such as reading and writing to the local disk.

Java language provides these securities by default. Some security can also be provided by an application developer explicitly through SSL, JAAS, Cryptography, etc.

Robust

Robust simply means strong. Java is robust because:

- It uses strong memory management.
- There is a lack of pointers that avoids security problems.
- There is automatic garbage collection in java which runs on the Java Virtual Machine to get rid of objects which are not being used by a Java application anymore.
- There are exception handling and the type checking mechanism in Java. All these points make Java robust.

Architecture-neutral

Java is architecture neutral because there are no implementation dependent features, for example, the size of primitive types is fixed.

In C programming, int data type occupies 2 bytes of memory for 32-bit architecture and 4 bytes of memory for 64-bit architecture. However, it occupies 4 bytes of memory for both 32 and 64-bit architectures in Java.

Portable

Java is portable because it facilitates you to carry the Java bytecode to any platform. It doesn't require any implementation.

High-performance

Java is faster than other traditional interpreted programming languages because Java bytecode is "close" to native code. It is still a little bit slower than a compiled language (e.g., C++). Java is an interpreted language that is why it is slower than compiled languages, e.g., C, C++, etc.

Distributed

Java is distributed because it facilitates users to create distributed applications in Java. RMI and EJB are used for creating distributed applications. This feature of Java makes us able to access files by calling the methods from any machine on the internet.

Multi-threaded

A thread is like a separate program, executing concurrently. We can write Java programs that deal with many tasks at once by defining multiple threads. The main advantage of multi-threading is that it doesn't occupy memory for each thread. It shares a common memory area. Threads are important for multi-media, Web applications, etc.

Dynamic

Java is a dynamic language. It supports dynamic loading of classes. It means classes are loaded on demand. It also supports functions from its native languages, i.e., C and C++.

Java supports dynamic compilation and automatic memory management (garbage collection).

Difference between JDK, JRE, and JVM

1. A summary of JVM
2. Java Runtime Environment (JRE)
3. Java Development Kit (JDK)

We must understand the differences between JDK, JRE, and JVM before proceeding further to Java. See the brief overview of JVM here.

If you want to get the detailed knowledge of Java Virtual Machine, move to the next page. Firstly, let's see the differences between the JDK, JRE, and JVM.

JVM

JVM (Java Virtual Machine) is an abstract machine. It is called a virtual machine because it doesn't physically exist. It is a specification that provides a runtime environment in which Java bytecode can be executed. It can also run those programs which are written in other languages and compiled to Java bytecode.

JVMs are available for many hardware and software platforms. JVM, JRE, and JDK are platform dependent because the configuration of each [OS](#) is different from each other. However, Java is platform independent. There are three notions of the JVM: *specification*, *implementation*, and *instance*.

The JVM performs the following main tasks:

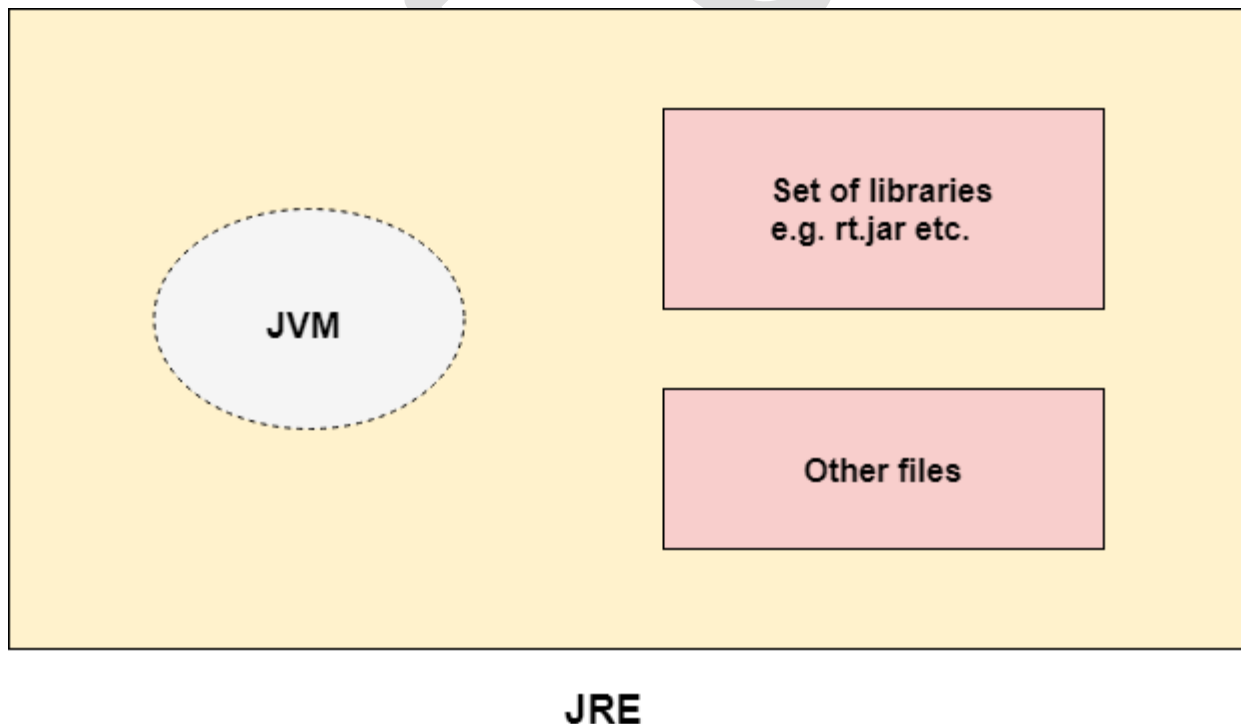
- Loads code
- Verifies code
- Executes code
- Provides runtime environment

[More Details.](#)

JRE

JRE is an acronym for Java Runtime Environment. It is also written as Java RTE. The Java Runtime Environment is a set of software tools which are used for developing Java applications. It is used to provide the runtime environment. It is the implementation of JVM. It physically exists. It contains a set of libraries + other files that JVM uses at runtime.

The implementation of JVM is also actively released by other companies besides Sun Micro Systems.



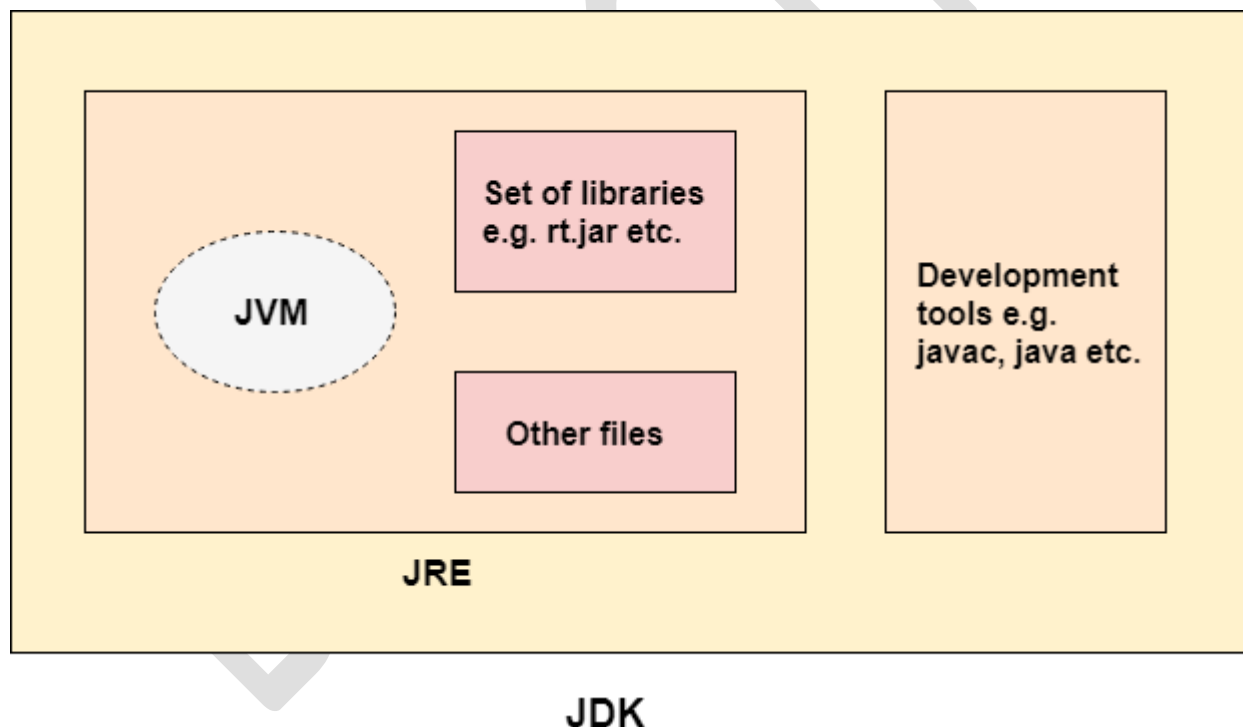
JDK

JDK is an acronym for Java Development Kit. The Java Development Kit (JDK) is a software development environment which is used to develop Java applications and applets. It physically exists. It contains JRE + development tools.

JDK is an implementation of any one of the below given Java Platforms released by Oracle Corporation:

- Standard Edition Java Platform
- Enterprise Edition Java Platform
- Micro Edition Java Platform

The JDK contains a private Java Virtual Machine (JVM) and a few other resources such as an interpreter/loader (java), a compiler (javac), an archiver (jar), a documentation generator (Javadoc), etc. to complete the development of a Java Application.



JVM (Java Virtual Machine) Architecture

JVM (Java Virtual Machine) is an abstract machine. It is a specification that provides runtime environment in which java bytecode can be executed.

JVMs are available for many hardware and software platforms (i.e. JVM is platform dependent).

What is JVM

It is:

1. **A specification** where working of Java Virtual Machine is specified. But implementation provider is independent to choose the algorithm. Its implementation has been provided by Oracle and other companies.
2. **An implementation** Its implementation is known as JRE (Java Runtime Environment).
3. **Runtime Instance** Whenever you write java command on the command prompt to run the java class, an instance of JVM is created.

What it does

The JVM performs following operation:

- Loads code
- Verifies code
- Executes code
- Provides runtime environment

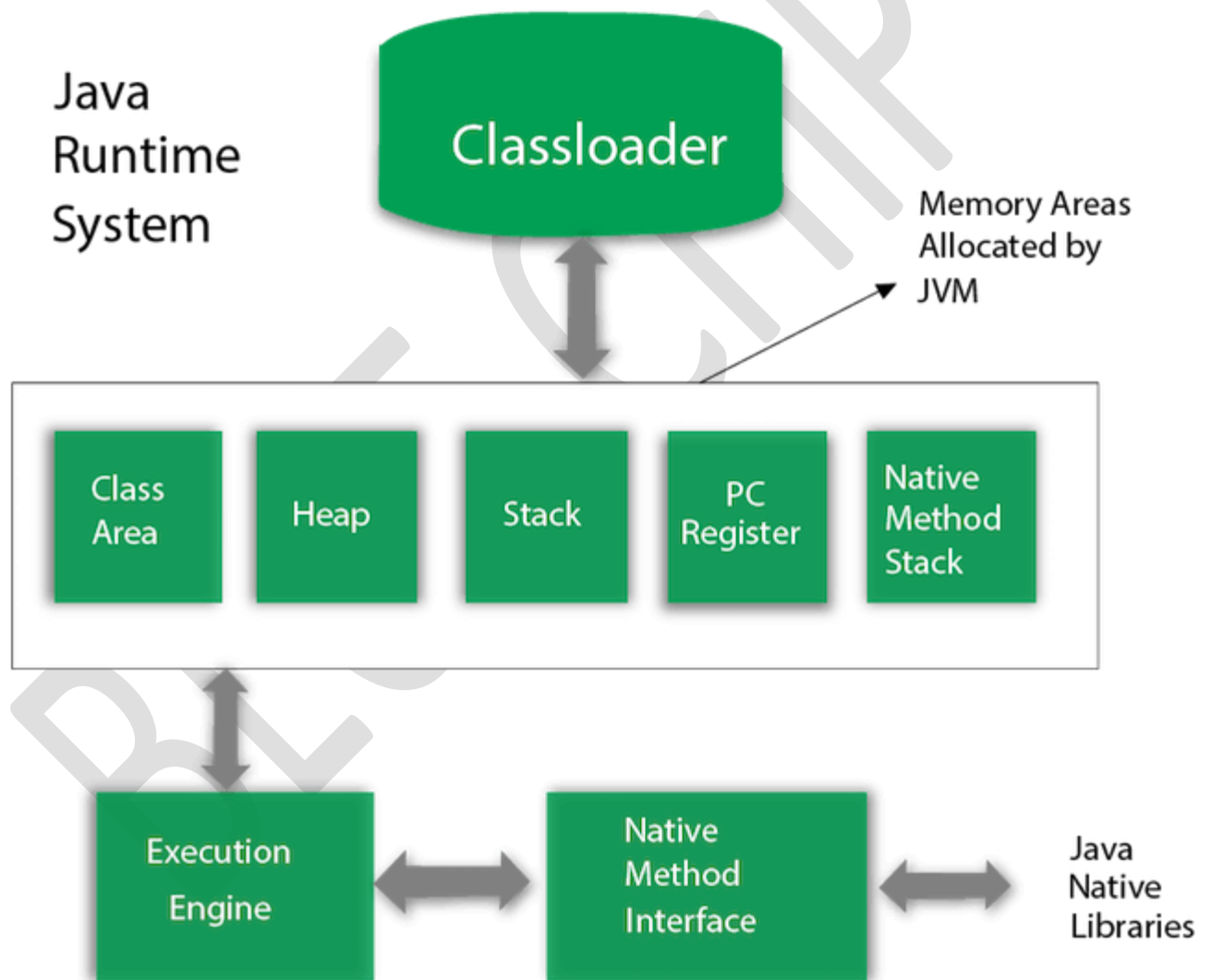
JVM provides definitions for the:

- Memory area
- Class file format
- Register set

- Garbage-collected heap
- Fatal error reporting etc.

JVM Architecture

Let's understand the internal architecture of JVM. It contains classloader, memory area, execution engine etc.



1) Classloader

Classloader is a subsystem of JVM which is used to load class files. Whenever we run the java program, it is loaded first by the classloader. There are three built-in classloaders in Java.

1. **Bootstrap ClassLoader:** This is the first classloader which is the super class of Extension classloader. It loads the *rt.jar* file which contains all class files of Java Standard Edition like java.lang package classes, java.net package classes, java.util package classes, java.io package classes, java.sql package classes etc.
2. **Extension ClassLoader:** This is the child classloader of Bootstrap and parent classloader of System classloader. It loads the jar files located inside `$JAVA_HOME/jre/lib/ext` directory.
3. **System/Application ClassLoader:** This is the child classloader of Extension classloader. It loads the classfiles from classpath. By default, classpath is set to current directory. You can change the classpath using "-cp" or "-classpath" switch. It is also known as Application classloader.

2) Class(Method) Area

Class(Method) Area stores per-class structures such as the runtime constant pool, field and method data, the code for methods.

3) Heap

It is the runtime data area in which objects are allocated.

4) Stack

Java Stack stores frames. It holds local variables and partial results, and plays a part in method invocation and return.

Each thread has a private JVM stack, created at the same time as thread.

A new frame is created each time a method is invoked. A frame is destroyed when its method invocation completes.

5) Program Counter Register



PC (program counter) register contains the address of the Java virtual machine instruction currently being executed.

6) Native Method Stack

It contains all the native methods used in the application.

7) Execution Engine

It contains:

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1. **A virtual processor**
 2. **Interpreter:** Read bytecode stream then execute the instructions.
 3. **Just-In-Time(JIT) compiler:** It is used to improve the performance. JIT compiles parts of the byte code that have similar functionality at the same time, and hence reduces the amount of time needed for compilation. Here, the term "compiler" refers to a translator from the instruction set of a Java virtual machine (JVM) to the instruction set of a specific CPU.
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8) Java Native Interface

Java Native Interface (JNI) is a framework which provides an interface to communicate with another application written in another language like C, C++, Assembly etc. Java uses JNI framework to send output to the Console or interact with OS libraries.

Java Variables

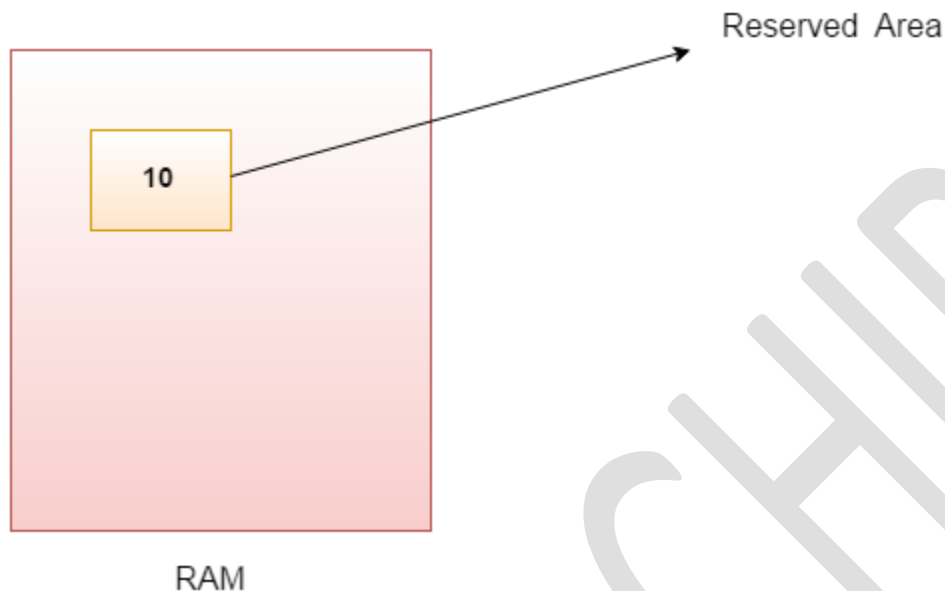
A variable is a container which holds the value while the java program is executed. A variable is assigned with a datatype.

Variable is a name of memory location. There are three types of variables in java: local, instance and static.

There are two types of data types in java: primitive and non-primitive.

Variable

Variable is name of *reserved area allocated in memory*. In other words, it is a *name of memory location*. It is a combination of "vary + able" that means its value can be changed.



1. `int data=50;`//Here data is variable

Types of Variables

There are three types of variables in java:

- local variable
- instance variable
- static variable

1) Local Variable

A variable declared inside the body of the method is called local variable. You can use this variable only within that method and the other methods in the class aren't even aware that the variable exists.

A local variable cannot be defined with "static" keyword.

2) Instance Variable

A variable declared inside the class but outside the body of the method, is called instance variable. It is not declared as static.

It is called instance variable because its value is instance specific and is not shared among instances.

3) *Static variable*

A variable which is declared as static is called static variable. It cannot be local. You can create a single copy of static variable and share among all the instances of the class. Memory allocation for static variable happens only once when the class is loaded in the memory.

Data Types in Java

Data types specify the different sizes and values that can be stored in the variable. There are two types of data types in Java:

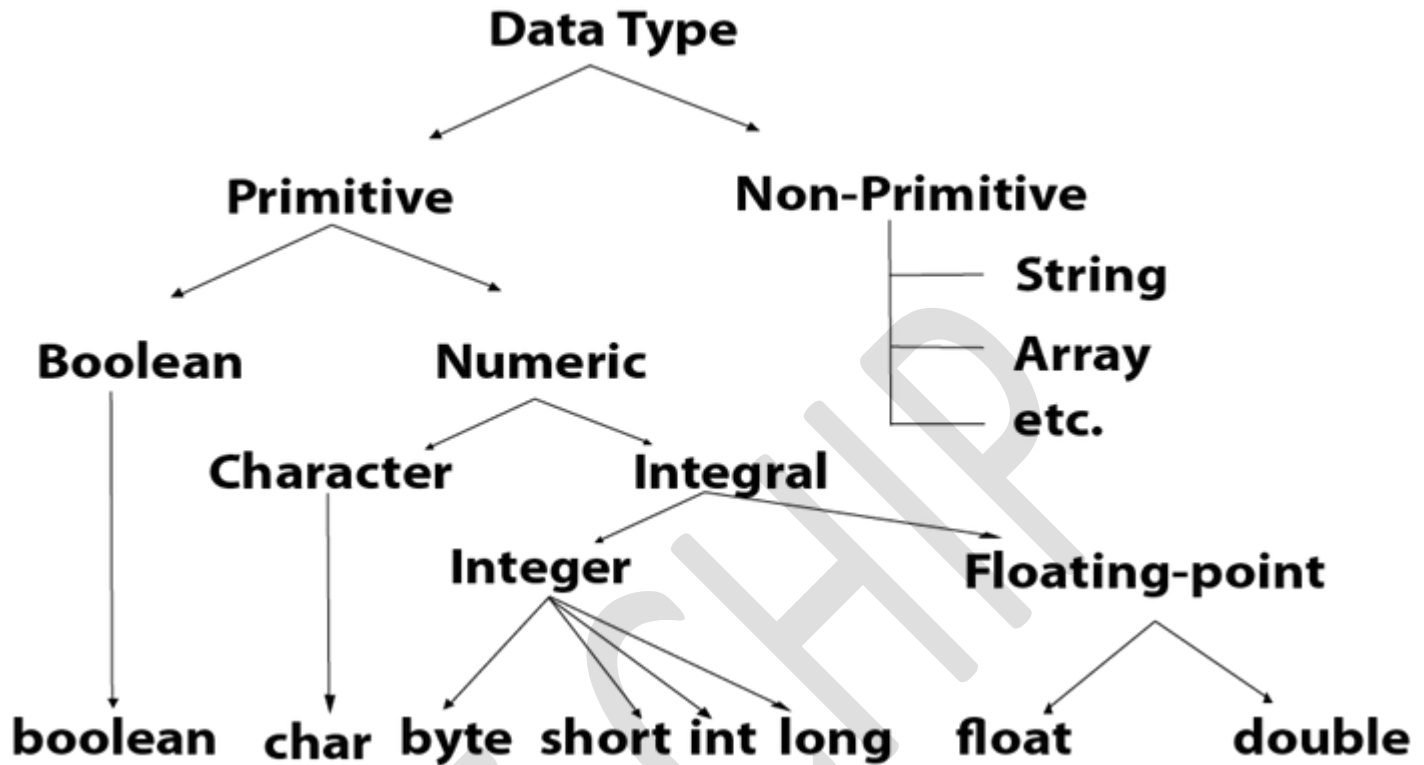
1. **Primitive data types:** The primitive data types include boolean, char, byte, short, int, long, float and double.
2. **Non-primitive data types:** The non-primitive data types include Classes, Interfaces, and Arrays.

Java Primitive Data Types

In Java language, primitive data types are the building blocks of data manipulation. These are the most basic data types available in Java language.

There are 8 types of primitive data types:

- boolean data type
- byte data type
- char data type
- short data type
- int data type
- long data type
- float data type
- double data type



Data Type	Default Value	Default size
boolean	false	1 bit
char	'\u0000'	2 byte
byte	0	1 byte
short	0	2 byte
int	0	4 byte
long	0L	8 byte

float	0.0f	4 byte
double	0.0d	8 byte

Boolean Data Type

The Boolean data type is used to store only two possible values: true and false. This data type is used for simple flags that track true/false conditions.

The Boolean data type specifies one bit of information, but its "size" can't be defined precisely.

Example: Boolean one = false

Byte Data Type

The byte data type is an example of primitive data type. It is an 8-bit signed two's complement integer. Its value-range lies between -128 to 127 (inclusive). Its minimum value is -128 and maximum value is 127. Its default value is 0.

The byte data type is used to save memory in large arrays where the memory savings is most required. It saves space because a byte is 4 times smaller than an integer. It can also be used in place of "int" data type.

Example: byte a = 10, byte b = -20

Short Data Type

The short data type is a 16-bit signed two's complement integer. Its value-range lies between -32,768 to 32,767 (inclusive). Its minimum value is -32,768 and maximum value is 32,767. Its default value is 0.

The short data type can also be used to save memory just like byte data type. A short data type is 2 times smaller than an integer.

Example: short s = 10000, short r = -5000

Int Data Type

The int data type is a 32-bit signed two's complement integer. Its value-range lies between - 2,147,483,648 (-2^{31}) to 2,147,483,647 ($2^{31} - 1$) (inclusive). Its minimum value is - 2,147,483,648 and maximum value is 2,147,483,647. Its default value is 0.

The int data type is generally used as a default data type for integral values unless if there is no problem about memory.

Example: int a = 100000, int b = -200000

Long Data Type

The long data type is a 64-bit two's complement integer. Its value-range lies between - 9,223,372,036,854,775,808 (-2^{63}) to 9,223,372,036,854,775,807 ($2^{63} - 1$) (inclusive). Its minimum value is - 9,223,372,036,854,775,808 and maximum value is 9,223,372,036,854,775,807. Its default value is 0. The long data type is used when you need a range of values more than those provided by int.

Example: long a = 100000L, long b = -200000L

Float Data Type

The float data type is a single-precision 32-bit IEEE 754 floating point. Its value range is unlimited. It is recommended to use a float (instead of double) if you need to save memory in large arrays of floating point numbers. The float data type should never be used for precise values, such as currency. Its default value is 0.0F.

Example: float f1 = 234.5f

Double Data Type

The double data type is a double-precision 64-bit IEEE 754 floating point. Its value range is unlimited. The double data type is generally used for decimal values just like float. The double data type also should never be used for precise values, such as currency. Its default value is 0.0d.

Example: double d1 = 12.3

Char Data Type

The char data type is a single 16-bit Unicode character. Its value-range lies between '\u0000' (or 0) to '\uffff' (or 65,535 inclusive). The char data type is used to store characters.

Example: char letterA = 'A'

Why char uses 2 byte in java and what is \u0000 ?

It is because java uses Unicode system not ASCII code system. The \u0000 is the lowest range of Unicode system. To get detail explanation about Unicode visit next page.

Operators in java

Operator in java is a symbol that is used to perform operations. For example: +, -, *, / etc.

There are many types of operators in java which are given below:

- Unary Operator,
- Arithmetic Operator,
- Shift Operator,
- Relational Operator,
- Bitwise Operator,
- Logical Operator,
- Ternary Operator and
- Assignment Operator.

Java Operator Precedence

Operator Type	Category	Precedence
Unary	postfix	<i>expr++ expr--</i>
	prefix	<i>++expr --expr +expr -expr ~ !</i>

Arithmetic	multiplicative	* / %
	additive	+ -
Shift	shift	<< >> >>>
Relational	comparison	< > <= >= instanceof
	equality	== !=
Bitwise	bitwise AND	&
	bitwise exclusive OR	^
	bitwise inclusive OR	
Logical	logical AND	&&
	logical OR	
Ternary	ternary	? :
Assignment	assignment	= += -= *= /= %= &= ^= = <<= >>= >>>=

Java Unary Operator

The Java unary operators require only one operand. Unary operators are used to perform various operations i.e.:

- incrementing/decrementing a value by one
- negating an expression
- inverting the value of a Boolean

Java If-else Statement

The Java *if statement* is used to test the condition. It checks boolean condition: *true* or *false*. There are various types of if statement in java.

- if statement
- if-else statement
- if-else-if ladder
- nested if statement

Java Switch Statement

The Java *switch statement* executes one statement from multiple conditions. It is like if-else-if ladder statement. The switch statement works with byte, short, int, long, enum types, String and some wrapper types like Byte, Short, Int, and Long. Since Java 7, you can use strings in the switch statement.

In other words, the switch statement tests the equality of a variable against multiple values.

Points to Remember

- There can be *one or N number of case values* for a switch expression.
- The case value must be of switch expression type only. The case value must be *literal or constant*. It doesn't allow variables.
- The case values must be *unique*. In case of duplicate value, it renders compile-time error.
- The Java switch expression must be of *byte, short, int, long (with its Wrapper type), enums and string*.
- Each case statement can have a *break statement* which is optional. When control reaches to the break statement, it jumps the control after the switch expression. If a break statement is not found, it executes the next case.
- The case value can have a *default label* which is optional.

Loops in Java

In programming languages, loops are used to execute a set of instructions/functions repeatedly when some conditions become true. There are three types of loops in java.

- for loop
- while loop
- do-while loop
- **Java For Loop vs While Loop vs Do While Loop**

Comparison	for loop	while loop	do while loop
Introduction	The Java for loop is a control flow statement that iterates a part of the programs multiple times.	The Java while loop is a control flow statement that executes a part of the programs repeatedly on the basis of given boolean condition.	The Java do while loop is a control flow statement that executes a part of the programs at least once and the further execution depends upon the given boolean condition.
When to use	If the number of iteration is fixed, it is recommended to use for loop.	If the number of iteration is not fixed, it is recommended to use while loop.	If the number of iteration is not fixed and you must have to execute the loop at least once, it is recommended to use the do-while loop.
Syntax	<pre>for (init; condition; incr/decr) { // code to be</pre>	<pre>while (condition) { //code to be</pre>	<pre>do{ //code to be executed }while(condition);</pre>

	<code>executed }</code>	<code>executed }</code>	
Example	<code>//for loop for(int i=1;i<=10;i++){ System.out.print ln(i); }</code>	<code>//while loop int i=1; while(i<=10){ System.out.pr intln(i); i++; }</code>	<code>//do-while loop int i=1; do{ System.out.println(i); i++; }while(i<=10);</code>
Syntax for infinite loop	<code>for(;;){ //code to be executed }</code>	<code>while(true){ //code to be executed }</code>	<code>do{ //code to be executed }while(true);</code>

Java For Loop

The Java *for loop* is used to iterate a part of the program several times. If the number of iteration is fixed, it is recommended to use for loop.

There are three types of for loops in java.

- Simple For Loop
- For-each or Enhanced For Loop
- Labeled For Loop

Java Simple For Loop

A simple for loop is the same as C/C++. We can initialize the variable, check condition and increment/decrement value. It consists of four parts:

1. **Initialization:** It is the initial condition which is executed once when the loop starts. Here, we can initialize the variable, or we can use an already initialized variable. It is an optional condition.

2. **Condition:** It is the second condition which is executed each time to test the condition of the loop. It continues execution until the condition is false. It must return boolean value either true or false. It is an optional condition.
3. **Statement:** The statement of the loop is executed each time until the second condition is false.
4. **Increment/Decrement:** It increments or decrements the variable value. It is an optional condition.

Syntax:

1. **for**(initialization;condition;incr/decr){
2. *//statement or code to be executed*
3. }

Java for-each Loop

The for-each loop is used to traverse array or collection in java. It is easier to use than simple for loop because we don't need to increment value and use subscript notation.

It works on elements basis not index. It returns element one by one in the defined variable.

Syntax:

1. **for**(Type var:array){
2. *//code to be executed*

Java Labeled For Loop

We can have a name of each Java for loop. To do so, we use label before the for loop. It is useful if we have nested for loop so that we can break/continue specific for loop.

Usually, break and continue keywords breaks/continues the innermost for loop only.

Syntax:

1. labelname:
2. **for**(initialization;condition;incr/decr){
3. *//code to be executed*
4. }

Java Infinite For Loop

If you use two semicolons `;;` in the for loop, it will be infinite for loop.

Java While Loop

The Java *while loop* is used to iterate a part of the program several times. If the number of iteration is not fixed, it is recommended to use while loop.

Syntax:

1. **while**(condition){
2. *//code to be executed*
3. }

Java do-while Loop

The Java *do-while loop* is used to iterate a part of the program several times. If the number of iteration is not fixed and you must have to execute the loop at least once, it is recommended to use do-while loop.

The Java *do-while loop* is executed at least once because condition is checked after loop body.

Syntax:

1. **do**{
2. *//code to be executed*
3. }**while**(condition);

Java Break Statement

When a break statement is encountered inside a loop, the loop is immediately terminated and the program control resumes at the next statement following the loop.

The Java *break* is used to break loop or switch statement. It breaks the current flow of the program at specified condition. In case of inner loop, it breaks only inner loop.

We can use Java break statement in all types of loops such as for loop, while loop and do-while loop.

Syntax:

1. jump-statement;
2. **break**;

Java Continue Statement

The continue statement is used in loop control structure when you need to jump to the next iteration of the loop immediately. It can be used with for loop or while loop.

The Java *continue statement* is used to continue the loop. It continues the current flow of the program and skips the remaining code at the specified condition. In case of an inner loop, it continues the inner loop only.

We can use Java continue statement in all types of loops such as for loop, while loop and do-while loop.

Syntax:

1. jump-statement;
2. **continue**;

Java Comments

The java comments are statements that are not executed by the compiler and interpreter. The comments can be used to provide information or explanation about the variable, method, class or any statement. It can also be used to hide program code for specific time.

Types of Java Comments

There are 3 types of comments in java.

1. Single Line Comment
2. Multi Line Comment
3. Documentation Comment

1) Java Single Line Comment

The single line comment is used to comment only one line.

Syntax:

1. `//This is single line comment`

2) Java Multi Line Comment

The multi line comment is used to comment multiple lines of code.

Syntax:

1. `/*`
2. This
3. is
4. multi line
5. comment
6. `*/`

3) Java Documentation Comment

The documentation comment is used to create documentation API. To create documentation API, you need to use **javadoc tool**.

Syntax:

7. `/**`
8. This
9. is
10. documentation
11. comment
12. `*/`

Java OOPs Concepts

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Java Naming conventions

Java **naming convention** is a rule to follow as you decide what to name your identifiers such as class, package, variable, constant, method etc.

But, it is not forced to follow. So, it is known as convention not rule.

All the classes, interfaces, packages, methods and fields of java programming language are given according to java naming convention.

Advantage of naming conventions in java

By using standard Java naming conventions, you make your code easier to read for yourself and for other programmers. Readability of Java program is very important. It indicates that **less time** is spent to figure out what the code does.

Name	Convention
------	------------

class name	should start with uppercase letter and be a noun e.g. String, Color, Button, System, Thread etc.
interface name	should start with uppercase letter and be an adjective e.g. Runnable, Remote, ActionListener etc.
method name	should start with lowercase letter and be a verb e.g. actionPerformed(), main(), print(), println() etc.
variable name	should start with lowercase letter e.g. firstName, orderNumber etc.
package name	should be in lowercase letter e.g. java, lang, sql, util etc.
constants name	should be in uppercase letter. e.g. RED, YELLOW, MAX_PRIORITY etc.

CamelCase in java naming conventions

Java follows camelcase syntax for naming the class, interface, method and variable.

If name is combined with two words, second word will start with uppercase letter always e.g. actionPerformed(), firstName, ActionEvent, ActionListener etc.

Objects and Classes in Java

1. Object in Java
2. Class in Java
3. Instance Variable in Java
4. Method in Java
5. Example of Object and class that maintains the records of student
6. Anonymous Object

What is an object in Java

An entity that has state and behavior is known as an object e.g. chair, bike, marker, pen, table, car etc. It can be physical or logical (tangible and intangible). The example of an intangible object is the banking system.

An object has three characteristics:

- **State:** represents the data (value) of an object.
- **Behavior:** represents the behavior (functionality) of an object such as deposit, withdraw, etc.
- **Identity:** An object identity is typically implemented via a unique ID. The value of the ID is not visible to the external user. However, it is used internally by the JVM to identify each object uniquely.

For Example, Pen is an object. Its name is Reynolds; color is white, known as its state. It is used to write, so writing is its behavior.

An object is an instance of a class. A class is a template or blueprint from which objects are created. So, an object is the instance(result) of a class.

Object Definitions:

- An object is *a real-world entity*.
- An object is *a runtime entity*.
- The object is *an entity which has state and behavior*.
- The object is *an instance of a class*.

What is a class in Java

A class is a group of objects which have common properties. It is a template or blueprint from which objects are created. It is a logical entity. It can't be physical.

A class in Java can contain:

- **Fields**
- **Methods**
- **Constructors**
- **Blocks**
- **Nested class and interface**

Syntax to declare a class:

1. **class** <class_name>{
2. field;
3. method;
4. }

Instance variable in Java

A variable which is created inside the class but outside the method is known as an instance variable. Instance variable doesn't get memory at compile time. It gets memory at runtime when an object or instance is created. That is why it is known as an instance variable.

Method in Java

In Java, a method is like a function which is used to expose the behavior of an object.

Advantage of Method

- Code Reusability
- Code Optimization

new keyword in Java

The new keyword is used to allocate memory at runtime. All objects get memory in Heap memory area.

Object and Class Example: main within the class

In this example, we have created a Student class which has two data members id and name. We are creating the object of the Student class by new keyword and printing the object's value.

Here, we are creating a main() method inside the class.

File: Student.java

```
//Java Program to illustrate how to define a class and fields
//Defining a Student class.
class Student{
    //defining fields
    int id;//field or data member or instance variable
    String name;
    //creating main method inside the Student class
    public static void main(String args[]){
        //Creating an object or instance
        Student s1=new Student();//creating an object of Student
        //Printing values of the object
        System.out.println(s1.id);//accessing member through reference variable
        System.out.println(s1.name);
    }
}
```

Constructors in Java

Types of constructors

Default Constructor

Parameterized Constructor

Constructor Overloading

Does constructor return any value?

Copying the values of one object into another

Does constructor perform other tasks instead of the initialization

In Java, a constructor is a block of codes similar to the method. It is called when an instance of the object is created, and memory is allocated for the object.

It is a special type of method which is used to initialize the object.

When is a constructor called

Every time an object is created using new() keyword, at least one constructor is called. It calls a default constructor.

Note: It is called constructor because it constructs the values at the time of object creation. It is not necessary to write a constructor for a class. It is because java compiler creates a default constructor if your class doesn't have any.

Rules for creating Java constructor

There are two rules defined for the constructor.

1. Constructor name must be the same as its class name
2. A Constructor must have no explicit return type
3. A Java constructor cannot be abstract, static, final, and synchronized

Types of Java constructors

There are two types of constructors in Java:

1. Default constructor (no-arg constructor)
2. Parameterized constructor

Java Default Constructor

A constructor is called "Default Constructor" when it doesn't have any parameter.

Syntax of default constructor:

1. `<class_name>(){}`

Example of default constructor

In this example, we are creating the no-arg constructor in the Bike class. It will be invoked at the time of object creation.

```
//Java Program to create and call a default constructor
class Bike1{
//creating a default constructor
Bike1(){System.out.println("Bike is created");}
//main method
public static void main(String args[]){
//calling a default constructor
Bike1 b=new Bike1();
}
}
```

Output:

```
Bike is created
```

Q) What is the purpose of a default constructor?

The default constructor is used to provide the default values to the object like 0, null, etc., depending on the type.

Example of default constructor that displays the default values

```
//Let us see another example of default constructor
//which displays the default values
class Student3{
int id;
String name;
//method to display the value of id and name
void display(){System.out.println(id+" "+name);}

public static void main(String args[]){
//creating objects
Student3 s1=new Student3();
Student3 s2=new Student3();
//displaying values of the object
s1.display();
```

```
s2.display();  
}  
}
```

Output:

```
0 null  
0 null
```

Explanation: In the above class, you are not creating any constructor so compiler provides you a default constructor. Here 0 and null values are provided by default constructor.

Java Parameterized Constructor

A constructor which has a specific number of parameters is called a parameterized constructor.

Why use the parameterized constructor?

The parameterized constructor is used to provide different values to the distinct objects. However, you can provide the same values also.

Example of parameterized constructor

In this example, we have created the constructor of Student class that have two parameters. We can have any number of parameters in the constructor.

```
//Java Program to demonstrate the use of parameterized constructor  
class Student4{  
    int id;  
    String name;  
    //creating a parameterized constructor  
    Student4(int i,String n){  
        id = i;  
        name = n;  
    }  
    //method to display the values  
    void display(){System.out.println(id+" "+name);}
```

```
public static void main(String args[]){  
    //creating objects and passing values  
    Student4 s1 = new Student4(111,"Karan");  
    Student4 s2 = new Student4(222,"Aryan");  
    //calling method to display the values of object  
    s1.display();  
    s2.display();  
}  
}
```

Output:

```
111 Karan  
222 Aryan
```

Constructor Overloading in Java

In Java, a constructor is just like a method but without return type. It can also be overloaded like Java methods.

Constructor overloading in Java is a technique of having more than one constructor with different parameter lists. They are arranged in a way that each constructor performs a different task. They are differentiated by the compiler by the number of parameters in the list and their types.

Example of Constructor Overloading

```
//Java program to overload constructors in java  
class Student5{  
    int id;  
    String name;  
    int age;  
    //creating two arg constructor  
    Student5(int i,String n){  
        id = i;  
        name = n;  
    }  
    //creating three arg constructor
```

```
Student5(int i,String n,int a){
id = i;
name = n;
age=a;
}
void display(){System.out.println(id+" "+name+" "+age);}

public static void main(String args[]){
Student5 s1 = new Student5(111,"Karan");
Student5 s2 = new Student5(222,"Aryan",25);
s1.display();
s2.display();
}
}
```

Output:

```
111 Karan 0
222 Aryan 25
```

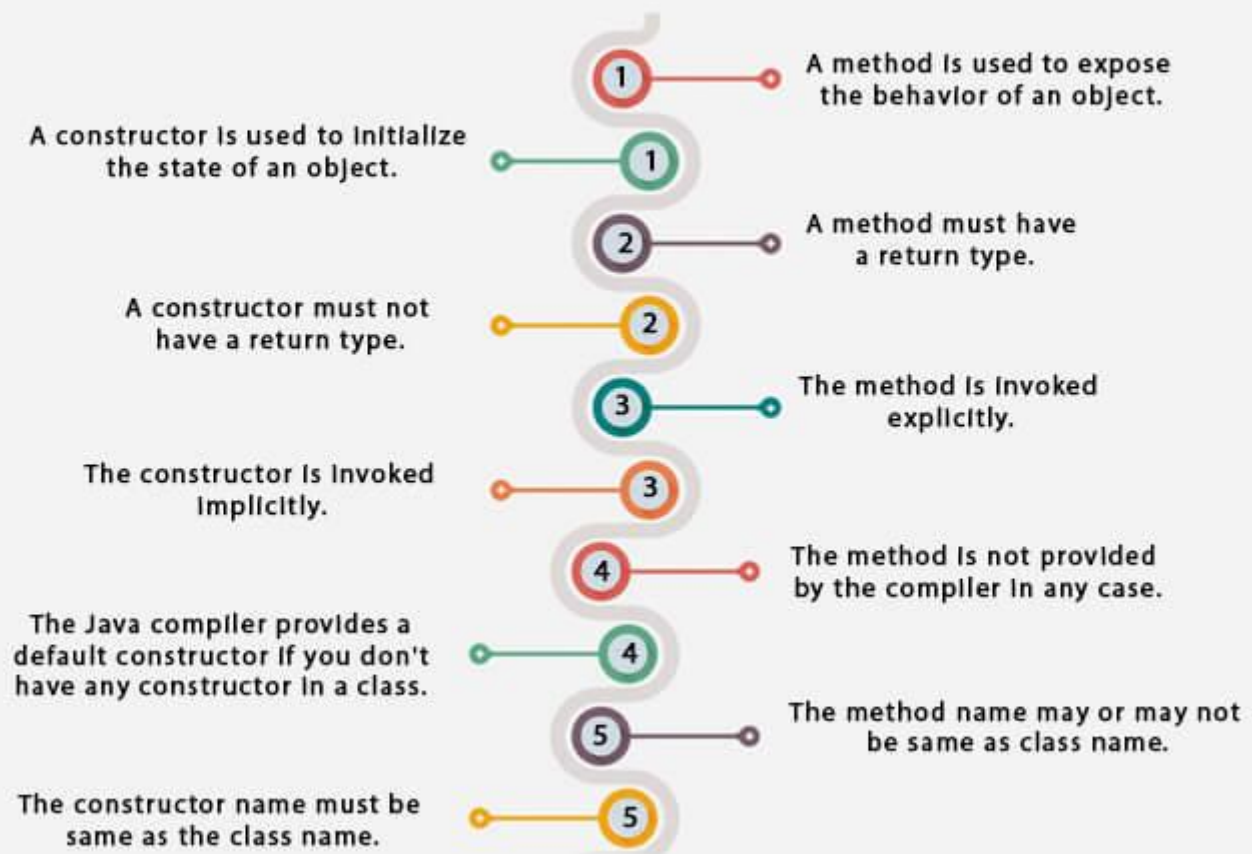
Difference between constructor and method in Java

There are many differences between constructors and methods. They are given below.

Java Constructor	Java Method
A constructor is used to initialize the state of an object.	A method is used to expose the behavior of an object.
A constructor must not have a return type.	A method must have a return type.
The constructor is invoked implicitly.	The method is invoked explicitly.

The Java compiler provides a default constructor if you don't have any constructor in a class.	The method is not provided by the compiler in any case.
The constructor name must be same as the class name.	The method name may or may not be same as class name.

Difference between constructor and method in Java



Java Copy Constructor

There is no copy constructor in java. However, we can copy the values from one object to another like copy constructor in C++.

There are many ways to copy the values of one object into another in java. They are:

- By constructor
- By assigning the values of one object into another
- By clone() method of Object class

In this example, we are going to copy the values of one object into another using java constructor.

//Java program to initialize the values from one object to another

```
class Student6{
    int id;
    String name;
    //constructor to initialize integer and string
    Student6(int i,String n){
        id = i;
        name = n;
    }
    //constructor to initialize another object
    Student6(Student6 s){
        id = s.id;
        name =s.name;
    }
    void display(){System.out.println(id+" "+name);}

    public static void main(String args[]){
        Student6 s1 = new Student6(111,"Karan");
        Student6 s2 = new Student6(s1);
        s1.display();
        s2.display();
    }
}
```

Output:

```
111 Karan
```

Copying values without constructor

We can copy the values of one object into another by assigning the objects values to another object. In this case, there is no need to create the constructor.

```
1. class Student7{
2.     int id;
3.     String name;
4.     Student7(int i,String n){
5.         id = i;
6.         name = n;
7.     }
8.     Student7(){ }
9.     void display(){System.out.println(id+" "+name);}
10.
11.     public static void main(String args[]){
12.         Student7 s1 = new Student7(111,"Karan");
13.         Student7 s2 = new Student7();
14.         s2.id=s1.id;
15.         s2.name=s1.name;
16.         s1.display();
17.         s2.display();
18.     }
19. }
```

Output:

```
111 Karan
111 Karan
```

Q) Does constructor return any value?

Yes, it is the current class instance (You cannot use return type yet it returns a value).

Can constructor perform other tasks instead of initialization?

Yes, like object creation, starting a thread, calling a method, etc. You can perform any operation in the constructor as you perform in the method.

Java static keyword

1. Static variable
2. Program of the counter without static variable
3. Program of the counter with static variable
4. Static method
5. Restrictions for the static method
6. Why is the main method static?
7. Static block
8. Can we execute a program without main method?

The **static keyword** in Java is used for memory management mainly. We can apply java static keyword with variables, methods, blocks and nested class. The static keyword belongs to the class than an instance of the class.

The static can be:

1. Variable (also known as a class variable)
2. Method (also known as a class method)
3. Block
4. Nested class

1) Java static variable

If you declare any variable as static, it is known as a static variable.

- The static variable can be used to refer to the common property of all objects (which is not unique for each object), for example, the company name of employees, college name of students, etc.
- The static variable gets memory only once in the class area at the time of class loading.

Advantages of static variable

It makes your program **memory efficient** (i.e., it saves memory).

Understanding the problem without static variable

```
1. class Student{
2.     int rollno;
3.     String name;
4.     String college="ITS";
5. }
```

Suppose there are 500 students in my college, now all instance data members will get memory each time when the object is created. All students have its unique rollno and name, so instance data member is good in such case. Here, "college" refers to the common property of all objects. If we make it static, this field will get the memory only once.

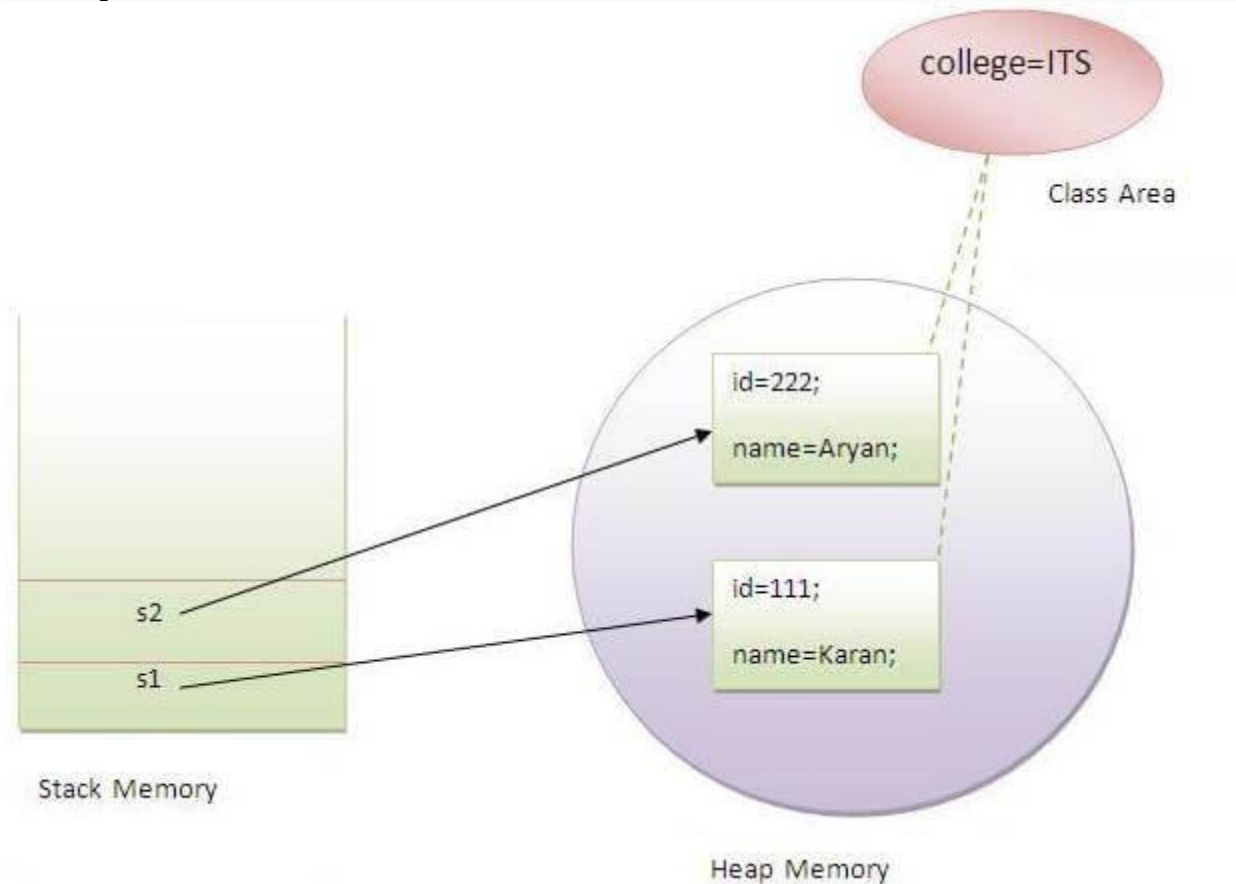
Example of static variable

```
//Java Program to demonstrate the use of static variable
class Student{
    int rollno;//instance variable
    String name;
    static String college ="ITS";//static variable
    //constructor
    Student(int r, String n){
        rollno = r;
        name = n;
    }
    //method to display the values
    void display (){System.out.println(rollno+" "+name+" "+college);}
}
//Test class to show the values of objects
public class TestStaticVariable1{
    public static void main(String args[]){
        Student s1 = new Student(111,"Karan");
        Student s2 = new Student(222,"Aryan");
        //we can change the college of all objects by the single line of code
        //Student.college="BBDIT";
    }
}
```

```
s1.display();  
s2.display();  
}  
}
```

Output:

```
111 Karan ITS  
222 Aryan ITS
```



Program of the counter without static variable

In this example, we have created an instance variable named count which is incremented in the constructor. Since instance variable gets the memory at the time of object creation, each object will have the copy of the instance variable. If it is incremented, it won't reflect other objects. So each object will have the value 1 in the count variable.

```
//Java Program to demonstrate the use of an instance variable
//which get memory each time when we create an object of the class.
class Counter{
    int count=0;//will get memory each time when the instance is created

    Counter(){
        count++; //incrementing value
        System.out.println(count);
    }

    public static void main(String args[]){
        //Creating objects
        Counter c1=new Counter();
        Counter c2=new Counter();
        Counter c3=new Counter();
    }
}
```

Output:

```
1
1
1
```

Program of counter by static variable

As we have mentioned above, static variable will get the memory only once, if any object changes the value of the static variable, it will retain its value.

```
//Java Program to illustrate the use of static variable which
//is shared with all objects.
class Counter2{
    static int count=0;//will get memory only once and retain its value

    Counter2(){
        count++; //incrementing the value of static variable
        System.out.println(count);
    }
}
```

```
public static void main(String args[]){  
    //creating objects  
    Counter2 c1=new Counter2();  
    Counter2 c2=new Counter2();  
    Counter2 c3=new Counter2();  
}  
}
```

Output:

```
1  
2  
3
```

2) Java static method

If you apply static keyword with any method, it is known as static method.

- A static method belongs to the class rather than the object of a class.
- A static method can be invoked without the need for creating an instance of a class.
- A static method can access static data member and can change the value of it.

Example of static method

//Java Program to demonstrate the use of a static method.

```
class Student{  
    int rollno;  
    String name;  
    static String college = "ITS";  
    //static method to change the value of static variable  
    static void change(){  
        college = "BBDIT";  
    }  
    //constructor to initialize the variable  
    Student(int r, String n){  
        rollno = r;
```

```
name = n;
}
//method to display values
void display(){System.out.println(rollno+" "+name+" "+college);}
}
//Test class to create and display the values of object
public class TestStaticMethod{
    public static void main(String args[]){
        Student.change();//calling change method
        //creating objects
        Student s1 = new Student(111,"Karan");
        Student s2 = new Student(222,"Aryan");
        Student s3 = new Student(333,"Sonoo");
        //calling display method
        s1.display();
        s2.display();
        s3.display();
    }
}
```

```
Output:111 Karan BBDIT
        222 Aryan BBDIT
        333 Sonoo BBDIT
```

Another example of a static method that performs a normal calculation

//Java Program to get the cube of a given number using the static method

```
class Calculate{
    static int cube(int x){
        return x*x*x;
    }

    public static void main(String args[]){
        int result=Calculate.cube(5);
        System.out.println(result);
    }
}
```

```
}  
Output:125
```

Restrictions for the static method

There are two main restrictions for the static method. They are:

1. The static method can not use non static data member or call non-static method directly.
2. this and super cannot be used in static context.

```
1. class A{  
2.   int a=40;//non static  
3.  
4.   public static void main(String args[]){  
5.     System.out.println(a);  
6.   }  
7. }
```

```
Output:Compile Time Error
```

Q) Why is the Java main method static?

Ans) It is because the object is not required to call a static method. If it were a non-static method, JVM creates an object first then call main() method that will lead the problem of extra memory allocation.

3) Java static block

- Is used to initialize the static data member.
- It is executed before the main method at the time of classloading.

Example of static block

```
1. class A2{  
2.   static{System.out.println("static block is invoked");}  
3.   public static void main(String args[]){  
4.     System.out.println("Hello main");
```

5. }

6. }

```
Output:static block is invoked  
       Hello main
```

Q) Can we execute a program without main() method?

Ans) No, one of the ways was the static block, but it was possible till JDK 1.6. Since JDK 1.7, it is not possible to execute a java class without the main method.

```
1. class A3{  
2.     static{  
3.         System.out.println("static block is invoked");  
4.         System.exit(0);  
5.     }  
6. }
```

Output:

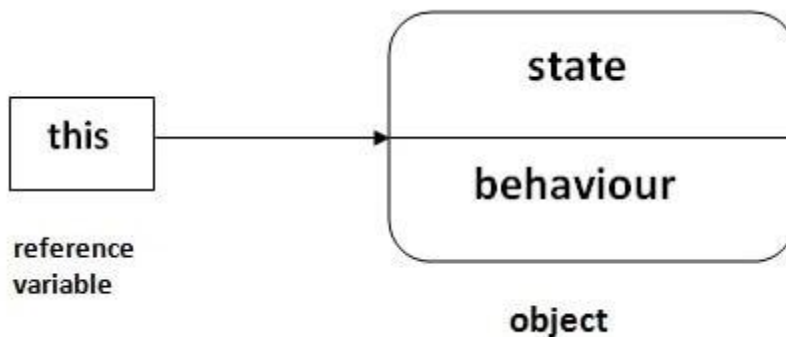
```
static block is invoked
```

Since JDK 1.7 and above, output would be:

```
Error: Main method not found in class A3, please define the main method as:  
    public static void main(String[] args)  
or a JavaFX application class must extend javafx.application.Application
```

this keyword in java

There can be a lot of usage of **java this keyword**. In java, this is a **reference variable** that refers to the current object.



Usage of java this keyword

Here is given the 6 usage of java this keyword.

this can be used to refer current class instance variable.

this can be used to invoke current class method (implicitly)

this() can be used to invoke current class constructor.

this can be passed as an argument in the method call.

this can be passed as argument in the constructor call.

this can be used to return the current class instance from the method.

```
class Student{
    int rollno;
    String name;
    float fee;
    Student(int rollno,String name,float fee){
        this.rollno=rollno;
        this.name=name;
        this.fee=fee;
    }
    void display(){System.out.println(rollno+" "+name+" "+fee);}
}

class TestThis2{
    public static void main(String args[]){
        Student s1=new Student(111,"ankit",5000f);
        Student s2=new Student(112,"sumit",6000f);
        s1.display();
        s2.display();
    }
}
```

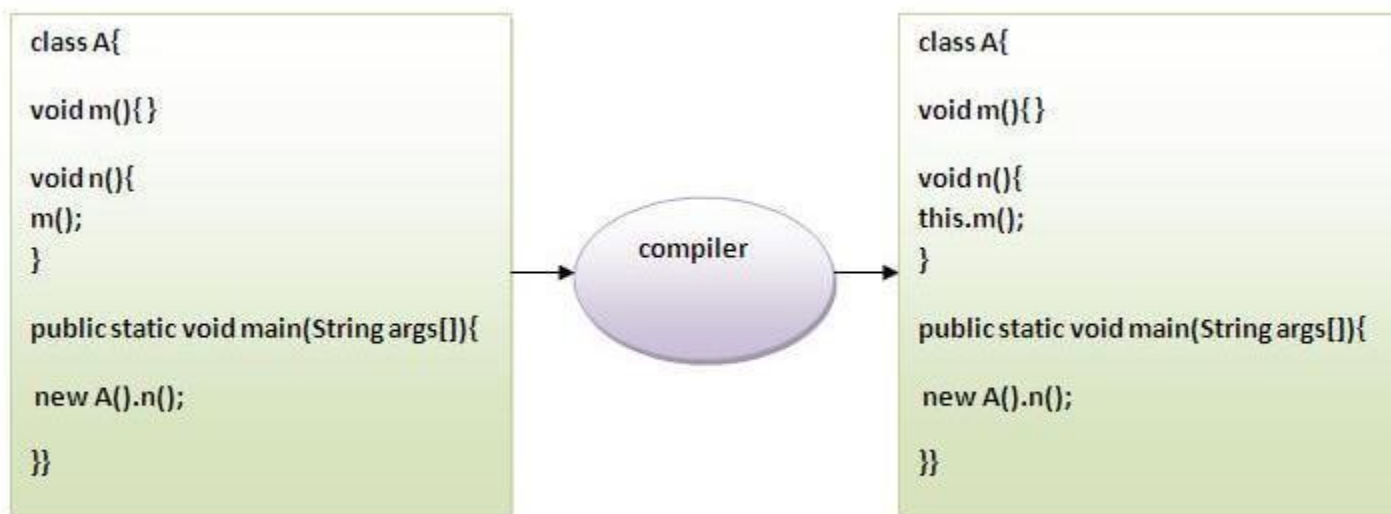
Output:

```
111 ankit 5000
112 sumit 6000
```

If local variables(formal arguments) and instance variables are different, there is no need to use this keyword like in the following program:

2) this: to invoke current class method

You may invoke the method of the current class by using the this keyword. If you don't use the this keyword, compiler automatically adds this keyword while invoking the method. Let's see the example



```
class A{
void m(){System.out.println("hello m");}
void n(){
System.out.println("hello n");
//m();//same as this.m()
this.m();
}
}
class TestThis4{
public static void main(String args[]){
A a=new A();
a.n();
}}
```

Output:

```
hello n  
hello m
```

this() : to invoke current class constructor

The this() constructor call can be used to invoke the current class constructor. It is used to reuse the constructor. In other words, it is used for constructor chaining.

Calling default constructor from parameterized constructor:

```
1. class A{  
2. A(){System.out.println("hello a");}  
3. A(int x){  
4. this();  
5. System.out.println(x);  
6. }  
7. }  
8. class TestThis5{  
9. public static void main(String args[]){  
10. A a=new A(10);  
11. }}
```

Output:

```
hello a  
10
```

Calling parameterized constructor from default constructor:

```
1. class A{  
2. A(){  
3. this(5);  
4. System.out.println("hello a");  
5. }  
6. A(int x){  
7. System.out.println(x);  
8. }  
9. }  
10. class TestThis6{
```

```
11. public static void main(String args[]){  
12. A a=new A();  
13. }}
```

Output:

```
5  
hello a
```

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