C#

1. What is C# and what are its key features?

- **Modern Language:** C# is a modern, object-oriented programming language.
- **Platform Independence:** Runs on multiple platforms with .NET framework.
- **Type Safety:** Helps prevent errors by enforcing data types.
- **Rich Library Support:** Offers a vast class library for easy coding.
- **Easy to Learn:** Syntax is similar to other languages like Java and C++.

Example: Creating a simple console application to print "Hello, World!"

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2. Explain the basic structure of a C# program.

- **Namespaces:** Organizes classes.
- **Class Definition:** Contains methods and properties.
- **Main Method:** Entry point of the program.
- **Statements:** Code executed in the Main method.
- **Comments:** Used to explain code (// for single line).

Example:

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```
namespace HelloWorld {
   class Program {
      static void Main() {
         Console.WriteLine("Hello, World!");
      }
   }
}
```

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3. What are the different types of data types available in C#?

- **Value Types:** Holds data directly (e.g., int, float).
- **Reference Types:** Holds a reference to the data (e.g., string, arrays).
- **Nullable Types:** Allows value types to be null.
- **User-Defined Types:** Created by users (e.g., classes, structs).
- **Built-in Types:** Predefined types provided by C#.

Example:

```
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int number = 10; // value type
string name = "John"; // reference type
```

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4. What is the difference between value types and reference types?

- **Memory Storage:** Value types store data directly; reference types store references.
- **Copy Behavior:** Value types copy the value; reference types copy the reference.
- **Nullability:** Value types cannot be null; reference types can be.
- **Performance:** Value types are generally faster in memory usage.
- **Examples:** int (value type) vs. string (reference type).

Example:

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```
int x = 5; // value type
int y = x; // y is now 5
string a = "hello"; // reference type
string b = a; // b points to "hello"
```

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5. What are nullable types in C#?

- **Definition:** Allow value types to be null.
- **Syntax:** Use '?' after the type (e.g., int?).
- **Usage:** Useful for database fields or optional values.
- **Default Value:** Nullable types default to null.
- **Check for Value:** Use .HasValue or check directly.

Example:

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```
int? nullableInt = null; // can be null
if (nullableInt.HasValue) {
   Console.WriteLine(nullableInt.Value);
}
```

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6. Can you describe what namespaces are and how they are used in C#?

- **Organizational Tool:** Groups related classes and methods.
- **Avoids Naming Conflicts:** Prevents clashes between class names.
- **Hierarchical Structure:** Can be nested (e.g., System.IO).
- **Accessing Classes:** Use using statement to include.
- **Encapsulation:** Helps manage code better.

Example:

```
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using System;
namespace MyApp {
   class Program {
      static void Main() {
         Console.WriteLine("Hello, Namespace!");
      }
   }
}
```

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7. Explain the concept of boxing and unboxing in C#.

- **Boxing:** Converting a value type to a reference type.
- **Unboxing:** Converting a reference type back to a value type.
- **Memory Allocation:** Boxing allocates memory on the heap.
- **Performance:** Boxing/unboxing can impact performance.
- **Use Case:** Allows storing value types in collections.

Example:

```
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int num = 10; // value type
object box = num; // boxing
int unbox = (int)box; // unboxing
```

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8. What is Type Casting and what are its types in C#?

- **Definition:** Converting one data type to another.
- **Implicit Casting:** Automatic conversion (e.g., int to float).

- **Explicit Casting:** Manual conversion (e.g., float to int).
- **Safe Casting:** Use `as` or `is` for safe type checking.
- **Casting and Performance:** Consider performance for frequent casts.

Example:

```
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float f = 9.8f;
int i = (int)f; // explicit casting
```

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9. What are operators in C# and can you provide examples?

- **Arithmetic Operators:** Used for math (e.g., +, -, *, /).
- **Comparison Operators:** Compare values (e.g., ==, !=).
- **Logical Operators:** Combine boolean expressions (e.g., &&, ||).
- **Assignment Operators:** Assign values (e.g., =, +=).
- **Unary Operators:** Operate on a single operand (e.g., ++, --).

Example:

```
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int a = 5, b = 10;
bool isEqual = (a == b); // comparison operator
int sum = a + b; // arithmetic operator
```

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10. What is the difference between == operator and .Equals() method?

- **== Operator:** Compares references for reference types and values for value types.
- **.Equals() Method:** Compares values for both reference and value types.
- **Overriding:** .Equals() can be overridden in classes for custom behavior.

- **Performance:** == can be faster for value types; .Equals() can be more versatile.
- **Use Cases:** Use == for simple checks; use .Equals() for detailed comparisons.

Example:

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```
string str1 = "hello";
string str2 = "hello";
bool isEqualOperator = (str1 == str2); // true
bool isEqualMethod = str1.Equals(str2); // true
```

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11. What is the purpose of the var keyword in C#?

- **Implicit Typing:** Allows the compiler to infer the type.
- **Type Safety:** Still enforces type safety at compile time.
- **Readability:** Can make code cleaner and easier to read.
- **Scope Limitation:** Limited to local variable declarations.
- **Not for All Cases:** Cannot be used for method parameters or return types.

Example:

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```
var number = 10; // compiler infers 'int'
var name = "John"; // compiler infers 'string'
```

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12. What are the differences between const and readonly keywords?

- **Const:** Value is set at compile time; cannot be changed.
- **Readonly:** Value can be set at runtime, typically in constructor.
- **Usage Context:** Const is for constants; readonly is for fields.

- **Scope:** Const can be used with static context; readonly can be instance-specific.
- **Flexibility:** Readonly allows some flexibility in initialization.

Example:

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```
const int MaxValue = 100; // compile-time constant
readonly int instanceValue; // can be set in constructor
```

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13. How does checked and unchecked context affect arithmetic operations?

- **Checked Context:** Throws an exception on overflow.
- **Unchecked Context:** Silently wraps around on overflow.
- **Use Case:** Checked for critical calculations; unchecked for performance.
- **Block Usage:** Use `checked {}` or `unchecked {}` to define context.
- **Default Behavior:** Unchecked is the default for arithmetic operations.

Example:

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```
int x = 2000000000;
int y = checked(x + 1000000000); // throws overflow exception
```

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14. What are the different ways to handle errors in C#?

- **Try-Catch Blocks:** Use to catch exceptions.
- **Finally Block:** Executes code after try/catch regardless of outcome.
- **Throw Statement:** Use to raise an exception manually.

- **Using Custom Exceptions:** Create specific exceptions for your application.
- **Error Handling Policies:** Implement consistent error handling throughout the application.

Example:

```
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try {
   int result = 10 / 0; // causes division by zero
} catch (DivideByZeroException ex) {
   Console.WriteLine(ex.Message); // handle error
} finally {
   Console.WriteLine("Done"); // always runs
}
```

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15. Explain the role of the garbage collector in .NET.

- **Memory Management:** Automatically frees unused memory.
- **Reference Counting:** Tracks references to objects.
- **Generational Collection:** Optimizes memory cleanup by grouping objects.
- **Performance:** Reduces memory leaks and improves performance.
- **Non-deterministic:** Cannot guarantee when cleanup occurs.

Example: When an object is no longer referenced, the garbage collector eventually reclaims its memory.

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16. Define Object-Oriented Programming and its principles.

- **Encapsulation:** Bundling data and methods into a single unit (class).
- **Abstraction:** Hiding complex implementation details.
- **Inheritance:** Creating new classes from existing ones.

- **Polymorphism:** Using a single interface to represent different data types.
- **Code Reusability:** Promotes reusing code across different parts of the application.

Example: A `Car` class that inherits from a `Vehicle` class.

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17. What is a class and how is it different from a struct?

- **Class:** A reference type that supports inheritance and encapsulation.
- **Struct:** A value type that is lightweight and does not support inheritance.
- **Memory Allocation:** Classes are allocated on the heap; structs on the stack.
- **Default Constructor:** Classes can have a default constructor; structs do not.
- **Use Cases:** Use classes for complex data; use structs for small data structures.

Example:

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class Person { } // class
struct Point { public int X; public int Y; } // struct
```

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18. Explain the concept of inheritance and its use in C#.

- **Definition:** Allows a class to inherit properties and methods from another class.
- **Base Class:** The class being inherited from.
- **Derived Class:** The class that inherits.
- **Reusability:** Promotes code reusability and organization.
- **Polymorphic Behavior:** Enables derived classes to be treated as base classes.

Example:

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class Animal { } // base class
class Dog : Animal { } // derived class

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19. What is polymorphism, and can you give a C# example?

- **Definition:** Ability to treat different classes as the same type through a common interface.
- **Compile-time Polymorphism:** Achieved through method overloading.
- **Run-time Polymorphism:** Achieved through method overriding.
- **Interface Implementation:** Classes can implement interfaces for polymorphic behavior.
- **Flexibility:** Enhances flexibility in code.

Example:

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class Animal { public virtual void Speak() { } }
class Dog : Animal { public override void Speak() { Console.WriteLine("Bark"); } }

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20. What is encapsulation and how is it implemented in C#?

- **Definition:** Bundling data and methods within a class and restricting access.
- **Access Modifiers:** Use public, private, and protected to control access.
- **Properties:** Use properties to get/set values securely.
- **Implementation:** Protects internal state and prevents misuse.
- **Promotes Maintainability:** Encapsulated code is easier to maintain.

Example:

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Copy code
class BankAccount {
   private decimal balance; // private field
   public decimal Balance { get { return balance; } } // public property
}
```

21. What are abstract classes and interfaces, and when do you use each?

- **Abstract Classes:** Can have implemented methods; used for shared functionality.
- **Interfaces:** Only declare methods (no implementation); used for defining contracts.
- **Inheritance:** A class can inherit from one abstract class; can implement multiple interfaces.
- **Use Cases:** Use abstract classes for related classes; use interfaces for multiple unrelated classes.
- **Flexibility:** Interfaces provide more flexibility in design.

Example:

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abstract class Animal { public abstract void Speak(); }
interface IFlyable { void Fly(); }
```

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22. Can you explain what a virtual method is in C#?

- **Definition:** A method that can be overridden in derived classes.
- **Base Implementation:** Provides a default implementation in the base class.
- **Overriding:** Derived classes can provide specific behavior by overriding the method.
- **Polymorphism:** Enables runtime polymorphism.

- **Usage:** Useful for methods that require customization in subclasses.

Example:

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```
class Animal { public virtual void Speak() { Console.WriteLine("Animal sound"); } }
class Dog : Animal { public override void Speak() { Console.WriteLine("Bark"); } }
```

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23. What is method overloading and method overriding?

- **Method Overloading:** Multiple methods with the same name but different parameters.
- **Compile-time Polymorphism:** Determined at compile time based on parameters.
- **Method Overriding:** Redefining a method in a derived class that exists in the base class.
- **Runtime Polymorphism:** Determined at runtime based on the object type.
- **Use Cases:** Use overloading for flexibility in method calls; use overriding for customization.

Example:

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```
class MathOperations {
   public int Add(int a, int b) { return a + b; } // Overloading
   public double Add(double a, double b) { return a + b; } // Overloading
}
```

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24. Can you describe the base keyword?

- **Definition:** Refers to the base class of the current instance.

- **Accessing Base Members:** Used to call methods or constructors from the base class.
- **Constructor Calls:** Can be used in derived class constructors to initialize the base class.
- **Avoid Ambiguity:** Helps clarify which class members are being accessed.
- **Usage:** Commonly used in inheritance scenarios.

Example:

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```
class Animal { public Animal() { Console.WriteLine("Animal created"); } }
class Dog : Animal { public Dog() : base() { Console.WriteLine("Dog created"); } }
```

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25. What is an access modifier and what are the different types of access modifiers?

- **Definition:** Keywords that define the visibility of class members.
- **Public:** Accessible from anywhere.
- **Private:** Accessible only within the defining class.
- **Protected:** Accessible within the class and derived classes.
- **Internal:** Accessible within the same assembly.
- **Protected Internal:** Accessible within the same assembly and derived classes.

Example:

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```
public class MyClass { private int value; protected void Method() { } }
```

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26. What are indexers in C#?

- **Definition:** Allow instances of a class to be indexed like arrays.
- **Syntax:** Defined using `this` keyword and a property-like syntax.
- **Getter and Setter:** Can have get and set accessors.
- **Use Cases:** Useful for classes that represent collections or lists.
- **Flexibility:** Enables custom indexing behavior.

Example:

```
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Copy code
class MyCollection {
   private int[] items = new int[10];
   public int this[int index] {
      get { return items[index]; }
      set { items[index] = value; }
   }
}
```

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27. Explain the concept of delegates in C#.

- **Definition:** A type that represents references to methods with a specific signature.
- **Type Safety:** Provides type safety for method references.
- **Multicast Delegates:** Can refer to multiple methods.
- **Event Handling:** Commonly used for event handling in C#.
- **Flexible Callback Mechanism:** Allows methods to be passed as parameters.

Example:

```
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Copy code
delegate void MyDelegate(string message);
void Display(string msg) { Console.WriteLine(msg); }
MyDelegate del = Display; // assign method to delegate
```

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28. What are events and how are they different from delegates?

- **Definition:** A way to provide notifications when something happens.
- **Based on Delegates:** Events use delegates to define the method signature for the event handler.
- **Publisher-Subscriber Model:** Events enable a publisher to notify subscribers about changes.
- **Access Control:** Events provide more control over delegate invocation.
- **Use Cases:** Commonly used in GUI applications and asynchronous programming.

Example:

```
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Copy code
class MyEventPublisher {
    public event MyDelegate MyEvent; // declare event
    public void RaiseEvent() { MyEvent?.Invoke("Event raised!"); } // invoke event
}
```

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29. What are Lambda expressions and where would you use them?

- **Definition:** A concise way to represent anonymous methods using a special syntax.
- **Syntax:** Uses `=>` to separate parameters from the body.
- **Func and Action:** Often used with Func and Action delegates for more concise code.
- **LINQ Queries:** Commonly used in LINQ queries for filtering and transforming data.
- **Readability:** Improves readability and reduces boilerplate code.

Example:

```
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Func<int, int> square = x => x * x; // lambda expression
Console.WriteLine(square(5)); // Outputs 25
```

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30. Can you explain what extension methods are and how to use them?

- **Definition:** Allow adding new methods to existing types without modifying them.
- **Static Class:** Must be defined in a static class.
- **First Parameter:** The first parameter specifies the type to extend with the `this` keyword.
- **Use Cases:** Useful for enhancing functionality of third-party libraries or built-in types.
- **Syntax:** Called as if they were instance methods.

Example:

```
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Copy code
public static class StringExtensions {
    public static bool IsNullOrEmpty(this string str) {
        return string.IsNullOrEmpty(str);
    }
}

// Usage
string test = null;
bool isEmpty = test.IsNullOrEmpty(); // Calls the extension method
```

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31. What are generics and how do they provide type safety?

- **Definition:** Allow defining classes, methods, and interfaces with a placeholder for the type.
- **Type Safety:** Provides compile-time type checking, reducing runtime errors.
- **Reusability:** Promotes code reuse with different data types.
- **Performance:** Reduces boxing/unboxing for value types.
- **Flexibility:** Enables creating flexible and reusable data structures.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
class GenericList<T> {
   private T[] items;
   public void Add(T item) { /* add item logic */ }
}

// Usage
GenericList<int> intList = new GenericList<int>();
intList.Add(5);
```

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32. Define LINQ and mention its advantages.

- **Definition:** Language Integrated Query; a set of methods for querying collections.
- **Unified Syntax:** Provides a consistent syntax for querying different data sources (e.g., arrays, databases).
- **Readability:** Enhances code readability and maintainability.
- **Strongly Typed:** Provides compile-time checking of queries.
- **Composability:** Enables composing queries from various data sources.

Example:

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```

```
var numbers = new List<int> { 1, 2, 3, 4 };
var evenNumbers = from n in numbers where n % 2 == 0 select n;
```

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33. What is the difference between IEnumerable and IQueryable?

- **IEnumerable:** Designed for in-memory collections; executes queries in memory.
- **IQueryable:** Designed for out-of-memory data sources (like databases); can translate queries to SQL.
- **Deferred Execution:** IQueryable supports more sophisticated query translation and optimization.
- **Performance:** IQueryable can be more efficient for large datasets.
- **Use Cases:** Use IEnumerable for in-memory data; use IQueryable for querying databases.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
IEnumerable<int> list = new List<int> { 1, 2, 3 }; // in-memory
IQueryable<int> queryable = list.AsQueryable(); // can be translated to SQL
```

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34. What are async and await keywords and how do they work?

- **Definition:** Keywords for asynchronous programming in C#.
- **Async:** Marks a method as asynchronous, allowing it to use await.
- **Await:** Suspends execution until the awaited task completes.
- **Task-based Asynchronous Pattern:** Promotes non-blocking I/O operations.
- **Improved Responsiveness:** Enhances application responsiveness by freeing up the main thread.

Example:

```
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public async Task<int> GetDataAsync() {
   await Task.Delay(1000); // simulate asynchronous operation
   return 42;
}
```

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35. What is the purpose of the using statement?

- **Resource Management:** Ensures proper disposal of resources (e.g., file handles, database connections).
- **Automatic Disposal:** Calls the Dispose method automatically at the end of the using block.
- **Simplifies Code:** Reduces boilerplate code for resource cleanup.
- **Error Prevention:** Helps prevent resource leaks.
- **Syntax:** Typically used with classes that implement IDisposable.

Example:

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using (var stream = new FileStream("file.txt", FileMode.Open)) {
   // Use the stream
} // stream is disposed automatically
```

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36. What are collections in C#?

- **Definition:** A group of related objects that can be managed as a single unit.
- **Dynamic Size:** Many collections can resize dynamically (e.g., List, Dictionary).
- **Types:** Includes arrays, lists, dictionaries, sets, etc.
- **Data Management:** Useful for managing groups of data effectively.

- **Performance:** Optimized for different operations (adding, searching, sorting).

Example:

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```
List<string> names = new List<string> { "Alice", "Bob", "Charlie" };
```

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37. What is the difference between arrays and collections?

- **Arrays:** Fixed size; must be defined at creation time; store elements of the same type.
- **Collections:** Dynamic size; can grow or shrink as needed; can store various types (depending on the collection).
- **Functionality:** Collections provide additional methods for manipulation (e.g., adding, removing).
- **Performance:** Collections often have better performance for dynamic data.
- **Use Cases:** Use arrays for fixed-size data; use collections for flexible data management.

Example:

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```
int[] numbers = new int[3]; // array of fixed size
List<int> dynamicNumbers = new List<int>(); // dynamic collection
```

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38. Explain the different types of collections in .NET.

- **Arrays:** Fixed-size collections of elements of the same type.
- **Lists:** Dynamic-size collections that can grow and shrink (e.g., List<T>).

- **Dictionaries:** Key-value pair collections (e.g., Dictionary<TKey, TValue>).
- **Sets:** Collections of unique elements (e.g., HashSet<T>).
- **Queues/Stacks:** FIFO (Queue) and LIFO (Stack) collections for managing data.

Example:

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Copy code
List<int> numbers = new List<int>(); // List
Dictionary<string, int> ages = new Dictionary<string, int>(); // Dictionary

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39. What is the difference between List and LinkedList?

- **List:** Implements a dynamic array; provides fast access by index; slower for insertions/removals in the middle.
- **LinkedList:** Implements a doubly linked list; provides fast insertions/removals at any position; slower for indexed access.
- **Memory Usage:** List uses contiguous memory; LinkedList uses more memory due to node pointers.
- **Use Cases:** Use List for frequent access and LinkedList for frequent insertions/removals.
- **Performance:** Lists perform better for random access; LinkedLists perform better for dynamic modifications.

Example:

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List<int> list = new List<int>(); // dynamic array
LinkedList<int> linkedList = new LinkedList<int>(); // linked list

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40. Can you discuss the IDictionary interface and its implementation?

- **Definition:** Represents a collection of key-value pairs; part of the System.Collections.Generic namespace.
- **Key Uniqueness:** Keys are unique; each key maps to a single value.
- **Common Implementations:** Dictionary<TKey, TValue> is a common implementation.
- **Key Methods:** Includes methods like Add, Remove, and TryGetValue.
- **Use Cases:** Useful for scenarios where quick lookups by key are needed.

Example:

```
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Copy code
IDictionary<string, int> ageDict = new Dictionary<string, int>();
ageDict.Add("Alice", 30);
ageDict.Add("Bob", 25);
```

41. What are HashTable and Dictionary and how do they differ?

- **HashTable:** Non-generic collection that stores key-value pairs; keys can be of any type.
- **Dictionary<TKey, TValue>:** Generic collection; type-safe with specific key and value types.
- **Performance:** Dictionary is faster due to type safety and no boxing/unboxing overhead.
- **Iteration:** HashTable does not guarantee order; Dictionary maintains the insertion order in .NET Core 2.0+.
- **Use Cases:** Use HashTable for legacy code; use Dictionary for new development.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
Hashtable ht = new Hashtable();
ht.Add("key", "value");

Dictionary<string, int> dict = new Dictionary<string, int>();
dict.Add("Alice", 30);
```

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42. How does a C# HashSet work and what are its benefits?

- **Definition:** A collection that contains only unique elements; based on hash codes.
- **Performance:** Provides O(1) average time complexity for add, remove, and search operations.
- **No Duplicates:** Automatically prevents duplicate entries.
- **Set Operations:** Supports operations like union, intersection, and difference.
- **Use Cases:** Ideal for scenarios where you need to maintain a unique list of items.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
HashSet<int> numbers = new HashSet<int>();
numbers.Add(1);
numbers.Add(2);
numbers.Add(1); // Duplicate, not added
```

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43. What are Enumerable and Queryable collections?

- **Enumerable:** Represents a collection that can be iterated; uses the IEnumerable interface.

- **Queryable:** Extends IQueryable interface; allows querying against a data source using LINQ.
- **Execution:** Enumerable executes in memory; Queryable translates queries to the underlying data source (e.g., SQL).
- **Use Cases:** Use Enumerable for in-memory collections; use Queryable for database queries.
- **Performance:** Queryable can optimize queries for performance based on the data source.

Example:

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Copy code
```
IEnumerable<int> list = new List<int> { 1, 2, 3 }; // Enumerable
IQueryable<int> queryable = list.AsQueryable(); // Queryable
```

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44. When would you use a Queue vs a Stack?

- **Queue:** Follows FIFO (First-In-First-Out) principle; use when processing elements in the order they were added.
- **Stack:** Follows LIFO (Last-In-First-Out) principle; use when you want to process the most recently added element first.
- **Use Cases:** Use Queue for task scheduling; use Stack for function call management or backtracking algorithms.
- **Performance:** Both offer O(1) operations for adding and removing elements.
- **Example Scenario:** Queue for print job management; Stack for undo functionality in applications.

Example:

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```
Queue<string> queue = new Queue<string>();
```

```
queue.Enqueue("First");
queue.Enqueue("Second");
string first = queue.Dequeue(); // Removes "First"

Stack<string> stack = new Stack<string>();
stack.Push("First");
stack.Push("Second");
string last = stack.Pop(); // Removes "Second"
```

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45. How do you sort elements in a collection?

- **Sorting Methods:** Use methods like Sort() for lists or LINQ for other collections.
- **Custom Comparer:** Provide a custom comparer if you need to sort based on specific criteria.
- **LINQ OrderBy:** Use LINQ's OrderBy and OrderByDescending for more complex sorting.
- **In-place Sort:** Sort() modifies the original list; LINQ methods return a new sorted sequence.
- **Time Complexity:** Sorting is generally O(n log n).

Example:

```
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Copy code
List<int> numbers = new List<int> { 3, 1, 2 };
numbers.Sort(); // In-place sort

var sortedNumbers = numbers.OrderBy(n => n); // LINQ
```

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46. What is exception handling and why is it necessary?

- **Definition:** A mechanism to handle runtime errors in a controlled way.

- **Avoid Crashes:** Prevents applications from crashing due to unexpected errors.
- **Error Reporting:** Allows for logging and reporting of errors for debugging.
- **Graceful Recovery:** Enables the application to continue functioning after an error.
- **Improved Reliability:** Enhances overall application reliability and user experience.

Example:

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try {
   // Code that may throw an exception
} catch (Exception ex) {
   // Handle exception
} finally {
   // Cleanup code
}
```

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47. What are the common exception types in C#?

- **ArgumentNullException:** Thrown when a null argument is passed to a method that does not accept it.
- **InvalidOperationException:** Thrown when a method call is invalid for the object's current state.
- **IndexOutOfRangeException:** Thrown when trying to access an index outside the bounds of an array.
- **FileNotFoundException:** Thrown when a file cannot be found.
- **DivideByZeroException:** Thrown when attempting to divide by zero.

Example:

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try {
   int result = 10 / 0; // Throws DivideByZeroException
} catch (DivideByZeroException ex) {
   Console.WriteLine("Cannot divide by zero.");
}
```

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48. How do you create custom exceptions in C#?

- **Inherit from Exception:** Create a class that inherits from the System.Exception class.
- **Constructors:** Implement constructors for custom messages and inner exceptions.
- **Use Cases:** Useful for representing specific error conditions in your application.
- **Throwing Exceptions:** Use the `throw` keyword to throw custom exceptions.
- **Serialization:** Optionally implement serialization for custom exceptions.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public class MyCustomException : Exception {
   public MyCustomException(string message) : base(message) { }
}

// Usage
throw new MyCustomException("This is a custom exception.");
```

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49. What is the use of the finally block?

- **Definition:** A block that executes after try and catch blocks, regardless of whether an exception was thrown.
- **Resource Cleanup:** Used for releasing resources (e.g., closing files, database connections).
- **Consistency:** Ensures that critical cleanup code runs, even if an exception occurs.
- **Error Logging:** Can be used for logging error information before exiting.
- **Always Executes:** The code in finally block always executes, even if there's a return statement in try or catch.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
try {
   // Code that may throw an exception
} catch (Exception ex) {
   // Handle exception
} finally {
   // Cleanup code
}
```

---

50. Can you explain exception filters introduced in C# 6?

- **Definition:** Allow filtering exceptions based on conditions directly in catch blocks.
- **Syntax:** Use the `when` keyword to specify conditions for handling an exception.
- **More Control:** Provides more control over which exceptions to handle.
- **Improved Readability:** Makes exception handling more readable and concise.
- **Use Cases:** Useful for logging specific exceptions while rethrowing others.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
try {
   // Code that may throw an exception
} catch (IOException ex) when (ex.Message.Contains("specific error")) {
   // Handle specific IOException
}
```

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51. What is the Task Parallel Library (TPL)?

- **Definition:** A library in .NET that simplifies parallel programming.
- **Tasks:** Introduces the Task class for running operations asynchronously.
- **Concurrency:** Makes it easier to write scalable and responsive applications.
- **Parallel LINQ (PLINQ):** Provides an easy way to run LINQ queries in parallel.
- **Error Handling:** Supports structured exception handling for tasks.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
Task.Run(() => {
   // Background task code
});
```

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52. Explain the difference between synchronous and asynchronous operations.

- **Synchronous:** Code execution blocks until the operation completes; the calling thread waits.
- **Asynchronous:** Code execution continues while the operation runs in the background; does not block the calling thread.

- **Responsiveness:** Asynchronous operations improve responsiveness in applications, especially UI apps.
- **Resource Utilization:** Asynchronous operations can utilize resources more efficiently by freeing threads for other tasks.
- **Use Cases:** Use synchronous for simple tasks; use asynchronous for I/O-bound or long-running tasks.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
// Synchronous
var result = GetData(); // Blocks until data is retrieved

// Asynchronous
var task = GetDataAsync(); // Doesn't block; continues execution
```

---

53. How do you cancel an asynchronous operation?

- **CancellationToken:** Use the CancellationToken struct to signal cancellation.
- **Passing Token:** Pass the CancellationToken to the asynchronous method.
- **Check for Cancellation:** Use the `ThrowIfCancellationRequested` method within the task.
- **Cancellation Request:** Call `Cancel` on the CancellationTokenSource to request cancellation.
- **Graceful Exit:** Ensure tasks check for cancellation and exit gracefully.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
CancellationTokenSource cts = new CancellationTokenSource();
CancellationToken token = cts.Token;
```

```
Task.Run(() => {
   while (true) {
      token.ThrowIfCancellationRequested(); // Check for cancellation
      // Do work
   }
});

// Request cancellation
cts.Cancel();
```

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54. What is the difference between Task and Thread?

- **Task:** Represents an asynchronous operation; managed by the TPL; abstracts threading details.
- **Thread:** Represents a low-level operating system thread; more control over execution.
- **Resource Management:** Tasks are more efficient; they use thread pooling to manage threads.
- **Simplified API:** Tasks provide a simplified API for handling asynchronous programming.
- **Use Cases:** Use Task for asynchronous programming; use Thread for low-level thread management.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
Task.Run(() => { /* Background task */ }); // Using Task
Thread thread = new Thread(() => { /* Background task */ }); // Using Thread
```

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55. Discuss the use of the Parallel class in C#.

- **Definition:** Part of the TPL; provides methods for parallel programming.

- **Parallel.For/ForEach:** Allows executing loops in parallel, distributing iterations across multiple threads.
- **Task-based:** Leverages the Task class for efficient parallel execution.
- **Improved Performance:** Can significantly improve performance for CPU-bound operations.
- **Error Handling:** Supports structured error handling for tasks.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
Parallel.For(0, 100, i => {
   // Parallel work on each iteration
});
```

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56. How do you read from and write to a text file in C#?

- **Reading:** Use `StreamReader` for reading from files; `File.ReadAllText` for simple file reading.
- **Writing:** Use `StreamWriter` for writing to files; `File.WriteAllText` for simple file writing.
- **Using Statement:** Use the `using` statement for automatic resource management.
- **File Modes:** Specify file modes (e.g., append, overwrite) as needed.
- **Error Handling:** Always handle potential I/O exceptions.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
// Writing to a file
using (StreamWriter writer = new StreamWriter("file.txt")) {
   writer.WriteLine("Hello, World!");
```

```
}

// Reading from a file
using (StreamReader reader = new StreamReader("file.txt")) {
   string content = reader.ReadToEnd();
}
```

---

57. What are the file handling classes in C#?

- **File:** Static class for common file operations (e.g., ReadAllText, WriteAllText).
- **FileInfo:** Provides instance methods for file operations with additional properties.
- **Directory:** Static class for directory operations (e.g., CreateDirectory, Delete).
- **DirectoryInfo:** Provides instance methods for directory operations.
- **StreamReader/StreamWriter:** For reading and writing text files, respectively.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
File.WriteAllText("file.txt", "Hello, World!"); // Using File class
Directory.CreateDirectory("myFolder"); // Using Directory class
```

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58. Explain serialization and deserialization in the context of C#.

- **Serialization:** The process of converting an object into a format that can be easily stored or transmitted (e.g., binary, XML, JSON).
- **Deserialization:** The reverse process; converting the serialized data back into an object.
- **Purpose:** Used for saving state, data transfer between applications, or remote procedure calls.
- **Attributes:** Use attributes like [Serializable] for binary serialization.

- **Libraries:** Common libraries include System.Text.Json and Newtonsoft.Json for JSON serialization.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
// Serialization example using JSON
string json = JsonSerializer.Serialize(myObject); // Serialize to JSON
MyClass obj = JsonSerializer.Deserialize<MyClass>(json); // Deserialize from JSON
```

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59. What is the difference between XML Serialization and JSON Serialization?

- **XML Serialization:** Converts objects to XML format; requires more overhead due to verbose syntax.
- **JSON Serialization:** Converts objects to JSON format; more lightweight and easier to read.
- **Data Types:** XML supports a wider range of data types; JSON is limited to basic types (string, number, etc.).
- **Use Cases:** Use XML for configuration files or when working with web services; use JSON for APIs and web applications.
- **Libraries:** XML serialization often uses `XmlSerializer`; JSON serialization typically uses `JsonSerializer` or Newtonsoft.Json.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
// XML Serialization example
XmlSerializer serializer = new XmlSerializer(typeof(MyClass));
using (var writer = new StringWriter()) {
   serializer.Serialize(writer, myObject);
```

```
}

// JSON Serialization example
string json = JsonSerializer.Serialize(myObject);
```

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60. How do you use streams in C#?

- **Definition:** Streams represent a sequence of bytes; used for reading and writing data.
- **Types of Streams:** FileStream, MemoryStream, NetworkStream, etc.
- **Read/Write:** Use Read, Write, or asynchronous methods to manipulate stream data.
- **Using Statement:** Use the `using` statement for automatic resource management.
- **Buffering:** Streams can be buffered for performance; use BufferedStream for buffered I/O.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
using (FileStream fs = new FileStream("file.txt", FileMode.OpenOrCreate)) {
   byte[] data = new byte[100];
   int bytesRead = fs.Read(data, 0, data.Length);
}
```

61. What are attributes in C#?

- **Definition:** Attributes are metadata that provide additional information about program elements (classes, methods, properties).
- **Usage:** Used to control behaviors, configure options, and define settings in code.
- **Reflection:** Attributes can be accessed at runtime using reflection.

- **Built-in Attributes:** Examples include [Obsolete], [Serializable], [DebuggerDisplay].
- **Custom Attributes:** Developers can create custom attributes for specific needs.

Example:

csharp
Copy code
```
[Obsolete("This method is obsolete. Use NewMethod instead.")]
public void OldMethod() { }
```

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62. How do you define a custom attribute?

- **Class Definition:** Create a class that inherits from System.Attribute.
- **AttributeUsage:** Use the [AttributeUsage] attribute to specify where the custom attribute can be applied.
- **Constructor:** Define a constructor to accept parameters for the attribute.
- **Usage:** Apply the custom attribute to classes, methods, properties, etc.
- **Accessing Attributes:** Retrieve custom attributes using reflection.

Example:

csharp
Copy code
```
[AttributeUsage(AttributeTargets.Class)]
public class MyCustomAttribute : Attribute {
   public string Description { get; }

   public MyCustomAttribute(string description) {
      Description = description;
   }
}
```

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63. What is reflection and why is it useful?

- **Definition:** Reflection is the ability to inspect and interact with object types and metadata at runtime.
- **Type Inspection:** Allows examining assemblies, types, methods, properties, and attributes.
- **Dynamic Behavior:** Enables creating instances, invoking methods, and accessing properties dynamically.
- **Useful for Frameworks:** Commonly used in frameworks, serialization, and ORM (Object-Relational Mapping).
- **Debugging and Testing:** Aids in debugging and testing by providing insights into the code structure.

Example:

csharp
Copy code
```
Type type = typeof(MyClass);
Console.WriteLine(type.Name); // Get the name of the class
```

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64. Explain how to use reflection to inspect an assembly's metadata.

- **Load Assembly:** Use `Assembly.Load` or `Assembly.GetExecutingAssembly()` to load the assembly.
- **Get Types:** Call `assembly.GetTypes()` to retrieve an array of types defined in the assembly.
- **Inspect Members:** Use `Type.GetMethods()`, `Type.GetProperties()`, etc., to inspect members of a type.
- **Attributes:** Access attributes using `type.GetCustomAttributes()`.
- **Information Gathering:** Gather information about methods, properties, fields, and events.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
Assembly assembly = Assembly.GetExecutingAssembly();
Type[] types = assembly.GetTypes();
foreach (var type in types) {
   Console.WriteLine(type.Name);
}
```

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65. How do you use reflection to create an instance of a class at runtime?

- **Get Type:** Use `Type.GetType()` to get the type of the class.
- **Create Instance:** Use `Activator.CreateInstance(type)` to create an instance of the class.
- **Constructor Parameters:** If the class has constructors with parameters, use `Activator.CreateInstance(type, parameters)`.
- **Dynamic Invocation:** You can invoke methods and access properties of the created instance.
- **Error Handling:** Handle exceptions for cases where the type is not found or cannot be instantiated.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
Type type = typeof(MyClass);
object instance = Activator.CreateInstance(type);
```

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66. Describe the stack and heap in .NET’ s memory management.

- **Stack:**
  - Stores value types and references to objects.
  - Memory is allocated in a LIFO (Last-In-First-Out) manner.
  - Automatically managed; memory is released when the method scope ends.
- **Heap:**
  - Stores reference types (objects).
  - Memory is allocated dynamically and can be managed by the garbage collector.
  - Requires more overhead for memory management; slower access compared to stack.
- **Use Cases:** Use stack for temporary data; use heap for objects with longer lifetimes.

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67. What are the finalizers in C#?

- **Definition:** A special method called when an object is being garbage collected.
- **Syntax:** Defined using the `~ClassName()` syntax.
- **Purpose:** Used for cleanup of unmanaged resources (e.g., file handles, database connections).
- **Execution Timing:** Finalizers are non-deterministic; they may not run immediately when the object becomes unreachable.
- **Avoid Finalizer for Managed Resources:** Generally, do not use finalizers for managed resources as they are automatically handled by the garbage collector.

Example:

csharp
Copy code

```
class MyClass {
   ~MyClass() {
      // Cleanup code
   }
}
```

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68. How do you force a garbage collection?

- **GC.Collect Method:** Use `GC.Collect()` to force garbage collection.
- **Generational Collections:** Understanding that garbage collection works on generations (young, middle-aged, old) helps optimize memory management.
- **Use Cautiously:** Forcing garbage collection can lead to performance issues; it's usually better to let the GC manage memory automatically.
- **Monitoring:** Use performance counters or profiling tools to monitor memory usage and GC activity.
- **Consideration:** Only force garbage collection in specific scenarios where memory pressure is a concern.

Example:

csharp
Copy code
```
GC.Collect(); // Forces garbage collection
```

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69. Explain the IDisposable interface and the Dispose pattern.

- **IDisposable Interface:** Used to provide a mechanism for releasing unmanaged resources.
- **Dispose Method:** Implement `Dispose()` method to define cleanup logic for resources.

- **Dispose Pattern:** Use the Dispose pattern to ensure proper resource management and avoid memory leaks.
- **Using Statement:** Encourage the use of the `using` statement for automatic disposal of objects.
- **Finalizer:** Optionally implement a finalizer if the class holds unmanaged resources.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
class MyClass : IDisposable {
   public void Dispose() {
      // Cleanup logic
      GC.SuppressFinalize(this); // Suppress finalization
   }
}
```

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70. What is a memory leak in .NET and how can it be prevented?

- **Definition:** A situation where memory that is no longer needed is not released, leading to reduced available memory.
- **Causes:** Common causes include holding references to objects longer than necessary or not implementing IDisposable for unmanaged resources.
- **Prevention:** Use the IDisposable pattern to release resources, monitor memory usage, and utilize profiling tools.
- **Weak References:** Consider using weak references for cache scenarios.
- **Garbage Collector:** Understand how the garbage collector works to avoid holding references that prevent collection.

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71. How do you debug a C# application?

- **IDE Debugger:** Use the built-in debugger in Visual Studio or other IDEs.
- **Breakpoints:** Set breakpoints to pause execution at specific lines of code.
- **Step Over/Into:** Use step-over (F10) and step-into (F11) to navigate through code execution.
- **Watch and Immediate Window:** Use watch variables to inspect values and the immediate window for executing commands.
- **Error Output:** Review the output and error logs for additional context.

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72. What are breakpoints and how are they used?

- **Definition:** A breakpoint is a marker set in the code that pauses execution during debugging.
- **Setting Breakpoints:** Click in the margin next to a line of code or use F9 in Visual Studio.
- **Conditional Breakpoints:** Can set conditions for breakpoints to pause execution only when specific conditions are met.
- **Removing Breakpoints:** Right-click to remove or disable breakpoints without deleting them.
- **Use Cases:** Useful for examining program flow and inspecting variable states at critical points.

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73. Explain the use of the Debug and Trace classes.

- **Debug Class:** Used for debugging purposes; outputs information only when a debugger is attached.
- **Trace Class:** Outputs information regardless of whether a debugger is attached; can be used for logging in production.

- **Methods:** Both classes have methods like `Write()`, `WriteLine()`, and `Assert()` for logging messages and assertions.
- **Configuration:** Trace output can be configured to log to various listeners (e.g., file, console).
- **Use Cases:** Use Debug for development-time diagnostics; use Trace for production logging.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
Debug.WriteLine("Debug message");
Trace.WriteLine("Trace message");
```

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74. Discuss the techniques to analyze a memory dump.

- **Memory Dump:** A snapshot of an application' s memory at a specific time, used for diagnosing issues.
- **Debugging Tools:** Use tools like WinDbg or Visual Studio to open and analyze memory dumps.
- **Analyze Threads:** Check the state of threads, call stacks, and memory allocations.
- **Inspect Objects:** Examine the heap for object allocations and references to identify memory leaks.
- **Analyze Exceptions:** Look for unhandled exceptions that may have caused the application to crash.

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75. How can you profile a C# application to identify performance bottlenecks?

- **Profiling Tools:** Use profiling tools like Visual Studio Profiler, dotTrace, or ANTS Performance Profiler.
- **Performance Counters:** Monitor performance counters for CPU usage, memory allocation, and garbage collection.
- **Execution Time:** Measure execution time of methods to identify slow-performing areas.
- **Memory Usage:** Analyze memory usage to detect leaks or excessive allocations.
- **Optimization:** Identify hot paths and optimize algorithms or data structures based on profiling data.

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76. What is a deadlock and how can it be prevented?

- **Definition:** A deadlock is a situation where two or more threads are waiting for each other to release resources, resulting in a standstill.
- **Conditions for Deadlock:** Occurs when four conditions are met: mutual exclusion, hold and wait, no preemption, and circular wait.
- **Prevention Techniques:**
    - **Resource Ordering:** Impose a strict order for resource acquisition.
    - **Timeouts:** Use timeouts for acquiring locks to avoid indefinite waiting.
    - **Lock Hierarchy:** Establish a hierarchy for locks and always acquire them in the same order.
    - **Avoid Hold-and-Wait:** Require threads to request all needed resources at once.

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77. Discuss the reader-writer lock pattern in C#.

- **Definition:** A synchronization primitive that allows concurrent access for multiple readers or exclusive access for a writer.
- **Use Case:** Useful when read operations are more frequent than write operations.
- **ReaderWriterLockSlim:** A lightweight alternative to `ReaderWriterLock` that is more performant.
- **Locking Methods:** Use `EnterReadLock()` and `EnterWriteLock()` to manage access.
- **Performance Improvement:** Improves performance by allowing multiple threads to read simultaneously.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
ReaderWriterLockSlim rwLock = new ReaderWriterLockSlim();
rwLock.EnterReadLock();
try {
   // Read operations
} finally {
   rwLock.ExitReadLock();
}
```

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78. Explain how the lock keyword ensures thread safety.

- **Definition:** The `lock` keyword is used to prevent multiple threads from accessing a critical section of code simultaneously.
- **Mutex-like Behavior:** Ensures that only one thread can execute the locked code block at a time.
- **Simplicity:** Simplifies the usage of `Monitor.Enter()` and `Monitor.Exit()`, providing a clean syntax.
- **Deadlock Prevention:** Proper use of lock can help prevent deadlocks if used consistently.

- **Scope Management:** Automatically releases the lock when the code block is exited, ensuring resources are managed correctly.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
private readonly object lockObject = new object();
lock (lockObject) {
   // Critical section code
}
```

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79. What are Mutexes, Semaphores, and Monitors?

- **Mutex:**
  - Used for mutual exclusion across processes.
  - Only one thread can own a mutex at a time.
- **Semaphore:**
  - Limits the number of threads that can access a resource or section of code simultaneously.
  - Useful for controlling access to a pool of resources.
- **Monitor:**
  - A synchronization primitive that provides a mechanism to ensure that only one thread can access a resource at a time within the same process.
  - Typically used with the `lock` statement.

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80. How do you achieve parallelism using PLINQ?

- **PLINQ:** Parallel LINQ is an extension of LINQ that allows for parallel query execution.

- **AsParallel Method:** Use `AsParallel()` to enable parallel processing on a collection.
- **Automatic Partitioning:** PLINQ automatically partitions the data and schedules tasks for parallel execution.
- **Data Aggregation:** Supports combining results from parallel operations seamlessly.
- **Performance Improvement:** Can significantly improve performance for CPU-bound operations.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
var results = data.AsParallel().Where(x => x > 10).ToArray(); // Parallel query
```

81. What is unit testing and what frameworks do you use for it in C#?

- **Definition:** Unit testing is the process of testing individual components (units) of software to verify that they work as intended.
- **Purpose:** Ensures code correctness, identifies bugs early, and facilitates refactoring.
- **Frameworks:** Common frameworks for unit testing in C# include:
    - **NUnit:** A widely-used testing framework with rich features.
    - **MSTest:** Microsoft's official unit testing framework integrated with Visual Studio.
    - **xUnit:** A modern testing framework with a focus on extensibility and performance.
- **Assertions:** Use assertion methods to validate expected outcomes.
- **Test Runner:** Each framework has its test runner for executing tests and reporting results.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
[Test]
public void TestAddition() {
   Assert.AreEqual(3, Add(1, 2));
}
```

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82. Explain the concept of Test-Driven Development (TDD).

- **Definition:** TDD is a software development process where tests are written before the code that needs to be tested.
- **Cycle:** The TDD cycle consists of three steps:
  - **Red:** Write a failing test.
  - **Green:** Write the minimum code to pass the test.
  - **Refactor:** Clean up the code while ensuring all tests still pass.
- **Benefits:** Promotes better design, reduces bugs, and ensures code meets requirements.
- **Documentation:** Tests serve as documentation for the intended behavior of the code.
- **Continuous Testing:** Encourages frequent testing and iteration during development.

Example:

1. Write a test for a function.
2. Implement the function to pass the test.
3. Refactor the function while ensuring the test still passes.

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83. How do you mock objects in C# unit tests?

- **Definition:** Mocking creates simulated objects that mimic the behavior of real objects, allowing for isolated testing.
- **Frameworks:** Common mocking frameworks include:
    - **Moq:** A popular framework that allows creating mocks using lambda expressions.
    - **NSubstitute:** A friendly and easy-to-use mocking framework.
    - **FakeItEasy:** Provides a simple API for creating fake objects.
- **Setup Expectations:** Define how the mock should behave during the test (e.g., return values, throw exceptions).
- **Verifying Interactions:** Verify that the mock was called as expected during the test.
- **Isolation:** Allows testing without relying on external dependencies.

Example:

csharp
Copy code
```
var mockService = new Mock<IMyService>();
mockService.Setup(s => s.GetData()).Returns("Test Data");
```

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84. What are the common attributes used in a test method?

- **[Test]:** Indicates a method is a test method (used in NUnit and MSTest).
- **[TestMethod]:** Used in MSTest to designate a method as a test.
- **[Theory]:** Used in xUnit for parameterized tests.
- **[InlineData]:** Provides data for parameterized tests in xUnit.
- **[Ignore]:** Marks a test to be skipped (used in NUnit and MSTest).

Example:

csharp
Copy code
```
[Test]
```

```
public void TestMethod() {
   // Test logic here
}
```

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85. How do you test asynchronous code in C#?

- **Async Test Methods:** Use `async` and return `Task` in the test method signature.
- **Await Asynchronous Calls:** Use `await` to call asynchronous methods within the test.
- **Assertions:** Use assertions after the `await` statement to verify results.
- **Framework Support:** Most testing frameworks (NUnit, MSTest, xUnit) support async tests.
- **Exception Handling:** Ensure to handle exceptions appropriately within async tests.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
[Test]
public async Task TestAsyncMethod() {
   var result = await MyAsyncMethod();
   Assert.AreEqual(expected, result);
}
```

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86. Why are SOLID principles important in C#?

- **Definition:** SOLID is an acronym for five design principles that improve software design and maintainability.
- **Single Responsibility Principle (SRP):** Each class should have only one reason to change, promoting cohesion.

- **Open/Closed Principle (OCP):** Classes should be open for extension but closed for modification, encouraging code reuse.
- **Liskov Substitution Principle (LSP):** Derived classes should be substitutable for their base classes without altering functionality.
- **Interface Segregation Principle (ISP):** Clients should not be forced to depend on interfaces they do not use, promoting small, specific interfaces.
- **Dependency Inversion Principle (DIP):** High-level modules should not depend on low-level modules; both should depend on abstractions.

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87. Can you describe some common design patterns and their applications in C#?

- **Singleton:** Ensures a class has only one instance and provides a global access point (e.g., configuration management).
- **Factory Method:** Provides an interface for creating objects, allowing subclasses to alter the type of objects created (e.g., creating different shapes).
- **Observer:** Defines a one-to-many dependency between objects, so when one object changes state, all dependents are notified (e.g., event handling).
- **Strategy:** Enables selecting an algorithm's behavior at runtime (e.g., different sorting algorithms).
- **Decorator:** Adds new functionality to an existing object without altering its structure (e.g., adding features to UI components).

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88. How do you ensure your C# code is maintainable and readable?

- **Consistent Naming Conventions:** Use clear and consistent naming for variables, methods, and classes.

- **Commenting and Documentation:** Provide comments to explain complex logic and document public APIs.
- **Refactoring:** Regularly refactor code to improve structure and eliminate duplication.
- **SOLID Principles:** Follow SOLID principles to promote better design and maintainability.
- **Unit Tests:** Write unit tests to validate code functionality and ensure future changes don’ t introduce bugs.

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89. What strategies do you use for error handling and exception management?

- **Try-Catch Blocks:** Use try-catch blocks to handle exceptions gracefully.
- **Custom Exceptions:** Create custom exception classes for specific error conditions.
- **Logging:** Implement logging to record exceptions for debugging and monitoring.
- **Validation:** Validate inputs before processing to prevent exceptions.
- **Global Exception Handling:** Use middleware or global exception handlers to manage unhandled exceptions in web applications.

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90. Discuss the concept of dependency injection and how it’ s used in C#.

- **Definition:** Dependency Injection (DI) is a design pattern that allows the creation of dependent objects outside of a class and provides those objects to the class.

- **Inversion of Control:** DI promotes Inversion of Control (IoC), allowing for more flexible and decoupled code.
- **Framework Support:** Frameworks like ASP.NET Core have built-in support for DI.
- **Service Lifetimes:** DI allows specifying lifetimes (transient, scoped, singleton) for services.
- **Constructor Injection:** The most common method, where dependencies are provided through a class constructor.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public class MyClass {
   private readonly IMyService _myService;

   public MyClass(IMyService myService) {
      _myService = myService;
   }
}
```

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91. What are the new features introduced in the latest version of C#?

- **C# 9:** Record types, init-only properties, top-level statements, and pattern matching enhancements.
- **C# 10:** Global using directives, file-scoped namespace declarations, and improvements to interpolated strings.
- **C# 11:** Required members, raw string literals, and generic math enhancements (if applicable in the latest release).
- **Performance Improvements:** Ongoing improvements in performance and memory management.

- **Pattern Matching Enhancements:** Continuous improvements to pattern matching features.

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92. How has pattern matching evolved in recent C# versions?

- **C# 7:** Introduced basic pattern matching with `is` and `switch` statements.
- **C# 8:** Added switch expressions and more advanced patterns like property patterns and tuple patterns.
- **C# 9:** Introduced logical patterns (and, or, not) for more expressive pattern matching.
- **C# 10:** Expanded pattern matching capabilities with enhancements for better syntax and usability.
- **Use Cases:** Allows cleaner and more concise code when dealing with complex type-checking and branching logic.

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93. Explain how C# 8 nullable reference types work.

- **Definition:** Nullable reference types are a feature that allows developers to express whether a reference type can be null.
- **Enabling Nullable Context:** Enable with `#nullable enable` at the file or project level.
- **Annotations:** Use `?` to indicate a nullable reference type (e.g., `string?`), while non-nullable types are indicated without it (e.g., `string`).
- **Warnings:** The compiler generates warnings when there are potential null dereference issues.
- **Null Safety:** Encourages writing safer code by enforcing nullability contracts.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
#nullable enable
public void Process(string? input) {
   if (input == null) {
      // Handle null case
   }
}
```

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94. What is the switch expression and how does it differ from the switch statement?

- **Switch Expression:** A concise and expressive way to match values and return results in a single statement.
- **Syntax:** More declarative syntax compared to traditional switch statements; does not require `break` statements.
- **Return Value:** Switch expressions return a value directly, making them useful for assignments and inline evaluations.
- **Pattern Matching:** Supports pattern matching directly within the expression.
- **Conciseness:** Reduces boilerplate code, leading to clearer and more maintainable code.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
var result = value switch {
   1 => "One",
   2 => "Two",
   _ => "Other"
};
```

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95. How do you take advantage of tuples in C#?

- **Definition:** Tuples are data structures that can hold multiple values of different types.
- **Syntax:** Use `ValueTuple` or the shorthand syntax for creating tuples.
- **Return Multiple Values:** Conveniently return multiple values from methods without needing a custom class.
- **Destructuring:** Easily unpack tuple values into separate variables for clarity.
- **Readability:** Provides a lightweight alternative to creating complex data structures.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public (int, string) GetValues() => (1, "Value");

var (id, name) = GetValues();
```

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96. How can you call unmanaged code using C#?

- **P/Invoke:** Use Platform Invocation Services (P/Invoke) to call unmanaged functions from DLLs.
- **DllImport Attribute:** Use the `[DllImport]` attribute to declare the unmanaged function signature.
- **Marshalling:** Handle data types and memory management using marshaling to convert data types between managed and unmanaged code.
- **Error Handling:** Be aware of potential errors and exceptions when dealing with unmanaged code.
- **Performance:** Calling unmanaged code may impact performance, so use it judiciously.

Example:

csharp
Copy code
```
[DllImport("user32.dll")]
public static extern int MessageBox(IntPtr hWnd, String text, String caption, int options);
```

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97. What is the role of P/Invoke in C#?

- **Definition:** P/Invoke (Platform Invocation Services) is a feature in C# that allows managed code to call unmanaged functions that are implemented in DLLs.
- **Interoperability:** Enables interoperability between managed and unmanaged code, facilitating the use of existing native libraries.
- **Declaration:** Functions are declared with the `[DllImport]` attribute to specify the DLL name and function signature.
- **Marshalling:** Handles the conversion of data types between managed and unmanaged code automatically.
- **Use Cases:** Commonly used for accessing system-level APIs, graphics libraries, or legacy code.

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98. How do you interface with COM objects in C#?

- **COM Interoperability:** Use COM Interop to work with Component Object Model (COM) components from C#.
- **Add Reference:** Add a reference to the COM component in the Visual Studio project.
- **Interop Assembly:** Visual Studio generates an interop assembly to bridge the managed and unmanaged code.

- **Create Instances:** Use `Activator.CreateInstance` or direct instantiation to create COM objects.
- **Release Resources:** Use `Marshal.ReleaseComObject` to release COM objects and prevent memory leaks.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
var excelApp = new Microsoft.Office.Interop.Excel.Application();
excelApp.Visible = true;
```

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99. Discuss C# and .NET Core inter-platform capabilities.

- **Cross-Platform:** .NET Core is designed to be cross-platform, running on Windows, macOS, and Linux.
- **Consistent API:** Provides a consistent API surface across different platforms, facilitating code sharing.
- **Docker Support:** Enables deployment in containers for scalable and portable applications.
- **Performance:** Optimized for high performance on various operating systems.
- **Open Source:** .NET Core is open-source, promoting community contributions and enhancements.

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100. How is C# evolving with .NET 5 and beyond?

- **Unified Platform:** .NET 5 unifies .NET Core, .NET Framework, and Xamarin, simplifying development.

- **New Language Features:** C# continues to evolve with new features like records, pattern matching, and improved nullability.
- **Performance Enhancements:** Ongoing performance improvements in runtime and libraries.
- **Cloud and Microservices:** Better support for cloud-based applications and microservices architecture.
- **Regular Updates:** Continuous enhancements and regular updates, with .NET 6 and beyond focusing on developer productivity and ecosystem growth.

101. What is the difference between a class and an interface in C#?

- **Class:**
  - Can have implementations and state (fields).
  - Supports inheritance and can have constructors.
  - Can provide default implementations for methods.
- **Interface:**
  - Only defines a contract (methods, properties) without implementation.
  - Supports multiple inheritance (a class can implement multiple interfaces).
  - Cannot contain fields or constructors.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public interface IShape {
   double Area();
}

public class Circle : IShape {
   public double Area() => Math.PI * radius * radius;
}
```

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102. What is the purpose of the `async` and `await` keywords?

- **Async Keyword:** Indicates that a method is asynchronous and can perform operations that take time without blocking the calling thread.
- **Await Keyword:** Pauses the execution of the async method until the awaited task completes, allowing other work to run in the meantime.
- **Non-blocking:** Improves responsiveness in applications by preventing UI freezes in desktop and web applications.
- **Task-based:** Typically used with tasks that return a `Task` or `Task<T>`.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public async Task<string> FetchDataAsync() {
   var data = await httpClient.GetStringAsync(url);
   return data;
}
```

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103. What are the different types of collections available in C#?

- **Array:** Fixed-size, indexed collection of elements of the same type.
- **List<T>:** Dynamic size, ordered collection that can grow as needed.
- **Dictionary<TKey, TValue>:** Key-value pair collection with fast lookup.
- **HashSet<T>:** Unordered collection of unique elements.
- **Queue<T>:** FIFO (First In First Out) collection for managing tasks.
- **Stack<T>:** LIFO (Last In First Out) collection for managing data.

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104. What is the difference between `String` and `StringBuilder`?

- **String:**
  - Immutable; any modification creates a new string instance.
  - Slower for repeated concatenations due to the overhead of creating new strings.
- **StringBuilder:**
  - Mutable; can change the content without creating a new instance.
  - More efficient for scenarios involving frequent modifications (like concatenation).

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
sb.Append("Hello");
sb.Append(" World");
string result = sb.ToString(); // "Hello World"
```

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105. Explain the concept of a `using` statement in C#.

- **Purpose:** Ensures that IDisposable objects are properly disposed of, releasing unmanaged resources.
- **Scope Management:** The object is automatically disposed of at the end of the `using` block, even if an exception occurs.
- **Common Usage:** Frequently used with file streams, database connections, or any resource that needs explicit cleanup.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
using (var stream = new FileStream("file.txt", FileMode.Open)) {
    // Use stream
```

```
} // stream is automatically disposed here
```

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106. What is a lambda expression in C#?

- **Definition:** A concise way to represent an anonymous function that can contain expressions and statements.
- **Syntax:** Uses the `=>` operator to separate the input parameters from the body.
- **Usage:** Commonly used for LINQ queries, event handlers, and delegates.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
Func<int, int> square = x => x * x;
int result = square(5); // result = 25
```

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107. What are the differences between `IEnumerable` and `IEnumerator`?

- **IEnumerable:**
  - Provides a way to iterate over a collection using a `foreach` loop.
  - Contains a single method `GetEnumerator()` that returns an `IEnumerator`.
- **IEnumerator:**
  - Provides the functionality to iterate through the collection.
  - Contains methods to move to the next element and access the current element.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
IEnumerable<int> numbers = new List<int> { 1, 2, 3 };
IEnumerator<int> enumerator = numbers.GetEnumerator();
```

```
while (enumerator.MoveNext()) {
    Console.WriteLine(enumerator.Current);
}
```

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108. What is the `override` keyword used for in C#?

- **Purpose:** Indicates that a method is intended to override a virtual or abstract method in a base class.
- **Base Class Requirement:** The base method must be marked with `virtual`, `abstract`, or `override`.
- **Method Signature:** The overriding method must have the same signature as the method in the base class.
- **Polymorphism:** Enables runtime polymorphism, allowing derived classes to provide specific implementations.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public class Animal {
    public virtual void Speak() {
        Console.WriteLine("Animal speaks");
    }
}

public class Dog : Animal {
    public override void Speak() {
        Console.WriteLine("Bark");
    }
}
```

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109. Explain the `static` keyword in C#.

- **Static Members:** Indicate that a member belongs to the type itself rather than to a specific object instance.
- **Static Classes:** Classes that cannot be instantiated; all members must be static.
- **Static Constructors:** Special constructors used to initialize static members or perform actions only once.
- **Shared Data:** Useful for shared data and utility methods that do not require instance state.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public static class MathUtilities {
   public static int Add(int a, int b) => a + b;
}
```

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110. What are attributes in C#?

- **Definition:** Metadata that provides additional information about program elements (classes, methods, properties).
- **Usage:** Can be used for various purposes, such as controlling serialization, defining behaviors, or adding metadata for frameworks.
- **Custom Attributes:** Developers can create custom attributes by deriving from the `System.Attribute` class.
- **Reflection:** Attributes can be accessed at runtime using reflection to modify behavior or for inspection.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
[Obsolete("This method is deprecated.")]
```

```
public void OldMethod() { }
```

111. What is the difference between public, private, protected, and internal access modifiers?

- **Public:** Accessible from any other code in the same assembly or another assembly that references it.
- **Private:** Accessible only within the same class or struct.
- **Protected:** Accessible within its class and by derived class instances.
- **Internal:** Accessible only within the same assembly.
- **Protected Internal:** Accessible from the same assembly or from derived classes in another assembly.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public class MyClass {
   private int privateField;
   protected int protectedField;
   internal int internalField;
   public int publicField;
}
```

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112. What is the difference between a shallow copy and a deep copy?

- **Shallow Copy:** Creates a new object but copies references to the original object's data. Changes to the data affect both objects.
- **Deep Copy:** Creates a new object and recursively copies all objects referenced by the original object, resulting in a completely independent object.

- **Use Cases:** Use shallow copies for simple scenarios where references are acceptable; use deep copies for complex objects where independent copies are needed.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
// Shallow copy example
var shallowCopy = originalObject.MemberwiseClone() as MyClass;

// Deep copy example (manual)
var deepCopy = new MyClass {
   NestedObject = new NestedClass {
      // Copy properties
   }
};
```

---

113. What is the `lock` statement used for in C#?

- **Purpose:** Provides a way to ensure that a block of code runs only one thread at a time, preventing race conditions.
- **Thread Safety:** Used to protect shared resources from concurrent access.
- **Locking Object:** Requires an object to be used as a lock; other threads trying to enter the locked block will wait until it is released.
- **Best Practices:** Use a private object for locking to prevent external code from locking the same object.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
private readonly object lockObject = new object();
```

```
public void SafeMethod() {
   lock (lockObject) {
      // Code that accesses shared resources
   }
}
```

---

114. What is the difference between `throw` and `throw ex`?

- **throw:** Preserves the original stack trace of the exception when rethrowing, allowing for easier debugging.
- **throw ex:** Resets the stack trace, making it difficult to identify where the exception occurred.
- **Best Practice:** Always use `throw` to rethrow exceptions to maintain the original stack trace.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
try {
   // Code that may throw an exception
} catch (Exception ex) {
   // Log exception
   throw; // Preserves the stack trace
   // throw ex; // Resets the stack trace
}
```

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115. What is the difference between `abstract` classes and `sealed` classes?

- **Abstract Class:** Cannot be instantiated; can contain abstract methods that must be implemented by derived classes. It allows for a base implementation that derived classes can build upon.

- **Sealed Class:** Cannot be inherited; it's a complete class that cannot have any subclasses. Used to prevent further inheritance and ensure the class's behavior remains unchanged.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public abstract class Shape {
   public abstract double Area();
}

public sealed class Circle : Shape {
   public override double Area() => Math.PI * radius * radius;
}
```

---

116. Explain the concept of extension methods in C#.

- **Definition:** Allow adding new methods to existing types without modifying the original type or creating a new derived type.
- **Static Method:** Extension methods are defined as static methods in a static class, with the first parameter specifying the type being extended.
- **Usability:** Can be called as if they were instance methods on the extended type.
- **Common Use:** Often used for enhancing functionality of built-in types or third-party libraries.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public static class StringExtensions {
   public static bool IsNullOrEmpty(this string str) {
      return string.IsNullOrEmpty(str);
```

```
    }
}

// Usage
bool isEmpty = "".IsNullOrEmpty(); // Calls the extension method
```

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117. What are events and how are they used in C#?

- **Definition:** A way for a class to provide notifications to clients when something of interest occurs.
- **Delegate:** Events are based on delegates, which define the signature for the event handlers.
- **Usage:** Clients subscribe to events to receive notifications and can unsubscribe to stop receiving notifications.
- **Best Practice:** Use the EventHandler delegate for standard event patterns.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public class Publisher {
    public event EventHandler SomethingHappened;

    protected virtual void OnSomethingHappened() {
        SomethingHappened?.Invoke(this, EventArgs.Empty);
    }
}
```

---

118. What is LINQ and its benefits in C#?

- **Definition:** Language Integrated Query (LINQ) is a set of features that extend powerful query capabilities to the C# language, allowing querying of data from various sources.

- **Integration:** LINQ allows queries to be written directly in C#, improving readability and maintainability.
- **Data Sources:** Can work with arrays, collections, databases (using LINQ to SQL), XML, and more.
- **Strongly Typed:** Provides compile-time checking and IntelliSense support, reducing runtime errors.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
var numbers = new List<int> { 1, 2, 3, 4 };
var evenNumbers = from n in numbers where n % 2 == 0 select n;
```

---

119. Explain what a `delegate` is in C#.

- **Definition:** A delegate is a type that represents references to methods with a specific parameter list and return type.
- **Function Pointer:** Acts like a type-safe function pointer, allowing methods to be passed as parameters.
- **Multicast Delegates:** Delegates can reference multiple methods, allowing for broadcast notifications.
- **Common Use:** Often used for event handling and callback methods.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public delegate void Notify(string message);

public class Process {
    public event Notify ProcessCompleted;

    public void StartProcess() {
```

```
        // Process logic
        ProcessCompleted?.Invoke("Process Completed!");
    }
}
```

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120. What are generics and why are they useful in C#?

- **Definition:** Generics allow you to define classes, methods, and interfaces with a placeholder for the data type, enabling type-safe data handling.
- **Reusability:** Promotes code reusability by allowing a single class or method to work with different data types.
- **Performance:** Eliminates the need for boxing and unboxing when using value types, improving performance.
- **Type Safety:** Provides compile-time type checking, reducing runtime errors related to type mismatches.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public class GenericList<T> {
    private List<T> items = new List<T>();
    public void Add(T item) {
        items.Add(item);
    }
}
```

121. What is the purpose of the `volatile` keyword in C#?

- **Definition:** Indicates that a field can be accessed by multiple threads, ensuring that the value is read from and written to the main memory directly.

- **Thread Safety:** Helps prevent caching of variables in CPU registers, ensuring that each thread always sees the most recent value.
- **Usage:** Primarily used for fields shared by multiple threads without using locks.
- **Limitations:** Does not guarantee atomicity or thread safety for compound operations (e.g., increment).

Example:

csharp
Copy code
```
private volatile int counter;
```

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122. What is a constructor in C#?

- **Definition:** A special method called when an instance of a class is created, used to initialize the object.
- **Naming:** Has the same name as the class and does not have a return type.
- **Overloading:** Can be overloaded to provide multiple ways to instantiate an object.
- **Default Constructor:** A constructor with no parameters; if not defined, C# provides a default one.

Example:

csharp
Copy code
```
public class MyClass {
   public MyClass() {
      // Initialization code
   }
}
```

---

123. What are `records` in C#?

- **Definition:** A new reference type introduced in C# 9 designed for immutable data with built-in functionality for value equality.
- **Concise Syntax:** Provides a concise way to define data-carrying types.
- **Immutability:** By default, properties of a record are immutable.
- **Value Equality:** Automatically generates methods for equality checks based on property values.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public record Person(string Name, int Age);
```

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124. What is the `async` and `await` pattern in C#?

- **Async:** Marks a method as asynchronous, allowing it to run operations without blocking the main thread.
- **Await:** Pauses the execution of the async method until the awaited task is complete, freeing up the thread to perform other work.
- **Task-based:** Used with `Task` or `Task<T>` types, improving responsiveness in applications.
- **Error Handling:** Exceptions can be handled using try-catch blocks within async methods.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public async Task<int> GetDataAsync() {
   await Task.Delay(1000); // Simulates async work
   return 42;
```

```
}
```

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125. What is the difference between interface and abstract class?

- **Interface:**
  - Cannot contain implementation (prior to C# 8, which allows default implementations).
  - Supports multiple inheritance; a class can implement multiple interfaces.
  - Typically used to define a contract for classes.
- **Abstract Class:**
  - Can contain both abstract (unimplemented) and concrete (implemented) methods.
  - Supports single inheritance; a class can only inherit from one abstract class.
  - Can have fields, constructors, and other members that are not allowed in interfaces.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public interface IShape {
   double Area();
}

public abstract class Shape {
   public abstract double Area();
   public void Display() { /* Implementation */ }
}
```

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126. What is a finalizer in C#?

- **Definition:** A special method (also known as a destructor) that is called when an object is being garbage collected.
- **Syntax:** Defined using the tilde (~) followed by the class name.
- **Purpose:** Used to clean up unmanaged resources before the object is reclaimed by the garbage collector.
- **Limitations:** Not guaranteed to run immediately and should be avoided unless necessary; prefer using `IDisposable` for resource management.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public class MyClass {
   ~MyClass() {
      // Cleanup code
   }
}
```

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127. Explain the concept of `Nullable Types` in C#.

- **Definition:** A special type that allows value types to hold a null value, useful for representing absent or undefined values.
- **Syntax:** Defined using `?` after the value type (e.g., `int?`, `double?`).
- **Use Case:** Often used in database applications where fields may contain null values.
- **Nullable Methods:** Use `HasValue` and `Value` properties to check and access the underlying value.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
int? nullableInt = null;
```

```
if (nullableInt.HasValue) {
   int value = nullableInt.Value;
}
```

---

128. What is the `IDisposable` interface?

- **Purpose:** Provides a standard way to release unmanaged resources, such as file handles or database connections.
- **Dispose Method:** Contains a single method `Dispose()` that should be called to clean up resources.
- **Using Statement:** Commonly used with the `using` statement to ensure proper disposal.
- **Pattern:** Implement the Dispose pattern to allow for cleanup of both managed and unmanaged resources.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public class MyResource : IDisposable {
   public void Dispose() {
      // Cleanup code
      GC.SuppressFinalize(this); // Prevent finalizer from running
   }
}
```

---

129. What is the `Task` class in C#?

- **Definition:** Represents an asynchronous operation that can return a result or complete without returning anything.
- **State Management:** Provides properties to check the status of the task (e.g., `IsCompleted`, `IsFaulted`).

- **Continuation:** Supports continuation tasks that can run after the task completes.
- **Cancellation:** Can be canceled using `CancellationToken`.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public async Task<string> GetDataAsync() {
   var task = Task.Run(() => "Hello, World!");
   return await task;
}
```

---

130. What are properties in C#?

- **Definition:** Special class members that provide a flexible mechanism to read, write, or compute the values of private fields.
- **Getters and Setters:** Properties can have `get` and `set` accessors to retrieve or assign values.
- **Automatic Properties:** Allows for automatic generation of private backing fields.
- **Validation:** Can include logic in the `set` accessor to enforce rules or validation.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public class Person {
   private string name;
   public string Name {
      get => name;
      set {
         if (string.IsNullOrEmpty(value)) throw new ArgumentException("Name cannot be empty.");
         name = value;
```

```
    }
  }
}
```

131. What are tuples in C#?

- **Definition:** A lightweight data structure that can hold a fixed number of items, allowing you to group multiple values together.
- **Syntax:** Defined using parentheses, with optional names for each element.
- **Use Case:** Useful for returning multiple values from a method without creating a separate class or struct.
- **Immutability:** Tuples are immutable by default, but you can create mutable tuples using ValueTuple.

Example:

csharp
Copy code
```
var person = (Name: "Alice", Age: 30);
Console.WriteLine($"{person.Name} is {person.Age} years old.");
```

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132. What is a using directive in C#?

- **Purpose:** Allows you to include namespaces in your code, enabling access to classes, methods, and other members without needing to specify the full namespace.
- **Namespace Aliasing:** You can create an alias for a namespace using the using directive.
- **Static Using:** Introduced in C# 6, allows access to static members of a class without specifying the class name.

Example:

csharp
Copy code
```
using System;
using MathAlias = System.Math; // Namespace alias

Console.WriteLine(MathAlias.Sqrt(16)); // Calls the Math.Sqrt method
```

---

133. What is a factory pattern in C#?

- **Definition:** A creational design pattern used to create objects without specifying the exact class of the object that will be created.
- **Factory Method:** Defines an interface for creating an object, but allows subclasses to alter the type of objects that will be created.
- **Use Case:** Useful when the creation process is complex or requires encapsulation.

Example:

csharp
Copy code
```
public abstract class Animal {
   public abstract void Speak();
}

public class Dog : Animal {
   public override void Speak() => Console.WriteLine("Bark");
}

public class AnimalFactory {
   public static Animal CreateAnimal(string type) {
      return type switch {
         "Dog" => new Dog(),
         _ => throw new ArgumentException("Invalid type")
      };
   }
```

}

---

134. What is the difference between == and Object.ReferenceEquals()?

- **== Operator:** Used for both value and reference types. For reference types, it checks if both references point to the same object in memory.
- **Object.ReferenceEquals():** Always checks for reference equality, returning true if both references point to the same object, regardless of the type.
- **Best Practice:** Use == for value types and Object.ReferenceEquals() when you specifically want to compare object references.

Example:

csharp
Copy code
```
object obj1 = new object();
object obj2 = obj1;

bool areEqual = obj1 == obj2; // true
bool referenceEquals = Object.ReferenceEquals(obj1, obj2); // true
```

---

135. What is serialization and deserialization in C#?

- **Serialization:** The process of converting an object into a format that can be stored (e.g., binary or XML) or transmitted (e.g., over a network).
- **Deserialization:** The reverse process, where a serialized format is converted back into an object.
- **Use Case:** Commonly used for saving application state, data exchange, and remote communication.
- **Attributes:** Classes can be marked with [Serializable] or use specific serialization libraries like System.Text.Json.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
[Serializable]
public class Person {
   public string Name { get; set; }
}

// Serialization example
var person = new Person { Name = "Alice" };
var formatter = new BinaryFormatter();
using var stream = new MemoryStream();
formatter.Serialize(stream, person);

// Deserialization example
stream.Seek(0, SeekOrigin.Begin);
var deserializedPerson = (Person)formatter.Deserialize(stream);
```

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136. What is pattern matching in C#?

- **Definition:** A feature that allows you to check a value's type and extract data from it in a concise and readable way.
- **Types of Patterns:** Includes type patterns, constant patterns, and property patterns.
- **Switch Expressions:** Introduced in C# 8, allows for more expressive switch statements with pattern matching.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
object obj = "Hello";
if (obj is string str) {
   Console.WriteLine($"String: {str}");
```

```
}

// Switch expression example
string result = obj switch {
   string s => $"String: {s}",
   int i => $"Integer: {i}",
   _ => "Unknown type"
};
```

---

137. What is `async/await` error handling in C#?

- **Error Propagation:** Exceptions in asynchronous methods are captured and can be handled using try-catch blocks, just like in synchronous code.
- **Unobserved Exceptions:** If an exception occurs in a Task that is not awaited or observed, it can lead to an unobserved task exception, which may crash the application.
- **Best Practice:** Always await asynchronous methods or handle exceptions to avoid issues.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public async Task ExampleAsync() {
   try {
      await Task.Run(() => { throw new InvalidOperationException(); });
   } catch (InvalidOperationException ex) {
      Console.WriteLine($"Caught exception: {ex.Message}");
   }
}
```

---

138. What is the `yield` keyword in C#?

- **Definition:** Used to define an iterator, allowing a method to return each element of a collection one at a time, instead of returning all at once.
- **IEnumerable/IEnumerator:** Methods using `yield return` return `IEnumerable` or `IEnumerator` without needing to implement the entire interface.
- **Deferred Execution:** Iteration is performed lazily, meaning the collection is only evaluated when accessed.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public IEnumerable<int> GetNumbers() {
   for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
      yield return i; // Returns one number at a time
   }
}
```

---

139. What are indexers in C#?

- **Definition:** A special type of property that allows objects to be indexed like arrays, enabling access to elements in a class or struct using an index.
- **Syntax:** Defined using the `this` keyword, followed by a parameter list.
- **Use Case:** Commonly used in collection classes to provide array-like access to data.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public class SampleCollection {
   private string[] elements = new string[10];

   public string this[int index] {
      get => elements[index];
```

```
        set => elements[index] = value;
    }
}
```

---

140. What is the `dynamic` type in C#?

- **Definition:** A type that bypasses compile-time type checking, allowing for dynamic resolution of types at runtime.
- **Usage:** Used for interacting with COM objects, dynamic languages, or scenarios where types are not known until runtime.
- **Performance:** May introduce a performance overhead due to runtime type resolution and should be used judiciously.

Example:

```
csharp
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dynamic obj = "Hello";
Console.WriteLine(obj.Length); // Runtime check
obj = 10; // Now it's an int
```

141. What is the `IEnumerable` interface in C#?

- **Definition:** Represents a collection of objects that can be enumerated, meaning you can iterate over its elements.
- **Key Method:** Contains the `GetEnumerator()` method, which returns an enumerator that iterates through the collection.
- **Use Case:** Commonly used with collections to allow the `foreach` loop syntax.
- **LINQ Support:** Many LINQ methods operate on `IEnumerable` collections.

Example:

```
csharp
```

```
Copy code
public class MyCollection : IEnumerable<int> {
   private List<int> items = new List<int> { 1, 2, 3 };

   public IEnumerator<int> GetEnumerator() {
      return items.GetEnumerator();
   }

   IEnumerator IEnumerable.GetEnumerator() {
      return GetEnumerator();
   }
}
```

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142. What is the `IQueryable` interface in C#?

- **Definition:** Extends `IEnumerable` and is used to represent a queryable collection that can be queried using LINQ.
- **Deferred Execution:** Queries are executed only when the results are iterated over.
- **Benefits:** Supports complex querying, including filtering, sorting, and grouping directly in the database.
- **Use Case:** Commonly used with Entity Framework to build queries against a database.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public IQueryable<Person> GetPeople() {
   return dbContext.People.Where(p => p.Age > 18);
}
```

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143. What is a `volatile` variable in C#?

- **Definition:** A keyword indicating that a field can be accessed by multiple threads, ensuring that the value is always read from or written to main memory.
- **Use Case:** Prevents CPU caching of the variable's value, ensuring visibility across threads.
- **Limitations:** Does not provide atomicity; use locks or other synchronization mechanisms for compound operations.

Example:

csharp
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```
private volatile bool isRunning;
```

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144. What is a `namespace` in C#?

- **Definition:** A container that holds a set of classes, interfaces, structs, enums, and delegates to organize code and prevent naming conflicts.
- **Use Case:** Helps in grouping related types and providing a way to use similar names in different contexts.
- **Syntax:** Defined using the `namespace` keyword followed by the name.

Example:

csharp
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```
namespace MyApplication.Models {
   public class User { /* Class implementation */ }
}
```

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145. What is the `try-catch-finally` block in C#?

- **Purpose:** Used for error handling, allowing you to handle exceptions gracefully.
- **Try Block:** Contains code that may throw exceptions.
- **Catch Block:** Executes if an exception is thrown in the try block; can handle specific exceptions.
- **Finally Block:** Executes after the try and catch blocks, regardless of whether an exception occurred, typically used for cleanup.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
try {
   // Code that may throw an exception
} catch (Exception ex) {
   // Handle exception
} finally {
   // Cleanup code, executed regardless of exceptions
}
```

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146. What is the `params` keyword in C#?

- **Definition:** Allows a method to accept a variable number of arguments as a single parameter, which is treated as an array.
- **Syntax:** Specified before the last parameter in a method signature.
- **Use Case:** Useful for methods that need to handle a flexible number of inputs without overloading.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
public void LogMessages(params string[] messages) {
   foreach (var message in messages) {
```

```
        Console.WriteLine(message);
    }
}

// Usage
LogMessages("Error 1", "Error 2", "Error 3");
```

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147. What is the `lock` statement used for in C#?

- **Purpose:** Provides a mechanism to ensure that a block of code runs exclusively by one thread at a time, preventing race conditions.
- **Locking Object:** Requires a private object for locking to prevent external code from locking the same object.
- **Best Practice:** Always use a lock around shared resources to maintain thread safety.

Example:

```
csharp
Copy code
private readonly object lockObject = new object();

public void ThreadSafeMethod() {
    lock (lockObject) {
        // Code that accesses shared resources
    }
}
```

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148. What are `attributes` in C#?

- **Definition:** Special classes that allow you to add metadata to your code elements (classes, methods, properties, etc.).

- **Usage:** Can be used to provide additional information that can be accessed at runtime using reflection.
- **Built-in Attributes:** Includes `Obsolete`, `Serializable`, `DebuggerStepThrough`, etc.

Example:

```
csharp
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[Obsolete("This method is deprecated.")]
public void OldMethod() { /* Implementation */ }
```

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149. What is the purpose of the `using` statement in C#?

- **Purpose:** Ensures that IDisposable objects are disposed of properly and automatically, freeing up resources.
- **Scope:** The object is disposed of at the end of the block, regardless of whether an exception occurs.
- **Best Practice:** Use the `using` statement when working with resources like files, database connections, etc.

Example:

```
csharp
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using (var fileStream = new FileStream("file.txt", FileMode.Open)) {
    // Work with the file
} // fileStream is disposed of here
```

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150. What are `extension methods` in C#?

- **Definition:** Allow you to add new methods to existing types without modifying the original type or creating a new derived type.

- **Static Method:** Defined as static methods in a static class, with the first parameter specifying the type being extended.
- **Usability:** Can be called as if they were instance methods on the extended type.

Example:

csharp
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```
public static class StringExtensions {
   public static bool IsNullOrEmpty(this string str) {
      return string.IsNullOrEmpty(str);
   }
}

// Usage
bool result = "".IsNullOrEmpty(); // Calls the extension method
```