Java Programming Day 7

By Kavuri Santosh Kumar

CLASS MEMBERS:

class members:

In Java, **class members** refer to the components of a class, such as fields, methods, constructors, and nested classes. These members can be classified as **local** and **global** based on their usage.

1. Local Members

Local members are variables or methods declared and used within a method, constructor, or block of code. They are accessible only within the scope in which they are defined.

• Accessibility: Not accessible outside the method or block where they are defined.

Examples of Local Members

```
class ExampleLocal {
    void display() {
        int localVariable = 10; // Local variable
        System.out.println("Local Variable: " + localVariable);
    }

public static void main(String[] args) {
        ExampleLocal obj = new ExampleLocal();
        obj.display(); // Accessing the method with local members
    }
}
```

 Here, localVariable is a local member, and it can only be accessed inside the display method.

2. Global Members

Global members are variables, methods, or nested classes declared within the class but outside any method, constructor, or block. These members are accessible throughout the class, and their accessibility depends on their access modifiers.

Characteristics:

- **Scope**: Throughout the class (and possibly beyond, depending on access modifiers).
- Types: Can be instance variables (non-static) or class variables (static).
 - o **Instance Variables**: Associated with an object of the class.
 - o Class Variables: Shared among all objects of the class.
- **Default Initialization**: Automatically initialized to default values if not explicitly initialized.

Examples of Global Members

```
class ExampleGlobal {
  int globalInstanceVariable = 20; // Instance variable (global)
  static int globalStaticVariable = 30; // Class variable (global)

void display() {
    System.out.println("Instance Variable: " + globalInstanceVariable);
    System.out.println("Static Variable: " + globalStaticVariable);
}

public static void main(String[] args) {
    // Create an instance of the class to access the instance variable
    ExampleGlobal obj = new ExampleGlobal();
    obj.display(); // Accessing instance and static variables via the method

    // Access static variable directly without an instance
    System.out.println("Accessing Static Variable Directly: " +
ExampleGlobal.globalStaticVariable);
  }
}
```

• Here, globalInstanceVariable and globalStaticVariable are global members accessible throughout the Example class.

Key Differences

Aspect	Local Members	Global Members
Defined in	Inside methods, constructors, or blocks	Inside the class but outside methods
Scope	Limited to the block in which defined	Available throughout the class
Default Initialization	Not initialized by default	Automatically initialized
Modifiers Allowed	No (cannot have access modifiers)	Yes (can use access modifiers like private, public, etc.)

Global Members

- I. Static Global Members/Class Members
- II. Non-Static Global Members/Object Members/Instance

Members/Instances

- I. Static Global Members/Class Members:
 - i. Static Variable/Class Variable.
 - ii. Static Initializer Block(SIB).
 - iii. Static Method/Function.
- II. Non-Static Global Members/Object Members/Instance Members/Instances:
 - i. Non-Static Variable/Instance Variable/Object.
 - ii. Non-Static Initializer Block(IIB)/ Instance Initializer Block(IIB)
 - iii. Non-Static Method/Function.

I. Static Global Members/Class Members:-

- i. Static Variable/Class Variable.
- ii. Static Initializer Block(SIB).
- iii. Static Method/Function.

Example:-

```
class Sample1 {
  static int i;
  static float f;
  static double d;
  static char ch;
  static boolean b;
  static String s;
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    System.out.println(i);
    System.out.println(f);
    System.out.println(d);
    System.out.println(ch);
    System.out.println(b);
    System.out.println(s);
  }
}
```

```
Output:
0
0.0
0.0
false
null
Syntax:
class ClassName {
  // Static Variable
  static DataType staticVariable = initialValue;
  // Static Initializer Block
  static {
    // Initialization logic for static variables or one-time execution code
  }
  // Static Method
  static ReturnType staticMethodName(Parameters) {
    // Code that operates on static members
  }
  public static void main(String[] args) {
     // Access static variable
    System.out.println(ClassName.staticVariable);
     // Call static method
    ClassName.staticMethodName(Arguments);
  }
```

}

```
Example:
```

```
class StaticMembersExample {
  // Static Variable
  static int static Variable;
  // Static Initializer Block
  static {
     staticVariable = 10;
     System.out.println("Static Initializer Block Executed: staticVariable = " + staticVariable);
   }
  // Static Method
  static void display() {
     System.out.println("Static Method Called: staticVariable = " + staticVariable);
   }
  public static void main(String[] args) {
     System.out.println("Main Method Started");
     // Accessing static variable directly
     System.out.println("Accessing Static Variable Directly: " + static Variable);
     // Accessing static method
     StaticMembersExample.display();
   }
}
```

Output:

Static Initializer Block Executed: staticVariable = 10

Main Method Started

Accessing Static Variable Directly: 10 Static Method Called: staticVariable = 10

Note:

- Any static variables can be accessed within the static content (content of static initializer blocks or static methods) in two ways:
 - i. Directly using the variable name.
 - ii. By using the class name followed by the variable name (i.e.,
 - ClassName.variableName).
- We can have **local** and **global** variables with the same name, but they will be treated as different variables.
- We **cannot** declare two local variables and two global variables with the same name in the same scope.
- Local variables do not have default values, whereas global variables (both static and non-static) have default values assigned by the JVM.

Loading Process of the Class:

- The **class loader** creates a static area with a name similar to the class name.
- It loads all the static members of the class and assigns them default values.
- It executes all the **static initializers** (including **static initializer blocks (SIBs)**) one by one, from top to bottom, in the order they are defined in the class.

Note:-

Any static members(static variable or methods) can be accessed or used by two ways:

- i. Using only the name of the variable or method.
- ii. Using CalssName.variableName

Or

ClassName.methodName(actual argument is optional)

Static Initializer Block:-

It is an anonymous block declared with a static keyword and it executes during lading process of the class.

We can write any number of SIB's and they all executes one by one from top to bottom order.

Non-Static Global Members:

- Any global member declared without the static keyword is known as a non-static global member.
- There are 3 types of non-static members:
 - i. Non-static variables/Instance variables
 - ii. Non-static initializer blocks/Instance initializer blocks (IIB)
 - iii. Non-static methods

Execution Details:

• Static Members:

Static members are automatically loaded into the class's static area by the class loader. The JVM automatically executes static methods without the need for explicit object creation.

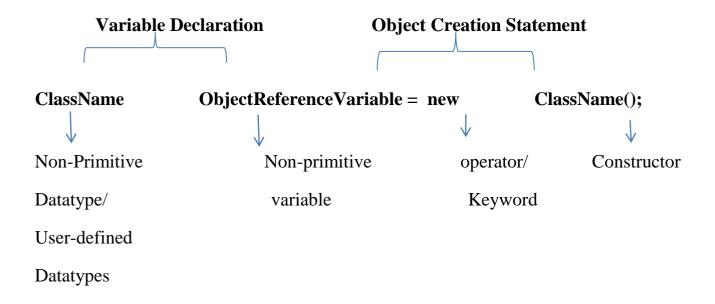
• Non-Static Members:

Non-static members are not automatically loaded by the class loader. Developers must explicitly create an object using the new operator and a constructor to allocate memory for non-static members. Once the object is created, non-static members can be accessed and executed using an object reference variable.

Object/Instance:-

-object is a block of memory created during the runtime to load non-static members of the class.

Syntax to create object:-



i. Non-static variable/instance variable:-

- -All global variables declared without static are known as non-static variable.
- -To execute non-static variables, first we need to create an object by using object reference variable only. So that we can fetch non-static members.

Loading process of an object:-

- -new operator creates an object with the help of reference/address.
- -loads all the non-static members with default values.
- -Executes non-static initializer from top to bottom order one by one.
- -Once the object is created (instantiation is done) new operator returns the reference.

Note:-

- -Static members can have single copy of memory block, where as non-static members can have multiple copies of memory block. Since objects can be created any number of times by the developer using new operator.
- -Any number of objects created by the developer will be automatically having internal reference to class static area by JVM.

Syntax:

```
class ClassName {
    // Non-static Variable (Instance Variable)
    DataType instanceVariable = initialValue;

    // Non-static Initializer Block (IIB)
    {
        // Code to initialize instance variables or other instance-related logic
    }

    // Non-static Method
    ReturnType nonStaticMethodName(Parameters) {
        // Code that operates on instance variables
    }
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
     // Create an instance of the class
     ClassName obj = new ClassName();
    // Access instance variable
     System.out.println(obj.instanceVariable);
     // Call non-static method
     obj.nonStaticMethodName(Arguments);
  }
}
Example:-
class Example {
  // Non-static Variable
  int instance Variable = 10;
  // Non-static Initializer Block (IIB)
     instanceVariable += 5; // Modify the instance variable
    System.out.println("Instance Initializer Block: instanceVariable = " + instanceVariable);
  }
  // Non-static Method
  void display() {
     System.out.println("Non-static Method: instanceVariable = " + instanceVariable);
  }
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    System.out.println("Main Method Started");
    // Create an object to access non-static members
     Example obj = new Example();
    // Access instance variable
    System.out.println("Accessing Instance Variable: " + obj.instanceVariable);
    // Call non-static method
    obj.display();
}
```

Output:

Main Method Started Instance Initializer Block: instanceVariable = 15 Accessing Instance Variable: 15 Non-static Method: instanceVariable = 15

Example for both static and Non static:

```
class MixedExample {
  // Static Variable
  static int static Variable = 100;
  // Non-static Variable
  int instance Variable = 50;
  // Static Initializer Block
  static {
     staticVariable += 10; // Initialize or modify static variable
     System.out.println("Static Initializer Block: staticVariable = " + staticVariable);
  }
  // Non-static Initializer Block
     instanceVariable += 5; // Initialize or modify instance variable
     System.out.println("Instance Initializer Block: instanceVariable = " + instanceVariable);
  }
  // Static Method
  static void staticMethod() {
     System.out.println("Static Method: staticVariable = " + staticVariable);
     // Cannot directly access instance variables here
  }
  // Non-static Method
  void nonStaticMethod() {
     System.out.println("Non-static Method: instanceVariable = " + instanceVariable);
     System.out.println("Accessing staticVariable in Non-static Method: " + staticVariable);
  }
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    System.out.println("Main Method Started");

    // Access static members
    MixedExample.staticMethod();
    System.out.println("Accessing Static Variable Directly: " +
MixedExample.staticVariable);

    // Create an instance of the class to access non-static members
    MixedExample obj = new MixedExample();
    System.out.println("Accessing Instance Variable: " + obj.instanceVariable);
    obj.nonStaticMethod();
}
```

Difference between Static members and non-static members

Static Members	Non-static Members
Static members have single copy of memory block.	Non-static members can have multiple copies of memory block.
Static members are automatically loaded into class static area.	Non-static members must be loaded into the object explicitly by the developer using new operator.
This keyword cannot be used in a static context.	This keyword can be used within non-static context.
We don't have to create an object to execute static members.	Creation of object is mandatory to execute non-static members.
If any change occurs to the static members it is common to the all objects.	If any non-static member of an object is modified, then the change will modified only that particular object and the non-static members of other objects are unchanged.