| Aspect | Java Compiler | Java Interpreter |
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| Purpose | Translates Java source code into bytecode | Executes bytecode line by line at runtime |
| Stage of Execution | Compile-time | Runtime |
| Input | Java source code (.java files) | Compiled bytecode (.class files) |
| Output | Bytecode (.class files) | Machine-specific code |
| Error Han <mark>d</mark> ling | Catches and reports syntax errors before execution | Handles runtime errors (e.g., exceptions) |
| Execution Method | Converts entire source code to bytecode at once | Executes bytecode line by line |
| Tool | javac (Java compiler) | java (JVM interpreter) |
| Platform Independence | Produces platform-independent bytecode | Executes platform-specific machine code |
| Performance | Faster, since bytecode is precompiled | Slower, as it executes line by line |
| Platform Specific | No (Generates platform-independent bytecode) | Yes (JVM is platform-specific) |