

Q. What is Java, and why is it not considered a pure oop language?

- Java is class based oop language
- Write Once, Run Anywhere → compile java code, it can run on any platform that supports Java without recompiling
- But, Not everything is object. instead they are primitive like int or char. Even though it has wrapper class like Integer or float that converts primitive into objects it still allow direct operations on primitive. Therefore, not pure oop language.

Q. Key components involved in running a Java program?

- To write Java program → first create Java source file (.java file)
- On compilation .java $\xrightarrow{\text{converted}}$ bytecode and store in .class file

Bytecode is platform independent

- Execution :
 - JDK Java Development Kit provides all the tools to create Java app
 - JRE Java Runtime Environment is needed to run compiled bytecode
 - JVM Java Virtual Machine runs the program across different platforms by interpreting and executing line by line bytecode.



Q. What are main features of Java?

- Simple and Secure
- Runs on any platform
- Organizes code through objects → easier to work and maintain
- Supports multithreading

Q. What is Java String Pool?

- It is a memory where all the string values you create are stored. It prevents wasting memory on duplicates as when a string is created Java checks if that exact string is present in String Pool and gives reference to the one that's already there. Unless created using new keyword. as it stores in heap.

Q. What are Wrapper classes and why needed in Java?

- Primitive → byte, short, int, long, float, double, char, boolean
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- Wrapper class converts primitive data type to Objects
- Wrapper → Byte, Short, Integer, Long, Float, Double, Character, Boolean
- Allows them to store null value unlike primitive
- Use methods like .parseInt(), .valueOf(), .toString()
- Works with collections like ArrayList<> as it only stores objects not primitive
- int $\xrightarrow{\text{Autoboxing}}$ Integer
- Unboxing

Q. Scenario based question on collections in Java?

ArrayList → dynamic array that grows as we add elements

Hashsets → stores unique elements, no duplicates

HashMap → used for mapping just like dictionary key : values

Using collections helps managing large amount of complex data with built in functions like adding, removing, searching.

Q. Explain use of "this" and "super" keywords in Java?

"this" → refers to current object or class pointing to the object that is calling method or constructor.

"super" → refers to parent class /method/constructor used to access method or variable from parent class

Q. What is difference between static and instance method?

static → method that belongs to class itself and can be called without ~~creating~~ object of class
→ just call using `ClassName.methodName()`
→ only, access other static variables or methods and cannot use this keyword as they do not belong to any object.

instance → method that belongs to object of a class

- create object first then call the method on that object
- can access both static and instance variable and can use this keyword.

Q: What are constructors and their types?

Special method used to initialize object in Java-

- Same Name as Class
- No Return Type
- Automatic call when object is created using new keyword

Types are

- Default : takes no arguments
initialize object with default value
- Parameterized : takes parameters to initialize object fields

```
class Bike {
    Bike () {
        System.out.println("created");
    }
}
public static void main (String [] args) {
    Bike b1 = new Bike ();
}
```

```
class Car {
    Car (String m, int y) {
        model = m;
        year = y;
    }
}
public static void main (String [] args) {
    Car c1 = new Car ("Tesla", 2022);
}
```

Q. Difference between StringBuffer & StringBuilder?

StringBuffer → synchronized, two threads can't call method of StringBuffer simultaneously just like mutex

StringBuilder → non synchronized, ^{multiple} ~~two~~ threads can call methods of StringBuilder simultaneously

A. Difference between Abstract & Interfaces?

Both allow us to define methods & subtypes must implement Abstract class → "extends"

- can have both abstract & non abstract methods
- supports single inheritance
- can have various types of variables (final, static or non static)
- can extend other classes & implement interfaces & provide implementations

Interface → "implements"

- can only have abstract methods
- supports multiple inheritance
- variables are public, static, final by default
- can only extend other interfaces
- cannot provide implementation

Q. What is method overloading & can we overload Main() method?

Allows multiple methods with same name. Methods must differ in number or type of parameters. (Compile time Polymorphism (Static)).

We can overload main() method but JVM will only call original (String[] args) main method.

Q. What is Method Overriding?

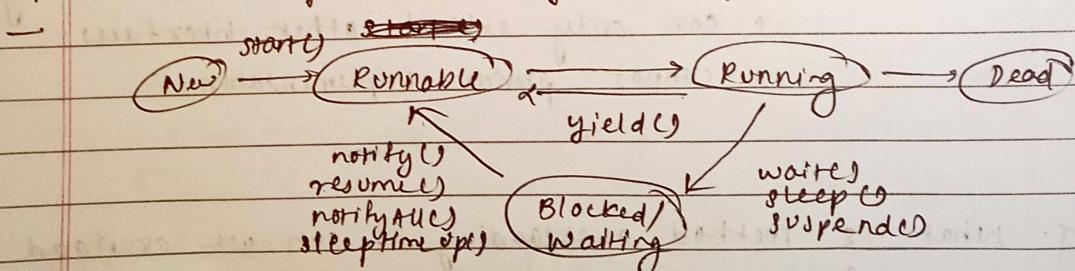
- Occurs when subclass provides a specific implementation of a method already defined in its superclass.
- But method signature (name, parameters) should be same.
- Run time Polymorphism (Dynamic)
- We can't override static or private method.

Q. How is Exception Handling done in Java?

- Try block → contains code that might throw exception
 Catch block → captures and handles specific exceptions
 Multiple catch blocks can be used for different exception types

Finally block → always executes regardless of exception there or not.

Q. What do you mean by life cycle of thread in Java?



d. What is Singleton class & how do we create it?

Design pattern that ensures a class has only one instance throughout the program and provide global access point to that instance.

→ Private constructor - prevents direct instantiation
prevent other classes from creating new instance

→ Static method `getInstance()` - provides global access to single instance

→ Static instance variable - stores single instance as static variable and shared across all calls to instance

d. Difference between Aggregation & Composition in Java?

Aggregation → "Has a"

objects can exist independently

child objects can outlive parent object

used when objects have their own lifecycle

Composition → "Part of"

child object depends on parent object

child objects are destroyed with parent

used when objects are strongly bound together

d. What is Anonymous Inner class?

Class without a name that is defined and instantiated all at once, typically used to override method or add extra behaviour and only one object of that class is created.

Used using abstract or interface

→ interface Age {

void getAge();

}

public static void main (String [] args) {

Age obj = new Age () {

} → Anonymous
Inner Class

public void getAge () {

System.out.println ("Age");

}

obj.getAge();

}

Q. Difference between Implicit & Explicit Type Conversion.

Implicit → Type coercion

automatic conversion of smaller datatype

to larger datatype by compiler

→ int num = 10; double bignum = num;

Explicit → programmer manually converts a variable from one data type to another

→ double bignum = 10.5;

int num = (int) bignum;

Q. Explain purpose of volatile keyword in Java?

→ Ensure that changes to variable are immediately visible to all threads, preventing threads from caching the variables from their local ^{cachel} copy. It tells JVM that variables value will always be read from and written to main memory.

Q. Difference between `System.out`, `System.err` and `System.in`?

`System.out` → standard output for regular messages
`System.out.println()`
 normal output
 console (e.g. black)

`System.err` → standard output for error messages
`System.err.println()`
 Error or diagnostic output
 console (e.g. red)

`System.in` → standard input for reading user input
`(System.in)` used with Scanner or `InputStream`
 Input stream
 Reads from keyboard

Q. What are Access Specifiers & their purpose?

	Same Class	Same Package	Subclass (diff pkg)	Everywhere
Public	✓	✓	✓	✓
Protected	✓	✓	✓	✗
default	✓	✓	✗	✗
private	✓	✗	✗	✗

Q. Difference between `final`, `finally`, `finalize` keywords.

`Final` → restrict user from changing the value
 of a variable from extending a class
 or overriding a method.

Finally → used with try catch block and is executed regardless of exception thrown or not.

Finalize → special method provided by object class that is called by garbage collector before reclaiming an object memory. (also sc. finalize(),)

Q. Difference between deep copy & shallow copy?

Deep Copy → creates new object and copies all fields ensuring changes made to one object doesn't affect other.

- new memory is allocated, each object has its own independent reference.

Shallow Copy → copy the reference of an object, not actual object.

- changes made to one reference affect the other.
- no new memory is allocated, both references point to same memory location.

Q. What is OOP and why is it important?

Programming paradigm that organizes software design around objects rather than functions or logic.

- Modularity : smaller modules (breaks into)
- Code Reusability : (inheritance)
- Data security : (encapsulation)
- Scalability
- Easier maintenance

Q. What are class & objects?

Class → blueprint for creating objects

defines data (attributes) & methods (functions)

Ex: class Dog { ... }

Object → instance of a class

real world entity with properties & behavior

Ex: Dog d1;

Q. What are four pillars of OOP?

- Encapsulation — bundles data & methods
private field, accessed via getters and setters
- Abstraction — hides complexity, showing only essential features
- Inheritance — one class inherits properties from another
"extends"
- Polymorphism — same method behaves differently for different objects.

Q. How to call one constructor from another?

- Using constructor chaining
- constructor chaining is process of calling one constructor from another within the same class (using this() keyword) or from base class (using super() keyword)
- To reuse code and avoid duplication when initializing an object.

```
class Student {
    int id;
    String name;
    Student() {
        this(1, "Riya");
        System.out.println("Default");
    }
    Student(int id, String name) {
        this.id = id;
        this.name = name;
        System.out.println("Parameterized");
    }
}
```

→ Output:
Parameterized
Default

```
class Person {
    Person() {
        System.out.println("Person");
    }
}
class Student extends Person {
    Student() {
        super();
        System.out.println("Student");
    }
}
```

→ Output:

Person
Student

Q. What are Manipulators in Java?

Methods or functions that modify the state or behavior of object via setters or other class methods.

Q. What do you mean by abstract class & can we instantiate the abstract class?

- Abstract class is blueprint for other classes
- cannot create objects directly
- can contain both abstract and regular methods.
- provide basic structure for subclasses to build on
- ensure subclasses implement required methods.

Q. What is interface in Java and how does it promote abstraction?

Interface is a reference type that contains only abstract methods (without body) and constant variables.

It provides a blueprint for classes to follow without implementing any specific behavior.

Q. Exception Handling in Java?

Types : User defined exception
Built in Exception

Built in Exception types:

→ Checked exception

- class not found
- IO
- Interrupted
- Instantiation
- SCL
- File not found

→ Unchecked exception

- Arithmetic
- Class Cast
- NULL Pointer
- Array Store
- Array Index Out of Bounds
- Illegal Thread State

Q. Explain types of inheritance?

→ Single - One child class inherits from one parent class

- class Animal { ... }

class Dog extends Animal { ... }

→ Multilevel - class derived from a class which is already derived from another class

- class Animal { ... }

class Dog extends Animal { ... }

class Poppy extends Dog { ... }

→ Hierarchical - multiple child classes inherit from one parent class

- class Animal { ... }

class Dog extends Animal { ... }

class Cat extends Animal { ... }

Q. Explain virtual keyword?

When a base class (e.g. A) is inherited twice in a hierarchy (via B & C to D), ambiguity arises in D.

To prevent duplication and ensure only one instance of A in D, use virtual with A in B and C.

```
class A { ... }  
class B : virtual public A { ... }  
class C : virtual public A { ... }  
class D : public B, public C { ... }
```

Q. What is difference between DBMS & RDBMS?

- Database Management System →

- Software to store, retrieve, update and manage data in database
- Data stored as files (single file)
- No connection between files (data) → relationship
- Less data security
- Supports single user mostly

Relational Database Management System →

- Type of DBMS
- Data stored in the form of tables (relations) with rows and columns
- Has relationships between tables (using keys)
- High data security & integrity
- Support multiple users

Q. Keys in DBMS?

Primary →

Super → uniquely identifies records
may contain extra attributes
a table can have many super keys

Candidate → minimal super key (eligible for primary)
no extra attribute

a table can have multiple candidate

Primary → cannot be null

one candidate key selected to identify record
only one primary key per table

Alternate → Candidate keys not selected
as primary key

Foreign → attribute in one table that refers to primary key of another table

Composite → key made of more than one attribute

Unique → unique values, allow null value (only)

Surrogate → artificially created

usually auto incremented

Natural → key formed from real world data
- AdharNo., EmailId

Q. What are constraints and their types?

Rules you set up for data in tables.

Helps in keeping data accurate and reliable.

→ NOT NULL → PRIMARY KEY

→ UNIQUE → NO REPEAT Rule

→ CHECK → DEFAULT

↳ restrict
invalid data
entry to be
stored by applying
condition

↳ prevent null values
by automatically
inserts a predefined
value

Q. Explain DDL and DML commands?

Data Definition language : structure of database

→ Create → Drop

↳ related to table

→ Alter

Data Manipulation Language : structure data

→ Insert → Update

↳ related to value

→ Delete

Delete → removes specific rows from table

Truncate → removes all rows from table

Drop → deletes entire table including its structure

Q. keywords in SQL ?

Group by → group rows that have same values
and apply aggregate function
 $\text{COUNT}()$, $\text{SUM}()$, $\text{AVG}()$, $\text{MIN}()$, $\text{MAX}()$

Order by → sort result set (rows)
by ASC | DESC

where → filters rows before grouping
works on individual rows

Having → filters groups after group by
works on grouped data

Q. Difference between Union & Union all in SQL

Union → combines both lists into one
remove any duplicates

Union all → combines two lists but keeps
every attribute even if they show
up more than once.

Q. what are views in SQL?

Virtual table that doesn't store data itself,
only the query is stored but allows you to see
data from one or more table in a specific way

Q. What are Triggers in SQL?

They are like reflex actions which allows you to set up an automatic action every time a certain event happens in database.

Adding, Updating, Deleting

e.g. CREATE TRIGGER before_insert_emp

BEFORE INSERT ON Employee

FOR EACH ROW

BEGIN

SET NEW.Salary = NEW.Salary + 100;

END;

Types : Before, After, Instead Of

Q. Explain Indexing in SQL and clustered Index?

Indexing is technique used to speed up data retrieval from a table by creating data structure on one or more columns.

→ CREATE INDEX idx ON Employee(Name);
clustered Index

It determines the physical order of data in table where table data is stored in sorted order

only one clustered index per table

→ CREATE CLUSTERED INDEX idx ON Employee(Name);

Q. Explain Normalization and their types?

- Process of organizing data

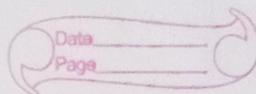
→ Reduce data redundancy

→ Avoid data anomalies

Types (Normal Form)

- 1NF : Each table cell should contain single value and each column must have unique name
- 2NF : All non key attributes must depend on the primary key
- 3NF : Every non key attribute must be independent of other non key attribute
- BCNF : Boyce Codd Normal Form
Every determinant (an attribute that can determine other attributes) must be a candidate key.

Imp Notes



- API Rate Limiting

Restricting the number of requests that user or client can make to an API in a given time period to prevent abuse.

- Caching

Storing frequently accessed data in memory to reduce latency and load on backend systems (e.g. Redis).

- Database Sharding

Splitting a database into smaller pieces (shards) to distribute the load and improve performance.

- Load Balancing

Distributing traffic across multiple servers to avoid overloading a single server and to improve performance.

- Replication

Copying data across multiple servers or locations to ensure redundancy, reliability, and availability.

- Scalability

The ability of a system to handle growth, either by scaling vertically (adding resources to a single server) or horizontally (adding more servers).

- Authentication & Authorization

Verifying user identity (authentication) and controlling access (authorization), often using OAuth / JWT.

- Consistency vs. Availability (CAP theorem)

A trade off between consistency (all nodes see the same data) and availability (the system remains operational).

- Data Integrity

Ensuring that data remains accurate and consistent across the system, even during failures.

- Event Sourcing

Storing state changes as a series of events, allowing the system to rebuild state from those events.

- Event Driven Architecture

Systems that react to events or messages asynchronously, improving scalability and responsiveness.

- Fault Tolerance

The ability of a system to continue functioning despite partial failures (e.g. failover mechanisms).

- Message Queues

Using queues (e.g. Kafka, RabbitMQ) for asynchronous communication between components in a system.

- Microservices Architecture

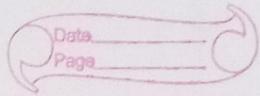
Breaking down a system into smaller, independent services that communicate over a network.

- Rate Limiting + Throttling

Controlling the flow of requests to prevent overloading a system or service.

- Service Discovery

Automatically finding the location and availability of services within a distributed system.



- Asynchronous Processing
Handling tasks asynchronously to avoid blocking processes and improve performance.
- Circuit Breaker Pattern
Preventing repeated failure of operations by stopping execution when a failure is detected.
- Containerization (e.g. Docker)
Packaging applications with their dependencies into containers for consistent deployment.
- Content Delivery Network (CDN)
A system of distributed servers that deliver content to users from locations closest to them.
- Database Indexing
(Creating indexes on columns of a database to improve search and retrieval time).
- Distributed Transactions
Ensuring consistency across distributed systems, often using two-phase commit or Saga patterns.
- Horizontal vs Vertical Scaling
Horizontal scaling adds more machines, vertical scaling adds more power to existing machines.
- Read / Write Splitting
Separating read operations from write operations to improve database performance.

- Sharding strategies

Techniques for dividing data across multiple databases or servers to improve scalability and performance.

- Transactional System & ACID Properties

Ensuring reliability and consistency through Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, and Durability.

- Big Data & Analytics

Managing and processing large volumes of data (e.g. using Hadoop, Spark) for analysis and insights.

- Data Partitioning

Dividing data into smaller, manageable partitions for optimization and performance improvement.

- Distributed Systems & Fault Isolation

Architecting systems in a way that allows for faults to be isolated without bringing down the entire system.

- Real-time Systems

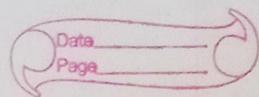
Systems that respond to inputs or events within a very short time frame (e.g. messaging, trading systems).

- Versioning (API & Data)

Handling changes to APIs and data formats in a way that maintains compatibility with existing systems.

- Video Streaming (Adaptive Bitrate)

Streaming video content with dynamic adjustment to the available bandwidth and device capabilities.



- Blockchain & Decentralized systems
Systems built on blockchain principles for decentralized and secure transactions.
- Distributed Caching
Caching data across multiple servers to improve performance and availability in large systems.
- Global Distribution & Multi Region Architecture
Architecting systems to ensure global availability and low latency by deploying across multiple regions.
- Video Encoding & Transcoding
Converting video content into different formats and quality levels for playback across various devices.