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From .Net C# Interview Questions: Understanding Delegates

Delegates in C#:

Delegates in C# are types representing references to methods with specific parameter lists and return types.

They form the backbone of events and callback methods in C#.

Every delegate is derived from the System.Delegate class.

The Concept of Delegates:

Imagine a delegate as a pointer or reference to a function.

When you create a delegate, you're specifying the method signature (return type and parameters) you intend to call.

This makes delegates incredibly versatile for dynamic method invocation.

Practical Uses:

Delegates are crucial in scenarios requiring event handling and callbacks.

They allow methods to be passed as parameters, enhancing flexibility in code.

Why Delegates Matter:

Essential for implementing event-driven programming.

Enable cleaner and more maintainable code by decoupling methods and their execution context.

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//Defining a Delegate:
public delegate int Operation(int x, int y);

// class functions that need to be delegated
public class Calculator
{
    public int Add(int a, int b)
    {
        return a + b;
    }

    public int Subtract(int a, int b)
    {
        return a - b;
    }
}

// Client code
Calculator calc = new Calculator();
Operation op = new Operation(calc.Add);
Console.WriteLine("Addition: " + op(5, 3)); // Output: Addition: 8

op = new Operation(calc.Subtract);
Console.WriteLine("Subtraction: " + op(5, 3)); // Output: Subtraction: 2
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