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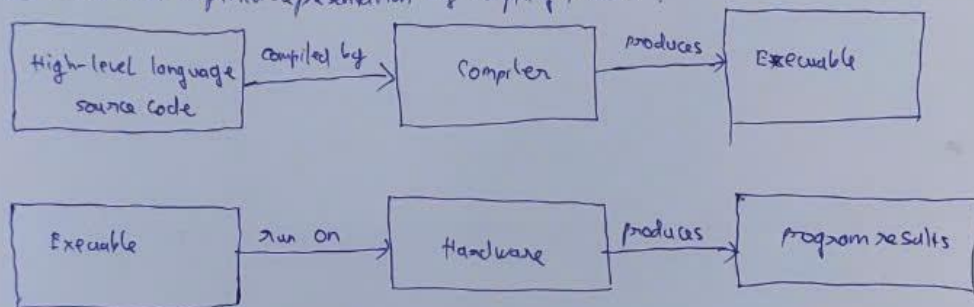
1/ Explain the difference between interpreters and compilers. Provide examples of programming languages that use interpreters and compilers. Discuss scenarios where one is preferred over the other.

- Both interpreters and compilers must translate high-level language into machine language before they can ^{be} run.

- About Compilers: is a program that read source code (typically written in a high-level language) and translate it into some other language (typically a low-level language (i.e. assembly)).

These machine language files are combined into an executable file (containing machine language instructions) like .exe, .dll that can be run on distributed to others. These executable files don't require the compiler to be installed.

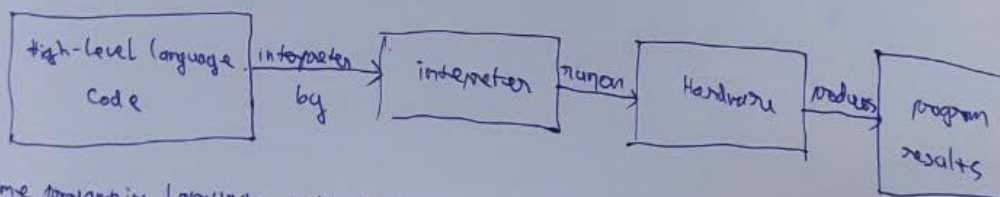
Ex: here is a simplified representation of compiling process:



Some programming language using compiler: C/C++, Rust, Go, ...

- About interpreters: is a program that directly execute instruction in the source code without requiring them to be compiled into an executable first.

Here is simplified representation of the interpretation process:



Some programming language using interpreter: python, javascript, Ruby, ...

Feature	Compiler	Interpreter
Speed	Faster after compilation	Slower due to runtime overhead
Error Detection	Detailed before execution	detected at runtime
Security	Source Code is hidden	Script is exposed

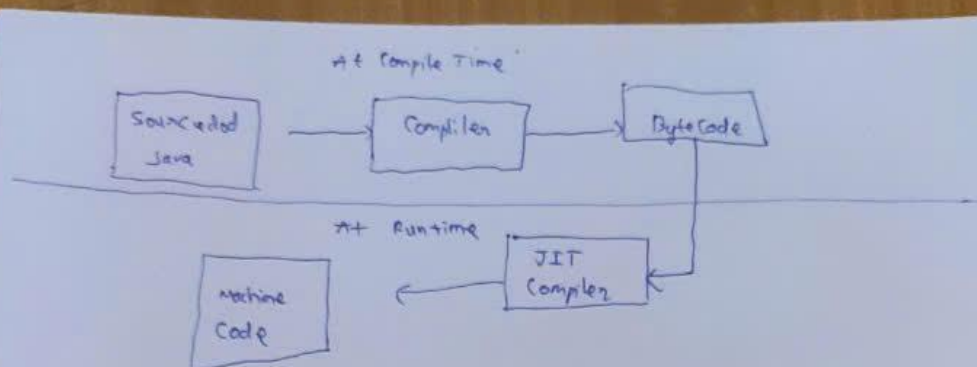
Scenario where a Compiler is preferred: High performance is Critical, Security
 Scenario where a Interpreter is preferred: Rapid development and Testing, multiple platform

2. Difference between Just-in-Time (JIT) compilers and traditional compilers.
 Provide examples of JIT implementation and their use case.

- A JIT Compiler combine both traditional compiler and interpreter
- Key difference

Feature	traditional compiler	JIT Compiler
Compilation time	before program execution (static)	during program execution (dynamic)
- dependency on runtime environment	require a runtime environment (eg JVM for Java, .NET CLR) to execute	don't require a runtime environment

Example implement and their use cases
 In Java programming Language have got a JVM (Java Virtual Machine)



3. Define CI/CD and its importance in DevOps. Explain the stages of a CI/CD. List tool commonly used in CI/CD and compare their features. Discuss common bottlenecks in CI/CD pipeline and strategies to resolve them.

- CI/CD: Definition and Importance in DevOps

CI/CD (Continuous Integration/Continuous Deployment) is a methodology in DevOps that automates the software development lifecycle to ensure software are built, tested and deployed efficiently and reliably.

CI: A project have a main source code. When developers develop new feature and integrate into the main source code. CI triggering automated build and test to detect issue (unit test, error syntax)

CD: have a lot environment to develop software (develop, staging, product) CD by automating the deployment via environments finally to release to production environment after passing automated tests.

- Importance in DevOps:

Faster development cycles: Automate repetitive task and speed up develop

Improved quality: Caught bug early with automated testing

Increased reliability: Reduces human error with consistent, automated process

Stages of a CI/CD pipeline (8 stages)

1. Plan
 - Identify requirement, design solution, and ensure Collaboration across team from the start
 - Ensure the proposed changes integrate smoothly with the existing system
 2. Code
 - Write code according to the plan
 - Use version control (e.g. Git) to maintain consistency between developers
 3. Build
 - Merge code into a main repo and run automated tests (e.g. unit test, integration test)
 4. Test
 - Deploy the build to test environment, performing automated and manual test
 5. ~~Ready~~ Release
 - prepare tested build for release
 6. Deploy
 - Deploy the application to the production environment
 7. Operate
 - Monitor and maintain the application and infrastructure to ensure smooth ops
 - Implement auto-scaling, user behavior tracking, and feedback collection mechanisms
 8. Monitor
 - Set up monitoring tools to performance bottleneck and application issues
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- Common bottlenecks in CI/CD pipeline are strategies to resolve them.
1. Slow build time
 - Cause: Unoptimized code, large steps, inefficient build process, cache dependencies
 - Resolve: Parallelize build, modularize code base
 2. Flaky or slow test
 - Cause: Unstable test suites or test with high execution time
 - Resolve: Use test prioritization, run test critical first

4. Define Cloud Computing and its key characteristics (e.g. scalability, elasticity) (Compare IaaS, PaaS, SaaS with example). Discuss the benefits of using cloud computing in brief.

- Cloud Computing: "The Cloud" refers to servers that are accessed over the internet and software and database that run on those servers. Cloud servers are allocated in data centers across the world. By using cloud computing, users and companies do not have to manage physical servers themselves or run software application on their own machines.

- Characteristics of cloud computing:

+ Scalability: The ability to handle increasing workload by adding resources as needed

+ Elasticity: The capability to automatically increase or decrease dynamically based on real-time demand

+ On-demand self-service: users can provision computing resource as needed without requiring any human administrators

+ Security: Cloud providers invest heavily in security measures to protect their users' data and ensure the privacy of sensitive information

- Compare IaaS, PaaS, SaaS

	Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)	Platform as a Service (PaaS)	Software as a Service (SaaS)
Definition	provide virtualized over computing resource over the internet	provide platform to develop, run, and manage application without handle infrastructure (server, storage)	Instead of installing app on their device SaaS app are host on cloud server, users can access over internet
Control level	OS, middleware, runtime	Application, data	Software interface
use case	Deploying and managing virtual machine, storage, network	Application development and testing environment	Access productivity tool like email
Example	AWS EC2, Microsoft Azure, virtual machine	Heroku, Google app engine	Gmail, salesforce, Microsoft 365

Import of Observability

Key difference

IaaS: provides raw computing resource for maximum flexibility
(e.g. setting up virtual machine, custom software)

PaaS: simplified development by abstracting Infrastructure management
(e.g. deploy web app without managing server)

SaaS: offer ready-to-use app for users (e.g. email, collab tools)

Benefit of Cloud Computing in DevOps

+ Faster development and deployment

+ Cost Efficiency: Pay-as-you-go (scaling resource as needed)

+ High availability and disaster recovery

+ Automation: Cloud provider support infrastructure as code (IaC), enabling automate scaling, provisioning, and configuration of environments.

5. Compare Docker container and virtual machines in terms of architecture performance and use case. List advantages of using Docker over VM in backup workflow

	Docker Container	Virtual Machine (VM)
Architecture	Containers share the host OS kernel	VM run full OS, each with own kernel
Size	Small (dependencies packaged) eg 100MB can run 1000 containers	Large eg 1GB can run 5 VMs
Resource Usage	Share resources efficiently	Consume more resource
Performance	Nearly same performance with OS due shared OS	Slightly slower due hardware virtualization
Use Case	Ideal for microservices, CI/CD pipeline, container orchestration	Suitable for running multiple OS instances on legacy systems

- Advantage using Docker Containers over VM in DevOps workflow

Fast deployment and scalability:

- + Enabling rapid testing and deployment in CI/CD pipeline
- + Horizontal scaling is easy with container orchestration tool like kubernetes

Seamless integration with DevOps tool

- + Docker integrates with CI/CD tools (e.g. Jenkins, Github Actions)
- Container orchestration (i.e. kubernetes) to automate workflow.

Resource Efficient

- + Docker Containers Lightweight

Enhanced Portability

- + Containers encapsulate application and dependencies, making them platform-agnostic and easy to move across diff. environment.

6. Define IaC and its benefit: Explain the Role of Terraform in automating Infrastructure. Provide an example use case of Terraform in a DevOps project

- IaC (Infrastructure as Code): is the practice of managing and provisioning Computing Infrastructure (e.g. server, network, storage) using code rather than manual process. IaC defining infrastructure configuration is a declarative or imperative language applying them consistently across environments.

- Benefit of IaC:

- + Automation and Speed: Eliminates manual configuration, enabling faster provisioning and deployment
- + Consistency
- + Cost-efficient: Reduces human error, minimize downtime, optimize resource usage
- + Improved Collab: Allow team work on infrastructure like software code, better collab between developer and operation team

Role of Terraform in Automating Infrastructure

- It uses a declarative approach to define resource and supports multiple cloud service providers, such as AWS, Azure, Google Cloud

+ Multi-cloud support: Managing resource across diff cloud platform with single configuration language

+ State Management: Maintain a state file to track resource

+ Dependence Management: Automatically determine resource dependencies and apply change in the correct order

Example use case Terraform in DevOps:

Scenario: Deploy a scalable web app on AWS

We use Terraform to determine resource for web app to automate deployment with high availability and scalability on AWS

Use Terraform to define resource like:

+ Amazon instance EC2 for web app

+ An Elastic Load Balance (ELB) to distribute traffic.

+ An Auto Scaling Group (ASG) to handle varying traffic load.

+ Security Group for access control

+ S3 bucket for static file storage

7. Define observability and its importance in a production environment

Explain the three pillars of observability: logs, metrics, and traces.

List tool commonly used

How to integrate into DevOps lifecycle

- Observability: is the process of making a system's internal state more transparent. System are made observable by the data they produce, which in turn help you to determine if your infrastructure or application is healthy and functioning normally.

Logs: are time-stamped records of event that happen over time, such as error log files. Logs help you understand the behavior of infrastructure and application as well as of users and business.

Logs often contain the root cause of a failure or issue.

You can use logs to answer these questions:

- + How many request are processed per second?
- + What percentage of requests are failing?
- + How many distinct users are visiting the site per day?

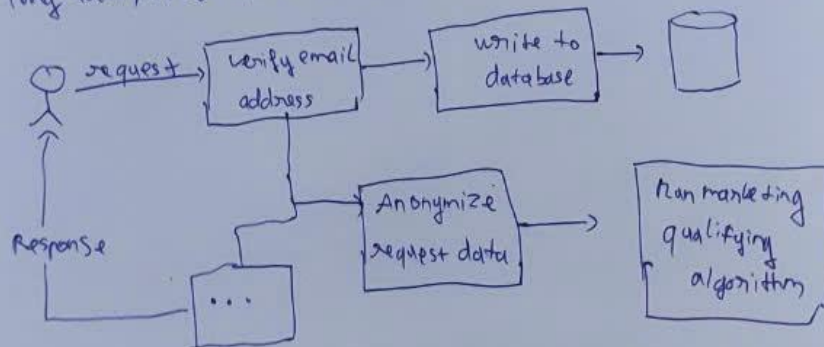
Metric: is a numeric measurement that is time-stamped to indicate when it was collected. If you track an application or system

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Metric may be measure:

- + How many system resource are currently being used, such as memory or storage
- + How many user are accessing the application right now?

Traces: provide end-to-end insight because it track a system request as it travel through multiple location/component of a system that is distributed or based on microservices. Traces are made up of spans, spans record how long each part of request takes, such as this simple request shown.



The following diagram of system request

Traces make it easier to understand root cause and locate which part of the system are slow or having other problems

How to Integrate observability into the DevOps lifecycle

- + Development phase: Integrate observability tools to debug and optimize code during development
- + Testing phase: Monitor during automated tests to detect issues early
- + Deployment phase: Validate by analyzing system logs, metrics, traces to ensure stability
- + Production phase: Monitor live system for anomalies, latency, or failures and respond proactively.