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### Working with JNI- Java Native Interface in Ubuntu

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To work with JNI we need certain essential tools. They are:

1. A Java Compiler “javac” which ships with the SDK
2. A Java Virtual Machine “java” which ships with the SDK
3. A native method c header file generator “javah” which ships with the SDK.
4. A C/C++ compiler “cc” that can create shared library.

Essential steps to be followed to call C/C++ from the java code

1. Write a java code. (Example as mentioned below)  
(filename:JNIDemo.java)

```
public class JNIDemo
{
    public native void display();
    static
    {
        System.loadLibrary("JNIDemo");
    }
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        try
        {
            JNIDemo jdo = new JNIDemo();
            jdo.display();
        }catch(Exception e)
        {
            System.out.println("Alert Alert Alert: " + e.getMessage());
        }
    }
}
```

```
}  
}  
}
```

2. Compile the java code. (Change the current folder to point to Source folder using Chage directory command in terminal window) (compilation as mentioned below)

```
javac JNIDemo.java
```

This will create a JNIDemo.Class file in the same folder level as of JNIDemo.java file.

3.Create C/C++ header file. (Compilation as mentioned below)

(Use the Java class file name without the “.class” extention. It would look as below in terminal)

```
javah JNIDemo
```

This would create a C/C++ header file with the native function signatures that we want to call.

The JNIDemo.h file would look as below.

```
/* DO NOT EDIT THIS FILE - it is machine generated */  
#include  
/* Header for class JNIDemo */  
  
#ifndef _Included_JNIDemo  
#define _Included_JNIDemo  
#ifdef __cplusplus  
extern "C" {  
#endif  
/*  
 * Class:   JNIDemo  
 * Method:  display  
 * Signature: ()V  
 */  
JNIEXPORT void JNICALL Java_JNIDemo_display (JNIEnv *, jobject);  
  
#ifdef __cplusplus  
}  
#endif  
#endif
```

4. Write a C/C++ source code with the implementation.

(Implementation example as mentioned below)  
(filename: JNIDemo.c)

```
#include "JNIDemo.h"
JNIEXPORT void JNICALL Java_JNIDemo_display(JNIEnv *env, jobject obj)
{
    char name[30];
    printf("What is your name?\n");
    scanf("%s", name);
    printf("Hello %s, you are running JNIDemo\n", name);
}
int main()
{
    return 0;
}
```

5. Create a shared library file using the C/C++ file created using terminal.

```
cc -o libJNIDemo.so -shared -I/JDK/include -I/JDK/include/linux JNIDemo.c
```

libJNIDemo.so → This could be considered as the shared library file name you need/want to create. Template of the same could be considered as .so

/JDK → This represents the JDK installation path

6. Check the LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH using the command:

```
echo $LD_LIBRARY_PATH
```

In Ubuntu, this path is not set to any location. Hence this would return empty.

Set LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH to the shared library created by you (libJNIDemo.so) using the command

```
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=[Folder path of the shared library file]
```

7. Run the java program .

```
java JNIDemo
```

Output would be:

What is your name?

neo

Hello neo, you are running JNIDemo

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August 17, 2009 at 5:57 am

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Good stuff, Here is another JNI tutorial, but using a windows dll.

<http://codediaries.blogspot.com/2009/07/java-native-interface-jni-example-using.html>

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Thanks for the additional resource Iresha... 😊

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