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### Assignment 3: Interview questions

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*Answer to Q1:*

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javac, java, jar, jstack, jdb, etc
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JRE (Java Runtime Environment):

- To execute / run Java application on developer's machine / client's machine, we require Java Runtime Environment (JRE)

- The JRE comes with the SDK by default, so developers do not need to download it separately.
- On a client's machine, we must first download and install the JRE.

Components of Java Runtime Environment:

- 1) Java class library (.rt.jar)
- 2) Java virtual machine (JVM)

No	Distribution	Provider
1)	Oracle JDK	Oracle Corporation
2)	Graal VM	Oracle Corporation
3)	OpenJDK	Oracle Corporation
4)	Adoptium Eclipse Temurin	Eclipse Foundation
5)	Azul Zulu	Azul Systems
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7)	Liberica JDK	Bellsoft
8)	IBM Semeru Runtime	IBM
9)	Amazon Corretto	AWS
10)	Microsoft build of OpenJDK	Microsoft
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Ans. Being a programmer, you don't need to bother with problems like destroying objects, all credits to the garbage collector. However, the automatic garbage collection doesn't guarantee everything if we don't know how the memory management works, often we will end up amidst things that are not managed by JVM (Java Virtual Machine). There are some objects that aren't eligible for the automatic garbage collection. Hence, knowing the memory management is essential as it will benefit the programmer to write high performance based programs that will not crash, or if does so, the programmer will know how to debug or even fix the crashes.

In every programming language, the memory is a vital resource and is also scarce in nature. Hence its essential that the memory is managed thoroughly without any leaks. Allocation and deallocation of memory is a critical task and requires a lot of care and consideration. The major concepts in Java memory management:

(1) JVM memory structure :

JVM defines various runtime data area which are used during execution of a program. Some of the areas are created by the JVM whereas some are created by the threads that are used in a program. However, the memory area created by JVM is destroyed only when the JVM exits. The data areas of thread are created during instantiation and destroyed when the thread exits.

JVM memory parts are :

- (1) Heap area
- (2) Method area
- (3) JVM stack
- (4) Native method stack
- (5) PC Registers

(2). Working of a Garbage collector :

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- 5) What are the JIT compiler and its role in the JVM? What is the bytecode and why is it important for Java?

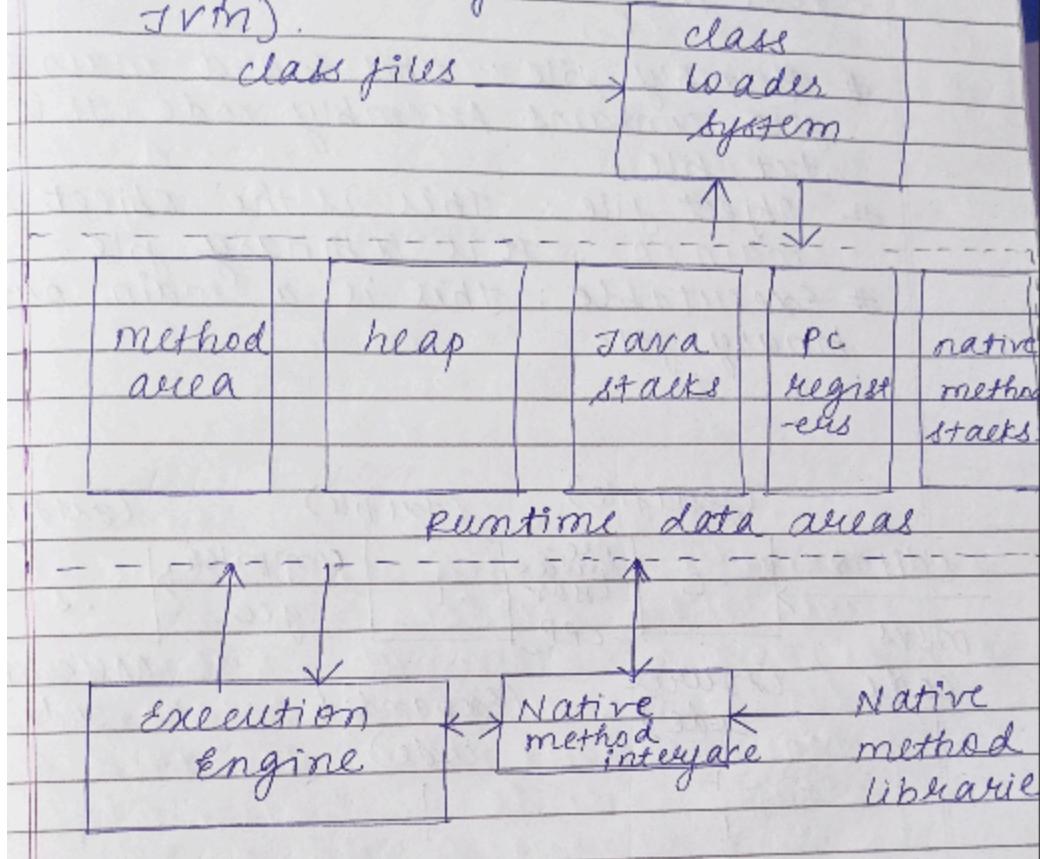
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Ans. The meaning of Java platform-independence is that the Java compiled code (byte code) can run on all operating systems. A program is written in a language that is human-readable. It may contain words, phrases, etc. which the machine does not understand for the source code to be understood by the machine, it needs to be in a language understood by machines, typically a machine-level language so here comes the role of a compiler. The compiler converts the high-level language (human language) into a format understood by the machines.

Therefore, a compiler is a program that translates the source code for the another program from a programming language into executable code. This executable code may be an intermediate representation that is interpreted by a virtual machine. This intermediate representation in Java is the Byte code.

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In java, access modifiers helps to restrict the scope of a class, construct or, variable, method or data member.

It provides security, accessibility else to the user depending upon the access modifier used with the element.

Let's see

Types of access modifiers in java:

- (1) Default : no keyword required when no access modifier is specified for a class, method or data member - it is said to have the default access modifier by default. The data members, classes or methods that are declared using any access modifiers i.e. having default access modifiers are accessible only within the same package.
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Ans. Yes, an overridden method can have a different access modifier but it cannot lower the access scope. Methods declared public in a superclass also must be public in all subclasses. Methods declared protected in a superclass must either be protected or public in subclasses, they cannot be private.

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13) Is it possible to make a class private in Java? If yes, where can it be done, and what are the limitations?

- yes, we can declare a class as private but these classes can be only inner or nested classes. We can't make top-level class as private because it would be completely useless as nothing would have access to it.

14) Can a top-level class in Java be declared as protected or private? Why or why not?

No, we cannot declare a top-level class as private or protected. It can be either public or default (no modifier). If it does not have a modifier, it is supposed to have a default access.

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