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# Java

### 1. Java Fundamentals

### 1.1 Describe the use of main in a Java application

• Signature of main, how to consume an instance of your own class, command-line arguments

### 1.2 Perform basic input and output using standard packages

· Print statements, import and use the Scanner class

### 1.3 Evaluate the scope of a variable

· Declare a variable within a block, class, or method

### 1.4 Comment and document programs

Evaluate the syntax of Javadocs, write syntactically correct code comments

# 2. Data Types, Variables, and Expressions

### 2.1 Declare and use primitive data type variables

Data types, including byte, char, int, double, short, long, float, Boolean; identify
when precision is lost; initialization; how primitives differ from wrapper object
types such as Integer and Boolean

### 2.2 Construct and evaluate code that manipulates strings

String class and string literals, comparisons, concatenation, case, and length;
 String.format methods; string operators; the immutable nature of strings;
 initialization; null

# 2.3 Construct and evaluate code that creates, iterates, and manipulates arrays and array lists

 One- and two-dimensional arrays, including initialization, null, size, iterating elements, accessing elements; array lists, including adding and removing elements, traversing the list

# 2.4 Construct and evaluate code that performs parsing, casting, and conversion

 cast between primitive data types, convert primitive types to equivalent object types, parse strings to numbers, convert primitive data types to strings

#### 2.5 Construct and evaluate arithmetic expressions

Arithmetic operators, assignment, compound assignment operators, operator precedence

# 3. Flow Control Implementation

#### 3.1 Construct and evaluate code that uses branching statements

 if, else, else if, switch; single-line vs. block; nesting; logical and relational operators



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### 3.2 Construct and evaluate code that uses loops

 while, for, for each, do while; break and continue; nesting; logical, relational, and unary operators

## 4. Object-Oriented Programming

### 4.1 Construct and evaluate class definitions

 Constructors, constructor overloading, one class per .java file, this keyword, basic inheritance and overriding

### 4.2 Declare, implement, and access data members in classes

 private, public, protected; instance data members; static data members; use static final to create constants; describe encapsulation

### 4.3 Declare, implement, and access methods

 private, public, protected; method parameters; return type; void; return value; instance methods; static methods; overloading

#### 4.4 Instantiate and use class objects in programs

 Instantiation, initialization, null, access and modify data members, access methods, access and modify static members, import packages and classes

# 5. Code Compilation and Debugging

### 5.1 Troubleshoot syntax errors, logic errors, and runtime errors

 Print statements, javac command output, logic errors, console exceptions, stack trace evaluation

### 5.2 Implement exception handling

try, catch, finally; Exception class; exception class types; display exception information

