Discussion Questions for "Compiling and Running Java Code"

1. Why does the professor recommend a directory structure that separates .java files from .class files? Is it worth the extra complexity of needing -d on compiles and -cp on runs?
2. Can you think of other directory structures that accomplish the same results as the recommended directory structure? What are the pros and cons of your suggestion as compared to the recommended structure?
3. What are the pros and cons of the Java feature that requires a Java Virtual Machine that interprets Java byte code? Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?
4. If you need to look up an option for the javac or java command, how would you do so? Why did you choose that method?