

1.
Wh
at
is
th
e
Co
ll
ec
ti
on
fr
am
ew
or
k
in
Ja
va
?

Ans: Collection Framework is a combination of classes and interface, which is used to store and manipulate the data in the form of objects. It provides various classes such as ArrayList, Vector, Stack, and HashSet, etc. and interfaces such as List, Queue, Set, etc. for this purpose.

2. What is the difference between ArrayList and LinkedList?

Ans: ArrayList uses a dynamic array to store the elements.

This means that the ArrayList maintains a contiguous block of memory to hold the elements, and when the ArrayList needs to grow or shrink in size, it creates a new, larger or smaller array and copies the elements over. This can be inefficient for large arrays or frequent insertions/deletions.

LinkedList, on the other hand, uses a doubly-linked list to store the elements. This means that each element has a reference

to the next and previous elements in the list, allowing for efficient insertion and deletion of elements at any position in the list.

However, accessing elements in the middle of the list can be slower than in ArrayList, since it requires traversing the list from the beginning or end to reach the desired element.

3. What is the difference between Iterator and ListIterator?

Ans: The main difference between Iterator and ListIterator is that ListIterator is a subinterface of Iterator that provides additional functionality for iterating over lists. Here are some key differences between the two:

Direction: Iterator can only iterate in one direction (forward), whereas ListIterator can iterate in both directions (forward and backward).

Access: Iterator can only access the next element in the collection, whereas ListIterator can access the next element, the previous element, and the current position in the list.

Modification: Iterator can only remove elements from the collection during iteration, whereas ListIterator can both remove and add elements at any position in the list.

Implementation: Iterator is implemented by all collection classes, whereas ListIterator is only implemented by list classes, such as ArrayList and LinkedList.

4. What is the difference between Iterator and Enumeration?

Ans: Direction: Iterator can only iterate in one direction (forward), whereas Enumeration can only iterate in one direction too (forward).

Access: Iterator can access the next element in the collection and optionally remove it, whereas Enumeration can only access the next element in the collection.

Modification: Iterator can remove elements from the collection during iteration, whereas Enumeration cannot remove elements from the collection.

Implementation: Enumeration is an older interface that was used in earlier versions of Java, whereas Iterator is a newer interface that was introduced in Java 1.2. As a result, Iterator has some advantages over Enumeration, such as being more flexible and efficient.

5. What is the difference between List and Set?

Ans: The List and Set both extend the collection interface. However, there are some differences between the two which are listed below:

- o The List can contain duplicate elements whereas Set includes unique items.

- o The List is an ordered collection which maintains the insertion order whereas Set is an unordered collection

which does not preserve the insertion order.

- o The List interface contains a single legacy class which is Vector class whereas the Set interface does not have any legacy class.

- o The List interface can allow a number of null values whereas Set interface only allows a single null value.

6. What is the difference between HashSet and TreeSet?

Ans: Both HashSet and TreeSet are implementations of the Set interface in Java, but they have some

differences in terms of their properties and usage:

- o Ordering: HashSet is an unordered collection of elements, while TreeSet is a sorted set of elements based on their natural order or a custom comparator.

o Duplication: HashSet does not allow duplicate elements, while TreeSet does not allow duplicates as well@

o Implementation: HashSet is implemented using a hash table, while TreeSet is implemented using a self-balancing binary search tree (Red-Black tree)@

o Performance: HashSet has constant-time complexity $O(1)$ for adding, removing, and testing the existence of

an element, while TreeSet has a logarithmic-time complexity $O(\log n)$ for these operations due to the self-balancing property@

o Memory usage: HashSet uses less memory than TreeSet because it only stores the elements, while TreeSet stores additional information for maintaining the order@

o Iteration: HashSet provides no guarantees regarding the order of iteration, while TreeSet guarantees the elements are iterated in sorted order@

o Usage: HashSet is suitable when ordering is not important, and fast access and membership tests are

needed. A TreeSet is suitable when elements need to be sorted or accessed in a specific order.

7. What is the difference between Array and ArrayList?

Ans: Both arrays and ArrayLists are used to store collections of elements in Java, but they have some

differences in terms of their properties and usage@

o Type: Arrays can store elements of primitive data types as well as objects, while ArrayList can only store objects@

o Size: The size of an array is fixed once it is created, while the size of an ArrayList can be dynamically increased or decreased by adding or removing elements@

o Mutability: Arrays are mutable, meaning that you can modify the elements in an array after it has been

created. A ArrayList is also mutable, but the only way to modify it is by adding, removing or modifying elements@

o Performance: Arrays have better performance than ArrayLists for certain operations, such as accessing

elements by index, because they are implemented as a continuous block of memory. A ArrayLists, on the other

hand, use dynamic memory allocation and are implemented as a dynamic array, which may result in more

memory overhead and slower performance for certain operations@

o Methods: Arrays have a limited set of methods compared to ArrayLists, which provides more methods for manipulating the collection, such as adding, removing, and sorting elements.

o Initialization: Arrays can be initialized with values at the time of creation, while ArrayList requires the use of methods to add elements to the collection.

- + o Compatibility: Arrays are compatible with traditional for-loops and can be easily passed to other methods, while ArrayList requires the use of a special for-each loop and may require more code to be passed to other methods.