

**Package** org.springframework.util

**Class CollectionUtils**

java.lang.Object  
org.springframework.util.CollectionUtils

public abstract class CollectionUtils  
extends Object

Miscellaneous collection utility methods. Mainly for internal use within the framework.

**Since:**

1.1.3

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**Constructor Summary**

Constructors	
Constructor	Description
CollectionUtils()	

**Method Summary**

All Methods	Static Methods	Concrete Methods	
Modifier and Type	Method	Description	
static List <?>	arrayToList(Object source)	Convert the supplied array into a List.	
static <K,V> Map <K,V>	compositeMap(Map <K,V> first, Map <K,V> second)	Return a (partially unmodifiable) map that combines the provided two maps.	
static <K,V> Map <K,V>	compositeMap(Map <K,V> first, Map <K,V> second, BiFunction <K,V,V> putFunction, Consumer <Map <K,V>> putAllFunction)	Return a map that combines the provided maps.	
static boolean	contains(Enumeration <?> enumeration, Object element)	Check whether the given Enumeration contains the given element.	
static boolean	contains(Iterator <?> iterator, Object element)	Check whether the given Iterator contains the given element.	

static boolean	<code>containsAny(Collection &lt;?&gt; source, Collection &lt;?&gt; candidates)</code>	Return true if any element in 'candidates' is contained in 'source'; otherwise returns false.
static boolean	<code>containsInstance(Collection &lt;?&gt; collection, Object element)</code>	Check whether the given Collection contains the given element instance.
static Class <?>	<code>findCommonElementType(Collection &lt;?&gt; collection)</code>	Find the common element type of the given Collection, if any.
static <E> E	<code>findFirstMatch(Collection &lt;?&gt; source, Collection &lt;E&gt; candidates)</code>	Return the first element in 'candidates' that is contained in 'source'.
static Object	<code>findValueOfType(Collection &lt;?&gt; collection, Class &lt;?&gt; [] types)</code>	Find a single value of one of the given types in the given Collection: searching the Collection for a value of the first type, then searching for a value of the second type, etc.
static <T> T	<code>findValueOfType(Collection &lt;?&gt; collection, Class &lt;T&gt; type)</code>	Find a single value of the given type in the given Collection.
static <T> T	<code>firstElement(List &lt;T&gt; list)</code>	Retrieve the first element of the given List, accessing the zero index.
static <T> T	<code>firstElement(Set &lt;T&gt; set)</code>	Retrieve the first element of the given Set, using <code>SortedSet.first()</code> or otherwise using the iterator.
static boolean	<code>hasUniqueObject(Collection &lt;?&gt; collection)</code>	Determine whether the given Collection only contains a single unique object.
static boolean	<code>isEmpty(Collection &lt;?&gt; collection)</code>	Return true if the supplied Collection is null or empty.
static boolean	<code>isEmpty(Map &lt;?, ?&gt; map)</code>	Return true if the supplied Map is null or empty.
static <T> T	<code>lastElement(List &lt;T&gt; list)</code>	Retrieve the last element of the given List, accessing the highest index.
static <T> T	<code>lastElement(Set &lt;T&gt; set)</code>	Retrieve the last element of the given Set, using <code>SortedSet.last()</code> or otherwise iterating over all elements (assuming a linked set).

<code>static &lt;E&gt; void</code>	<code>mergeArrayIntoCollection</code> (Object array, Collection <E> collection)	Merge the given array into the given Collection.
<code>static &lt;K,V&gt; void</code>	<code>mergePropertiesIntoMap</code> (Properties props, Map <K, V> map)	Merge the given Properties instance into the given Map, copying all properties (key-value pairs) over.
<code>static &lt;K,V&gt; HashMap &lt;K, V&gt;</code>	<code>newHashMap(int expectedSize)</code>	Instantiate a new <code>HashMap</code> with an initial capacity that can accommodate the specified number of elements without any immediate resize/rehash operations to be expected.
<code>static &lt;E&gt; HashSet &lt;E&gt;</code>	<code>newHashSet(int expectedSize)</code>	Instantiate a new <code>HashSet</code> with an initial capacity that can accommodate the specified number of elements without any immediate resize/rehash operations to be expected.
<code>static &lt;K, V&gt; LinkedHashMap &lt;K,V&gt;</code>	<code>newLinkedHashMap</code> (int expectedSize)	Instantiate a new <code>LinkedHashMap</code> with an initial capacity that can accommodate the specified number of elements without any immediate resize/rehash operations to be expected.
<code>static &lt;E&gt; LinkedHashSet &lt;E&gt;</code>	<code>newLinkedHashSet</code> (int expectedSize)	Instantiate a new <code>LinkedHashSet</code> with an initial capacity that can accommodate the specified number of elements without any immediate resize/rehash operations to be expected.
<code>static &lt;A,E extends A&gt; A[]</code>	<code>toArray(Enumeration &lt;E&gt; enumeration, A[] array)</code>	Marshal the elements from the given enumeration into an array of the given type.
<code>static &lt;E&gt; Iterator &lt;E&gt;</code>	<code>toIterator(Enumeration &lt;E&gt; enumeration)</code>	Adapt an <code>Enumeration</code> to an <code>Iterator</code> .
<code>static &lt;K, V&gt; MultiValueMap&lt;K,V&gt;</code>	<code>toMultiValueMap(Map &lt;K,List &lt;V&gt;&gt; targetMap)</code>	Adapt a <code>Map&lt;K, List&lt;V&gt;&gt;</code> to an <code>MultiValueMap&lt;K, V&gt;</code> .
<code>static &lt;K, V&gt; MultiValueMap&lt;K,V&gt;</code>	<code>unmodifiableMultiValueMap</code> (MultiValueMap<? extends K,? extends V> targetMap)	Return an unmodifiable view of the specified multi-value map.

## Methods inherited from class `java.lang.Object`

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clone , equals , finalize , getClass , hashCode , notify , notifyAll , toString , wait ,  
wait , wait
```

## Constructor Details

### CollectionUtils

```
public CollectionUtils()
```

## Method Details

### isEmpty

```
@Contract("null -> true")  
public static boolean isEmpty(@Nullable  
                             Collection <?> collection)
```

Return `true` if the supplied `Collection` is `null` or empty. Otherwise, return `false`.

**Parameters:**

`collection` - the `Collection` to check

**Returns:**

whether the given `Collection` is empty

### isEmpty

```
@Contract("null -> true")  
public static boolean isEmpty(@Nullable  
                             Map <?, ?> map)
```

Return `true` if the supplied `Map` is `null` or empty. Otherwise, return `false`.

**Parameters:**

`map` - the `Map` to check

**Returns:**

whether the given `Map` is empty

### newHashMap

```
public static <K,V> HashMap <K,V> newHashMap(int expectedSize)
```

Instantiate a new `HashMap` with an initial capacity that can accommodate the specified number of elements without any immediate `resize`/`rehash` operations to be expected.

This method differs from the regular `HashMap` constructor which takes an initial capacity relative to a load factor but is effectively aligned with the JDK's `ConcurrentHashMap(int)`.

**Parameters:**

`expectedSize` - the expected number of elements (with a corresponding capacity to be derived so that no `resize`/`rehash` operations are needed)

**Since:**

5.3

**See Also:**

`newLinkedHashMap(int)`

## newLinkedHashMap

```
public static <K,V> LinkedHashMap<K,V> newLinkedHashMap(int expectedSize)
```

Instantiate a new `LinkedHashMap` with an initial capacity that can accommodate the specified number of elements without any immediate `resize`/`rehash` operations to be expected.

This differs from the regular `LinkedHashMap` constructor which takes an initial capacity relative to a load factor but is aligned with Spring's own `LinkedCaseInsensitiveMap` and `LinkedMultiValueMap` constructor semantics.

**Parameters:**

`expectedSize` - the expected number of elements (with a corresponding capacity to be derived so that no `resize`/`rehash` operations are needed)

**Since:**

5.3

**See Also:**

`newHashMap(int)`

## newHashSet

```
public static <E> HashSet<E> newHashSet(int expectedSize)
```

Instantiate a new `HashSet` with an initial capacity that can accommodate the specified number of elements without any immediate `resize`/`rehash` operations to be expected.

**Parameters:**

`expectedSize` - the expected number of elements (with a corresponding capacity to be derived so that no `resize`/`rehash` operations are needed)

**Since:**

6.2

**See Also:**

`newLinkedHashSet(int)`

## newLinkedHashSet

```
public static <E> LinkedHashSet<E> newLinkedHashSet(int expectedSize)
```

Instantiate a new `LinkedHashSet` with an initial capacity that can accommodate the specified number of elements without any immediate resize/rehash operations to be expected.

**Parameters:**

`expectedSize` - the expected number of elements (with a corresponding capacity to be derived so that no resize/rehash operations are needed)

**Since:**

6.2

**See Also:**

`newHashSet(int)`

## arrayToList

```
public static List<?> arrayToList(@Nullable
                                   Object    source)
```

Convert the supplied array into a List. A primitive array gets converted into a List of the appropriate wrapper type.

**NOTE:** Generally prefer the standard `Arrays.asList(T...)` method. This `arrayToList` method is just meant to deal with an incoming Object value that might be an `Object[]` or a primitive array at runtime.

A null source value will be converted to an empty List.

**Parameters:**

`source` - the (potentially primitive) array

**Returns:**

the converted List result

**See Also:**

`ObjectUtils.toObjectArray(Object)`,  
`Arrays.asList(Object[])`

## mergeArrayIntoCollection

```
public static <E> void mergeArrayIntoCollection(@Nullable
                                                Object    array,
                                                Collection<E> collection)
```

Merge the given array into the given Collection.

**Parameters:**

`array` - the array to merge (may be null)

`collection` - the target Collection to merge the array into

## mergePropertiesIntoMap

```
public static <K,V> void mergePropertiesIntoMap(@Nullable
                                             Properties props,
                                             Map <K,V> map)
```

Merge the given `Properties` instance into the given `Map`, copying all properties (key-value pairs) over.

Uses `Properties.propertyNames()` to even catch default properties linked into the original `Properties` instance.

**Parameters:**

`props` - the `Properties` instance to merge (may be null)

`map` - the target `Map` to merge the properties into

## contains

```
public static boolean contains(@Nullable
                              Iterator <?> iterator,
                              Object element)
```

Check whether the given `Iterator` contains the given element.

**Parameters:**

`iterator` - the `Iterator` to check

`element` - the element to look for

**Returns:**

true if found, false otherwise

## contains

```
public static boolean contains(@Nullable
                              Enumeration <?> enumeration,
                              Object element)
```

Check whether the given `Enumeration` contains the given element.

**Parameters:**

`enumeration` - the `Enumeration` to check

`element` - the element to look for

**Returns:**

true if found, false otherwise

## containsInstance

```
public static boolean containsInstance(@Nullable
                                       Collection <?> collection,
                                       Object element)
```

Check whether the given `Collection` contains the given element instance.

Enforces the given instance to be present, rather than returning `true` for an equal element as well.

**Parameters:**

`collection` - the Collection to check

`element` - the element to look for

**Returns:**

`true` if found, `false` otherwise

## containsAny

```
public static boolean containsAny(Collection <?> source,  
                                Collection <?> candidates)
```

Return `true` if any element in 'candidates' is contained in 'source'; otherwise returns `false`.

**Parameters:**

`source` - the source Collection

`candidates` - the candidates to search for

**Returns:**

whether any of the candidates has been found

## findFirstMatch

`@Nullable`

```
public static <E> E findFirstMatch(Collection <?> source,  
                                   Collection <E> candidates)
```

Return the first element in 'candidates' that is contained in 'source'. If no element in 'candidates' is present in 'source' returns `null`. Iteration order is `Collection` implementation specific.

**Parameters:**

`source` - the source Collection

`candidates` - the candidates to search for

**Returns:**

the first present object, or `null` if not found

## findValueOfType

`@Nullable`

```
public static <T> T findValueOfType(Collection <?> collection,  
                                   @Nullable  
                                   Class <T> type)
```

Find a single value of the given type in the given Collection.

**Parameters:**

`collection` - the Collection to search

`type` - the type to look for



**Returns:**

a value of the given type found if there is a clear match, or `null` if none or more than one such value found

**findValueOfType**

`@Nullable`

```
public static Object findValueOfType(Collection<?> collection,
                                     Class<?>[] types)
```

Find a single value of one of the given types in the given Collection: searching the Collection for a value of the first type, then searching for a value of the second type, etc.

**Parameters:**

`collection` - the collection to search

`types` - the types to look for, in prioritized order

**Returns:**

a value of one of the given types found if there is a clear match, or `null` if none or more than one such value found

**hasUniqueObject**

```
public static boolean hasUniqueObject(Collection<?> collection)
```

Determine whether the given Collection only contains a single unique object.

**Parameters:**

`collection` - the Collection to check

**Returns:**

`true` if the collection contains a single reference or multiple references to the same instance, `false` otherwise

**findCommonElementType**

`@Nullable`

```
public static Class<?> findCommonElementType(Collection<?> collection)
```

Find the common element type of the given Collection, if any.

**Parameters:**

`collection` - the Collection to check

**Returns:**

the common element type, or `null` if no clear common type has been found (or the collection was empty)

**firstElement**

```
@Nullable
public static <T> T firstElement(@Nullable
                                Set <T> set)
```

Retrieve the first element of the given Set, using `SortedSet.first()` or otherwise using the iterator.

**Parameters:**

set - the Set to check (may be null or empty)

**Returns:**

the first element, or null if none

**Since:**

5.2.3

**See Also:**

`SortedSet`, `LinkedHashMap.keySet()`, `LinkedHashSet`

## firstElement

```
@Nullable
public static <T> T firstElement(@Nullable
                                List <T> list)
```

Retrieve the first element of the given List, accessing the zero index.

**Parameters:**

list - the List to check (may be null or empty)

**Returns:**

the first element, or null if none

**Since:**

5.2.3

## lastElement

```
@Nullable
public static <T> T lastElement(@Nullable
                                Set <T> set)
```

Retrieve the last element of the given Set, using `SortedSet.last()` or otherwise iterating over all elements (assuming a linked set).

**Parameters:**

set - the Set to check (may be null or empty)

**Returns:**

the last element, or null if none

**Since:**

5.0.3

**See Also:**

`SortedSet`, `LinkedHashMap.keySet()`, `LinkedHashSet`

## lastElement

```
@Nullable  
public static <T> T lastElement(@Nullable  
                                List<T> list)
```

Retrieve the last element of the given List, accessing the highest index.

**Parameters:**

list - the List to check (may be null or empty)

**Returns:**

the last element, or null if none

**Since:**

5.0.3

## toArray

```
public static <A,E extends A> A[] toArray(Enumeration<E> enumeration,  
                                           A[] array)
```

Marshal the elements from the given enumeration into an array of the given type. Enumeration elements must be assignable to the type of the given array. The array returned will be a different instance than the array given.

## toIterator

```
public static <E> Iterator<E> toIterator(@Nullable  
                                          Enumeration<E> enumeration)
```

Adapt an Enumeration to an Iterator .

**Parameters:**

enumeration - the original Enumeration

**Returns:**

the adapted Iterator

## toMultiValueMap

```
public static <K,V> MultiValueMap<K,V> toMultiValueMap(Map<K,List<V>> targetMap)
```

Adapt a Map<K, List<V>> to an MultiValueMap<K, V>.

**Parameters:**

targetMap - the original map

**Returns:**

the adapted multi-value map (wrapping the original map)

Since:

3.1

## unmodifiableMultiValueMap

```
public static <K,V> MultiValueMap<K,V> unmodifiableMultiValueMap  
(MultiValueMap<? extends K,? extends V> targetMap)
```

Return an unmodifiable view of the specified multi-value map.

**Parameters:**

`targetMap` - the map for which an unmodifiable view is to be returned.

**Returns:**

an unmodifiable view of the specified multi-value map

**Since:**

3.1

## compositeMap

```
public static <K,V> Map<K,V> compositeMap(Map<K,V> first,  
                                           Map<K,V> second)
```

Return a (partially unmodifiable) map that combines the provided two maps. Invoking `Map.put(Object, Object)` or `Map.putAll(Map)` on the returned map results in an `UnsupportedOperationException`.

In the case of a key collision, `first` takes precedence over `second`. In other words, entries in `second` with a key that is also mapped by `first` are effectively ignored.

**Parameters:**

`first` - the first map to compose

`second` - the second map to compose

**Returns:**

a new map that composes the given two maps

**Since:**

6.2

## compositeMap

```
public static <K,V> Map<K,V> compositeMap(Map<K,V> first,  
                                           Map<K,V> second,  
                                           @Nullable  
                                           BiFunction<K,V,V> putFunction,  
                                           @Nullable  
                                           Consumer<Map<K,V>> putAllFunction)
```

Return a map that combines the provided maps. Invoking `Map.put(Object, Object)` on the returned map will apply `putFunction`, or will throw an `UnsupportedOperationException` if `putFunction` is null. The same applies to `Map.putAll(Map)` and `putAllFunction`.

In the case of a key collision, `first` takes precedence over `second`. In other words, entries in `second` with a key that is also mapped by `first` are effectively ignored.

**Parameters:**

`first` - the first map to compose

`second` - the second map to compose

`putFunction` - applied when `Map::put` is invoked. If null, `Map::put` throws an `UnsupportedOperationException`.

`putAllFunction` - applied when `Map::putAll` is invoked. If null, `Map::putAll` throws an `UnsupportedOperationException`.

**Returns:**

a new map that composes the give maps

**Since:**

6.2

