

Assignment Solutions

1. What is the Collection framework in Java?

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.
- It is not efficient for manipulation.
- It is better to store and fetch data.
- It provides random access.

LinkedList:-

- Uses a double linked list.
- It is efficient for manipulation.
- It is better to manipulate data.
- It doesn't provide random access.

3. What is the difference between Iterator and ListIterator?

Ans: Iterator:-

- Traverse the element in forward direction.
- used in set, queue.

ListIterator:-

- Traverse the element in both forward and backward direction.
- used only in lists.

4. What is the difference between Iterator and Enumeration?

Ans: Iterator:-

- Traverse the element in forward direction.
- used in set, queue.
- it is slower than an enumerator.

Enumeration:-

- it is faster than an enumerator.
- it is not fail-fast.
- transverse only legacy elements.

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

The List can contain duplicate elements whereas Set includes unique items

The List is a collection which maintains the insertion order whereas Set is an unordered collection which does not preserve the insertion order

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

legacy class

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

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

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

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

Performance: HashSet has constant-time complexity $O(1)$ for removing, adding, 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

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

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

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

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

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

Mutability: Arrays are mutable, meaning that you can modify the elements in an array after it has been created. ArrayList is also mutable, but the only way to modify it is by removing or modifying elements

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. 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

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

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

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.

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