

Java PriorityQueue Class

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Abstract

Java's `PriorityQueue` class have a bottleneck when you need to update values in the queue. Depending on the use and implementation, Java's `PriorityQueue` can add serious performance issues when accessing the data using the `poll()` method. When updating a value in the queue, performance can be improved by more than 50% compared to Java's `PriorityQueue` implementation. Implementing your own version might remove this bottleneck from your software.

1 Introduction

Why did we choose this subject This article will discuss Java's "Build-in" class `PriorityQueue`. The interest for this topic has grown from an implementation of a weighted graph in Java, which we found had a possible shortcomming for our use-case. The shortcomming was that to update a value in the queue, we had to use a linear search (loop) through the queue to update a value within. That is fine on a small scale, but what if need to draw a graph of all the cities in the world? We believe that this has space for optimization and that is why this article explores this subject.

We are going to use a previously developed `Timer` class.

How will we work with the subject

2 Scope

What will be in this article What will not be included in this article

3 Problem

The questions we will try to solve Problemfomulering

4 Analysis

Something about how Java `PriorityQueue` works now That it's missing an "update-method".

How can you make and update method How much would you gain (compared to linear update on the fly)?

5 Conclusion

Answer our questions and possibly introduction