

Finding the minimum element in a Collection#

The `min(Collection c)` method can be used to find the minimum element in a **Collection**. The elements present in the **Collection** must implement the **Comparable** interface. If the elements do not implement the Comparable interface, we can use another overloaded method, `min(Collection c, Comparator comp)`. This method takes a **Comparator** as an argument that is used to compare the elements. This method iterates over the entire collection; hence it requires time proportional to the size of the collection.

```
1 import java.util.ArrayList;
2 import java.util.Collections;
3 import java.util.List;
4
5 public class ArrayListDemo {
6
7     public static void main(String args[]) {
8         List<Integer> list = new ArrayList<>();
9         list.add(34);
10        list.add(12);
11        list.add(9);
12        list.add(76);
13        list.add(29);
14        list.add(75);
15
16        System.out.println("The minimum element in the List is: " + Collections.min(list));
17    }
18 }
19
```

Finding the maximum element in a Collection#

The `max(Collection c)` method can be used to find the maximum element in a **Collection**. The elements present in the **Collection** must implement the **Comparable** interface. If the elements do not implement the **Comparable** interface, we can use another overloaded method `max(Collection c, Comparator comp)`. This method takes a **Comparator** as an argument that is used to compare the elements. This method iterates over the entire Collection; hence it requires time proportional to the size of the Collection.

```
1 import java.util.ArrayList;
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5 public class ArrayListDemo {
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11        list.add(9);
12        list.add(76);
13        list.add(29);
14        list.add(75);
15
16        System.out.println("The maximum element in the List is: " + Collections.max(list));
17    }
18 }
19
```

Finding the frequency of elements in a Collection#

There is a `frequency(Collection c, object o)` method that can be used to find the frequency of a given element in the Collection. This method iterates the entire Collection so the time complexity is proportional to the size of the collection.

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5 public class ArrayListDemo {
6
7     public static void main(String args[]) {
8         List<Integer> list = new ArrayList<>();
9         list.add(9);
10        list.add(12);
11        list.add(9);
12        list.add(76);
13        list.add(9);
14        list.add(75);
15
16        System.out.println("Total number of times,9 is present in the List is: " + Collections.frequency(list, 9));
17    }
18 }
19
```