

ECAP615

Programming in Java



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Learning Outcomes



After this lecture, you will be able to

- learn the basic concept of PriorityQueue class along with its declaration.
- understand the various methods of PriorityQueue class.

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Declaration of PriorityQueue class

Syntax:

```
public class PriorityQueue<E> extends  
AbstractQueue<E> implements Serializable
```

PriorityQueue Insertion and accessing

For inserting elements we have the following methods:

- `add()`
- `offer()`

Access PriorityQueue Elements

- To access elements from a priority queue, we can use the `peek()` method.
- This method returns the head of the queue.

Remove PriorityQueue Elements

To remove PriorityQueue elements we use the following methods:

- `remove()`
- `poll()`

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That's all for now...