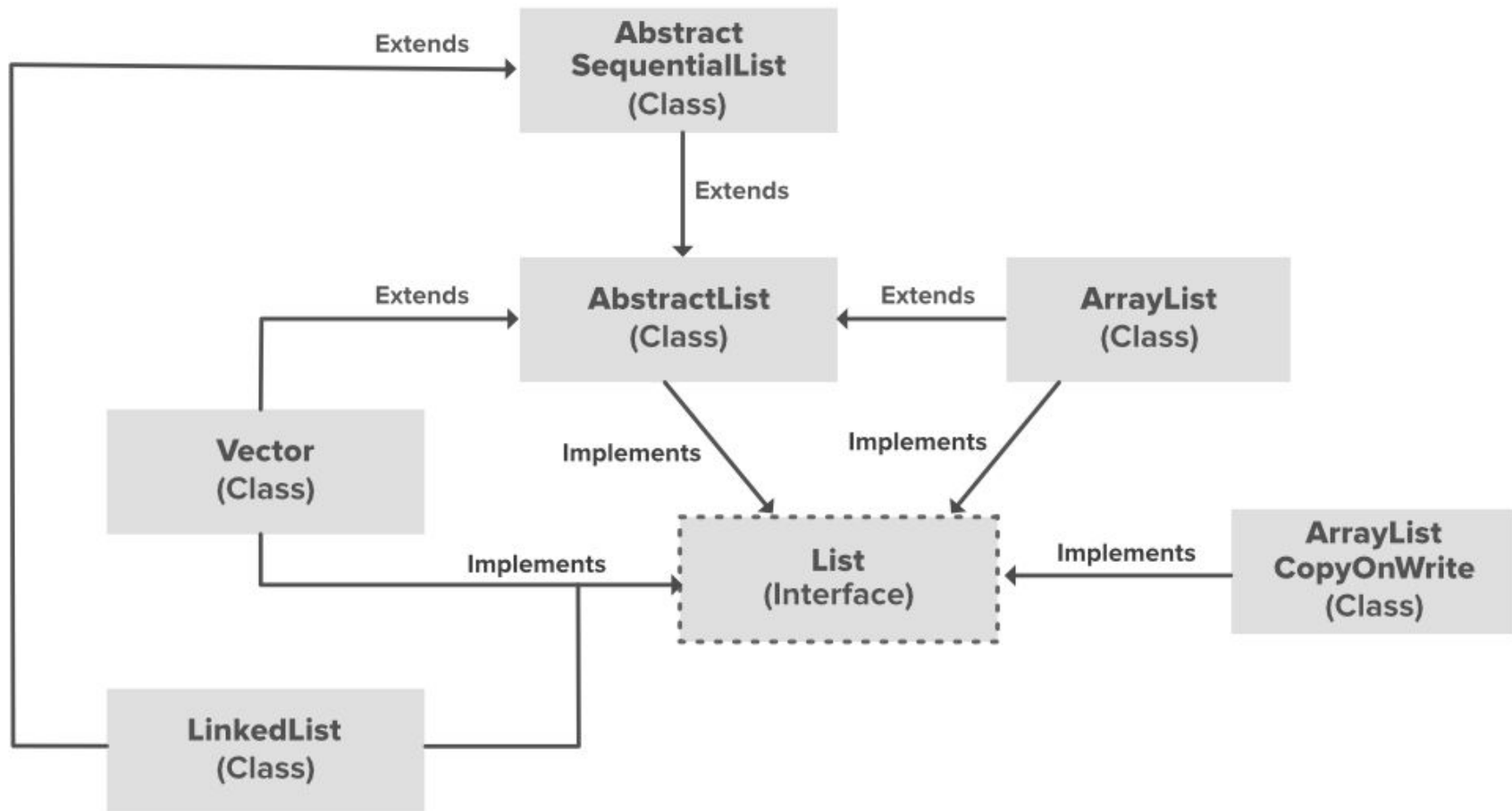


Nodes, Lists, Stacks, Queues

Java
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Collections are Generics
Lists are Interfaces
ArrayList is an example class





What is an Array?

What is an ArrayList?

What is Static vs Dynamic?

Arrays are Static

Arrays are limited in how much data can be stored

How we perceive an array:

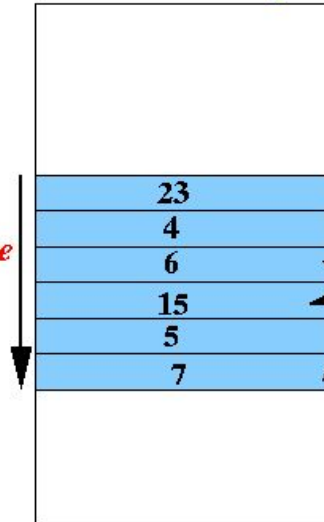
Array:

23	4	6	15	5	7
0	1	2	3	4	5

How it is stored in memory

RAM memory

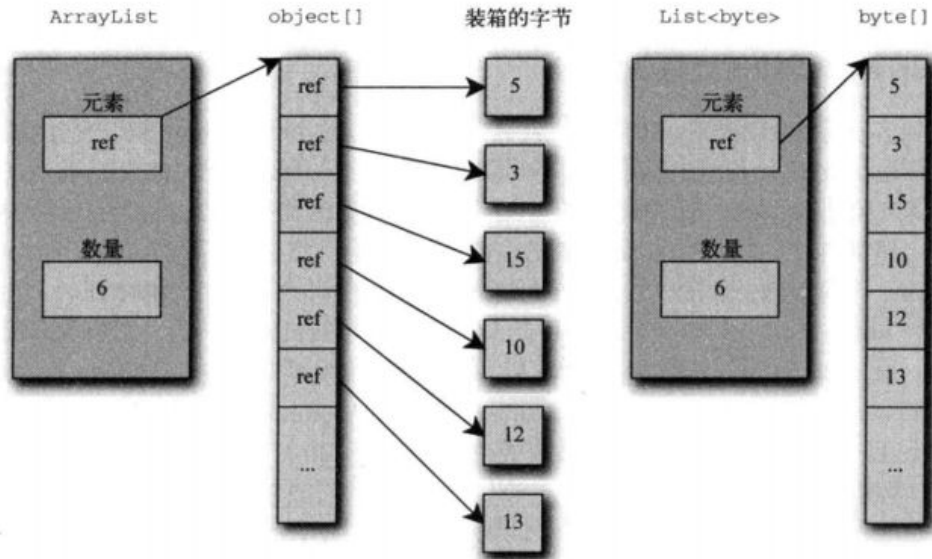
*Consecutive
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Same data type

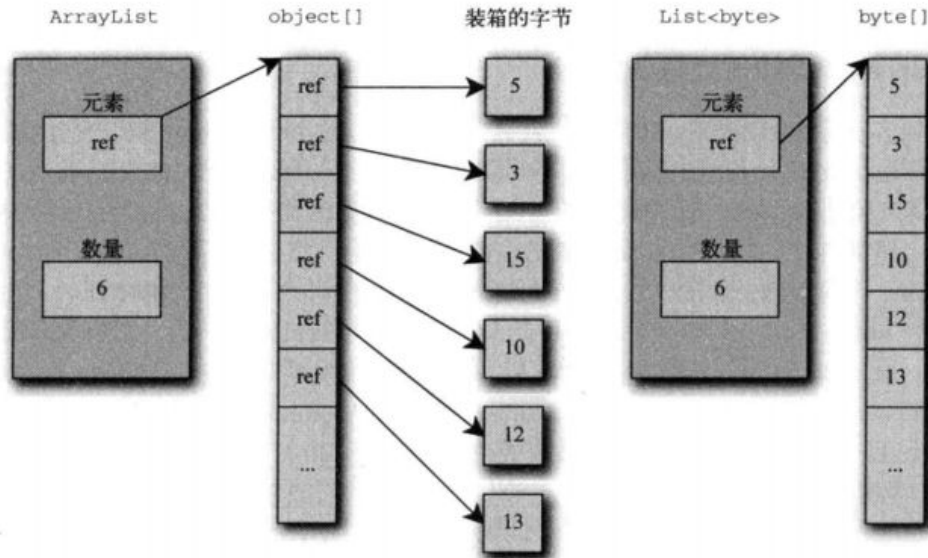
ArrayLists are Dynamic

ArrayLists are able to create and remove data from the list which changes where it is stored in memory.



ArrayLists use Addresses (pointers) to store data

Instead of storing actual “Data”, ArrayLists store “Addresses” that reference data in memory. This is how ArrayLists are dynamically allocated in memory.

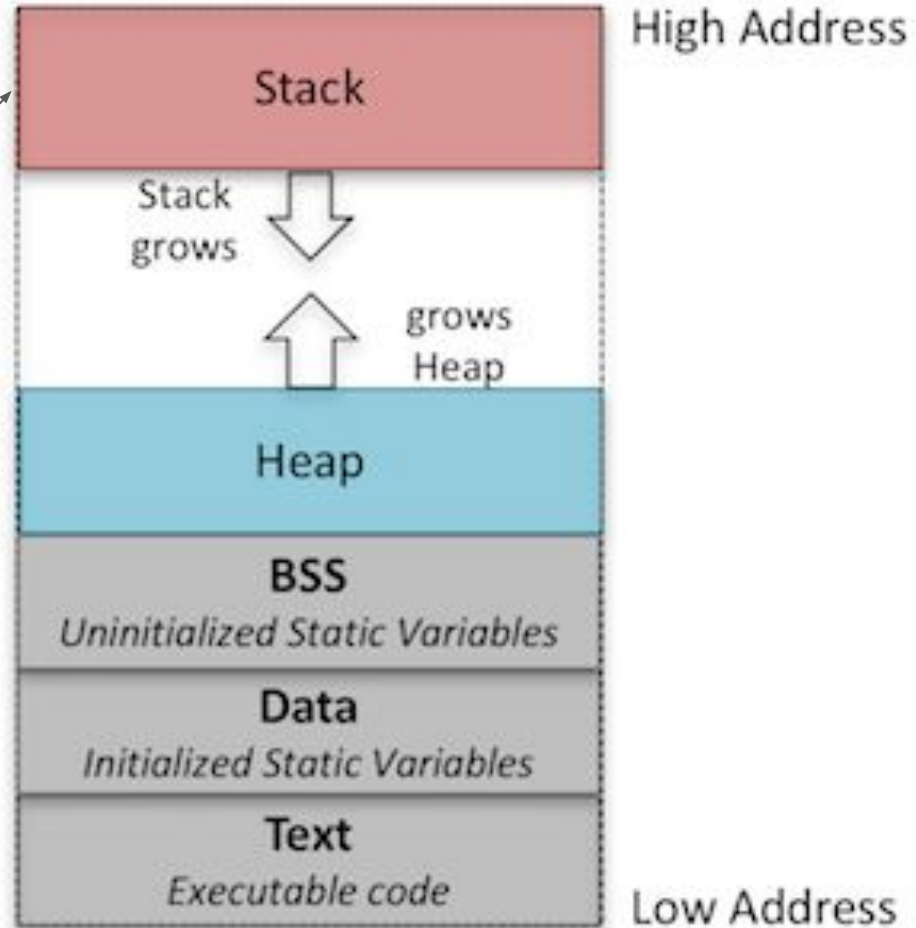


How memory works

Static Memory (Arrays) is stored in the Stack

Dynamic memory (ArrayLists) is stored in the Heap

Unlike stack where memory is allocated or deallocated in a defined order, heap is area of memory where memory is allocated or deallocated without any order or randomly.



Introducing the: **Node**

What is a Stack?

Stacks

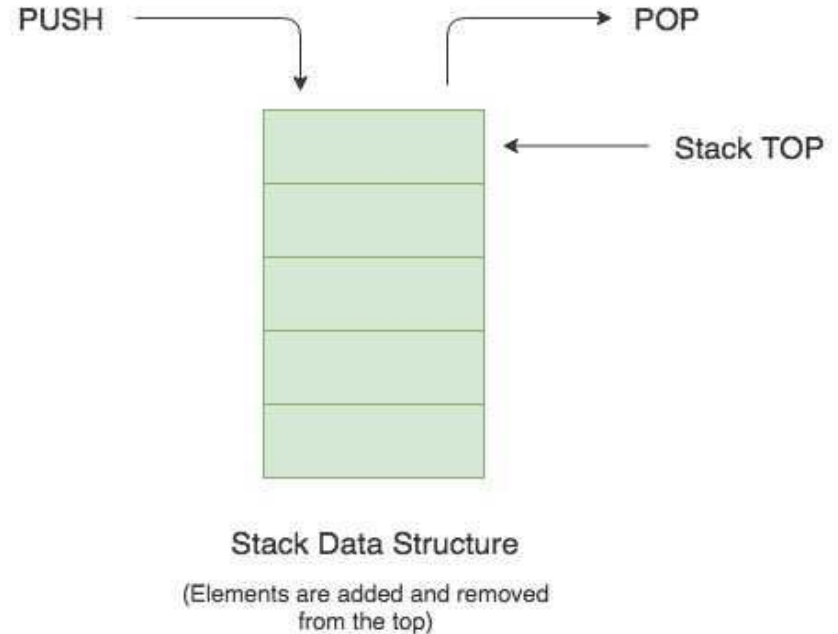


Stacks

Stacks are data structures that follow the rule **Last In First Out (LIFO)**

With two major actions:

- Push (add data to the stack)
- Pop (remove the last piece of data)
- Peek (check out what's on top)



What is a Queue?

Queues



Queues

Queues are data structures that follow the rule **First In First Out (FIFO)**

With two major actions:

- Add (add data to the queue)
- Remove (remove the first piece of data)
- Queues can use Iterators to iterate through
 - Similar to for-each loops



*Beyond normal queues, there are Priority queues that then give priority(weights) to different values.

Why use Stacks and Queues?

In short: Tree Searching

Trees - Breadth First Search, Depth First Search

- Stacks and queues are used for searching through trees to store what nodes we've accessed!
- Stacks and Queues are much faster at doing this than any other data structure

We'll expand upon trees and searching algorithms later :)

Cool things to look at

ArrayLists vs Vectors

- Synchronization (Editing the data structure through multiple threads)
 - This is so cool, used during operating systems of running multiple processes at a time
 - This also goes for PriorityQueuees vs PriorityBlockingQueuees

Memory

- There's so much to memory and how data is stored, it's really cool to understand it