

| Property  | Hash Map  | Linked Hash Map   | Tree Map  |
|---|---|---|---|
| Time Complexity (Big O notation) Get, Put, Contains Key and Remove method | O(1)  | O(1)  | O(1)  |
| Iteration Order   | Random  | Sorted according to either Insertion Order of Access Order (as specified during construction) | Sorted according to either natural Order of keys or comparator(as specified during construction)  |
| Null Keys   | allowed   | allowed   | Not allowed if keys uses Natural Ordering or Comparator does not support comparison on null Keys.   |
| Interface   | Map   | Map   | Map, Sorted Map and Navigable Map   |
| Synchronization   | None, use Collections. Synchronized Map()   | None, use Collections. Synchronized Map()   | None, use Collections. Synchronized Map()   |
| Data Structure  | List of buckets, if more than 8 entries in bucket then Java 8 will switch to balanced tree from linked list       | Doubly Linked List of Buckets   | Red-Black( a kind of self-balancing binary search tree) implementation of Binary Tree. This data structure offers O(log n ) for insert, Delete and Search operations and O(n) space complexity. |
| Applications  | General Purpose, fast retrieval, non-synchronized. Concurrent Hash Map can be used where concurrency is involved. | Can be used for LRU cache, other places where insertion or access order matters               | Algorithms where Sorted or Navigable features are required. For example, find among the list of employees whose salary is next to given employee, Range Search, etc.                            |
| Requirements for Keys   | Equals() and hash Code() needs to be overwritten.   | Equals() and hash Code() needs to be overwritten.   | Comparator needs to be supplied for key implementation, otherwise natural order will be used to sort the keys.  |