**Heap:**

Primitive objects and their references are stored.

Static variables, objects and their references are stored.

**Young Generation:** all new objects are created here. Once it’s filled up the GC kick’s in. this type GC is called minor GC. Once this objects that won’t garbage collected(long lived objects), they are moved to Older Generation.

**Older/Tenured Generation:** major GC collects objects which are not useful any more.

**PermGen:**

PermGen (Permanent Generation) is a special heap space separated from the main memory heap.

The JVM keeps track of loaded class metadata in the PermGen. Additionally, the JVM stores all the static content in this memory section. This includes all the static methods, primitive variables, and references to the static objects.

Furthermore, it contains data about bytecode, names and JIT information. Before Java 7, the String Pool was also part of this memory. The disadvantages of the fixed pool size.

However, we can change the default size with the JVM options:

-XX:PermSize=[size] is the initial or minimum size of the PermGen space

-XX:MaxPermSize=[size] is the maximum size

Most importantly, Oracle completely removed this memory space in JDK 8 release.

With its limited memory size, PermGen is involved in generating the famous OutOfMemoryError. Simply put, the class loaders aren’t garbage collected properly and, as a result, generated a memory leak.

**Meta space in JAVA 8:**

Metaspace is a new memory space – starting from the Java 8 version; **it has replaced the older PermGen memory space**. The most significant difference is how it handles the memory allocation.

As a result, **this native memory region grows automatically by default**.

Additionally, the garbage collection process also gains some benefits from this change. The garbage collector now automatically triggers cleaning of the dead classes once the class metadata usage reaches its maximum metaspace size.

Therefore,**with this improvement, JVM reduces the chance to get the *OutOfMemory* error**.

Despite all of this improvements, we still need to monitor and [tune up](https://www.baeldung.com/jvm-parameters) the metaspace to avoid memory leaks.

**Stack:**

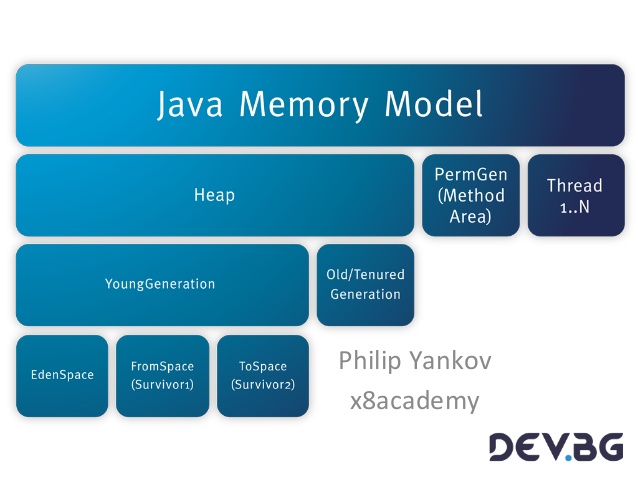
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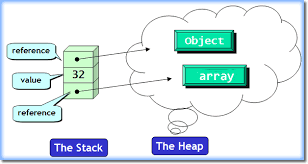
**Native Memory:**

Other language specific details.

**PC Register:**

Sequence of instruction which is executed next. One PC register per thread.





Primitive data types and object references are stored in the stack. Objects are stored in the heap.

**GC:**

**Marking:** what are the objects which are not used.

**Normal Deletion:** unused objects are removed.

**Deletion + Compacting:** unused objects are removed and grouping memory together.