

Collection Interface & Collections Class

- **Collection Interface**

- It is a root interface in the java.util package which represents group of objects as a single unit.
- It is an interface, which means it defines set of methods that any collection class (like arraylist, hashset, treeset, etc) must implement.
- Provides methods for basic operations
 - # add(E e)
 - # remove(Object o)
 - # size()

- **Collections Class**

- It is a utility class in java.util package which provides static methods for performing operations on collections.
- It is a class, not an interface
- Since it is final class, it cannot be inherited
- [Collections \(Java SE 21 & JDK 21\)](#)
- Provides methods like sort(), reverse(), shuffle(), min(), max(), copy(), replaceAll()

1. Collections.`shuffle`(List<?> list)

Purpose: Randomly shuffles the elements in a list.

```
package collectionsMethodsExamples;

import java.util.Arrays;
import java.util.Collections;
import java.util.List;

public class CollectionsShuffleExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        List<String> cards = Arrays.asList("Ace", "King",
"Jack", "Queen");

        System.out.println("Before Shuffling: "+ cards);

        //Shuffling elements of a list
        Collections.shuffle(cards);

        System.out.println("After Shuffling: "+ cards);
    }
}
```

O/P:

Before Shuffling: [Ace, King, Jack, Queen]

After Shuffling: [Queen, Jack, King, Ace]

2. Collections.`min()` & Collections.`max()`

Purpose: It returns the minimum and maximum elements from a collection.

```
package collectionsMethodsExamples;

import java.util.Arrays;
import java.util.Collections;
import java.util.List;

public class CollectionsMinMaxExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        List<Integer> numbers =
Arrays.asList(10, 2, 20, 40, 57, 68);
```

```

        int min = Collections.min(numbers);
        int max = Collections.max(numbers);

        System.out.println("Minimum: "+ min);
        System.out.println("Maximum: "+ max);
    }
}

```

o/p:

Minimum: 2

Maximum: 68

3. Collections.copy(List<?> dest, List<?> src)

Purpose: Copies the elements from one list to another.

The destination list should have the same size as the source list

```

package collectionsMethodsExamples;

import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Arrays;
import java.util.Collections;
import java.util.List;

public class CollectionsCopyExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        List<String> source = Arrays.asList("A", "B", "C");

        //Destination list must have the same size
        List<String> destination = new
ArrayList<>(Arrays.asList("", "", ""));

        Collections.copy(destination, source);

        System.out.println("Source: "+ source);

        System.out.println("Destination: "+destination);
    }
}

```

o/p:

Source: [A, B, C]

Destination: [A, B, C]

```
package collectionsMethodsExamples;

import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Arrays;
import java.util.Collections;
import java.util.List;

public class CollectionsCopyExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        List<String> source = Arrays.asList("A", "B", "C");

        //Destination list must have the same size
        List<String> destination = new ArrayList<>(source);

        // Collections.copy(destination, source);

        System.out.println("Source: " + source);

        System.out.println("Destination: " + destination);
    }
}
```

```
package collectionsMethodsExamples;

import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Arrays;
import java.util.Collections;
import java.util.List;

public class Example {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        List<Integer> source = Arrays.asList(1, 2, 3);

        //Destination list must have the same size
        List<Integer> destination = new
ArrayList<>(Arrays.asList(0, 0, 0));

        Collections.copy(destination, source);

        System.out.println("Source: " + source);

        System.out.println("Destination: " + destination);
    }
}
```

```
}  
}
```

4. `Collections.replaceAll(List<T>list, T old value, T new V)`

Purpose: Replaces all occurrences of a specific element with a new element.

```
package collectionsMethodsExamples;  
  
import java.util.Arrays;  
import java.util.Collections;  
import java.util.List;  
  
public class ReplaceAllExample {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        List<String> names =  
Arrays.asList("Krishna", "Gopal", "Govind");  
  
        System.out.println("Real (Before Replacement): "+  
names);  
  
        Collections.replaceAll(names,  
"Krishna", "KrishnaYadav");  
  
        System.out.println("After Replacement: "+ names);  
    }  
}
```

o/p:

Real (Before Replacement): [Krishna, Gopal, Govind]

After Replacement: [KrishnaYadav, Gopal, Govind]

`Collections.synchronizedList(List<T> list)`

It will return the thread safe version of the given list

`Collections.synchronizedMap()`

`Collections.synchronizedSet()`

Sort() - sorts the elements in ascending order
Reverse() - reverses the order of elements

Object Class - [Object \(Java SE 21 & JDK 21\)](#)

- The Object class is the root of the class hierarchy in java
- It is the part of java.lang
- toString(), equals(), getClass()

toString()

Purpose: It returns the string representation of an object

```
package objectClass;

public class Employee {
    int id;
    String name;

    public Employee(int id, String name) {
        this.id = id;
        this.name = name;
    }

    @Override
    public String toString() {
        return "Employee{" +
            "id=" + id +
            ", name='" + name + '\'' +
            '}';
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Employee emp = new Employee(101, "Krishna");
        System.out.println(emp);
    }
}
```

O/P:

Employee{id=101, name='Krishna'}

getClass()

Returns the runtime class of the object.

```
package objectClass;

public class Test {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String str = "Flynnaut";
        System.out.println("ClassName: "+
str.getClass().getName());
    }
}
```

o/p:

ClassName: java.lang.String

equals(Object obj)

Compares two objects to check for the equality

Its default implementation checks if the references are the same(==)

We can give custom implementation by overriding this method(Override to compare the values(content))

```
package objectClass;

public class Employee {
    int id;
    String name;

    public Employee(int id, String name) {
        this.id = id;
        this.name = name;
    }
}
```

```

    }

    public boolean equals(Object obj){
        if (this == obj) return true; // same reference check
        if (obj == null || getClass() != obj.getClass())
return false;

        Employee employee = (Employee)obj;
        return id == employee.id &&
name.equals(employee.name);
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Employee emp1 = new Employee(101,"Krishna");
        Employee emp2 = new Employee(101,"Krishna");

        System.out.println("Are they Equal: "+
emp1.equals(emp2));
    }
}

```

o/p:

Are they Equal: true