

Inventory Management System

1. Explain why data structures and algorithms are essential in handling large inventories.

- Efficiency: Large inventories involve thousands of products. Efficient data structures help ensure fast lookups, updates, and deletions.
- Scalability: Good algorithms and data structures help manage data growth without performance degradation.
- Real-time Performance: Operations like finding, updating, or deleting a product need to be done quickly for smooth inventory control.

2. Discuss the types of data structures suitable for this problem.

- HashMap: Ideal for fast access using productId as the key. Offers $O(1)$ average time complexity for add, update, and delete.
- ArrayList: Good for ordered lists, but slow for search ($O(n)$) and deletion.

3. Analyze the time complexity of each operation (add, update, delete) in your chosen data structure.

- Add product : we use hashmap data structure and time complexity is $O(1)$ on average
- Update product : we use hashmap data structure an time complexity is $O(1)$ on average
- Delete product : we use hashmap data structure an time complexity is $O(1)$ on average

4. Discuss how you can optimize these operations.

☐ Using TreeMap instead of HashMap if we need sorted inventory.

☐ Implement search by product name using a secondary map or `Map<String, List<Product>>`.

☐ Use concurrent data structures (e.g., `ConcurrentHashMap`) for multi-threaded environments.