

Data Provider

Q. What is mean by DataProvider?

Ans: Data provider is a container which pass set of data to our test cases so that our test case/method get executed with different set of data.

Q. How to create data provider method?

Ans : write a simple java method and annotate this with `@DataProvider` annotation

inside a class we can define multiple Dataprovider methods

to get identify data provider methods we can specify name to every data provider method by using "name" attribute" of `@DataProvider` annotation

It is not mandatary to specify name to data provider methods

Q. What will happen if we are not providing name to dataprovider method?

Ans: If we are not providing name to data provider method then we will get exception in Test method because for Test method `dataProvider` name is required but we can overcome this probelm by using name of dataprovider method in Test method

Parameter of Test method and Return type of DataProvider

`DataProvider` method can have following types of return type

- 1) `Object[]` -> One dimentional
- 2) `Object [][]` -> Multi Dimential Array
- 3) `Iterator<Object>` -> For Collection type
- 4) `Iterator<Object[]>`

1) Object [] -> One dimensional Object Array

String []	When we should go with Object [] and When we should go with particular type array?
Integer []	Ans: If we know the data type of value then we can go with particular type array
Float []	
Boolean []	If we are going to return only String type then use String [], If we are going to return only Integer type value then use Integer []
Employee []	
Character[]	

How to define one dimensional String array and how to initialize one dimensional String array values?

```
String [] data=new String[size];
```

Example

```
data[0]="Abc";  
data[1]="xyz";  
data[2]="pqr";  
String data []=new String[3];
```

@DataProvider

```
public String[] loginData()
```

```
{
```

```
String []data=new String[3];
```

```
data[0]="Abc";
```

```
data[1]="xyz";
```

```
data[2]="pqr";
```

```
return data;
```

```
}
```

Another Approach to define and initialize one dimensional Array

```
String data[] =new String []{"Abc","Pqr","xyz"};
```

Or

```
String data[] =new String []{  
    "Abc",  
    "Pqr",  
    "xyz"};
```

```
@DataProvider  
public String [] loginData()  
{  
    String data[] =new String []{  
        "Abc",  
        "Pqr",  
        "xyz"};  
}
```

How to use data in Test method which are supplied by DataProvider

```
@Test  
public void loginTest(String s)  
{  
    System.out.println(s);  
}
```

When we should go with Object [] ?

Ans: If we don't know value type or we are passing mix kind of values to Test method then we should go with Object[]

```
@DataProvider  
public Object[] loginData()  
{  
    Object [] data=new Object[]{101,100.100,'C',"Abc"};  
}
```

```
@Test  
public void loginTest(Object obj)  
{  
    System.out.println(obj);  
}
```

2) Object [][] -> Multi Dimential Array

String[][]

Integer[][]

Float[][]

Double[][]



If we know type of value,
then we should go with
particular type array

If we don't know type of value or
we are passing mixec type of values
to Test method then we should go with
Object array

How to define two dimensional/multi-dimensional array

```
String [][]data=new String[2][2];
```

```
data[0][0]="Abc";  
data[0][1]="xyz";  
data[1][0]="kkk";  
data[1][1]="nnn"
```

or

```
String [][] data=new String[][]{  
    {"Admin","123"},  
    {"admin","Test"},  
    {"Test","test@123"}  
};
```

```
@DataProvider  
public String[][] loginData()  
{  
    String [][] data=new String[][]{  
        {"Admin","123"},  
        {"admin","Test"},  
        {"Test","test@123"}  
    };  
    return data;  
}
```

```
@Test  
public void loginTest(String s1,String s2)  
{  
    System.out.println(s1+" ---"+s2);  
}
```

Or

```
@Test  
public void loginOrangeHrm(Object [] obj)  
{  
    System.out.println(obj[0]+" "+obj[1]);  
}
```

If number of values passing to Test are not fixed then use below approach

```
@DataProvider()  
public Object[][] loginData()  
{  
    Object [][] data=new Object[][] {  
        {"abc",123,'B',100,100.90},  
        {"xyz","Test"},  
        {"admin",'C',500,true}  
    };  
    return data;  
}
```

```
@Test  
public void loginOrangeHrm(Object [] obj)  
{  
    for (Object object : obj) {  
        System.out.println(object);  
    }  
    System.out.println("=====");  
}
```

return type 3

Iterator<Object> -> For Collection type

```
String      @DataProvider
            public Iterator<String> loginData()
Integer     {
            List<String> list=new ArrayList<>();
            list.add("abc");
Float       list.add("pqr");
            list.add("test");
            return list.iterator();
Double      }
```

```
@Test
public void LoginTest(String s)
{
    ...
    System.out.println(s);
}
```

If values are mix type in Collection

```
@DataProvider()
public Iterator<Object> loginData()
{
    List<Object> list=new ArrayList<>();
    list.add("abc");
    list.add("xyz");
    list.add(123);
    list.add(true);
    return list.iterator();
}

@Test
public void loginOrangeHrm(Object obj)
{
    System.out.println(obj);
}
```

Type 4: Iterator<Object[]>

Iterator<Object[]>

```
@DataProvider()
public Iterator<String[]> loginData()
{
    List<String[]> list=new ArrayList<>();

    String arr2[]=new String[] { "mm", "ggg", "jj" };
    String arr3[]=new String[] { "pppp", "aaa", "qqqq" };

    list.add(new String[] { "123", "xyz", "KKK" });
    list.add(arr2);
    list.add(arr3);
    return list.iterator();
}
```

```
@Test
public void loginOrangeHrm(String[] obj)
{
    for (String string : obj) {
        System.out.println(string);
    }
    System.out.println("====");
}
```

If we want to pass partial data set to Test method then use indices attribute in @DataProvider annotation

```
@DataProvider(indices = {0,1})
public Iterator<String[]> loginData()
{
    List<String[]> list=new ArrayList<>();

    String arr2[]=new String[] { "mm", "ggg", "jj" };
    String arr3[]=new String[] { "pppp", "aaa", "qqqq" };

    list.add(new String[] { "123", "xyz", "KKK" });
    list.add(arr2);
    list.add(arr3);
    return list.iterator();
}

public void loginOrangeHrm(String[] obj)
{
    for (String string : obj) {
        System.out.println(string);
    }
    System.out.println("====");
}
```

While using indices concept there is no change required in Test method

