

Java Vector

The Vector class is an implementation of the List interface that allows us to create resizable-arrays similar to the ArrayList class.

The Vector class implements a growable array of objects. Vectors fall in legacy classes, but now it is fully compatible with collections. It is found in java.util package and implement the List interface.



Creating a Vector

Here is how we can create vectors in Java.

```
Vector<Type> vector = new Vector<>();
```

Here, `Type` indicates the type of a linked list. For example,

```
// create Integer type linked list
Vector<Integer> vector= new Vector<>();

// create String type linked list
Vector<String> vector= new Vector<>();
```

Methods of Vector

The Vector class also provides the resizable-array implementations of the List interface (similar to the ArrayList class). Some of the Vector methods are:

Add Elements to Vector

- `add(element)` - adds an element to vectors
- `add(index, element)` - adds an element to the specified position
- `addAll(vector)` - adds all elements of a vector to another vector

For example,

```
import java.util.Vector;

class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Vector<String> mammals= new Vector<>();

        // Using the add() method
        mammals.add("Dog");
        mammals.add("Horse");

        // Using index number
        mammals.add(2, "Cat");
        System.out.println("Vector: " + mammals);

        // Using addAll()
        Vector<String> animals = new Vector<>();
        animals.add("Crocodile");

        animals.addAll(mammals);
        System.out.println("New Vector: " + animals);
    }
}
```

Output

```
Vector: [Dog, Horse, Cat]  
New Vector: [Crocodile, Dog, Horse, Cat]
```

Access Vector Elements

- `get(index)` - returns an element specified by the index
- `iterator()` - returns an **iterator** object to sequentially access vector elements

For example,

```
import java.util.Iterator;
import java.util.Vector;

class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Vector<String> animals= new Vector<>();
        animals.add("Dog");
        animals.add("Horse");
        animals.add("Cat");

        // Using get()
        String element = animals.get(2);
        System.out.println("Element at index 2: " + element);

        // Using iterator()
        Iterator<String> iterate = animals.iterator();
        System.out.print("Vector: ");
        while(iterate.hasNext()) {
            System.out.print(iterate.next());
            System.out.print(", ");
        }
    }
}
```

Output

```
Element at index 2: Cat  
Vector: Dog, Horse, Cat,
```

Remove Vector Elements

- `remove(index)` - removes an element from specified position
- `removeAll()` - removes all the elements
- `clear()` - removes all elements. It is more efficient than `removeAll()`

For example,

```
import java.util.Vector;

class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Vector<String> animals= new Vector<>();
        animals.add("Dog");
        animals.add("Horse");
        animals.add("Cat");

        System.out.println("Initial Vector: " + animals);

        // Using remove()
        String element = animals.remove(1);
        System.out.println("Removed Element: " + element);
        System.out.println("New Vector: " + animals);

        // Using clear()
        animals.clear();
        System.out.println("Vector after clear(): " + animals);
    }
}
```


Output

```
Initial Vector: [Dog, Horse, Cat]
```

```
Removed Element: Horse
```

```
New Vector: [Dog, Cat]
```

```
Vector after clear(): []
```



Others Vector Methods

Methods	Descriptions
<code>set()</code>	changes an element of the vector
<code>size()</code>	returns the size of the vector
<code>toArray()</code>	converts the vector into an array
<code>toString()</code>	converts the vector into a String
<code>contains()</code>	searches the vector for specified element and returns a boolean result

Example

```
import java.util.*;
public class VectorExample {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        //Create a vector
        Vector<String> vec = new Vector<String>();
        //Adding elements using add() method of List
        vec.add("Tiger");
        vec.add("Lion");
        vec.add("Dog");
        vec.add("Elephant");
        //Adding elements using addElement() method of Vector
        vec.addElement("Rat");
        vec.addElement("Cat");
        vec.addElement("Deer");

        System.out.println("Elements are: "+vec);
    }
}
```

Output:

Elements are: [Tiger, Lion, Dog, |Elephant, Rat, Cat, Deer]



```
import java.util.*;

public class VectorExample1 {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        //Create an empty vector with initial capacity 4
        Vector<String> vec = new Vector<String>(4);
        //Adding elements to a vector
        vec.add("Tiger");
        vec.add("Lion");
        vec.add("Dog");
        vec.add("Elephant");
        //Check size and capacity
        System.out.println("Size is: "+vec.size());
        System.out.println("Default capacity is: "+vec.capacity());
    }
}
```



//Display Vector elements

```
System.out.println("Vector element is: "+vec);
```

```
vec.addElement("Rat");
```

```
vec.addElement("Cat");
```

```
vec.addElement("Deer");
```

//Again check size and capacity after two insertions

```
System.out.println("Size after addition: "+vec.size());
```

```
System.out.println("Capacity after addition is: "+vec.capacity());
```

//Display Vector elements again

```
System.out.println("Elements are: "+vec);
```

//Checking if Tiger is present or not in this vector



```
if(vec.contains("Tiger"))
{
    System.out.println("Tiger is present at the index "
+vec.indexOf("Tiger"));
}
else
{
    System.out.println("Tiger is not present in the list.");
}

//Get the first element
System.out.println("The first animal of the vector is =
"+vec.firstElement());
//Get the last element
System.out.println("The last animal of the vector is =
"+vec.lastElement());
}
}
```



Output:

Size is: 4

Default capacity is: 4

Vector element is: [Tiger, Lion, Dog, Elephant]

Size after addition: 7

Capacity after addition is: 8

Elements are: [Tiger, Lion, Dog, Elephant, Rat, Cat, Deer]

Tiger is present at the index 0

The first animal of the vector is = Tiger

The last animal of the vector is = Deer


```
// Java Program Implementing Vector  
import java.util.Vector;
```

```
public class VectorExample  
{  
    public static void main(String[] args)  
    {
```

```
        // Create a new vector
```

```
        Vector<Integer> v = new Vector<>(3, 2);
```

```
        // Add elements to the vector
```

```
        v.addElement(1);
```

```
        v.addElement(2);
```

```
        v.addElement(3);
```



```
// Insert an element at index 1  
v.insertElementAt(0, 1);
```

```
// Remove the element at index 2  
v.removeElementAt(2);
```

```
// Print the elements of the vector  
for (int i : v) {  
    System.out.println(i);  
}
```

```
}
```

Output

```
1  
0  
3
```

```
// Java code to change the
// elements in vector class
import java.util.*;

// Driver Class
public class UpdatingVector {
    // Main Function
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        // Creating an empty Vector
        Vector<Integer> vec_tor = new Vector<Integer>();

        // Use add() method to add elements in the vector
        vec_tor.add(12);
        vec_tor.add(23);
        vec_tor.add(22);
        vec_tor.add(10);
        vec_tor.add(20);
    }
}
```



```
// Displaying the Vector
System.out.println("Vector: " + vec_tor);

// Using set() method to replace 12 with 21
System.out.println("The Object that is replaced is: "
    + vec_tor.set(0, 21));

// Using set() method to replace 20 with 50
System.out.println("The Object that is replaced is: "
    + vec_tor.set(4, 50));

// Displaying the modified vector
System.out.println("The new Vector is:" + vec_tor);
}
```

Output

```
Vector: [12, 23, 22, 10, 20]
The Object that is replaced is: 12
The Object that is replaced is: 20
The new Vector is:[21, 23, 22, 10, 50]
```