

# 14. Notes - PriorityQueue

## PriorityBlockingQueue -

PriorityBlockingQueue orders the elements through natural order if they are Comparable or we should use the Comparator.

## Example -

```
import java.util.Comparator;
import java.util.concurrent.PriorityBlockingQueue;

class Student {
    String name;
    int rank;

    public Student(String name, int rank) {
        this.name = name;
        this.rank = rank;
    }

    public int getRank() {
        return this.rank;
    }

    public String toString() {
        return String.format("name : %s, rank : %d", name, rank);
    }
}

// Compares the Student objects based on the rank field value.
class StudentComparator implements Comparator<Student> {
    @Override
    public int compare(Student o1, Student o2) {
        return o1.getRank() - o2.getRank();
    }
}

public class Main {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        PriorityBlockingQueue<Integer> queue = new PriorityBlockingQueue<Integer>();
        queue.add(10);
        queue.add(2);
        queue.add(5);

        System.out.println(queue.poll());
        System.out.println(queue.poll());
        System.out.println(queue.poll());
    }
}
```

```
PriorityBlockingQueue<Student> queue1 =  
    new PriorityBlockingQueue<Student>(5, new StudentComparator());  
  
queue1.add(new Student("a", 12));  
queue1.add(new Student("b", 1));  
queue1.add(new Student("c", 4));  
  
System.out.println(queue1.poll());  
System.out.println(queue1.poll());  
System.out.println(queue1.poll());  
    }  
}
```

## Output -

```
2  
5  
10  
name : b, rank : 1  
name : c, rank : 4  
name : a, rank : 12
```