

Which class do you choose when you want _____	Answer (single best type)	Reason
to pick the top zoo map off a stack of maps	ArrayDeque	The description is of a last-in, first-out data structure, so you need a stack, which is a type of Queue. (Stack would also match this description, but it shouldn't be used for new code.)
to sell tickets to people in the order in which they appear in line and tell them their position in line	LinkedList	The description is of a first-in, first-out data structure, so you need a queue. You also needed indexes, and LinkedList is the only class to match both requirements.
to write down the first names of all of the elephants so that you can tell them to your friend's three-year-old every time she asks. (The elephants do not have unique first names.)	ArrayList	Since there are duplicates, you need a list rather than a set. You will be accessing the list more often than updating it, since three-year-olds ask the same question over and over, making an ArrayList better than a LinkedList. Vector and Stack aren't used in new code.
to list the unique animals that you want to see at the zoo today	HashSet	The keyword in the description is <i>unique</i> . When you see "unique," think "set." Since there were no requirements to have a sorted order or to remember the insertion order, you use the most efficient set.
to list the unique animals that you want to see at the zoo today in alphabetical order	TreeSet	Since it says "unique," you need a set. This time, you need to sort, so you cannot use a HashSet.
to look up animals based on a unique identifier	HashMap	Looking up by key should make you think of a map. Since you have no ordering or sorting requirements, you should use the most basic map.

TABLE 3.7 Java Collections Framework types

Type	Can contain duplicate elements?	Elements ordered?	Has keys and values?	Must add/remove in specific order?
List	Yes	Yes (by index)	No	No
Map	Yes (for values)	No	Yes	No
Queue	Yes	Yes (retrieved in defined order)	No	Yes
Set	No	No	No	No

TABLE 3.8 Collection attributes

Type	Java Collections Framework interface	Sorted?	Calls hashCode?	Calls compareTo?
ArrayList	List	No	No	No
ArrayDeque	Queue	No	No	No
HashMap	Map	No	Yes	No
HashSet	Set	No	Yes	No
Hashtable	Map	No	Yes	No
LinkedList	List, Queue	No	No	No
Stack	List	No	No	No
TreeMap	Map	Yes	No	Yes
TreeSet	Set	Yes	No	Yes
Vector	List	No	No	No

TABLE 3.11 The basics of the merge and compute methods

Scenario	merge	computeIfAbsent	computeIfPresent
Key already in map	Result of function	No action	Result of function
Key not already in map	Add new value to map	Result of function	No action
Functional Interface used	BiFunction (Takes existing value and new value. Returns new value.)	BiFunction (Takes key and existing value. Returns new value.)	Function (Takes key and returns new value.)

TABLE 3.12 Merge and compute methods when nulls are involved

Key has	Mapping functions returns	merge	computeIfAbsent	computeIfPresent
null value in map	null	Remove key from map.	Do not change map.	Do not change map.
null value in map	Not null	Set key to mapping function result.	Add key to map with mapping function result as value.	Do not change map.
Non-null value in map	null	Remove key from map.	Do not change map.	Remove key from map.
Non-null value in map	Not null	Set key to mapping function result.	Do not change map.	Set key to mapping function result.
Key not in map	null	Add key to map.	Do not change map.	Do not change map.
Key not in map	Not null	Add key to map.	Add key to map with mapping function result as value.	Do not change map.