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Garbage Collection:-

Forms of Garbage Collection

Do Nothing

Reference
counting

mark and Sweep

Copying

Generational

Incremental

Reference Counting:- Onus on client to call methods when allocating/free mem

Mark and Sweep:-

- mark phase that identifies the objects that are still in use
- Sweep phase to remove unused objects
- Compact phase to compact the memory

Copying:- uses different spaces to manage memory

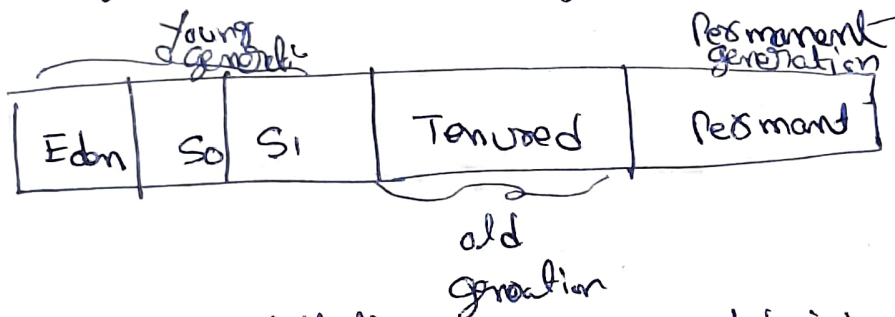
Generations:- maintains different generations for memory
→ promoted

Basic Idea

- It has a 'young generation' and an 'old generation'
- most initial objects allocated in 'Eden Space'
- Young generation has two survivor spaces

- Objects that survive a GC get moved to the survivor space
- only one survivor space in use at a time
- object copied between survivor space

- old generation is where long lived objects go to die



Minor Minor Garbage Collection: - object allocated into Eden Space

when Young generation is full
minor will happen

- GC runs objects are copied to 'newer' survivor space
- objects from older survivor space also copied to 'newer' survivor space
- survivor spaces are swapped

when old generation is full

Major Garbage Collection: -

- Triggered when the tenured space is full
- Collects old and young generations
- Although this is really a full GC

Copying to old generation: - JVM will eventually promote to old generation

- After a certain number of garbage collects
- If survivor space is full
- if JVM has been told to always create objects in old space

Allocating to old space :- we can allocate directly to old space No JVM option is required.

Allocation :-

- Thread Local Allocation Buffers (TLABs) used
- Each thread gets its own buffer in the Eden space
- No Locking required

Write Barriers :-

Card Table :- Each write to a reference to a young object goes through a write barrier, This barrier updates a card table entry, only entry per 512 bytes of memory.

Different Garbage Collectors :-

i) 'Serial generational collector (use serial GC)
+ use Parallel GC
+ use Parallel Old GC

ii) + use ConcMarkSweep GC

- use ParNew GC

+ use ConcMarkSweep GC

+ use ParNew GC

+ use G1 GC

Serial Collector :-

- Single Threaded
- Mark and Sweep
- Small applications running on the client

Parallel Collector :-

- Multiple threads for minor collection
- Single thread for major collection
- Same process as serial, use on servers

Parallel old collector:- multiple threads for minor and major collections
preferred over parallel GC

Concurrent mark and sweep:-

only collect old space

no longer 'bump the pointer' allocation

Cause heap fragmentation

Designed to be lower latency.

Phase :-

→ initial mark

→ Concurrent mark

→ R-mark

→ Concurrent sweep

→ Resetting.

G1 Collector:- ~~off~~ new in java 6 (officially supported in java 7)

→ IS a Compacting Collector

→ planned as a replacement for CMS (default 'server' collector in java 1.1)

→ meant for server applications (multiprocessor machines with large memories)

→ Breaks heap into regions (Still has concept of Eden Space and Tenured Space)

Garbage Collection Tools:-

→ MX Beans (For Garbage Collector) → Name of collector collections
→ Time of collections

→ JStat → Command line tool provided with the JVM

Java References:-

Usage of Reference types:-

→ weak Reference (weak HashMap) meta data with another type

→ Soft Reference Can be used for caching

→ Phantom Reference → Interaction with the garbage collector.