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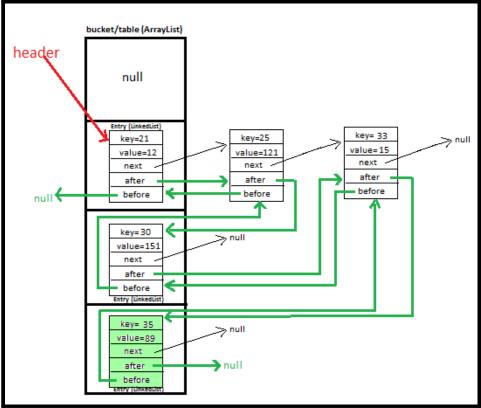
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## 1) Custom LinkedHashMap >

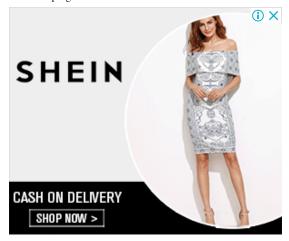


This is very important and

**trending** topic. In this post i will be explaining **LinkedHashMap** custom implementation with diagrams which will help you in **visualizing** the LinkedHashMap implementation.

I will be explaining how we will put and get key-value pair in HashMap by overriding-

- >equals method helps in checking equality of entry objects.
- >hashCode method helps in finding bucket's index on which data will be stored.



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We will maintain bucket (ArrayList) which will store Entry (LinkedList).

Most salient feature of **LinkedHashMap** is that it **maintains insertion order** of key-value pairs. We will maintain <u>doubly Linked List</u> for doing so.

While our **HashMap** didn't maintained insertion order.

## 2) *Entry*<*K*,*V*>

We store key-value pair by using Entry<K,V>

By using, **Entry**<**K**,**V**> **before**, **after** - we keep track of newly added entry in LinkedHashMap, which helps us in maintaining insertion order.

#### Entry contains

- K key,
- V value,
- Entry<K,V> next (i.e. next entry on that location of bucket),
- Entry<K,V> before and
- Entry<K,V> after

```
static class Entry<K, V> {
    K key;
    V value;
    Entry<K,V> next;
    Entry<K,V> before, after;

public Entry(K key, V value, Entry<K,V> next){
    this.key = key;
    this.value = value;
    this.next = next;
```

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}
}
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## 3) Putting 5 key-value pairs in own/custom LinkedHashMap (step-by-step)>

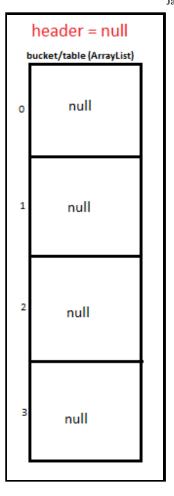
I will explain you the whole concept of LinkedHashMap by putting 5 key-value pairs in HashMap.

**Initially,** we have bucket of **capacity=4.** (all indexes of bucket i.e. 0,1,2,3 are pointing to null)

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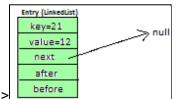
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#### Let's put first key-value pair in LinkedHashMap-

**Key=21**, value=12



newEntry Object will be formed like this >

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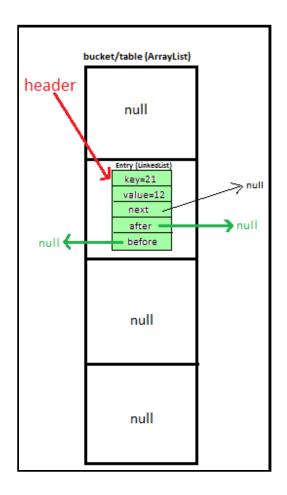
We will calculate hash by using our **hash(K key)** method - in this case it returns **key/capacity= 21%4= 1**.

So, 1 will be the **index of bucket** on which **newEntry object** will be stored.

We will go to 1<sup>st</sup> index as it is pointing to null we will **put our newEntry object there**.

Additionally, for maintaining insertion order-Update header, it will start pointing to newEntry object

At completion of this step, our HashMap will look like this-





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#### Let's put second key-value pair in LinkedHashMap-

Key=25, value=121



newEntry Object will be formed like this >

We will calculate hash by using our **hash(K key)** method - in this case it returns **key/capacity= 25%4= 1**.

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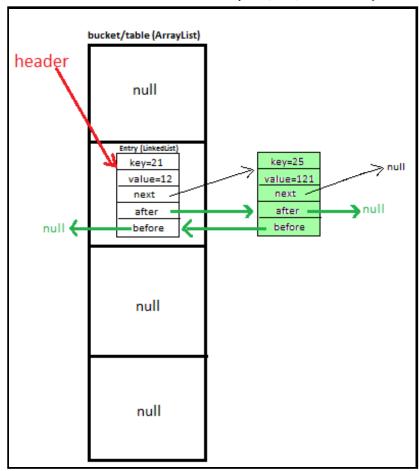
We will go to 1<sup>st</sup> index, it contains entry with key=21, we will compare two keys(i.e. compare 21 with 25 by using equals method), as two keys are different we check whether entry with key=21's next is null or not, if next is null we will put our newEntry object on next.

#### Additionally, for maintaining insertion order-

Update **header.after**, it will start pointing to **newEntry object** (i.e make Entry with key=21's after point to **newEntry object**], and also make **newEntry object**'s before point to header (Entry with key=21')

At completion of this step our HashMap will look like this-

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## Let's put third key-value pair in HashMap-

Key=30, value=151



newEntry Object will be formed like this >

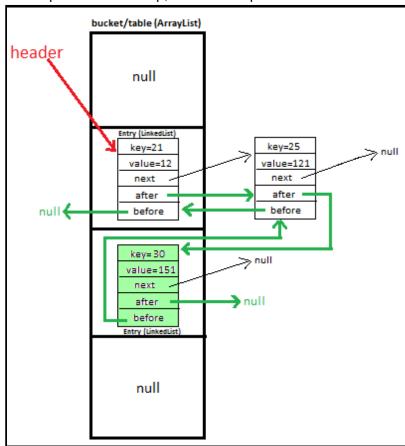
We will calculate hash by using our **hash(K key)** method - in this case it returns **key/capacity= 30%4= 2**.

So, 2 will be the index of bucket on which newEntry object will be stored.

We will go to 2<sup>nd</sup> index as it is pointing to null we will **put our newEntry object there**.

Additionally, for maintaining insertion order-Update doubly linked list 's after and before.

At completion of this step, our HashMap will look like this-



#### Let's put fourth key-value pair in LinkedHashMap-

**Key=33**, value=15



Entry Object will be formed like this

We will calculate hash by using our **hash(K key)** method - in this case it returns **key/capacity= 33%4= 1**,

So, 1 will be the index of bucket on which newEntry object will be stored.

We will go to 1st index -

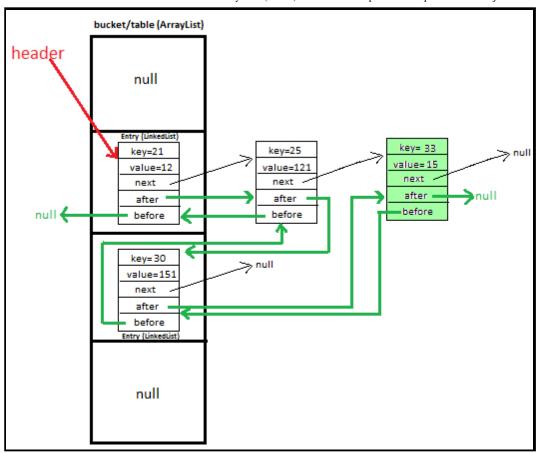
>it contains entry with key=21, we will compare two keys (i.e. compare 21 with 33 by using equals method, as two keys are different, proceed to next of entry with key=21 (proceed only if next is not null).

>now, next contains entry with key=25, we will compare two keys (i.e. compare 25 with 33 by using equals method, as two keys are different, now next of entry with key=25 is pointing to null so we won't proceed further, we will put our newEntry object on next.

Additionally, for maintaining insertion order-

Update doubly linked list's after and before (for maintaining insertion order)

At completion of this step our HashMap will look like this-

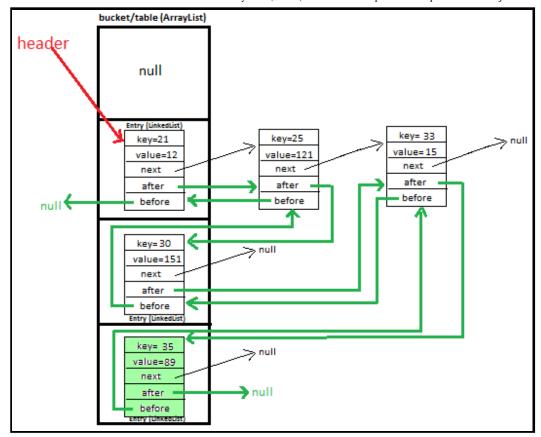


### Let's put fifth key-value pair in LinkedHashMap-

Key=35, value=89

Repeat above mentioned steps.

At completion of this step our HashMap will look like this-



#### Must read: Set Custom implementation.

## 4) Methods used in custom LinkedHashMap >

	<del>-</del>
public void <b>put</b> (K newKey, V data)	-Method allows you put key-value pair in HashMap -If the map already contains a mapping for the key, the old value is replacedprovide complete functionality how to override equals methodprovide complete functionality how to override hashCode method.

public V <b>get</b> (K key)	Method returns value corresponding to key.	
public boolean <b>remove</b> (K deleteKey)	Method removes key-value pair from LinkedHashMapCustom.	
public void <b>display</b> ()	-Method displays all key-value pairs present in LinkedHashMapCustom., -insertion order is guaranteed.	
private int hash(K key)	-Method implements hashing functionality, which helps in finding the appropriate bucket location to store our dataThis is very important method, as performance of <b>LinkedHashMapCustom</b> is very much dependent on this method's implementation.	
private void maintainOrderAfterInsert(Entry <k, v=""> newEntry)</k,>	Methods helps in maintaining insertion order after insertion of key-value pair.	
private void maintainOrderAfterDeletion(Entry <k, v=""> deleteEntry)</k,>	Methods helps in maintaining insertion order after deletion of key-value pair.	

For more Refer: LinkedHashMap Custom implementation - put, get, remove Employee object

# 5) Full Program/SourceCode for implementing custom LinkedHashMap>

package com.ankit;

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- \* reproduced in any form.
- \* This class provides custom implementation of LinkedHashMap(without using java api's)-
- \* which allows us to store data in key-value pair form.

```
* It maintains insertion order, uses DoublyLinkedList for doing so.
* If key which already exists is added again, its value is overridden but
* insertion order does not change,
* BUT, if key-value pair is removed and value is again added than insertion order
* changes(which is quite natural behavior).
* @param <K>
* @param <V>
class LinkedHashMapCustom<K, V> {
  private Entry<K,V>[] table; //Array of Entry.
  private int capacity= 4; //Initial capacity of HashMap
  private Entry<K,V> header; //head of the doubly linked list.
  private Entry<K,V> last; //last of the doubly linked list.
   * before and after are used for maintaining insertion order.
  static class Entry<K, V> {
    K key;
     V value;
     Entry<K,V> next;
     Entry<K,V> before,after;
     public Entry(K key, V value, Entry<K,V> next){
       this.key = key;
       this.value = value;
       this.next = next;
  @SuppressWarnings("unchecked")
 public LinkedHashMapCustom(){
   table = new Entry[capacity];
```

```
* Method allows you put key-value pair in LinkedHashMapCustom.
* If the map already contains a mapping for the key, the old value is replaced.
* Note: method does not allows you to put null key thought it allows null values.
* Implementation allows you to put custom objects as a key as well.
* Key Features: implementation provides you with following features:-
* >provide complete functionality how to override equals method.
* >provide complete functionality how to override hashCode method.
* @param newKey
* @param data
public void put(K newKey, V data){
if(newKey==null)
   return; //does not allow to store null.
int hash=hash(newKey);
Entry<K,V> newEntry = new Entry<K,V>(newKey, data, null);
 maintainOrderAfterInsert(newEntry);
 if(table[hash] == null){
  table[hash] = newEntry;
 }else{
   Entry<K,V> previous = null;
   Entry<K,V> current = table[hash];
   while(current != null){ //we have reached last entry of bucket.
   if(current.key.equals(newKey)){
     if(previous==null){ //node has to be insert on first of bucket.
         newEntry.next=current.next;
         table[hash]=newEntry;
         return;
     else{
        newEntry.next=current.next;
        previous.next=newEntry;
        return;
   previous=current;
    current = current.next;
  previous.next = newEntry;
```

```
* below method helps us in ensuring insertion order of LinkedHashMapCustom
* after new key-value pair is added.
private void maintainOrderAfterInsert(Entry<K, V> newEntry) {
 if(header==null){
    header=newEntry;
    last=newEntry;
    return;
 if(header.key.equals(newEntry.key)){
   deleteFirst();
    insertFirst(newEntry);
    return;
 if(last.key.equals(newEntry.key)){
    deleteLast();
    insertLast(newEntry);
    return;
 Entry<K, V> beforeDeleteEntry= deleteSpecificEntry(newEntry);
 if(beforeDeleteEntry==null){
    insertLast(newEntry);
  else{
    insertAfter(beforeDeleteEntry,newEntry);
```

```
* below method helps us in ensuring insertion order of LinkedHashMapCustom,
* after deletion of key-value pair.
private void maintainOrderAfterDeletion(Entry<K, V> deleteEntry) {
 if(header.key.equals(deleteEntry.key)){
    deleteFirst();
    return;
 if(last.key.equals(deleteEntry.key)){
    deleteLast();
    return;
 deleteSpecificEntry(deleteEntry);
* returns entry after which new entry must be added.
private void insertAfter(Entry<K, V> beforeDeleteEntry, Entry<K, V> newEntry) {
 Entry<K, V> current=header;
    while(current!=beforeDeleteEntry){
        current=current.after; //move to next node.
    newEntry.after=beforeDeleteEntry.after;
    beforeDeleteEntry.after.before=newEntry;
    newEntry.before=beforeDeleteEntry;
    beforeDeleteEntry.after=newEntry;
* deletes entry from first.
private void deleteFirst(){
```

```
if(header==last){ //only one entry found.
       header=last=null;
        return;
    header=header.after;
    header.before=null;
/**
* inserts entry at first.
private void insertFirst(Entry<K, V> newEntry){
    if(header==null){ //no entry found
       header=newEntry;
       last=newEntry;
        return;
    newEntry.after=header;
    header.before=newEntry;
    header=newEntry;
/**
* inserts entry at last.
private void insertLast(Entry<K, V> newEntry){
   if(header==null){
       header=newEntry;
       last=newEntry;
        return;
    last.after=newEntry;
    newEntry.before=last;
    last=newEntry;
```

```
* deletes entry from last.
private void deleteLast(){
    if(header==last){
        header=last=null;
        return;
    last=last.before;
    last.after=null;
* deletes specific entry and returns before entry.
private Entry<K, V> deleteSpecificEntry(Entry<K, V> newEntry){
    Entry<K, V> current=header;
    while(!current.key.equals(newEntry.key)){
        if(current.after==null){ //entry not found
            return null;
        current=current.after; //move to next node.
    Entry<K, V> beforeDeleteEntry=current.before;
    current.before.after=current.after;
    current.after.before=current.before; //entry deleted
    return beforeDeleteEntry;
* Method returns value corresponding to key.
```

```
* @param key
public V get(K key){
 int hash = hash(key);
 if(table[hash] == null){
  return null;
  }else{
  Entry<K,V> temp = table[hash];
  while(temp!= null){
    if(temp.key.equals(key))
       return temp.value;
    temp = temp.next; //return value corresponding to key.
  return null; //returns null if key is not found.
* Method removes key-value pair from HashMapCustom.
* @param key
public boolean remove(K deleteKey){
int hash=hash(deleteKey);
if(table[hash] == null){
    return false;
}else{
 Entry<K,V> previous = null;
 Entry<K,V> current = table[hash];
 while(current != null){ //we have reached last entry node of bucket.
   if(current.key.equals(deleteKey)){
     maintainOrderAfterDeletion(current);
     if(previous==null){ //delete first entry node.
         table[hash]=table[hash].next;
         return true;
     else{
```

```
previous.next=current.next;
         return true;
    previous=current;
     current = current.next;
  return false;
* Method displays all key-value pairs present in HashMapCustom.,
* insertion order is not guaranteed, for maintaining insertion order
* refer linkedHashMapCustom.
* @param key
public void display(){
 Entry<K, V> currentEntry=header;
 while(currentEntry!=null){
    System.out.print("{"+currentEntry.key+"="+currentEntry.value+"}" +" ");
    currentEntry=currentEntry.after;
* Method implements hashing functionality, which helps in finding the appropriate
* bucket location to store our data.
* This is very important method, as performance of HashMapCustom is very much
* dependent on this method's implementation.
* @param key
private int hash(K key){
  return Math.abs(key.hashCode()) % capacity;
```

```
/** Copyright (c), AnkitMittal JavaMadeSoEasy.com */
* Main class- to test HashMap functionality.
public class LinkedHashMapCustomApp {
 public static void main(String[] args) {
     LinkedHashMapCustom<Integer, Integer> linkedHashMapCustom = new LinkedHashMapCustom<Integer, Integer>();
     linkedHashMapCustom.put(21, 12);
     linkedHashMapCustom.put(25, 121);
     linkedHashMapCustom.put(30, 151);
     linkedHashMapCustom.put(33, 15);
     linkedHashMapCustom.put(35, 89);
     System.out.println("Display values corresponding to keys>");
     System.out.println("value corresponding to key 21="
             + linkedHashMapCustom.get(21));
     System.out.println("value corresponding to key 51="
             + linkedHashMapCustom.get(51));
     System.out.print("Displaying : ");
     linkedHashMapCustom.display();
     System.out.println("\n\nvalue corresponding to key 21 removed: "
             + linkedHashMapCustom.remove(21));
     System.out.println("value corresponding to key 22 removed: "
             + linkedHashMapCustom.remove(22));
     System.out.print("Displaying: ");
     linkedHashMapCustom.display();
/*Output
Display values corresponding to keys>
```

```
value corresponding to key 21=12
value corresponding to key 51=null
Displaying: {21=12} {25=121} {30=151} {33=15} {35=89}

value corresponding to key 21 removed: true
value corresponding to key 22 removed: false
Displaying: {25=121} {30=151} {33=15} {35=89}

*/
```

# 6) Complexity calculation of put and get methods in LinkedHashMap >

Complexity offered by put and get methods of LinkedHashMap is same as that of <u>HashMap</u>. Additionally, for maintaining insertion order during put method - <u>doubly linked list</u>'s header, after and before are also updated (whichever is needed to be updated).

#### 6.1) put method - worst Case complexity >

O(n) + for maintaining insertion order during put method - doubly linked list's header, after and before are also updated (whichever is needed to be updated).

#### 6.2) put method - best Case complexity >

**O(1). for maintaining insertion order during put method -** doubly linked list's **header**, **after and before** are also updated (whichever is needed to be updated).

6.3) get method - worst Case complexity >

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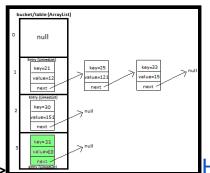
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In this tutorial we learned how to create and implement own/custom LinkedHashMap in java with full program, diagram and examples to insert and retrieve key-value pairs in it.

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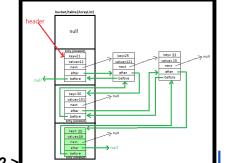
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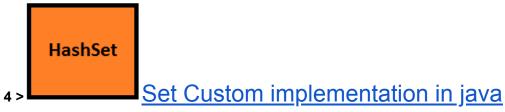
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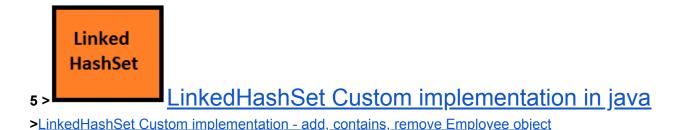
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