

JAVA Collection Cheat Sheet



Important methods:

ArrayList<String> list = new ArrayList<>();

 $ArrayList(class) - implements \rightarrow List(Interface) - extends \rightarrow Collection$

ArrayList is **not Synchronized**, Its equivalent synchronized class is **Vector**.

Creation

```
List list = new ArrayList(); // Empty Constructor
List list = new ArrayList(50); // Initial capacity
List list = new ArrayList(oldList);// add collection
```

An **ArrayList** can also be created using an existing Collection. The newly created **ArrayList** will contain all the elements in the same order in the original collection.

Methods

```
e = element (Object), i = index, c = Collection
```

- list.size();
- list.contains(e); //returns bool
- list.indexOf(e);
- list.lastIndexOf(e);

- list.get(i);
- list.set(i,e);
- list.add(e); // Add element
- list.add(i,e);
- list.addAll(c) // Add Collections
- list.addAll(i, c)
- list.remove(i);//returns bool : return at index

eg: arr.remove(3) -> this will remove element at index 3

• list.remove(e) or list.remove(object);

//returns bool: This is tricky in case of integer list, pass Integer object

NOTE: It will only remove first occurence of the object

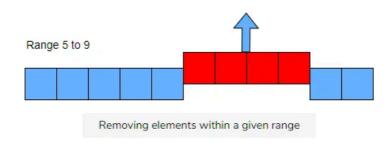
eg: arr.remove(new Integer(3)) -> this will remove first occurence of object with value 3

We saw that remove(int index) removes a method at the given index and remove(Object o) removes the given object from the ArrayList. Suppose we have an ArrayList that contains five elements i.e [13, 21, 43, 2, 9]. Now, if we do list.remove(2), then which overloaded method will be called. Will remove(int index) be called or remove(Object o) be called? remove(int index) will be called because we are passing a primitive to remove method. If we want to delete element 2, we should call remove(new Integer(2)) because elements are stored in an ArrayList as objects and not primitives.

• list.removeRange(int fromIndex, int toIndex)

Removing all the elements within a range

Let's suppose we need to remove all the elements from index 5 to 9. This can be done using the removeRange(int fromIndex, int toIndex) method. This method will remove, from this list, all of the elements whose index is between fromIndex, inclusive, and toIndex, exclusive. Please note that this method is not defined in the List class. So, it can be used only when the reference type is also **ArrayList** and not List.



Remove Range

• list.removeAll(Collection<?> c)

We can use the removeAll(Collection<?> c) method to remove, from the given list, all of the elements that are contained in the specified collection.

- list.toArray(); // convert list to array
- Collections.sort(list); //sorts in Ascending Order
- Collections.sort(list, Collections.reverseOrder()); // Descending order

The collections class contains a sort(List<T> list) method, which is used to sort an **ArrayList**. This method takes an **ArrayList** as input and sorts it in ascending order.

In the <code>sort(List<T> list)</code> method, **T** represents the type of object that is stored in the <code>ArrayList</code>. The <code>collections.sort(List<T> t)</code> method takes an <code>ArrayList</code> of type **T** objects as the input. It is a must that **T** should implement the <code>Comparable</code> interface; otherwise, the code will not compile.

- List<Integer> sortedList = list.stream().sorted().collect(Collectors.toList()); //
 USING STREAM
- List<Integer> sortedList = list.stream().sorted(Comparator.reverseOrder())

.collect(Collectors.toList());

The ArrayList can be sorted in reverse order using streams bypassing Comparator.reverseOrder() to the sorted() method.

- list.clear() //remove all element from the list
- list.replaceAll(UnaryOperator<E> operator)

```
list.replaceAll((element) -> element.toUpperCase());
```

QUICK FACTS:

- List indexes start from '0', just like array index.
- List allows "null"
- List supports Generics and we should use it whenever possible. Using Generics with List will avoid ClassCastException at runtime.

copyOnWriteArrayList — thread-safe version of list

```
List<String> list = new CopyOnWriteArrayList<>();
```

HashSet<Integer> set= new HashSet<>();

• set.add(e);

If the element is not already present, then this method puts the element and returns true. If the element is already present, then it returns false.

- set.contains(e);
- set.remove(e);
- set.clear(); // remove all elements in set

set.isEmpty();

SORTING: NOT POSSIBLE IN HASHSET

Since a **HashSet** stores the elements in random order, it is not possible to store the elements in a **HashSet** in sorted order. If we want to sort the elements of a **HashSet**, then we should convert it into some other Collection such as a List,TreeSet, or LinkedHashSet.

```
/ Creating an ArrayList from existing set.
List<Integer> list = new ArrayList<>(set);
// Sorting the list.
Collections.sort(list);
```

HashSet does not allow duplicate elements.

HashSet allows only one null element.

The elements are inserted in random order in a HashSet.

A HashSet is internally backed by a HashMap.

initial capacity of 16 and a load factor of 0.75

TreeSet<Integer> set= new TreeSet<>();

S ince all the elements are stored in sorted order in a **TreeSet**, storing elements should either implement the **Comparable** interface or a custom **Comparator** while creating the **TreeSet**.

- set.add(e)
- set.addAll(Collection c);
- set.first() //Fetching the first element in TreeSet
- set.last(); // Fetching the last element in TreeSet
- set.headSet(40) // Fetching all the elements less than 40 | 40 is not inclusive.
- set.tailSet(40) // Fetching all the elements greater than 40 | 40 is not inclusive.
- set.remove(e);
- set.isEmpty();
- set.size();
- set.conatins(e);

TreeSet does not allow duplicate elements.

TreeSet class doesn't allow null elements.

Since elements are stored in a tree, the access and retrieval times are quite fast in a **TreeSet**.

The elements are stored in ascending order in a TreeSet.

Difference between a HashSet and TreeSet

- 1. The HashSet allows one null element, whereas a TreeSet does not allow a null element.
- 2. The elements are stored in random order in a HashSet, whereas it is stored in sorted order in TreeSet.
- 3. HashSet is faster than Treeset for the operations like add, remove, contains, size, etc.

HashMap<String, Integer> map= new HashMap<>();

k = key, v = value

- map.put(k,v);
- map.putIfAbsent(k,v);
- map.putAll(anotherMap);
- map.get(k) //returns v mapped to k
- map.getOrDefault(key, defaultValue);

```
map.put(key, map.get0rDefault(key,0)+1); // very common to maintain frequency of the elements. . .
```

- map.remove(k) //returns v and removes it.
- map.size();
- map.containsKey(k);
- map.containsValue(v);

```
Map<String, Integer> stockPrice = new HashMap<>();
stockPrice.put("Oracle", 56);
stockPrice.put("Fiserv", 117);
stockPrice.put("BMW", 73);
stockPrice.put("Microsoft", 213);
System.out.println(stockPrice.containsKey("Oracle"));
System.out.println(stockPrice.containsValue(73));
```

Looping through a HashMap:

• map.entrySet()

```
for(Map.Entry<String, Integer> element : map.entrySet()){
   element.getKey(); // use getKey() for key
   element.getValue(); //use getValue() for values.
}
```

- map.keySet() // This method returns a Set containing all the keys present in the Map.
- map.values() // This method returns a Collection containing all the values present in the Map.

```
Set<String> keys = stockPrice.keySet();
for(String key : keys) {
    System.out.println(key);
}

Collection<Integer> values = stockPrice.values();
for(Integer value : values) {
    System.out.println(value);
}
```

Replace:

• map.replace(K key, V oldValue, V newValue);

// replace value of the key k if value of the key is same as old value

- map.replace(K key,V newValue); // replace value of the key with new value
- map.replaceAll(bifunction);

```
stockPrice.replaceAll((k,v) -> v + 10);
```

Using the replace(K key, V oldValue, V newValue) method#

The replace(K key, V oldValue, V newValue) method takes three parameters: the key, the old value, and a new value. It checks if the current value of the key is equal to the oldValue provided in the parameter. If yes then it replaces the value with newValue and returns true; otherwise, it returns false.

```
Using the replace(K key, V value) method#
```

This method takes only two parameters: a key and a value. It replaces the value of the key with the new value provided as a parameter and returns the old value. If the key is not present, then it returns <code>null</code>.

Using the replaceAll(BiFunction<? super K, ? super V, ? extends V> function)

method#

This method takes a BiFunction as input and replaces the values of all the keys with the result of the given function. Suppose we need to add ten to the stock price of each company. Instead of updating the value for each stock one by one, we can use this method. The lambda expression to do this task will look like this:

```
(key, value) -> value + 10
```

The keys should be unique.

HashMap allows only one null key.

The values can be null or duplicate.

The keys are stored in random order.

an initial capacity of 16 and load factor of 0.75

TreeMap: TreeMap is a class in the java.utils package that stores the keys in sorted order. Some of the features of **TreeMap** are:

TreeMap<String, Integer> treeMap = new TreeMap<>();

TreeMap<String, Integer> reverseMap = new TreeMap<> (Comparator.reverseOrder());

```
// Creating a TreeMap using existing HashMap. This will store the
elements in ascending order.

TreeMap<String, Integer> treeMap1 = new TreeMap<>(hashMap);

// Creating a TreeMap using existing TreeMap. This will store the
elements in the same order as it was in the passed Map.

TreeMap<String, Integer> treeMap2 = new TreeMap<>(reverseMap);
```

put(k,v);

- putAll(map);
- get(k);
- remove(k)
- firstKey() // gives smallest key (since **TreeMap** stores elements in sorted order)
- firstEntry() // give smallest Entry
- lastKey() // give largest key
- lastEntry() // giva largest entry
- replace(key,value);
- replace(key,oldValue,newValue);

The entries in **TreeMap** are sorted in the natural ordering of its keys.

It does not allow null keys, however there can be null values.

The TreeMap is not thread-safe, although it can be made thread-safe using the synchronizedMap() method of the **Collections** class.

Since a **TreeMap** stores the keys in sorted order, the objects that we are storing in the **TreeMap** should either implement the **Comparable** interface or we should pass a **Comparator** while creating the **TreeMap** object.

PriorityQueue<Integer> pq = new PriorityQueue<>()

PriorityQueue<Integer> minHeap = new PriorityQueue<Integer>();

PriorityQueue<Integer> maxHeap = new PriorityQueue<Integer>((a,b) -> b-a);
//(max elements on top/descending order)

Let's say you want your own comparator, example, the pq has keys of a hashmap as it's elements, and they need to be arranged according to their values in a hashmap.

pq = new PriorityQueue<>((a,b) -> map.get(a)-map.get(b));

You can define your own comparator separately(named MyComparator for example):

pq = new PriorityQueue<>(new MyComparator());

String s = "hello";

- s.toCharArray();
- s.indexOf(substring);
- s.chatAt(i);
- s.toUpperCase();
- s1.equals(s2); //Note to self: DON'T DO "==" AGAIN AND WONDER WHY THE ANSWER IS CONSTANTLY INCORRECT
- s1.equalsIgnoreCase(s2);
- s1.compareTo(s2); //returns s1-s2, in dictionary order so a-b returns -1
- s1.contains(s2);
- s.length();
- s.startsWith("hell"); //s.endsWith("ello"), returns boolean
- s.substring(incl,excl); // incl: inclusive index, included, excl: exclusive index, excluded
- str_array = s.split(" ");//return string array separated by spaces. "Hello world" returns ["Hello","world"]

lterator itr = array_name.iterator(); //or list.iterator()

- itr.hasNext(); //returns bool
- itr.next();

• itr.remove(); //removes curr element

Random r = new Random();

• r.nextInt(n); //return a random int from 0 to n

OR

• Math.random(); //returns a random double between 0.0 and 1.0

Stack<Integer> s = new Stack<>();

- s.push();
- s.peek();
- s.pop();
- s.empty(); //returns bool
- s.size();

Queue<Integer> q = new ArrayList<>();

- q.add(e);
- q.remove(); //throws exception if empty
- q.poll(); //same as remove but returns null if empty
- q.peek();
- q.size();

LINKED LIST:

```
//CREATTION
List<Integer> list = new LinkedList<Integer>();
List<Integer> list = new LinkedList<Integer>(oldList);
//ADD ELEMENTS
addLast(E e)
addFirst(E e)
add(int index, E element)
addAll(Collection c)
addAll(int index, Collection c)
//FETCHING
getFirst()
getLast()
get(int index)
//REMOVING
removeFirst()
removeLast()
remove(int index)
remove(E element) // first occurrence is removed.
removeLastOccurrence(E element)
//SORT
Collections.sort(linkedList);
```

Other Useful Methods:

- Character.isDigit(c); //returns bool
- Character.isAlphabetic(c);
- Integer.parseInt(str); //if str = "1234", it returns integer 1234.
- Float.parseFloat(str); //same as above for floats
- Integer.toBinaryString(num); //returns binary representation of num, input = 10 returns "1010"
- Arrays.asList(arr); //converts array to list
- Integer.MIN_VALUE //returns least possible int in Java
- object.hashCode(); //returns hashcode value for object

• IntegerList.get(i).intValue(); // to convert Integer to int;

Comparator:

- Arrays.sort(arr, (a.b)->b-a); //sorts in descending order
- Defining MySort to use in other sorting methods (example sort arrays based on their first element)

And then using it like:

- Arrays.sort(arr, MySort)
- For ArrayLists, Collections.sort(arraylist, MyArrListSort());

Comparable VS Comparator

the collections.sort() method sorts the given List in ascending order. But the question is, how does the sort() method decide which element is smaller and which one is larger?

Each wrapper class(Integer, Double, or Long), String class, and Date class implements an interface called **Comparable**. This interface contains a compare $To(T \circ)$ method which is used by sorting methods to sort the Collection. This method returns a negative integer, zero, or a positive integer if **this** object is less than, equal to, or greater than the object passed as an argument.

```
class Employee implements Comparable<Employee> {
   String name;
   int age;

   public Employee(String name, int age) {
       super();
       this.name = name;
       this.age = age;
   }

@Override
   public int compareTo(Employee emp) {
```

```
return (this.age - emp.age);
//We will sort the employee based on age in ascending order returns
a negative integer, zero, or a positive integer as this employee age
is less than, equal to, or greater than the specified object.
public class Vehicle implements Comparable<Vehicle> {
  String brand;
  Integer makeYear;
  public Vehicle(String brand, Integer makeYear) {
      super();
      this.brand = brand;
     this.makeYear = makeYear;
  }
  @Override
  public int compareTo(Vehicle o) {
   //Using the compareTo() method of String class.
       return this.brand.compareTo(o.brand);
  }
}
```

If we use the Collections.sort(List<T> list) method to sort an ArrayList, then the class whose objects are stored in the ArrayList must implement the Comparable interface. If the ArrayList stores an Integer, a Long, or a String, then we don't need to worry as these classes already implement the Comparable interface. But if the ArrayList stores a custom class object, then that class must implement the Comparable interface.

If we need some flexibility in sorting, we should use the Comparator interface instead of the Comparable interface. The Comparator interface has a method, $compare(T \ o1, \ T \ o2)$, which takes two objects, o1 and o2 as parameters. It returns -1 if o1 << o2, 1 if o1 >> o2 and 0 if o1 is equal to o2.

If we need to use the Comparator interface, then we can't use the Collections.sort(List<T> t) method as T should implement the Comparable interface. There is another overloaded method, sort(List<T> list, Comparator<? super T> c), that takes the list as well as a Comparator object as input. It then sorts the List on the basis of logic, which is provided in the Comparator implementation.

```
import java.util.Comparator;

public class BrandComparator implements Comparator<Vehicle> {
    @Override
    public int compare(Vehicle o1, Vehicle o2) {
        return o1.brand.compareTo(o2.brand);
    }
}
```

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- A stream **is** a pipeline of functions that can be evaluated.
- Streams can transform data.
- A stream is not a data structure.
- Streams cannot mutate data.

Intermediate operations

Always return streams.
 Lazily executed.

Common examples include

Function	Preserves count	Preserves type	Preserves order
тар	✓	×	✓
filter	×	✓	✓
distinct	×	✓	✓
sorted	/	/	×

Get the unique surnames in uppercase of the first 15 book authors that are 50 years old or over.

library.stream()
.map (book -> book.getAuthor())
.filter(author -> author.getAge() >= 50)
.distinct()
.limit(15)
.map (Author::getSurname)
.map (String::toUpperCase)
.collect(toList());

Compute the sum of ages of all female authors younger than 25.

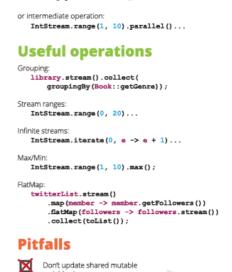
library.stream()
.map (Book::getAuthor)
.filter(a -> a.getGender() == Gender.FRMALE)
.map (Author::getAge)
.filter(age -> age < 25)
.reduce(0, Integer::sum):

Terminal operations

- Return concrete types or produce a side effect.
- Eagerly executed.

Common examples include:

Function	Output	When to use
reduce	concrete type	to cumulate elements
collect	list, map or set	to group elements



variablesie.
ListBook> myList =
new ArrayList<>();
library.stream().forEach
(e -> myList.add(e));

Parallel streams use the common ForkJoinPool for threading

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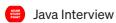
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