Data Structures



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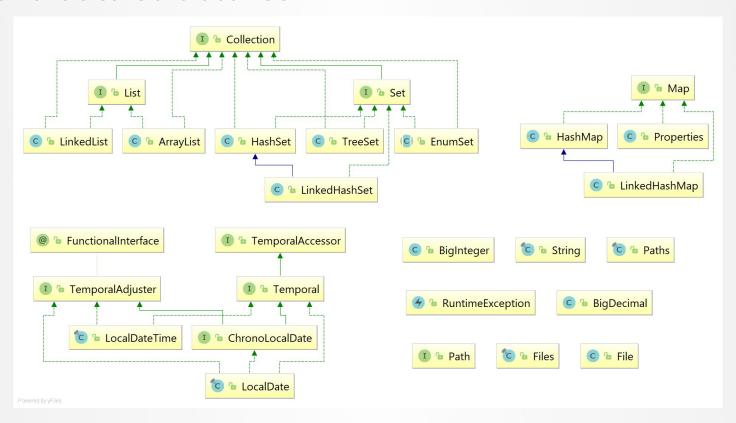


What is data structure?

Data structure is designed to organize data to suit a specific purpose so that it can be accessed and worked with in appropriate ways.



Java data structures





Let's get started!





ArrayList - summary

```
// List implementation
// Most often used in everyday situations
// Based on array of objects (Object[])
```



Iterable and Iterator

- **// Iterator** allows to traverse through all collection elements
- // Class should implement **Iterable** interface, if we want to use it with **foreach** syntax
- // Every Collection is Iterable by default



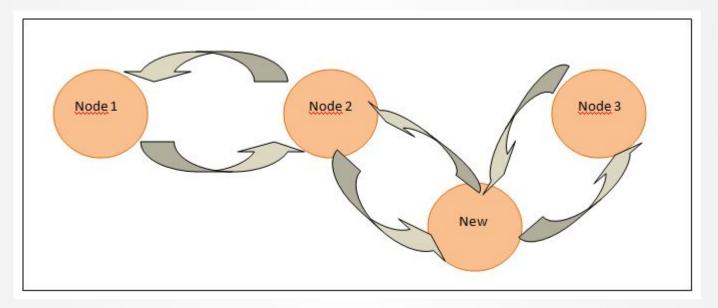
LinkedList - Theory

- // Consists of **nodes** connected to each other // Each **node** knows only about next and previous **node**
 - Node 1 Node 2 Node 3



LinkedList - Theory

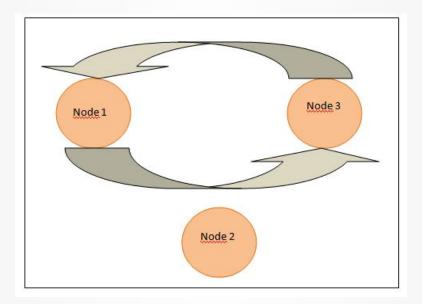
Add new node:





LinkedList - Theory

Remove node:





List - summary

	ArrayList	LinkedList
get()	Very fast	Needs to traverse whole list to find element
remove()	Slower but still fast	Very fast
add()	Slower but still fast	Very fast
When should I use?	Always	Only in specific cases

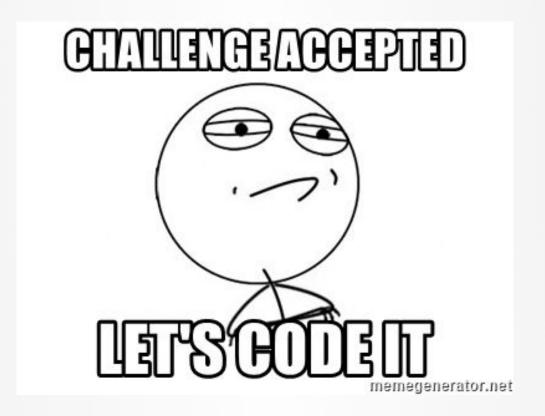


Hashing

- // Process of converting an object into integer form
 // Should always return same result when invoked on same
- object
- // When two objects are equal their hashCodes methods should produce the same result
- // Use Objects.hash() method to determine hash value instead of writing it by yourself



Let's code - again!





Map<K, V> - summary

```
// Used for creating simple relations between objects or group values together
// One of the uses might be summarizing different kind of data
// HashMap - most common implementation. Requires valid equals() and hashCode() method implementations
// The only Collection that does not implement Collection interface
```



Map<K, V> - internals

- // Based on entries (key-value pairs) and buckets
 // Uses hashCode to decide to which bucket entry should be
- placed
- // If hashCodes of entries are the same uses equals to make sure given Keys are really the same
- // Based on entries and buckets



Sorting elements

- // Comparator<T> class that implements this interface may be used for sorting values of different class // Comparable<T> lets us define a natural ordering of a given
- // Comparable<1> lets us define a natural ordering of a giver class
- // External **Comparator** should be used when we want to sort values in a different way then natural ordering
- // Most Java classes implements Comparator interface



Set<T> - summary

// Does not contain duplicates
// Only allows us to iterate over its elements, no positional access

Most common usage scenario is when we want to be sure that values we work with are unique.



Set<T> - implementations

// HashSet - do not guarantee any iteration order. Fastest and used in most situation. For proper work required equals() and hashCode() implementations. Internally based on HashMap. // TreeSet - Slowest implementation. Guarantees natural ordering iteration order. Requires class to implement Comparator interface // TreeSet - Speed between HashSet and TreeSet. Guarantees inserting order while iterating over it.