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COLLECTIONS

DRAWBACKS OF ARRAY

- FIXED IN SIZE.
- ONLY HOMOGENOUS ELEMENTS CAN BE STORED.
- MEMORY IS NOT UTILIZED EFFICIENTLY BECAUSE OF CONSECUTIVE MEMORY ALLOCATION.
- IT DOESN'T PROVIDE ANY READYMADE METHOD, FOREVERY OPERATION ON ARRAY USER WRITE LOGIC.
- ARRAY DOEN'T IMPLEMENT ANY STANDARD DATA STRUCTURE (DS).

WHY COLLECTIONS?

• TO OVERCOME DRAWBACK OF ARRAY

ARRAY	COLLECTIONS
• FIXED IN SIZE	GROWABLE IN SIZE/EXPANDABLE IN SIZE
ONLY HOMOGENOUS DATA CAN BE STORED.	BOTH HOMOGENOUS AND HETEROGENOUS DATA CAN BE STORED.
PERFORMANCE IS BETTER WHEN COMPARED TO COLLECTIONS.	MEMORY UTILIZATION IS BETTER THAN ARRAY
NO READYMADE METHODS ARE AVAILABLE	LOTS OF READYMADE METHODS ARE AVAILABLE
• IT DOESN'T IMPLEMENT ANY STANDARD DATA STRUCTURE	EVERY COLLECTION IS IMPLEMENTED ON SOME STANDARD DATA STRUCTURE.
PRIMITIVE ALLOWED	ONLY NON PRIMITIVE (OBJECT)

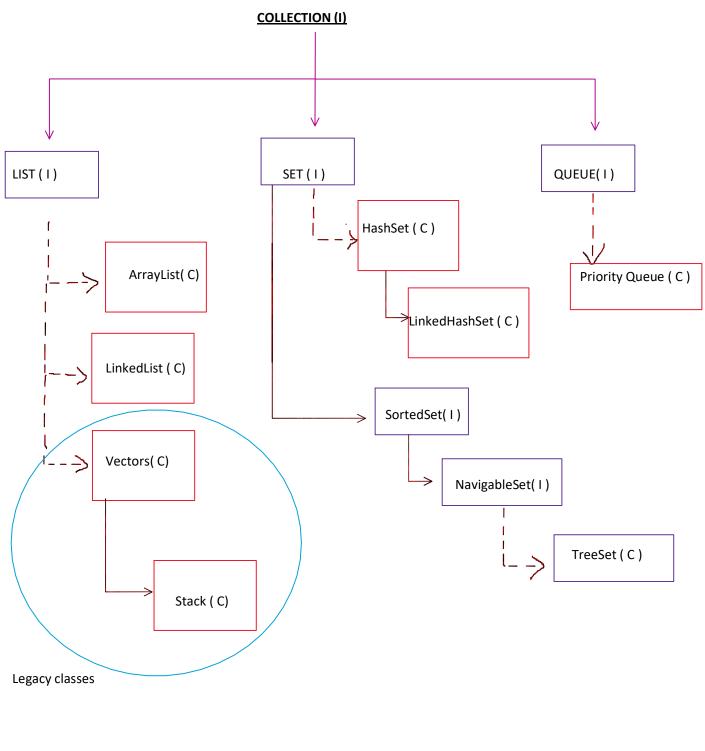
WHAT IS COLLECTIONS?

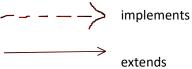
IT IS GROUP OF **OBJECTS** OR IT IS USED TO REPRESENT MANY INDIVIDUAL OBJECTS AS A SINGLE ENTITY.

JAVA
COLLECTION
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- IT IS A LIBRARY WHICH DEFINES SEVERAL CLASSES AND INTERFACES TO OVERCOME THE DRAWBACKS OF JAVA.
- THIS LIBRARY IS PRESENT IN JAVA.UTIL PACKAGE





COLLECTIONS (I)

- IT IS SUPERMOST INTERFACE IN CFL.
- IT WAS INTRODUCED IS 1.2 V OF JAVA.
- IT CONTAINS MOSTLY COMMONLY USED METHODS WHICH ARE APPLICABLE FOR MOST OF THE COLLECTIONS.
- IT DOESN'T HAVE ANY DIRECT IMPLEMENTATION CLASS.

METHODS OF COLLECTIONS (1)

- public boolean add(Object obj);
- public boolean remove(Object obj);
- public boolean contains(Object obj);
- public boolean addAll(collection c);
- public boolean removeAll(collection c)
- public boolean containsAll(collection c)
- public boolean retainAll(Collection c)
- public boolean clear();
- public boolean isEmpty();
- public int size();
- public object[] toArray();
- public Iterator iterator();