

Memory Management

Forms of Garbage Collection

- (1) Nothing
 - (2) Reference Counting \rightarrow calls two functions: AddRef & release
 \hookrightarrow when count = 0, increment count on object & release decrements
 \hookrightarrow it would be freed.
 - (3) Mark & Sweep
 - (4) Copying on object
 - (5) Generational \rightarrow survives a garbage collect, it would be around for long time
 - (6) Incremental \rightarrow it doesn't look at memory during garbage collect
- Mark phase \rightarrow identifies objects that still in use
Sweep \rightarrow remove unused objects
Compact phase \rightarrow to compact the memory

Copying \rightarrow objects moved from fromspace \rightarrow to tospace

Generational Collectors: Maintain different generations for memory

- \hookrightarrow Long lived objects promoted to different generation.
- \hookrightarrow objects stored in memory under younger generation undergoes Garbage collect, in which it is survived it moves into Older Generation.

\rightarrow Younger Generation \rightarrow two Survivor Spaces

- objects survive GC \rightarrow moved to survivor space
- \hookrightarrow only one survivor space can be used at a time

\rightarrow objects copied b/w survivor spaces

Minor Garbage Collection \rightarrow objects collected from Younger Generation

Major Garbage Collection \rightarrow when younger & older generations \rightarrow full then it happens
 \hookrightarrow slower than minor

→ Triggered when tenured space is full
1 → No JVM option to force objects to old space
↳ Portability Threshold = $n \times$
↳ all objects larger than $n \times$ bytes should be allocated directly in old space

→ Use Thread Local Allocation Buffers.
↳ Each thread has its own buffer in Edenspace
↳ No locking Required.

live roots → objects from stack frames, static variables.
→ Each write to reference to young object goes through write barrier
→ One Entry per 512 bytes of memory
↳ Minor GC scans card table

G1 Collector → Compact Collector
↳ Meant for server applications

Concurrent Mark & Sweep

↳ only collects old space; causes heap fragmentation
E → Eden; O → old; S1C → Capacity for survivor S0, S1U

OU → Old Capacity. References: Strong → Soft → Weak → phantom Utilization

↳ Soft References collected if there is memory pressure
→ weak will be collected immediately. Person person = new Person
phantom → refers two different things.

WeakReference < Person > wr = new WeakReference < Person > (person);

↳ associate metadata with another type.
↳ Use WeakHashMap → store weak Reference

SoftReference
↳ used for caching.

PhantomReference → Interaction with GC.

softreference is still available

→ when strong reference is cleared then
→ Reference types → Enqueued to Reference Queue.

↳ poll & remove method

Phantom reference → least used type. → Used instead of Initializers.