The **Collection in Java** is a framework that provides an architecture to store and manipulate the group of objects.

Java Collections can achieve all the operations that you perform on a data such as searching, sorting, insertion, manipulation, and deletion.

What is Collection in Java

A Collection represents a single unit of objects, i.e., a group.

#### What is a framework in Java

* It provides readymade architecture.
* It represents a set of classes and interfaces.
* It is optional.

#### What is Collection framework

The Collection framework represents a unified architecture for storing and manipulating a group of objects. It has:

1. Interfaces and its implementations classes, i.e.,
2. Algorithm-Search,sort

### **Hierarchy of Collection Framework**

Let us see the hierarchy of Collection framework. The **java.util** package contains all the [classes](https://www.javatpoint.com/object-and-class-in-java) and [interfaces](https://www.javatpoint.com/interface-in-java) for the Collection framework.



Map –Has Map internal working /has set internal working

## **Collection Interface**

The Collection interface is the interface which is implemented by all the classes in the collection framework. It declares the methods that every collection will have. In other words, we can say that the Collection interface builds the foundation on which the collection framework depends.

## **List Interface**

List interface is the child interface of Collection interface. It inhibits a list type data structure in which we can store the ordered collection of objects. It can have duplicate values.

List interface is implemented by the classes ArrayList, LinkedList, Vector, and Stack.

To instantiate the List interface, we must use :

1. List <data-type> list1= **new** ArrayList();
2. List <data-type> list2 = **new** LinkedList();

There are various methods in List interface that can be used to insert, delete, and access the elements from the list.

List<String> l=new Arraylist();

l.add(“Srinu”);

## **ArrayList**

The ArrayList class implements the List interface. It uses a dynamic array to store the **duplicate element** of **different data types**. The ArrayList class maintains the insertion order and is **non-synchronized**. The elements stored in the ArrayList class can be randomly accessed. Consider the following example. <>

1. **import** java.util.\*;
2. **class** TestJavaCollection1{
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
4. ArrayList<String> list=**new** ArrayList<String>();//Creating arraylist
5. list.add("Ravi");//Adding object in arraylist
6. list.add("Vijay");
7. list.add("Ravi");
8. list.add("Ajay");
9. //Traversing list through Iterator
10. Iterator itr=list.iterator();   //looping the elements
11. **while**(itr.hasNext()){
12. System.out.println(itr.next());
13. }
14. }
15. }
16. Ravi

Output: Ravi

Vijay

Ravi

Ajay

## **LinkedList**

LinkedList implements the Collection interface. It uses a doubly linked list internally to store the elements. It can store the duplicate elements. It maintains the insertion order and is not synchronized. In LinkedList, the manipulation is fast because no shifting is required.

Consider the following example.

1. **import** java.util.\*;
2. **public** **class** TestJavaCollection2{
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
4. LinkedList<String> al=**new** LinkedList<String>();
5. al.add("Ravi");
6. al.add("Vijay");
7. al.add("Ravi");
8. al.add("Ajay");
9. Iterator<String> itr=al.iterator();
10. **while**(itr.hasNext()){
11. System.out.println(itr.next());
12. }
13. }
14. }

Output:

Ravi

Vijay

Ravi

Ajay

## **Set Interface**

Set Interface in Java is present in java.util package. It extends the Collection interface. It represents the unordered set of elements which doesn't allow us to store the duplicate items. We can store at most one null value in Set. Set is implemented by HashSet, LinkedHashSet, and TreeSet.

Set can be instantiated as:

1. Set<data-type> s1 = **new** HashSet<data-type>();
2. Set<data-type> s2 = **new** LinkedHashSet<data-type>();
3. Set<data-type> s3 = **new** TreeSet<data-type>();

## **HashSet**

HashSet class implements Set Interface. It represents the collection that uses a hash table for storage. Hashing is used to store the elements in the HashSet. It contains unique items.

Consider the following example.

1. **import** java.util.\*;
2. **public** **class** TestJavaCollection7{
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
4. //Creating HashSet and adding elements
5. HashSet<String> set=**new** HashSet<String>();
6. set.add("Ravi");
7. set.add("Vijay");
8. set.add("Ravi");
9. set.add("Ajay");
10. //Traversing elements
11. Iterator<String> itr=set.iterator();
12. **while**(itr.hasNext()){
13. System.out.println(itr.next());
14. }
15. }
16. }

Output:

Vijay

Ravi

Ajay

## **LinkedHashSet**

LinkedHashSet class represents the LinkedList implementation of Set Interface. It extends the HashSet class and implements Set interface. Like HashSet, It also contains unique elements. It maintains the insertion order and permits null elements.

Consider the following example.

1. **import** java.util.\*;
2. **public** **class** TestJavaCollection8{
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
4. LinkedHashSet<String> set=**new** LinkedHashSet<String>();
5. set.add("Ravi");
6. set.add("Vijay");
7. set.add("Ravi");
8. set.add("Ajay");
9. Iterator<String> itr=set.iterator();
10. **while**(itr.hasNext()){
11. System.out.println(itr.next());
12. }
13. }
14. }

Output:

Ravi

Vijay

Ajay

## **TreeSet**

Java TreeSet class implements the Set interface that uses a tree for storage. Like HashSet, TreeSet also contains unique elements. However, the access and retrieval time of TreeSet is quite fast. The elements in TreeSet stored in ascending order.

Consider the following example:

1. **import** java.util.\*;
2. **public** **class** TestJavaCollection9{
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
4. //Creating and adding elements
5. TreeSet<String> set=**new** TreeSet<String>();
6. set.add("Ravi");
7. set.add("Vijay");
8. set.add("Ravi");
9. set.add("Ajay");
10. //traversing elements
11. Iterator<String> itr=set.iterator();
12. **while**(itr.hasNext()){
13. System.out.println(itr.next());
14. }
15. }
16. }

Output:

Ajay

Ravi

Vijay

### **Java ArrayList Example**

**FileName:** ArrayListExample1.java

1. **import** java.util.\*;
2. **public** **class** ArrayListExample1{
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
4. ArrayList<String> list=**new** ArrayList<String>();//Creating arraylist
5. list.add("Mango");//Adding object in arraylist
6. list.add("Apple");
7. list.add("Banana");
8. list.add("Grapes");
9. //Printing the arraylist object
10. System.out.println(list);
11. }
12. }

### **Iterating ArrayList using Iterator**

Let's see an example to traverse ArrayList elements using the Iterator interface.

**FileName:** ArrayListExample2.java

1. **import** java.util.\*;
2. **public** **class** ArrayListExample2{
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
4. ArrayList<String> list=**new** ArrayList<String>();//Creating arraylist
5. list.add("Mango");//Adding object in arraylist
6. list.add("Apple");
7. list.add("Banana");
8. list.add("Grapes");
9. //Traversing list through Iterator
10. Iterator itr=list.iterator();//getting the Iterator
11. **while**(itr.hasNext()){//check if iterator has the elements
12. System.out.println(itr.next());//printing the element and move to next
13. }
14. }
15. }

### **Iterating ArrayList using For-each loop**

Let's see an example to traverse the ArrayList elements using the for-each loop

**FileName:** ArrayListExample3.java

1. **import** java.util.\*;
2. **public** **class** ArrayListExample3{
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
4. ArrayList<String> list=**new** ArrayList<String>();//Creating arraylist
5. list.add("Mango");//Adding object in arraylist
6. list.add("Apple");
7. list.add("Banana");
8. list.add("Grapes");
9. //Traversing list through for-each loop
10. **for**(String fruit:list)
11. System.out.println(fruit);
13. }
14. }

**Output:**

Mango

Apple

Banana

Grapes

### **Get and Set ArrayList**

The get() method returns the element at the specified index, whereas the set() method changes the element.

**FileName:** ArrayListExample4.java

1. **import** java.util.\*;
2. **public** **class** ArrayListExample4{
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
4. ArrayList<String> al=**new** ArrayList<String>();
5. al.add("Mango");
6. al.add("Apple");
7. al.add("Banana");
8. al.add("Grapes");
9. //accessing the element
10. System.out.println("Returning element: "+al.get(1));//it will return the 2nd element, because index starts from 0
11. //changing the element
12. al.set(1,"Dates");
13. //Traversing list
14. **for**(String fruit:al)
15. System.out.println(fruit);
17. }
18. }

[**Test it Now**](https://www.javatpoint.com/opr/test.jsp?filename=ArrayListExample4)

**Output:**

Returning element: Apple

Mango

Dates

Banana

Grapes

### **How to Sort ArrayList**

The java.util package provides a utility class **Collections**, which has the static method sort(). Using the **Collections.sort()** method, we can easily sort the ArrayList.

**FileName:** SortArrayList.java

1. **import** java.util.\*;
2. **class** SortArrayList{
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
4. //Creating a list of fruits
5. List<String> list1=**new** ArrayList<String>();
6. list1.add("Mango");
7. list1.add("Apple");
8. list1.add("Banana");
9. list1.add("Grapes");
10. //Sorting the list
11. Collections.sort(list1);
12. //Traversing list through the for-each loop
13. **for**(String fruit:list1)
14. System.out.println(fruit);
16. System.out.println("Sorting numbers...");
17. //Creating a list of numbers
18. List<Integer> list2=**new** ArrayList<Integer>();
19. list2.add(21);
20. list2.add(11);
21. list2.add(51);
22. list2.add(1);
23. //Sorting the list
24. Collections.sort(list2);
25. //Traversing list through the for-each loop
26. **for**(Integer number:list2)
27. System.out.println(number);
28. }
30. }

**Output:**

Apple

Banana

Grapes

Mango

Sorting numbers...

1

11

21

51

# **Java Map Interface**

A map contains values on the basis of key, i.e. key and value pair. Each key and value pair is known as an entry. A Map contains unique keys.

A Map is useful if you have to search, update or delete elements on the basis of a key.

## **Java Map Hierarchy**

There are two interfaces for implementing Map in java: Map and SortedMap, and three classes: HashMap, LinkedHashMap, and TreeMap. The hierarchy of Java Map is given below:

### **Java Map Example: Non-Generic (Old Style)**

1. //Non-generic
2. **import** java.util.\*;
3. **public** **class** MapExample1 {
4. **public** **static** **void** main(String[] args) {
5. Map map=**new** HashMap();
6. //Adding elements to map
7. map.put(1,"Amit");
8. map.put(5,"Rahul");
9. map.put(2,"Jai");
10. map.put(6,"Amit");
11. //Traversing Map
12. Set set=map.entrySet();//Converting to Set so that we can traverse
13. Iterator itr=set.iterator();
14. **while**(itr.hasNext()){
15. //Converting to Map.Entry so that we can get key and value separately
16. Map.Entry entry=(Map.Entry)itr.next();
17. System.out.println(entry.getKey()+" "+entry.getValue());
18. }
19. }
20. }

Output:

1 Amit

2 Jai

5 Rahul

6 Amit

### **Java Map Example: Generic (New Style)**

1. **import** java.util.\*;
2. **class** MapExample2{
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
4. Map<Integer,String> map=**new** HashMap<Integer,String>();
5. map.put(100,"Amit");
6. map.put(101,"Vijay");
7. map.put(102,"Rahul");
8. //Elements can traverse in any order
9. **for**(Map.Entry m:map.entrySet()){
10. System.out.println(m.getKey()+" "+m.getValue());
11. }
12. }
13. }

Output:

102 Rahul

100 Amit

101 Vijay

# **Java HashMap**



Java **HashMap** class implements the Map interface which allows us to store key and value pair, where keys should be unique. If you try to insert the duplicate key, it will replace the element of the corresponding key. It is easy to perform operations using the key index like updation, deletion, etc. HashMap class is found in the java.util package.

HashMap in Java is like the legacy Hashtable class, but it is not synchronized. It allows us to store the null elements as well, but there should be only one null key. Since Java 5, it is denoted as HashMap<K,V>, where K stands for key and V for value. It inherits the AbstractMap class and implements the Map interface.

### **Points to remember**

* Java HashMap contains values based on the key.
* Java HashMap contains only unique keys.
* Java HashMap may have one null key and multiple null values.
* Java HashMap is non synchronized.
* Java HashMap maintains no order.
* The initial default capacity of Java HashMap class is 16 with a load factor of 0.75.

### **Hierarchy of HashMap class**

As shown in the above figure, HashMap class extends AbstractMap class and implements Map interface.

### **HashMap class declaration**

Let's see the declaration for java.util.HashMap class.

### **Java HashMap Example**

Let's see a simple example of HashMap to store key and value pair.

1. **import** java.util.\*;
2. **public** **class** HashMapExample1{
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
4. HashMap<Integer,String> map=**new** HashMap<Integer,String>();//Creating HashMap
5. map.put(1,"Mango");  //Put elements in Map
6. map.put(2,"Apple");
7. map.put(3,"Banana");
8. map.put(4,"Grapes");
10. System.out.println("Iterating Hashmap...");
11. **for**(Map.Entry m : map.entrySet()){
12. System.out.println(m.getKey()+" "+m.getValue());
13. }
14. }
15. }

**[Test it Now](https://www.javatpoint.com/opr/test.jsp?filename=HashMapExample1" \t "_blank)**

Iterating Hashmap...

1 Mango

2 Apple

3 Banana

4 Grapes

In this example, we are storing Integer as the key and String as the value, so we are using HashMap<Integer,String> as the type. The put() method inserts the elements in the map.

To get the key and value elements, we should call the getKey() and getValue() methods. The Map.Entry interface contains the getKey() and getValue() methods. But, we should call the entrySet() method of Map interface to get the instance of Map.Entry.

### **No Duplicate Key on HashMap**

You cannot store duplicate keys in HashMap. However, if you try to store duplicate key with another value, it will replace the value.

1. **import** java.util.\*;
2. **public** **class** HashMapExample2{
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
4. HashMap<Integer,String> map=**new** HashMap<Integer,String>();//Creating HashMap
5. map.put(1,"Mango");  //Put elements in Map
6. map.put(2,"Apple");
7. map.put(3,"Banana");
8. map.put(1,"Grapes"); //trying duplicate key
10. System.out.println("Iterating Hashmap...");
11. **for**(Map.Entry m : map.entrySet()){
12. System.out.println(m.getKey()+" "+m.getValue());
13. }
14. }
15. }

**[Test it Now](https://www.javatpoint.com/opr/test.jsp?filename=HashMapExample2" \t "_blank)**

Iterating Hashmap...

1 Grapes

2 Apple

3 Banana

### **Java HashMap example to add() elements**

Here, we see different ways to insert elements.

1. **import** java.util.\*;
2. **class** HashMap1{
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
4. HashMap<Integer,String> hm=**new** HashMap<Integer,String>();
5. System.out.println("Initial list of elements: "+hm);
6. hm.put(100,"Amit");
7. hm.put(101,"Vijay");
8. hm.put(102,"Rahul");
10. System.out.println("After invoking put() method ");
11. **for**(Map.Entry m:hm.entrySet()){
12. System.out.println(m.getKey()+" "+m.getValue());
13. }
15. hm.putIfAbsent(103, "Gaurav");
16. System.out.println("After invoking putIfAbsent() method ");
17. **for**(Map.Entry m:hm.entrySet()){
18. System.out.println(m.getKey()+" "+m.getValue());
19. }
20. HashMap<Integer,String> map=**new** HashMap<Integer,String>();
21. map.put(104,"Ravi");
22. map.putAll(hm);
23. System.out.println("After invoking putAll() method ");
24. **for**(Map.Entry m:map.entrySet()){
25. System.out.println(m.getKey()+" "+m.getValue());
26. }
27. }
28. }

Initial list of elements: {}

After invoking put() method

100 Amit

101 Vijay

102 Rahul

After invoking putIfAbsent() method

100 Amit

101 Vijay

102 Rahul

103 Gaurav

After invoking putAll() method

100 Amit

101 Vijay

102 Rahul

103 Gaurav

104 Ravi

### **Java HashMap Example: Book**

1. **import** java.util.\*;
2. **class** Book {
3. **int** id;
4. String name,author,publisher;
5. **int** quantity;
6. **public** Book(**int** id, String name, String author, String publisher, **int** quantity) {
7. **this**.id = id;
8. **this**.name = name;
9. **this**.author = author;
10. **this**.publisher = publisher;
11. **this**.quantity = quantity;
12. }
13. }
14. **public** **class** MapExample {
15. **public** **static** **void** main(String[] args) {
16. //Creating map of Books
17. Map<Integer,Book> map=**new** HashMap<Integer,Book>();
18. //Creating Books
19. Book b1=**new** Book(101,"Let us C","Yashwant Kanetkar","BPB",8);
20. Book b2=**new** Book(102,"Data Communications & Networking","Forouzan","Mc Graw Hill",4);
21. Book b3=**new** Book(103,"Operating System","Galvin","Wiley",6);
22. //Adding Books to map
23. map.put(1,b1);
24. map.put(2,b2);
25. map.put(3,b3);
27. //Traversing map
28. **for**(Map.Entry<Integer, Book> entry:map.entrySet()){
29. **int** key=entry.getKey();
30. Book b=entry.getValue();
31. System.out.println(key+" Details:");
32. System.out.println(b.id+" "+b.name+" "+b.author+" "+b.publisher+" "+b.quantity);
33. }
34. }
35. }

**[Test it Now](https://www.javatpoint.com/opr/test.jsp?filename=MapExample" \t "_blank)**

Output:

1 Details:

101 Let us C Yashwant Kanetkar BPB 8

2 Details:

102 Data Communications and Networking Forouzan Mc Graw Hill 4

3 Details:

103 Operating System Galvin Wiley 6

1. Vijay
2. Ravi
3. Ajay

collection vs collections

framework means interface and class

list – array list and linked list and set

Iterstor methods – Integers and strings

import java.util.ArrayList;

import java.util.Collections;

import java.util.List;

public class IntegerSortExample {

public static void main(String[] args) {

List<Integer> numbers = new ArrayList<>();

numbers.add(5);

numbers.add(1);

numbers.add(4);

numbers.add(2);

numbers.add(3);

// Sorting the list in natural order

Collections.sort(numbers);

// Printing the sorted list

System.out.println("Sorted list: " + numbers);

}

}

import java.util.ArrayList;

import java.util.Collections;

import java.util.List;

public class StringSortExample {

public static void main(String[] args) {

List<String> names = new ArrayList<>();

names.add("John");

names.add("Jane");

names.add("Adam");

names.add("Eve");

// Sorting the list in natural order

Collections.sort(names);

// Printing the sorted list

System.out.println("Sorted list: " + names);

}

}

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# **Java Comparable interface**

Java Comparable interface is used to order the objects of the user-defined class. This interface is found in java.lang package and contains only one method named compareTo(Object). It provides a single sorting sequence only, i.e., you can sort the elements on the basis of single data member only. For example, it may be rollno, name, age or anything else.

### **compareTo(Object obj) method**

**public int compareTo(Object obj):** It is used to compare the current object with the specified object. It returns

* positive integer, if the current object is greater than the specified object.
* negative integer, if the current object is less than the specified object.
* zero, if the current object is equal to the specified object.

We can sort the elements of:

1. String objects
2. Wrapper class objects
3. User-defined class objects

### **Collections class**

**Collections** class provides static methods for sorting the elements of collections. If collection elements are of Set or Map, we can use TreeSet or TreeMap. However, we cannot sort the elements of List. Collections class provides methods for sorting the elements of List type elements.

### **Method of Collections class for sorting List elements**

**public void sort(List list):** It is used to sort the elements of List. List elements must be of the Comparable type.

#### *Note: String class and Wrapper classes implement the Comparable interface by default. So if you store the objects of string or wrapper classes in a list, set or map, it will be Comparable by default.*

## **Java Comparable Example**

Let's see the example of the Comparable interface that sorts the list elements on the basis of age.

File: Student.java

1. **class** Student **implements** Comparable<Student>{
2. **int** rollno;
3. String name;
4. **int** age;
5. Student(**int** rollno,String name,**int** age){
6. **this**.rollno=rollno;
7. **this**.name=name;
8. **this**.age=age;
9. }
11. **public** **int** compareTo(Student st){
12. **if**(age==st.age)
13. **return** 0;
14. **else** **if**(age>st.age)
15. **return** 1;
16. **else**
17. **return** -1;
18. }
19. }

File: TestSort1.java

1. **import** java.util.\*;
2. **public** **class** TestSort1{
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
4. ArrayList<Student> al=**new** ArrayList<Student>();

Student s=new Student(101,”vijay”,23);

1. al.add(**s**);
2. al.add(**new** Student(106,"Ajay",27));
3. al.add(**new** Student(105,"Jai",21));
5. Collections.sort(al);
6. **for**(Student st:al){
7. System.out.println(st.rollno+" "+st.name+" "+st.age);
8. }
9. }
10. }

*105 Jai 21*

*101 Vijay 23*

*106 Ajay 27*

## **Java Comparable Example: reverse order**

Let's see the same example of the Comparable interface that sorts the list elements on the basis of age in reverse order.

File: Student.java

1. **class** Student **implements** Comparable<Student>{
2. **int** rollno;
3. String name;
4. **int** age;
5. Student(**int** rollno,String name,**int** age){
6. **this**.rollno=rollno;
7. **this**.name=name;
8. **this**.age=age;
9. }
11. **public** **int** compareTo(Student st){
12. **if**(age==st.age)
13. **return** 0;
14. **else** **if**(age<st.age)
15. **return** 1;
16. **else**
17. **return** -1;
18. }
19. }

File: TestSort2.java

1. **import** java.util.\*;
2. **public** **class** TestSort2{
3. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
4. ArrayList<Student> al=**new** ArrayList<Student>();
5. al.add(**new** Student(101,"Vijay",23));
6. al.add(**new** Student(106,"Ajay",27));
7. al.add(**new** Student(105,"Jai",21));
9. Collections.sort(al);
10. **for**(Student st:al){
11. System.out.println(st.rollno+" "+st.name+" "+st.age);
12. }
13. }
14. }

*106 Ajay 27*

*101 Vijay 23*

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# **Java Comparator interface**

**Java Comparator interface** is used to order the objects of a user-defined class.

This interface is found in java.util package and contains 2 methods compare(Object obj1,Object obj2) and equals(Object element).

It provides multiple sorting sequences, i.e., you can sort the elements on the basis of any data member, for example, rollno, name, age or anything else.

### **Methods of Java Comparator Interface**

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| **Method** | **Description** |
| public int compare(Object obj1, Object obj2) | It compares the first object with the second  object. |
| public boolean equals(Object obj) | It is used to compare the current object with  the specified object. |

## **Collections class**

**Collections** class provides static methods for sorting the elements of a collection. If collection elements are of Set or Map, we can use TreeSet or TreeMap. However, we cannot sort the elements of List. Collections class provides methods for sorting the elements of List type elements also.

#### Method of Collections class for sorting List elements

**public void sort(List list, Comparator c):** is used to sort the elements of List by the given Comparator.

## **Java Comparator Example (Non-generic Old Style)**

Let's see the example of sorting the elements of List on the basis of age and name. In this example, we have created 4 java classes:

1. Student.java
2. AgeComparator.java
3. NameComparator.java
4. Simple.java

**Student.java**

This class contains three fields rollno, name and age and a parameterized constructor.

1. **class** Student{
2. **int** rollno;
3. String name;
4. **int** age;
5. Student(**int** rollno,String name,**int** age){
6. **this**.rollno=rollno;
7. **this**.name=name;
8. **this**.age=age;
9. }
10. }

**AgeComparator.java**

This class defines comparison logic based on the age. If the age of the first object is greater than the second, we are returning a positive value. It can be anyone such as 1, 2, 10. If the age of the first object is less than the second object, we are returning a negative value, it can be any negative value, and if the age of both objects is equal, we are returning 0.

1. **import** java.util.\*;
2. **class** AgeComparator **implements** Comparator{
3. **public** **int** compare(Object o1,Object o2){
4. Student s1=(Student)o1;
5. Student s2=(Student)o2;
7. **if**(s1.age==s2.age)
8. **return** 0;
9. **else** **if**(s1.age>s2.age)
10. **return** 1;
11. **else**
12. **return** -1;
13. }
14. }

**NameComparator.java**

This class provides comparison logic based on the name. In such case, we are using the compareTo() method of String class, which internally provides the comparison logic.

1. **import** java.util.\*;
2. **class** NameComparator **implements** Comparator{
3. **public** **int** compare(Object o1,Object o2){
4. Student s1=(Student)o1;
5. Student s2=(Student)o2;
7. **return** s1.name.compareTo(s2.name);
8. }
9. }

**Simple.java**

In this class, we are printing the values of the object by sorting on the basis of name and age.

1. **import** java.util.\*;
2. **import** java.io.\*;
4. **class** Simple{
5. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
7. ArrayList al=**new** ArrayList();
8. al.add(**new** Student(101,"Vijay",23));
9. al.add(**new** Student(106,"Ajay",27));
10. al.add(**new** Student(105,"Jai",21));
12. System.out.println("Sorting by Name");
14. Collections.sort(al,**new** NameComparator());
15. Iterator itr=al.iterator();
16. **while**(itr.hasNext()){
17. Student st=(Student)itr.next();
18. System.out.println(st.rollno+" "+st.name+" "+st.age);
19. }
21. System.out.println("Sorting by age");
23. Collections.sort(al,**new** AgeComparator());
24. Iterator itr2=al.iterator();
25. **while**(itr2.hasNext()){
26. Student st=(Student)itr2.next();
27. System.out.println(st.rollno+" "+st.name+" "+st.age);
28. }

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## **Java Comparator Example (Generic)**

**Student.java**

1. **class** Student{
2. **int** rollno;
3. String name;
4. **int** age;
5. Student(**int** rollno,String name,**int** age){
6. **this**.rollno=rollno;
7. **this**.name=name;
8. **this**.age=age;
9. }
10. }

**AgeComparator.java**

1. **import** java.util.\*;
2. **class** AgeComparator **implements** Comparator<Student>{
3. **public** **int** compare(Student s1,Student s2){
4. **if**(s1.age==s2.age)
5. **return** 0;
6. **else** **if**(s1.age>s2.age)
7. **return** 1;
8. **else**
9. **return** -1;
10. }
11. }

**NameComparator.java**

This class provides comparison logic based on the name. In such case, we are using the compareTo() method of String class, which internally provides the comparison logic.

1. **import** java.util.\*;
2. **class** NameComparator **implements** Comparator<Student>{
3. **public** **int** compare(Student s1,Student s2){
4. **return** s1.name.compareTo(s2.name);
5. }
6. }

**Simple.java**

In this class, we are printing the values of the object by sorting on the basis of name and age.

1. **import** java.util.\*;
2. **import** java.io.\*;
3. **class** Simple{
4. **public** **static** **void** main(String args[]){
6. ArrayList<Student> al=**new** ArrayList<Student>();
7. al.add(**new** Student(101,"Vijay",23));
8. al.add(**new** Student(106,"Ajay",27));
9. al.add(**new** Student(105,"Jai",21));
11. System.out.println("Sorting by Name");
13. Collections.sort(al,**new** NameComparator());
14. **for**(Student st: al){
15. System.out.println(st.rollno+" "+st.name+" "+st.age);
16. }
18. System.out.println("Sorting by age");
20. Collections.sort(al,**new** AgeComparator());
21. **for**(Student st: al){
22. System.out.println(st.rollno+" "+st.name+" "+st.age);
23. }
24. }
25. }

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