

Java Collection Framework-1

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Java Collection Framework

The Java collections framework provides a set of interfaces and classes to implement various data structures and algorithms. For example, the `LinkedList` class of the collections framework provides the implementation of the doubly-linked list data structure.

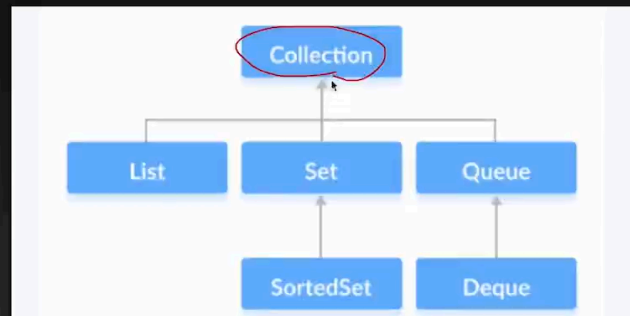
- The Java collections framework provides various interfaces. These interfaces include several methods to perform different operations on collections.

Java Collections Framework

Used to utilize implementation of data structures like LL, Tree, HashMap, ArrayList

Java Collection Interface

- The Collection interface is the root interface of the collections framework hierarchy.
- Java does not provide direct implementations of the Collection interface but provides implementations of its subinterfaces like **List**, **Set**, and **Queue**. To learn more, visit: [Java Collection Interface](#)



Methods of Collection

The Collection interface includes various methods that can be used to perform different operations on objects. These methods are available in all its subinterfaces.

- `add()` - inserts the specified element to the collection
- `size()` - returns the size of the collection
- `remove()` - removes the specified element from the collection
- `iterator()` - returns an iterator to access elements of the collection
- `addAll()` - adds all the elements of a specified collection to the collection
- `removeAll()` - removes all the elements of the specified collection from the collection
- `clear()` - removes all the elements of the collection

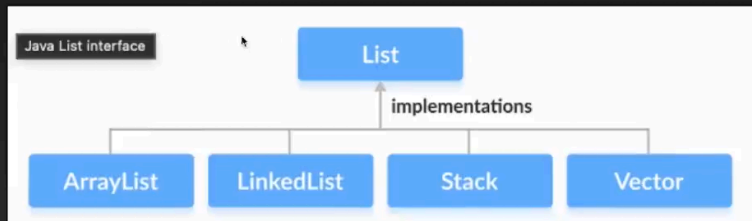
Java List Interface

In Java, the List interface is an ordered collection that allows us to store and access elements sequentially.

- How to use it ?

```
// ArrayList implementation of List
List<String> list1 = new ArrayList<>();

// LinkedList implementation of List
List<String> list2 = new LinkedList<>();
```



Methods:

Methods	Description
<code>add()</code>	adds an element to a list
<code>addAll()</code>	adds all elements of one list to another
<code>get()</code>	helps to randomly access elements from lists
<code>iterator()</code>	returns <code>iterator</code> object that can be used to sequentially access elements of lists
<code>set()</code>	changes elements of lists
<code>remove()</code>	removes an element from the list
<code>removeAll()</code>	removes all the elements from the list
<code>clear()</code>	removes all the elements from the list (more efficient than <code>removeAll()</code>)
<code>size()</code>	returns the length of lists
<code>toArray()</code>	converts a list into an array
<code>contains()</code>	returns <code>true</code> if a list contains specific element

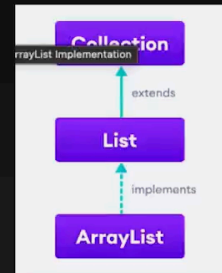
Java ArrayList

In Java, we use the ArrayList class to implement the functionality of resizable-arrays. It implements the List interface of the collections framework.

- Creation:

```
// create Integer type arraylist
ArrayList<Integer> arrayList = new ArrayList<>();

// create String type arraylist
ArrayList<String> arrayList = new ArrayList<>();
```



ArrayList in java == vector in cpp

Methods:

Methods	Descriptions
<u>size()</u>	Returns the length of the arraylist.
sort()	Sort the arraylist elements.
clone()	Creates a new arraylist with the same element, size, and capacity.
contains()	Searches the arraylist for the specified element and returns a boolean result.
ensureCapacity()	Specifies the total element the arraylist can contain.
isEmpty()	Checks if the arraylist is empty.
indexOf()	Searches a specified element in an arraylist and returns the index of the element.

Iterator

```
//iterator() --> pending
Iterator<Integer> iterator = list.iterator();
while (iterator.hasNext()){
    System.out.print(" " +iterator.next());
}
```

hasNext() → returns true if has next element else false

And goes to next element if next element is present

next() → returns the next element

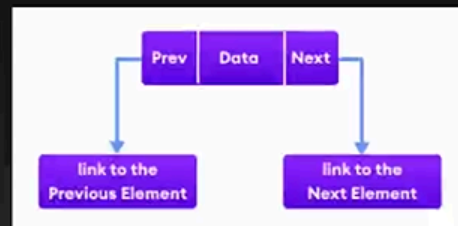
ensureCapacity() →

1. lets say suppose we have set the threshold for array is 75%
2. So if array is full upto 75% then it will automatically create the new array of size 1.5x.
3. And copy the values of old array to new array.
4. Changes the reference to new array.

Java LinkedList

The LinkedList class of the Java collections framework provides the functionality of the linked list data structure (doubly linkedlist).

- Each element in a linked list is known as a node. It consists of 3 fields:
- Prev - stores an address of the previous element in the list. It is null for the first element
- Next - stores an address of the next element in the list. It is null for the last element
- Data - stores the actual data



Methods:

Methods	Description
<code>contains()</code>	checks if the LinkedList contains the element
<code>indexOf()</code>	returns the index of the first occurrence of the element
<code>lastIndexOf()</code>	returns the index of the last occurrence of the element
<code>clear()</code>	removes all the elements of the LinkedList
<code>iterator()</code>	returns an iterator to iterate over LinkedList

Linked List as Queue & Deque

Since the `LinkedList` class also implements the `Queue` and the `Deque` interface, it can implement methods of these interfaces as well. Here are some of the commonly used methods:

Methods	Descriptions
<code>addFirst()</code>	adds the specified element at the beginning of the linked list
<code>addLast()</code>	adds the specified element at the end of the linked list
<code>getFirst()</code>	returns the first element
<code>getLast()</code>	returns the last element
<code>removeFirst()</code>	removes the first element
<code>removeLast()</code>	removes the last element
<code>peek()</code>	returns the first element (head) of the linked list
<code>poll()</code>	returns and removes the first element from the linked list
<code>offer()</code>	adds the specified element at the end of the linked list

Java Vector

The Vector class is an implementation of the List interface that allows us to create resizable-arrays similar to the ArrayList class.

- Vector vs ArrayList

- In Java, both ArrayList and Vector implements the List interface and provides the same functionalities. However, there exist some differences between them.
- The Vector class synchronizes each individual operation. This means whenever we want to perform some operation on vectors, the Vector class automatically applies a lock to that operation.
- It is because when one thread is accessing a vector, and at the same time another thread tries to access it, an exception called ConcurrentModificationException is generated. Hence, this continuous use of lock for each operation makes vectors less efficient.
- However, in array lists, methods are not synchronized. Instead, it uses the Collections.synchronizedList() method that synchronizes the list as a whole.
- *It is recommended to use ArrayList in place of Vector because vectors less efficient.*

Methods:

- **Adding Elements:** add(else), add(index,ele), addAll(vector)
- **Access Elements:** get(index), iterator()
- **Removing Elements:** remove(index), removeAll(), clear()

Methods	Descriptions
set()	changes an element of the vector
size()	returns the size of the vector
toArray()	converts the vector into an array
toString()	converts the vector into a String
contains()	searches the vector for specified element and returns a boolean result

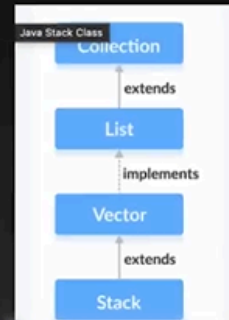
Java Stack

The Java collections framework has a class named Stack that provides the functionality of the stack data structure. The Stack class extends the Vector class.

- Creation:

```
// Create Integer type stack
Stack<Integer> stacks = new Stack<>();

// Create String type stack
Stack<String> stacks = new Stack<>();
```



Methods:

- push()
- pop()
- peek()
- search()
- empty()