

# JAVA: Memory Management and Garbage Collector.

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## 1. What is Memory Management ?

## 2. Types of Memory.

- STACK
- HEAP

□ Both Stack and Heap are created by JVM and stored in RAM.

*Generally Heap has more memory than Stack.*

## 3. Stack Memory.

- Store Temporary variables and separate memory block for methods.

```
//block or temporary variables.  
{  
    int a = 10;  
}
```

- Store Primitive data types.
- **Store reference** of the heap objects.

□ Strong reference

□ When garbage collector runs strong reference object not get's deleted.

```
//Strong reference  
Person obj = new Person();
```

- **Weak reference**

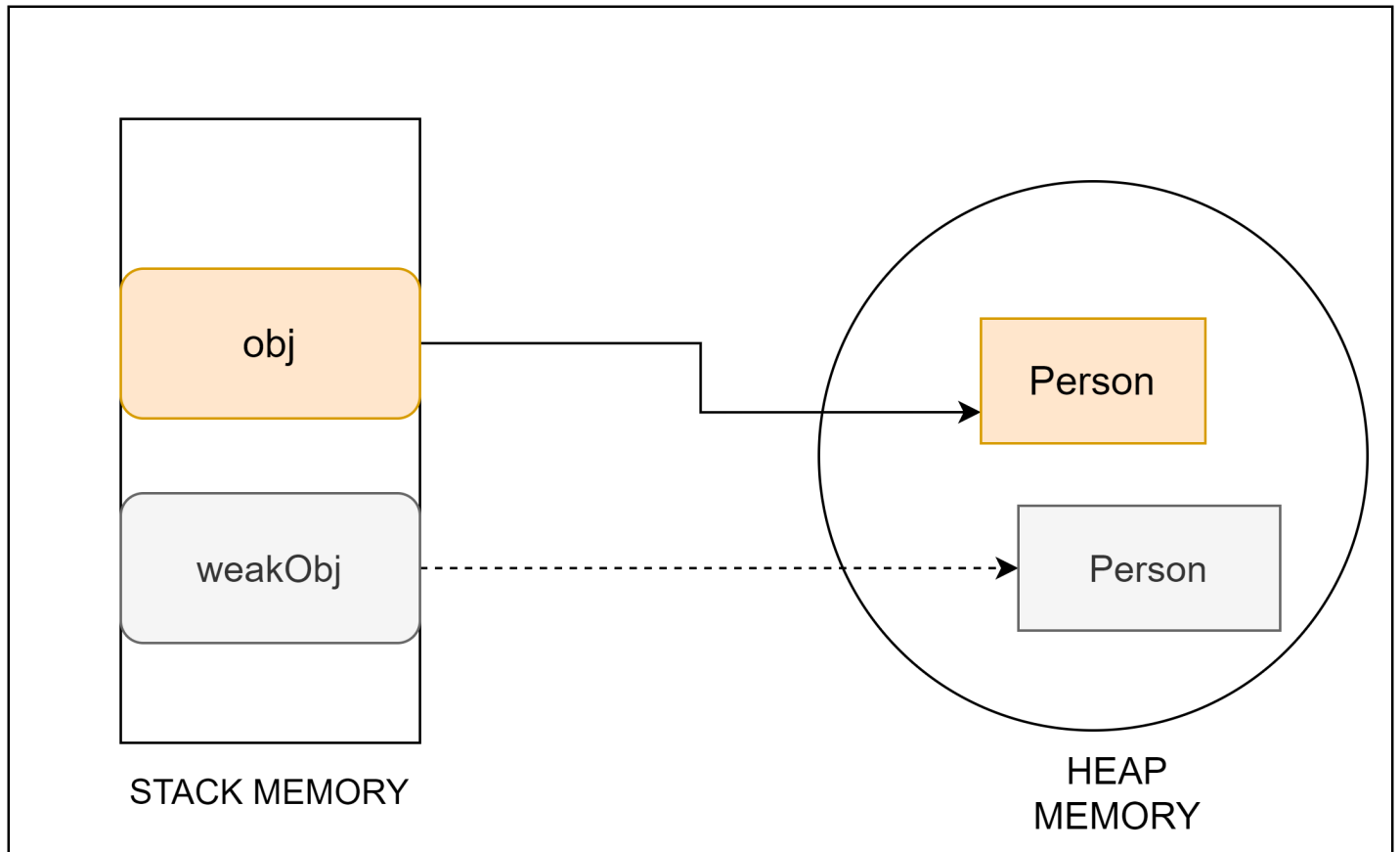
□ When garbage collector runs it deletes the weak reference object.

\*\*\*Soft reference\*\*\*

- soft reference is a type of weak reference .
- In that case when garbage collector runs soft reference object tells that hey! GC Only delete me when it's very very urgent.

```
//Weak Reference
```

```
WeakReference<Person> weakObj = new WeakReference<Person>(new Person());
```



- Each thread has its own Stack Memory but it shares same common heap memory.
- Variables within a SCOPE are only visible as long as any variable goes out of the SCOPE, it gets deleted from Stack [ In LIFO order ].
- When Stack memory goes full, it throws

**"java.lang.StackOverflowError"**

```
class Person{
    protected void profession(){
        System.out.println("I am Person");
    }
}

public class MemoryManagement{

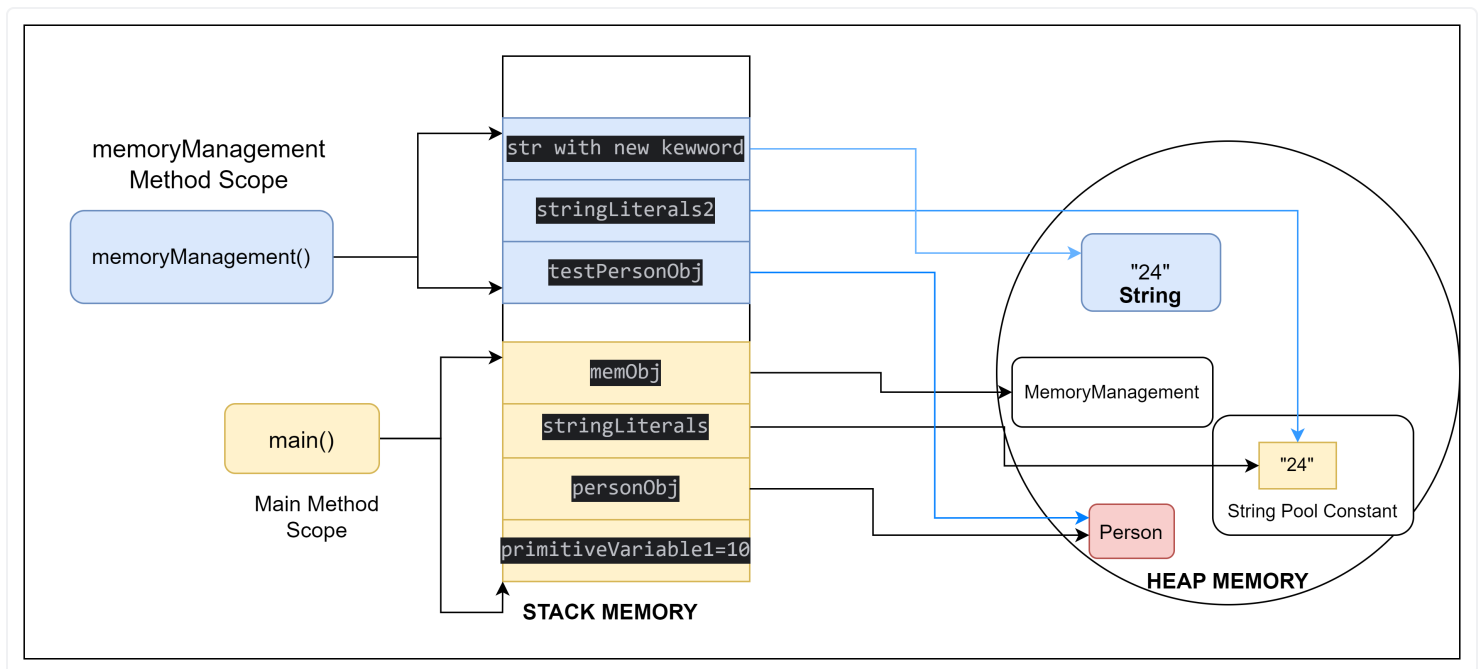
    //main() method
    public static void main(String args[]){
        int primitiveVariable1 = 10;
        Person personObj = new Person();
```

```

String stringLiterals = "24";
MemoryManagement memObj = new MemoryManagement();
memObj.memoryManagementTest(personObj);
}

//memoryManagementTest() method
private void memoryManagementTest(Person person){
    Person testPersonObj=person;
    String stringLiterals2 = "24";
    String str = new String("24");
}
}

```



- When **memoryManagementTest method** scope got closing bracket.
- In Stack memory **memoryManagementTest method** scope also got deleted as well as reference is also disconnected from heap memory in **LAST IN FIRST OUT [LIFO]** Manner.
- After deleting scope of **memoryManagementTest method** code execution encounter closing bracket of **main() method** scope, and **main method scope** is also got deleted from **Stack memory** as well as it's reference is also got disconnected from **heap memory**.
- Apart from that we have seen all reference of **Stack memory** to **Heap memory** it's get's disconnected.
- But all the **objects** and **String Pool constant literals** are still there in **heap memory** .
- And this is a serious problem,
- To resolve this problem **GARBAGE COLLECTOR** comes into picture.

#### 4. Garbage Collector.

- It is used to delete the un-referenced Object from the heap.
- Garbage collector runs periodically and JVM Controls it.
- JVM Controls When to run garbage collector.
- System.gc() to run garbage collector manually.
- Garbage Collector scan the heap memory if it find any obj area which has not any referenced it will be deleted by garbage collector.
- If you write System.gc() in java code there is no guarantee JVM will run the garbage collector.

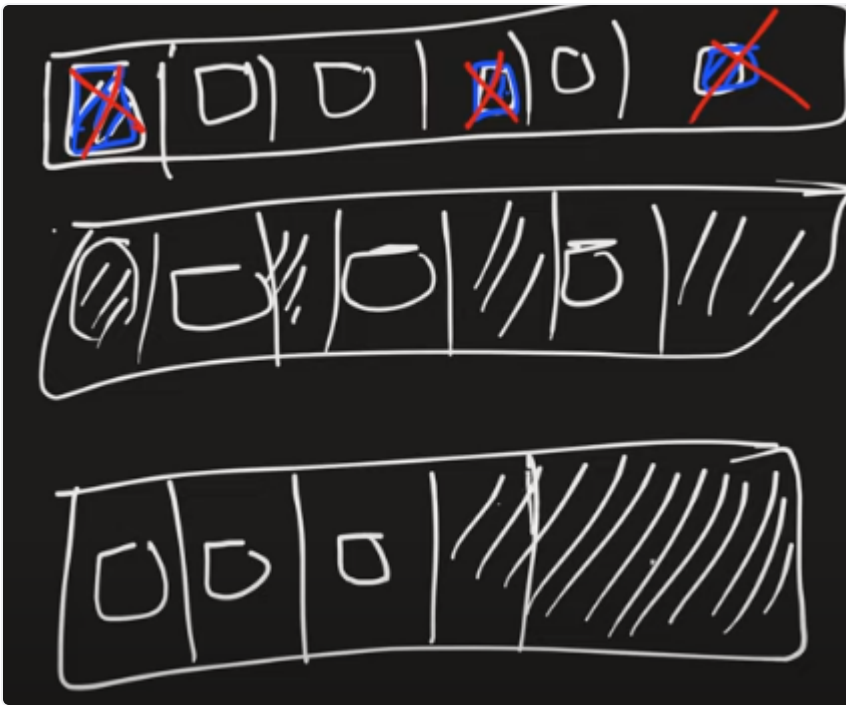
#### Multiple Way to invoking Garbage Collector.

```
//Way to Invoking Garbage collector
Person p = new Person();
p=null;
Person p1 = new Person();
Person p2 = new Person();
//here p1 refrencing obj got disconnected //and GC will soon delete it.
p2=p1;
//When Heap memoary is going to full then //garbage collectors call.
```

#### 5. Heap Memory .

- Store Objects.
- There is no order of allocating the memory.
- Garbage Collector is used to delete the un-referenced objects from the heap.
  - Mark and Sweep Algorithm with Compaction.
  - Compaction helps to organize object into sequential manner.

**How Memory Compation work's see figure below.**



## Types of GC:

### Serial GC

- In case of Serial GC one thread working for **Minor GC** and one thread working for **Major GC**.

### DisAdvantage:-

- Application Slow [ Pausing Too Many times ]
- **GC** is very expensive
  - Whenever **GC** Works Start All application thread will get's PAUSE.

### Parallel GC

- Multiple thread working for **GC** in Parallel but still there is a pause in application

### CMS [ Concurrent Mark & Sweep ]

- While your Application Thread are working concurrently GC Thread are also working.
- JVM Not give 100% guarantee that your application is not going to pause.
- JVM Try to do best concurrent but it's not give 100% guarantee.
- There is No Memory Compaction Happens.

### G1 Garbage Collector.

- **G1 Garbage collector** gives 100% guarantee to not pause in application and there is memory compaction happens.

- All the freed up memory appended in last after memory compaction.
- Throughput Increases Let's say: 1000 request/sec or min.
- **Latency** Decreases. Threads are not pausing

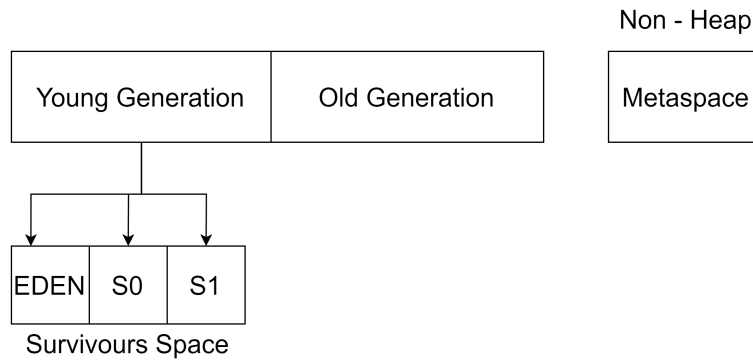
- Heap Memory is shared with all the threads.
- Heap also contains the String Pool.
- When Heap memory goes full, it's throws

### "java.lang.OutOfMemoryError"

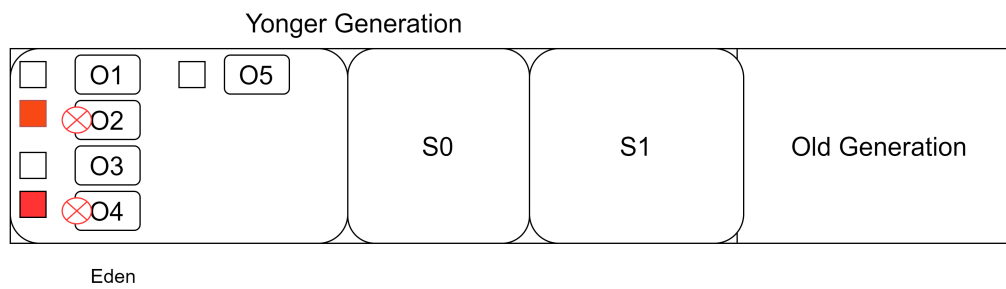
- Heap memory is further divided into:
  - Young Generation [ Minor GC happens Here ]
    - Eden
    - Survivor
    - Old/ Tenured Generation
      - [ **Major GC happens here** ]
  - Permanent Generation [MetaSpace].
    - Before Java 7 it was part of Heap memory
    - is separated from Heap Memory
- **PermGen (Permanent Generation)** is a special heap space separated from the **main memory** heap. The **JVM** keeps track of loaded **class metadata** in the **PermGen**. Additionally, the **JVM** stores all the static content in this memory section.
- Currently known as **MEATSPACE**

### □ MetaSpace

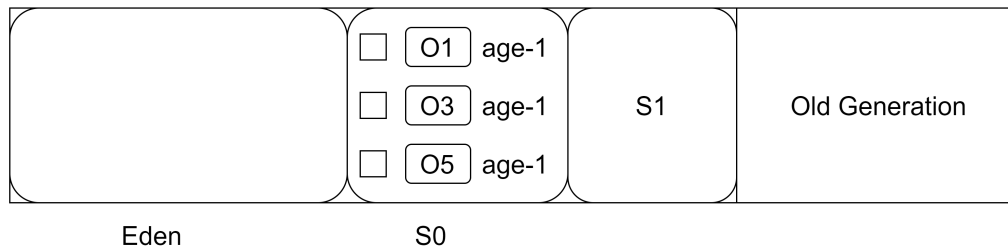
- Stores Class variables
- Stores Constant [ static final ]
- Store Class Meta data
- How Objects Store In Heap Memory and it's Internal Working Step Explain I below **Diagram**.



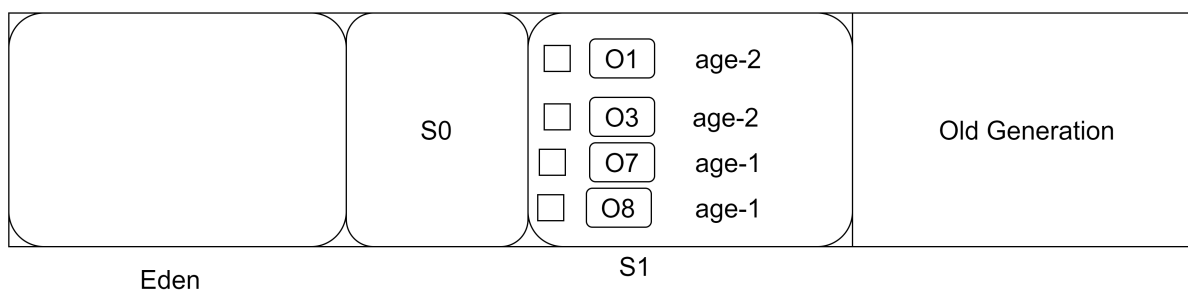
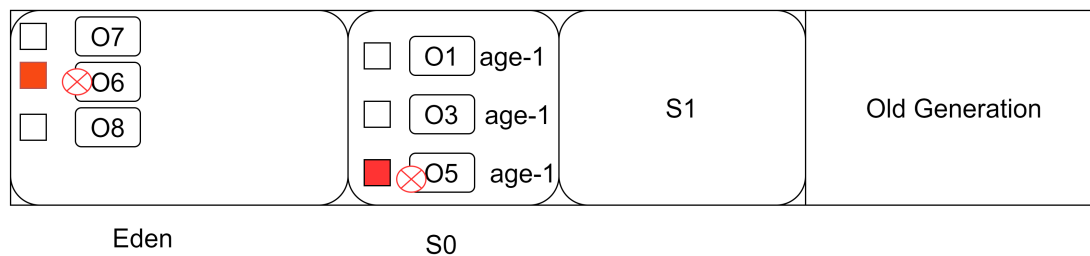
First object created in **EDEN** and Very First time **Garbage** collector calls and mark un-referenced Object for removal from Memory.



Apply Algorithm **Mark & Sweep** :- Sweep algo remove the **mark** objects and sweep the **survivors** objects to **S0** state.



Again **Garbage** Collector Calls for 2nd time it's do the same process for **eden**, **s0**, **s1** and so on.



**Threshold** value is **age=3** :-> It means that if object reach that the age limit of 3 that object will promoted to old generation. So Here **Garbage** Collector Call for **3rd** time.

