

Collection → group of individual objects which represent a single unit.

Framework → set of classes & interface which provide a readymade architecture.

Ex. in Java Collection Framework → HashMap,
ArrayList,
HashSet,
Linked List, etc.

Need for a separate collection framework (Java)

Can we create separate class for each DS & use?

Yes but each class may be implemented differently.

Eg → ArrayList → al.add(2)
HashSet → hs.insert(5)
Stack → st.in(6)
insertion

If multiple classes implement same interface then functionalities are easy to remember.

Advantages of Collection Interface

- 1) All the classes that implement the interface will have same set of methods.
- 2) Implements abstraction & hence save programmer's effort.

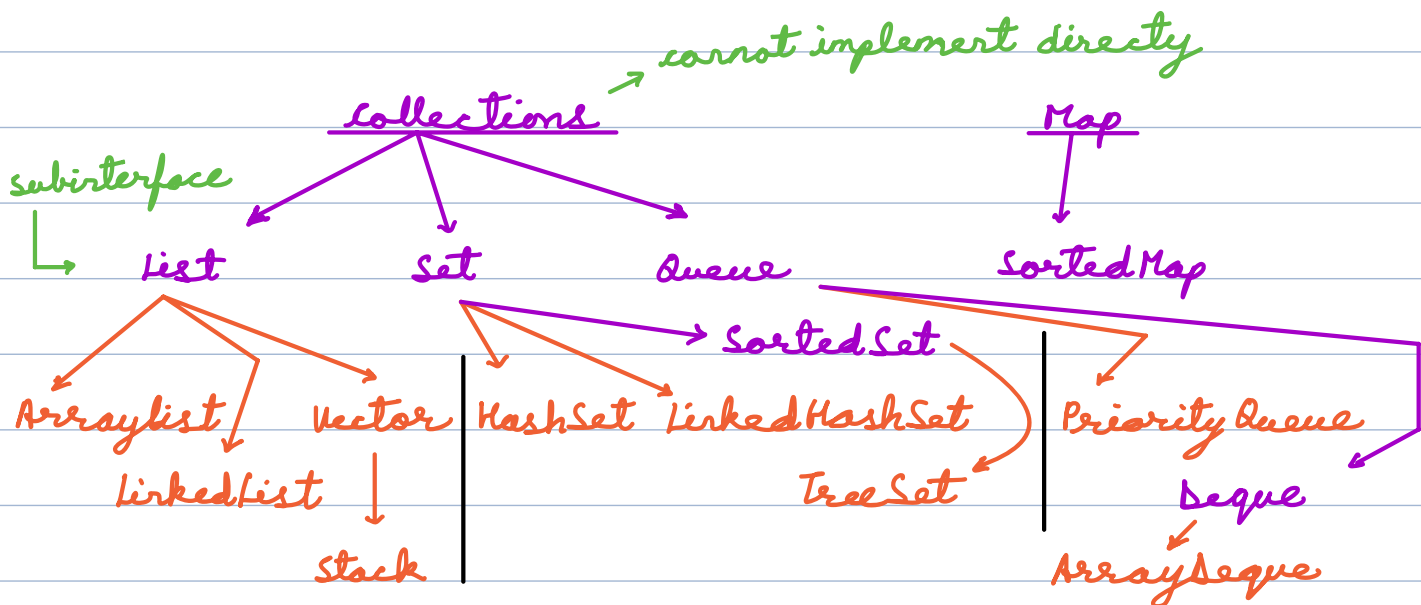
Hierarchy of Java Collection Framework

java.util package contains all classes & interface required by collections framework.

Interface → Blueprint of class.

Methods are only declared.

Objects cannot be created.



Iterable Interface → 1) Root interface for entire collection framework.

2) Main functionality → It provides iterator for the collections.

Methods of Collection Interface

1) add()

2) size()

3) remove()

4) iterator()

5) addAll()

6) removeAll()

7) clear()

List interface → child of collection interface.

- 2) Store ordered collection of object.
- 3) Allow duplicate data to be present.

public interface List <E> extends Collection <E>;

↳ ArrayList → Dynamic array i.e. resizable.



size = 10
load factor = 0.7 } $10 * 0.7 = 7$
⇒ If the arraylist reaches ≥ 7 elements it doubles the size.

size = 20
lf = 0.7 } $20 * 0.7 = 14$

2) Indexed based access available. → TC = $O(1)$

al.get(2)
↑
index

↳ Vector → Provides dynamic array but it is slower compared to arraylist.

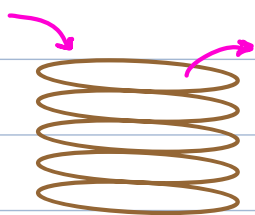
↳ Identical to arraylist in terms of implementation.

ArrayList → Non-synchronized

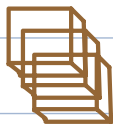
Vector → Synchronized (one task at a time.)

3) Stack → It extends vector class.

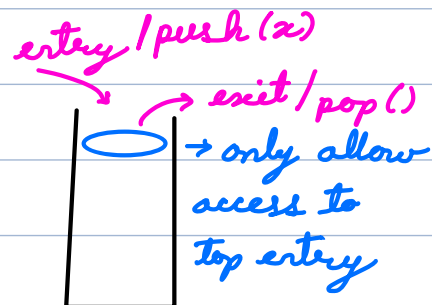
2) It is based on the basic principle LIFO (last in first out).



Pile of plates



Pile of books



4) Linked List → Implements linked list DS which is linear DS where elements are stored in non-continuous memory allocation.

node →

x

 → next

1

 →

2

 →

3

 →

4

 →

5

 → null



set Interface → Child of collection interface.

2) It store unordered collection of objects & do not allow duplicate elements.

3) We can store atmost 1 null value.

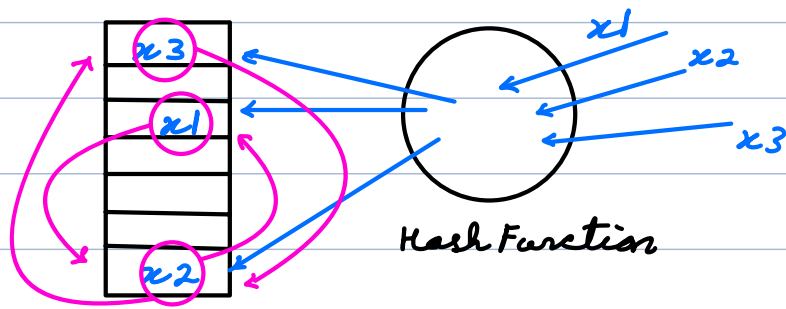
1) HashSet → Widely used class for set interface.

2) store data using hash function.

2) Linked HashSet → Ordered version of HashSet

2) It maintains a doubly linked list across all elements.





3) TreeSet → 1) It is a implementation of sorted set interface.

2) Similar to set but maintains sorted order of data.

3) Use tree data structure for storage.

Map Interface → 1) It is part of java util package but not subpart of collection interface.

2) Maintains mapping between a key & a value.
↙
 unique

1) HashMap → 1) Widely used class for map interface.

2) Store data using hash function.

3) Unordered

2) LinkedHashMap → 1) Ordered version of HashMap

2) It maintains a doubly linked list across all elements.

3) TreeMap → 1) It is a implementation of sorted map interface.

2) Similar to map but maintains sorted order of keys.

3) Use tree data structure for storage.

Queue Interface → 1) Subinterface of collection interface.

2) Usually store data on principle of FIFO
(first in first out)

1) PriorityQueue → 1) Maintain order wrt priority
(aka Heaps) 2) Removal happens wrt priority,
↓
also know as eg largest, smallest, etc.

2) ArrayDeque → 1) It implements Deque Interface
(child of Queue Interface).
2) Provides entry & exit from both sides.



Comparable

Arraylist → $al = \{2 \ 5 \ 10 \ 3 \ 8\}$

`Collections.sort(al)` → $\{2 \ 3 \ 5 \ 8 \ 10\}$

sort wrt natural ordering of data

```
class Person {  
    String name;  
    int age;  
    Person(String n, int a) {  
        name = n  
        age = a  
    }  
}
```

}

```
ArrayList<Person> al = new ArrayList<>();
```

:

```
Collections.sort(al) → Error!
```

Comparable → Defines the natural ordering for a class

```
class Person implements Comparable<Person> {
```

```
    String name;
```

```
    int age;
```

```
    Person(String n, int a) {
```

```
        name = n
```

```
        age = a
```

```
    }
```

```
    @Override
```

```
    public int compareTo(Person other) {
```

```
        // return -ve → if current should be on left
```

```
        // 0 → no change in order
```

```
        // +ve → current should be on right
```

```
        return (this.age - other.age) // asc order
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

⇓

Natural ordering of person class.

Comparator → It is an interface that provides a way to define custom ordering of objects.

Q → Sort Person list wrt age in descending order.

`collections.sort(al, new AgeComparator())`

```
class AgeComparator implements Comparator<Person> {
```

```
    @Override
```

```
    public int compare(Person p1, Person p2) {
```

```
        return (p2.age - p1.age) // desc order
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

comparator allow us to sort the list of objects
without modifying the object class.
