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| **ArrayList** | **CopyOnWriteArrayList** |
| It is not ThreadSafe | It is ThreadSafe because every update operation will be performed on separate cloned copy. |
| While one thread iterating List object, the other threads are not allowed to modify List otherwise we will get ConcurrentModificationException. | While one thread iterating List object, the other threads are allowed to modify List in safe manner and we won’t get ConcurrentModificationException. |
| Iterator is Fail-Fast | Iterator is Fail-Safe |
| Iterator of ArrayList can perform remove operation | Iterator of CopyOnWriteArrayList can’t perform remove operation otherwise we will get RuntimeException:UnsupportedOperationException. |
| Introduced in 1.2 version | Introduced in 1.5 version. |
| Present in java.util package | Present in java.util.concurrent package |