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Collection in Java

- → A collection in Java is a framework that provides an architecture to store and manipulate a group of objects.
- → Java Collections can achieve all the operations that you perform on data such as **searching**, **sorting**, **insertion**, **manipulation**, and **deletion**.
- → Key Points:
 - → Collections are used to store, retrieve, manipulate, and communicate aggregate data.
 - → Collections can hold both homogeneous and heterogeneous data.
 - → They can dynamically grow and shrink in size.

Collection Framework in Java

- → The Collection Framework provides a unified architecture for representing and manipulating collections.
- All the collections frameworks contain the following:
 - → Interfaces: These are abstract data types that represent collections. The interfaces allow collections to be manipulated independently of the details of their representation.

1.Collection2.List3.Set5.Map4.Queue

→ Implementations: These are the concrete implementations of the collection interfaces. Essentially, they are reusable data structures.

1.ArrayList2.TreeSet4.HashMap6.TreeMap

→ **Algorithms**: These are the methods that perform useful computations, such as searching and sorting, on objects that implement collection interfaces.

Advantages of Collection Framework

- → Consistent API: The collection interfaces have a basic set of operations (such as adding and removing) that are extended by all implementations.
- → Reduces Programming Effort: By providing useful data structures and algorithms, the Collections Framework reduces the programming effort.

Java Collections Framework Hierarchy

- → The Java Collections Framework is structured as a unified architecture for representing and manipulating collections.
 - The hierarchy is broadly divided into three major groups:
 - → List, Set, and Queue, which extend the Collection interface,
 - → Map, which is a separate hierarchy.
 - → Here are the important points for each component:
 - → Collection Interface
 - The root interface of the collections framework.
 - It provides common methods like add(), remove(), size(), clear(), contains(), and iterator()
 - → Map Interface
 - Represents a mapping between a **key** and a **value**.
 - ◆ Does not extend the Collection interface.
 - Provides methods to put, get, remove elements based on a key.

Iterator Interface

- → The Iterator interface provides a way to access elements of a collection sequentially without exposing the underlying structure.
- → It is part of the **java.util package** and is a universal iterator for all collections.
- → Key Points:
 - → Methods:
 - boolean hasNext(): Returns true if there are more elements to iterate over.
 - ◆ E next(): Returns the next element in the iteration.
 - void remove(): Removes the last element returned by the iterator (optional operation).
 - → Usage:
 - The Iterator interface is used to traverse collections such as List, Set, and Map.
 - ◆ It supports both **read** and **remove** operations.

```
List<String> list = new ArrayList<>();
list.add("A");
list.add("B");
list.add("C");

Iterator<String> iterator = list.iterator();
while (iterator.hasNext()) {
   String element = iterator.next();
   System.out.println(element);
}
```

Collection Interface

- → The Collection interface is the root of the collection hierarchy.
- → It represents a group of objects known as elements.
- → The Collection interface is part of the java.util package.
- → Key Points:
 - → Methods:
 - boolean add(E e): Ensures that this collection contains the specified element.
 - ◆ **boolean remove(Object o)**: Removes a single instance of the specified element from this collection.
 - int size(): Returns the number of elements in this collection.
 - boolean isEmpty(): Returns true if this collection contains no elements.
 - boolean contains(Object o): Returns true if this collection contains the specified element.
 - ◆ Iterator<E> iterator(): Returns an iterator over the elements in this collection.
 - boolean addAll(Collection<? extends E> c): Adds all of the elements in the specified collection to this collection.
 - void clear(): Removes all of the elements from this collection.
 - → Subinterfaces:

```
1.List 2.Set 3.Queue
```

→ Usage:

 The Collection interface provides the base functionality for all collections.

```
Collection
Collection
collection
add("A");
collection
add("B");
collection
add("C");

for (String element : collection) {
    System.out.println(element);
}
```

List Interface

- → The List interface extends the Collection interface and represents an ordered collection (also known as a sequence).
- → The user can access elements by their integer index (position in the list) and search for elements in the list.
- → Key Points:
 - → Methods:
 - void add(int index, E element): Inserts the specified element at the specified position in this list.
 - ◆ E get(int index): Returns the element at the specified position in this list.
 - ◆ **E set(int index, E element)**: Replaces the element at the specified position in this list with the specified element.
 - E remove(int index): Removes the element at the specified position in this list.
 - int indexOf(Object o): Returns the index of the first occurrence of the specified element in this list.
 - ListIterator<E> listIterator(): Returns a list iterator over the elements in this list.
 - → Implementations:

```
1.ArrayList 2. LinkedList 3. Vector 4.Stack
```

- → Usage:
 - The List interface allows for ordered collections that can contain duplicate elements.

```
List<String> list = new ArrayList<>();

// List<Integer> numbers = Arrays.asList(5, 2, 8, 1, 3); method 1

// method 2

list.add("A");

list.add("B");

list.add("C");

for (int i = 0; i < list.size(); i++) {

System.out.println(list.get(i));

}
```

Iterator vs ListIterator

Feature	Iterator	ListIterator
Applicable to	Collection	List
Traversal Direction	Forward only	Both forward and backward
Obtaining Iterator	`collection.iterator()`	`list.listIterator()`
`hasNext()`	Yes	Yes
`next()`	Yes	Yes
`remove()`	Yes	Yes
`hasPrevious()`	No	Yes
`previous()`	No	Yes
`nextIndex()`	No	Yes
`previousIndex()`	No	Yes
`add(E e)`	No	Yes
`set(E e)`	No	Yes

ArrayList

- → ArrayList is a resizable array implementation of the List interface.
- → It is part of the Java Collections Framework and is found in the **java.util** package.
- → ArrayList allows for dynamic arrays that can grow as needed,
- → which means it can change its size during runtime.
- → Key Points:
 - → Unlike arrays in Java, ArrayList can grow and shrink in size dynamically.
 - → Allows duplicate elements.
 - → Provides fast random access to elements.
 - → Initial capacity is 10, but it grows automatically as elements are added.

→ Basic Operations

```
1.boolean add( e) 6.void add(int index, element)
2. get(int index) 7. set(int index, element)
3. remove(int index) 8.boolean remove(e)
4. int size() 9. void clear()
5. boolean contains(e)
```

```
import java.util.*;
  public class ArrayListExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
       // Creating an ArrayList
      List<String> arrayList = new ArrayList<>();
      // Adding elements
      arrayList.add("A");
      arrayList.add("B");
      arrayList.add("C");
      arrayList.add("D");
      // Accessing elements
      System.out.println("Element at index 2: " + arrayList.get(2));
      // Iterating elements
        for (String element : arrayList) {
           System.out.println(element);
      // Modifying elements
      arrayList.set(1, "E");
      System.out.println("After modification: " + arrayList);
      // Removing elements
      arrayList.remove("C");
      System.out.println("After removal: " + arrayList);
        / Checking size
      System.out.println("Size of ArrayList: " + arrayList.size());
        / Checking if ArrayList contains an element
      System.out.println("Does ArrayList contain 'A'? " +
arrayList.contains("A"));
      // Clearing the ArrayList
      arrayList.clear();
      System.out.println("After clearing: " + arrayList);
```

LinkedList

- → LinkedList is a doubly linked list implementation of the List interface.
- → It is part of the Java Collections Framework and is found in the **java.util** package.
- → Unlike ArrayList, which uses a dynamic array, LinkedList uses a doubly linked list to store elements.
- → Key Points:
- → **Doubly Linked**: Each element in a LinkedList is stored in a node that contains a reference to the next and previous elements.
- → **Dynamic Size:** Can grow and shrink dynamically.
- → Allows duplicate elements.
- → Efficient for adding or removing elements anywhere in the list.
- → Slower than ArrayList for random access (get()), as it requires traversing from the head or tail.
- → Basic Operations: (Same as ArrayList)

```
import java.util.*;

public class LinkedListExample {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      // Create a LinkedList
      LinkedList
LinkedList<String> linkedList = new LinkedList<</pre>
LinkedList
```

```
// Adding elements
    linkedList.add("Apple");
    linkedList.add("Banana");
    linkedList.add("Cherry");
    linkedList.set(1, "Orange");
                                   // Modify element
    linkedList.add(2, "Grape"); // Add an element
    linkedList.remove("Apple"); // Remove element
    // Check if "Banana" is present
    boolean containsBanana = linkedList.contains("Banana");
    System.out.println("Does LinkedList contain 'Banana'?" +
containsBanana);
    System.out.println("Print forward order element ");
    ListIterator<String> iterator = linkedList.listIterator();
    while (iterator.hasNext()) {
      System.out.println( iterator.next());
    System.out.println("Print reverse order element ");
    while (iterator.hasPrevious()) {
      System.out.println(iterator.previous());
```

ArrayList(Collection<? extends E> c)

- → Creates a list containing the elements of the specified collection, in the order they are returned by the collection's iterator.
- → It is same For Linked List

```
List<String> existingList = Arrays.asList("A", "B", "C");
ArrayList<String> list = new ArrayList<>(existingList);
System.out.println(list); // Output: [A, B, C]
```

LinkedList(Collection<? extends E> c)

```
List<String> arrayList = new ArrayList<>();
    arrayList.add("Apple");
    arrayList.add("Banana");
    arrayList.add("Cherry");

// Create a LinkedList using the ArrayList elements
LinkedList<String> linkedList = new LinkedList<>(arrayList);
```

LinkedList vs ArrayList

- → LinkedList provides methods like addFirst, addLast, getFirst, getLast, removeFirst, removeLast, offerFirst, offerLast, peekFirst, peekLast, pollFirst, pollLast, descendingIterator for efficient insertion, removal, and traversal operations from both ends.
- → ArrayList is optimized for random access and efficient element insertion/removal in the middle.
- → Choosing between them depends on the use case:
 - → Use LinkedList for frequent **insertions/removals** at both ends or sequential traversal.
 - → Use ArrayList for scenarios requiring random access or faster access by **index**.

Vector

- → Vector is a part of the Java Collections Framework and implements a growable array of objects.
- → It is synchronized, making it thread-safe, but can have performance overhead due to synchronization.
- → Methods:
 - → add(e): Adds an element to the end of the vector.
 - → get(int index): Returns the element at the specified position.
 - → remove(int index): Removes the element at the specified position.
 - → size(): Returns the number of elements in the vector.

```
import java.util.Vector;

public class VectorExample {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
        Vector<String> vector = new Vector<>();

        vector.add("A"); // Adding elements
        vector.add("B");
        vector.add("C");

        // Accessing elements
        System.out.println("Element at index 1: " + vector.get(1));
        // Removing element
        vector.remove(2);
        // Size of vector
        System.out.println("Size of vector: " + vector.size());
    }
}
```

Stack

- → Stack is a subclass of Vector that implements a last-in, first-out (LIFO) stack of objects.
- → Methods:
 - → push(E item): Pushes an item onto the top of the stack.
 - → pop(): Removes the object at the top of the stack and returns it.
 - → peek(): Looks at the object at the top of the stack without removing it.
 - → isEmpty(): Checks if the stack is empty.

```
import java.util.Stack;
 public class StackExample {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
     Stack<String> stack = new Stack<>();
     // Pushing elements
     stack.push("A");
     stack.push("B");
     stack.push("C");
     // Peeking the top element
     System.out.println("Top element: " + stack.peek());
     // Popping elements
     System.out.println("Popped element: " + stack.pop());
     // Checking if stack is empty
     System.out.println("Is stack empty?" + stack.isEmpty());
   }
 }
```

Queue Interface

- → Queue is a collection designed for holding elements prior to processing.
- → It typically orders elements in a FIFO (first-in, first-out) manner.
- → Implementations include LinkedList and PriorityQueue.
- → Methods:
 - → add(e): Inserts the specified element into the queue (throws an exception if it fails).
 - → offer(e): Inserts the specified element into the queue (returns false if it fails).
 - → remove(): Retrieves and removes the head of the queue (throws NoSuchElementException an exception if the queue is empty).
 - → poll(): Retrieves and removes the head of the queue (returns null if the queue is empty).
 - → peek(): Retrieves, but does not remove, the head of the queue (returns null if the queue is empty).

```
import java.util.LinkedList;
import java.util.Queue;

public class QueueExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Queue<String> queue = new LinkedList<>\();

        // Adding elements
        queue.add("A");
        queue.add("B");
        queue.add("C");

        // Peeking the head element
        System.out.println("Head element: " + queue.peek());

        // Polling elements
        System.out.println("Polled element: " + queue.poll());

        // Checking the size
        System.out.println("Size of queue: " + queue.size());
}
```

Set Interface

- → Represents a collection that cannot contain duplicate elements.
- → It models the mathematical set abstraction.
- → Does not guarantee the order of elements.
- → Allows at most one null element.
- → Implementations include HashSet, LinkedHashSet, and TreeSet.

HashSet

- → Implements the Set interface using a hash table. It does not guarantee the order of elements.
- → Offers constant-time performance for basic operations (add, remove, contains).
- → Does not maintain the insertion order.
- → Allows null elements.

LinkedHashSet

- → Extends HashSet and maintains a doubly-linked list of entries to preserve the insertion order.
- → Iterates over elements in insertion order.
- → Slower than **HashSet** for basic operations due to maintaining order.
- → Allows null elements.

SortedSet Interface

- → Extends Set and maintains elements in sorted order defined by their natural ordering or a comparator.
- → Provides methods for accessing elements by their position in the sorted set.
- → Implementations include TreeSet.

TreeSet

- → Implements SortedSet using a tree structure (red-black tree).
- → Maintains elements in sorted order (ascending by default or based on a custom comparator).
- → Slower performance for basic operations compared to HashSet and LinkedHashSet.
- → Does not allow null elements.

Example Of All Sets interface

```
import java.util.*;
public class SetExamples {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    // HashSet example
    Set<String> hashSet = new HashSet<>();
    hashSet.add("B");
    hashSet.add("A");
    hashSet.add("C");
    System.out.println("HashSet: " + hashSet); // C B A
```

```
// LinkedHashSet example
Set<String> linkedHashSet = new LinkedHashSet<>();
linkedHashSet.add("B");
linkedHashSet.add("C");
System.out.println("LinkedHashSet: " + linkedHashSet); // BAC

// TreeSet example
Set<String> treeSet = new TreeSet<>();
treeSet.add("B");
treeSet.add("A");
treeSet.add("C");
System.out.println("TreeSet: " + treeSet); // ABC
}
```

" HashSet: Fastest for basic operations, no guaranteed order.
LinkedHashSet: Maintains insertion order, slower than HashSet.
TreeSet: Maintains elements in sorted order, slower than HashSet and LinkedHashSet. "

Map Interface

- → Represents a collection of key-value pairs where each key is unique.
- → Maps keys to values and does not allow duplicate keys.
- → methods for adding, accessing, removing, and checking for key-value pairs.

HashMap Class

- → Implements the Map interface using a hash table.
- → Does not guarantee the order of key-value pairs.
- → Provides constant-time performance for basic operations (put, get, remove) on average.
- → Allows null values and one null key.

```
import java.util.HashMap;
import java.util.Map;

public class HashMapExample {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      Map<String, Integer> hashMap = new HashMap<>>();

      hashMap.put("One", 1);
      hashMap.put("Two", 2);
      hashMap.put("Three", 3);

      System.out.println("HashMap: " + hashMap);
    }
}
```

LinkedHashMap Class

- → Extends **HashMap** and maintains insertion order of keys.
- → Iterates over elements in the order they were inserted.
- → Slower performance for basic operations compared to HashMap due to maintaining order.
- → Allows null values and one null key.

```
import java.util.LinkedHashMap;
import java.util.Map;

public class LinkedHashMapExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Map<String, Integer> linkedHashMap = new LinkedHashMap<>>();

        linkedHashMap.put("One", 1);
        linkedHashMap.put("Two", 2);
        linkedHashMap.put("Three", 3);

        System.out.println("LinkedHashMap: " + linkedHashMap);
    }
}
```

TreeMap Class

- → Implements the SortedMap interface using a Red-Black tree.
- → Maintains keys in ascending order (natural order or custom Comparator).
- → Slower performance for basic operations compared to HashMap and LinkedHashMap due to sorting.
- → Does not allow null keys but allows null values.

```
import java.util.Map;
import java.util.TreeMap;

public class TreeMapExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Map<String, Integer> treeMap = new TreeMap<>();

        treeMap.put("Three", 3);
        treeMap.put("One", 1);
        treeMap.put("Two", 2);

        System.out.println("TreeMap: " + treeMap);
    }
}
```

""" HashMap: Fastest for basic operations, no order guarantee.

LinkedHashMap: Maintains insertion order, inherits from HashMap.

TreeMap: Maintains keys in sorted order, slower for basic operations due to sorting."" "

Hashtable Class

- → The Hashtable class in Java provides a basic implementation of a hash table, which maps keys to values.
- → It inherits from the Dictionary class and implements the Map interface, making it similar to HashMap but with some differences :
 - → Hashtable is synchronized,
 - → Neither keys nor values can be null

```
import java.util.Hashtable;

public class HashtableExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Using Hashtable
        Hashtable<String, Integer> hashtable = new Hashtable<>>();
        hashtable.put("One", 1);
        hashtable.put("Two", 2);
        // hashtable.put(null, 3); // Throws NullPointerException
        System.out.println("Hashtable: " + hashtable);
    }
}
```

Iterators used in Map and Set

```
import java.util.*;

public class SetMapIterationExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Create a HashSet
        Set<String> set = new HashSet<>();
        // Add elements to the Set
        set.add("Apple");
        set.add("Banana");
        set.add("Orange");

        // Iterating over the Set using for-each loop
        System.out.println("Elements in the Set:");
        for (String element : set) {
             System.out.println(element);
        }

        // Create a HashMap
        Map<String, Integer> map = new HashMap<>>();
```

```
// Add key-value pairs to the Map
map.put("One", 1);
map.put("Two", 2);
map.put("Three", 3);

// Iterating over the Map using for-each loop
    System.out.println("\nKey-Value pairs in the Map:");
    for (Map.Entry<String, Integer> entry: map.entrySet()) {
        System.out.println("Key: " + entry.getKey() + ", Value: " +
entry.getValue());
    }
}
```

Sorting

- → Sorting in Java refers to arranging elements in a collection in a specific order, typically ascending or descending based on certain criteria.
- → Java provides several ways to achieve sorting depending on the data structure and requirements:
- → Sorting Arrays ⇒ Arrays.sort()

```
int[] nums = {5, 2, 8, 1, 3};
Arrays.sort(nums); // Sorts nums array in ascending order
```

→ Sorting Collections

1. Collections.sort(): Sorts collections such as lists using natural ordering (if elements implement Comparable) or a specified Comparator.

```
List<String> names = new ArrayList<>();
names.add("Alice");
names.add("Bob");
Collections.sort(names); // Sorts alphabetically (natural order)

2.Sorting with Comparator: ascending order use:
```

Comparator.naturalOrder() and descending order use :

Comparator.reverseOrder()

```
List<String> names = new ArrayList<>();
names.add("Alice");
names.add("Bob");
Collections.sort(names, Comparator.reverseOrder()); // Sorts in
reverse order
```

Comparable Interface

- → Comparable is an interface in the java.lang package.
- → It declares one method compareTo() which compares the current object (this) with another object of the same type.
- → Classes that implement Comparable can be sorted automatically using methods like Arrays.sort() or Collections.sort().

```
public interface Comparable<T> {
  public int compareTo(T o);
}
```

Example of Comparable InterFace

```
public class Student implements Comparable<Student> {
    private String name;
    private int age;

// Constructor
public Student(String name, int age) {
    this.name = name;
    this.age = age;
}
```

```
public int compareTo(Student other) {
   // Compare students based on age
   return Integer.compare(this.age, other.age);
 // Example usage in main method
 public static void main(String[] args) {
   List<Student> students = new ArrayList<>();
   students.add(new Student("Alice", 20));
   students.add(new Student("Bob", 18));
   students.add(new Student("Charlie", 22));
// Sorting using Collections.sort() (uses Comparable)
   Collections.sort(students);
   // Printing sorted students
   System.out.println("Sorted Students by Age:");
   for (Student student : students) {
     System.out.println(student);
}
```

Comparator Interface

- → The Comparator interface in Java is located in the java.util package.
- → It defines two methods: compare(T o1, T o2) and equals(Object obj).
- → You typically create an instance of Comparator either as an anonymous class.
- → Comparator is commonly used with sorting methods like Collections.sort() for lists or Arrays.sort() for arrays to define the order in which elements should be sorted.

Example of Comparator Interface

```
import java.util.*;
public class Student {
  private String name;
  private int age;
  public Student(String name, int age) {
    this.name = name;
    this.age = age;
  int getAge() {return this.age;}
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    List<Student> students = new ArrayList<>();
    students.add(new Student("Alice", 20));
    students.add(new Student("Bob", 18));
    students.add(new Student("Charlie", 22));
    Comparator<Student> ageComparator = new Comparator<Student>() {
      @Override
      public int compare(Student s1, Student s2) {
        return Integer.compare(s2.getAge(), s1.getAge()); // Descending order
    };
    // Sorting students list using ageComparator
    Collections.sort(students, ageComparator);
    // Printing sorted students
    System.out.println("Sorted Students by Age (Descending):");
    for (Student student : students) {
      System.out.println(student);
```

Properties Class

- → Properties stores key-value pairs where both keys and values are strings.
- → It supports loading from and saving to files using load() and store() methods.
- → Default values can be set and queried if a property is not found in the current instance.
- → Java system properties (System.getProperties()) are accessible through a Properties object.
- → Example usage involves setting, saving to file, loading, and accessing properties.
- → It provides persistence for application settings like database connections and UI configurations.
- → methods:
 - → setProperty(String key, String value): Sets a key-value pair in the Properties object.
 - → getProperty(String key): Retrieves the value associated with a specified key.
 - → store(OutputStream out, String comments): Saves properties to an output stream, with optional comments.
 - → load(InputStream in): Loads properties from an input stream.
 - → stringPropertyNames(): Returns keys where both the key and value are strings.

```
import java.io.*;
import java.util.*;
public class Student {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    Properties prop = new Properties();
    // Setting properties
    prop.setProperty("database.url", "jdbc:mysgl://localhost:3306/mydb");
    prop.setProperty("database.user", "root");
    prop.setProperty("database.password", "password");
    // Saving properties to a file
    try (OutputStream output = new
FileOutputStream("config.properties")) {
      prop.store(output, "Database Configuration");
      System.out.println("Properties saved successfully.");
    } catch (IOException e) {
      e.printStackTrace();
    // Loading properties from a file
    try (InputStream input = new FileInputStream("config.properties")) {
      prop.load(input);
      System.out.println("Properties loaded successfully.");
      // Display properties
      prop.forEach((key, value) -> {
        System.out.println(key + ": " + value);
      // Accessing individual property
      String dbUrl = prop.getProperty("database.url");
      System.out.println("Database URL: " + dbUrl);
    } catch (IOException e) {
      e.printStackTrace();
  }
```