

DAO - Data Access Object

Definition: An object that provides an abstract interface to some type of database or persistence mechanism

Benefits: Provide some specific data operations without exposing details of the database

DTO - Data Transfer Object

Definition: An object that carries data between processes

Usage: To define the data contract in web service or remote data transfer

Benefits: Eliminate redundant data from the data contract; Aggregate data to transfer in one remote operation

Comparison: Unlike DAO, DTO does not have any behavior (except for getters and setters.) DTOs are simple objects and do not require testing; A value object is not a DTO

Usability level: Simple (does not require complex design or architecture)



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