ArrayLists: Our Collection Class

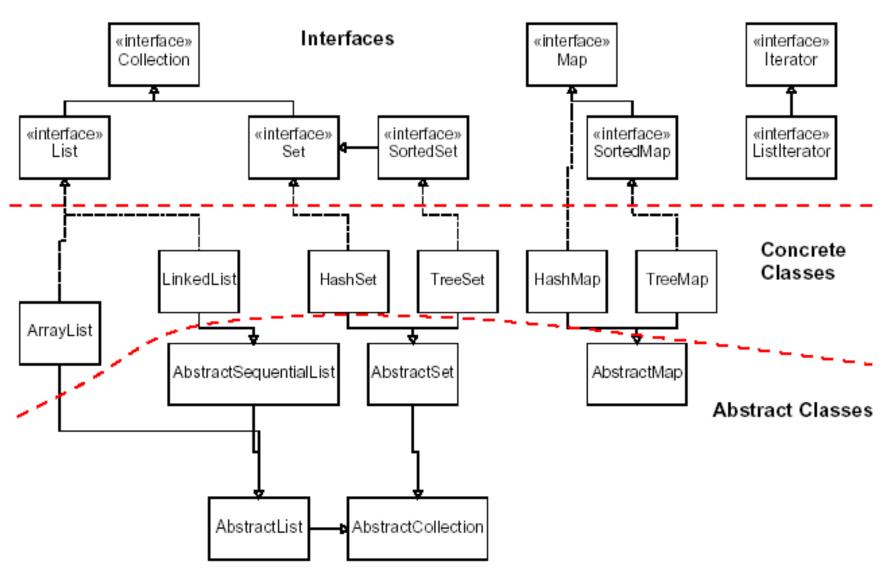
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Collections

- collection: an object that stores data; a.k.a. "data structure"
 - the objects stored are called **elements**
 - some collections maintain an ordering; some allow duplicates
 - typical operations: add, remove, clear, contains (search), size
 - examples found in the Java class libraries:
 - ArrayList, LinkedList, HashMap, TreeSet, PriorityQueue
 - all collections are in the java.util package

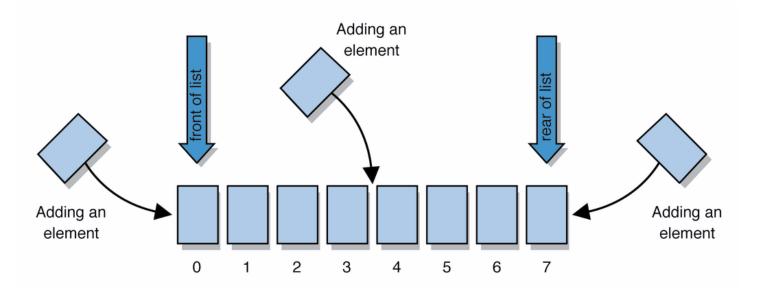
```
import java.util.*;
```

Java collections framework



Lists

- list: a collection storing an ordered sequence of elements
 - each element is accessible by a 0-based index
 - a list has a size (number of elements that have been added)
 - elements can be added to the front, back, or elsewhere
 - in Java, a list can be represented as an ArrayList object



Idea of a list

• Rather than creating an array of boxes, create an object that represents a "list" of items. (initially an empty list.)

- You can add items to the list.
 - The default behavior is to add to the end of the list.

```
[hello, ABC, goodbye, okay]
```

- The list object keeps track of the element values that have been added to it, their order, indexes, and its total size.
 - Think of an "array list" as an automatically resizing array object.
 - Internally, the list is implemented using an array and a size field.

Type Parameters (Generics)

```
ArrayList<Type> name = new ArrayList<Type>();
```

- When constructing an ArrayList, you must specify the type of elements it will contain between < and >.
 - This is called a type parameter or a generic class.
 - Allows the same ArrayList class to store lists of different types.

```
ArrayList<String> names = new ArrayList<String>();
names.add("Marty Stepp");
names.add("Stuart Reges");
```

ArrayList methods (10.1)

add (value)	appends value at end of list	
add(index, value)	inserts given value just before the given index, shifting subsequent values to the right	
clear()	removes all elements of the list	
indexOf(value)	returns first index where given value is found in list (-1 if not found)	
get (index)	returns the value at given index	
remove(index)	removes/returns value at given index, shifting subsequent values to the left	
set(index, value)	replaces value at given index with given value	
size()	returns the number of elements in list	
toString()	returns a string representation of the list such as "[3, 42, -7, 15]"	

ArrayList methods 2

addAll(list) addAll(index, list)	adds all elements from the given list to this list (at the end of the list, or inserts them at the given index)	
contains (value)	returns true if given value is found somewhere in this list	
containsAll(list)	returns true if this list contains every element from given list	
equals(list)	returns true if given other list contains the same elements	
<pre>iterator() listIterator()</pre>	returns an object used to examine the contents of the list (seen later)	
lastIndexOf (value)	returns last index value is found in list (-1 if not found)	
remove(value)	finds and removes the given value from this list	
removeAll(list)	removes any elements found in the given list from this list	
retainAll(list)	removes any elements <i>not</i> found in given list from this list	
subList(from, to)	returns the sub-portion of the list between indexes from (inclusive) and to (exclusive)	
toArray()	returns the elements in this list as an array	

Learning about classes

• The <u>Java API Specification</u> is a huge web page containing documentation about every Java class and its methods.

The link to the "Java 6 API" Specs is at the top of our AP CS

page.



ArrayList vs. array

construction

```
String[] names = new String[5];
ArrayList<String> list = new ArrayList<String>();
```

storing a value

```
names[0] = "Jessica";
list.add("Jessica");
```

retrieving a value

```
String s = names[0];
String s = list.get(0);
```

ArrayList vs. array 2

doing something to each value that starts with "B"

```
for (int i = 0; i < names.length; i++) {
    if (names[i].startsWith("B")) { ... }
}

for (int i = 0; i < list.size(); i++) {
    if (list.get(i).startsWith("B")) { ... }
}</pre>
```

• seeing whether the value "Benson" is found

```
for (int i = 0; i < names.length; i++) {
    if (names[i].equals("Benson")) { ... }
}
if (list.contains("Benson")) { ... }</pre>
```

ArrayList of primitives?

• The type you specify when creating an ArrayList must be an object type; it cannot be a primitive type.

```
// illegal -- int cannot be a type parameter
ArrayList<int> list = new ArrayList<int>();
```

• But we can still use ArrayList with primitive types by using special classes called *wrapper* classes in their place.

```
// creates a list of ints
ArrayList<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();
```

Wrapper classes

Primitive Type	Wrapper Type
int	Integer
double	Double
char	Character
boolean	Boolean



- A wrapper is an object whose sole purpose is to hold a primitive value.
- Once you construct the list, use it with primitives as normal:

```
ArrayList<Double> grades = new ArrayList<Double>();
grades.add(3.2);
grades.add(2.7);
...
double myGrade = grades.get(0);
```

ArrayList "mystery"

```
ArrayList<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();
for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++) {
    list.add(10 * i); // [10, 20, 30, 40, ..., 100]
}</pre>
```

What is the output of the following code?

```
for (int i = 0; i < list.size(); i++) {
    list.remove(i);
}
System.out.println(list);</pre>
```

Answer:

```
[20, 40, 60, 80, 100]
```

ArrayList "mystery" 2

```
ArrayList<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {
    list.add(2 * i); // [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
}</pre>
```

What is the output of the following code?

```
int size = list.size();
for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) {
    list.add(i, 42); // add 42 at index i
}
System.out.println(list);</pre>
```

Answer:

```
[42, 42, 42, 42, 42, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
```

ArrayList as parameter

```
public static void name(ArrayList<Type> name) {
```

• Example:

```
// Removes all plural words from the given list.
public static void removePlural(ArrayList<String> list) {
    for (int i = 0; i < list.size(); i++) {
        String str = list.get(i);
        if (str.endsWith("s")) {
            list.remove(i);
            i--;
        }
    }
}</pre>
```

You can also return a list:

```
public static ArrayList<Type> methodName(params) 16
```

Out-of-bounds

- Legal indexes are between 0 and the list's size() 1.
 - Reading or writing any index outside this range will cause an IndexOutOfBoundsException.

```
ArrayList<String> names = new ArrayList<String>();
names.add("Marty"); names.add("Kevin");
names.add("Vicki"); names.add("Larry");
System.out.println(names.get(0)); // okay
System.out.println(names.get(3)); // okay
System.out.println(names.get(-1)); // exception
names.add(9, "Aimee"); // exception

index 0 1 2 3

value Marty Kevin Vicki Larry
```

Objects storing collections

An object can have an array, list, or other collection as a field.

```
public class Course {
    private double[] grades;
    private ArrayList<String> studentNames;

    public Course() {
        grades = new double[4];
        studentNames = new ArrayList<String>();
        ...
}
```

Now each object stores a collection of data inside it.

Exercise

- Write a program that reads a file and displays the words of that file as a list.
 - First display all words.
 - Then display them with all plurals (ending in "s") capitalized.
 - Then display them in reverse order.
 - Then display them with all plural words removed.
- Should we solve this problem using an array?
 - Why or why not?

Naive solution

```
String[] allWords = new String[1000];
int wordCount = 0;

Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("data.txt"));
while (input.hasNext()) {
    String word = input.next();
    allWords[wordCount] = word;
    wordCount++;
}
```

- Problem: You don't know how many words the file will have.
 - Hard to create an array of the appropriate size.
 - Later parts of the problem are more difficult to solve.
- Luckily, there are other ways to store data besides in an array.

Exercise, revisited

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Exercise solution (partial)

```
ArrayList<String> allWords = new ArrayList<String>();
Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("words.txt"));
while (input.hasNext()) {
    String word = input.next();
    allWords.add(word);
System.out.println(allWords);
// remove all plural words
for (int i = 0; i < allWords.size(); i++) {
    String word = allWords.get(i);
    if (word.endsWith("s")) {
        allWords.remove(i);
        i--;
```

Exercise

- Write a program that reads a file full of numbers and displays all the numbers as a list, then:
 - Prints the average of the numbers.
 - Prints the highest and lowest number.
 - Filters out all of the even numbers (ones divisible by 2).

Exercise solution (partial)

```
ArrayList<Integer> numbers = new ArrayList<Integer>();
Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("numbers.txt"));
while (input.hasNextInt()) {
    int n = input.nextInt();
    numbers.add(n);
System.out.println(numbers);
filterEvens(numbers);
System.out.println(numbers);
// Removes all elements with even values from the given list.
public static void filterEvens(ArrayList<Integer> list) {
    for (int i = list.size() - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
        int n = list.qet(i);
        if (n % 2 == 0) {
            list.remove(i);
```

Other Exercises

- Write a method reverse that reverses the order of the elements in an ArrayList of strings.
- Write a method capitalizePlurals that accepts an ArrayList of strings and replaces every word ending with an "s" with its uppercased version.
- Write a method removePlurals that accepts an ArrayList of strings and removes every word in the list ending with an "s", case-insensitively.

Exercise

- Write a method addStars that accepts an array list of strings as a parameter and places a * after each element.
 - Example: if an array list named list initially stores:

```
[the, quick, brown, fox]
```

- Then the call of addStars(list); makes it store:

```
[the, *, quick, *, brown, *, fox, *]
```

• Write a method removeStars that accepts an array list of strings, assuming that every other element is a *, and removes the stars (undoing what was done by addStars above).

Exercise solution

```
public static void addStars(ArrayList<String> list) {
    for (int i = 0; i < list.size(); i += 2) {
        list.add(i, "*");
    }
}

public static void removeStars(ArrayList<String> list) {
    for (int i = 0; i < list.size(); i++) {
        list.remove(i);
    }
}</pre>
```

Exercise

- Write a method intersect that accepts two sorted array lists of integers as parameters and returns a new list that contains only the elements that are found in both lists.
 - Example: if lists named list1 and list2 initially store:

```
[1, 4, 8, 9, 11, 15, 17, 28, 41, 59]
[4, 7, 11, 17, 19, 20, 23, 28, 37, 59, 81]
```

- Then the call of intersect(list1, list2) returns the list: [4, 11, 17, 28, 59]

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