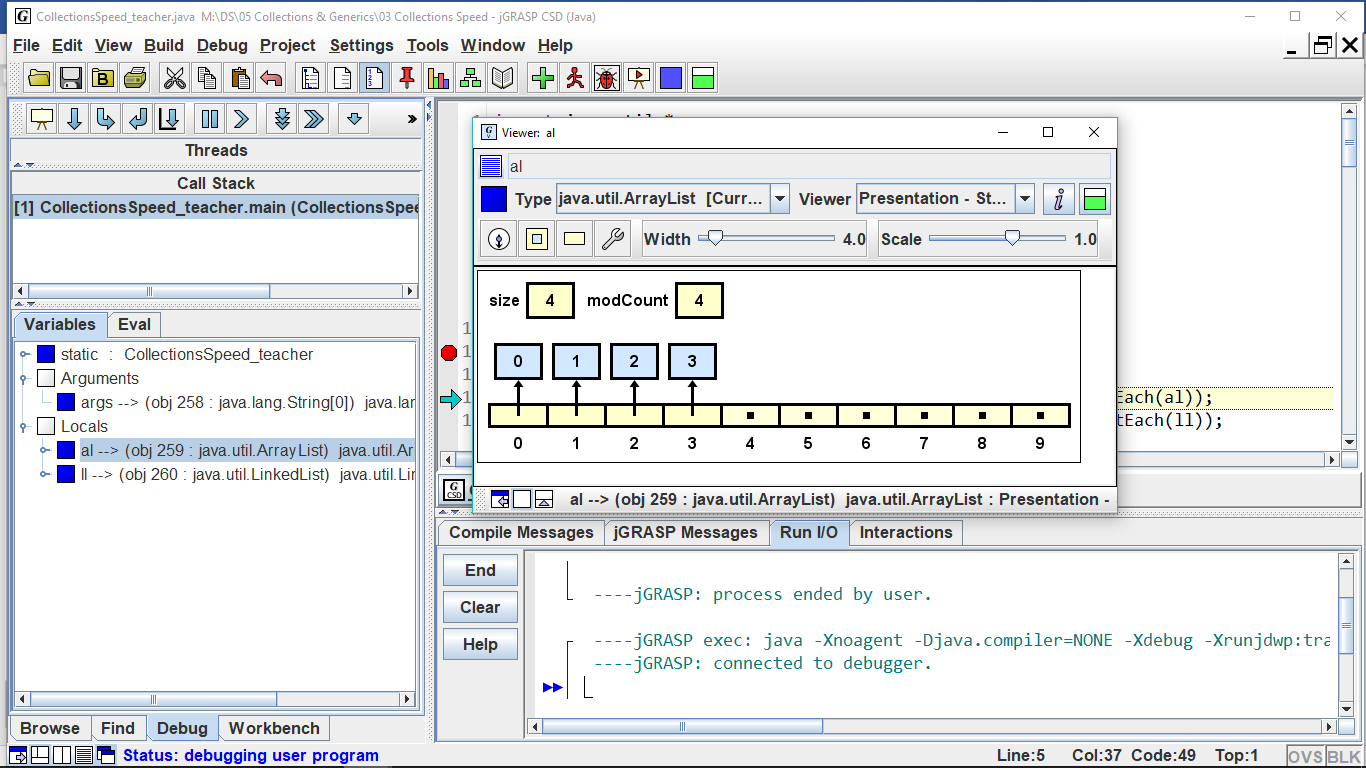
Big-O Values for LinkedList and ArrayList

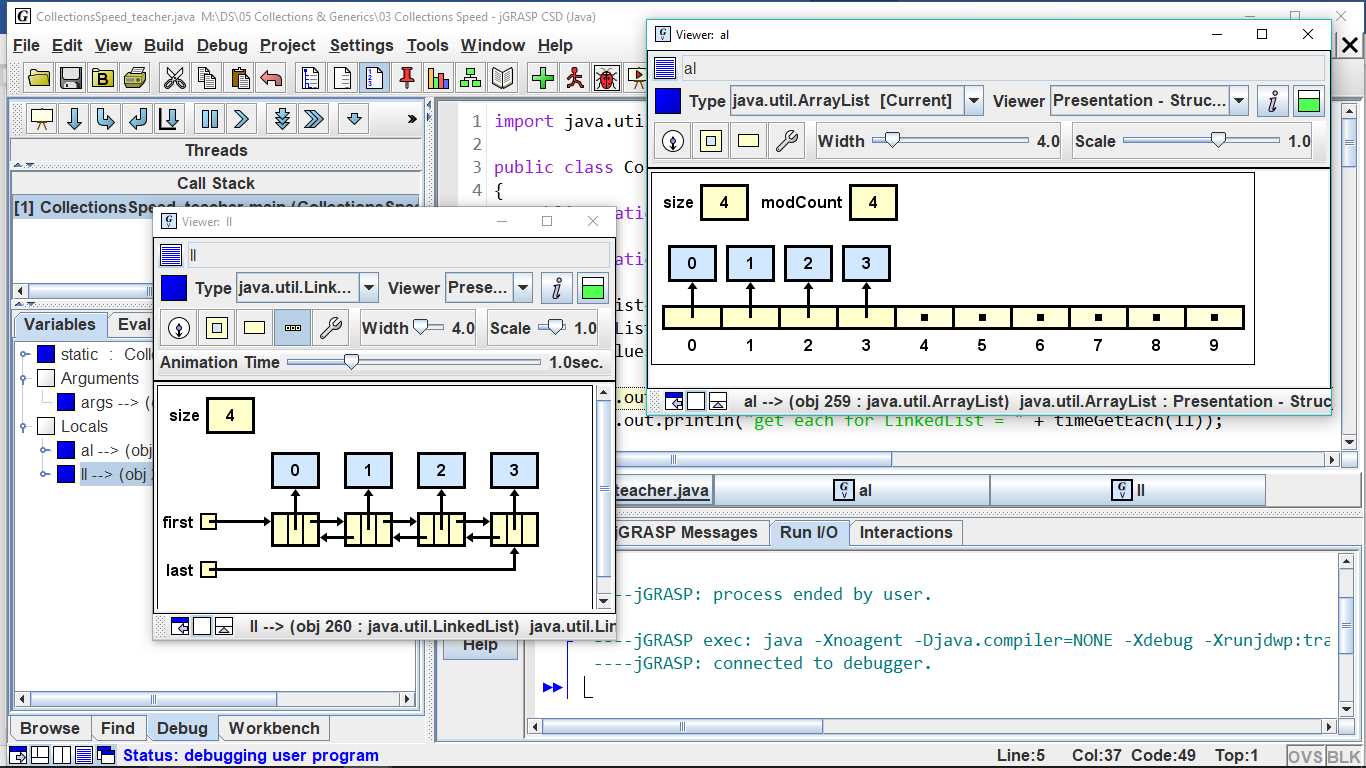
Preparation for CollectionsSpeed

As you have seen with TJArrayList, the java.util.ArrayList<E> maintains a backing "raw" array.



anArrayList

Similar to DLL, java.util.LinkedList<E> maintains a backing doubly linked list of list nodes with a pointer to the last node.



aLinkedList

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|  | **LinkedList** | **ArrayList** |
| size() | **O(1)** | **O(1)** |
| add(o) | **O(1)** | **O(1)**  **amortized** |
| add(i, o) | **O(n)** | **O(n)** |
| get(i) | **O(n)** | **O(1)** |
| set(i, o ) | **O(n)** | **O(1)** |
| remove(i) | **O(n)** | **O(n)** |
| addFirst(o) | **O(1)** |  |
| addLast(o) | **O(1)** |  |
| getFirst() | **O(1)** |  |
| getLast() | **O(1)** |  |
| removeFirst | **O(1)** |  |
| removeLast() | **O(1)** |  |

Because of their differing structure, the two implementations of List<E> have different Big-O performances. As you fill in the Big-O table, think about when you need to access each element, and when you can jump directly to the element.

Some of these methods are *index-based* and others are *object-based.*

Predict the Big-O values and explain why:

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|  |  | if list is an ArrayList | If list is a LinkedList |
| 1. | for(int i=0; i<list.size(); i++)  total += list.get(i); | **O(n)** | **O(n^2)** |
| 2. | while( iter.hasNext() )  if(iter.next().equals("Bob"))  iter.remove(); | **O(n^2)** | **O(n)** |

Let's think about the Big-O for *ordered* (or sorted) ArrayLists and LinkedLists. "Ordered" means that every time you insert or delete, you must maintain the sorted order of the list.

Predict the Big-O values and explain why:

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|  |  | if list is an ArrayList | If list is a LinkedList |
| 3. | Searching the list | **O(log n)** | **O(n)** |
| 4. | Inserting an item into the list | **O(n)** | **O(1)** |
| 5. | Deleting an item | **O(n)** | **O(n)** |
| 6. | Insert an item that forces a resize | **O(n)** | **O(n)** |

When do you choose to use an ArrayList and when to use a LinkedList? Sometimes Big-O efficiencies make the difference.

1. If quick access to the data is important, use a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_ArrayList\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. If quick insertion and deletion is important, use a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_LinkedList\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. If the amount of data is relatively unchanging, use a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ArrayList\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. If the amount of data changes rapidly and widely, use a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_Linked List\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. If data is to be inserted at the front, use a(n) \_\_LinkedList\_\_because the Big-O is \_\_O(1)\_\_\_
6. If data is to be inserted at the mid-point, use \_\_\_\_ArrayList\_\_\_\_because the Big-O is \_\_O(1)\_\_
7. If data is to be inserted at the end, use \_\_LinkedList\_\_ because the Big-O is \_\_\_O(1)\_\_\_
8. If you are accessing the data by its index, then a(n) \_\_\_\_ArrayList\_\_ gives you an access time of O(1).
9. If you are accessing the data by its index, then a(n) \_\_\_LinkedList\_\_\_ gives you an access time of O(n).