# COMP 250 Assignment 1 overview

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### Goals

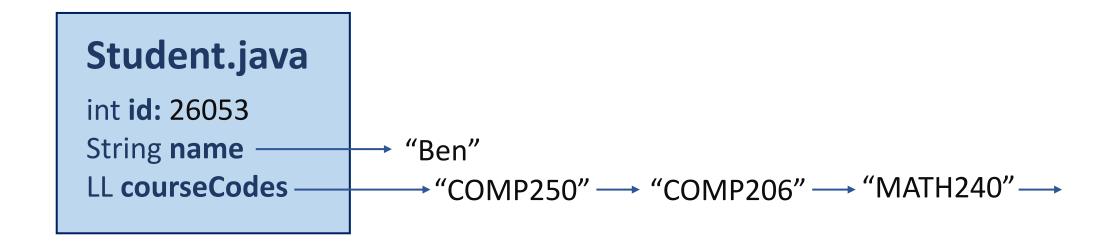
- Get you to work with arrays and Linked Lists
- Get you comfortable with Java / OOP
- Find a solution to a real life problem
- (Introduce you to hash maps)

#### Course.java

String code
int capacity
LL studentTable
int size
LL waitlist

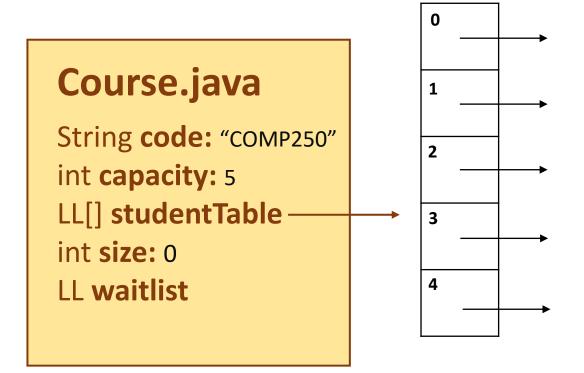
#### Student.java

int id
String name
LL courseCodes

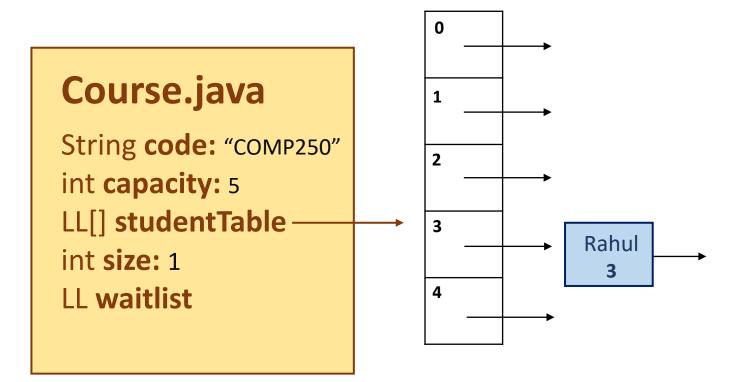


**Note:** The official course registration information will be stored in the **Course** class.

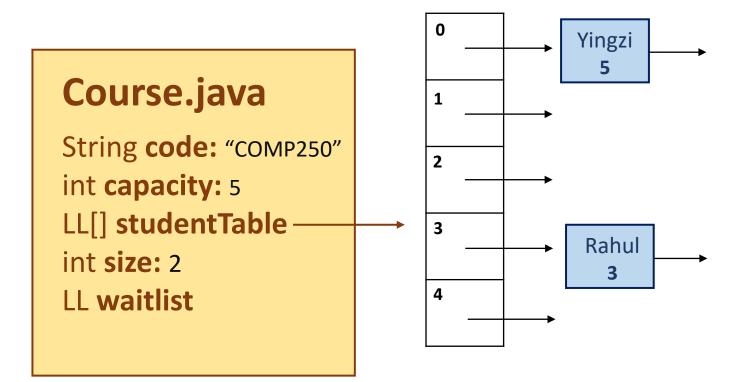
# Example



Rahul 3



Yingzi 5



Mike 7



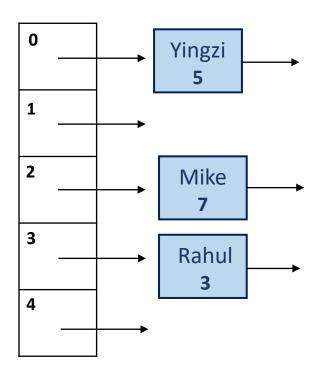
String code: "COMP250"

int capacity: 5

LL[] studentTable -

int size: 3

**LL waitlist** 





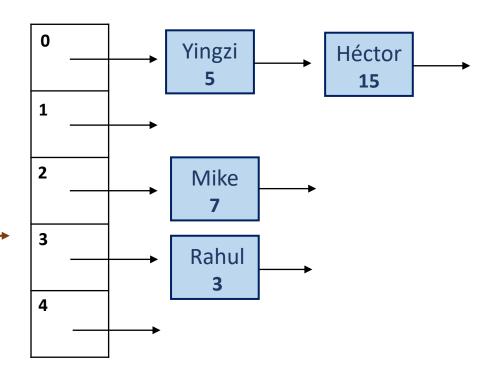
String code: "COMP250"

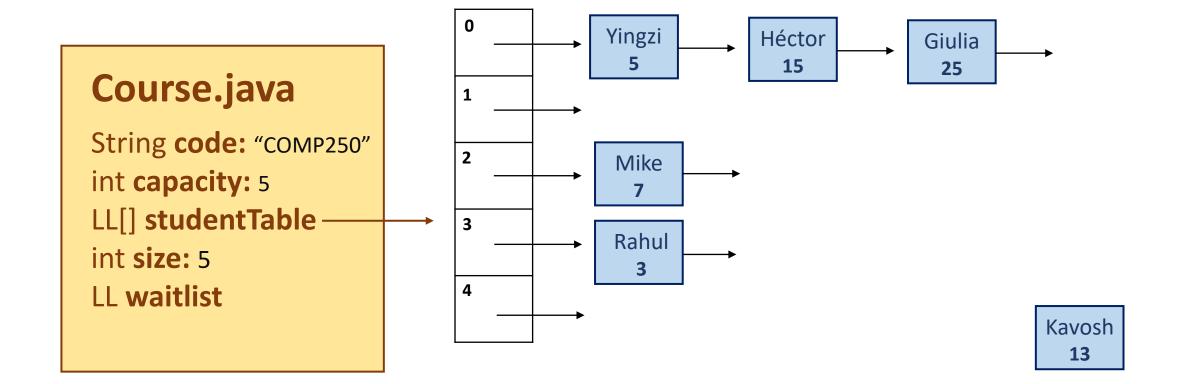
int capacity: 5

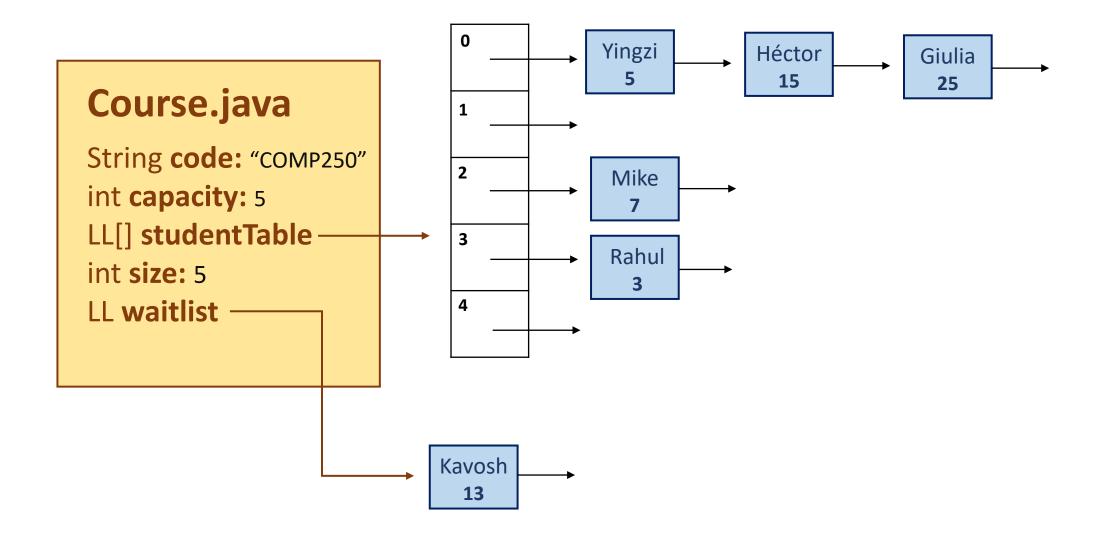
LL[] studentTable -

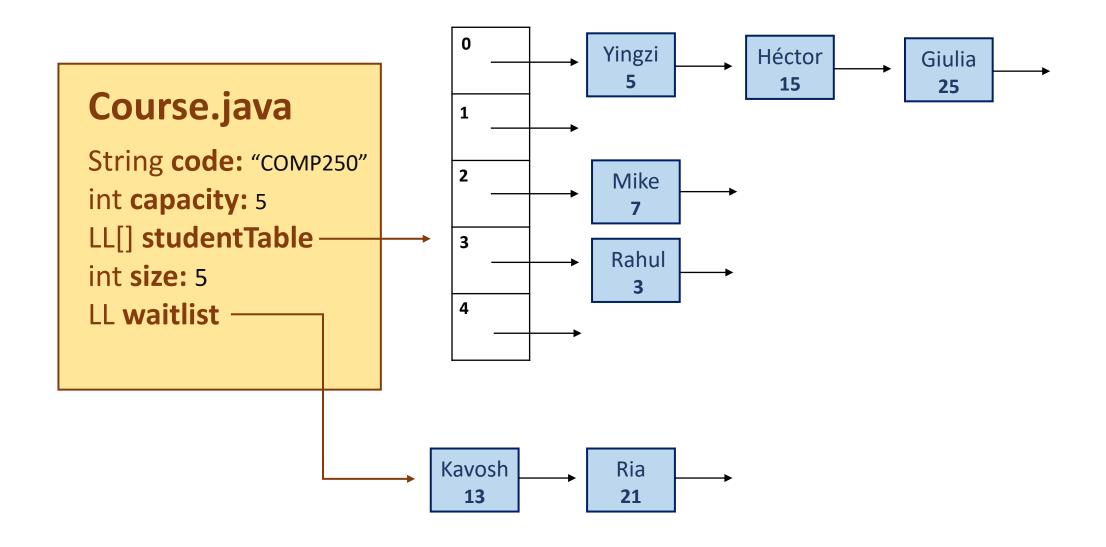
int size: 4

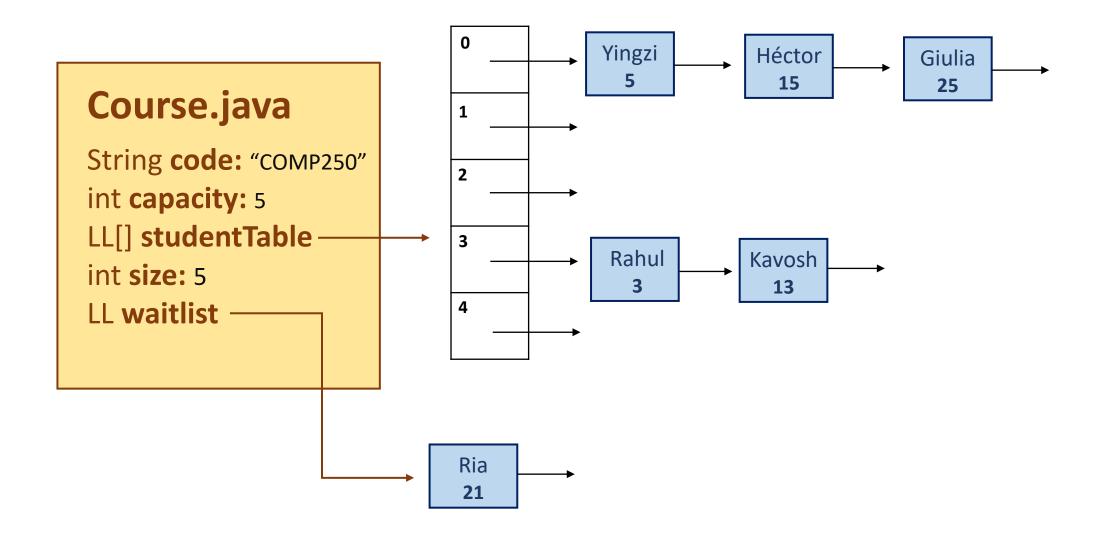
LL waitlist

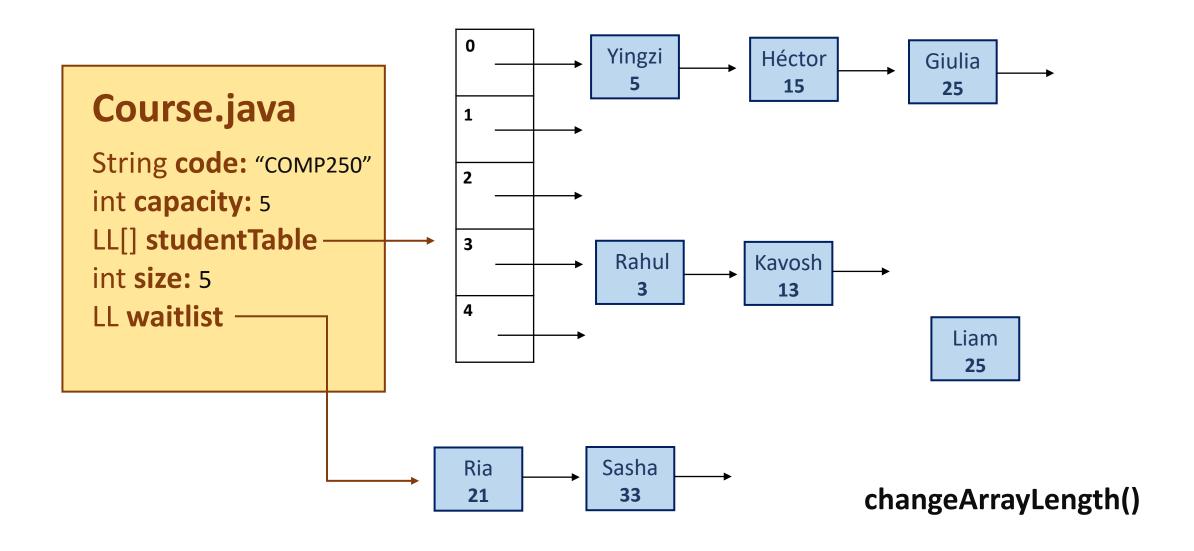






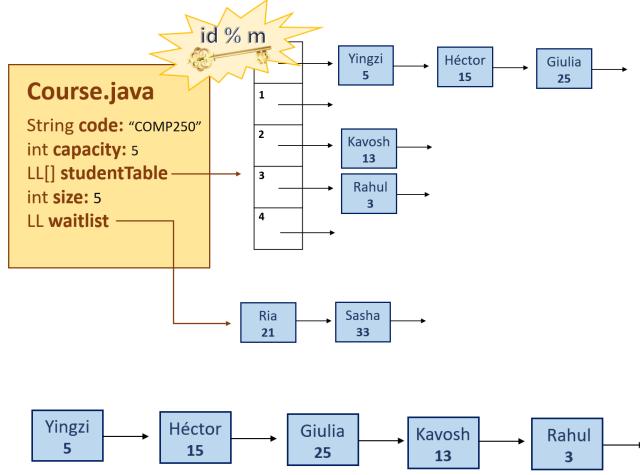






# Why this data structure?

Which approach is faster at retrieving a Student based on its ID?



You'll learn more about Hash Tables later on...

#### toString()

```
Course comp250 = new Course("COMP250", 3);
System.out.println(comp250);
```

```
Course: COMP250
```

### Last pieces of advice...

- Make sure to understand how SLinkedList works before using it.
- Remember to update the Student's courseCodes as you add or remove a student from a course.
- Don't forget to initialize the studentTable's slot with a linked list when you're adding a student there for the first time.
- When resizing the array, don't forget to properly update this.studentTable.
- Print statements are your best friends (but the debugger is also really useful)
- Test your code extensively and use student tests
- Make sure to set up JUnit in your IDE before running the test classes (you don't have to do any changes to those files)
- Start early on and come to OH!

# Grading

- Exposed tests and private tests
- Why private tests?
  - That's how debugging works in real life, you don't know which method might have an error

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Only half of programming is coding. The other 90% is debugging. - ProgrammerHumor

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### **Good luck! Any questions?**

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