

# Iterators in Java :

## Enumeration :

- > Interface used to get elements of legacy collections ( Vector, Hashtable ).
- > also used to specify the input streams to a SequenceInputStream.
- > calling syntax, Enumeration e = v.elements();
- > There are two methods in Enumeration interface only —
  - public boolean hasMoreElements  
// Test if this enumeration contains more elements
  - public Object nextElement(); // returns next element  
// throws NoSuchElementException

## Example:

```
public class Abhi
{
    public static void main (String args[])
    {
        Vector v = new Vector();
        for (int i=0; i<10; i++)
            v.addElement(i);
        Enumeration e = v.elements();
        while (e.hasMoreElements())
        {
            int i = (Integer) e.nextElement();
            Sop(i + " ");
        }
    }
}
```

## Limitations of Enumeration:

- > Its for legacy classes (Vector, Hashtable) only. Hence it is not a universal iterator.
- > Remove operations can't be performed using Enumeration.
- > Only forward direction iterating is possible.

## (1) Iterator

- > It is a universal iterator as we can apply it to any collection object.
- > can perform both read and ~~write~~ remove operations.
- > Iterator is the only cursor available for entire collection framework.
- > calling syntax, `Iterator i = c.iterator();`
- > Iterator interface defines three methods:
  - `public boolean hasNext();`  
// returns true if the iteration has more elements
  - `public Object next();` // return next element in iteration  
> throws `NoSuchElementException`
  - `public void remove();`  
// Remove the next element in the iteration.  
→ ~~Unsupp~~  
// can be called only once per call to next()



remove()

↳ UnsupportedOperationExceptions:

> If remove operation is not supported by this iterator.

→ IllegalStateException:

- If the next method has not yet been called, or the remove method has been called after the last call to the next method.

Example -

```
public class Abhi
{
    public static void main (String args[])
    {
        ArrayList al = new ArrayList();
        for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
            al.add(i);
        Sop(al);
        Iterator itr = al.iterator();
        while (itr.hasNext())
        {
            int i = (Integer) itr.next();
            Sop(i + " ");
            if (i % 2 != 0)
                itr.remove();
        }
        Sop();
        Sop(i + " ");
    }
}
```

## Limitations of Iterator -

- > Only forward direction iteration is possible
- > Replacement & addition of new element is not supported by iterator.

## ListIterator :

- > It is only applicable for ListCollection implemented classes like arraylist, linkedlist etc.
- > It provides bi-directional iteration.
- > calling syntax, ListIterator ltr = l.listIterator();
- > ListIterator interface extends iterator interface.

## Methods -

- > public boolean hasNext();
- > public Object next();
- > public int nextIndex();  
// returns the next element index  
// or list size if the list iterator is at the end of the list.
- > public boolean hasPrevious();
- > public Object previous();
- > public int previousIndex();  
// -1 if list iterator is at beginning of list.



- > public void remove
- > public void set (Object obj)  
// Replaces the last element returned by next() or previous() with specified element.
- > public void add (Object obj)  
// Inserts the specified element into the list at position before the element that would be returned by next.

> set() method can throw 4 Exceptions:

- add() {
- UnsupportedOperationException
  - NoSuchElementException
  - IllegalArgumentException
  - IllegalStateException.
- }

Limitation :

It is the most powerful iterator but it is only applicable for List implemented classes, so it is not a universal operator.

## Implementation :

```
public class ListIteratorExample
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        ArrayList al = new ArrayList();
        for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
            al.add(i);
        Sop(al);
        ListIterator ltr = al.listIterator();
        while (ltr.hasNext())
        {
            int i = (Integer) ltr.next();
            Sop(i + " ");
            if (i % 2 == 0)
            {
                i++;
                ltr.set(i);
                ltr.add(i);
            }
            Sop(i);
            Sop(al);
        }
    }
}
```