

ArrayList

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ArrayList Vocabulary

- < >
- Type
- Index
- Indices
- .size()
- .add(item)
- .add(index, item)
- .set(index, item)
- .remove(index)
- .get(index)

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ArrayList Info

- Part of the Java Collections Framework
- Only holds Objects
 - No primitives!!!!
 - Wrapper classes
- Resizable!!
- Needs a <Type>
 - Can only hold one Type

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Constructor

- ▶ No parameter!
- ▶ <Type> goes after the word ArrayList in code
- ▶ Creates an empty list that holds the <Type> only
- ▶ Cannot create a list with a certain number of spots!!!!

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How Big?

- ▶ The `listName.size()` method tells how many items are in the list.
- ▶ This is an ordinal (counting) number aka 0,1,2,3
- ▶ The last index is always `listName.size() - 1`

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Add to the list

`.add(item)`

- ▶ Adds the supplied item to the end of the list
- ▶ This means it will be placed at index of `listName.size()`

`.add(index, item)`

- ▶ Adds the specified item to the index
- ▶ All items previously at the index and above are incremented by one
- ▶ Index must be greater than or equal to zero **AND** less than or equal to `listName.size()`

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Retrieve from the list

- ▶ The method used to access individual items is `listName.get(index)`
 - ▶ Retrieves the item stored at the specified index
 - ▶ Does NOT affect the structure of the list
 - ▶ Index must be between zero and less than the size of the list
 - ▶ Quite possibly the most used method

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Replace Items

- ▶ The method to replace items is `listName.set(index, item)`
 - ▶ It returns the item stored at the location and places the parameter item at the specified index!
 - ▶ This cannot be used to add to the list!!!!
 - ▶ Maximum value for index parameter is `size() - 1`

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Remove Items

- ▶ The `listName.remove(index)` method removes the item at the specified index
 - ▶ This makes the list smaller 😬
 - ▶ All indices above the index are decremented by one
 - ▶ The item that was previously at the index is returned
 - ▶ You do not have to use it but it is often helpful

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Quick Search

- The `listName.contains(object)` method iterates the list and returns whether or not the supplied parameter is in the list
- This means `parameter.equals(currentObject)` evaluates as true

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Nuke the list

- You can remove everything from the list by calling the `listName.clear()` method
- This is really helpful when reusing a variable!!

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New For Java 21!!

- `getFirst()`
- `getLast()`
- `addFirst()`
- `addLast()`

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