Java Container Classes

A motivating example

- Android and iOS use an event driven model for programming apps
- Apps register for a service by sending an object of type T to the provider of a service (this is one of three ways I know of for apps to get services)
 - T is usually an interface or abstract class
- Service responds at some later time by calling some method m(. . .) on the sent object and passing information through that method
 - Because the registered object is of type T the service knows it implements an m with the right signature

A GPS service - app side

```
class appGPSHandler
  implements GPSUser {
  void moveAlert(...) {...}
class myApp {
 GPSUser handler = ...
    new appGPSHandler()
 GPS.registerAlarm(handler);
```

- Phones have GPS devices
- Some Apps would like to be notified by the GPS if the phone moves more than X feet
 - Can set off an alarm
 - Useful to see if people are stealing your phone
 - Useful if you are on an anchored boat
 - Registration at a high level looks like code to the left

A GPS service -- Android side

```
class GPS {
  static List<GPSUser> l = new ...
  static void register(GPSUser u) {
    l.insert(u);
  static void moved() {
    for each element e in l {
      if movement is enough {
        e.moveAlert(...);
```

- When a GPS request for service is registered it is put into a list l that can hold GPSUser objects
- When the service is to be provided, the element e is pulled out of the list l and the app method moveAlert(...) is called on the element

```
class GPS
class appGPSHandler . . . {
  void moveAlert(...) {...};
                                           static void register . . .
                                           static void moved . . .
class myApp {
                                                   List l
  GPS.register(handler);
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Abstract classes/interfaces and containers work together

- Interfaces/abstract classes force a derived class to implement functionality
 - This in turn lets users of the object know that the functionality exists in the object
 - It also allows different implementations of that functionality (e.g., list as linked list or array of elements)
- Containers supply efficient support for holding and accessing lots of objects
- Polymorphism allows
 - objects of many types to be held in a container with some base type (either an interface, base abstract class or nonabstract base class)
 - Implementations of methods in the final class to be called

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In our example

- The moveAlert class can do different things based on the app.
- If a mapping app, move a marker on a map every 100 feet
- If a boat anchoring app, sound an alert
- If a tracking app, add an entry to the track log
- All of these can be done from objects in the container as long as the actual derived class contains the proper implementation
- The call to moveAlert() doesn't care which, only that the signature is correct

Why Container Classes?

- Many programs use arrays, vectors, lists, queues, stacks, sets to store information.
- Both C++ and Java provide container classes that automatically manage memory, i.e. they allocate additional memory when more elements are added.
- The supported container classes greatly reduce the amount of code and programming needed and improve productivity.
- Container classes and OOP are closely related:
 - Containers hold objects of different derived classes
 - Polymorphism properly invokes the correct methods

Container Class (For Code Reuse)

- A container needs to be able to hold items of different types (i.e. classes). Examples
 - list of strings, integers, floating points, student objects
 - queues of undergraduates, graduate students, staff and faculty
 - maps: name → address, student ID → name, course title → classroom
- C++ standard template library (STL) and Java container classes provide such functionality.

Selecting a container class

- random or sequential accesses?
- allow unique or duplicate items?
- O(1) or O(N) for array-like access (using [index])
- efficient insert / delete?
 - front
 - end
 - middle
- Java containers cannot store primitive types (int, char, float ...), they can store objects only. Primitive types, however, have corresponding object types (e.g. Integer, Boolean) that can be held in containers.
- C++ containers can store primitives.

Efficiency

operation	vector	deque	list
array-like access	O(1)	O(1)	O(N)
insert/delete at front	O(N)	O(1)+	O(1)
insert/delete at end	O(1)+	O(1)+	O(1)
insert/delete in middle	O(N)	O(N)	O(1)

N: current number of items

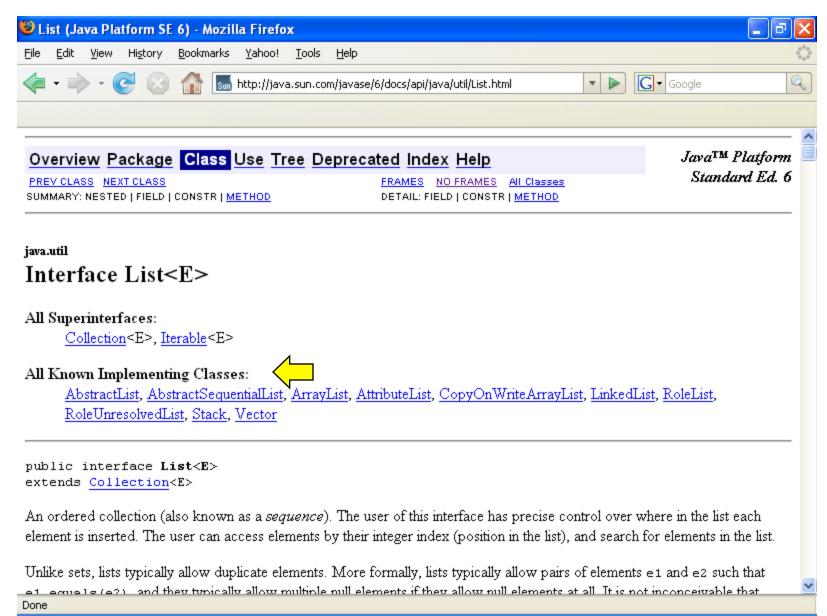
Two suggestions when using containers

- If code you are writing can ever exist in a multithreaded environment
 - Make sure the container is thread safe or add your own synchronization
 - Make sure actions on objects stored in the container are thread safe
- If you have the choice of using a Java or C++ container or writing your own, use the supplied one
 - Even if yours and their's are both O(N), their constant will almost certainly be smaller than yours
 - If thread safe, smart people will have spent lots of time tuning this to avoid unnecessary synchronization

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Java Containers

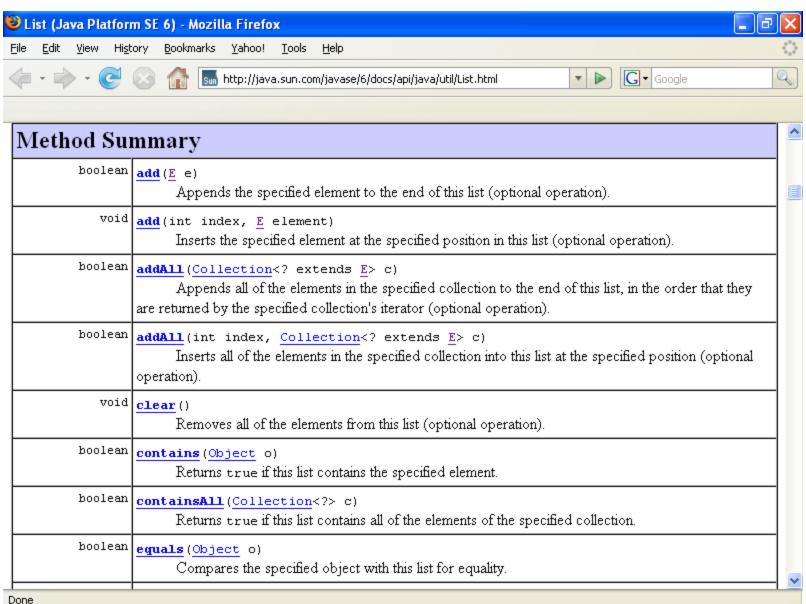
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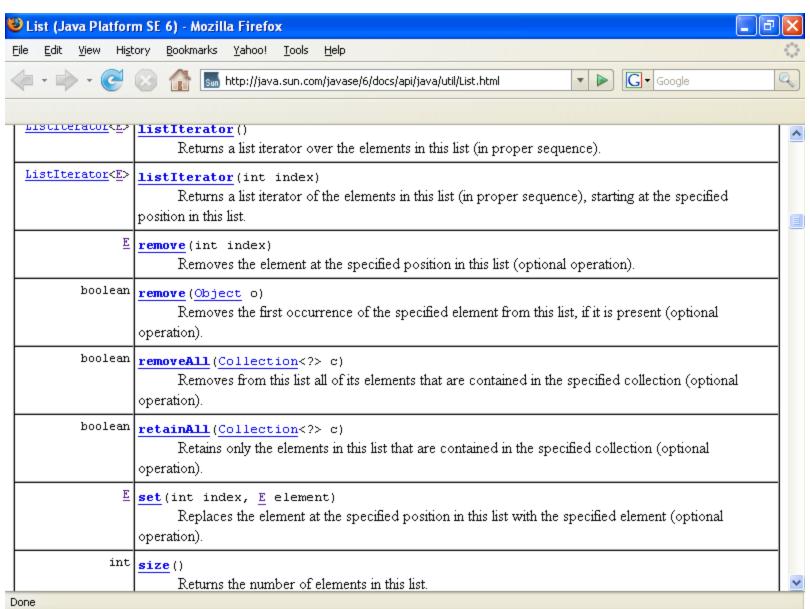
Interface and Class

- A Java interface serves as an abstract class and cannot be instantiated.
- An interface can be implemented by classes.
- Typically, an interface is a common base for several related classes, for example, interface *List* as the base of

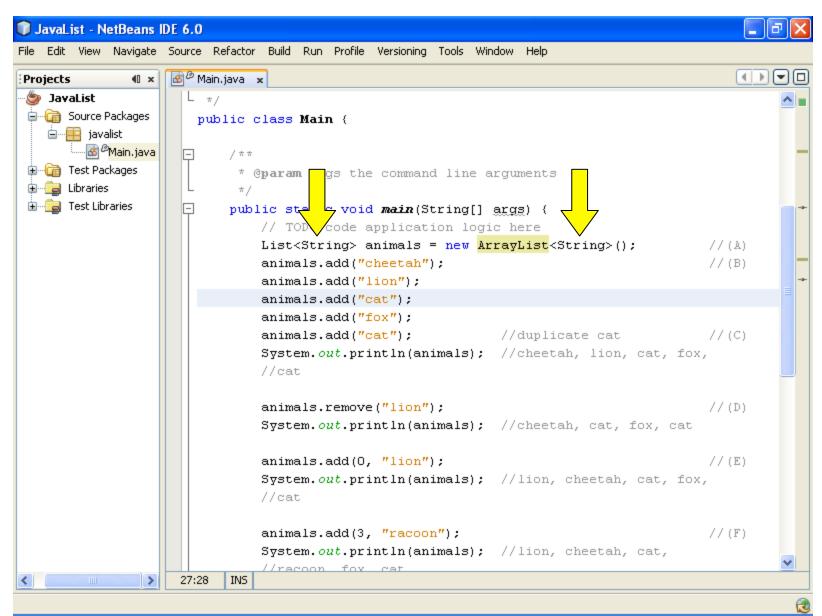
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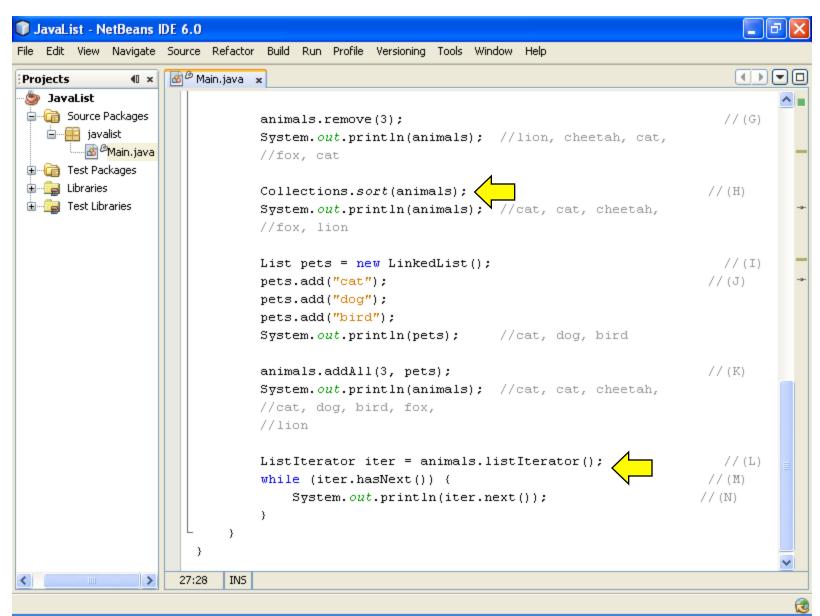
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What is an array list?

- Is it an an Array or is it a list?
- From http://docs.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/java/util/
 ArrayList.html
 - Resizable-array implementation of the List interface. Implements all optional list operations, and permits all elements, including null.
 - In addition to implementing the List interface, this class provides methods to manipulate the size of the array that is used internally to store the list.
 - (This class is roughly equivalent to Vector, except that it is unsynchronized.)

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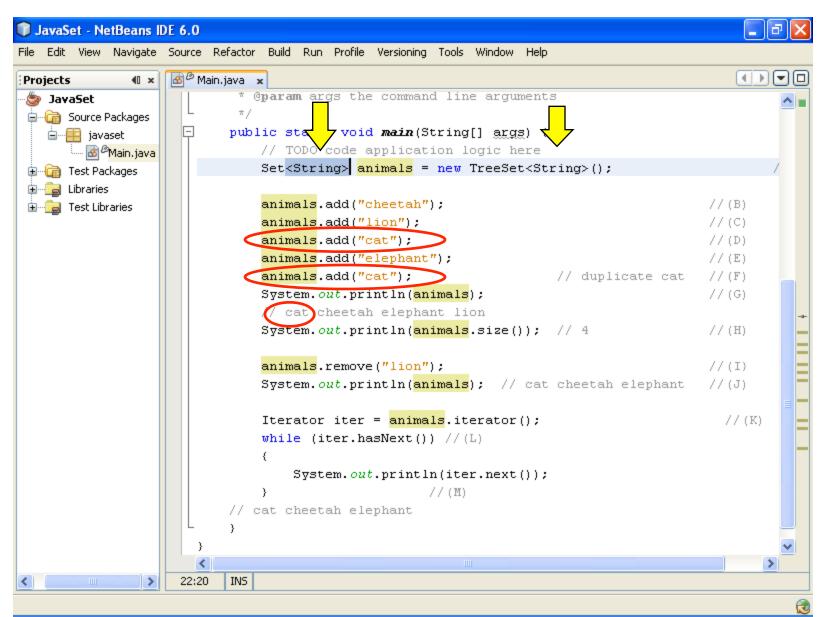


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Iterators

- Iterators are easy ways to traverse a collection of objects
- To be safe, unless allowed or specified by the documentation:
 - Don't assume an order for how objects are visited
 - Don't change what is being iterated on be especially careful of adds and deletes
 - Don't assume iterators are thread safe
 - CopyOnWriteArrayList is
 - Vector iterator is not

Java Set



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java.util

Class TreeSet<E>

java.lang.Object java.util.AbstractCollection<E> java.util.AbstractSet<E> java.util.TreeSet<E>

Type Parameters:

E - the type of elements maintained by this set

All Implemented Interfaces:

Serializable, Cloneable, Iterable<E>, Collection<E>, NavigableSet<E>, Set<E>, SortedSet<E>

```
public class TreeSet<E>
extends AbstractSet<E>
implements NavigableSet<E>, Cloneable, Serializable
```

A NavigableSet implementation based on a TreeMap. The elements are ordered using their natural ordering, or by a Comparator provided at set creation time, depending on which constructor is used.

This implementation provides guaranteed log(n) time cost for the basic operations (add, remove and contains).

Note that the ordering maintained by a set (whether or not an explicit comparator is provided) must be consistent with equals if it is to correctly implement the set interface. (See Comparable or Comparator for a precise definition of consistent with equals.) This is so because the set interface is defined in terms of the equals operation, but a TreeSet instance performs all element comparisons using its compareTo (or compare) method, so two elements that are deemed equal by this method are, from the standpoint of the set, equal. The behavior of a set is well-defined even if its ordering is inconsistent with equals; it just fails to obey the general contract of the Set interface.

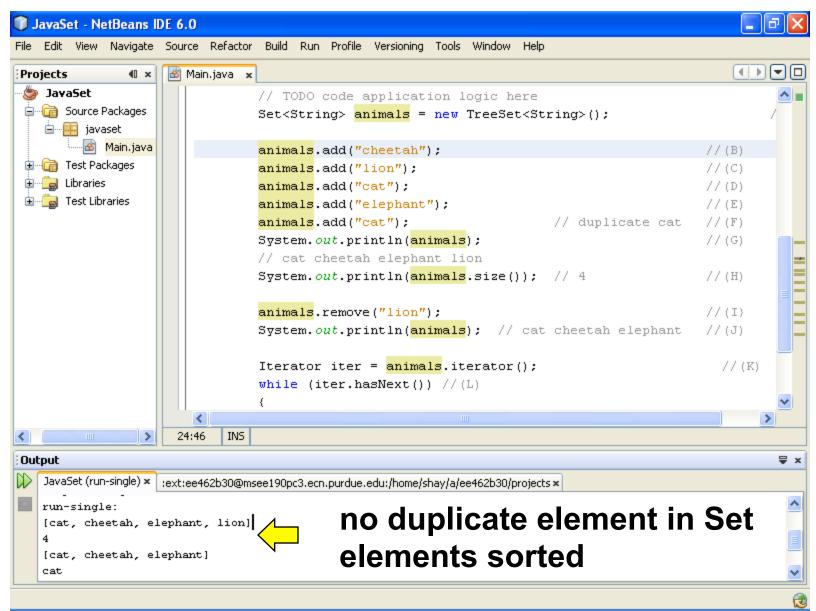
Note that this implementation is not synchronized. If multiple threads access a tree set concurrently, and at least one of the threads modifies the set, it *must* be synchronized externally. This is typically accomplished by synchronizing on some object that naturally encapsulates the set. If no such object exists, the set should be "wrapped" using the Collections.synchronizedSortedSet method. This is best done at creation time, to prevent accidental unsynchronized access to the set:

```
SortedSet s = Collections.synchronizedSortedSet(new TreeSet(...));
```

The iterators returned by this class's iterator method are *fail-fast*: if the set is modified at any time after the iterator is created, in any way except through the iterator's own remove method, the iterator will throw a ConcurrentModificationException. Thus, in the face of concurrent modification, the iterator fails quickly and cleanly, rather than risking arbitrary, non-deterministic behavior at an undetermined time in the future.

Note that the fail-fast behavior of an iterator cannot be guaranteed as it is, generally speaking, impossible to make any hard guarantees in the presence of unsynchronized concurrent modification. Fail-fast iterators throw ConcurrentModificationException on a best-effort basis. Therefore, it would be wrong to write a program that depended on this exception for its correctness: the fail-fast behavior of iterators should be used only to detect bugs.

This class is a member of the Java Collections Framework.

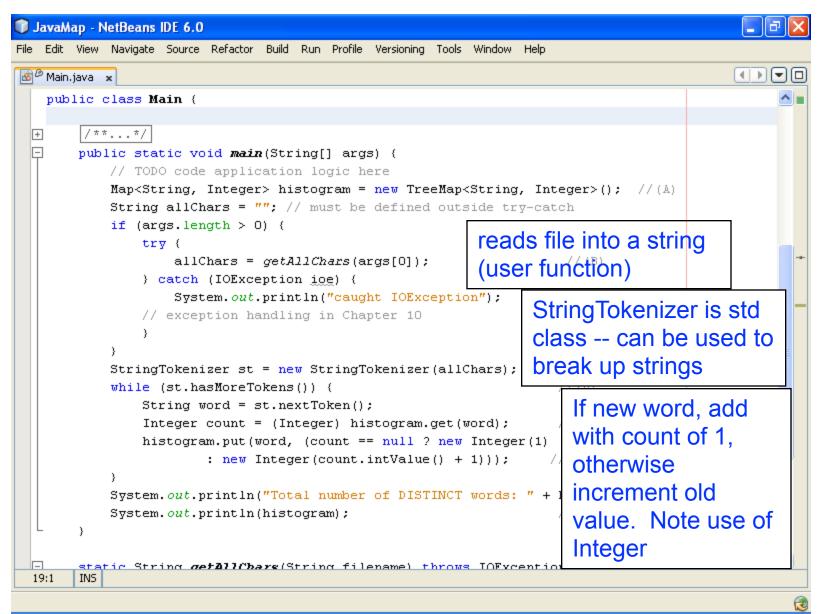


Java Map

Map (Hash Table)

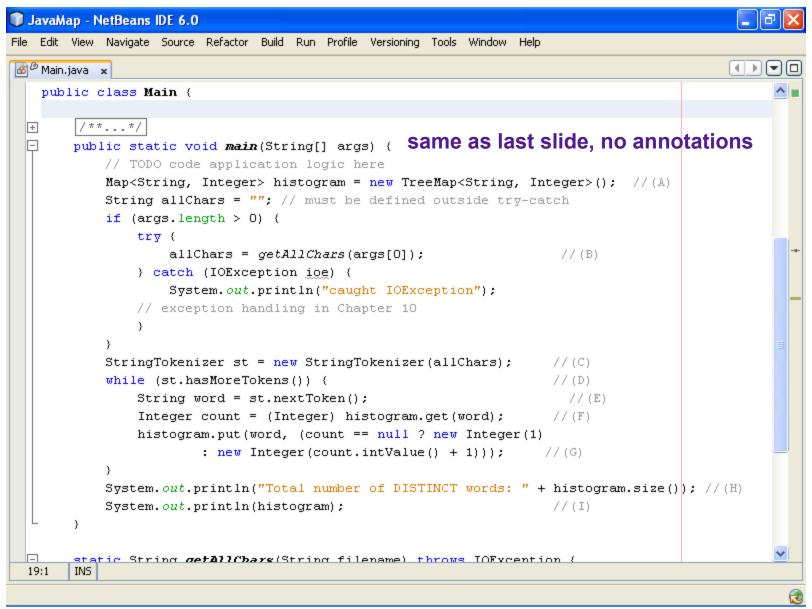
- array: integer → element (object)
- map: key (object, integer, or string ...) → value (object)
- example:
 - name → phone number
 - student ID → department
 - city name → zip code
- Keys must be unique and do not have to be contiguous (as is required for array indexes).
- Values do not have to be unique.

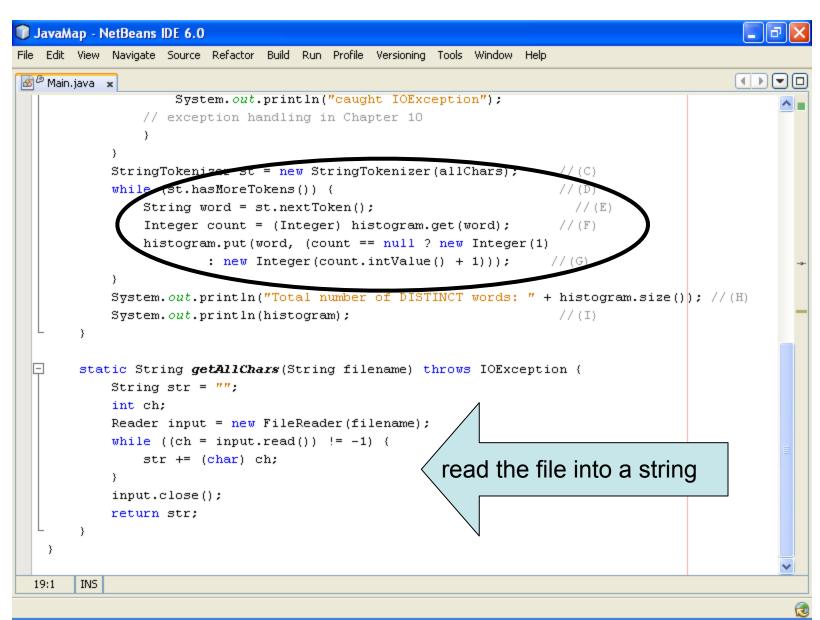
Java Map Histogram of Words



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Class StringTokenizer

java.lang.Object java.util.StringTokenizer

All Implemented Interfaces:

Enumeration<Object>

```
public class StringTokenizer
extends Object
implements Enumeration<Object>
```

The string tokenizer class allows an application to break a string into tokens. The tokenization method is much simpler than the one used by the StreamTokenizer class. The StringTokenizer methods do not distinguish among identifiers, numbers, and quoted strings, nor do they recognize and skip comments.

The set of delimiters (the characters that separate tokens) may be specified either at creation time or on a per-token basis.

An instance of StringTokenizer behaves in one of two ways, depending on whether it was created with the returnDelims flag having the value true or false:

- If the flag is false, delimiter characters serve to separate tokens. A token is a maximal sequence of consecutive characters that are not delimiters.
- If the flag is true, delimiter characters are themselves considered to be tokens. A token is thus either one delimiter character, or a maximal sequence of consecutive characters that are not delimiters.

A StringTokenizer object internally maintains a current position within the string to be tokenized. Some operations advance this current position past the characters processed.

A token is returned by taking a substring of the string that was used to create the StringTokenizer object.

The following is one example of the use of the tokenizer. The code:

```
StringTokenizer st = new StringTokenizer("this is a test");
while (st.hasMoreTokens()) {
    System.out.println(st.nextToken());
}
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```

Method Summary

Methods

Modifier and Type	Method and Description
int	countTokens()
	Calculates the number of times that this tokenizer's nextToken method can be called before it generates an exception.
boolean	hasMoreElements()
	Returns the same value as the hasMoreTokens method.
boolean	hasMoreTokens()
	Tests if there are more tokens available from this tokenizer's string.
Object	nextElement()
	Returns the same value as the nextToken method, except that its declared return value is Object rather than String.
String	nextToken()
	Returns the next token from this string tokenizer.

nextToken

public String nextToken()

Returns the next token from this string tokenizer.

Returns:

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Throws:

NoSuchElementException - if there are no more tokens in this tokenizer's string.

StringTokenizer

public StringTokenizer(String str)

Constructs a string tokenizer for the specified string. The tokenizer uses the default delimiter set, which is "\t\n\r\f": the space character, the tab character, the newline character, the carriage-return character, and the form-feed character. Delimiter characters themselves will not be treated as tokens.

Parameters:

str - a string to be parsed.

Throws:

NullPointerException - if str is null

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