

Collections & Maps

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Collections

- A **Collection** is a structured group of objects
- Java includes a *Collections Framework* which is a unified architecture for representing and manipulating different kinds of collections
 - Collections are defined in `java.util`
 - The *Collections Framework* is designed around a set of standard interfaces
 - There are a number of predefined implementations (i.e. classes)
- An **ArrayList** is one type (or implementation) of **Collection**
 - To be more precise, **ArrayList** is an implementation of **List**, which is a *subinterface* of **Collection**
- For reference, an **Array** is NOT a type (or implementation) of any of the **Collection** interfaces

Ref: <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/Collection.html>



Types of Collections & “Collection-Like” Things (Maps)

- Java supplies several types of Collections
 - Here are some:
 - Set: Cannot contain duplicate elements, order is not important
 - SortedSet: Like a Set, but order is important
 - List: May contain duplicate elements, order is important
- Java also supplies some “collection-like” things (i.e. Maps)
 - Here are some:
 - Map: A “dictionary” that associates keys with values, where order is not important
 - SortedMap: Like a Map, where order is important

Ref: <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/Collection.html>
<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/Map.html>



Methods in the Collection Interface

- The `Collection` interface is the root interface of the Collection hierarchy
- All *subinterfaces* include the methods in the `Collection` interface
- Here are some, but not all of the methods:

```
boolean add(E o)
boolean contains(Object o)
boolean remove(Object o)
boolean isEmpty()
int size()
Object[] toArray()
Iterator<E> iterator()
```



Implementations

Each interface has at least one implementation. Here are some:

- List – ArrayList, LinkedList
- Deque (Double-ended queue) – ArrayDeque, ConcurrentLinkedDeque, LinkedList
- Set – HashSet, LinkedHashSet, TreeSet
- Map – HashMap, TreeMap



List Interface

- Elements are stored in the order they are added
- Access to elements is through its index position in the list
- Some additional specialized methods of the List interface:

```
void add(int index, E element)
E get(int index)
void set(int index, E element)
ListIterator<E> listIterator()
```



Deque Interface

- An ordered sequence like a List
- Element access only at the front or the rear of the Collection
- Can be used as both a stack (LIFO) and a queue (FIFO)
- Some additional specialized methods of the Deque interface:

```
void addFirst(E o)
void addLast(E o)
E getFirst()
E getLast()
E removeFirst()
E removeLast()
```



Set Interface

- Models the mathematical set
- Does not allow duplicates
- No additional methods other than those in the Collection interface (*add*, *remove*, *size*, etc.)



Map Interface

- Not part of the Collection interface hierarchy – it does not inherit Collection methods
- Maps keys to values
- Also known as a dictionary or associative array
- Cannot contain duplicate keys
- Each key can map to at most one value

Important methods:

```
V put(K key, V value)  
V get(Object key)
```



General Rules for Selecting an Implementation

- **List** – If you need fast access to random elements in the list, choose the `ArrayList`. If you will frequently remove or insert elements to the list, choose a `LinkedList`.
- **Deque** – If you only need access at the ends (beginning or end) of the sequence. Use an `ArrayDeque` if you don't need a thread safe implementation. Otherwise, choose a `ConcurrentLinkedQueue`.
- **Set** – Use a `TreeSet` if you need to traverse the set in sorted order. Otherwise, use a `HashSet`, it's more efficient.
- **Map** – Choose `TreeMap` if you want to access the collection in key order. Otherwise, choose `HashMap`.



Iterator

All Collection implementations have an *Iterator* object which can be used to loop through the collection

- Use an *iterator* instead of a for loop to modify the collection while traversing

```
//get iterator object from treeSet (ordered set)
Iterator<String> it = treeSet.iterator();
```

```
//modify (remove) the values using the iterator while traversing the
treeSet
```

```
while(it.hasNext()) {
    if(it.next().equals("red")) {
        it.remove();
    }
}
```



ConcurrentModificationException

- A *ConcurrentModificationException* is thrown when a collection is modified while traversing, by any means other than through its *iterator*

THIS IS NOT OK

```
//modifying while traversing without
//iterator
for(String s : treeSet) {
    if(s.equals("red")) {
        //throws Exception
        treeSet.remove("red");
    }
}
```

THIS IS OK

```
//modifying while traversing with
//iterator
Iterator<String> it = treeSet.iterator();
while(it.hasNext()) {
    if(it.next().equals("red")) {
        it.remove();
    }
}
```



Sorting & Searching Collections

The [Collections](#) class has some convenient *static* methods for working with collections

- These include sorting and search methods that use optimized algorithms
- Many of the methods require the objects in the collection to implement the Comparable interface
- Some examples:

`Collections.sort(arrayList)` – sorts list using *merge sort* algorithm

`int position = Collections.binarySearch(arrayList, "red")` – returns position in list where object is found



Arrays Class

For reference, the `Arrays` class also has *static* methods for working with arrays

- For example:

`List list = Arrays.asList(array)` – returns List from array

`Arrays.sort(array)` – sorts array using *quick sort* algorithm



Exercises with Collections

CollectionsClass



```
_collectionsClass.java
1+ import java.util.ArrayList;
13
14 /**
15  * Class with various methods for using different kinds of Collections.
16 */
17 public class CollectionsClass {
18
```



Remove from a List

```
19  /**
20  * Takes an ArrayList of integers and two integer values min and max
21  * as parameters and removes all elements with values in the range min through
22  * max (inclusive).
23  *
24  * For example, if an ArrayList named 'list' stores
25  * [7, 9, 4, 2, 7, 7, 5, 3, 5, 1, 7, 8, 6, 7], the call of
26  * removeRange(list, 5, 7) should change the list to [9, 4, 2, 3, 1, 8].
27  *
28  * Uses Iterator.
29  *
30  * @param list of values
31  * @param min of range
32  * @param max of range
33  */
34  public static void removeRange(ArrayList<Integer> list, int min, int max) {
35
36      //Create iterator and use it to remove items in place
37      //Avoid ConcurrentModificationException
38      Iterator<Integer> iterator = list.iterator();
39      while (iterator.hasNext()) {
40          Integer next = iterator.next();
41          if (next >= min && next <= max) {
42              iterator.remove();
43          }
44      }
45  }
```

Remove from a List

```
310
311  public static void main(String[] args) {
312
313      //removeRange
314      //create array of Integers
315      Integer[] removeRangeArray = {7, 9, 4, 2, 7, 7, 5, 3, 5, 1, 7, 8, 6, 7};
316      ArrayList<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();
317
318      //add all items from Integer array to arraylist
319      list.addAll(Arrays.asList(removeRangeArray));
320      CollectionsClass.removeRange(list, 5, 7);
321
322      //expected output [9, 4, 2, 3, 1, 8]
323      System.out.println("removeRange: " + list);
324      System.out.println();
325
```



Add to a List

```
47  /**
48  * Takes an ArrayList of strings as a parameter and modifies the list
49  * by placing a "*" in between each element, and at the start
50  * and end of the list.
51  *
52  * For example, if a list named 'list' contains
53  * ["the", "quick", "brown", "fox"],
54  * the call of addStars(list) should modify it to store
55  * ["*", "the", "*", "quick", "*", "brown", "*", "fox", "*"].
56  *
57  * @param list of values to add stars
58  */
59 public static void addStars(ArrayList<String> list) {
60
61     //copy all values in arraylist to array
62     //Note: toArray takes an empty array into which the values are to be stored
63     String[] array = list.toArray(new String[list.size()]);
64
65     //empty original arraylist
66     list.removeAll(Arrays.asList(array));
67
68     //add stars and values back into the original arraylist
69     list.add("*");
70     for (String s : array) {
71         list.add(s);
72         list.add("*");
73     }
74 }
75 }
```

Add to a List

```
199
200     //addStars
201     //create array of Strings
202     String[] addStar = {"the", "quick", "brown", "fox"};
203
204     //add all items from String array to ArrayList
205     ArrayList<String> sList = new ArrayList<String>();
206     sList.addAll(Arrays.asList(addStar));
207
208     CollectionsClass.addStars(sList);
209
210     //expected output ["*", "the", "*", "quick", "*", "brown", "*", "fox", "*"]
211     System.out.println("addStars: " + sList);
212     System.out.println();
213
```

Count Words

```
62
63  /**
64   * The classic word-count algorithm: given an array of strings,
65   * return a Map<String, Integer> with a key for each different string,
66   * with the value the number of times that string appears in the array.
67   *
68   * wordCount(["a", "b", "a", "c", "b"]) {"a": 2, "b": 2, "c": 1}
69   * wordCount(["c", "b", "a"]) {"a": 1, "b": 1, "c": 1}
70   * wordCount(["c", "c", "c", "c"]) {"c": 4}
71   *
72   * Uses HashMap
73   *
74   * @param strings to count
75   * @return map of word counts, where key is word and value is count
76   */
77  public static Map<String, Integer> wordCount(String[] strings) {
78
79      //create a hashmap (has no order)
80      Map<String, Integer> map = new HashMap<String, Integer>();
81
```



Count Words

```
81
82     //iterate over given array
83     for (String s : strings) {
84
85         //if map does not contain string as a key
86         if (!map.containsKey(s)) {
87
88             //add key with default value 1
89             map.put(s, 1);
90         } else {
91
92             //replace the old count with incremented count
93             map.replace(s, map.get(s) + 1);
94         }
95     }
96
97     return map;
98 }
```

Count Words

```
339     //wordCount
340     String[] s = {"a", "b", "a", "c", "b"};
341     Map<String, Integer> ret = CollectionsClass.wordCount(s);
342
343     //expected: {a=2, b=2, c=1}
344     System.out.println("wordCount: " + ret);
345     System.out.println();
```

Count Unique Words

```
105
110  /**
111   * Takes an array of Strings as a parameter and returns a count of the
112   * number of unique words in the array.
113   *
114   * DOES consider capitalization and/or punctuation; for example,
115   * "Hello", "hello", and "hello!!" are considered different words.
116   *
117   * Uses HashSet.
118   *
119   * @param words to count
120   * @return count of unique words
121   */
122  public static int countUniqueWords(String[] words) {
123
124      //create hashset (has no order)
125      Set<String> hashSetWords = new HashSet<String>(Arrays.asList(words));
126
127      return hashSetWords.size();
128  }
129
```

Count Unique Words

```
347     //countUniqueWords
348     String[] countUniqueWordsArray = {"hello", "izzy", "and", "Elise", "Hello"};
349
350     //expected: 5
351     System.out.println("countUniqueWords: "
352         + CollectionsClass.countUniqueWords(countUniqueWordsArray));
353     System.out.println();
354
```



Set Toppings

```
149
150  /**
151   * Takes a map of food keys and topping values, and modifies and returns the map as follows:
152   * If the key "ice cream" is present, set its value to "cherry".
153   * In all cases, set the key "bread" to have the value of "butter".
154   *
155   * setToppings({"ice cream": "peanuts"}) {"bread": "butter", "ice cream": "cherry"}
156   * setToppings({}) {"bread": "butter"}
157   * setToppings({"pancake": "syrup"}) {"bread": "butter", "pancake": "syrup"}
158   *
159   * @param map of food items and toppings
160   * @return updated map of food items and toppings
161   */
162  public static Map<String, String> setToppings(Map<String, String> map) {
163
164      //add key (bread) and value (butter) if it's not in map
165      if (!map.containsKey("bread")) {
166          map.put("bread", "butter");
167      }
168
169      //if key is 'ice cream', set value to 'cherry'
170      if (map.containsKey("ice cream")) {
171          map.replace("ice cream", "cherry");
172      }
173
174      return map;
175  }
176
```

Set Toppings

```
370     //setToppings
371     //create hashmap with food items
372     Map<String, String> food = new HashMap<String, String>();
373     food.put("ice cream", "peanuts");
374
375     Map<String, String> m = CollectionsClass.setToppings(food);
376     //expected: {bread=butter, ice cream=cherry}
377     System.out.println("setToppings: " + m);
378     System.out.println();
379
```