

E6: Iterator

Use the Iterator Pattern:

1. Create a class called **InClassExercise**, and then, in its main method, create an **ArrayList** called **stringArrayList**. Add the following five strings to **stringArrayList**: "one", "two", "three", "four", "five". Then, use a for loop and the index of **stringArrayList** to print all these five strings out to the console.
2. For **stringArrayList** above, can you use an iterator to traverse the five strings inside, without using the index? **Yes, you can use an iterator to traverse the five strings inside without using indices.**
3. If change **stringArrayList** into a **TreeSet**, how do you traverse the five strings use an iterator? **You would traverse the TreeSet the same way you traversed the ArrayList using an iterator.**

Output:

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ArrayList Regular For Loop:
one two three four five
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ArrayList Iterator:
one two three four five
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TreeSet Iterator:
apple banana cherry date elderberry
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Implement an Iterator for StringArray:

4. Create a class called **StringArray** that is able to store a number of String objects. Create an instance variable, **String[] values**, (internal data storage) of **StringArray** to store all the strings.
5. Create a constructor for **StringArray**, which is able to build an object of **StringArray** using the parameter.
`public StringArray(String[] values)`
6. Make the class **StringArray** implements **Iterable** interface. So that it can generate iterators. What function do you need to implement this interface? What should be returned by that function? **I need to implement the iterator() function which returns an Iterator<String> object**
7. Create an inner class called **ArrayIterator** in **StringArray**. This is our first iterator. Create an int variable called **current** inside **ArrayIterator**. it works as an index for our iterator.
8. Make **ArrayIterator** implements **Iterator** interface, so that it becomes an iterator. What functions do you need to implement this interface? Implement these functions. **You need to implement hasNext() which returns a Boolean and next() which returns a string.**
9. Go back to your **StringArray** class, what should be returned by the **iterator()** function? **It returns a new object of the ArrayIterator() class which inherits the Iterator<String> class.**
10. So far, an iterator is done. Create a main method, and build an object of **StringArray**, add five strings in step 1 to it. Traverse and print them out.

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11. Create another iterator (inner class) **LongStringIterator**. This new iterator traverses only String elements equal or longer than 4 characters.

Output:

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ArrayIterator:  
one two three four five  
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LongStringIterator:  
three four five
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What to turn in: similar as E5.