



# JAVA ARRAY LISTS AND LINKED LISTS

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# ARRAY LIST

- This comes into context when we need to consider a **resizable array**

The **ArrayList** class is a resizable array, which can be found in the **java.util** package.

**What is the difference between a built-in array and an Array List in Java?**

The **size of an array cannot be modified** (if you want to add or remove elements to/from an array, you have to create a new one).

While **elements can be added and removed from an ArrayList** whenever you want.

Obviously, the **syntax is also slightly different**

**Syntax of ArrayList:**

```
import java.util.ArrayList; // import the ArrayList class
ArrayList<String> cars = new ArrayList<String>(); // Create an ArrayList object called cars that will store strings
```

# ADDING ITEMS TO AN ARRAYLIST

To add elements to the `ArrayList`, use the `add()` method:

Example: Create a list of four cars

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        ArrayList<String> cars = new ArrayList<String>();
        cars.add("Volvo");
        cars.add("BMW");
        cars.add("Ford");
        cars.add("Mazda");
        System.out.println(cars);
    }
}
```

```
[Volvo, BMW, Ford, Mazda]
```

**NOTE: Elements in an ArrayList are actually objects.**  
In the examples above, we created elements (objects) of type "String".

# ACCESS AN ITEM

To access an element in the **ArrayList**, use the **get()** method and refer to the **index number**:

Example Syntax

```
cars.get(0);
```

Example: Output the name of the first car in the list

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        ArrayList<String> cars = new ArrayList<String>();
        cars.add("Volvo");
        cars.add("BMW");
        cars.add("Ford");
        cars.add("Mazda");
        System.out.println(cars.get(0));
    }
}
```

Volvo

NOTE: Array indexes start with 0: [0] is the first element. [1] is the second element, etc.

# MODIFY/ CHANGE AN ITEM

To modify an element, use the **set()** method and refer to the **index number**:

Example Syntax

```
cars.set(0, "Opel");
```

Example: To change the name of the first car in the list from Volvo to Opel

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        ArrayList<String> cars = new ArrayList<String>();
        cars.add("Volvo");
        cars.add("BMW");
        cars.add("Ford");
        cars.add("Mazda");
        cars.set(0, "Opel");
        System.out.println(cars.get(0));
    }
}
```

Opel

# REMOVE AN ARRAY ELEMENT

To remove an element, use the **remove()** method and refer to the **index number**:

Example Syntax

```
cars.remove(0);
```

Example: To remove the first element in the cars

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        ArrayList<String> cars = new ArrayList<String>();
        cars.add("Volvo");
        cars.add("BMW");
        cars.add("Ford");
        cars.add("Mazda");
        cars.remove(0);
        System.out.println(cars.get(0));
    }
}
```

BMW

# ArrayList Size

To find out how many elements an ArrayList have, use the **size method**:

Example

```
cars.size();
```

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        ArrayList<String> cars = new ArrayList<String>();
        cars.add("Volvo");
        cars.add("BMW");
        cars.add("Ford");
        cars.add("Mazda");
        System.out.println(cars.size());
    }
}
```

# REMOVE ALL ELEMENTS OF ARRAY LIST

To remove all the elements in the `ArrayList`, use the `clear()` method:

Example Syntax

```
cars.clear();
```

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        ArrayList<String> cars = new ArrayList<String>();
        cars.add("Volvo");
        cars.add("BMW");
        cars.add("Ford");
        cars.add("Mazda");
        System.out.println(cars.size());
        cars.clear();
        System.out.println(cars.size());
    }
}
```

4  
0

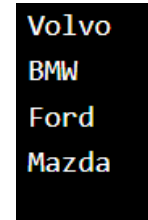


# Loop Through an ArrayList

We can Loop through the elements of an `ArrayList` with a `for` loop, and use the `size()` method to specify how many times the loop should run:

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        ArrayList<String> cars = new ArrayList<String>();
        cars.add("Volvo");
        cars.add("BMW");
        cars.add("Ford");
        cars.add("Mazda");

        for (int i = 0; i < cars.size(); i++)
        {
            System.out.println(cars.get(i));
        }
    }
}
```



Volvo  
BMW  
Ford  
Mazda

looping through an **ArrayList** with the **for-each** loop:

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
```

```
public class Main
```

```
{
```

```
    public static void main(String[] args)
```

```
    {
```

```
        ArrayList<String> cars = new ArrayList<String>();
```

```
        cars.add("Volvo");
```

```
        cars.add("BMW");
```

```
        cars.add("Ford");
```

```
        cars.add("Mazda");
```

```
        for (String i : cars)
```

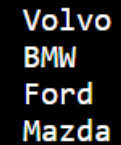
```
        {
```

```
            System.out.println(i);
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```



```
Volvo  
BMW  
Ford  
Mazda
```

Till now, we have **used Strings**

**A String in Java is an object (not a primitive type)**

To use other types, such as int, we use **Integer**.

For other primitive types, use: **Boolean** for boolean, **Character** for char, **Double** for double, etc:

**Example**

**Create an **ArrayList** to store numbers (add elements of type **Integer**):**

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        ArrayList<Integer> myNumbers = new ArrayList<Integer>();
        myNumbers.add(1);
        myNumbers.add(2);
        myNumbers.add(3);
        myNumbers.add(4);

        for (int i : myNumbers)
        {
            System.out.println(i);
        }
    }
}
```

1  
2  
3  
4

# SORTING AN ARRAY LIST

Another useful class in the `java.util` package is the **`Collections`** class, which include the **`sort()`** method for sorting lists alphabetically or numerically:

Sorting an arraylist of strings

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Collections; // Import the Collections class

public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        ArrayList<String> cars = new ArrayList<String>();
        cars.add("Volvo");
        cars.add("BMW");
        cars.add("Ford");
        cars.add("Mazda");

        Collections.sort(cars); // Sort cars
        for (String i : cars)
        {
            System.out.println(i);
        }
    }
}
```



BMW  
Ford  
Mazda  
Volvo

## Sorting an `ArrayList` of Integers

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Collections; // Import the Collections class
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        ArrayList<Integer> myNumbers = new ArrayList<Integer>();
        myNumbers.add(33);
        myNumbers.add(15);
        myNumbers.add(20);
        myNumbers.add(34);
        myNumbers.add(8);
        myNumbers.add(12);

        for (int i : myNumbers)
        {
            System.out.println(i);
        }

        Collections.sort(myNumbers); // Sort myNumbers

        for (int i : myNumbers)
        {
            System.out.println(i);
        }
    }
}
```

```
33
15
20
34
8
12
8
12
15
20
33
34
```

# JAVA LINKED LISTS

- The LinkedList class is almost identical to the ArrayList

The **LinkedList** class is a **collection which can contain many objects of the same type**, just like the **ArrayList**.

The **LinkedList** class has all of the same methods as the **ArrayList** class because they both implement the **List** interface.

This means that you can **add items, change items, remove items and clear the list in the same way**.

However, while the **ArrayList** class and the **LinkedList** class can be used in the same way, **they are built very differently**.

The **ArrayList** class **has a regular array inside it**.

When an element is added, it is **placed into the array**.

If the **array is not big enough**, a new, larger array is created to replace the old one and the old one is removed.

The **LinkedList** stores its items in "containers."

The **list has a link to the first container and each container has a link to the next container in the list**.

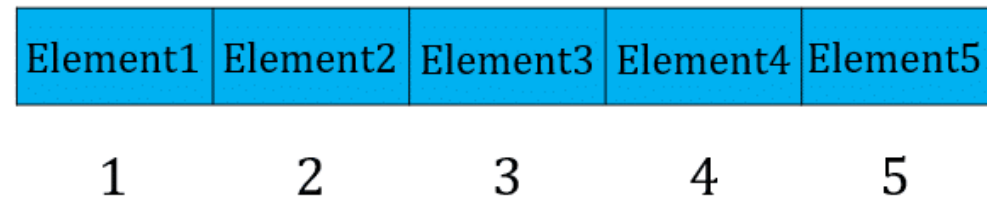
To **add an element to the list**, the element is placed into a new container and that container is linked to one of the other containers in the list.

## When To Use

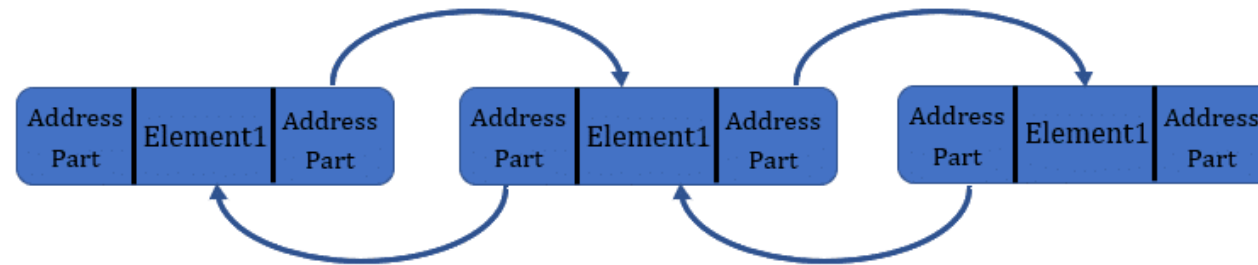
Use an **ArrayList** for **storing and accessing data**, and **LinkedList** to **manipulate data**.

For details: [https://www.w3schools.com/java/java\\_linkedlist.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/java/java_linkedlist.asp)

## ArrayList



## LinkedList



## IMPORTING THE LINKED LIST CLASS

```
// Import the LinkedList class
import java.util.LinkedList;
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        LinkedList<String> cars = new LinkedList<String>();
        cars.add("Volvo");
        cars.add("BMW");
        cars.add("Ford");
        cars.add("Mazda");
        System.out.println(cars);
    }
}
```

```
[Volvo, BMW, Ford, Mazda]
```



# LINKED LIST METHODS

<u>Method</u>	<u>Description</u>
addFirst()	Adds an item to the beginning of the list.
addLast()	Add an item to the end of the list
removeFirst()	Remove an item from the beginning of the list.
removeLast()	Remove an item from the end of the list
getFirst()	Get the item at the beginning of the list
getLast()	Get the item at the end of the list

# ADDING AN ITEM TO THE BEGINNING OF THE LIST

```
import java.util.LinkedList;

public class Main {

    public static void main(String[] args) {

        LinkedList<String> cars = new LinkedList<String>();

        cars.add("Volvo");
        cars.add("BMW");
        cars.add("Ford");

        System.out.println(cars);

        System.out.println();

        // Use addFirst() to add the item to the beginning
        cars.addFirst("Mazda");

        System.out.println(cars);

    }

}
```

[Volvo, BMW, Ford]

[Mazda, Volvo, BMW, Ford]

# ADDING AN ITEM TO THE LAST OF THE LIST

```
import java.util.LinkedList;
```

```
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        LinkedList<String> cars = new LinkedList<String>();  
        cars.add("Volvo");  
        cars.add("BMW");  
        cars.add("Ford");  
        System.out.println(cars);  
        System.out.println();  
        // Use addLast() to add the item to the end  
        cars.addLast("Mazda");  
        System.out.println(cars);  
    }  
}
```

```
[Volvo, BMW, Ford]
```

```
[Volvo, BMW, Ford, Mazda]
```

# REMOVING THE FIRST ITEM FROM A LIST

```
import java.util.LinkedList;
```

```
public class Main {
```

```
    public static void main(String[] args) {
```

```
        LinkedList<String> cars = new LinkedList<String>();
```

```
        cars.add("Volvo");
```

```
        cars.add("BMW");
```

```
        cars.add("Ford");
```

```
        cars.add("Mazda");
```

```
        System.out.println(cars);
```

```
        System.out.println();
```

```
        // Use removeFirst() remove the first item from the list
```

```
        cars.removeFirst();
```

```
        System.out.println(cars);
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
[Volvo, BMW, Ford, Mazda]
```

```
[BMW, Ford, Mazda]
```

# REMOVING THE LAST ITEM FROM THE LIST

```
import java.util.LinkedList;

public class Main {

    public static void main(String[] args) {

        LinkedList<String> cars = new LinkedList<String>();

        cars.add("Volvo");
        cars.add("BMW");
        cars.add("Ford");
        cars.add("Mazda");

        System.out.println(cars);

        System.out.println();

        // Use removeLast() remove the last item from the list

        cars.removeLast();

        System.out.println(cars);

    }

}
```

```
[Volvo, BMW, Ford, Mazda]
```

```
[Volvo, BMW, Ford]
```

# OUTPUT THE FIRST ITEM OF A LIST

```
import java.util.LinkedList;
```

```
public class Main {
```

```
    public static void main(String[] args) {
```

```
        LinkedList<String> cars = new LinkedList<String>();
```

```
        cars.add("Volvo");
```

```
        cars.add("BMW");
```

```
        cars.add("Ford");
```

```
        cars.add("Mazda");
```

```
        System.out.println(cars);
```

```
        System.out.println();
```

```
        // Use getFirst() to display the first item in the list
```

```
        System.out.println(cars.getFirst());
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
[Volvo, BMW, Ford, Mazda]
```

```
Volvo
```

# OUTPUT THE LAST ITEM OF A LIST

```
import java.util.LinkedList;
```

```
public class Main {
```

```
    public static void main(String[] args) {
```

```
        LinkedList<String> cars = new LinkedList<String>();
```

```
        cars.add("Volvo");
```

```
        cars.add("BMW");
```

```
        cars.add("Ford");
```

```
        cars.add("Mazda");
```

```
        System.out.println(cars);
```

```
        System.out.println();
```

```
        // Use getLast() to display the last item in the list
```

```
        System.out.println(cars.getLast());
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
[Volvo, BMW, Ford, Mazda]
```

```
Mazda
```



**Any Questions**

**Thank You!**

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