


Advanced Programming Techniques in Java

List Interface & Linked Lists

Lecture 19

Class Objectives

- List (first subsection 11.1)

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- Linked List (second subsection of 11.1)
 - Iterators (third subsection of 11.1)



Review: Algorithm growth rates

- We measure runtime in proportion to the input data size
 - **Growth rate:** Change in runtime as n changes
- Say an algorithm runs $0.4n^3 + 25n^2 + 8n + 17$
 - Consider the runtime when n is extremely large
 - We ignore constants like 25 because they are tiny next to n^3
 - The highest-order term (n^3) dominates the overall runtime
 - We say that this algorithm runs "in the order of" n^3
 - or $O(n^3)$ for short ("Big-Oh of n^3 ")



- **Big-Oh** It's a measure of the longest amount of time an algorithm takes to complete (upper bound)

Review: Complexity classes

- **Complexity class:** A category of algorithm efficiency based on the input size n



Big-O	Name
$O(1)$	Constant
$O(\log n)$	Logarithmic
$O(n)$	Linear
$O(n \log n)$	Log-linear
$O(n^2)$	Quadratic
$O(n^3)$	Cubic
$O(2^n)$	Exponential
$O(n!)$	Factorial



Review: Collection efficiency

- Efficiency of various operations on `ArrayList`:

Method
<code>add</code>
<code>add(index, value)</code>
<code>indexOf</code>
<code>get</code>
<code>remove</code>
<code>set</code>
<code>size</code>



Review: Comparable implementat



```
// The CalendarDate class stores information about a s  
date (month and day but no year).
```

```
public class CalendarDate implements Comparable<CalendarDate> {  
    private int month;  
    private int day;  
  
    public CalendarDate(int month, int day) {  
        this.month = month;  
        this.day = day;  
    }  
    public int compareTo(CalendarDate other) {  
        if (this.month != other.month) {  
            return this.month - other.month;  
        } else {  
            return this.day - other.day;  
        }  
    }  
    public String toString() {  
        return this.month + "/" + this.day;  
    }  
}
```



Review: Example Client Program

```
// Short program that creates a list of the birthdays of the  
// US Presidents and that puts them into sorted order.
```

```
import java.util.*;
```

```
public class CalendarDateTest { public  
    static void main(String[] args) {  
        ArrayList<CalendarDate> dates = new  
        ArrayList<CalendarDate>(); dates.add(new CalendarDate  
        22)); dates.add(new CalendarDate(10, 30)); dates.add  
        CalendarDate(4, 13)); dates.add(new CalendarDate(3,  
        dates.add(new CalendarDate(4, 28));  
  
        System.out.println("birthdays before sorting = " + dates);  
        Collections.sort(dates);  
        System.out.println("birthdays after sorting = " + dates);  
    }  
}
```



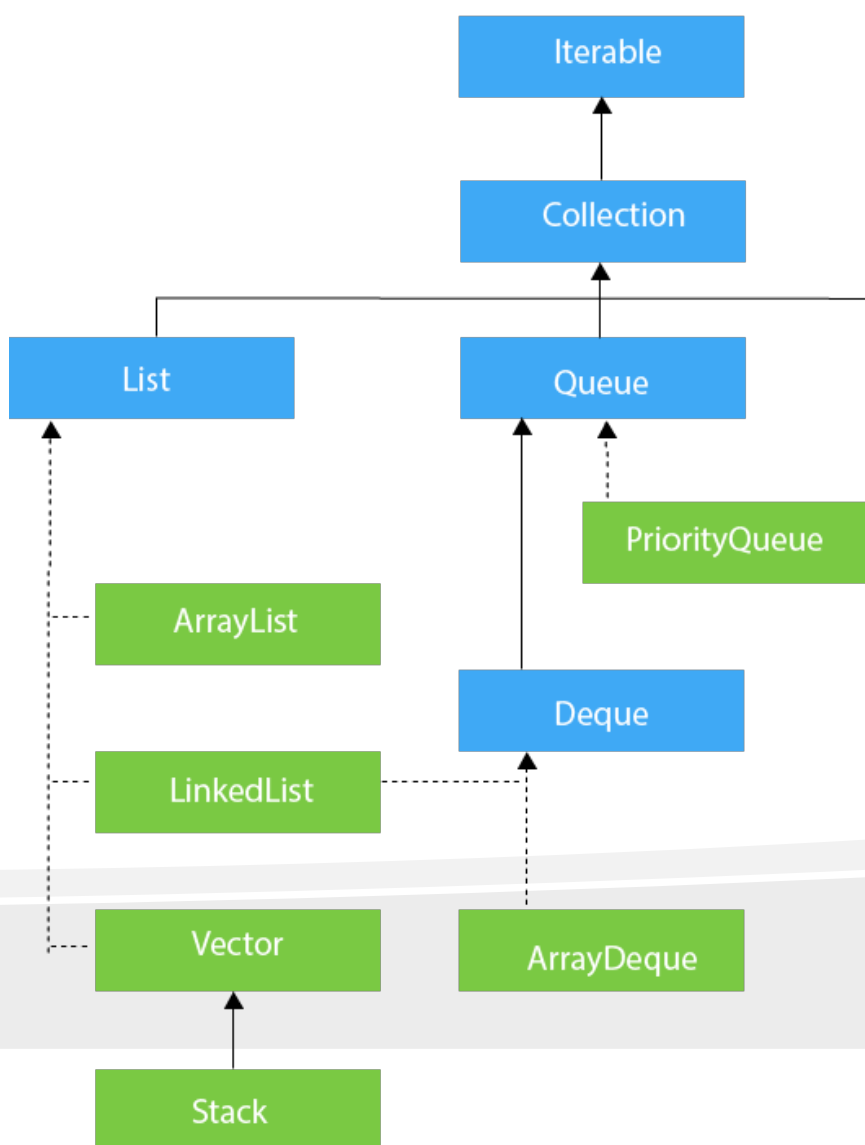
OUTPUT:

birthdays before sorting = [2/22, 10/30, 4/13, 3/16, 4/28]

birthdays after sorting = [2/22, 3/16, 4/13, 4/28, 10/30]



Review: Collections Framework D





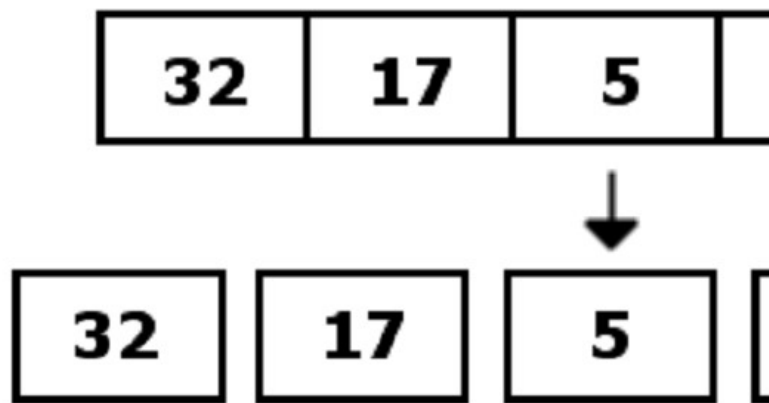
Internals of `ArrayList`

- It is internally stored in an array. So, it has a certain capacity.
- Capacity: size of the array used to store the elements in the list.
- It is always at least as large as the list size.
- As elements are added to an `ArrayList`, its capacity increases.
- Random access to elements.
- `set/get` an element to/at specific index position has $O(1)$ time complexity.
- To add at the end of the `ArrayList` it takes $O(1)$ time.
- Remove, or add at a specified index operations have $O(n)$ time complexity.



The underlying issue

- The elements of an `ArrayList` are too tightly attached to their storage structure.
- Can we break the element storage apart into a more flexible structure?

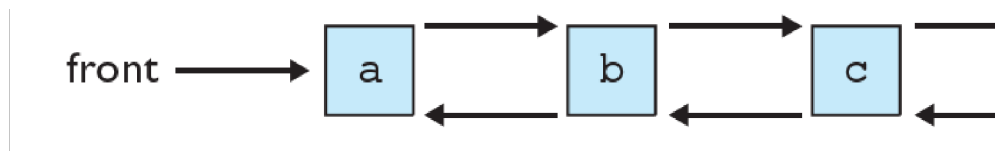


Linked list

- **Linked list** is a list implemented using a linked structure
- Each value is stored in a small object called a **node**, which contains the value and a reference to the next node
- The list keeps a reference to the first and/or last node



- In Java, represented by the class `LinkedList`



`LinkedList` usage example

- A `LinkedList` can be used much like an `Array`
- It also implements the `List` interface, so it offers the

```
LinkedList<String> words = new  
LinkedList<String>(); words.add("hello")
```



```
words.add("goodbye"); words.add("this");  
words.add("that");
```

- Advantage: elements are added/removed at/from
- There's no shifting, we just create a new node object a



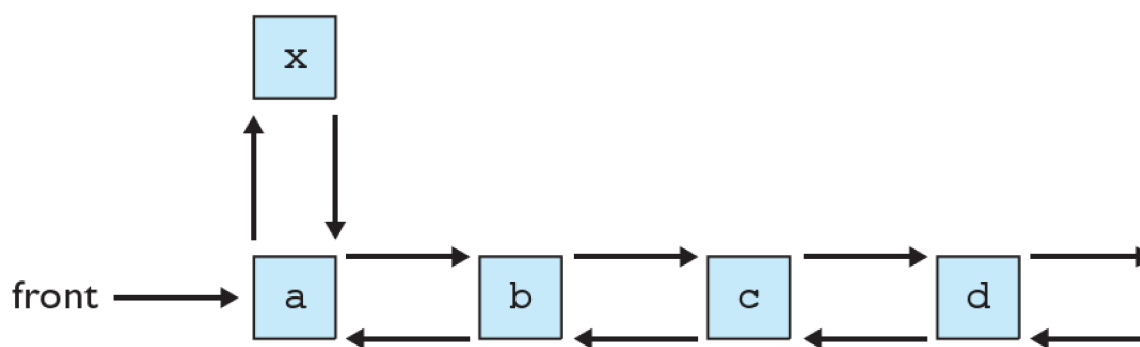
Adding elements to the list



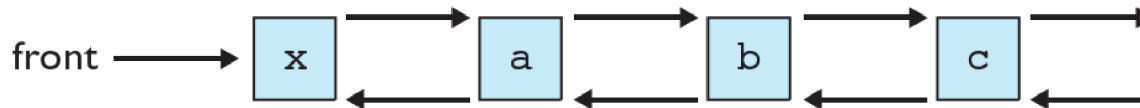
1. Make a new node to hold the new element.



2. Connect the new node to the other nodes in the list.



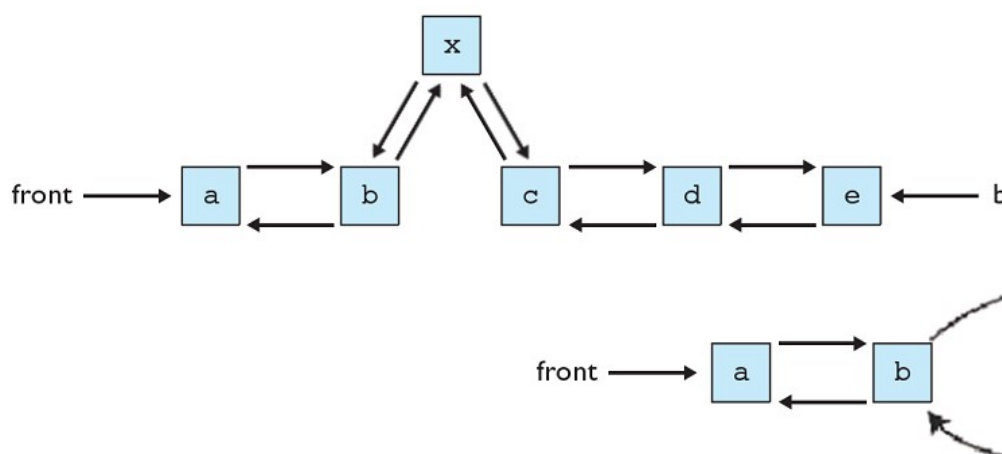
3. Change the front of the list to point to the new node.






Linked list performance

- To add, remove, get a value at a given index:
- The list must advance through the list to the node just before the index
- For example, to add a new value to the list, the list must advance to the node just before the index, the new node links to the proper index, and attaches it to the next node
- This is very fast when adding to the front or back of the list (if you have references to these places), but slow elsewhere





Linked List Implementation – Inne



```
public class myLinkedList<E> {  
    private Node<E> head;  
    private Node<E> tail;  
    private int size;  
  
    private static class Node<E>{  
        private E data;  
        private Node<E> next;  
        private Node<E> previous;  
  
        private Node(E dataItem) {  
            data = dataItem;  
            next = null;  
            previous = null;  
        }  
    }  
}
```




A particularly slow idiom

```
List<String> list = new LinkedList<String>();  
// ... (put a lot of data into the list)  
  
// print every element of linked list  
for (int i = 0; i < list.size(); i++) {  
    String element = list.get(i);  
    System.out.println(i + ": " + element);  
}
```

- This code executes a slow operation (`get`) every time
- This code will take long time to run for large data size
- **Sequential access is slower than the random access**



The problem of position

- The code on the previous slide is wasteful because
 - Every call to `get` has to re-traverse the list
- It would be much better if we could somehow keep track of where we are in the list as we looped through it
- Java uses special objects to represent a position in the list
- These objects are called **iterators**



Collection Interface

- Defines fundamental methods
- `Iterator iterator();`
- ...
- Provides an `Iterator` to step through the elements

`Iterator<E>` Interface

- Defines three fundamental methods
- `E next()` returns the next element. If there are no more elements, it throws `NoSuchElementException`



- `boolean hasNext()` returns `true` if there is another element
- `void remove()` removes the last element returned by a call to `next()`
- These three methods provide access to the contents of the collection
- An `Iterator` knows position within a collection
- Each call to `next()` “reads” an element from the collection
- Then you can use it or remove it

Iterator

- The easiest way to cycle through the elements in a collection is to use an `Iterator`



```
Iterator<type> iter = collection.it  
while (iter.hasNext()) { type next  
    iter.next(); // do something wi  
    nextElement }
```



Iterator



```
import java.util.* ; public class
IteratorExample { public static void ma
String[] args) {
    // Create and populate the li
    ArrayList<String> names = new
    names.add( "Jan" ); names.add
    "Tom" ); names.add( "Jose" );

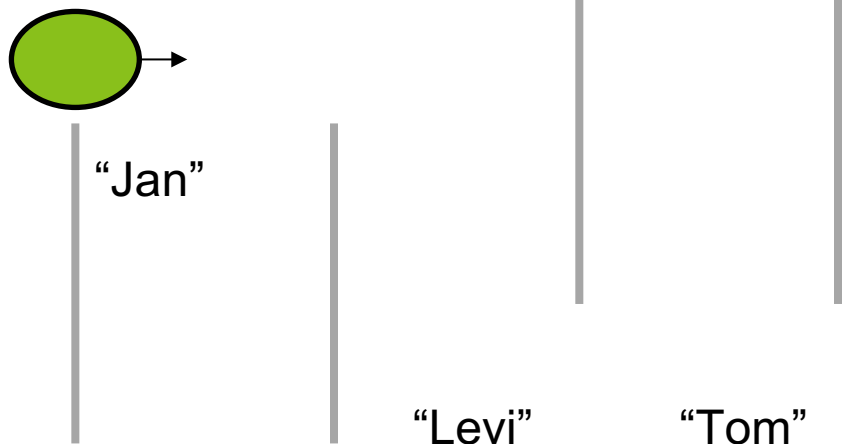
    // Create an iterator for the
    Iterator<String> iter = names

    // Use the iterator to visit
    ( iter.hasNext() )
        System.out.println(

    }
}
```

Iterator Position

```
ArrayList<String> names = new  
ArrayList<String>(); names.add("Jan");  
names.add("Levi"); names.add("Tom");  
names.add("Jose");  
Iterator<String> it = names.iterator();  
int i = 0;
```





Iterator Position

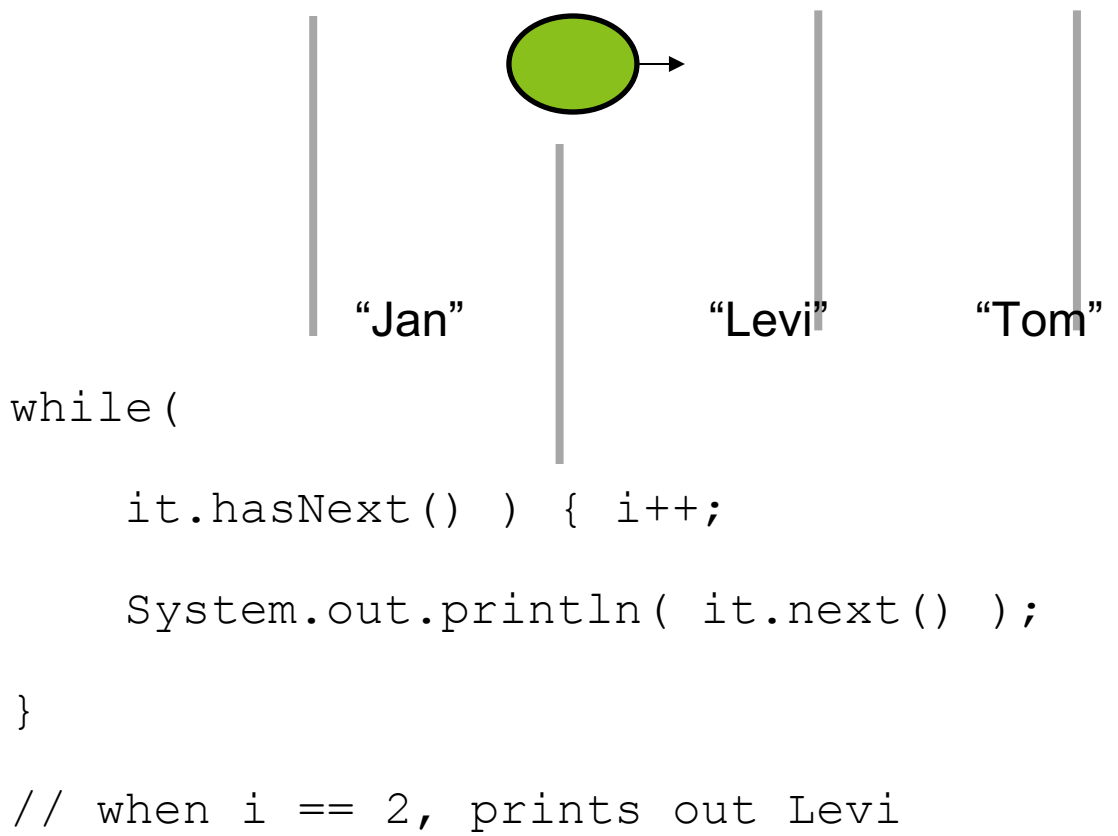
```
while( it.hasNext() ) {  
    i++;  
    System.out.println( it.next() );  
}
```

```
// when i == 1, prints out Jan
```

first call to `next` **moves itera**



Iterator Position





Iterator Position

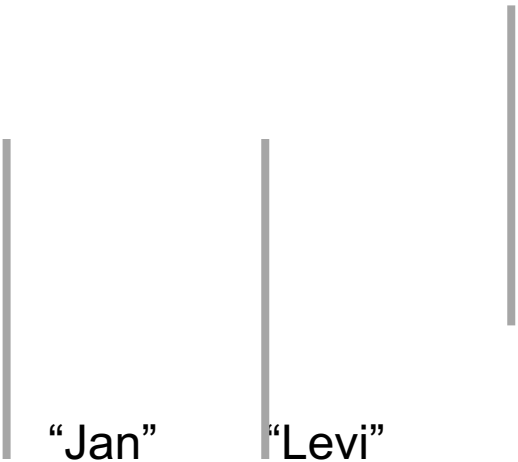
Diagram illustrating the state of an iterator over a list of names: "Jan", "Levi", "Tom", "Jose".

The iterator is positioned at the start of the list, indicated by a vertical line above "Jan".

```
while( it.hasNext() ) {  
    i++;  
    System.out.println( it.next() );  
}  
  
// when i == 3, prints out Tom
```



Iterator Position

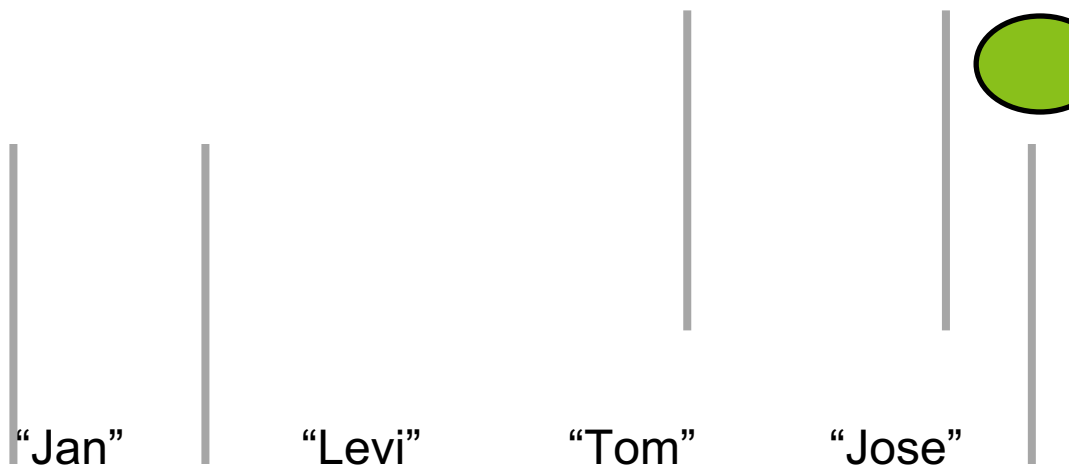


“Jan” “Levi” “Tom” “Jose”

```
while( it.hasNext() ) {  
    i++;  
    System.out.println( it.next() );  
}  
  
// when i == 4, prints out Jose
```



Iterator Position



```
it.hasNext()  
  
System.out.println( it.next() );  
}  
  
// call to hasNext returns false  
// while loop stops
```



Iterator Position

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“Jan”

|

“Levi”

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“Tom”

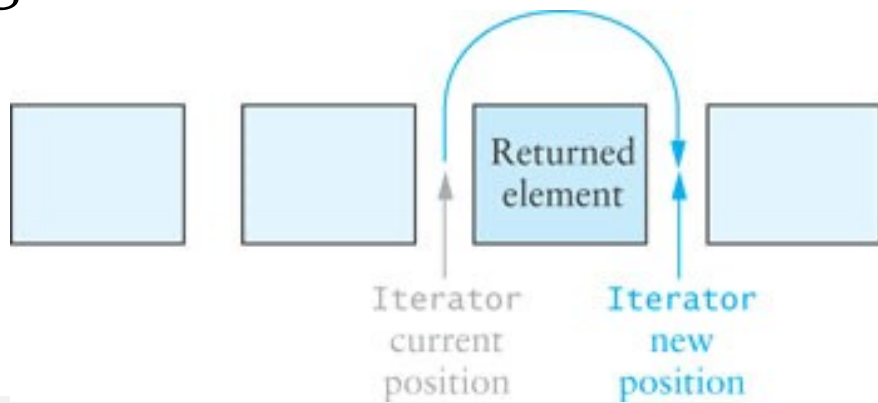
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Iterator Position

- An Iterator is conceptually *blind* to a particular element in a collection at any given time





Fixing the slow LL idiom

```
// print every element of the list for
(int i = 0; i < list.size(); i++) {
    Object element = list.get(i);
    System.out.println(i + ": " + element);
}
```

```
// print every element of the list
Iterator<String> itr = list.iterator();
for (int i = 0; itr.hasNext(); i++) {
    String element = itr.next();
    System.out.println(i + ": " + element);
}
```

- What's the big-O now?



Another “slow” example



```
//input: LinkedList<String> list
int i=0;
while (i<list.size()){
    String element = list.get(i);
    if (element.length()%2 == 0) {
        list.remove(i);
    }
    else {
        i++; // skip to next ele
    }
}
```

Diagram annotations: A blue arrow points from the right edge of the slide to the `list.get(i)` line. Another blue arrow points from a box labeled "slow" to the `list.remove(i);` line.



Iterator usage

- Iterator template syntax:

```
Iterator<E> itr = <collection>.iterator()
while (itr.hasNext()) {
    <do something with itr.next() >;
}
```
- Remove all strings with an even number of cha



```
// removes all strings of even length
public static void removeEvenLength(List<String> list) {
    Iterator<String> i = list.iterator();
    {
        String element = i.next(); if
        (element.length() % 2 == 0) {
            i.remove();
        }
    }
}
```

Benefits of iterators

- Speed up loops over lists' elements
- Implemented for both `ArrayLists` and `LinkedLists`



- Makes more sense to use it for `LinkedLists` since `get`
- A unified way to examine all elements of a collection
- Every collection in Java has an `iterator` method
- In fact, that's the *only* guaranteed way to examine the elements
- Don't have to use indexes



Iterator is still not perfect

```
// add a 0 after any odd element
Iterator<Integer> itr = list.iterator();
int i = 0;
while (itr.hasNext()) { int element
    = itr.next(); if (element % 2
    == 1) { list.add(i, 0);    //
    fails }
}
```

- We can't use the iterator to add or set elements
- The iterator is programmed to crash if the list is modified



Concurrent modification exception

```
public void doubleList(LinkedList<Integer>
    Iterator<Integer> i =
    list.iterator(); while (i.hasNext())
    { int next = i.next();
      list.add(next); // ConcurrentModificationException
    }
}
```

- While you are still iterating, you cannot call any list's contents
- The code crashes with a `ConcurrentModificationException`
- It is okay to call a method on the **iterator itself** that modifies the list



- `get` and `remove` loops ONLY (not `set/add` operations)

The `ListIterator<E>` interface

- Extends the `Iterator` interface
- The `LinkedList` class implements the `List<E>` interface
- Methods in `LinkedList` that return a `ListIterator`
- `public ListIterator<E> listIterator()` ■ `public ListIterator<E> listIterator(int index)`



- Methods in the `ListIterator` interface:
- `add`, `hasNext`, `hasPrevious`, `next`, `previous`, `remove`, `set`

`Collections` class (not the `Collection` interface)

- The following static methods in the `Collections` class
- Example: `Collections.replaceAll(list, "hello", "world")`

Method name	
<code>binarySearch(list, value)</code>	searches a sorted list for a value
<code>copy(dest, source)</code>	copies all elements from source to dest



<code>fill (list, value)</code>	replaces all values in the list with <code>value</code>
<code>max (list)</code>	returns largest value in list
<code>min (list)</code>	returns smallest value in list
<code>replaceAll (list, oldValue, newValue)</code>	replaces all occurrences of <code>oldValue</code> with <code>newValue</code>
<code>reverse (list)</code>	reverses the order of elements in list
<code>rotate (list, distance)</code>	shifts every element's index by <code>distance</code>
<code>sort (list)</code>	places the list's elements in ascending order
<code>swap (list, index1, index2)</code>	switches element values at <code>index1</code> and <code>index2</code>