Building Java Programs
Chapter 10

ArrayList

Java Collections

Reading

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Learning Outcomes

- ArrayList operations
- Wrapper classes
- Generics
- Ordering & comparison

Summary

- Java's **ArrayList** supports a flexible sized array of objects
- ArrayList is a **generic** class. You must specify the data type when creating an ArrayList instance
- ArrayList supports various operations to retrieve / modify / search for elements
- Collections support **iteration** via **for-each** loop
- Collections storing primitive values (e.g. int or double) must be created with a **wrapper** type (e.g. Integer, Double)
- Objects stored in an ArrayList must implement the **comparable** interface to allow comparison and sorting

Exercise

- Write a program that reads a file and displays the words of that file as a list.
  - First display all words.
  - Then display them with all plurals (ending in "s") capitalized.
  - Then display them in reverse order.
  - Then display them with all plural words removed.

- Should we solve this problem using an array?
  - Why or why not?

Naive solution

```
String[] allWords = new String[1000];
int wordCount = 0;

Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("data.txt"));
while (input.hasNext()) {
    String word = input.next();
    allWords[wordCount] = word;
    wordCount++;
}
```

- Problem: You don't know how many words the file will have.
  - Hard to create an array of the appropriate size.
  - Later parts of the problem are more difficult to solve.

- Luckily, there are other ways to store data besides in an array.

Collections

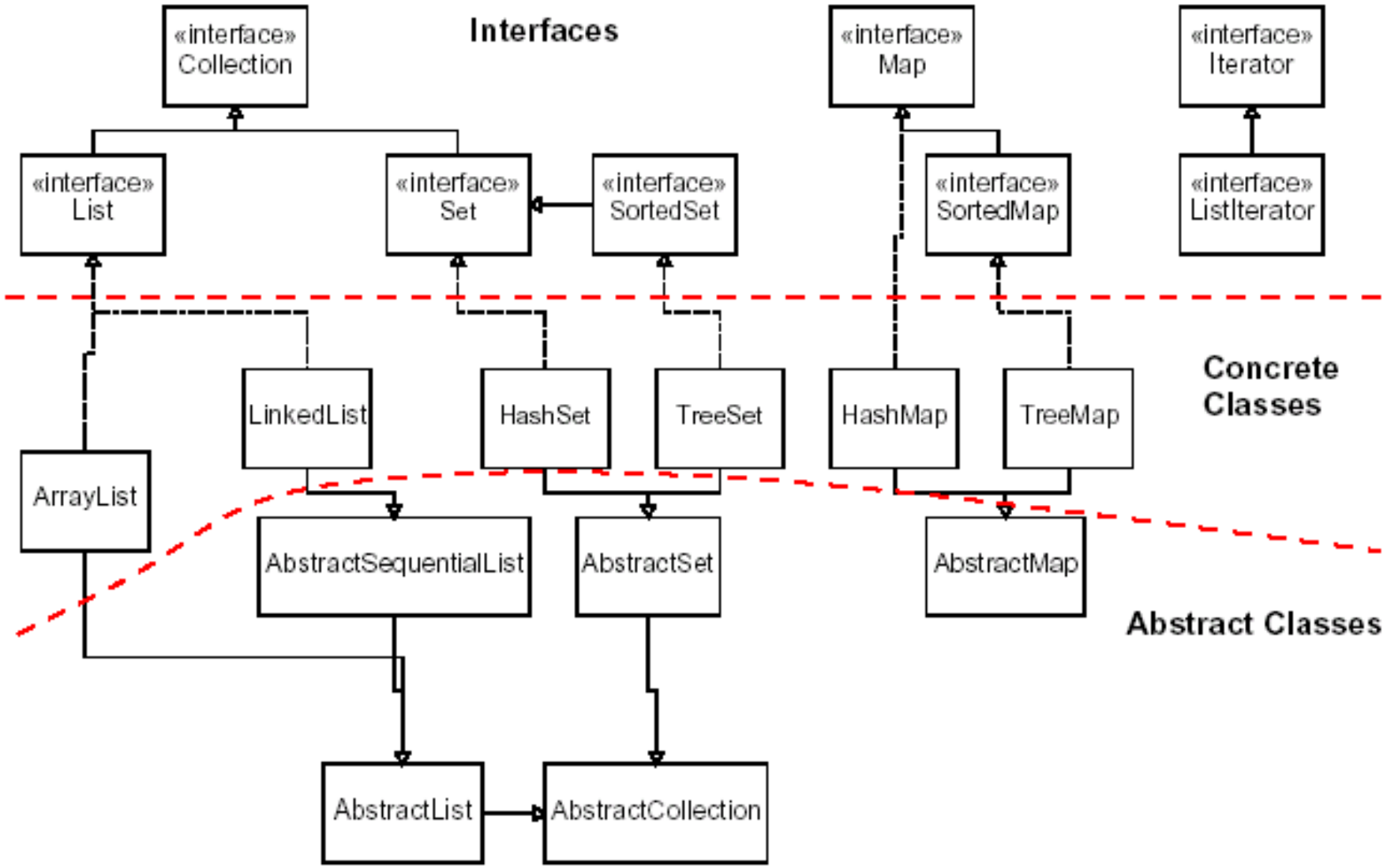
- **collection**: an object that stores data; a.k.a. "data structure"
  - the objects stored are called **elements**
  - some collections maintain an ordering; some allow duplicates
  - typical operations: add, remove, clear, contains (search), size

  - examples found in the Java class libraries:
    - `ArrayList`, `LinkedList`, `HashMap`, `TreeSet`, `PriorityQueue`

  - all collections are in the `java.util` package

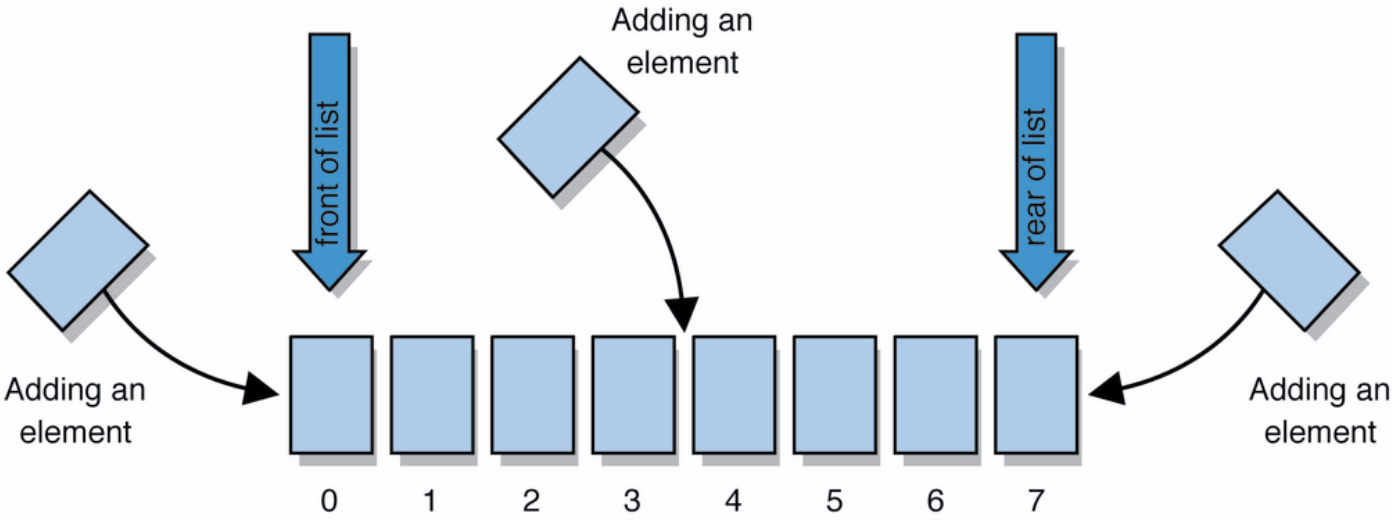
```
import java.util.*;
```

Java collections framework



Lists

- **list**: a collection storing an ordered sequence of elements
  - each element is accessible by a 0-based **index**
  - a list has a **size** (number of elements that have been added)
  - elements can be added to the front, back, or elsewhere
  - in Java, a list can be represented as an `ArrayList` object



Idea of a list

- Rather than creating an array of boxes, create an object that represents a "list" of items. (initially an empty list.)

```
[]
```

- You can add items to the list.
  - The default behavior is to add to the end of the list.

```
[hello, ABC, goodbye, okay]
```

- The list object keeps track of the element values that have been added to it, their order, indexes, and its total size.
  - Think of an "array list" as an automatically resizing array object.
  - Internally, the list is implemented using an array and a size field.

`ArrayList` methods (10.1)

`add(`**value**`)`	appends value at end of list
`add(`**index**`, `**value**`)`	inserts given value just before the given index, shifting subsequent values to the right
`clear()`	removes all elements of the list
`indexOf(`**value**`)`	returns first index where given value is found in list (-1 if not found)
`get(`**index**`)`	returns the value at given index
`remove(`**index**`)`	removes/returns value at given index, shifting subsequent values to the left
`set(`**index**`, `**value**`)`	replaces value at given index with given value
`size()`	returns the number of elements in list
`toString()`	returns a string representation of the list such as `"[3, 42, -7, 15]"`

`ArrayList` methods 2

`addAll(`**list**`)` `addAll(`**index**`, `**list**`)`	adds all elements from the given list to this list (at the end of the list, or inserts them at the given index)
`contains(`**value**`)`	returns true if given value is found somewhere in this list
`containsAll(`**list**`)`	returns true if this list contains every element from given list
`equals(`**list**`)`	returns true if given other list contains the same elements
`iterator()` `listIterator()`	returns an object used to examine the contents of the list (seen later)
`lastIndexOf(`**value**`)`	returns last index value is found in list (-1 if not found)
`remove(`**value**`)`	finds and removes the given value from this list
`removeAll(`**list**`)`	removes any elements found in the given list from this list
`retainAll(`**list**`)`	removes any elements not found in given list from this list
`subList(`**from**`, `**to**`)`	returns the sub-portion of the list between indexes **from** (inclusive) and **to** (exclusive)
`toArray()`	returns the elements in this list as an array

Type Parameters (Generics)

```
ArrayList<Type> name = new ArrayList<Type>();
```

- When constructing an `ArrayList`, you must specify the type of elements it will contain between < and >.
  - This is called a type parameter or a generic class.
  - Allows the same `ArrayList` class to store lists of different types.

```
ArrayList<String> names = new ArrayList<String>();
names.add("Marty Stepp");
names.add("Stuart Reges");
```

Learning about classes

- The Java API Specification is a huge web page containing documentation about every Java class and its methods.
  - The link to the API Specs is on the course web site.

`ArrayList` vs. array

- construction

```
String[] names = new String[5];
ArrayList<String> list = new ArrayList<String>();
```

- storing a value

```
names[0] = "Jessica";
list.add("Jessica");
```

- retrieving a value

```
String s = names[0];
String s = list.get(0);
```

ArrayList vs. array 2

- doing something to each value that starts with "B"

```
for (int i = 0; i < names.length; i++) {
    if (names[i].startsWith("B")) { ... }
}
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < list.size(); i++) {
    if (list.get(i).startsWith("B")) { ... }
}
```

- seeing whether the value "Benson" is found

```
for (int i = 0; i < names.length; i++) {
    if (names[i].equals("Benson")) { ... }
}
```

```
if (list.contains("Benson")) { ... }
```

Exercise, revisited

- Write a program that reads a file and displays the words of that file as a list.
  - First display all words.
  - Then display them in reverse order.
  - Then display them with all plurals (ending in "s") capitalized.
  - Then display them with all plural words removed.

Exercise solution (partial)

```
ArrayList<String> allWords = new ArrayList<String>();
Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("words.txt"));
while (input.hasNext()) {
    String word = input.next();
    allWords.add(word);
}
System.out.println(allWords);

// remove all plural words
for (int i = 0; i < allWords.size(); i++) {
    String word = allWords.get(i);
    if (word.endsWith("s")) {
        allWords.remove(i);
        i--;
    }
}
```

`ArrayList` as parameter

```
public static void name(ArrayList<Type> name) {
```

- Example:

```
// Removes all plural words from the given list.
public static void removePlural(ArrayList<String> list) {
    for (int i = 0; i < list.size(); i++) {
        String str = list.get(i);
        if (str.endsWith("s")) {
            list.remove(i);
            i--;
        }
    }
}
```

- You can also return a list:

```
public static ArrayList<Type> methodName(params)
```

`ArrayList` of primitives?

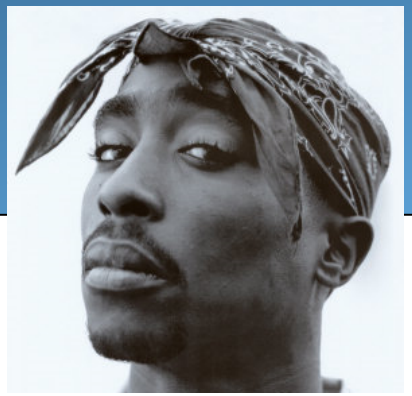
- The type you specify when creating an `ArrayList` must be an object type; it cannot be a primitive type.

```
// illegal -- int cannot be a type parameter
ArrayList<int> list = new ArrayList<int>();
```

- But we can still use `ArrayList` with primitive types by using special classes called wrapper classes in their place.

```
// creates a list of ints
ArrayList<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();
```

Wrapper classes



Primitive Type	Wrapper Type
int	Integer
double	Double
char	Character
boolean	Boolean

- A wrapper is an object whose sole purpose is to hold a primitive value.

- Once you construct the list, use it with primitives as normal:

```
ArrayList<Double> grades = new ArrayList<Double>();
grades.add(3.2);
grades.add(2.7);
...
double myGrade = grades.get(0);
```

Exercise

- Write a program that reads a file full of numbers and displays all the numbers as a list, then:
  - Prints the average of the numbers.
  - Prints the highest and lowest number.
  - Filters out all of the even numbers (ones divisible by 2).

Exercise solution (partial)

```
ArrayList<Integer> numbers = new ArrayList<Integer>();
Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("numbers.txt"));
while (input.hasNextInt()) {
    int n = input.nextInt();
    numbers.add(n);
}
System.out.println(numbers);
filterEvens(numbers);
System.out.println(numbers);
...

// Removes all elements with even values from the given list.
public static void filterEvens(ArrayList<Integer> list) {
    for (int i = list.size() - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
        int n = list.get(i);
        if (n % 2 == 0) {
            list.remove(i);
        }
    }
}
```

Other Exercises

- Write a method `reverse` that reverses the order of the elements in an `ArrayList` of strings.

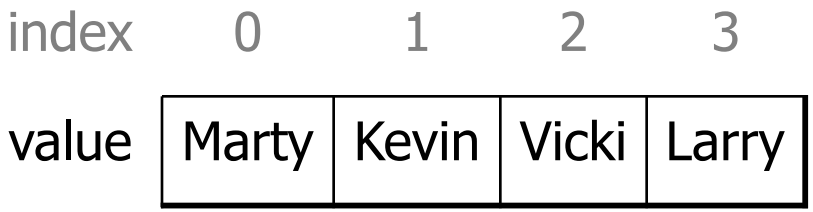
- Write a method `capitalizePlurals` that accepts an `ArrayList` of strings and replaces every word ending with an "s" with its uppercased version.

- Write a method `removePlurals` that accepts an `ArrayList` of strings and removes every word in the list ending with an "s", case-insensitively.

Out-of-bounds

- Legal indexes are between **0** and the **list's size() - 1**.
  - Reading or writing any index outside this range will cause an `IndexOutOfBoundsException`.

```
ArrayList<String> names = new ArrayList<String>();
names.add("Marty");    names.add("Kevin");
names.add("Vicki");    names.add("Larry");
System.out.println(names.get(0));          // okay
System.out.println(names.get(3));          // okay
System.out.println(names.get(-1));         // exception
names.add(9, "Aimee");                     // exception
```



ArrayList "mystery"

```
ArrayList<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();
for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++) {
    list.add(10 * i);   // [10, 20, 30, 40, ..., 100]
}
```

- What is the output of the following code?

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

- Answer:

```
[20, 40, 60, 80, 100]
```

ArrayList "mystery" 2

```
ArrayList<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {
    list.add(2 * i);   // [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
}
```

- What is the output of the following code?

```
int size = list.size();
for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) {
    list.add(i, 42);   // add 42 at index i
}
System.out.println(list);
```

- Answer:

```
[42, 42, 42, 42, 42, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
```

`ArrayList` as parameter

```
public static void name(ArrayList<Type> name) {
```

- Example:

```
// Removes all plural words from the given list.
public static void removePlural(ArrayList<String> list) {
    for (int i = 0; i < list.size(); i++) {
        String str = list.get(i);
        if (str.endsWith("s")) {
            list.remove(i);
            i--;
        }
    }
}
```

- You can also return a list:

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```

Exercise

- Write a method `addStars` that accepts an array list of strings as a parameter and places a `*` after each element.
  - Example: if an array list named `list` initially stores:

```
[the, quick, brown, fox]
```

  - Then the call of `addStars(list);` makes it store:

```
[the, *, quick, *, brown, *, fox, *]
```

- Write a method `removeStars` that accepts an array list of strings, assuming that every other element is a `*`, and removes the stars (undoing what was done by `addStars` above).

Exercise solution

```
public static void addStars(ArrayList<String> list) {
    for (int i = 0; i < list.size(); i += 2) {
        list.add(i, "*");
    }
}


public static void removeStars(ArrayList<String> list) {
    for (int i = 0; i < list.size(); i++) {
        list.remove(i);
    }
}
```

Exercise

- Write a method `intersect` that accepts two sorted array lists of integers as parameters and returns a new list that contains only the elements that are found in both lists.
  - Example: if lists named `list1` and `list2` initially store:

```
[1, 4, 8, 9, 11, 15, 17, 28, 41, 59]
[4, 7, 11, 17, 19, 20, 23, 28, 37, 59, 81]
```

  - Then the call of `intersect(list1, list2)` returns the list:

```
[4, 11, 17, 28, 59]
```

Other Exercises

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Objects storing collections

- An object can have an array, list, or other collection as a field.

```
public class Course {
    private double[] grades;
    private ArrayList<String> studentNames;

    public Course() {
        grades = new double[4];
        studentNames = new ArrayList<String>();
        ...
    }
```

- Now each object stores a collection of data inside it.

The `compareTo` method (10.2)

- The standard way for a Java class to define a comparison function for its objects is to define a `compareTo` method.
  - Example: in the `String` class, there is a method:

```
public int compareTo(String other)
```

- A call of **A**`.compareTo(`**B**`)` will return:

a value < 0	if **A** comes "before" **B** in the ordering,
a value > 0	if **A** comes "after" **B** in the ordering,
or	
0	if **A** and **B** are considered "equal" in the ordering.

Using `compareTo`

- `compareTo` can be used as a test in an `if` statement.

```
String a = "alice";
String b = "bob";
if (a.compareTo(b) < 0) {   // true
    ...
}
```

Primitives	Objects
`if (a < b) { ...`	`if (a.compareTo(b) < 0) { ...`
`if (a <= b) { ...`	`if (a.compareTo(b) <= 0) { ...`
`if (a == b) { ...`	`if (a.compareTo(b) == 0) { ...`
`if (a != b) { ...`	`if (a.compareTo(b) != 0) { ...`
`if (a >= b) { ...`	`if (a.compareTo(b) >= 0) { ...`
`if (a > b) { ...`	`if (a.compareTo(b) > 0) { ...`

compareTo and collections

- You can use an array or list of strings with Java's included binary search method because it calls `compareTo` internally.

```
String[] a = {"al", "bob", "cari", "dan", "mike"};
int index = Arrays.binarySearch(a, "dan");  // 3
```

- Java's `TreeSet/Map` use `compareTo` internally for ordering.

```
Set<String> set = new TreeSet<String>();
for (String s : a) {
    set.add(s);
}
System.out.println(s);
// [al, bob, cari, dan, mike]
```

Ordering our own types

- We cannot binary search or make a `TreeSet`/`Map` of arbitrary types, because Java doesn't know how to order the elements.
  - The program compiles but crashes when we run it.

```
Set<HtmlTag> tags = new TreeSet<HtmlTag>();
tags.add(new HtmlTag("body", true));
tags.add(new HtmlTag("b", false));
...

Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ClassCastException
        at java.util.TreeSet.add(TreeSet.java:238)
```

Comparable (10.2)

```
public interface Comparable<E> {
    public int compareTo(E other);
}
```

- A class can implement the `Comparable` interface to define a natural ordering function for its objects.

- A call to your `compareTo` method should return:
  a value < 0 if the `other` object comes "before" `this` one,
  a value > 0 if the `other` object comes "after" `this` one,
  or 0 if the `other` object is considered "equal" to `this`.

- If you want multiple orderings, use a `Comparator` instead (see Ch. 13.1)

Comparable template

```
public class name implements Comparable<name> {

    ...

    public int compareTo(name other) {
        ...
    }
}
```

Comparable example

```
public class Point implements Comparable<Point> {
    private int x;
    private int y;
    ...

    // sort by x and break ties by y
    public int compareTo(Point other) {
        if (x < other.x) {
            return -1;
        } else if (x > other.x) {
            return 1;
        } else if (y < other.y) {
            return -1;    // same x, smaller y
        } else if (y > other.y) {
            return 1;     // same x, larger y
        } else {
            return 0;     // same x and same y
        }
    }
}
```

compareTo tricks

- subtraction trick - Subtracting related numeric values produces the right result for what you want `compareTo` to return:

```
// sort by x and break ties by y
public int compareTo(Point other) {
    if (x != other.x) {
        return x - other.x;   // different x
    } else {
        return y - other.y;   // same x; compare y
    }
}
```

  - The idea:
    - if `x > other.x`, then `x - other.x > 0`
    - if `x < other.x`, then `x - other.x < 0`
    - if `x == other.x`, then `x - other.x == 0`
      - NOTE: This trick doesn't work for `double`s (but see `Math.signum`)

compareTo tricks 2

- delegation trick - If your object's fields are comparable (such as strings), use their `compareTo` results to help you:

```
// sort by employee name, e.g. "Jim" < "Susan"
public int compareTo(Employee other) {
    return name.compareTo(other.getName());
}
```

- *`toString`* trick - If your object's `toString` representation is related to the ordering, use that to help you:

```
// sort by date, e.g. "09/19" > "04/01"
public int compareTo(Date other) {
    return toString().compareTo(other.toString());
}
```

Exercises

- Make the `HtmlTag` class from HTML Validator comparable.
  - Compare tags by their elements, alphabetically by name.
  - For the same element, opening tags come before closing tags.

```
// <body><b></b><i><b></b><br/></i></body>
Set<HtmlTag> tags = new TreeSet<HtmlTag>();
tags.add(new HtmlTag("body", true));    // <body>
tags.add(new HtmlTag("b", true));       // <b>
tags.add(new HtmlTag("b", false));      // </b>
tags.add(new HtmlTag("i", true));       // <i>
tags.add(new HtmlTag("b", true));       // <b>
tags.add(new HtmlTag("b", false));      // </b>
tags.add(new HtmlTag("br"));            // <br/>
tags.add(new HtmlTag("i", false));      // </i>
tags.add(new HtmlTag("body", false));   // </body>
System.out.println(tags);
// [<b>, </b>, <body>, </body>, <br/>, <i>, </i>]
```

Exercise solution

```
public class HtmlTag implements Comparable<HtmlTag> {
    ...
    // Compares tags by their element ("body" before "head"),
    // breaking ties with opening tags before closing tags.
    // Returns < 0 for less, 0 for equal, > 0 for greater.
    public int compareTo(HtmlTag other) {
        int compare = element.compareTo(other.getElement());
        if (compare != 0) {
            // different tags; use String's compareTo result
            return compare;
        } else {
            // same tag
            if ((isOpenTag == other.isOpenTag()) {
                return 0;   // exactly the same kind of tag
            } else if (other.isOpenTag()) {
                return 1;   // he=open, I=close; I am after
            } else {
                return -1;  // I=open, he=close; I am before
            }
        }
    }
}
```