

Object Oriented Programming with Java

08 - Generics & Collections





What are generics?

- Allows to specify a generic implementation for class, interface or method
- Generic parameters can be defined at compile time using angle brackets (<>)
- Used mostly in collections



Defining generics

Defining a generic class

```
class Rental<T>{
        T item;
}
```

Defining generic interfaces

```
interface List<E>{}
```

Defining generic methods

```
public <U> void rentout(U item) {...}
```



Calling generics

 Regarding the definitions on the previous slide:

```
Rental<Car> rentalCar = new Rental<Car>();
Rental<House> rentalHouse = new Rental<House>();

Car subaru = new Car();
rentalCar.rentout(subaru);

House myHouse = new House();
rentalHouse.rentout(myHouse);
```



Constraining Generic Definition

 Generics can be defined as to be extended from a certain class or interface

```
class Rental<T extends Vehicle>{
     T item;
}
```



Wildcards

 We use wildcards to broaden <u>usage</u> of generic types. Code below only accepts items of type Object, no subtypes

```
public void setRental(Rental<Object> rental) {...}
```

 By using <?> wildcard we can extend the scale of the parameter

```
public void setRental(Rental<?> rental) {...}
```

We can also add a constraint to the wildcard

```
public void setRental(Rental<? extends Vehicle> rental){...}
//or
public void setRental(Rental<? super Car){...}</pre>
```



WildCards with Collections

 If we define a method taking a collection as parameter like below:

```
public void addAnimal(ArrayList<Animal> animals) {
      animals.add(new Dog());
}
```

 If we pass an ArrayList<Dog> into the method we get a compiler error. We can do it as shown below:

```
public void addAnimal(ArrayList<? extends Animal> animals) {
         animals.add(new Dog());
}
```



Generic Methods

- We have seen the first usage of generic methods -> using a generic class
- The second usage is defining a generic method free of a generic class:

```
public <C1 extends Car, C2 extends C1> void buyCar(C1 car, C2 oldCar)
{...}
```

Usage:

```
//FamilyCar and SportsCar are subclasses of Car
Car myBrand = new Car();
FamilyCar volvo = new FamilyCar();
SportsCar porsche = new SportsCar();
Dealer carDealer = new Dealer();
//buy a new car trading the old one
carDealer.buyCar(myBrand, volvo);
```



Case Study – Custom List

- Create your own custom list using the generic types
- Items can be added and returned from an index using the custom list
- For more please visit:

http://download.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/java/generics/index.html



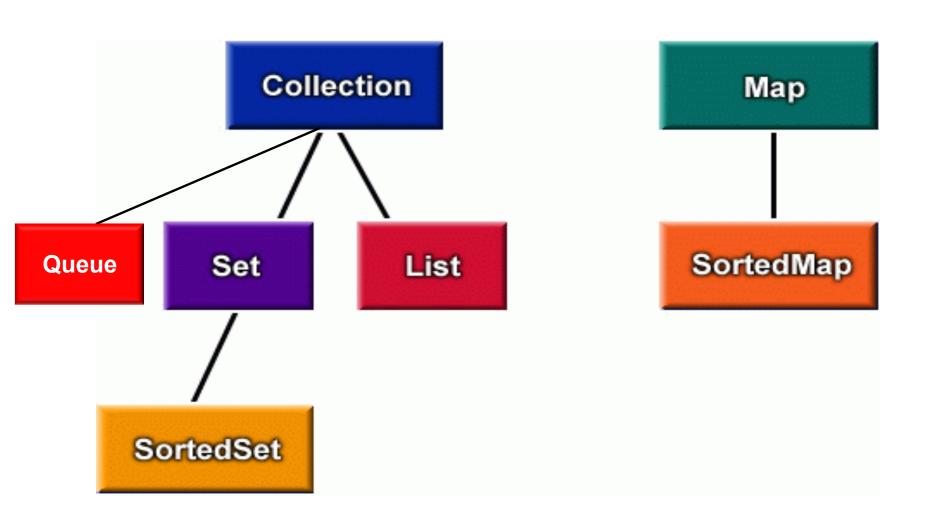
Java Collections Framework

 The Collections Framework consists of interfaces and their implementations..

- A collection is a container or object that groups multiple objects into a single unit
- By implementing some interfaces by provided by Sun Microsystems you can develop your own collections

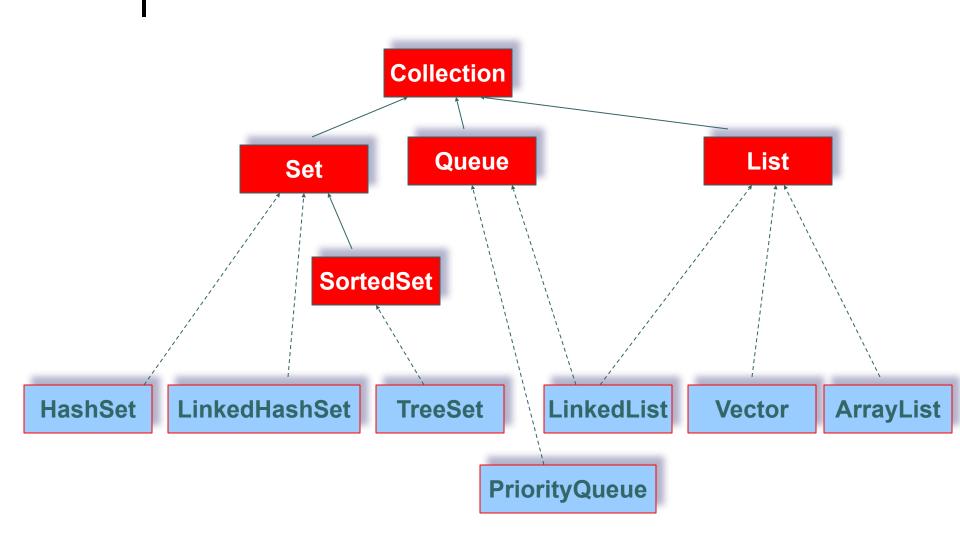


Collections Interfaces





Collection Implementation Classes





Collection Interfaces

- Collection: Basic set of methods for working with data structures
 - No ordering
 - May contain duplicate elements
 - Has no direct implementation class

List <u>extends Collection</u>:

- Elements kept in inserted order
- Any element can be accessed by using index no (using get() method)
- Can be searched (using contains() method)
- May contain null elements
- Implementation classes are;
 LinkedList, Vector, ArrayList



Collection Interfaces

- Set <u>extends Collection</u>: A collection that has no duplicate elements
 - Can be searched (using contains() method)
 - No duplicate elements (no pair elements)
 - May contain one null element (at most)
 - Elements not kept in inserted order unless LinkedHashSet used
 - Implementation classes are ; HashSet, LinkedHashSet
- SortedSet <u>extends Set</u>:
 - Has all features of Set
 - Elements kept sorted
 - Implementation classes is; TreeSet



Queue

- Queue <u>extends Collection</u>: A collection that supports ordering on FIFO basis
 - Has extra methods in addition to Collection interface's, Deque is an intermediate interface
 - Implementation: LinkedList (implements Queue), ArrayDeque (implements Deque)
 - $add(e) \rightarrow offer(e)$
 - remove() → poll()
 - element() → peek()



Concrete Classes from List

- ArrayList (Basic one, fast indexing)
- Vector (Syncronized slower than ArrayList)
- LinkedList (addFirst & addLast, slow indexing)



Concrete Classes from Set

- HashSet (Basic one)
- LinkedHashSet (Guaranties the insertion order)
- TreeSet (extends SortedSet)
- Notes:
 - Sets get use of the hashCode() and equals() methods to catch duplicates, these methods can be overridden
 - For objects to be able to be sorted by the TreeSet, they should implement Comparable interface and override compareTo() method

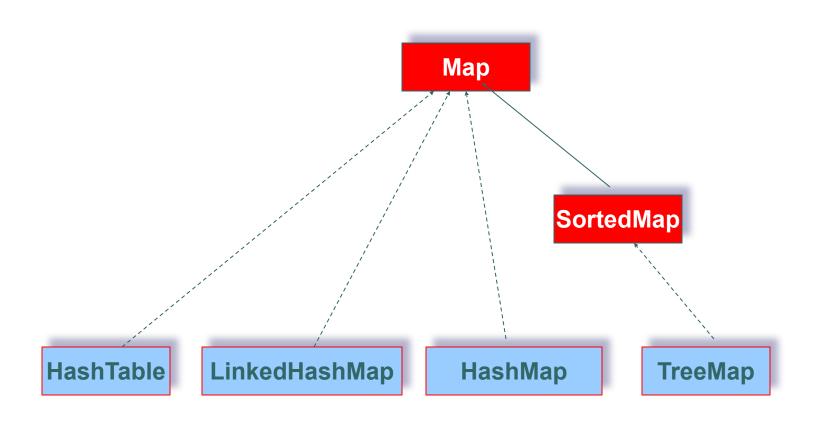


hashCode() and Comparable Interface - Example

```
for student objects to be sortable compareTo()
public class Student implements Comparable {
                                                     method should be overridden
          int number;
                                                     return
                                                               0 : compared object same
         public Student(int no) {
                                                               -1: compared object
                   this.number = no;
                                                                  larger than me
                                                                1: compared object smaller than
          @Override
         public int compareTo(Object o) {
                    if(this.number==((Student)o).number){
                             return 0;
                    }else if(this.number>((Student)o).number) {
                              return 1;
                    }else{
                             return -1;
          @Override
                                                       for non duplicates in sets both
         public int hashCode() {
                                                       methods must be overridden, now
                   return this.number;
                                                       students with the same number will
          @Override
                                                       be accepted as same objects
         public boolean equals(Object obj) {
                    if(this.number == ((Student)obj).number) {
                              return true;
                    }else{ return false;}
```



Map Implementation Classes





Map Interfaces

- Map <u>does NOT extend Collection</u>: An object that maps keys to values
 - No duplicate keys
 - Values can be accessed rapidly by using keys
 - Implementation classes are;
 HashTable, HashMap, LinkedHashMap
- SortedMap <u>extends Map</u>:
 - Has all features of Map
 - Keys are kept sorted (natural order or Comparable interface)
 - Implementation class is; TreeMap



Map Concrete Classes

- HashMap (Basic one may not be ordered)
- LinkedHashMap (Guaranties the insertion order)
- HashTable (Syncronized, do not allow null keys or values)
- TreeMap (extends SortedMap so keys are sorted by natural order)



Map Example

- We use put() method in order to add elements to a map
- to iterate over a map, first we can get an iterator object from [map].keySet() which returns a set of keys or we can just use an enhanced for with the set of keys



Deque Interface

- A collection that can be used as a stack or a queue
 - It means a "double-ended queue" (and is pronounced "deck").
 - A queue provides FIFO (first in, first out)
 operations: add(e) and remove() methods
 - A stack provides LIFO (last in, first out)
 operations: push(e) and pop() methods



Stack with Deque: Example

```
1 public class TestStack {
2
         public static void main(String[] args){
3
                   Deque<String> stack = new ArrayDeque<>();
4
                   stack.push("one");
                   stack.push("two");
                   stack.push("three");
                   int size = stack.size() - 1;
9.
                  while(size>=0) {
10.
                    System.out.println(stack.pop());
11
                    size--;
12
13
14 }
```



Arrays Class - Sorting an Array

 We can sort an array using Arrays class's sort() method



Arrays Class - From Array to List

 We can convert an array to a list by using Arrays class's asList() method

```
String[] isimler = {"Zeynep","Mustafa","Ahmet","Vedat","Ali"};
List isimlist = Arrays.asList(isimler);
for (int i = 0; i < isimlist.size(); i++) {
    System.out.println((String)isimlist.get(i));
}</pre>
```



Static Methods of Collections Class

- Consists of static methods that operate on or return collections
- can shuffle, sort, reverse... collcections



Case Study: Occurrences of Words

 Write a program that calculates the frequencies of words in a text and displays the words and their number of occurrence in an alphabetical order.