

Stack-Heap Diagram

Step 1: `main` Method Entry

Stack:

- `args` (reference to an array of strings passed to `main`)

Step 2: Initializations in `main`

Stack:

- `name` = reference to "Kevin" (stored in the heap)
- `list` = reference to a new `ArrayList<>()` (ArrayList object stored in the heap)
- `times` = 10

Step 3: Evaluate `fill(list, name + name, times)`

Expression Breakdown:

1. `name + name` creates a new `String` object "KevinKevin" in the heap.
2. This value is passed as the `str` argument to the `fill` method.

Stack:

- `name` = reference to "Kevin"
- `list` = reference to `ArrayList`
- `times` = 10

Step 4: Call `fill` Method

Stack (inside `fill`):

- `collection` = reference to `list`
- `str` = reference to "KevinKevin"
- `times` = 10

Step 5: Call `shrink(str)` within `fill`

Inside `fill`, call to `shrink` with `str` = "KevinKevin"

Step 6: `shrink` Method Execution

1. `newLength` is calculated as `str.length() / 2 + str.length() % 2` → 5

2. A `char[]` of size 5 is created and populated with characters from "KevinKevin" at indices 0, 2, 4, 6, and 8, resulting in {'K', 'v', 'n', 'K', 'v'}.
3. A new `String` "KvnKv" is created from this array.

Stack (inside `shrink`):

- `str` = reference to "KevinKevin"
- `newLength` = 5
- `chars` = {'K', 'v', 'n', 'K', 'v'}

Return "KvnKv" from `shrink`.

Step 7: `fill` Method Execution (continued)

1. `shrunk` is set to reference "KvnKv".
2. `times` is recalculated as $(10 + \text{"KvnKv"}.length()) / 2 \rightarrow (10 + 5) / 2 = 7$.
3. A loop runs $\text{times} / 2 = 7 / 2 = 3$ times, adding "KvnKv" to `collection` (`list`) three times.

Stack (inside `fill` after `shrink`):

- `collection` = reference to `list`
- `str` = reference to "KevinKevin"
- `shrunk` = reference to "KvnKv"
- `times` = 7
- Loop index variable `i` iterates from 0 to 2.

Heap (state of `list`):

- `list` = ["KvnKv", "KvnKv", "KvnKv"]

Return `times = 7` from `fill`.

Step 8: `main` Method Execution (continued)

1. `System.out.println(times + fill(list, name + name, times))` evaluates to $10 + 7 = 17$.
2. 17 is printed.

Final State:

Stack (after `main` completes):

- `name` = reference to "Kevin"

- `list` = reference to `ArrayList` containing `["KvnKv", "KvnKv", "KvnKv"]`
- `times` = 10

Heap:

- `"Kevin"`
- `"KevinKevin"`
- `"KvnKv"`
- `ArrayList` instance (referenced by `list` in `main`), containing `["KvnKv", "KvnKv", "KvnKv"]`

