


OBJECT-ORIENTED LANGUAGE AND THEORY

8. POLYMORPHISM



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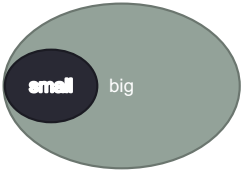
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Primitive data

- Upcasting:
 - small to big range
 - implicitly cast
 - e.g. byte => short => int => double
 - byte b = 2;
 - short s = b;
- Downcasting
 - big to small
 - explicitly cast
 - e.g. int => short
 - (short)



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1.1. Upcasting

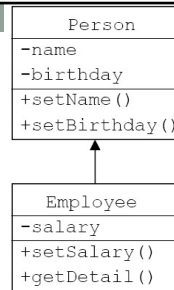
- Moving up the inheritance hierarchy
- Up casting is the capacity to view an object of a derived class as an object of its base class.
- Automatic type conversion (implicitly)

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Example

```
public class Test1 {
    public static void main(String arg[]){
        Person p;
        Employee e = new Employee();
        p = e; //upcasting
        p.setName("Hoa");
        p.setSalary(350000); // compile error

        Employee e1 = (Employee) p; //downcasting
        e1.setSalary(350000); //ok
    }
}
```



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Example (2)

```
class Manager extends Employee {
    Employee assistant;
    // ...
    public void setAssistant(Employee e) {
        assistant = e;
    }
    // ...
}

public class Test2 {
    public static void main(String arg[]){
        Manager junior, senior;
        // ...
        senior.setAssistant(junior);
    }
}
```

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Example (3)

```
public class Test3 {
    String static teamInfo(Person p1, Person p2){
        return "Leader: " + p1.getName() +
            ", member: " + p2.getName();
    }

    public static void main(String arg[]){
        Employee e1, e2;
        Manager m1, m2;
        // ...
        System.out.println(teamInfo(e1, e2));
        System.out.println(teamInfo(m1, m2));
        System.out.println(teamInfo(m1, e2));
    }
}
```

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1.2. Downcasting

- Move back down the inheritance hierarchy
- Down casting is the capacity to view an object of a base class as an object of its derived class.
- Does not convert types automatically
→ Must cast types explicitly.

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Example

```
public class Test2 {
    public static void main(String arg[]) {
        Employee e = new Employee();
        Person p = e; // upcasting
        Employee ee = (Employee) p; // downcasting
        Manager m = (Manager) ee; // run-time error

        Person p2 = new Manager(); //upcasting
        Employee e2 = (Employee) p2; // downcasting

        Person p3 = new Employee(); // upcasting
        Manager e3 = (Manager) p3; // downcasting - runtime error
    }
}
```



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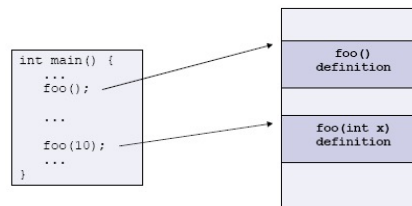
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Function call binding

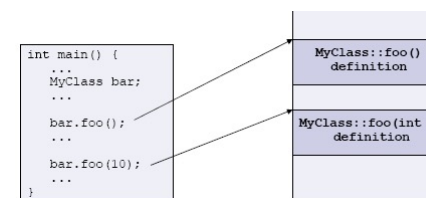
- Function call binding is a procedure to **specify the piece of code that need to be executed** when calling a function
- E.g. C language: a function has a unique name



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OOP languages (method call binding)

- For independent classes (are not in any inheritance tree), the procedure is almost the same as function call binding
 - Compare function name, argument list to find the corresponding definition



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2.1. Static Binding

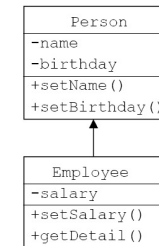
- Binding at the compiling time
 - Early Binding/Compile-time Binding
 - Function call is done when compiling, hence there is only one instance of the function
 - Any error will cause a compiling error
 - Advantage of speed
- C/C++ function call binding, and C++ method binding are basically examples of static function call binding



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Example

```
public class Test {
    public static void main(String arg[]){
        Person p = new Person();
        p.setName("Hoa");
        p.setSalary(350000); //compile-time error
    }
}
```



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2.2. Dynamic binding

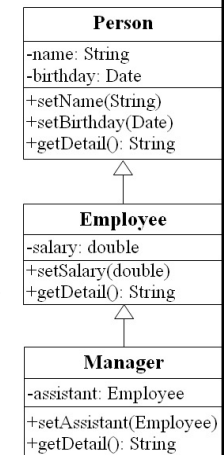
- The method call is done at run-time
 - Late binding/Run-time binding
 - Instance of method is suitable for called object.
 - Java uses dynamic binding by default



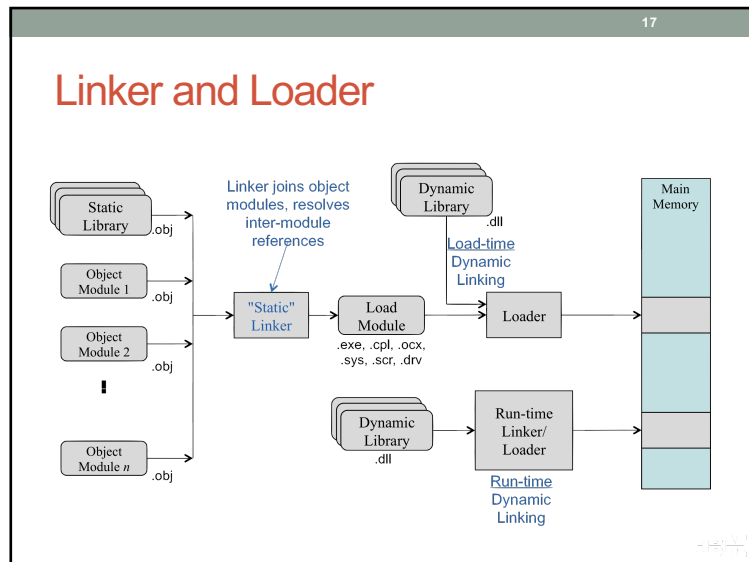
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Example

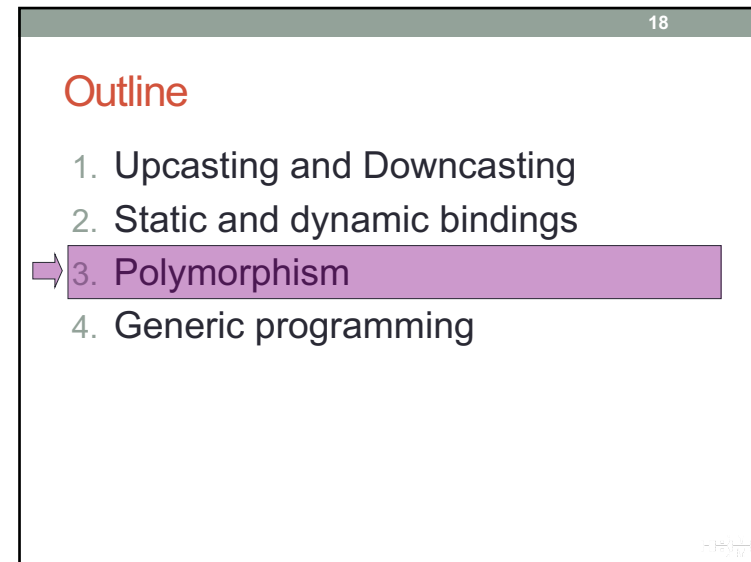
```
public class Test {
    public static void main(String arg[]){
        Person p = new Person();
        // ...
        Employee e = new Employee();
        // ...
        Manager m = new Manager();
        // ...
        Person pArr[] = {p, e, m}; //upcasting
        for (int i=0; i< pArr.length; i++){
            System.out.println(
                pArr[i].getDetail());
        }
    }
}
```



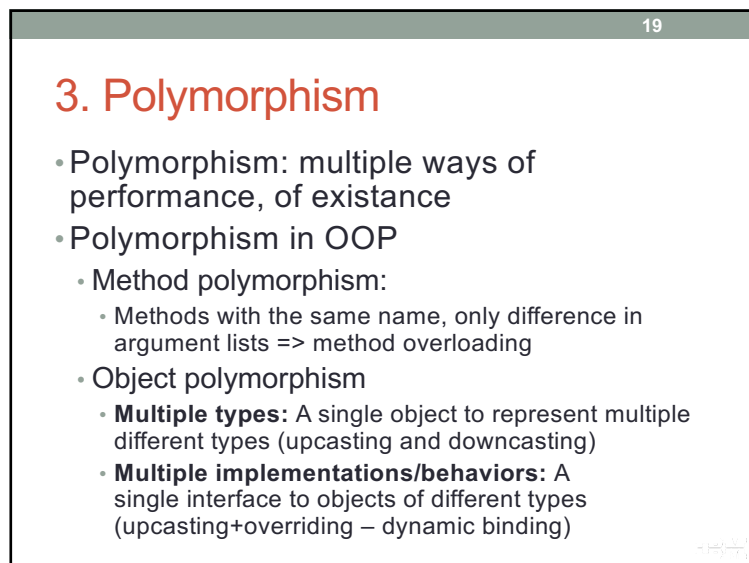
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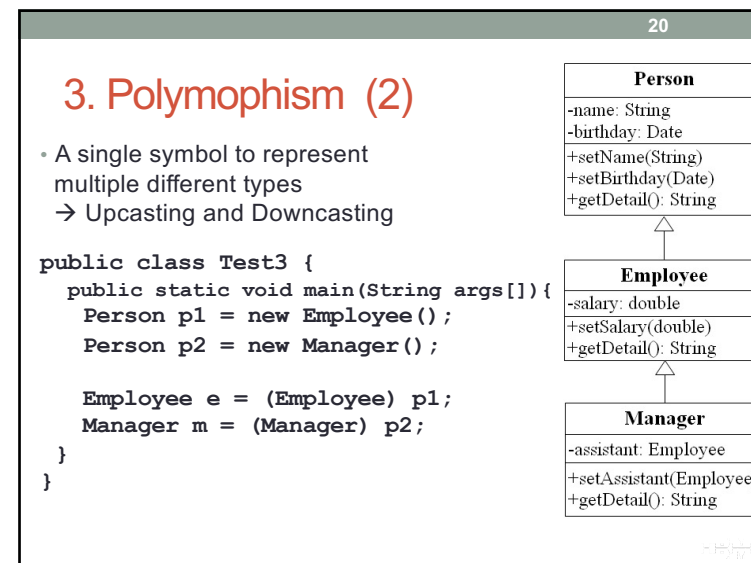
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3. Polymorphism (5)

- A single interface to entities of different types
→ Dynamic binding (Java)

- Example:

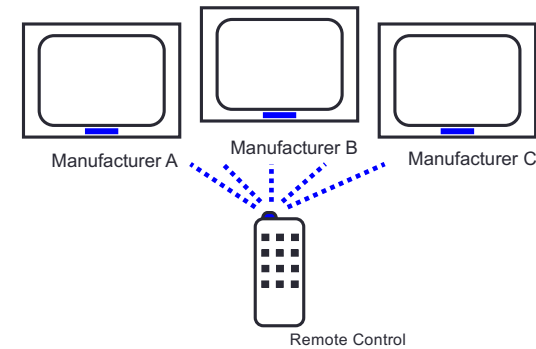
```
Person p1 = new Person();
Person p2 = new Employee();
Person p3 = new Manager();
// ...
System.out.println(p1.getDetail());
System.out.println(p2.getDetail());
System.out.println(p3.getDetail());
```



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Why Polymorphism?

- The ability to hide many different implementations behind a single interface



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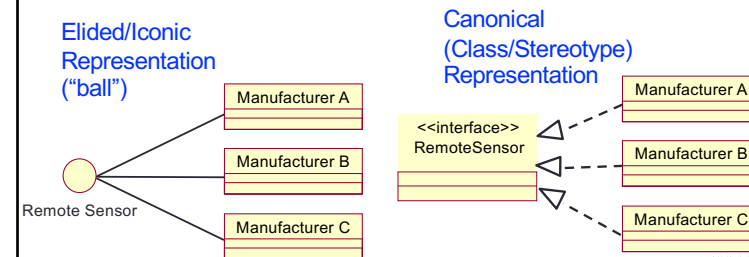
```
• interface TVInterface {
    public void turnOn();
    public void volumnUp(int steps);
    ...
}
• class TVA implements TVInterface {
    public void turnOn() { ... }
    ...
}
• class TVB implements TVInterface {...}
• class TVC implements TVInterface {...}
• class RemoteControl {
    TVInterface tva = new TVA(); tva.turnOn(); tva.volumnUp(2);
    TVInterface tvb = new TVB(); tvb.turnOn(); tvb.volumnUp(2);
    TVInterface tvc = new TVC(); tvc.turnOn(); tvc.volumnUp(2);
}
• }
```



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What Is an Interface?

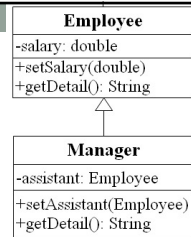
- A declaration of a coherent set of public features and obligations
 - A contract between providers and consumers of services



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Other examples

```
class EmployeeList {
    Employee list[];
    ...
    public void add(Employee e) {...}
    public void print() {
        for (int i=0; i<list.length; i++) {
            System.out.println(list[i].getDetail());
        }
    }
    ...
    EmployeeList list = new EmployeeList();
    Employee e1; Manager m1;
    ...
    list.add(e1); list.add(m1);
    list.print();
}
```



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Operator instanceof

```
public class Employee extends Person {}
public class Student extends Person {}

public class Test{
    public doSomething(Person e) {
        if (e instanceof Employee) {...}
        } else if (e instanceof Student) {... }{
        } else {...}
    }
}
```

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Static methods

- Static methods in Java are inherited, but can not be overridden.
- If you declare the same method in a subclass, you hide the superclass method instead of overriding it.
- Static methods are not polymorphic. At the compile time, the static method will be statically linked

```
public class Writer {
    public static void write() {
        System.out.println("Writing");
    }
}

public class Author extends Writer {
    public static void write() {
        System.out.println("Writing book");
    }
}

public class Programmer extends Writer {
    public static void write() {
        System.out.println("Writing code");
    }
}

public static void main(String[] args) {
    Writer w = new Programmer();
    w.write();

    Writer secondWriter = new Author();
    secondWriter.write();

    Writer thirdWriter = null;
    thirdWriter.write();

    Author firstAuthor = new Author();
    firstAuthor.write();
}
```

Writing
Writing
Writing
Writing book

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Static method

```
package a;

class Writer {
    public static void write() {
        System.out.println("Writing");
    }
}

public class Author extends Writer {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Author a = new Author();
        a.write();
    }
}
```

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4. Generic programming

- Generalizing program so that it can work with different data types, including some future data types
 - Algorithm is already defined
- Example:
 - C: using pointer void
 - C++: using template
 - Java: take advantage of upcasting
 - Java 1.5: Template



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Example: C using void pointer

• Malloc function:

```
void* memcpy(void* region1,
             const void* region2, size_t n){
    const char* first = (const char*)region2;
    const char* last = ((const char*)region2) + n;
    char* result = (char*)region1;
    while (first != last)
        *result++ = *first++;
    return result;
}
```



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Example: C++ using template

When using, we can replace
ItemType by int, string,... or any
object of any class

```
template<class ItemType>
void sort(ItemType A[], int count) {
    // Sort count items in the array, A, into increasing order
    // The algorithm that is used here is selection sort
    for (int i = count-1; i > 0; i--) {
        int index_of_max = 0;
        for (int j = 1; j <= i; j++)
            if (A[j] > A[index_of_max]) index_of_max = j;
        if (index_of_max != i) {
            ItemType temp = A[i];
            A[i] = A[index_of_max];
            A[index_of_max] = temp;
        }
    }
}
```



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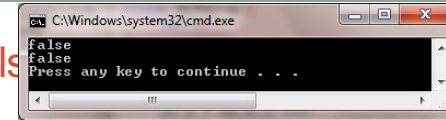
Example: Java using upcasting and Object

```
class MyStack {
    ...
    public void push(Object obj) {...}
    public Object pop() {...}
}

public class TestStack{
    MyStack s = new MyStack();
    Point p = new Point();
    Circle c = new Circle();
    s.push(p); s.push(c); //upcasting
    Circle c1 = (Circle) s.pop(); //downcasting
    Point p1 = (Point) s.pop(); //downcasting
}
```

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Recall – equals



```
class MyValue {
    private int number;
    public MyValue(int number){this.number = number;}
    public boolean equals(Object obj){

    }

    public int getNumber(){return number;}
}

public class EqualsMethod2 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        MyValue v1 = new MyValue(100);
        MyValue v2 = new MyValue(100);
        System.out.println(v1.equals(v2));
        System.out.println(v1==v2);
    }
}
```



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Exercise

- Re-write method **equals** for the class **MyValue** (this method is inherited from the class Object)

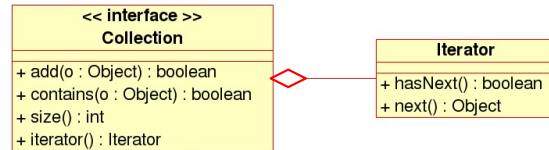
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```
class MyValue {
    int i;
    public boolean equals(Object obj) {
        return (this.i == ((MyValue) obj).i);
    }
}

public class EqualsMethod2 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        MyValue v1 = new MyValue();
        MyValue v2 = new MyValue();
        v1.i = v2.i = 100;
        System.out.println(v1.equals(v2));
        System.out.println(v1==v2);
    }
}
```

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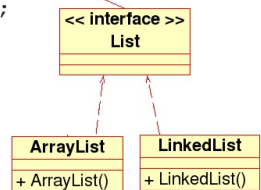
Example: Java 1.5: Template



• Without Template

```

List myList = new LinkedList();
myList.add(new Integer(0));
Integer x = (Integer)
    myList.iterator().next();
  
```



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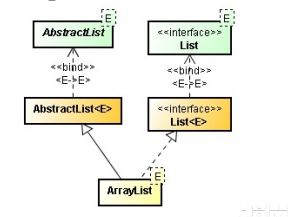
Example: Java 1.5: Template (2)

• Using Template:

```

List<Integer> myList = new LinkedList<Integer>();
myList.add(new Integer(0));
Integer x = myList.iterator().next();
  
```

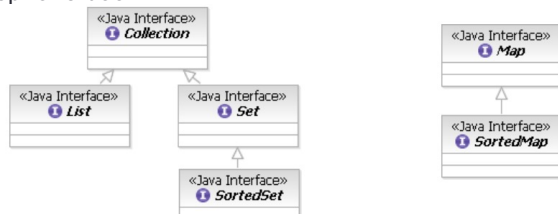
//myList.add(new Long(0)); → Compile error



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4.1. Java generic data structure

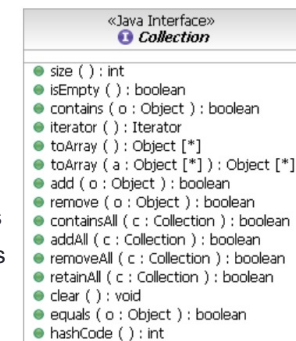
- Collection: a collection of objects
 - List: a collection of objects that are sequential, consecutive and repeatable
 - Set: a collection of objects that are not repeatable
- Map: Collection of key-value pairs (key is unique)
 - Linking objects in this set to other sets as a dictionary/a telephone book.



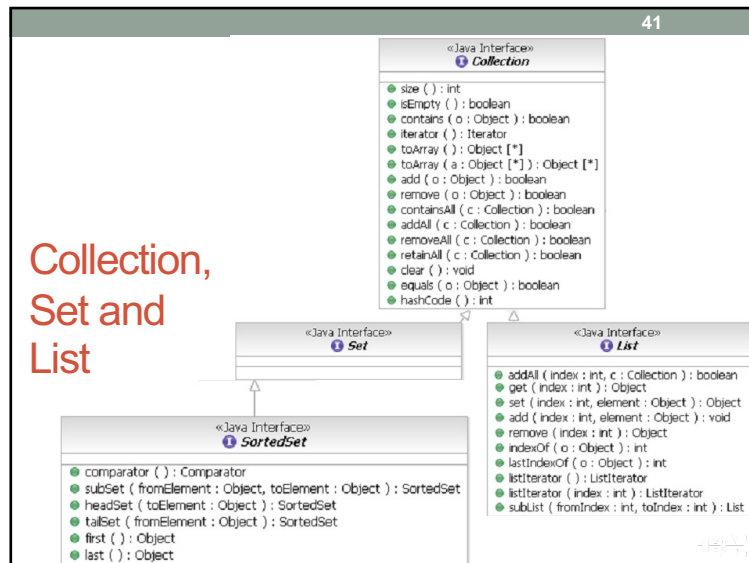
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a. Interface of Collection

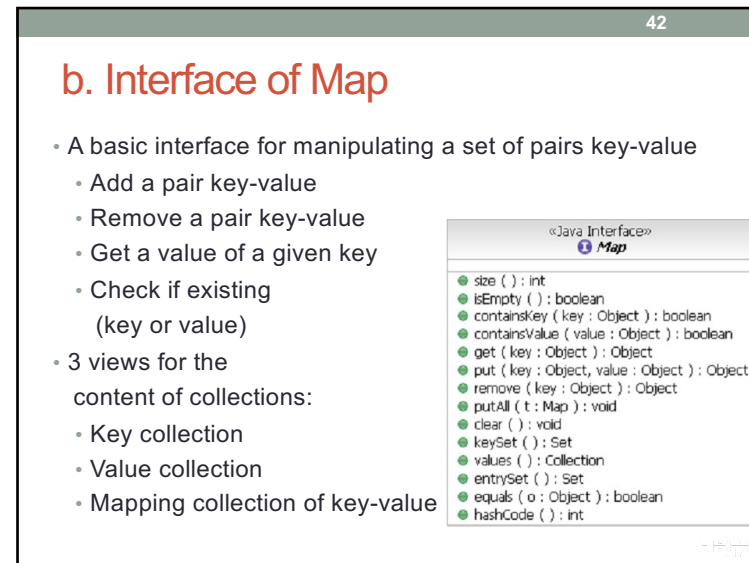
- Specifies basic interface for manipulating a set of objects
 - Add to collection
 - Remove from collection
 - Check if existing
- Contains methods to manipulate individual objects or a set of objects
- Provide methods to traverse objects in a repeatable collection and convert a collection to an array



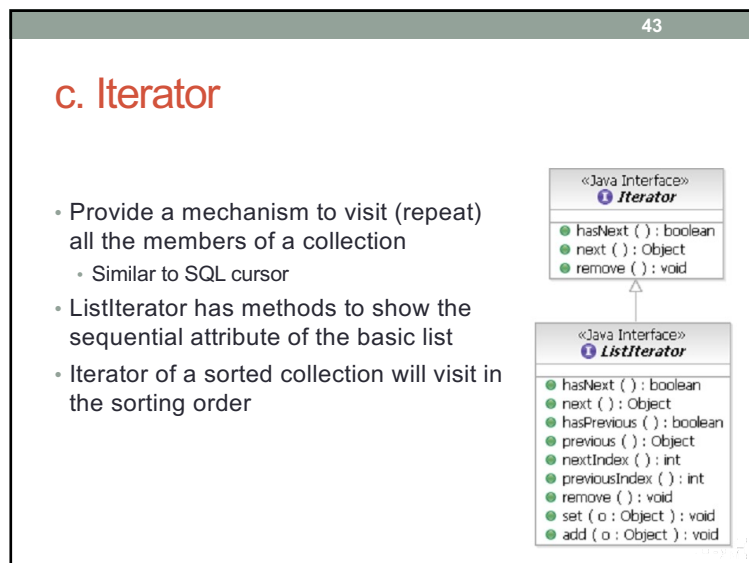
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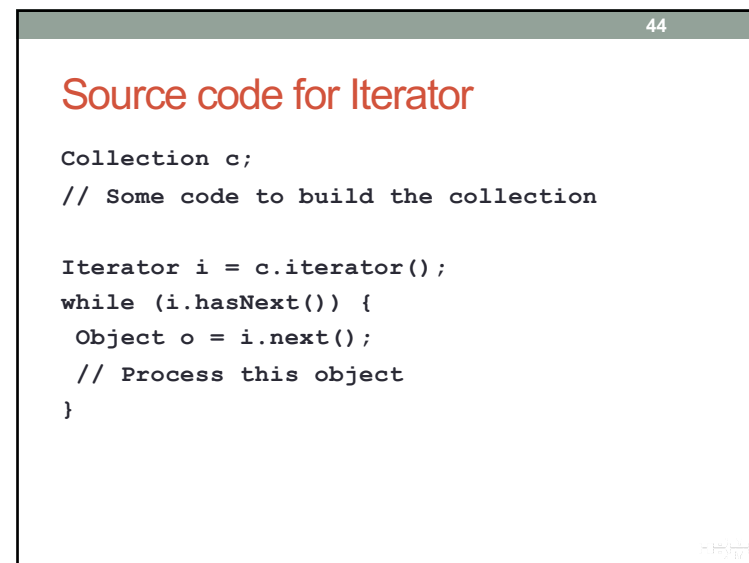
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Interface and Implementation

- `Set<String> mySet = new TreeSet<String>();`
- `Map<String,Integer> myMap = new HashMap<String,Integer>();`

		IMPLEMENTATIONS				
		Hash Table	Resizable Array	Balanced Tree	Linked List	Legacy
I N T E R F A C E	Set	HashSet		TreeSet		
	List		ArrayList		LinkedList	Vector, Stack
	Map	HashMap		TreeMap		HashTable, Properties

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```
public class MapExample {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        Map map<String,Integer> = new HashMap<String,Integer>();
        Integer ONE = new Integer(1);
        for (int i=0, n=args.length; i<n; i++) {
            String key = args[i];
            Integer frequency = map.get(key);
            if (frequency == null) { frequency = ONE; }
            else {
                int value = frequency.intValue();
                frequency = new Integer(value + 1);
            }
            map.put(key, frequency);
        }
        System.out.println(map);
        Map sortedMap = new TreeMap(map);
        System.out.println(sortedMap);
    }
}
```

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4.2. Defining and using Template

```
class MyStack<T> {
    ...
    public void push(T x) {...}
    public T pop() {
        ...
    }
}
```

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Using template

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

        MyStack<Integer> s1 = new MyStack<Integer>();
        s1.push(new Integer(0));
        Integer x = s1.pop();

        //s1.push(new Long(0)); → Error

        MyStack<Long> s2 = new MyStack<Long>();
        s2.push(new Long(0));
        Long y = s2.pop();

    }
}
```

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Defining Iterator

```
public interface List<E>{
    void add(E x);
    Iterator<E> iterator();
}

public interface Iterator<E>{
    E next();
    boolean hasNext();
}

class LinkedList<E> implements List<E> {
    // implementation
}
```

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4.3. Wildcard

```
public class Test {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        List<String> lst0 = new LinkedList<String>();
        //List<Object> lst1 = lst0; → Error
        //printList(lst0); → Error
    }

    void printList(List<Object> lst) {
        Iterator it = lst.iterator();
        while (it.hasNext())
            System.out.println(it.next());
    }
}
```

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Example: Using Wildcards

```
public class Test {
    void printList(List<?> lst) {
        Iterator it = lst.iterator();
        while (it.hasNext())
            System.out.println(it.next());
    }

    public static void main(String args[]) {
        List<String> lst0 =
            new LinkedList<String>();
        List<Employee> lst1 =
            new LinkedList<Employee>();

        printList(lst0);    // String
        printList(lst1);    // Employee
    }
}
```

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Wildcards of Java 1.5

- "? extends Type": Specifies a set of children types of Type. This is the most useful wildcard.
- "? super Type": Specifies a set of parent types of Type
- "?": Specifies all the types or any types.

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Example of wildcard (1)

```
public void printCollection(Collection c) {
    Iterator i = c.iterator();
    for(int k = 0;k<c.size();k++) {
        System.out.println(i.next());
    }
}
→ Using wildcard:
void printCollection(Collection<?> c) {
    for(Object o:c) {
        System.out.println(o);
    }
}
```



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Example of wildcard (2)

```
public void draw(List<Shape> shape) {
    for(Shape s: shape) {
        s.draw(this);
    }
}
→ What is the difference compared with:
public void draw(List<? extends Shape> shape) {
    // rest of the code is the same
}
```



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Template Java 1.5 vs. C++

- Template in Java does not create new classes
- Check the consistency of types when compiling
 - All the objects are basically of the type Object



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Function call vs. Message passing

- Call function
 - Indicate the exact piece of code to be executed.
 - Has only an execution of a function with some specific name.
 - There are no functions with the same name
- Message passing
 - **Request a service from an object and the object will decide what to do**
 - **Different objects will have different reactions/behaviors for a message.**



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Message vs. Method

- Message
 - Is sent from an object to another object and does not contain any piece of code to be executed
- Method
 - Method/function in structure programming languages
 - Is an execution of service that is requested in the message
 - Is a piece of code to be executed in order to respond to a message sent to an object

