

In-Class Extended Example

Ch. 6.4

- Form **teams** of two to three neighbors
- Hand out printouts of Iterator.html
 - <http://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/util/Iterator.html>
- Close books
- We will go through the steps for designing an IDM for Iterator
- After each step, we will stop & discuss as a class

Task I: Determine Characteristics

Step I: Identify:

- Functional units
- Parameters
- Return types and return values
- Exceptional behavior



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Task I: Determine Characteristics

Step I: Identify:

- **hasNext()** – Returns true if more elements
- **E next()** – Returns next element
 - Exception: NoSuchElementException
- **void remove()** – Removes the most recent element returned by the iterator
 - Exception: UnsupportedOperationException
 - Exception: IllegalStateException
- **parameters:** state of the iterator
 - iterator state changes with **next()**, and **remove()** calls
 - modifying underlying collection also changes iterator state

Task I: Determine Characteristics

Step 2: Develop Characteristics

Table A:

Method	Params	Returns	Values	Exception	Ch ID	Character -istic	Covered by
hasNext	state	boolean	true, false				
next	state	E element generic	E, null				
remove	state						

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remove	state						

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Table A:

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hasNext	state	boolean	true, false		C1	More values	
next	state	E element generic	E, null		C2	Returns non-null object	
remove	state						

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				IllegalState	C4	remove() constraint satisfied	

Done!

Task I: Determine Characteristics

Step 4: Design a partitioning

Which methods is each characteristic relevant for?

How can we partition each characteristic?

Table B:

ID	Characteristic	hasNext()	next()	remove()	Partition
C1	More values				
C2	Returns non-null object				
C3	remove() supported				
C4	remove() constraint satisfied				

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Step 4: Design a partitioning

Relevant characteristics for each method

Table B:

ID	Characteristic	hasNext()	next()	remove()	Partition
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C2	Returns non-null object		X	X	
C3	remove() supported			X	
C4	remove() constraint satisfied			X	

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Step 4: Design a partitioning

Table B:

ID	Characteristic	hasNext()	next()	remove()	Partition
C1	More values	X	X	X	{true, false}
C2	Returns non-null object		X	X	{true, false}
C3	remove() supported			X	{true, false}
C4	remove() constraint satisfied			X	{true, false}

Done with task I!

Task II: Define Test Requirements

- Step 1: Choose coverage criterion
- Step 2: Choose base cases if needed



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- Step 1: Base coverage criterion (BCC)
- Step 2: Happy path (all true)
- Step 3: Test requirements ...

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- Step 3: Test requirements

Table C:

Method	Characteristics	Test Requirements	Infeasible TRs
hasNext	C1		
next	C1 C2		
remove	C1 C2 C3 C4		

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Task II: Define Test Requirements

- Step 3: Test requirements

Table C:

Method	Characteristics	Test Requirements	Infeasible TRs
hasNext	C1	{T, F}	
next	C1 C2	{TT, FT, TF}	
remove	C1 C2 C3 C4	{TTTT, FTTT, TFTT, TTFT, TTTF}	

Task II: Define Test Requirements

- Step 4: Infeasible test requirements

Table C:

CI=F: has no values
C2=T: returns non-null object

Method	Characteristics	Test Requirements	Infeasible TRs
hasNext	C1	{T, F}	none
next	C1 C2	{TT, FT, TF}	FT
remove	C1 C2 C3 C4	{TTTT, FT TT, TFFT, TTFT, TTTF}	FTTT

Task II: Define Test Requirements

- Step 5: Revised infeasible test requirements

Table C:

Method	Characteristics	Test Requirements	Infeasible TRs	Revised TRs	# TRs
hasNext	C1	{T, F}	none	n/a	2
next	C1 C2	{TT, FT, TF}	FT	FT → FF	3
remove	C1 C2 C3 C4	{TTTT, FTTT, TFTT, TTFT, TTTF}	FTTT	FTTT → FFTT	5

Done with task II!

Task III: Automate Tests

- First, we need an implementation of Iterator
 - (Iterator is just an interface)
 - ArrayList implements Iterator
- Test fixture has two variables:
 - List of strings
 - Iterator for strings
- setUp()
 - Creates a list with two strings
 - Initializes an iterator

Task III: Automate Tests

- `remove()` adds another complication ...

“The behavior of an iterator is unspecified if the underlying collection is modified while the iteration is in progress in any way other than by calling this method.”

- Subsequent behavior of the iterator is undefined!
 - This is a constraint on the caller: i.e. a precondition
- Preconditions are usually bad:
 - Legitimate callers often make the call anyway and then depend on whatever the implementation happens to do
 - Malicious callers deliberately exploit “bonus behavior”

Task III: Automate Tests

A merely competent tester would not test preconditions

All specified behaviors have been tested!

A good tester ...

... with a mental
discipline of quality ...

would ask ...

What happens if a test violates the precondition?

Tests That Violate Preconditions

- Finding inputs that violate a precondition is easy
 - But what assertion do you write in the JUnit test?

```
List<String> list = ... // [cat, dog]
Iterator<String> itr = list.iterator();
itr.next();           // can assert!  return value is “cat”
list.add(“elephant”); // just killed the iterator
itr.next();           // cannot assert!
```

- Note: In the Java collection classes, the Iterator precondition has been replaced with defined behavior
 - ConcurrentModificationException
- That means we can write tests in this context

Task I: Determine Characteristics

Cycle back to add another exception—Table A revised:

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Task I: Determine Characteristics

Cycle back to add another exception—Table A revised:

Method	Params	Returns	Values	Exception	Ch ID	Character-istic	Covered by
hasNext	state	boolean	true, false		C1	More values	
				Concurrent Modification			C5
next	state	E element generic	E, null		C2	Returns non-null	
				NoSuchElement			C1
				Concurrent Modification			C5
remove	state			Unsupported	C3	remove() supported	
				IllegalState	C4	remove() constraint satisfied	
				Concurrent Modification	C5	Collection not modified	

Task II: Define Test Requirements

- Cycle back to Step 5: Revised infeasible test requirements

Table C revised:

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Task II: Define Test Requirements

- Cycle back to Step 5: Revised infeasible test requirements

Table C revised:

Method	Characteristics	Test Requirements	Infeasible TRs	Revised TRs	# TRs
hasNext	CI C5	{ TT , FT, TF}	none	n/a	3
next	CI C2 C5	{ TTT , FTT, TFT, TTF}	FTT TTF	FTT → FFT TTF → TFF	4
remove	CI C2 C3 C4 C5	{ TTTTT , FTTTT, TFTTT, TTFTT, TTTFT, TTTTF}	FTTTT	FTTTT → FFTTT	6

Task III: Automate Tests

All tests are on the book website:

<http://cs.gmu.edu/~offutt/softwaretest/java/IteratorTest.java>