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Interface List<E>

Type Parameters:

E - the type of elements in this list

All Superinterfaces:

Collection<E>, Iterable<E>

All Known Implementing Classes:

AbstractList, AbstractSequentialList, ArrayList, AttributeList, CopyOnWriteArrayList, LinkedList, RoleList, RoleUnresolvedList, Stack, Vector

public interface List<E> extends Collection<E>

An ordered collection (also known as a *sequence*). The user of this interface has precise control over where in the list each element is inserted. The user can access elements by their integer index (position in the list), and search for elements in the list.

Unlike sets, lists typically allow duplicate elements. More formally, lists typically allow pairs of elements e1 and e2 such that e1.equals(e2), and they typically allow multiple null elements if they allow null elements at all. It is not inconceivable that someone might wish to implement a list that prohibits duplicates, by throwing runtime exceptions when the user attempts to insert them, but we expect this usage to be rare.

The List interface places additional stipulations, beyond those specified in the Collection interface, on the contracts of the iterator, add, remove, equals, and hashCode methods. Declarations for other inherited methods are also included here for convenience.

The List interface provides four methods for positional (indexed) access to list elements. Lists (like Java arrays) are zero based. Note that these operations may execute in time proportional to the index value for some implementations (the LinkedList class, for example). Thus, iterating over the elements in a list is typically preferable to indexing through it if the caller does not know the implementation.

The List interface provides a special iterator, called a ListIterator, that allows element insertion and replacement, and bidirectional access in addition to the normal operations that the Iterator interface provides. A method is provided to obtain a list iterator that starts at a specified position in the list.

The List interface provides two methods to search for a specified object. From a performance standpoint, these methods should be used with caution. In many implementations they will

perform costly linear searches.

The List interface provides two methods to efficiently insert and remove multiple elements at an arbitrary point in the list.

Note: While it is permissible for lists to contain themselves as elements, extreme caution is advised: the equals and hashCode methods are no longer well defined on such a list.

Some list implementations have restrictions on the elements that they may contain. For example, some implementations prohibit null elements, and some have restrictions on the types of their elements. Attempting to add an ineligible element throws an unchecked exception, typically NullPointerException or ClassCastException. Attempting to query the presence of an ineligible element may throw an exception, or it may simply return false; some implementations will exhibit the former behavior and some will exhibit the latter. More generally, attempting an operation on an ineligible element whose completion would not result in the insertion of an ineligible element into the list may throw an exception or it may succeed, at the option of the implementation. Such exceptions are marked as "optional" in the specification for this interface.

This interface is a member of the Java Collections Framework.

Since:

1.2

See Also:

Collection, Set, ArrayList, LinkedList, Vector, Arrays.asList(Object[]), Collections.nCopies(int, Object), Collections.EMPTY_LIST, AbstractList, AbstractSequentialList

Method Summary

All Methods	Instance	Methods	Abstract Methods	Default Methods
Modifier and Type		Method and Description		
boolean		add(E e) Appends the operation).	specified element to th	ne end of this list (optional
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boolean		Appends all end of this li	lection extends E of the elements in the s st, in the order that the lection's iterator (optio	specified collection to the by are returned by the
boolean		Inserts all of	index, Collection The elements in the specified position (option)</th <th>ecified collection into this</th>	ecified collection into this

Removes all of the elements from this list (optional operation).

boolean contains(Object o)

Returns true if this list contains the specified element.

boolean containsAll(Collection<?> c)

Returns true if this list contains all of the elements of the

specified collection.

boolean **equals(Object** o)

Compares the specified object with this list for equality.

E get(int index)

Returns the element at the specified position in this list.

int hashCode()

Returns the hash code value for this list.

int indexOf(Object o)

Returns the index of the first occurrence of the specified element in this list, or -1 if this list does not contain the

element.

Returns true if this list contains no elements.

Iterator<E> iterator()

Returns an iterator over the elements in this list in proper

sequence.

int lastIndexOf(Object o)

Returns the index of the last occurrence of the specified element in this list, or -1 if this list does not contain the

element.

ListIterator<E> listIterator()

Returns a list iterator over the elements in this list (in proper

sequence).

ListIterator<E> listIterator(int index)

Returns a list iterator over the elements in this list (in proper

sequence), starting at the specified position in the list.

E remove(int index)

Removes the element at the specified position in this list

(optional operation).

boolean remove(Object o)

Removes the first occurrence of the specified element from

this list, if it is present (optional operation).

boolean removeAll(Collection<?> c)

Removes from this list all of its elements that are contained in

the specified collection (optional operation).

default void replaceAll(UnaryOperator<E> operator)

Replaces each element of this list with the result of applying

the operator to that element.

boolean retainAll(Collection<?> c)

Retains only the elements in this list that are contained in the

specified collection (optional operation).

set(int index, E element)

Replaces the element at the specified position in this list with

the specified element (optional operation).

int size()

Returns the number of elements in this list.

Sorts this list according to the order induced by the specified

Comparator.

default Spliterator<E> spliterator()

Creates a **Spliterator** over the elements in this list.

List<E> subList(int fromIndex, int toIndex)

Returns a view of the portion of this list between the specified

fromIndex, inclusive, and toIndex, exclusive.

Object[] toArray()

Returns an array containing all of the elements in this list in

proper sequence (from first to last element).

<T> T[] toArray(T[] a)

Returns an array containing all of the elements in this list in

proper sequence (from first to last element); the runtime type

of the returned array is that of the specified array.

Methods inherited from interface java.util.Collection

parallelStream, removeIf, stream

Methods inherited from interface java.lang.lterable

forEach

Method Detail

size

int size()

Returns the number of elements in this list. If this list contains more than Integer.MAX VALUE elements, returns Integer.MAX VALUE.

Specified by:

size in interface Collection<E>

Returns:

the number of elements in this list

isEmpty

boolean isEmpty()

Returns true if this list contains no elements.

Specified by:

isEmpty in interface Collection<E>

Returns:

true if this list contains no elements

contains

boolean contains(Object o)

Returns true if this list contains the specified element. More formally, returns true if and only if this list contains at least one element e such that

```
(o==null : o.equals(e)).
```

Specified by:

contains in interface Collection<E>

Parameters:

o - element whose presence in this list is to be tested

Returns:

true if this list contains the specified element

Throws:

ClassCastException - if the type of the specified element is incompatible with this list (optional)

NullPointerException - if the specified element is null and this list does not permit null elements (optional)

iterator

Iterator<E> iterator()

Returns an iterator over the elements in this list in proper sequence.

Specified by:

iterator in interface Collection<E>

Specified by:

iterator in interface Iterable<E>

Returns:

an iterator over the elements in this list in proper sequence

toArray

Object[] toArray()

Returns an array containing all of the elements in this list in proper sequence (from first to last element).

The returned array will be "safe" in that no references to it are maintained by this list. (In other words, this method must allocate a new array even if this list is backed by an array). The caller is thus free to modify the returned array.

This method acts as bridge between array-based and collection-based APIs.

Specified by:

toArray in interface Collection<E>

Returns:

an array containing all of the elements in this list in proper sequence

See Also:

Arrays.asList(Object[])

toArray

```
<T> T[] toArray(T[] a)
```

Returns an array containing all of the elements in this list in proper sequence (from first to last element); the runtime type of the returned array is that of the specified array. If the list fits in the specified array, it is returned therein. Otherwise, a new array is allocated with the runtime type of the specified array and the size of this list.

If the list fits in the specified array with room to spare (i.e., the array has more elements than the list), the element in the array immediately following the end of the list is set to null. (This is useful in determining the length of the list *only* if the caller knows that the list does not contain any null elements.)

Like the toArray() method, this method acts as bridge between array-based and collection-based APIs. Further, this method allows precise control over the runtime type of the output array, and may, under certain circumstances, be used to save allocation costs.

Suppose x is a list known to contain only strings. The following code can be used to dump the list into a newly allocated array of String:

```
String[] y = x.toArray(new String[0]);
```

Note that toArray(new Object[0]) is identical in function to toArray().

Specified by:

toArray in interface Collection<E>

Type Parameters:

T - the runtime type of the array to contain the collection

Parameters:

a - the array into which the elements of this list are to be stored, if it is big enough; otherwise, a new array of the same runtime type is allocated for this purpose.

Returns:

an array containing the elements of this list

Throws:

ArrayStoreException - if the runtime type of the specified array is not a supertype of the runtime type of every element in this list

NullPointerException - if the specified array is null

add

boolean add(E e)

Appends the specified element to the end of this list (optional operation).

Lists that support this operation may place limitations on what elements may be added to this list. In particular, some lists will refuse to add null elements, and others will impose restrictions on the type of elements that may be added. List classes should clearly specify in their documentation any restrictions on what elements may be added.

Specified by:

add in interface Collection<E>

Parameters:

e - element to be appended to this list

Returns:

true (as specified by Collection.add(E))

Throws:

UnsupportedOperationException - if the add operation is not supported by this list

ClassCastException - if the class of the specified element prevents it from being added to this list

NullPointerException - if the specified element is null and this list does not permit null elements

IllegalArgumentException - if some property of this element prevents it from being added to this list

remove

boolean remove(Object o)

Removes the first occurrence of the specified element from this list, if it is present (optional operation). If this list does not contain the element, it is unchanged. More formally, removes the element with the lowest index i such that (o==null ? get(i)==null : o.equals(get(i))) (if such an element exists). Returns true if this list contained the specified element (or equivalently, if this list changed as a result of the call).

Specified by:

remove in interface Collection<E>

Parameters:

o - element to be removed from this list, if present

Returns:

true if this list contained the specified element

Throws:

 ${\sf ClassCastException}$ - if the type of the specified element is incompatible with this list (optional)

NullPointerException - if the specified element is null and this list does not permit null elements (optional)

UnsupportedOperationException - if the remove operation is not supported by this list

containsAll

boolean containsAll(Collection<?> c)

Returns true if this list contains all of the elements of the specified collection.

Specified by:

containsAll in interface Collection<E>

Parameters:

c - collection to be checked for containment in this list

Returns:

true if this list contains all of the elements of the specified collection

Throws:

ClassCastException - if the types of one or more elements in the specified collection are incompatible with this list (optional)

NullPointerException - if the specified collection contains one or more null elements and this list does not permit null elements (optional), or if the specified collection is null

See Also:

contains(Object)

addAll

boolean addAll(Collection<? extends E> c)

Appends all of the elements in the specified collection to the end of this list, in the order that they are returned by the specified collection's iterator (optional operation). The behavior of this operation is undefined if the specified collection is modified while the operation is in progress. (Note that this will occur if the specified collection is this list, and it's nonempty.)

Specified by:

addAll in interface Collection<E>

Parameters:

c - collection containing elements to be added to this list

Returns:

true if this list changed as a result of the call

Throws:

 ${\tt UnsupportedOperationException - if the addAll operation is not supported by this \ list}$

ClassCastException - if the class of an element of the specified collection prevents it from being added to this list

NullPointerException - if the specified collection contains one or more null elements and this list does not permit null elements, or if the specified collection is null

IllegalArgumentException - if some property of an element of the specified collection prevents it from being added to this list

See Also:

add(Object)

addAll

Inserts all of the elements in the specified collection into this list at the specified position (optional operation). Shifts the element currently at that position (if any) and any subsequent elements to the right (increases their indices). The new elements will appear in this list in the order that they are returned by the specified collection's iterator. The behavior of this operation is undefined if the specified collection is modified while the operation is in progress. (Note that this will occur if the specified collection is this list, and it's nonempty.)

Parameters:

index - index at which to insert the first element from the specified
collection

c - collection containing elements to be added to this list

Returns:

true if this list changed as a result of the call

Throws:

UnsupportedOperationException - if the addAll operation is not supported by this list

ClassCastException - if the class of an element of the specified collection prevents it from being added to this list

NullPointerException - if the specified collection contains one or more null elements and this list does not permit null elements, or if the specified collection is null

IllegalArgumentException - if some property of an element of the specified collection prevents it from being added to this list

IndexOutOfBoundsException - if the index is out of range (index $< 0 \mid \mid$ index > size())

removeAll

boolean removeAll(Collection<?> c)

Removes from this list all of its elements that are contained in the specified collection (optional operation).

Specified by:

removeAll in interface Collection<E>

Parameters:

c - collection containing elements to be removed from this list

Returns:

true if this list changed as a result of the call

Throws:

UnsupportedOperationException - if the removeAll operation is not supported by this list

ClassCastException - if the class of an element of this list is incompatible with the specified collection (optional)

NullPointerException - if this list contains a null element and the specified collection does not permit null elements (optional), or if the specified collection is null

See Also:

remove(Object), contains(Object)

retainAll

boolean retainAll(Collection<?> c)

Retains only the elements in this list that are contained in the specified collection (optional operation). In other words, removes from this list all of its elements that are not contained in the specified collection.

Specified by:

retainAll in interface Collection<E>

Parameters:

c - collection containing elements to be retained in this list

Returns:

true if this list changed as a result of the call

Throws:

 ${\tt UnsupportedOperationException - if the \ retainAll \ operation \ is \ not \ supported \ by \ this \ list$

ClassCastException - if the class of an element of this list is incompatible with the specified collection (optional)

NullPointerException - if this list contains a null element and the specified collection does not permit null elements (optional), or if the specified collection is null

See Also:

remove(Object), contains(Object)

replaceAll

default void replaceAll(UnaryOperator<E> operator)

Replaces each element of this list with the result of applying the operator to that element. Errors or runtime exceptions thrown by the operator are relayed to the caller.

Implementation Requirements:

The default implementation is equivalent to, for this list:

```
final ListIterator<E> li = list.listIterator();
while (li.hasNext()) {
    li.set(operator.apply(li.next()));
}
```

If the list's list-iterator does not support the set operation then an UnsupportedOperationException will be thrown when replacing the first element.

Parameters:

operator - the operator to apply to each element

Throws:

UnsupportedOperationException - if this list is unmodifiable. Implementations may throw this exception if an element cannot be replaced or if, in general, modification is not supported

NullPointerException - if the specified operator is null or if the operator result is a null value and this list does not permit null elements (optional)

Since:

1.8

sort

default void sort(Comparator<? super E> c)

Sorts this list according to the order induced by the specified Comparator.

All elements in this list must be *mutually comparable* using the specified comparator (that is, c.compare(e1, e2) must not throw a ClassCastException for any elements e1 and e2 in the list).

If the specified comparator is null then all elements in this list must implement the Comparable interface and the elements' natural ordering should be used.

This list must be modifiable, but need not be resizable.

Implementation Requirements:

The default implementation obtains an array containing all elements in this list, sorts the array, and iterates over this list resetting each element from the corresponding position in the array. (This avoids the $n^2 \log(n)$ performance that would result from attempting to sort a linked list in place.)

Implementation Note:

This implementation is a stable, adaptive, iterative mergesort that requires far fewer than n lg(n) comparisons when the input array is partially sorted, while offering the performance of a traditional mergesort when the input array is randomly ordered. If the input array is nearly sorted, the implementation requires approximately n comparisons. Temporary storage requirements vary from a small constant for nearly sorted input arrays to n/2 object references for randomly ordered input arrays.

The implementation takes equal advantage of ascending and descending order in its input array, and can take advantage of ascending and descending order in different parts of the same input array. It is well-suited to merging two or more sorted arrays: simply concatenate the arrays and sort the resulting array.

The implementation was adapted from Tim Peters's list sort for Python (TimSort). It uses techniques from Peter McIlroy's "Optimistic Sorting and Information Theoretic Complexity", in Proceedings of the Fourth Annual ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms, pp 467-474, January 1993.

Parameters:

c - the Comparator used to compare list elements. A null value indicates that the elements' natural ordering should be used

Throws:

ClassCastException - if the list contains elements that are not *mutually* comparable using the specified comparator

UnsupportedOperationException - if the list's list-iterator does not support the set operation

IllegalArgumentException - (optional) if the comparator is found to violate the Comparator contract

Since:

1.8

clear

void clear()

Removes all of the elements from this list (optional operation). The list will be empty after this call returns.

Specified by:

clear in interface Collection<E>

Throws:

UnsupportedOperationException - if the clear operation is not supported by this list

equals

```
boolean equals(Object o)
```

Compares the specified object with this list for equality. Returns true if and only if the specified object is also a list, both lists have the same size, and all corresponding pairs of elements in the two lists are *equal*. (Two elements e1 and e2 are *equal* if (e1==null ? e2==null : e1.equals(e2)).) In other words, two lists are defined to be equal if they contain the same elements in the same order. This definition ensures that the equals method works properly across different implementations of the List interface.

```
Specified by:
```

```
equals in interface Collection<E>
Overrides:
equals in class Object
Parameters:
```

```
o - the object to be compared for equality with this list
```

Returns:

```
true if the specified object is equal to this list
```

See Also:

```
Object.hashCode(), HashMap
```

hashCode

```
int hashCode()
```

Returns the hash code value for this list. The hash code of a list is defined to be the result of the following calculation:

```
int hashCode = 1;
for (E e : list)
   hashCode = 31*hashCode + (e==null ? 0 : e.hashCode());
```

This ensures that list1.equals(list2) implies that

list1.hashCode() == list2.hashCode() for any two lists, list1 and list2, as required by
the general contract of Object.hashCode().

Specified by:

```
hashCode in interface Collection<E>
```

Overrides:

```
hashCode in class Object
```

Returns:

the hash code value for this list

See Also:

Object.equals(Object), equals(Object)

get

```
E get(int index)
```

Returns the element at the specified position in this list.

Parameters:

index - index of the element to return

Returns:

the element at the specified position in this list

Throws:

IndexOutOfBoundsException - if the index is out of range (index < 0 || index
>= size())

set

```
E set(int index,
E element)
```

Replaces the element at the specified position in this list with the specified element (optional operation).

Parameters:

index - index of the element to replace

element - element to be stored at the specified position

Returns:

the element previously at the specified position

Throws:

UnsupportedOperationException - if the set operation is not supported by this list

ClassCastException - if the class of the specified element prevents it from being added to this list

NullPointerException - if the specified element is null and this list does not permit null elements

IllegalArgumentException - if some property of the specified element prevents
it from being added to this list

IndexOutOfBoundsException - if the index is out of range (index < 0 || index
>= size())

add

Inserts the specified element at the specified position in this list (optional operation). Shifts the element currently at that position (if any) and any subsequent elements to the right (adds one to their indices).

Parameters:

index - index at which the specified element is to be inserted

element - element to be inserted

Throws:

UnsupportedOperationException - if the add operation is not supported by this list

ClassCastException - if the class of the specified element prevents it from being added to this list

NullPointerException - if the specified element is null and this list does not permit null elements

IllegalArgumentException - if some property of the specified element prevents it from being added to this list

IndexOutOfBoundsException - if the index is out of range (index < 0 || index >
size())

remove

E remove(int index)

Removes the element at the specified position in this list (optional operation). Shifts any subsequent elements to the left (subtracts one from their indices). Returns the element that was removed from the list.

Parameters:

index - the index of the element to be removed

Returns:

the element previously at the specified position

Throws:

UnsupportedOperationException - if the remove operation is not supported by this list

IndexOutOfBoundsException - if the index is out of range (index < 0 || index
>= size())

indexOf

```
int indexOf(Object o)
```

Returns the index of the first occurrence of the specified element in this list, or -1 if this list does not contain the element. More formally, returns the lowest index i such that (o==null ? get(i)==null : o.equals(get(i))), or -1 if there is no such index.

Parameters:

o - element to search for

Returns:

the index of the first occurrence of the specified element in this list, or -1 if this list does not contain the element

Throws:

ClassCastException - if the type of the specified element is incompatible with this list (optional)

NullPointerException - if the specified element is null and this list does not permit null elements (optional)

lastIndexOf

int lastIndexOf(Object o)

Returns the index of the last occurrence of the specified element in this list, or -1 if this list does not contain the element. More formally, returns the highest index i such that (o==null ? get(i)==null : o.equals(get(i))), or -1 if there is no such index.

Parameters:

o - element to search for

Returns:

the index of the last occurrence of the specified element in this list, or -1 if this list does not contain the element

Throws:

ClassCastException - if the type of the specified element is incompatible with this list (optional)

NullPointerException - if the specified element is null and this list does not permit null elements (optional)

listIterator

ListIterator<E> listIterator()

Returns a list iterator over the elements in this list (in proper sequence).

Returns:

a list iterator over the elements in this list (in proper sequence)

listIterator

ListIterator<E> listIterator(int index)

Returns a list iterator over the elements in this list (in proper sequence), starting at the specified position in the list. The specified index indicates the first element that would be returned by an initial call to next. An initial call to previous would return the element with the specified index minus one.

Parameters:

index - index of the first element to be returned from the list iterator (by a call to next)

Returns:

a list iterator over the elements in this list (in proper sequence), starting at the specified position in the list

Throws:

IndexOutOfBoundsException - if the index is out of range (index < 0 || index >
size())

subList

Returns a view of the portion of this list between the specified fromIndex, inclusive, and toIndex, exclusive. (If fromIndex and toIndex are equal, the returned list is empty.) The returned list is backed by this list, so non-structural changes in the returned list are reflected in this list, and vice-versa. The returned list supports all of the optional list operations supported by this list.

This method eliminates the need for explicit range operations (of the sort that commonly exist for arrays). Any operation that expects a list can be used as a range operation by passing a subList view instead of a whole list. For example, the following idiom removes a range of elements from a list:

```
list.subList(from, to).clear();
```

Similar idioms may be constructed for indexOf and lastIndexOf, and all of the algorithms in the Collections class can be applied to a subList.

The semantics of the list returned by this method become undefined if the backing list (i.e., this list) is *structurally modified* in any way other than via the returned list. (Structural modifications are those that change the size of this list, or otherwise perturb it in such a fashion that iterations in progress may yield incorrect results.)

Parameters:

fromIndex - low endpoint (inclusive) of the subList

toIndex - high endpoint (exclusive) of the subList

Returns:

a view of the specified range within this list

Throws:

IndexOutOfBoundsException - for an illegal endpoint index value (fromIndex < 0
|| toIndex > size || fromIndex > toIndex)

spliterator

default Spliterator<E> spliterator()

Creates a Spliterator over the elements in this list.

The Spliterator reports Spliterator. SIZED and Spliterator. ORDERED. Implementations should document the reporting of additional characteristic values.

Specified by:

spliterator in interface Collection<E>

Specified by:

spliterator in interface Iterable<E>

Implementation Requirements:

The default implementation creates a *late-binding* spliterator from the list's Iterator. The spliterator inherits the *fail-fast* properties of the list's iterator.

Implementation Note:

The created Spliterator additionally reports Spliterator.SUBSIZED.

Returns:

a Spliterator over the elements in this list

Since:

1.8

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