

Iterators

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Motivation

We often want to access every item in a collection of items

- We call this traversing or iterating

```
List<String> list = List.of("a", "b", "c", "d", "e", "f", "g", "h",  
"i", "j");  
System.out.println("-----");  
for (String s : list){  
    System.out.println(s);  
}
```

Easy because these objects are java.util.**Collection**...

Collections are Iterable

```
public interface Collection<E> extends Iterable<E> {
```

What if we want to traverse an arbitrary collection of objects?
Its underlying implementation may not be known to us

Motivation

- Rendre une structure « itérable » sans dévoiler sa structure interne

- Par exemples

- itérer sur les questions d'un Quiz
- Itérer sur les valeurs contenues dans un arbre
- Itérer sur les produits placés dans un panier

```
for (Question q : quiz) {  
    response = UI. ask(q);  
    ....  
}
```

```
for (Product product : shoppingCart) {
```

1) Make your "class"
iterable

Iterable ?

```
public interface Iterable<T> {
```

```
    Iterator<T> iterator();
```

```
    default void forEach(Consumer<? super T> action) {
```

```
        Objects.requireNonNull(action);
```

```
        for (T t : this) {
```

```
            action.accept(t);
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
```

```
...
```

You only have to return an Iterator

Quiz Example : Iterate on questions

```
public class Quiz implements Iterable<Question>{
```

```
    List<Question> questions;
```

```
    public Quiz(List<Question> questions) {  
        this.questions = questions;  
    }
```

```
    public Quiz() {  
        this.questions = new ArrayList<>();  
    }
```

```
@Override
```

```
    public Iterator<Question> iterator() {  
        return questions.iterator();  
    }
```

```
    public static void main(String args[]){  
        Quiz quiz = new Quiz();  
        quiz.questions.add(new Question("Who was the first  
president of the United States?", new String[]{"George  
Washington", "Thomas Jefferson", "Abraham  
Lincoln", "John Adams"}, 0, "history"));  
        quiz.questions.add(new Question("What is the capital  
of France?", new String[]{"Paris", "Lyon", "Marseille",  
"Toulouse"}, 0, "Geography"));  
    }
```

```
    for (Question q : quiz) {  
        System.out.println(q.question);  
    }
```

2) Define an Iterator

The Java java.util.Iterator Interface

```
public interface Iterator<E> {
```

```
    boolean hasNext(); //returns true if there are more elements to iterate over
```

```
    E next(); //returns the next element
```

```
        throws a NoSuchElementException if a next element does not exist
```

```
default void remove() { //removes the last element returned by the iterator
```

```
    throw new UnsupportedOperationException("remove");
```

```
}
```

```
default void forEachRemaining(Consumer<? super E> action) {
```

```
    Objects.requireNonNull(action);
```

```
    while (hasNext())
```

```
        action.accept(next());
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

Number Example : innerclass and iterator

```
class Numbers {  
    private static final List<Integer> NUMBER_LIST =  
        Arrays.asList(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10);
```

```
    public static Iterator<Integer> primeliterator() {  
        return new Primeliterator(); }  
}
```

```
private static class Primeliterator  
    implements Iterator<Integer> {  
    private int cursor;
```

```
    @Override  
    public Integer next() {  
        exist(cursor);  
        return NUMBER_LIST.get(cursor++); }  
}
```

```
private void exist(int current) {  
    if (current >= NUMBER_LIST.size()) {  
        throw new NoSuchElementException(); }  
}
```

Iterator

hasNext is
supposed to
be called
before

required

@Override

```
public boolean hasNext() {  
    if (cursor > NUMBER_LIST.size()) {  
        return false;  
    }  
  
    for (int i = cursor; i < NUMBER_LIST.size(); i++) {  
        if (isPrime(NUMBER_LIST.get(i))) {  
            cursor = i;  
            return true; }  
    }  
    return false;  
}  
  
private boolean isPrime(int number) {  
    for (int i = 2; i <= number / 2; ++i) {  
        if (number % i == 0) {  
            return false; }  
    }  
    return true;  
}
```

Curson is on
the next
prime
Number.

NoSuchElementException

Any implementation of the *next()* method should throw a ***NoSuchElementException*** exception when there are no more elements left. Otherwise, the iteration can cause unexpected behavior

3) Use an Iterator

Iterating through an ArrayList with an explicit iterator

```
List<String> list = List.of("a", "b", "c", "d", "e", "f", "g", "h", "i", "j");
Iterator<String> itr = list.iterator();
while (itr.hasNext()) {
    String s = itr.next();
    System.out.println(s);
}
```

Advantage : the code will work even if we decide to store the data in a different data structure (as long as it provides an iterator)

On Numbers

```
Iterator<Integer> iteratorOnPrimeNumbers = Numbers.primeIterator();  
  
iteratorOnPrimeNumbers.forEachRemaining(System.out::println);
```

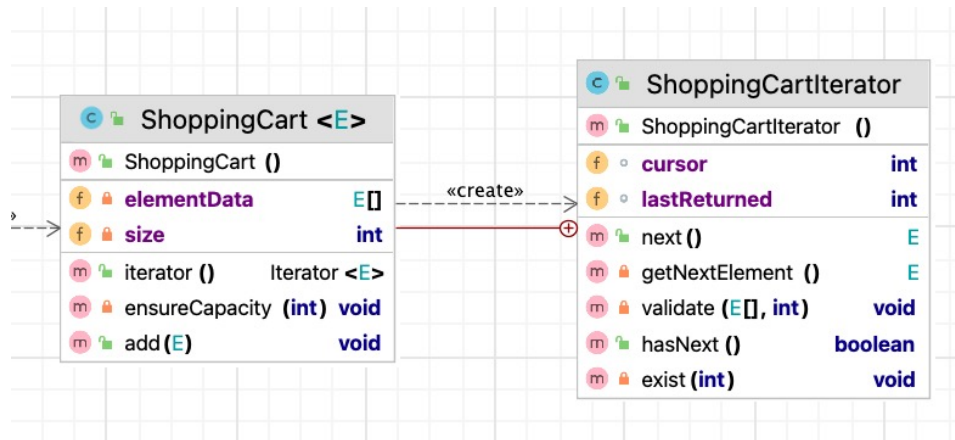
```
iteratorOnPrimeNumbers = Numbers.primeIterator();  
while (iteratorOnPrimeNumbers.hasNext()) {  
    System.out.println(iteratorOnPrimeNumbers.next());  
}
```

4) Other examples



Shopping example

Shopping Example : genericity, innerclass and iterator



```
public class ShoppingCart<E> implements Iterable<E> {
```

```
    private E[] elementData;  
    private int size;
```

number of products in the Cart

```
    public ShoppingCart() {  
        this.elementData = (E[]) new Object[]{};  
    }
```

```
    public void add(E element) {  
        ensureCapacity(size + 1);  
        elementData[size++] = element;  
    }
```

@Override

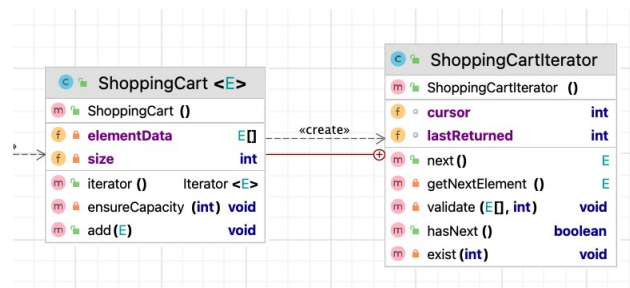
```
    public Iterator<E> iterator() {  
        return new ShoppingCartIterator();  
    }
```

//code : <https://github.com/eugenp/tutorials/blob/master/core-java-modules/core-java-collections-2/src/main/java/com/baeldung/collections/iterable/ShoppingCart.java>

Shopping Example : genericity, innerclass and iterator

Inner class : see variable of ShoppingCart

```
public class ShoppingCartIterator implements Iterator<E> {  
    int cursor;  
    int lastReturned = -1;  
  
    private void exist(int current) {  
        if (current >= size) {  
            throw new NoSuchElementException();  
        }  
    }  
  
    private void validate(E[] elements, int current) {  
        if (current >= elements.length) {  
            throw new ConcurrentModificationException();  
        }  
    }  
}
```



```
public boolean hasNext() {  
    return cursor != size;  
}
```

hasNext...

```
public E next() {  
    return getNextElement();  
}
```

Get the next
Product and
move the cursor

```
private E getNextElement() {  
    int current = cursor;  
    exist(current);
```

```
E[] elements = ShoppingCart.this.elementData;  
validate(elements, current);
```

```
    cursor = current + 1;  
    lastReturned = current;  
    return elements[lastReturned];  
}
```

Check again
on length

//code : <https://github.com/eugenp/tutorials/blob/master/core-java-modules/core-java-collections-2/src/main/java/com/baeldung/collections/iterable/ShoppingCart.java> }

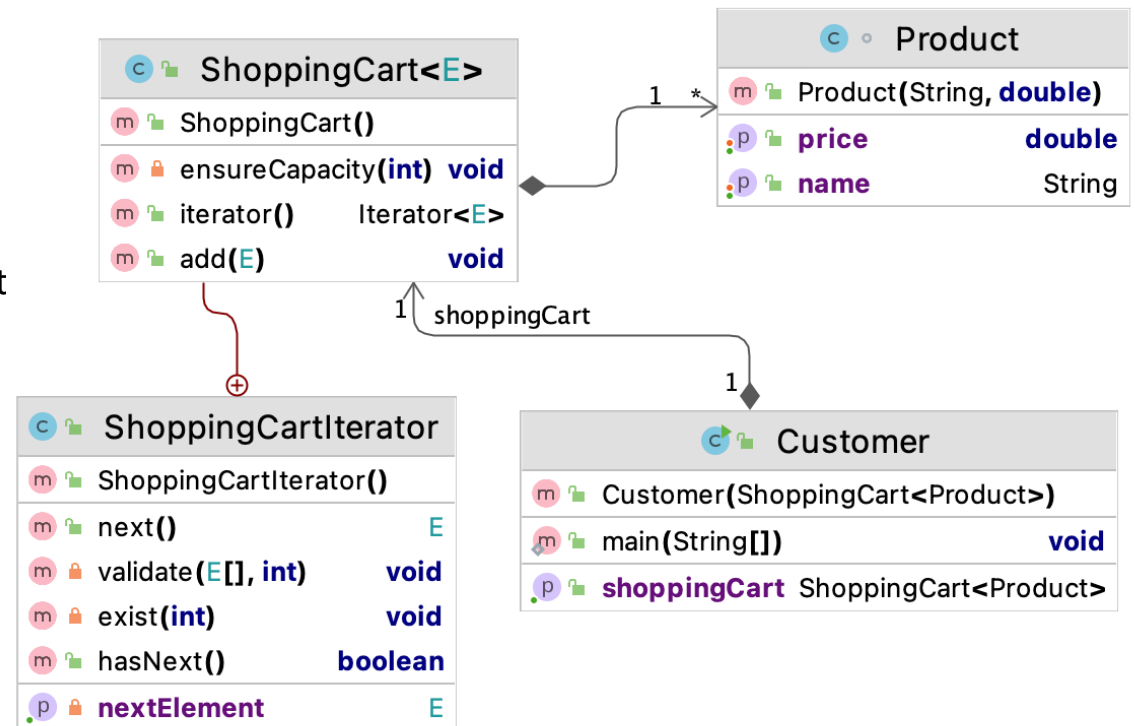
Shopping Example : usage

*This diagram is adapted to present the Client class.
IntelliJ is not a good support in the case of genericity.*

```
public class Customer {
```

```
    private ShoppingCart<Product> shoppingCart;  
    public ShoppingCart<Product> getShoppingCart() {  
        return shoppingCart;  
    }
```

```
    public Customer(ShoppingCart<Product> shoppingCart  
        this.shoppingCart = shoppingCart;  
    }
```



//code : <https://github.com/eugenp/tutorials/blob/master/core-java-modules/core-java-collections-2/src/main/java/com/baeldung/collections/iterable/ShoppingCart.java>

Shopping Example : usage

Tuna
Eggplant
Salad
Banana

---- Mixing products : 2 iterators ----

---- Mix : Tuna

Tuna Tuna

Tuna Eggplant

Tuna Salad

Tuna Banana

---- Mix : Eggplant

Eggplant Tuna

Eggplant Eggplant

Eggplant Salad

Eggplant Banana

---- Mix : Salad

Salad Tuna

Salad Eggplant

Salad Salad

Salad Banana

---- Mix : Banana

Banana Tuna

Banana Eggplant

Banana Salad

Banana Banana

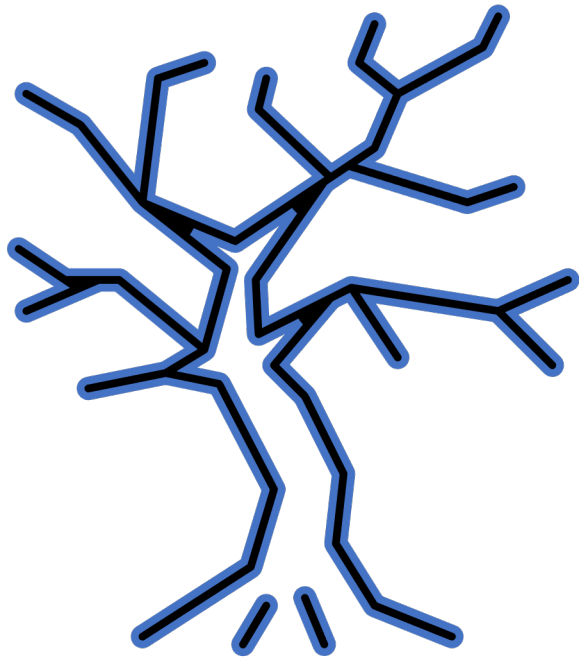
```
public static void main(String[] args) {
```

```
    Customer customer = new Customer(new ShoppingCart<>());  
    ShoppingCart<Product> shoppingCart = customer.getShoppingCart();  
    shoppingCart.add(new Product("Tuna", 42));  
    shoppingCart.add(new Product("Eggplant", 65));  
    shoppingCart.add(new Product("Salad", 45));  
    shoppingCart.add(new Product("Banana", 29));
```

```
    shoppingCart.forEach(  
        (product) -> System.out.println(product.getName()));
```

```
    System.out.println("---- Mixing products : 2 iterators ----");
```

```
    for (Product product : shoppingCart) {  
        System.out.println("---- Mix : " + product.getName());  
        for (Product product2 : shoppingCart){  
            System.out.println(product.getName() + " "+ product2.getName());  
        }  
    }
```



Binary Search Tree
example

Iterating on Binary Search Trees

```
public class DecreasingSubtreeIterator<T extends Comparable<? super T>>
    implements Iterator<BinarySearchTree<T>> {
```

```
    Deque<BinarySearchTree<T>> stack;
```

```
    /**
```

```
     * Build an iterator over the binary node n.
```

```
     * The elements are enumerated in decreasing order.
```

```
     * Only the right subtree of the root is stored in the stack
```

```
     *
```

```
    */
```

```
    public DecreasingSubtreeIterator (BinarySearchTree<T> bst) {
```

```
        stack = new ArrayDeque<>();
```

```
        while (bst != null) {
```

```
            stack.push(bst);
```

```
            bst = bst.getRight();
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
```

```
    @Override
```

```
    public boolean hasNext() {
```

```
        return !stack.isEmpty();
```

```
    }
```

```
    @Override
```

```
    public BinarySearchTree<T> next() {
```

```
        try {
```

```
            BinarySearchTree<T> bst = stack.pop();
```

```
            BinarySearchTree<T> valueToReturn = bst;
```

```
            bst = bst.getLeft();
```

```
            while (bst != null) {
```

```
                stack.push(bst);
```

```
                bst = bst.getRight();
```

```
            }
```

```
            return valueToReturn;
```

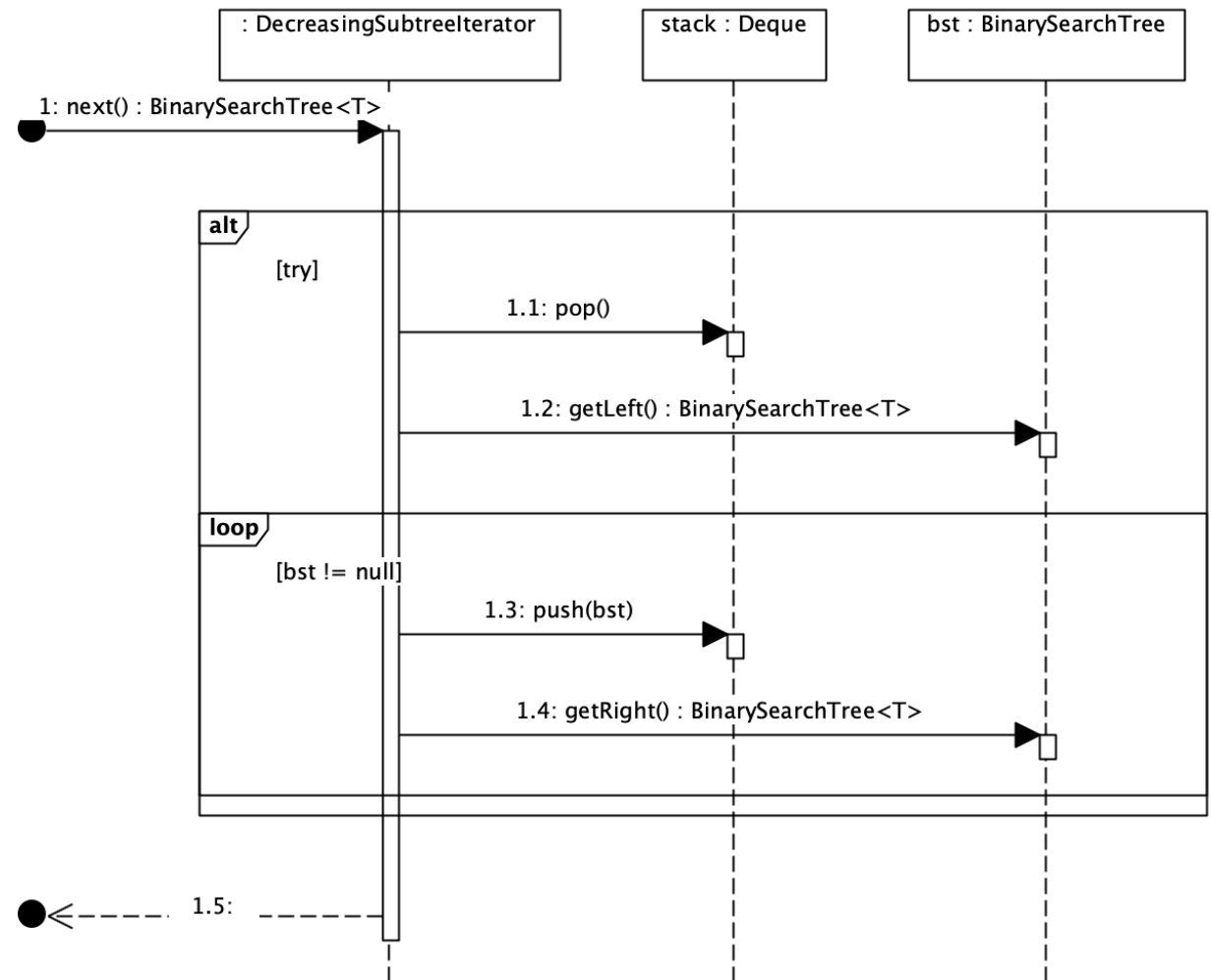
```
        } catch (EmptyStackException e) {
```

```
            throw new NoSuchElementException(e);
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
```

Iterating on Binary Search Trees : **next** as a sequence diagram



Iterating on Binary Search Trees

```
BinarySearchTree<Integer> bst = new BinarySearchTree<>(5);  
bst.insert(3);  
bst.insert(7);  
....
```

```
DecreasingSubtreeIterator<Integer> itr = new DecreasingSubtreeIterator<>(bst);
```

```
while (itr.hasNext()) {  
    BinarySearchTree<Integer> tree = itr.next();  
    System.out.println(tree.getElement() + " : " + tree.getSize());  
}
```

```
itr = new DecreasingSubtreeIterator<>(bst);  
itr.forEachRemaining((BinarySearchTree<Integer> t) -> System.out.println(t.getElement()));  
}
```

```
80 : 1  
79 : 2  
78 : 3  
77 : 4  
...  
9 : 72  
8 : 73  
7 : 75  
6 : 1  
5 : 80  
4 : 1  
3 : 4  
2 : 2  
1 : 1
```

```
80  
79  
78  
...  
3  
2  
1
```



```
public class BinarySearchTree<T>  
    implements Iterable<T> {
```

We want to be able to iterate on the elements present in the tree.

```
public class BinarySearchTree<T>
    implements Iterable<T> {
```

BinarySearchTree must implement : iterator()

```
**
```

```
* Return an iterator over the elements of the tree.
```

```
* The elements are enumerated in increasing order.
```

```
*/
```

```
public Iterator<T> iterator() {
    return new BSTIterator(root);
}
```

We choose to implement an iterator; no structure (no list, no array) gives us the necessary iterator.

```
public class BinarySearchTree<T>
    implements Iterable<T> {
```

A specific iterator : inner class BSTiterator

```
private class BSTiterator implements Iterator<T> {
```

```
    public T next() { ...
```

```
    public boolean hasNext() {
        return !stack.isEmpty();
    }
```

It is only accessible from outside as an "Iterator".

```
public class BinarySearchTree<T>
    implements Iterable<T> {
```

Usage

```
BinarySearchTree<Integer> bst = new BinarySearchTree<>(..);
```

```
public void iterateTree() {
    for ( Integer n : bst )
        //do something with n
}
```

Iterable	Iterator
Represents a collection that can be iterated over using a <i>for</i> -each loop	Represents an interface that can be used to iterate over a collection
When implementing an <i>Iterable</i> , we need to override the <i>iterator()</i> method	When implementing an <i>Iterator</i> , we need to override the <i>hasNext()</i> and <i>next()</i> methods
Doesn't store the iteration state	Stores the iteration state
Removing elements during the iteration isn't allowed	Removing elements during the iteration is allowed