Collection and Generic

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Basic concepts of Data Structure

- A data structure is a container
  - It holds other data (primitive or user defined)
  - E.g., list, queue, stack, etc.
- Different types of data structures are optimized for certain types of operations.
  - Optimized for searching, sorting, …

Abstract Data Types

- Abstract Data Types (also known as ADTs) are descriptions of how a data type will work without implementation details.
- Description can be a formal, mathematical description
- In programming languages, ADT is represented by prototypes of functions.
- E.g., Java interfaces are a form of ADTs

Core operations in data structure

- A data structure should have 3 core operations.
  - A function to add data element
  - A function to remove added data element
  - A function to access data element.
- We can add other needed operations in a data structure.
- Two details are related to operations
  - Interface details
  - Implementation details

Data Structure

- A data structure is an implementation of an abstract data type.
- A data structure is created for organization of information in computer memory to allow efficient access of stored information, i.e., better algorithm efficiency.
- For example, a list is implemented using an array.

Data structures in Java

- Data structures are part of the Java Standard Library (the Collections Framework)
- Operation interfaces provided in Java interfaces
  - Description of an operation in Java interface includes
    - name of operation,
    - data type of each parameter, and
    - return type
  - Two main interfaces
    - Collection
    - Iterator
- Implementation of data structure is done in Java classes.
  - Java classes implement Java interfaces

Java Collection Framework

- Collections Framework was first introduced in Java 2 platform, Standard Edition, version 1.2.
- Single unit: The Collections Framework provides a well-designed set of interfaces and classes for storing and manipulating groups of data as a single unit, a collection.
- Provides a convenient API to many of the abstract data types
  - maps, sets, lists, trees, arrays, hashtables, etc.
- Java, being object oriented, provides data structure + algorithm
- Programmers can define higher level data abstractions
  - stacks, queues, and thread-safe collections.

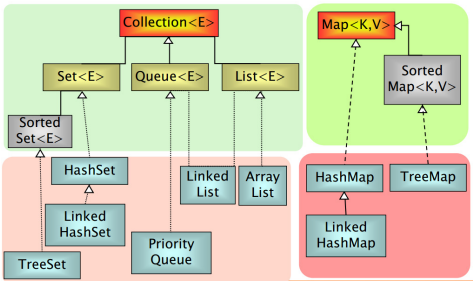
Understanding of the containers

- The Collection interface is a group of objects, with duplicates allowed.
- The Set interface extends Collection but forbids duplicates.
- The Queue interface extends Collection. Added objects have an order. Addition of object at the rear and removal from the front.
- The List interface extends Collection, allows duplicates, and introduces positional indexing.
- The Map interface extends neither Set nor Collection. It maps two things: key->value. But reverse is not defined, i.e., (value -> key)

Interfaces

- Two types
  - Group containers
  - Associative containers
- There is no common interface between these two types. However there are methods that return Set views of Map objects.

Implementation



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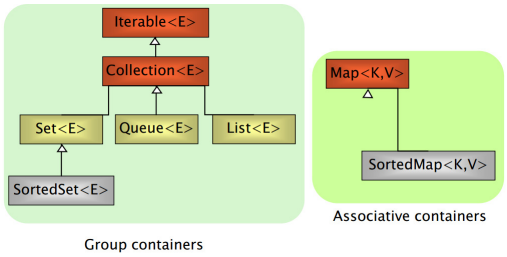


Collection

- Group of elements (references to objects)
- It is not specified whether they are
  - Ordered / not ordered
  - Duplicated / not duplicated
- Following constructors are common to all classes implementing Collection
  - T()
    - Create an empty collection
  - T(Collection c)
    - Create a collection from another collection

Widely used containers

- We will study the following container classes:
  - ArrayList
  - HashMap
  - PriorityQueue

Object as a data element of Collection

- Creating generic containers using the Object data type and polymorphism is relatively straight forward.
  - For example: private Object[] container; can hold multiple objects of any data type, as Object is the super parent.
- Problems using Object as a generic data type
  - Identify the type of object (Type checking) using instanceof operator.
  - Type cast the object to appropriate class (down casting).

ArrayList Class

- Implements the List interface and uses an array as its internal storage container
- It is a list, not an array.
- The internal array that actually stores the elements of the list is not visible outside of the ArrayList class.
- All actions on ArrayList objects are performed via the methods
- ArrayLists are generic.
  - They can hold objects of any type!

Collection before Java SE 5

- We could add any object in a collection

```
List myList = new ArrayList(10);
myList.add("Sun");
myList.add(new Integer(108));
```

- But, when we access an item from the collection, we need to perform casting.

```
String itemName = (String) myList.iterator().next();
```

Java Object to store any type of object

- Single parent class in Java
  - In Java, all classes can inherit from exactly one other class except Object which is at the top of the class hierarchy
- Object reference and an object of a class
  - Object reference variable can refer to an object of any Java object (Object is a super parent class)
  - It can allow polymorphism
- Thus, if the internal storage container is of type Object it can hold anything
  - Primitive values (int, float, double) are handled by *wrapping* them in wrapper objects.
  - int -> Integer, char -> Character, float -> Float, etc.

Collection before Java SE 5

- If you by mistake cast the object to wrong type, the program would successfully compile, but at runtime an exception would be thrown.
- We can use instanceof to avoid a blind cast

```
Iterator li = myList.iterator();
Object myObj = li.next();
String item = null;
if (myObj instanceof String) {
        item = (String) myObj;
}
```

Generics

- From J2SE 5.0, Java provides compile-time type safety with the Java Collections framework through generics
- Generics allows us to specify the types of objects you want to store in a Collection at compile-time.
  - The "<>" characters are used to designate what type is to be stored.
  - If the wrong type of data is provided, a compile-time error is shown.
- Then, when we add and get items from the list, the list already knows what types of objects are supposed to be acted on.
- So we don't need to cast while accessing the object.

Example on traditional ArrayList

- We create an application GenericCollection

```
package genericcollection;

import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;
public class TraditionalCollection {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      List list=new ArrayList();
      list.add("Sun");
      list.add(108);
      System.out.println("Value = "+(String)list.get(0));
      System.out.println("Value = "+(String)list.get(1));
   }
}
```

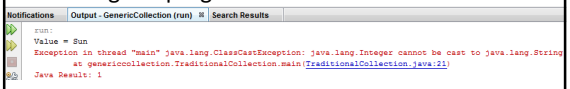
Generic collections

- From Java 5, all collection interfaces and classes have been redefined as Generics
- A generic collection can hold any object data type.
- Which type of object a particular collection will hold is specified when declaring an instance of a class that implements the Collection interface
- Use of generics lead to code that is
  - Having type safety at compile time
  - more compact
  - easier to understand
  - equally performing

Example on traditional ArrayList

Do we get any compile time error?

Running the program:



We get ClassCastException, which is an error at runtime.

Methods in the Collection interface

Collection

```
public interface Collection{
      int size()
      boolean isEmpty()
      boolean contains(Object element)
      boolean containsAll(Collection c)
      boolean add(Object element)
      boolean addAll(Collection c)
      boolean remove(Object element)
      boolean removeAll(Collection c)
      void clear()
      Object[] toArray()
      Iterator iterator()
}
```

Generic Collection

```
public interface Collection<E>
{     public boolean add(E o)
            public boolean addAll(Collection<?
      extends E> c)
      public void clear()
      public boolean contains(Object o)
      public boolean containsAll(Collection<?> c)
      public boolean equals(Object o)
      public int hashCode()
      public boolean isEmpty()
      public Iterator<E> iterator()
      public boolean remove(Object o)
      public boolean removeAll(Collection<?> c)
      public boolean retainAll(Collection<?> c)
      public int size()
      public Object[] toArray()
      public <T> T[] toArray(T[] a)
}
```

Example on ArrayList (in and after J2SE 5.0)

- ArrayList<String> as a container

```
package genericcollection;

import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;

public class ArrayListString{
public static void main(String[] args) {
      List list=new ArrayList<String>();
      list.add("Sun");
      list.add(108);
      System.out.println("Value = "+list.get(0));
      System.out.println("Value = "+list.get(1));
   }
}
```

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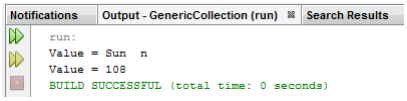

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Example on ArrayList (in and after J2SE 5.0)

- ArrayList<Integer> as a container:

```
package genericcollection;
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;
public class ArrayListInteger {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      List list=new ArrayList<Integer>(5);
      list.add("Sun");
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      System.out.println("Value = "+list.get(0));
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      list.add("Sun");
      list.add(108);
      System.out.println("Value = "+list.get(0)+", Type
   ="+list.get(0).getClass().getName());
      System.out.println("Value = "+list.get(1)+", Type
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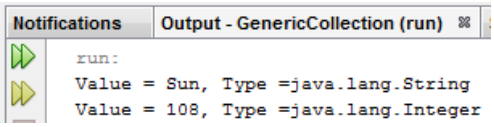

How to avoid non compatible object gets added in a specific type of container?

- ArrayList<Integer> as a container:

```
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import java.util.ArrayList;
public class CorrectArralyListInteger {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
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- ArrayList<String> as a container:

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public static void main(String[] args) {
      List list=new ArrayList<String>();
      list.add("Sun");
      list.add(108);
System.out.println("Value = "+list.get(0)+", Type ="+list.get(0).getClass().getName());
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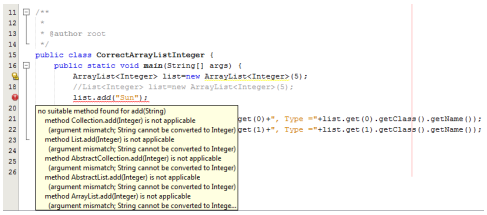

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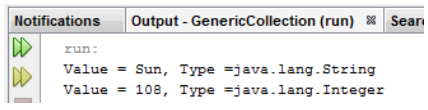

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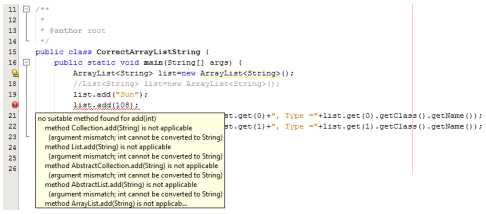

How to declare a specific type of container, but reference is of generic type?

- Suppose we want reference is of generalized type (List) and still the reference can point of objects of specialized type (ArrayList or LinkedList)?
- Example 1:
  List<String> list=new ArrayList<>();
  Instead of
  ArrayList<String> list=new ArrayList<>();
- Example 2:
  List<Integer> list=new ArrayList<>(5);
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How to avoid non compatible object gets added in a specific type of container?

- In both the programs, we explicitly reference specific container using a reference of the specific type
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  Instead of
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  List list=new ArrayList<Integer>(5);

Map

- A container that associates keys to values
  - E.g., Adhar ID → Person
  - Student ID → Student
- What are keys and values?
  - Keys and values must be objects (Not variables of primitive data type, e.g., int, float, double, etc.)
  - Keys must be unique
  - Only one value per key
    - E.g., one Student ID (key) cannot be assigned to two students (value)
- Following constructors are common to all collection implementers
  - T()
    - Creates an empty map
  - T(Map m)
    - Creates a map from another map

How to declare a specific type of container?

- In both the programs, we can drop data type in the constructors:
- Example 1:
  ArrayList<String> list=new ArrayList<>();
  Instead of
  ArrayList<String> list=new ArrayList<String>();
- Example 2:
  ArrayList<Integer> list=new ArrayList<>(5);
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Map interface (Traditional)

- Traditional Map has the following major operations
  - Object put(Object key, Object value)
  - Object get(Object key)
  - Object remove(Object key)
  - boolean containsKey(Object key)
  - boolean containsValue(Object value)
  - public Set keySet()
  - public Collection values()
  - int size()
  - boolean isEmpty()
  - void clear()
- In Generic Map (J2SE 5.0), instead of Object type is Template (e.g., E)

Example on HashMap

```
package genericcollection;
import java.util.HashMap;
import java.util.Map;
public class MapExample {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      String studentName;
      Integer id;
      Map<Integer, String> studentMap=new HashMap<>();
      studentMap.put(1, "Kisan");
      studentMap.put(2, "Radha");
      studentMap.put(3, "Ganga");
```

Can we invoke a method on the returned object?

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      studentMap.put(3, "Ganga");
      id=1;
      studentName=studentMap.get(id);
      System.out.println("Student: ID="+id+" Name="+studentName);
      id=4;
      studentName=studentMap.get(id);
      System.out.println("Student: ID="+id+" Name="+studentName.toUpperCase());
   }
}
```

Example on HashMap

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      id=1;
      studentName=studentMap.get(id);
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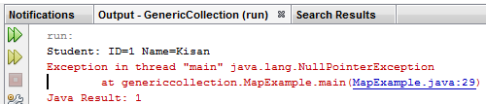
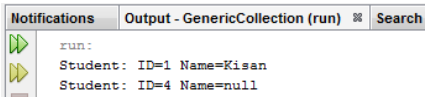
Can we invoke a method on the returned object?

- No compile time error.
- But, at runtime, we get the following:



Example on HashMap

- Output



Always check for returned object

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import java.util.Map;
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id=4;
studentName=studentMap.get(id);
if(studentName!=null)
   System.out.println("Student: ID="+id+"
Name="+studentName.toUpperCase());
else
   System.out.println("No such student found for ID="+id);
}

}
```

Queue Implementations

- LinkedList
  - head is the first element of the list
  - FIFO: Fist-In-First-Out
- PriorityQueue
  - head is the smallest element

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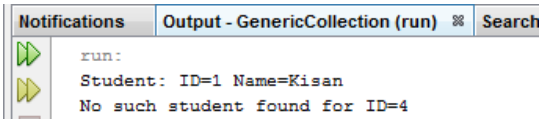
Running the program



Example on PriorityQueue

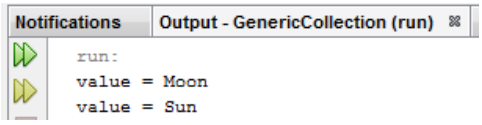
```
package genericcollection;
import java.util.PriorityQueue;
public class QueueTest {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      PriorityQueue<String> queue=new PriorityQueue();
      queue.add("Sun");
      queue.add("Moon");
      System.out.println("value = "+queue.remove());
      System.out.println("value = "+queue.remove());
   }
}
```

Queue

- Collection whose elements have an order
- Defines a head position where is the first element that can be accessed
- Important methods
  - add() (adds element into the queue)
  - peek() (Retrieves element, but does not remove)
  - poll() (No exception if element is absent)
  - remove() (Throws exception if element is absent)

Example on PriorityQueue

- Running the program



Retrieving objects using Iterators

- A common operation with collections is to iterate over their elements
- Interface Iterator provides a transparent means to cycle through all elements of a Collection
- Keeps track of last visited element of the related collection
- Each time querying the current element, it moves on automatically.

Example on Iteration

```
package genericcollection;

public class Student {
   private int studentId;
   private String studentName;

   public int getStudentId() {
      return studentId;
   }

   public void setStudentId(int
    studentId) {
      this.studentId = studentId;
   }
```

```
   public String getStudentName() {
       return studentName;
   }

   public void setStudentName(String
    studentName) {
      this.studentName =
    studentName;
   }
   public Student(int id, String name){
      studentId=id;
      studentName=name;
   }
}
```

How we get Iterator from a List

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

- The remove() method is optionally supported by the underlying collection. When called, and supported, the element returned by the last next() call is removed.

Example on Iteration

```
package genericcollection;
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Iterator;
import java.util.List;
public class StudentIteration {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      List<Student> studentList=new
    ArrayList<>(5);
      studentList.add(new
    Student(1,"Kisan"));
      studentList.add(new
    Student(2,"Radha"));
      studentList.add(new
    Student(3,"Ganga"));
      studentList.add(new
    Student(4,"Narmada"));
```

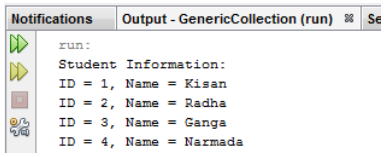
```
Iterator<Student>
    iterator=studentList.iterator();
     Student student;
     System.out.println("Student
    Information:");
     while(iterator.hasNext()){
        student=iterator.next();
        System.out.println("ID =
    "+student.getStudentId()+", Name =
    "+student.getStudentName());
     }
   }
}
```

Example on Iteration

- We store Student object in a collection
- We retrieve it using Iterator

Example on Iteration

- Running the program



Example on Iteration using foreach loop

- If we use foreach loop, we do not need to get iterator explicitly
- Syntax
  - If we have object of type X stored in a Collection of type Xlist, then we can write foreach loop as follows:

```
for(X xobj: XListObj){
  //access xobj
}
```

Iterating a Map

- We create a Map object of the following mapping
  - studentId (Integer) -> studentName (String)
- We can get all values (studentNames) using
  - map.values()

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Example on Iterating a Map

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public class StudentMapIteration {
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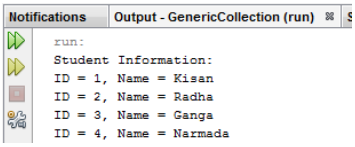
Example on Iteration using foreach loop

- We get the same output

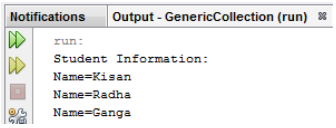


Example on Iterating a Map

```
     Collection<String> students=studentMap.values();
     System.out.println("Student Information:");
     for(String stName:students){
       System.out.println("Name="+stName);
     }
   }
}
```

Example on Iterating a Map

- We get the following output



Iterating a Map using Key

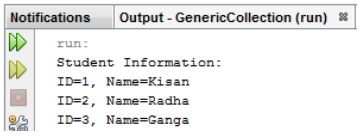
```
Collection<Integer> stKeys=studentMap.keySet();
    String stName;
    System.out.println("Student Information:");
    for(Integer stKey:stKeys){
      stName=studentMap.get(stKey);
      System.out.println("ID="+stKey+", Name="+stName);
    }
  }
}
```

Iterating a Map using Key

- Suppose, we do not know keys?
- We create a Map object of the following mapping
  - studentId (Integer) -> studentName (String)
- We can get all keys (studentId) using
  - map.keySet()

Iterating a Map using Key

- Running the program



Iterating a Map using Key

```
package genericcollection;

import java.util.Collection;
import java.util.HashMap;
import java.util.Map;
public class StudentKeyIteration {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    Map<Integer, String> studentMap=new HashMap<>();
    studentMap.put(1, "Kisan");
    studentMap.put(2, "Radha");
    studentMap.put(3, "Ganga");
```

Storing diverse objects in Generic Collection

- We want to store diverse objects in a collection object created using generic feature.

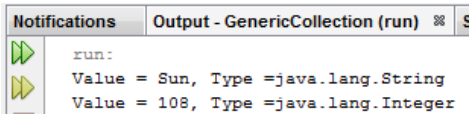
Example: Storing diverse objects in Generic Collection

```
package genericcollection;

import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;
public class DifferentObjsInGeneric {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      List<Object> list=new ArrayList<>();
      list.add("Sun");
      list.add(108);
      System.out.println("Value = "+list.get(0)+", Type
    ="+list.get(0).getClass().getName());
      System.out.println("Value = "+list.get(1)+", Type
    ="+list.get(1).getClass().getName());
   }
}
```

Example: Storing diverse objects in Generic Collection

- Output



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