

Strings

strings can be created or accessed like a char-array

Multiple strings can be connected with a `"+"`

Generics - not ~~a~~ specific to a particular data type
generic type is declared by specifying a type parameter
in an angle brackets after a type name: `TypeName<T>`

Generic class

- ~~more~~ increases reusability
- can be a base class to other generic or ~~non~~ non-generic class
- can be derived from — `||` —

A Method declared with a type parameters for its
own return type or parameters is a generic method

Generics are type safe, and have performance
advantage because they remove the possibility of
boxing/unboxing

Generic Collections

`List<T>` - contains elements of a specified type

`Dictionary<TKey, TValue>` - contains key-value pairs

`SortedList<TKey, TValue>` — `||` — `||` — . Adds

elements in ascending order of key
`Queue<T>` - stores values FIFO style. Enqueue() method for
adding values and dequeue() to retrieve values.

Stack<T> - stores values ^{LIFO}~~FIFO~~ style. Push() to add values and Pop() and Peek() to retrieve

HashSet<T> - list elements, eliminating duplicates

Non-Generic Collections

ArrayList - stores objects of any kind but there is no need to specify the ~~number~~ size of the list as it grows automatically

Hashtable - stores key-value pairs. retrieves values by comparing hash values of the keys

BitArray - manages an array of bit values (1 or 0) which are represented as a boolean

C# also includes non-generic versions of Queue, Stack and SortedList

Tuple<T> - data structure that contains a sequence of elements of different datatypes. Its used when we want to hold an object with properties but don't want to create a separate type for it. ~~Then~~ the element can be accessed via Item<elementNumber> or Rest if its the last item. If we want to store more than 8 elements in a tuple, we can do that by nesting another tuple object in the 8th element. We can access it via Rest.Item1.Item<elementNumber>. In theory we can nest tuple object anywhere in the sequence but we won't be able to access its elements.

Tuple is useful when:

- we want to return multiple values from a method
- we want to pass multiple values to a method with a single parameter
- we want to hold a database temporarily without creating separate ~~at~~ class

STRUCTURE

struct - is a value datatype that represents data structures. It can contain: parameterized or static constructor, constants, fields, methods, properties, indexers, operators, events and nested types.

It can be used to hold data that does not require inheritance. It can be declared using "new" operator; if you don't do that it doesn't call any constructor so all members remain unassigned so you have to assign them.

~~struct~~ struct member cannot be specified as abstract, sealed, virtual or protected