Data structures:

Array, ArrayList, LinkedList

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Array

An *array* is a container that holds a fixed number of values of a single type. An *array* is an indexed data structure, which means *array* elements can be accessed by their index numbers using the *subscript operator* [].

Create an array object

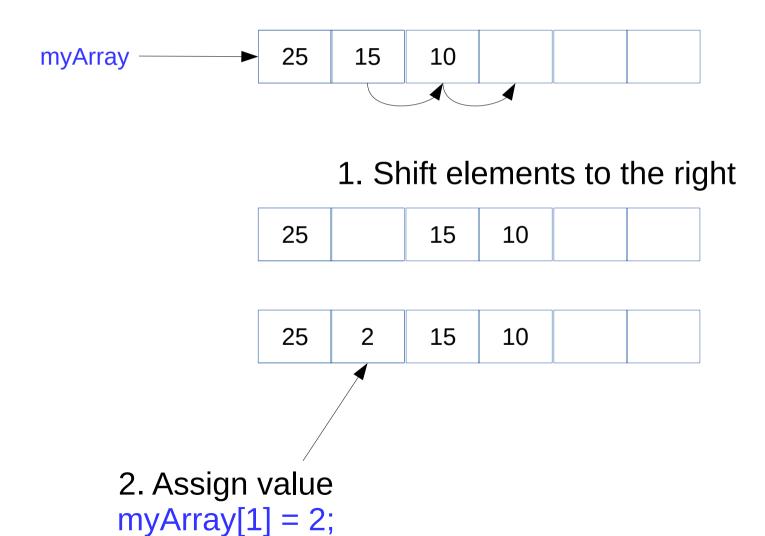
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int myArray[] = new int[6];
```

Assign value

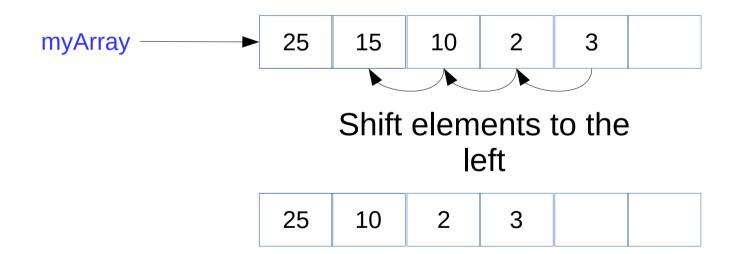
```
myArray[0] = 25;
myArray[1] = 15;
myArray[2] = 10;
```

```
myArray → 25 15 10
```

Insert an element



- Delete an element
 - Example: delete an element at index 1

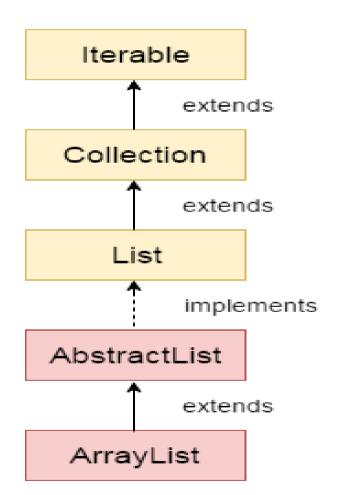


- You can't do the following with an array object:
 - Increase or decrease its length, which is fixed
 - Add an element at a specified position without shifting the other elements to make room.
 - Remove an element at a specified position without shifting the other elements to fill in the resulting gap.

Review: ArrayList

ArrayList provides methods to do the operations that cannot be done with array object: add, insert, delete element(s) and more.

However, ArrayList use array object as data structure to store the data. So the operation such as insert and delete element(s) is a time consuming process.

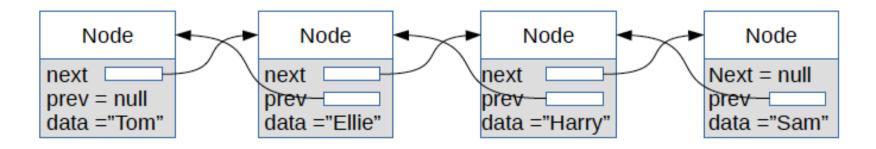


- A LinkedList can be created by connecting different objects using pointers (references)
 - Object is called node

```
/** A Node is the building block for a double-linked list. */
private static class Node<E> {
    /** The data value. */
    private E data;
    /** The link to the next node. */
    private Node<E> next = null;
    /** The link to the previous node. */
    private Node<E> prev = null;

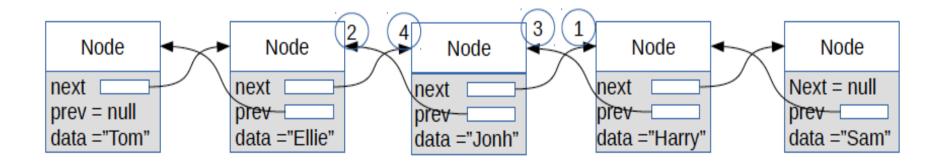
/** Construct a node with the given data value.
        @param dataItem The data value
        */
    private Node(E dataItem) {
        data = dataItem;
    }
}
```

```
Node<String> tom = new Node<>("Tom");
Node<String> ellie = new Node<>("Ellie");
tom.next = ellie;
ellie.prev tom;
Node<String> harry = new Node<>("Harry");
ellie.next = harry;
harry.prev = ellie;
Node<String> sam = new Node<>("Same");
harry.next = sam;
same.prev = harry;
```



- Insert an element
 - Insert a new element after the node "ellie"

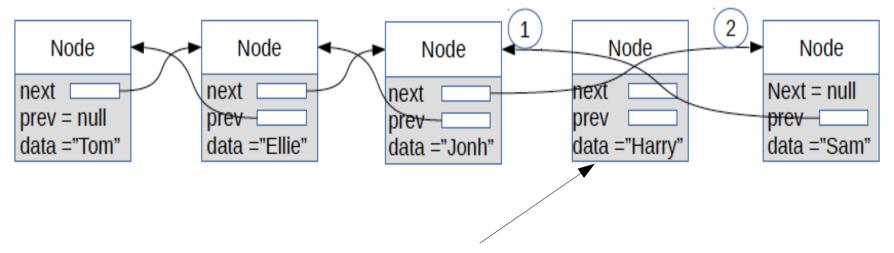
```
Node<String> jonh = new Node<>("Jonh");
jonh.next = ellie.next; //step 1
jonh.prev = ellie; //step 2
ellie.next.prev = jonh; //step 3
ellie.next = jonh; //step 4
```



- Delete an element
 - Remove element "harry" from LinkedList

```
harry.prev.next = harry.next; // Step 1
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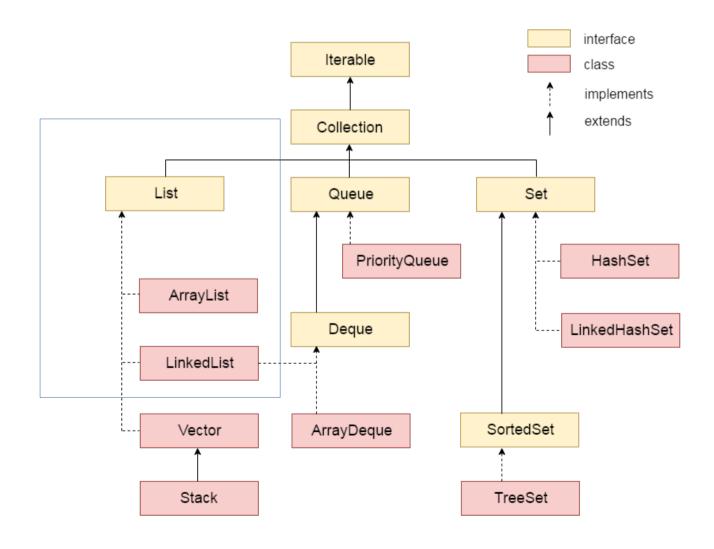
harry.next.prev = harry.prev; // Step 2



Node "harry" Doesn't belong to the linkedList anymore

LinkedList Class

Like ArrayList, LikedList implement List interface



LinkedList Class

Create a LinkedList of String

```
LinkedList<String> linkedlist=new LinkedList<String>();
linkedlist.add("Apple");
linkedlist.add("Orange");
linkedlist.add("Mango");
linkedlist.add("Banana");
...
```

LinkedList Class

Get element at index "i"

```
String fruit = linkedlist.get(i);
```

But what really happen when we want to access to an element by index?

- In reality, LinkedList does not provide the possibility to access to a random element by index.
- If we assume that the method get begins at the first list node (head), each call to method get must advance a local reference (nodeRef) to the node at position index using a loop such as:

```
Node<E> nodeRef = head;
for (int j = 0; j < i; j++) {
    nodeRef = nodeRef.next;
}</pre>
```

How to loop LinkedList in Java

```
For loop:
for(int num=0; num<linkedlist.size(); num++)
{
    System.out.println(linkedlist.get(num));
}</pre>
```

```
For each:

for(String str: linkedlist)
{
    System.out.println(str);
}
```

```
Using Iterator:

Iterator i = linkedlist.iterator();
while (i.hasNext()) {
    System.out.println(i.next());
}
```

Conclusion

- Add or delete an element in an ArrayList is slower than LinkedList
- However, access to an element at index i in an LinkedList is a time consuming process

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