

CSCI-201: Principles of Software Development

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Lab04: Collections

Introduction:

Generic programming involves the design and implementation of data structures and algorithms that work for multiple types. You are already familiar with the generics in Java. In this lab you are to implement a few generic methods to work with collections. In addition to dealing with bounded type parameters, you will work with predicates to see how they are useful in generic programming. The programming is not difficult (and short) but requires careful thought. Note the following two cases when you work with bounded type parameters:

1. If you need to go through a collection and do things with each item, then the collection is a producer, so you should use `<? extends >`.
2. If you need to add things to a collection, then the collection is a consumer, so you should use `<? super >`.

Implementation:

Write a generic method called `concat()` that takes two `Iterable` arguments. The method combines two iterables of the same abstract type into a single iterable. The method returns that new iterable. Note, the returning type must be `Iterable`, and not `Iterator`. Also, make sure you did not modify the original iterables in any way. You are not allowed to use Java's streams, and extra packages (like Guava).

Write a generic method called `reverseMap()` that takes a single `Map` argument of any type and returns the inverse of the given `Map`. The method transforms "Key to Value" to "Value to Key". You may assume that all values are unique. The method returns that new `Map`. Make sure you did not modify the original `Map` in any way.

In the following three methods you are to use the `Predicate` interface. You are not allowed to use Java's streams, and extra packages (like Guava).

A predicate is a boolean-valued function with one parameter:

```
interface Predicate<T> {  
    public boolean test(T obj);  
}
```

If an object implements this interface it knows how to "test" objects of type `T` in some way. Java already has some methods that use predicates (in `java.util.function`), however here you write a few similar methods yourself. You are not allowed to use Java's streams, and extra packages (like Guava).

Write a generic method called `collect()` that takes two arguments: `Iterable` and `Predicate`. The method collects from the provided iterable all elements that satisfy the provided predicate. The method returns a new iterable. Note, the returning type must be `Iterable`, and not `Iterator`. Also, make sure you did not modify the original iterable in any way.

Write a generic method called `remove()` that takes two arguments: `Iterable` and `Predicate`. The method removes from the provided iterable all elements that satisfy the provided predicate. The method is void; it modifies the original iterable accordingly.

Write a generic method called `countIf()` that takes two arguments: `Iterable` and `Predicate`. The method counts the number of all elements the provided iterable that satisfy the provided predicate. The method returns `int`. Make sure you did not modify the original iterable in any way.

Testing:

The testing driver is provided. Here is the expected output:

```
Concatenated iterable: [Dog:5, Dog:8, Dog:2, Terrier:1, Terrier:11, Terrier:88, Terrier:12, ]
Original Map: {Terrier:3=dandie, Dog:1=beagle, Dog:2=poodle, Dog:1=labrador, Terrier:3=irish}
Inverted Map: {dandie=Terrier:3, labrador=Dog:1, poodle=Dog:2, beagle=Dog:1, irish=Terrier:3}
Original collection: [499, 567, 311, 104, 200, 201, 570, 270, 1999]
Count evens: 4
Remove evens: [499, 567, 311, 201, 1999]
Retain evens: [104, 200, 570, 270, ]
Original collection: [499, 567, 311, 104, 200, 201, 570, 270, 1999]
Count bigger than 270: 5
Remove bigger than 270: [104, 200, 201, 270]
Collect bigger than 270: [499, 567, 311, 570, 1999, ]
Original collection: [Dog:5, Dog:8, Dog:2, Terrier:1]
Count evens: 2
Count evens: 2
```

Grading Criteria:

Labs are graded based on your understanding of the course material. To receive full credit, you will need to:

- 1) complete the lab following the instructions above
- 2) show your understanding of the lab material by answering questions upon check-off

If there is a discrepancy between your understanding of the material and your implementation (i.e. if your code is someone else's work), you will receive a grade of 0 for the lab. Please note, it is the professor's discretion to report the incident to SJACS.

Implementation: (8 Points)

- a) `collect()` is implemented correctly (2 pts)
- b) `reverseMap()` is implemented correctly (1 pts)
- c) `remove()` is implemented correctly (1 pts)
- d) `countIf()` is implemented correctly (1 pts)
- e) `concat()` is implemented correctly (3 pts)

Check-off Questions: (2 Points)

Please randomly select one question.

Question 1: Which of the following assignments are incorrect and why?

- a. `List test1 = new ArrayList<Integer>();`
- b. `List<?> test2 = new ArrayList<Integer>();`
- c. `List<?> test3 = new ArrayList<?>();`
- d. `List<Object> test4 = new ArrayList<Integer>();`

Question 2: Explain why these code compile but not run.

```
Integer[] intArr = new Integer[5];  
Number[] numArr = intArr;  
numArr[0] = 1.23;
```

Question 3: The following code does not compile.

```
ArrayList<Integer> inList = new ArrayList<>();  
ArrayList<Number> numList = inList;
```

How do you fix the `numList` type to make that assignment work for a `Number` type?

Question 4: The following code does not compile.

```
List<Number> numList = new ArrayList<Integer>();
```

How do you fix the numList type to make it work for Integer and Number types?

Question 5: Explain why the following code does not compile.

```
List<? extends String> strList = List.of("apple", "orange");  
strList.add("fruit");
```