

ADTs - Abstract data type

Goals In 241

- ① Introduce basic data structures & algs
- ② Give practice in developing your own DS & Algs

→ Every ADT has 2 pieces

- A description of what the data type represents (abstract concept)
- List of the operations that the ADT can do.
 - ★ Tells us WHAT the ADT can do, not how it does it.

INTERFACE

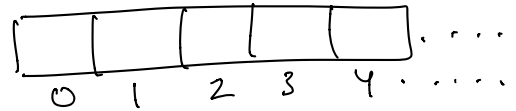
ADTs

IMPLEMENTATION

Data structure

List ADT

Definition: A list consists of a collection of positions, each of which contains an integer. Each position is identified also by an integer, starting at zero.



Operations

Add @
beginning

Add @
end

- Add to the list
- Iterate
- Remove
- Change elts
- Get next elt
- Sort

- get length
- determining if an item is in the list
- Remove duplicates

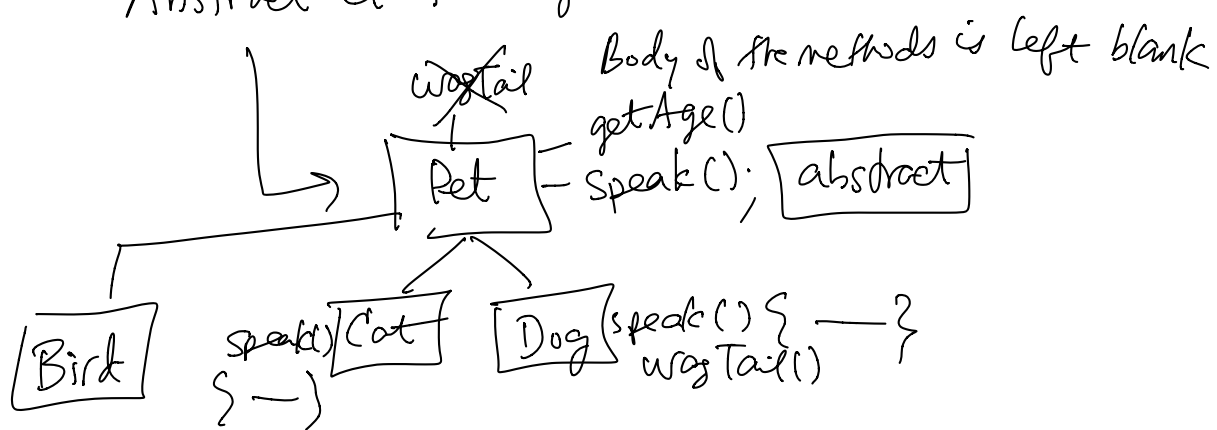
How could we implement this list?

- Array \leftarrow obvious
- Linked list \leftarrow less obvious

Java Interfaces

Purpose - is to separate the interface of an ADT from its implementation

- "Regular" class — fields/methods
- Abstract class — you can have methods marked as ABSTRACT



```
ArrayList<Pet> pets = new ArrayList<Pet>();  
pets.add(_____);  
pets.add(_____);  
pets.add(_____);
```

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[pets].get(0).speak();
```

- Java interface - ALL methods are abstract

Java: class A extends class B ~~and class C~~
class A extends class B implements C, D, E...
└─ interfaces

