# Module 1 Day 7

Collections, Part 1

## What makes an application?

- Program Data
  - ✓ Variables & .NET Data Types
  - ✓ Arrays
  - ➤ More Collections (list, dictionary, stack, queue)
  - ➤ Classes and objects (OOP)
- Program Logic
  - ✓ Statements and expressions
  - ✓ Conditional logic (if)
  - ✓ Repeating logic (for, foreach, do, while)
  - ✓ Methods (functions / procedures)
  - ➤ Classes and objects (OOP)
  - ☐ Frameworks (MVC)

```
    Input / Output
    User
    ✓ Console read / write
    ☐ HTML / CSS
    ☐ Front-end frameworks (HTML / CSS / JavaScript)
    Storage
    ☐ File I/O
    ☐ Relational database
    ☐ APIs
```

## Arrays

- A group of similarly typed items
- Elements are accessed by an integer index
- Fixed in size once created
- What would I need to do to add another element to an array?

#### Collection Classes

- Defined in the <u>System.Collections.Generic</u> namespace
  - A namespace is just an organization mechanism with a hierarchical naming structure
  - There are > 10,000 classes in the .NET framework
  - .NET Core Namespaces
- List: an Array on steroids
- Stack: a last-in, first-out collection
- Queue: a first-in, first-out collection
- ... and many more, some of which we will cover tomorrow...
  - and some of which you will investigate on your own

### List

- The collection most like an array
  - But it can shrink and grow!
- To create, like any other variable:
  - Declare, Allocate (Instantiate), Initialize

```
// Declare
List<string> daysOfWeek;
// Allocate and initialize
daysOfWeek = new List<string>()
{ "Sunday", "Monday", "Tuesday", "Wednesday", "Thursday", "Friday", "Saturday"};
```

- <T> syntax is called a "generic", and ANY type (T) can be placed there
- List<int>, List<double>, List<Car>
- You can even do a list of lists! (but we'll spare you that)



#### List Methods

- Access elements using listName[index] syntax, just like arrays
- Add elements
  - <u>listName.Add</u>(elementToAdd)
    - elementToAdd must be of the appropriate type
  - <u>listName.Insert</u>(index, elementToAdd)
  - <u>listName.AddRange</u>(elementsToAdd[])
- Remove elements
  - <u>listName.Remove</u>(elementToRemove)
    - Removes the first occurrence where (listElement == elementToRemove)
  - <u>listName.RemoveAt</u>(index)



## Iterating a List

- The number of elements is called **Count**
- Since [index] works, we can iterate as usual

```
for (int i = 0; i < daysOfWeek.Count; i++)
{
    Console.WriteLine(daysOfWeek[i]);
}</pre>
```

But there is another way ... foreach

```
foreach (string day in daysOfWeek)
{
    Console.WriteLine(day);
}
```

So, when to use foreach?



#### More List Methods

- Contains(element) returns bool
- IndexOf(element) returns int
- ToArray() returns array
- Sort() sorts the list in place
- Reverse() reverses the list in place
- String.Join(separator, someList)



#### Stack

- Last-in, First-out
- Methods
  - Push
  - Pop
  - Peek
- Foreach
- NO index access!
- NO initializer

```
Stack<int> stack = new Stack<int>();
stack.Push(1);
stack.Push(2);
stack.Push(3);
```

```
while (stack.Count > 0)
{
   int i = stack.Pop();
   Console.WriteLine(i);
}
```

```
foreach (int i in stack)
{
    Console.WriteLine(i);
}
```



#### Queue

- First-in, First-out
- Methods
  - Enqueue
  - Dequeue
  - Peek
- Foreach
- NO index access!
- NO initializer

```
Queue<int> queue = new Queue<int>();
queue.Enqueue(1);
queue.Enqueue(2);
queue.Enqueue(3);
```

```
while (queue.Count > 0)
{
   int i = queue.Dequeue();
   Console.WriteLine(i);
}
```

