

Object Oriented Programming in Java

9: Collections

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Arrays

- In previous examples we have stored data in arrays
 - Arrays of *Items*, *Perishables*, arrays of some other types, ...
 - We can also have arrays of a parametrized type although we need some workaround to create such arrays
- Some of the drawbacks
 - Arrays are not resizable
 - We must specify arrays size during allocation
 - No too small, not to big ...
- How to solve the problem when array is full
 - Create a new, larger one, copy current elements to new array and change the reference (old arrays would be removed by garbage collector)
 - Copy one by one or use built-in method *Arrays.copy* (copies faster because it copies whole blocks of memory at once)

ArrayList

- Java already contains implementation for “resizable” array that does exactly what we want – *ArrayList*
 - We can set initial capacity, but if the number of elements raises beyond capacity, grow is ensured by creating a new, larger array
 - encapsulated inside implementation

```
package swu.oopj.collections;
import java.util.ArrayList;
public class ArrayListMain {    09_Collections/swu/oopj/collections/ArrayListMain.java
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        ArrayList<Integer> arr = new ArrayList<>(10); //init.capacity
        System.out.println("Size: " + arr.size()); // 0
        for(int i=0; i<1000; i++)
            arr.add(2*i);
        System.out.println("Size: " + arr.size()); //1000
        System.out.println("Element at pos. 750: " + arr.get(750));
    }
}
```

Useful methods in *ArrayList*

- Variable is declared as *ArrayList<E>* and not as *E[]*, thus square brackets cannot be used to get element at specific position
 - Instead, get method is used: *E get(int index)*
 - E is parameter type (Integer was argument type in previous example)
- Other useful methods
 - *add(E element)*
 - Appends the specified element to the end of the list
 - *add(int index, E element)*
 - Inserts the specified element at the specified position
 - *E set(int index, E element)*
 - Replaces the element at the specified position with the specified element and return the old element
 - *E remove(int index)*
 - Removes the element at the specified position (and returns it)

Linked lists

- Arrays (and *ArrayList*) have some obvious benefits, but performance may suffer if
 - we must insert or remove an element
 - all elements after insert or remove position must be shifted
 - capacity must be “increased”
- Linked lists consist of nodes where each node contains data and reference (pointer) to the next element
 - It may also contain reference to previous element (double linked list)
- Linked list contains reference to the first (and the last) element in the list
 - Insert and delete is easy

```
class LinkedList<E> {  
    Node<E> first;  
    Node<E> last;  
    ...  
}  
class Node<E> {  
    E item;  
    Node<E> next;  
    Node<E> prev;  
    ...  
}
```

Do not reinvent the wheel – class *LinkedList*

- Java already contains *LinkedList* and its code is optimized

```
public E get(int index) {
    checkElementIndex(index);
    return node(index).item;
}

Node<E> node(int index) {
    if (index < (size >> 1)) {
        Node<E> x = first;
        for (int i = 0; i < index; i++)
            x = x.next;
        return x;
    } else {
        Node<E> x = last;
        for (int i = size - 1; i > index; i--)
            x = x.prev;
        return x;
    }
}
```

LinkedList

- *LinkedList* has many methods common with *ArrayList*
 - They implement the same interface: *List* (more details later)

```
package swu.oopj.collections;
import java.util.LinkedList;

public class LinkedListMain {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        LinkedList<Integer> list = new LinkedList<>();
        System.out.println("Size: " + list.size());
        for(int i=0; i<1000; i++)
            list.add(2*i);
        System.out.println("Size: " + list.size());
        System.out.println("Element at pos. 750: " + list.get(750));
    }
}
```

09_Collections/swu/oopj/collections/LinkedListMain.java

Iterating through a *LinkedList* or *ArrayList*

- In both case we can use for-loop and *get* method, however getting the i-th element of linked list is slow (especially if compared to the fact that we goes sequentially through the list)
- Like for arrays, we can use for-each variant of the for loop
 - When and why is this possible is discussed later

```
package swu.oopj.collections;
import java.util.LinkedList;
import java.util.List;
public class ListIterate {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        List<Integer> list = new LinkedList<>();
        for(int i=0; i<10; i++)
            list.add(2*i);
        for(Integer i : list)
            System.out.println(i);
    }
    ...
}
```

09_Collections/swu/oopj/collections/ListIterate.java

Fixed size lists and unmodifiable lists

- Java supports creation of fixed size lists using *Arrays.asList* or unmodifiable lists using *List.of* and *List.copyOf*
 - The first two methods have variable number of arguments

```
import java.util.Arrays;           09_Collections/swu/oopj/collections/UnmodifiableList.java
import java.util.List;
public class UnmodifiableList {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        List<Integer> list = List.of(1, 2, 3);
        //list.add(4); //throws an Exception
        //list.set(0, 5); //throws and Exception
        System.out.println(list);

        list = Arrays.asList(1, 2, 3);
        //list.add(4); //throws an Exception
        list.set(0, 5);
        System.out.println(list);

        ...
    }
}
```

Java Collections Framework (1)

- *List, ArrayList, and LinkedList* are all part of *Java Collection Framework*
- Collection (container)
 - Object that groups multiple elements into a single unit.
 - Collections are used to store, retrieve, manipulate, and communicate aggregate data.
- Collections framework
 - Unified architecture for representing and manipulating collections

Java Collections Framework (2)

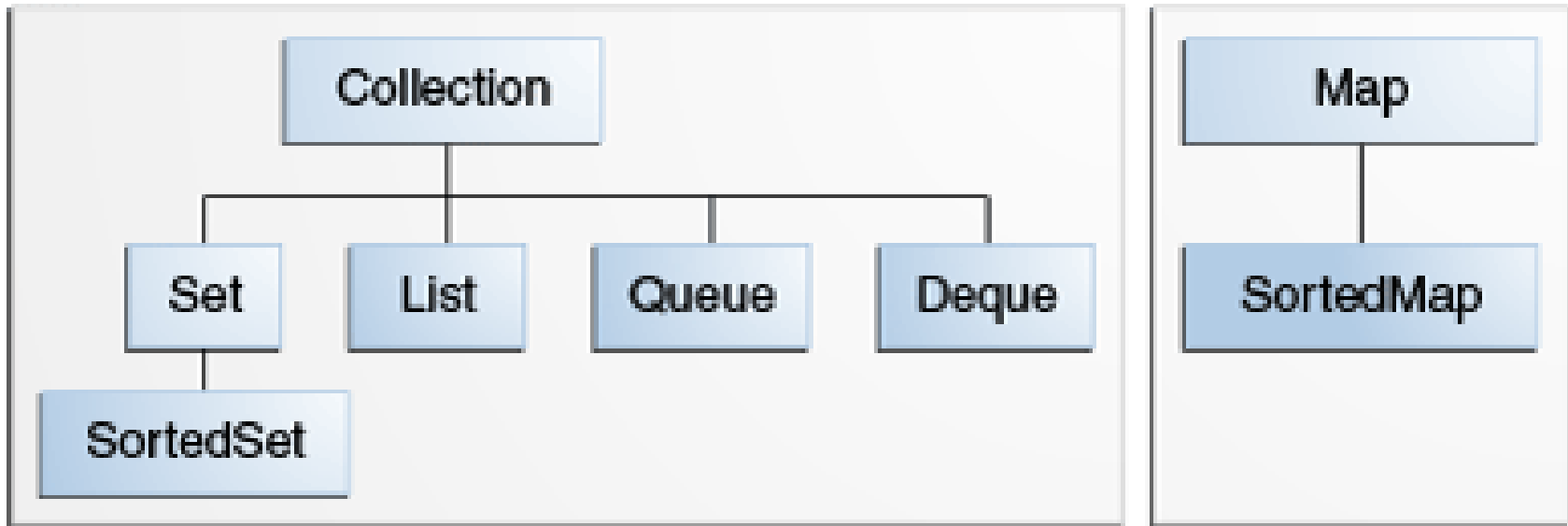
- Interfaces:
 - abstract data types that represent collections
 - allows collections to be manipulated independently of the details of their representation
- Implementations
 - concrete implementations of the collection interfaces
- Algorithms:
 - methods that perform useful computations (e.g. searching, sorting) on objects that implement collection interfaces.
 - algorithms are polymorphic: the same method can be used on many different implementations of the appropriate collection interface

Advantages of Java Collection Framework

- Do not reinvent the wheel and foster (good) software reuse
 - Reduces programming effort
 - Algorithms depends on interfaces - allows easy switch of collection implementations.
 - Increases program speed and quality
 - see e.g. *get* method in *LinkedList*
- Using standard collections reduces effort to learn, use or design new APIs
 - Allows interoperability among unrelated APIs
 - New data structures and algorithms that conform to the standard collection interfaces are by nature reusable.

Core Collection interfaces

- As shown in <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/collections/interfaces/index.html> there are two core collection hierarchies
 - one derived from interface *Collection*
 - another from interface *Map*
- Note: figure does not show complete hierarchy, just main interfaces



Collection interface

- Models collections of objects using maximum generality
 - Does not specifies anything about order, duplicates, null elements
 - it is left to other interfaces that extends this interface (i.e. List for ordered collections)
- Interfaces cannot enact the existence of specific constructors but is a common practice that concrete implementations in Java Collection Framework should have at least:
 - constructor without arguments
 - creates an empty collection
 - constructor that takes a Collection argument (*conversion constructor*)
 - initializes the new collection to contain all elements of the specified collection
 - allows conversion of collection's type

Optional and default methods

- Java Collection Framework contains many useful *default* methods
 - Used to extend interfaces without breaking compatibility with an old code
 - Provides (in most cases satisfying) default code for the methods
- Some implementations creates e.g. immutable, fixed-size, ... collections that does not support all operations, but this methods must be implemented
 - If an unsupported operation is invoked, a collection throws an *UnsupportedOperationException*.
 - In documentation these methods are marked as optional
 - Implementations are responsible for documenting which of the optional operations they support.
 - Note: **optional** ≠ **default** !

Methods defined by *Collection* interface

- List of methods that could be useful or it would be used later

```
public interface Collection<E> extends Iterable<E> {  
    int size();  
    boolean isEmpty();  
    boolean contains(Object element);  
    boolean add(E element); //optional  
    boolean remove(Object element); //optional  
    Iterator<E> iterator();  
    boolean containsAll(Collection<?> c);  
    boolean addAll(Collection<? extends E> c); //optional  
    boolean removeAll(Collection<?> c); //optional  
    boolean retainAll(Collection<?> c); //optional  
    void clear(); //optional  
    Object[] toArray();  
    <T> T[] toArray(T[] a);  
    default boolean removeIf(Predicate<? super E> filter) {...}  
    default Stream<E> stream() {...}
```

A note about some methods in *Collection*

- A question could arise why some methods have unusual signatures like:

boolean remove(Object element) instead of
boolean remove(E element)

- Implementations use static method `Objects.equals` to do equality check (and uses `equals` from *Object*)

boolean addAll(Collection<? extends E> c) instead of
boolean addAll(Collection<E> c);

- Suppose that we have a class *Food* that extends *Item*. This allows us to add all elements from `Collection<Food>` to `Collection<Item>`

- Some other examples would be described later (i.e. `super` and `Predicate` in *removeIf* method)

Interface *Iterable* and iterators

- Interface *Collection* extends interface *Iterable* that enables use of for-each construct for traversing through a collection

```
for(Type item : collection)
    do something with item (but do not change collection!)
```

- It is a simplified way to use general concept of iterator (an object that enables you to traverse through a collection and to remove elements from the collection selectively)
 - Interface *Iterable*<*T*> defines method *Iterator*<*T*> *iterator()*
 - Interface *Iterator* defines three methods: *hasNext*, *next*, and (optional) *remove*

```
Iterator<SomeType> it = collection.iterator();
while(it.hasNext()) {
    Type item = it.next();
    do something with item
}
```

Interface *List* extends *Collection* interface

- *List* “is a” *Collection*
 - Interface *List* extends interface *Collection* with methods for ordering elements in collection

```
public interface List<E> extends Collection<E> {  
    E get(int index);  
    E set(int index, E element);           //optional  
    boolean add(E element);               //optional  
    void add(int index, E element);        //optional  
    E remove(int index);                   //optional  
    boolean addAll(int index, Collection<? extends E> c); //optional  
    int indexOf(Object o);  
    int lastIndexOf(Object o);  
    ListIterator<E> listIterator();  
    ListIterator<E> listIterator(int index);  
    List<E> subList(int from, int to);  
}
```

Access based on element position

Searching

Enables iterating in both directions

Example #1

09_Collections/swu/oopj/collections/example1/*.java

- Add integers from the standard input to a list, until negative number appears. Remove elements that are below average value and sort the list.
- Solution is split in several parts/classes
 - Custom class *Loader* that loads non negative numbers using *Scanner*
 - It would be set to *System.in* in the main program
 - Calculate average value in the list
 - Custom class *BelowThreshold* (implements interface *Predicate*)
 - Predicate (in general): boolean value function, i.e. statement that may be true or false depending on the values of its variables.
 - Remove elements using predicate and default *List* method *removeIf*
 - Sort elements using class *Collections* that contains only static methods (many useful methods like sort, reverse, shuffle, ...)
 - not to be confused with interface *Collection*

Example #1 – note on a Predicate and *super*

09_Collections/swu/oopj/collections/example1/*.java

- We have a list of integers : `List<Integer>`
- Default method *removeIf* expects a predicate that can test whether some *Integer* is good or not
 - *removeIf* has the following signature
default boolean removeIf(Predicate<? super E> filter)
 - This means that valid argument could be `Predicate<Integer>`, but also `Predicate<Number>` , i.e. *Predicate<? super Integer>*
 - *removeIf* passes an *Integer* to *test* method. We can use any predicate that can accept an *Integer*
 - *Integer* extends *Number*

```
public class BelowThreshold implements Predicate<Number> {  
    public boolean test(Number d) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Interface *Set*

- A ***Set*** is a *Collection* that **cannot contain duplicate elements**.
 - The Set interface contains only methods inherited from Collection and adds the restriction that duplicate elements are prohibited.
 - This restriction is semantic (interface cannot enforce such constraint syntactically) and implemented by concrete Set implementation
- Java has three general-purpose Set implementations:
 - *HashSet, TreeSet, LinkedHashSet*
 - Which to choose? It depends on what we need and do, and the answer depends on these questions.
 - Is iterating order or efficiency important?
 - How many reads and writes we have?

Set implementations

- *HashSet*
 - stores elements in buckets
 - the best-performing implementation; constant time performance for the basic operations assuming elements are dispersed properly among the buckets
 - makes no guarantees concerning the order of iteration.
- *TreeSet*
 - stores elements in a red-black tree (kind of kind of self-balancing binary search tree) and orders its elements based on their values;
- *LinkedHashSet*
 - Similar to HashSet with additional LinkedList to maintain order of insertion (used when iterating through)

An example: Using set to display unique program arguments (1/2)

- Custom method *addToSet* fill the set and return reference to it
- Custom method *print* iterates through anything that is Iterable

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    System.out.println("Using HashSet:");
    print(addToSet(new HashSet<String>(), args));

    System.out.println("Using TreeSet:");
    print (addToSet(new TreeSet<String>(), args));

    System.out.println("Using LinkedHashSet:");
    print (addToSet(new LinkedHashSet<String>(), args));
}

private static Set<String> addToSet(Set<String> set, String[] arr) {
    for (String element : arr)
        set.add(element);
    return set;
}
```

09_Collections/swu/oopj/collections/UniqueArguments.java

An example: Using set to display unique program arguments (2/2)

Program arguments:

23 76 55 23 12 99 76 11 10

```
private static void print(Iterable<String> col) {  
    for (String element : col)  
        System.out.println(element);  
    System.out.println();  
  
    //if using iterator instead of for-each  
    //    Iterator<String> iterator = col.iterator();  
    //    while(iterator.hasNext())  
    //        System.out.println(iterator.next());  
    //    System.out.println();  
}
```

Using HashSet:

55
99
11
23
12
76
10

Using TreeSet:

10
11
12
23
55
76
99

09_Collections/swu/oopj/collections/UniqueArguments.java

- Note: the elements were Strings
 - What happens if there is an additional argument with value 150?

Using LinkedHashSet:

23
76
55
12
99
11
10

Complexity of common methods in *Set* and *List* implementations

- (Time) complexity – computation complexity that describes the amount of time it takes to do some tasks
 - Instead in time units, expressed as a function of the size of the input
 - Order of number of instructions, steps, ...
- What is the complexity of:
 - *contains(Object e)*?
 - *remove(Object e)*?
 - *add(E e)*?for HashSet and TreeSet and similar operation in ArrayList and LinkedList?

Example #2

- Write a function that has array of names as arguments and prints each name only once in reverse order
 - 2a: without use of any additional data structures
 - 2b: using list to store unique names and set to do the fast lookup for duplicates
 - 2c: using only set(s)
- Discuss (time) complexity of the solutions

09_Collections/swu/oopj/collections/example2/*.java

Map interface

- A **Map** is an object that maps keys to values
 - Collection of ordered pairs (key, value) : modeled using Map.Entry
 - models the mathematical function abstraction
 - Each key can map to at most one value.
 - Key cannot be changed
 - only removed from the map
 - Map cannot contain duplicate keys
 - But multiple key can have the same value
- Some examples of mapping
 - Person → Phone number (or vice versa)
 - Course → Set of enrolled students
 - Name → number of occurrences
- Also known as dictionary (C#) or associate array (JavaScript, PHP)

```
interface Entry<K,V> {  
    K getKey();  
    V getValue();  
    V setValue(V value);  
}
```

Map Interface

- Notice that *Map* have separate hierarchy and it is not *Iterable*

```
public interface Map<K,V> {  
    int size();  
    boolean isEmpty();  
    boolean containsKey(Object key);  
    boolean containsValue(Object value);  
    V get(Object key);  
    V put(K key, V value); //optional  
    V remove(Object key); //optional  
    void putAll(Map<? extends K, ? extends V> m); //opt.  
    void clear(); //optional  
    Set<K> keySet();  
    Collection<V> values();  
    Set<Map.Entry<K, V>> entrySet();  
  
    boolean equals(Object o);  
    int hashCode();  
}
```

Basic operations

Bulk operations

Collection views that are is Iterable

Map Interface – default methods

- Many useful, but advanced methods
 - discussed in some other presentations

```
default V getOrDefault(Object key, V defaultValue)
default void forEach(BiConsumer<? super K, ? super V> action)
default void replaceAll(BiFunction<? super K, ? super V, ? extends V>
                                                                    function)
default V putIfAbsent(K key, V value)
default boolean remove(Object key, Object value)
default boolean replace(K key, V oldValue, V newValue)
default V replace(K key, V value)
default V computeIfAbsent(K key,
                           Function<? super K, ? extends V> mappingFunction)
default V computeIfPresent(K key,
                            BiFunction<? super K, ? super V, ? extends V> remappingFunction)
default V compute(K key,
                  BiFunction<? super K, ? super V, ? extends V> remappingFunction)
default V merge(K key, V value,
                BiFunction<? super V, ? super V, ? extends V> remappingFunction)
```

Map implementations

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A Map example (1/2)

- Count how many time some name has occurred
 - Run the program with different Map implementations and see the difference

09_Collections/swu/oopj/collections/MapExample.java

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
    Map<String, Integer> names = new HashMap<>();
    // Map<String, Integer> names = new TreeMap<>();
    // Map<String, Integer> names = new LinkedHashMap<>();
    System.out.println("Enter names (quit for end):");
    String name;
    while (!(name = scanner.next()).equals("quit")) {
        Integer val = names.get(name);
        names.put(name, val == null ? 1 : val + 1);
    }
    for (Map.Entry<String, Integer> entry : names.entrySet())
        System.out.format("%s occurred %d time(s)%n",
                           entry.getKey(), entry.getValue());
}
```

A Map example (2/2)

- Reminder: Map does not extend neither Collection nor *Iterable*
 - Also it does not have a method that returns iterator.
- Iterating can be done by using one of three possible collection views
 - keySet : set of keys
 - values: collection of values
 - Discuss why this is not a set?
 - entries: set of pairs (key, value)
 - allows change of values while iterating (but not change of the map)

```
public interface Map<K,V> {  
    Set<K> keySet();  
    Collection<V> values();  
    Set<Map.Entry<K, V>> entrySet();  
    ...  
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    Map<String, Integer> names = new ...  
    ...  
    for (Map.Entry<String, Integer> entry : names.entrySet())  
        System.out.format("%s occurred %d time(s)%n",  
                           entry.getKey(), entry.getValue());  
}
```

09_Collections/swu/oopj/collections/MapExample.java

Other Java Collection Framework interfaces

- Java Collection Framework contains many other useful data structures, e.g.
 - *Queue* — typically for processing element in FIFO (first-in, first-out) manner
 - *PriorityQueue* – for priority heap
 - *Deque* — double ended queue, can also be used for LIFO (last-in, first out) manner (i.e. stack)
 - ...
- Note: Java also contains some legacy classes like Stack and Vector
 - Some of them are not recommended to use (e.g. Deque should be used instead of Stack), and some of them should be used only in multithreading environment if thread-safe implementation is needed (e.g. Vector)