MODULE 1: INTRODUCTION TO PROGRAMMING

Collections Part 1 - Lists

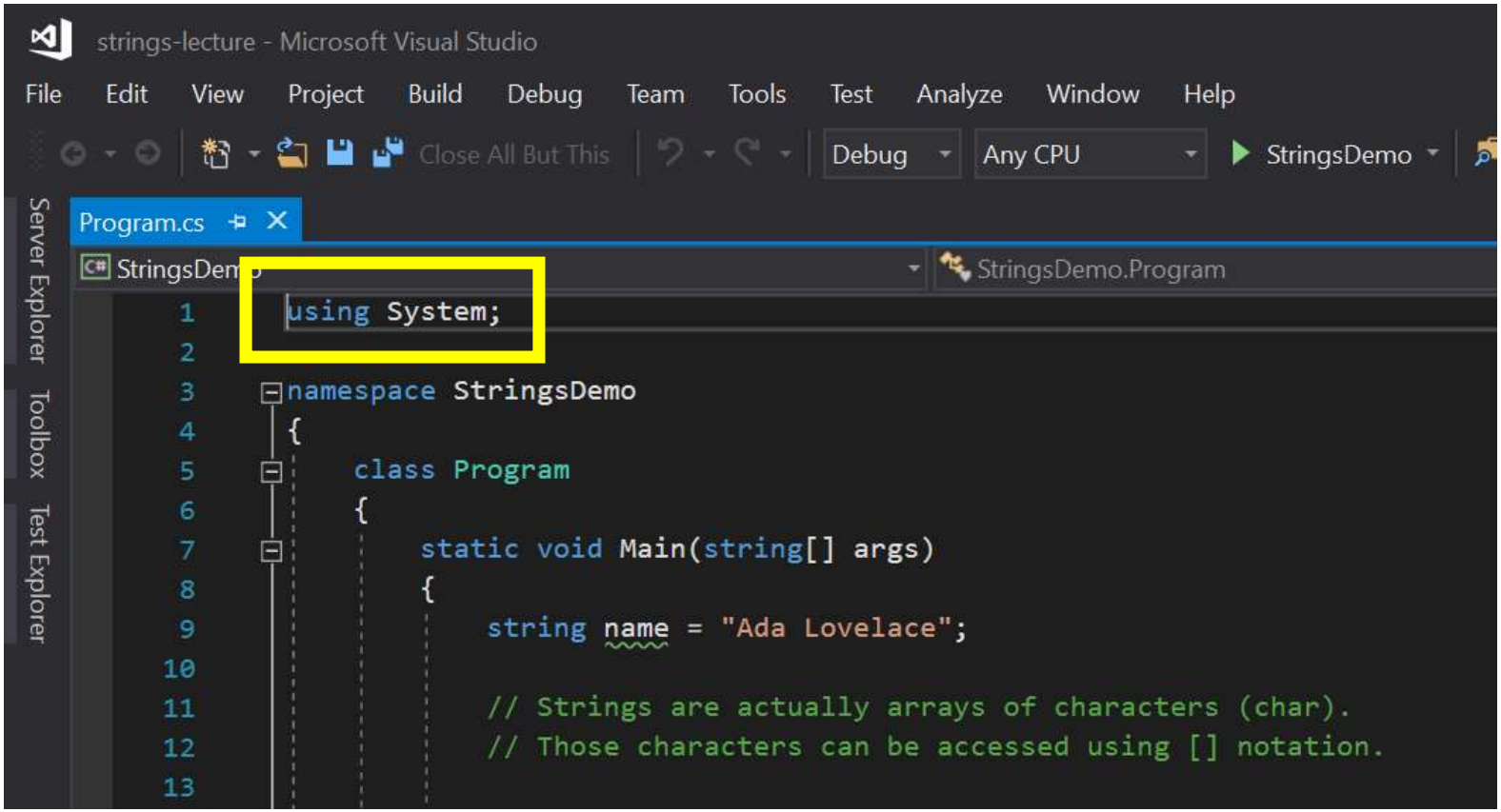
Yesterday

- What is an object?
- What is a class?
- What is the relationship between object and class?
- What is a value type or primitive variable?
- What is a reference type variable?
- Why are there two types?

Collections

- **Collections** classes live in a package or namespace and come from the framework's standard library of classes

Namespaces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using System;
namespace StringsDemo
{
class Program
{
static void Main(string[] args)
{
string name = "Ada Lovelace";
// Strings are actually arrays of characters (char).
// Those characters can be accessed using [] notation.

Collections: List<T>

- Zero-indexed like an array
- An ordered set of elements accessible by index
- Allows duplicates
- BUT it can grow and shrink as you add and remove items
  - You can add and remove from the middle even

Declaring and Initializing Lists

- List<T>
  - T is just short hand for Type: int, string, double, etc.
- Declaration:
  - List<string> animalNames;
- Initialization:
  - animalNames = new List<string>();
- All in one:
  - List<string> animalNames = new List<string>();

Working with Lists

- List<string> animals = new List<string>();
- animals.Add(“Koala”);
- string aussieAnimal = animals[0];
- animals.Remove(“Koala”);

LET'S CODE!

Foreach

```
foreach (string word in wordsList)
        {
            Console.WriteLine(word);
        }
```

- Convenience method to iterate through collection
- Cannot modify the contents during iteration

Collections: Queue<T>

- Queues are just Lists, but used in a certain way to get a certain result
- A very common data structure in programming
- FIFO - First in, First out

FIFO – Queue<T>

```
Queue<string> zooAnimals = new Queue<string>();

First In:
zooAnimals.Enqueue("Panda")                    zooAnimals.Count is 1
zooAnimals.Enqueue("Kangaroo")                 zooAnimals.Count is 2

First Out:
string thisAnimal = zooAnimals.Dequeue();      zooAnimals.Count is 1
```

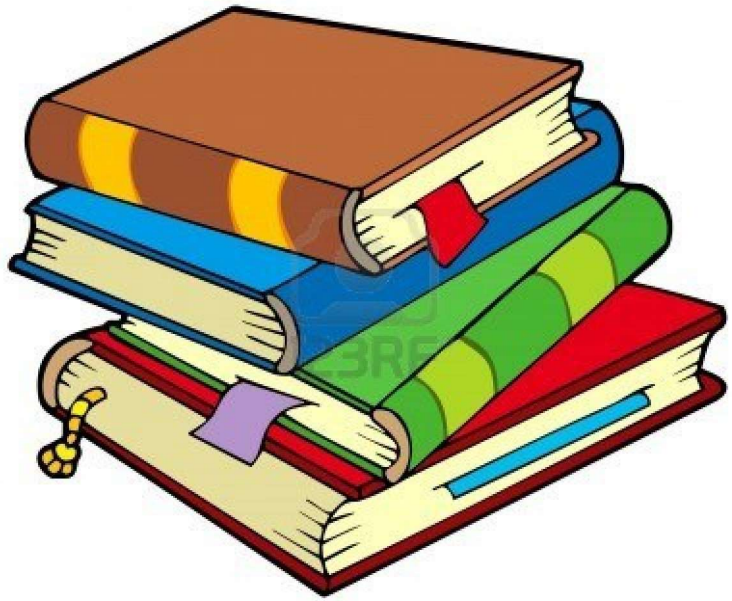
Processing a Queue

- Keep going until you are done with the Queue
- How do you know when you are done?

```
while(zooAnimals.Count > 0)
{
        string currentAnimal = zooAnimals.Dequeue();
        Console.WriteLine(currentAnimal);
}
```

Collections: Stack<T>

- Stacks are, again, Lists of elements but with different behavior
- Another very common data structure in programming
- LIFO - Last in, First out



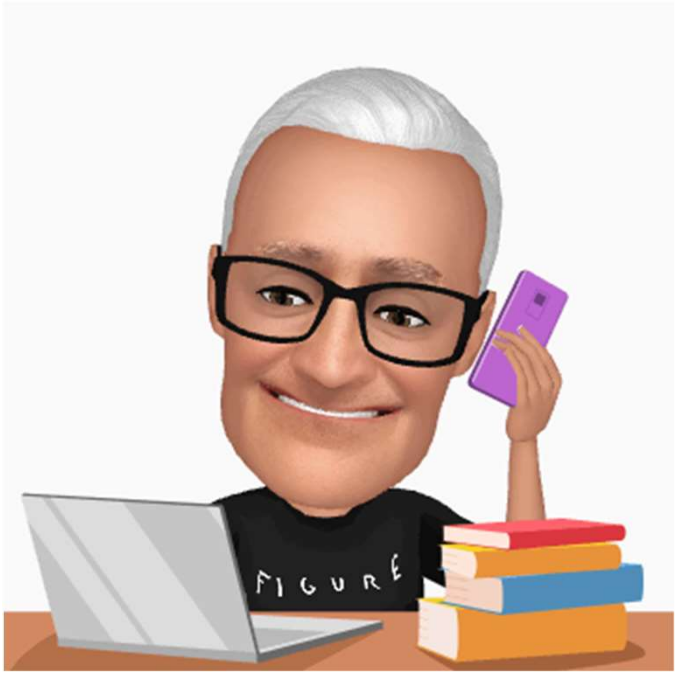
LIFO – Stack<T>

```
Stack<string> safariAnimals = new Stack<string>();

Last In:
safariAnimals.Push("Lion")                    safariAnimals.Count is 1
safariAnimals.Push("Elephant")                safariAnimals.Count is 2

First Out:
string thisAnimal = safariAnimals.Pop();      safariAnimals.Count is 1
```

LET'S CODE!

Collections

- Arrays
- Lists
- Queues
- Stacks



WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE?

Reading for tonight:
Collections Part 2