Java Programming

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GenericsCollections



 Collection – A data structure that can hold references to other objects.

The collection itself is an object.

For example...



 In general, a collection is just a bunch of "things" that are stored together.



Java - ArrayList

- ArrayList stores its objects just like a normal array.
- Put values in and get values out of the collection using an index.
- ArrayList resizes itself.



Generic Collections

- A generic collection can store any type of object inside of it.
- Old versions of Java collections only stored objects of type "Object".
- When retrieving objects from the old Java collections you had to "cast" them.
- With generics there is no need to cast.
- Generic collections store any reference type.

Generic Collections

Collections and Primitive Types

Collections can only store objects.

 Is there a way to store a primitive type inside of a collection?



 Is there a way to store a primitive type inside of a collection?

YES

- You must use a type-wrapper class for the primitive-type variable. Do the following:
- 1. Create an instance of the appropriate typewrapper class.
- 2. Store the primitive value in the type-wrapper class instance.
- 3. Store the type-wrapper class object in the collection.

Type-Wrapper Classes

```
Integer[] ia;
                                       Use type-wrapper
 Integer io;
                                       to store primitive
                                      data in a collection
 // Create an array of type-wrapper
 Integer[] ia = new Integer[ 5 ];
 // Create type-wrapper and store primitve data
 io = new Integer(10);
                                             "Box" the int 10 in
                                            an Integer instance.
 // Put the type-wrapper object in the array
 ia[0] = io;
 // Directly put an int in array
                                            Automatically
                                         "boxes" the int 10 in
 ia[0] = 10; <-
                                         an Integer instance
Type-Wrapper Example
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```

Integer[] ia; Integer io;

// Create an array
Integer[] ia = new Integer[5];

Retrieve primitive data from a collection

// Create type-wrapper
io = new Integer(10);

// Put the type-wrapper object in the array
ia[0] = io;

// Retrieve primitive data from collection
int value = ia[0].intValue();

```
Type-Wrapper Example
```

- Boolean
- Byte
- Character
- Double
- Float
- Integer
- Long
- Short

Note: The type-wrapper classes are declared as final.

Type-Wrapper Classes

- Boxing Converts a value of a primitive type to an object of the corresponding type-wrapper class.
- Unboxing –Converts an object of a typewrapper class to a value of the corresponding primitive type.



Boxing – Convert from a primitive type to a reference type.



Unboxing – Convert back from reference type to a primitive type.



```
Integer[] ia;
Integer io;
```

```
// Create an array
Integer[] ia = new Integer[ 5 ];
```

```
// Create type-wrapper
io = new Integer(10);
```



```
// Put the type-wrapper object in the array
ia[0] = io;
```

// Retrieve primitive data from collection
int value = ia[0].intValue();

Unboxing

```
Boxing and Unboxing
```

- Later versions of Java can perform boxing and unboxing automatically.
- This means you do not have to explicitly create an instance of the type-wrapper class.

For example...



```
Integer[] ia;
Integer io;
// Create an array
Integer[] ia = new Integer[ 5 ];
                                      Autoboxing
// Create type-wrapper
                                          Converts
io = 10;
                                        automatically
// Put the type-wrapper object in the array
ia[0] = io;
                                          Autounboxing
// Retrieve primitive data from collection
                                               Converts
int value = ia[0];
                                             automatically
Autoboxing and Autounboxi
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 The Java framework defines interfaces for a number of different collection types.

• For example...

Collection Interfaces



Collection Interfaces

- Collection Base interface. Contains common behaviors of some other interfaces.
- List An ordered collection that can contain duplicate elements.
- Set A collection that does not contain duplicates.
- Map A collection that associates keys to values and cannot contain duplicate keys.
- Queue First-in, First-out (FIFIO) collection that models a waiting line.
- Stored in the java.util package.

Collection Interfaces

interface Collection<E>

- Base interface for some other collection interfaces (not all).
- E stands for the data type of the items in the collection.
- Contains methods for the following categories of operations:
 - Adding
 - Clearing
 - Contains
 - Removing
 - Iterator
- Classes that implement this interface should have two constructors:
 - Default constructor
 - Constructor that takes a Collection as a parameter.

interface Collection<E>

interface List<E>

- Inherits from Collection interface.
- An ordered collection.
- Can contain duplicates.
- Can manipulate elements in the list according to their indices.
- Implemented by the following classes: ArrayList, LinkedList, Vector

Note: ArrayList and Vector are basically both resizable arrays. They differ with respect to thread synchronization and a few other things.

interface List<E>

Create a List

• Create an empty list using **ArrayList** (ArrayList implements the List interface):

List<String> myList = new ArrayList<>(); < Instance type is inferred from the variable data type

```
or
```

List<String> myList = new ArrayList<String>();

 Create a list from data using Arrays.asList (you can pass as many parameters as you want):

List<String> myList = Arrays.asList("a", "b", "c");

Create a list from an existing array:
 String[] myArray = {"a", "b", "c"};
 List<String> myList = Arrays.asList(myArray);

Note: Arrays is a prewritten class in the JDK that contains static helper methods for dealing with arrays.



List example. ArrayList implements the List interface.

Declare interface reference

List<String> langList; <

langList.add("Java"); langList.add("C++"); langList.add("Python");

Use List interface reference to add items to the collection

for (String s : langList) {
 System.out.println(s);
}



 Can only use reference types as the data type in a collection.

> CANNOT use a primitive type as the data type. You will see a compile error similar to the following: "Unexpected type, required reference, found int".

// Use the wrapper type instead of a primitive type
List<Integer> myList = new ArrayList<>();
myList.add(10);

List<int> myList = new ArrayList<>();

Will auto box the int data

Cannot Use Primitive Types in a Collection

You can write your own List collection.

• If you write a new class that contains a collection of some sort you could have your class implement the List interface.

List Interface and Custom Collections

- Iterators In general, objects which allow a program to traverse through a collection.
- Internals of a collection may be hidden (private) so there needs to be a way to access them all.
- Iterators are used to "visit" each element of a collection.

General Description of Iterators

Here is a collection with data (could be an array):



 If we want to print all items in this collection, we would not be able to in this case.

General Description of Iterators

- Iterators are helper classes that have access to the items of the collection.
- An iterator "points at" one item of the class.
- In general, you can do the following with an iterator:
 - Get data from the current item.
 - Go to the next item in the collection.
 - Some iterators allow you to traverse the collection in reverse.
 - Some iterators allow you to remove items from the collection.

• For example...

General Description of Iterators



This iterator points at the first item of the collection.

You can get the data (20) at that item if you want but not any other item's data.

If we told the iterator to go to the next item then it would look like the following....



Iterator now points at the second item.

You can get the data in the second item (40) but not the other items.

General Description of Iterators

interface Iterator<E>

 The Iterator interface allows you to traverse a collection from beginning to the end (not in reverse).

Some methods:

- next Returns the data at the current item and moves the iterator to the next item.
- hasNext Returns true if there is another item in the collection and false otherwise.

interface Iterator<E>

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 The Iterator interface allows you to traverse a collection from beginning to the end (not in reverse).

// Code to create langList here... Declare iterator reference
Iterator<String> iter;
 Get an iterator from a collection
 (assumes langList was created
 and populated with data)

while (iter.hasNext()) {
Keep going while there is another item

Returns the current item and moves the iterator to the next item

interface Iterator<E>

interface ListIterator<E>

- Iterator used specifically for a list.
- Derived from the Iterator<E> interface.
- Allows for:
 - Traversing the list in reverse.
 - Adding new items into the list at the iterator's current location.
 - Some other functionality as well.

interface ListIterator<E>

interface ListIterator<E>

 The ListIterator interface also allows you to traverse a collection in reverse.

Get iterator to the last element by giving the index (first call to previous // Code to create langList here... will return the item at size-1) ListIterator<String> listIter2; listIter2 = langList.listIterator(langList.size());

Call listIterator (not iterator)

String current = listIter2.previous();

System.out.println(current);

 Previous returns the previous item in the list and moves the iterator

backwards in the list

interface ListIterator<E>

Converting a List to an Array

• Use List's **toArray** method.

Pass in 0 length String array

• For example:

String[] myArray = myList.toArray(new String[0]);

- A new string array is passed in as a parameter.
- It will try and put the list data into this array and it will fail.
- Since the data will not fit (array size is 0) it will create another array of the appropriate size and return it with all the data inside.

Converting a List to an Array

Collections Class

- The Collections class is different than the Collection interface discussed earlier.
- Contains methods that can be used to manipulate and query a given collection.
- Only contains static methods.
- Here are a few of the methods on the Collections class...

Collections Class
Collections Class Methods

- sort Sorts the elements of a list.
- binarySearch Locates an object in a list.
- reverse Reverses the elements of a list.
- shuffle Randomly orders a List's elements.
- min Returns the smallest element in a Collection.
- max Returns the largest element in a Collection.

For an exhaustive list of methods go to:
 https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/16/docs/api/java.base/java/util/Collections.html
 Collections Class Methods

Collections Class Method (example for sort)

The sort method puts the items in sorted order.

```
System.out.println("Original order");
for (String s : langList) {
  System.out.println(s);
// Sort the list
                                            Call the sort method on
                                        collections (it is a static method
Collections.sort(langList);
                                        so we call directly on the class)
System.out.println("Sorted order");
for (String s : langList) {
  System.out.println(s);
                                 Note: To sort a collection of a user-
                                    defined class that class must
                                implement the Comparable interface.
```

- Now on to other collections.
- We will start with queues...

Other Collections

Queue

- An abstract data type in which elements are added to the rear and removed from the front; a "first in, first out" (FIFO) structure.
- With a queue you can only add items to the end of the collection and remove items from the front.
- You only have access to the first item in the queue.





What operations would be appropriate for a queue?





 What does a **queue** look like if we insert the following elements (in the given order): 14, 32, 11





- What if we remove an element?
- Where does it get removed from?
- Can we remove from in the middle?



- What if we remove an element?
- Where does it get removed from? THE FRONT
- Can we remove from in the middle? NO



- Queue after removing one element.
- Can we add an element after we remove. For example, Enqueue(22)?
- Where does it get added?



Queue – Logical View

- Queue after removing one element.
- Can we add an element after we remove. For example, Enqueue(22)?
- Where does it get added? REAR



Queue – Logical View

interface Queue<E>

- Inherits from Collection interface.
- add Add to the end of the queue (enqueue).
- element Gets first element of queue but does not remove it. Should throw an exception if queue is empty (dequeue).
- peek Same as element method except it returns null for an empty queue instead of throwing an exception.
- remove Gets and removes the first element. Should throw an exception if queue is empty (dequeue).
- poll Same as remove method except it returns null for an empty instead of throwing an exception.



Create a Queue

 Use LinkedList to create a normal queue with first in first out behavior (FIFO).



Priority Queue

- Similar to a queue except items are removed from the queue in priority order.
- The highest priority item is always first in the queue.
- For a priority queue of class type items, we must state how to compare items with each other.
- For example, we may have a priority queue of Employee objects.
- We could define that an employee with a higher salary has a higher priority.
- Create a class that implements the Comparator interface. This class will define how items are compared with each other.

Priority Queue – Logical View

 What does a priority queue look like if we insert the following elements (in the given order): 14, 32, 11



- Insert: 14, 32, 11
- Here is the resulting queue from a logical perspective...





- A priority queue feels like it has its items one after another in order but that is not actually the case.
- Java's priority queue stores data in a heap (ordered by level in heap).



Priority Queue – Logical vs Actual Storage View

class PriorityQueue<E>

• Implements the Queue<E> interface.

- A collection class that allows retrieving data in priority order.
- It stores data as a heap internally (highest priority item is always in the root).

Note: If you use an iterator to traverse a PriorityQueue you are not guaranteed to see the data in priority order. Heaps are only partially ordered. To see all the data in order you will have to continually remove items and print them as you remove them.

The following is taken directly from the JDK documention:

"The Iterator provided in method iterator() and the Spliterator provided in method spliterator() are not guaranteed to traverse the elements of the priority queue in any particular order."

Link: <u>https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/16/docs/api/java.base/java/util/PriorityQueue.html</u>





PriorityQueue of Class Type – Create Comparator Class

Need to let the priority queue know how to compare items.



Create a Priority Queue with a Comparator

- Create an empty queue that uses a comparator.
- An instance of comparator should be passed into the PriorityQueue constructor.
- The PriorityQueue will now use the comparator to arrange its items (highest priority item is always first).

Create an instance

of the comparator EmployeeComparator empComp = new EmployeeComparator(); Queue<Employee> myQueue = new PriorityQueue<>(empComp); This queue contains Employee objects Pass in the comparator Create a Priority Queue with a Comparator



Other Collections

<u>Set</u>

Sets are generally unordered and CANNOT contain duplicates.



interface Set<E>

- Inherits from Collection interface.
- Unordered collection.
- Classes that implement this interface should not allow duplicates in their collection.

interface Set<E>

Java Set Implementation Classes

- HashSet Uses a hash table internally.
- LinkedHashSet Uses a hash table internally but also maintains a doubly linked list to keep the insertion order.
- TreeSet Uses a tree internally. Stores data in sorted order.
- Differences between them are the "speed" of specific operations.
- For example, when using an average case data set HashSet has a O(1) search time while TreeSet has a O(log n) search time.





Create a Set (LinkedHashSet)

Create an empty set using LinkedHashSet:

```
Create an instance
of LinkedHashSet
```

```
Set<Integer> mySet = new LinkedHashSet<>();
```

```
mySet.add(14);
mySet.add(32);
mySet.add(32);
mySet.add(11);
mySet.add(11);
mySet.add(11);
```

```
Printing mySet shows no
duplicates and insertion <u>order</u>
<u>IS preserved</u>:
14
32
11
```

```
for (Integer i : mySet) {
   System.out.println(i);
```

}

Create a Set (LinkedHashSet)

Create a Set (TreeSet)

Create an empty set using TreeSet:

```
Create an instance
of TreeSet
```

```
Set<Integer> mySet = new TreeSet<>();
```

```
mySet.add(14);
mySet.add(32);
mySet.add(32);
mySet.add(11);
mySet.add(11);
mySet.add(11);
```

Printing mySet shows no duplicates and <u>data in</u> <u>SORTED order</u>: 11 14 32

for (Integer i : mySet) {
 System.out.println(i);

}

Create a Set (TreeSet)

Hashset, Treeset, LinkedHashSet all behave like a traditional set.

Again, the differences between them are the "speed" of specific operations.





Other Collections

<u> Map</u>

- Maps associate one value with another value.
- Data are stored as key-value pairs.
- This map associates String objects to Integer objects.
- The team is the key and the number is the value.





interface Map<K, V>

- Does NOT inherit from Collection interface.
- Associates keys with values.
- K is the key data type.
- V is the value data type.



Java Map Implementation Classes

- HashMap Uses a hash table internally. Faster lookup time than TreeMap.
- **TreeMap** Uses a tree internally.
- Main differences between them are the "speed" of specific operations.




Show Map Data

```
    Print all key-value pairs:
for (Map.Entry<String,Integer> entry : myMap.entrySet()) {
    System.out.println(entry.getKey() + ", " + entry.getValue());
}
```

```
    Print all keys:
    for (String key : myMap.keySet()) {
    System.out.println(key);
```

```
}
```

```
    Print all values:
    for (Integer v : myMap.values()) {
        System.out.println(v);
        }
```



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