

Dynamic Data Structures and Generics

Chapter 12

Objectives

- Define and use an instance of ArrayList
- Introduction to the Java Collections Framework
- Describe general idea of linked list data structures and implementation
- Manipulate linked lists
- Use inner classes in defining linked data structures
- Describe, create, use iterators
- Define, us classes with generic types

Array-Based Data Structures: Outline

- The Class ArrayList
- Creating an Instance of ArrayList
- Using Methods of ArrayList
- Programming Example: A To-Do List
- Parameterized Classes and Generic Data Types

- Consider limitations of Java arrays
 - Array length is not dynamically changeable
 - Possible to create a new, larger array and copy elements – but this is awkward, contrived
- More elegant solution is use instance of ArrayList
 - Length is changeable at run time

- Drawbacks of using ArrayList
 - Less efficient than using an array
 - Can only store objects
 - Cannot store primitive types
- Implementation
 - Actually does use arrays
 - Expands capacity in manner previously suggested

- Class ArrayList is an implementation of an Abstract Data Type (ADT) called a *list*
- Elements can be added
 - At end
 - At beginning
 - In between items
- Possible to edit, delete, access, and count entries in the list

Figure 12.1a Methods of class ArrayList

public ArrayList<Base_Type>(int initialCapacity)
Creates an empty list with the specified Base_Type and initial capacity. The Base_Type
must be a class type; it cannot be a primitive type such as int or double. When the
list needs to increase its capacity, the capacity doubles.

public ArrayList<Base_Type>()
Behaves like the previous constructor, but the initial capacity is ten.

public boolean add(Base_Type newElement)
Adds the specified element to the end of this list and increases the list's size by 1. The
capacity of the list is increased if that is required. Returns true if the addition is successful.

public void add(int index, Base_Type newElement)
Inserts the specified element at the specified index position of this list. Shifts elements
at subsequent positions to make room for the new entry by increasing their indices by
1. Increases the list's size by 1. The capacity of the list is increased if that is required.
Throws IndexOutOfBoundsException if index < 0 or index > size().

Figure 12.1b Methods of class ArrayList

public Base_Type get(int index)
Returns the element at the position specified by index. Throws IndexOutOfBoundsException if index < 0 or index ≥ size().</pre>

public Base_Type set(int index, Base_Type element)
Replaces the element at the position specified by index with the given element. Returns the element that was replaced. Throws IndexOutOfBoundsException if index < 0 or index ≥ size().</pre>

public Base_Type remove(int index)

Removes and returns the element at the specified index. Shifts elements at subsequent positions toward position index by decreasing their indices by 1. Decreases the list's size by 1. Throws IndexOutOfBoundsException if index < 0 or index \geq size().

public boolean remove(Object element)

Removes the first occurrence of element in this list, and shifts elements at subsequent positions toward the removed element by decreasing their indices by 1. Decreases the list's size by 1. Returns true if element was removed; otherwise returns false and does not alter the list.

Creating Instance of ArrayList

- Necessary to import java.util.ArrayList;
- Create and name instance
 ArrayList<String> list =
 new ArrayList<String>(20);
- This list will
 - Hold String objects
 - Initially hold up to 20 elements

Using Methods of ArrayList

- Object of an ArrayList used like an array
 - But methods must be used
 - Not square bracket notation
- Given
 - ArrayList<String> aList =
 new ArrayList<String>(20);
 - Assign a value with aList.add(index, "Hi Mom"); aList.set(index, "Yo Dad");

- A To-Do List
 - Maintains a list of everyday tasks
 - User enters as many as desired
 - Program displays the list
- View <u>source code</u>, listing 12.1 class ArrayListDemo

Enter items for the list, when prompted. Type an entry: Buy milk More items for the list? yes Type an entry: Wash car More items for the list? yes Type an entry: Do assignment More items for the list? no The list contains: Buy milk Wash car Do assignment

Sample screen output

- When accessing all elements of an ArrayList object
 - Use a For-Each loop
- Use the trimToSize method to save memory
- To copy an ArrayList
 - Do not use just an assignment statement
 - Use the clone method

Parameterized Classes, Generic Data Types

- Class ArrayList is a parameterized class
 - It has a parameter which is a type
- Possible to declare our own classes which use types as parameters
- Note earlier versions of Java had a type of <u>ArrayList</u> that was <u>not</u> parameterized

The Java Collections Framework

- A collection of interfaces and classes that implement useful data structures and algorithms
- The Collection interface specifies how objects can be added, removed, or accessed from a Collection
- Brief introduction to just two implementations, HashSet and HashMap
 - See other references for more info

HashSet Class

- Used to store a set of objects
- Uses the same <> notation as an <u>ArrayList</u> to specify the data type
- View <u>source code</u>, listing 12.2 class HashSetDemo
- If you use HashSet of your own class, it must override hashCode() and equals()

HashMap Class

- Used like a database to efficiently map from a key to an object
- Uses the same <> notation as an
 ArrayList to specify the data type of
 both the key and object
- View <u>source code</u>, listing 12.3 class HashMapDemo
 - If you use HashMap of your own class as key, it must override hashCode() and equals()

Linked Data Structures: Outline

- The Class LinkedList
- Linked Lists
- Implementing Operations of a Linked List
- A Privacy Leak
- Inner Classes

Linked Data Structures: Outline

- Node Inner Classes
- Iterators
- The Java Iterator Interface
- Exception Handling with Linked Lists
- Variations on a Linked List
- Other Linked Data Structures

Class LinkedList

- Linked data structure
 - Collection of objects
 - Each object contains data and a reference to another object in the collection
- Java provides a class to do this, LinkedList
 - More efficient memory use than ArrayList
- We will write our own version to learn the concepts of a linked list

Linked Lists

- A dynamic data structure
- Links items in a list to one another
- Figure 12.4, a linked list



Linked Lists

- Node of a linked list object requires two instance variables
 - Data
 - Link
- View <u>sample class</u>, listing 12.4
 class ListNode
 - This example has String data
 - Note the link, a reference to the type which is the class

- Now we create a linked list class which uses the node class
- View <u>class</u>, listing 12.5 class <u>StringLinkedList</u>
- Note the single instance variable of type ListNode
- Note method to traverse and print the contents of the list

Figure 12.5 Moving down a linked list



 Figure 12.6
 Adding a node at the start of a linked list



• View linked-list <u>demonstration</u>, listing 12.6 class StringLinkedListDemo

List has 3 entries. Three Two One	Sa Sa O	ample creen output
Three is on list. Three is NOT on list. Start of list: End of list.		

- Java automatically returns memory used by deleted node to the operating system.
 - Called automatic garbage collecting
- In this context, note the significance of NullPointerException messages
- Consider the fact that our program has a reference (name) to only the head node

A Privacy Leak

- Note results of getLink in class
 ListNode
 - Returns reference to ListNode
 - This is a reference to an instance variable of a class type ... which is supposed to be private
- Typical solution is to make ListNode a private inner class of StringLinkedList

Inner Classes

- Defined within other classes
- Example

```
public class OuterClass
{
    Declarations_of_OuterClass_Instance_Variables
    Definitions_of_OuterClass_Methods
    private class InnerClass
    {
        Declarations_of_InnerClass_Instance_Variables
        Definitions_of_InnerClass_Methods
    }
}
```

Inner Classes

- Inner class definition local to the outerclass definition
 - Inner-class definition usable anywhere within definition of outer class
- Methods of inner and outer classes have access to each other's methods, instance variables

Node Inner Classes

- We show ListNode as a private inner class
 - This is safer design
 - Hides method getLink from world outside StringLinkedList definition
- View <u>new version</u>, listing 12.7 class <u>StringLinkedListSelfContained</u>

- A variable that allows you to step through a collection of nodes in a linked list
 - For arrays, we use an integer
- Common to place elements of a linked list into an array
 - For display purposes, array is easily traversed
- View <u>method</u> to do this, listing 12.8 <u>method</u> toArray

- Consider an iterator that will move through a linked list
 - Allow manipulation of the data at the nodes
 - Allow insertion, deletion of nodes
- View <u>sample code</u>, listing 12.9 class StringLinkedListWithIterator

Figure 12.7 The effect of goToNext on a linked list
 Before



• Figure 12.8a Adding node to linked list using insertAfterIterator



• Figure 12.8b Adding node to linked list using insertAfterIterator



Figure 12.9a Deleting a node



Figure 12.9b Deleting a node



Java Iterator Interface

- Java formally considers an iterator to be an object
- Note interface named Iterator with methods
 - hasNext returns boolean value
 - next returns next element in iteration
 - remove removes element most recently returned by next method

Exception Handling with Linked Lists

- Recall class stringLinkedListWithIterator
 - Methods written so that errors caused screen message and program end
- More elegant solution is to have them throw exceptions
 - Programmer decides how to handle
- Note <u>class</u> which does this, listing 12.10 class <u>LinkedListException</u>

Variations on a Linked List

- Possible to make a linked where data element is of any type
 - Replace type String in definition of node class with desired data type
- Consider keeping a reference to last node in list
 - Called the tail of the list
 - Constructors, methods modified to accommodate new reference

Variations on a Linked List

- Consider having last link point back to head
 - Creates a circular linked list
- Figure 12.10 Circular linked list



Variations on a Linked List

- Also possible to have backward as well as forward links in the list
 - Doubly linked list
 - Possible to traverse in either direction
- Figure 12.11 Doubly linked list



Other Linked Data Structures

- Stack
 - Elements removed from ADT in reverse order of initial insertion
 - Can be implemented with linked list
- Tree
 - Each node leads to multiple other nodes
 - Binary tree leads to at most two other nodes

Other Linked Data Structures

• Figure 12.12 Binary tree



Generics: Outline

- The Basics
- Programming Example: A Generic Linked List

Basics of Generics

- Beginning with Java 5.0, class definitions may include parameters for types
 - Called generics
- Programmer now can specify any class type for the type parameter
- View <u>class definition</u>, listing 12.11
 class Sample<T>
- Note use of <T> for the type parameter

Basics of Generics

- Legal to use parameter T almost anywhere you can use class type
 - Cannot use type parameter when allocating memory such as <u>anArray = new T[20];</u>
- Example declaration
 Sample <String> sample1 = new Sample<String>();
 - Cannot specify a primitive type for the type parameter

- Generic linked list
 - Revision of listing 12.5
 - Use type parameter E instead of String
- Note similarities and differences of parameterized class with nonparamaterized classes
- View <u>generic class</u>, listing 12.12
 class LinkedList <E>

• View <u>demo program</u>, listing 12.13 class LinkedListDemo

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Summary

- Java Class Library includes ArrayList
 - Like an array that can grow in length
 - Includes methods to manipulate the list
- Java Collections Framework contains many classes to store and manipulate objects
- Linked list data structure contains nodes (objects)
- Linked data structure is self-contained by making the node class an inner class

Summary

- Variable or object which allows stepping through linked list called an iterator
- Class can be declared with type parameter
- Object of a parameterized class replaces type parameter with an actual class type
- Classes ArrayList, HashSet, HashMap and LinkedList are parameterized classes