

CSE 143

Lecture 2

Collections and `ArrayList`

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Collections

- **collection**: an object that stores data; a.k.a. a "data structure"
 - the objects stored are called **elements**
 - some collections maintain an ordering; some allow duplicates
 - typical operations: *add, remove, clear, contains* (find), get *size*
 - examples found in the Java class libraries:
 - ArrayList, LinkedList, HashMap, TreeSet, Stack, Queue, PriorityQueue
 - *Why should we want to use collections?*

Exercise

- Write a program that reads a file (of unknown size) full of integers and prints the integers in the reverse order to how they occurred in the file. Consider example file `data.txt`:

```
17
932085
-32053278
100
3
```

- When run with this file, your program's output would be:

```
3
100
-32053278
932085
17
```

Solution using arrays

```
int[] nums = new int[100];    // make a really big array
int size = 0;
```

```
Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("data.txt"));
while (input.hasNextInt()) {
    nums[size] = input.nextInt();    // read each number
    size++;                          // into the array
}
```

```
for (int i = size - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
    System.out.println(nums[i]);    // print reversed
}
```

<i>index</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	...	98	99
<i>value</i>	17	932085	-32053278	100	3	0	0	...	0	0
<i>size</i>	5									

Unfilled arrays

```
int[] nums = new int[100];  
int size = 0;
```

- We often need to store an unknown number of values.
 - Arrays can be used for this, but we must count the values.
 - Only the values at indexes $[0, \textit{size} - 1]$ are relevant.
- We are using an array to store a *list* of values.
 - What other operations might we want to run on lists of values?

<i>index</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	...	<i>98</i>	<i>99</i>
<i>value</i>	17	932085	-32053278	100	3	0	0	...	0	0
<i>size</i>	5									

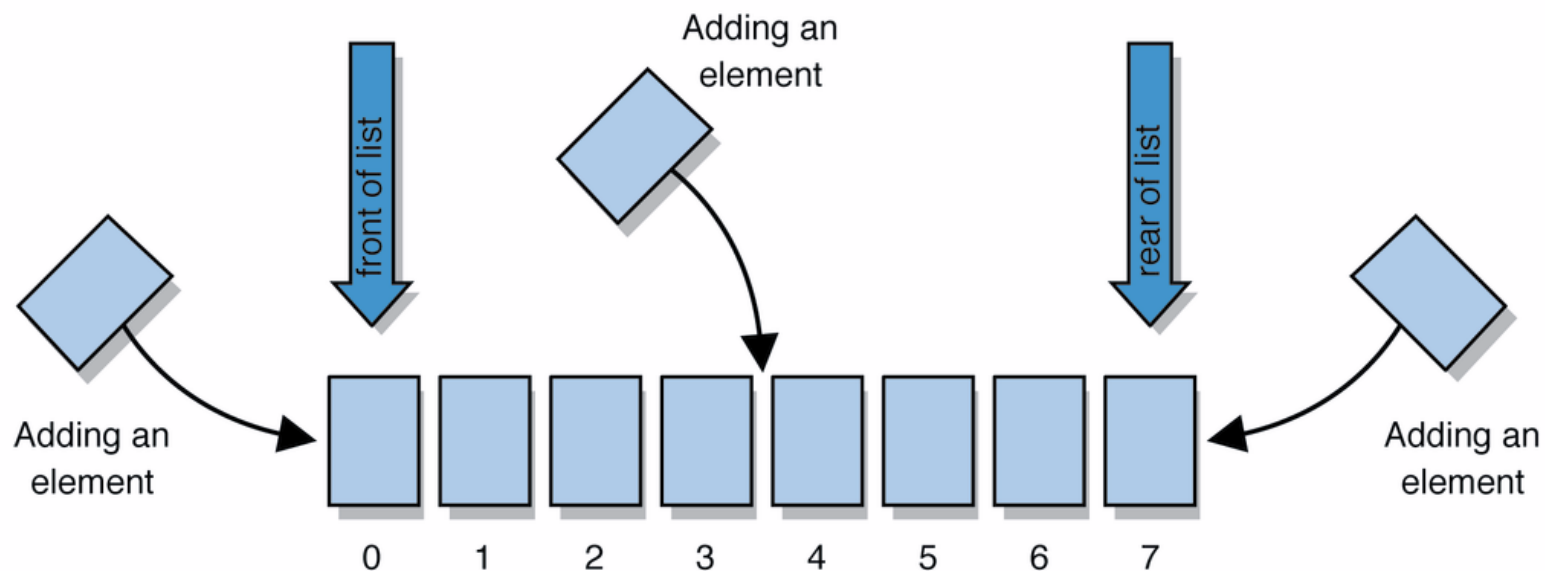
Other possible operations

```
public static void add(int[] list, int size, int value, int index)
public static void remove(int[] list, int size, int index)
public static void find(int[] list, int size, int value)
public static void print(int[] list, int size)
...
```

- We could implement these operations as methods that accept a *list* array and its *size* along with other parameters.
 - But since the behavior and data are so closely related, it makes more sense to put them together into an object.
 - A list object can store an array of elements and a size, and can have methods for manipulating the list of elements.
 - Promotes **abstraction** (hides details of how the list works)

Lists

- **list**: a collection storing an ordered sequence of elements, each accessible by a 0-based index
 - a list has a **size** (number of elements that have been added)
 - elements can be added to the front, back, or elsewhere



Exercise

- Let's write a class that implements a list using an `int[]`
 - We'll call it `ArrayIntList`
 - behavior:
 - `add(value)`, `add(index, value)`
 - `toString()`
 - `get(index)`, `set(index, value)`
 - `size()`, `isEmpty()`
 - `remove(index)`
 - `clear()`
 - `indexOf(value)`
 - The list's *size* will be the number of elements added to it so far
 - How will the list be used?...

Client programs

- `ArrayList.java` is not, by itself, a runnable program.
 - A class can be used by **client programs**.

Main.java (client program)

```
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        ArrayList list1 = new ArrayList();  
        list1.add(17);  
        list1.add(22);  
  
        ArrayList list2 = new ArrayList();  
        list2.add(-3);  
        list2.add(98);  
        list2.add(2);  
    }  
}
```

ArrayList.java (class)

```
public class ArrayList {  
    private int[] list;  
    private int size;  
    ...  
}
```

<i>index</i>	0	1	2	...	9
<i>value</i>	17	22	0	...	0
<i>size</i>	2				

<i>index</i>	0	1	2	...	9
<i>value</i>	-3	98	2	...	0
<i>size</i>	3				

Using ArrayList

- construction

```
int[] numbers = new int[5];  
ArrayList list = new ArrayList();
```

- storing a value

```
numbers[0] = 42;  
list.add(42);
```

- retrieving a value

```
int n = numbers[0];  
int n = list.get(0);
```

- searching for the value 27

```
for (int i = 0; i < numbers.length; i++) {  
    if (numbers[i] == 27) { ... }  
}
```

```
if (list.indexOf(27) >= 0) { ... }
```

Pros/cons of `ArrayIntList`

- pro (benefits)
 - simple syntax
 - don't have to keep track of array size and capacity
 - has powerful methods (`indexOf`, `add`, `remove`, `toString`)
- con (drawbacks)
 - `ArrayIntList` only works for `ints` (arrays can be any type)
 - syntax is different to learn and use

Implementing add

- Add to end of list is easy; just store element and increase size

```
public void add(int index, int value) {  
    list[size] = value;  
    size++;  
}
```

<i>index</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>value</i>	3	8	9	7	5	12	0	0	0	0
<i>size</i>	6									

- list.add(**42**);

<i>index</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>value</i>	3	8	9	7	5	12	42	0	0	0
<i>size</i>	7									

Printing a list

- You may be tempted to write a method that prints a list:

```
// client code
ArrayList list = new ArrayList();
...
list.print();
```

- But the better way is to make a `toString` method in the list:

```
public String toString() {
    code that returns a suitable String;
}
```

```
// client code
System.out.println(list);    // calls toString
```

Implementing add (2)

- Adding to the middle or front is hard (*see book ch 7.3*)
 - must *shift* nearby elements to make room for the new value

<i>index</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>value</i>	3	8	9	7	5	12	0	0	0	0
<i>size</i>	6									

– `list.add(3, 42);`

<i>index</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>value</i>	3	8	9	42	7	5	12	0	0	0
<i>size</i>	7	→								

– Note: The order in which you traverse the array matters!

Implementing add (2)

```
public void add(int index, int value) {  
    for (int i = size; i > index; i--) {  
        list[i] = list[i - 1];  
    }  
    list[index] = value;  
}
```

<i>index</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>value</i>	3	8	9	7	5	12	0	0	0	0
<i>size</i>	6									

- list.add(3, 42);

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<i>size</i>	7									

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Implementing remove

```
public void remove(int index) {  
    for (int i = index; i < size; i++) {  
        list[i] = list[i + 1];  
    }  
    size--;  
    list[size] = 0;    // optional (why?)  
}
```

<i>index</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>value</i>	3	8	9	7	5	12	0	0	0	0
<i>size</i>	6									

- list.remove(2);

<i>index</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>value</i>	3	8	7	5	12	0	0	0	0	0
<i>size</i>	5									

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Preconditions

- What happens if the client tries to access an element that is past the size but within the bounds of the array?
 - Example: `list.get(11)`; on a list of 5 elements, capacity 100
 - We have not addressed this case yet, and currently we just choose to assume that the user will not do such a thing.
- **precondition:** Something your method assumes is true at the start of its execution.
 - Often documented as a comment on the method's header:

```
// Returns the element at the given index.  
// Precondition: 0 <= index < size  
public void remove(int index) {  
    return elementData[index];  
}
```