CSE 373: Introduction, ADTs, Design Decisions, Generics

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Overview

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  - Supervised by Adam Blank
- Office hours (CSE 216)
  - Tuedays from 1:30 to 3:30
  - Fridays from 4:30 to 6:30
  - Or by appointment

Agenda

1. About this course
2. Data structures vs abstract data types (ADTs)
3. Generics
4. Administrivia

What are data structures and algorithms?

Data structure: a way of organizing and storing data

Algorithm: a series of precise instructions used to perform a task

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Algorithms do things

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- Refactoring, coding style
- Client vs implementer

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Incidental skills

- Debugging and testing
- Exposure to tools used in industry

Course roadmap

- Week 1: Review of lists, stacks, and queues; misc Java tidbits
- Week 2: How to (precisely!) analyze code
- Week 3-5: Dictionaries (aka Maps) and Sets
- Week 6: Divide and conquer, sorting
- Week 7-9: Graphs and graph algorithms
- Week 10: Other interesting material

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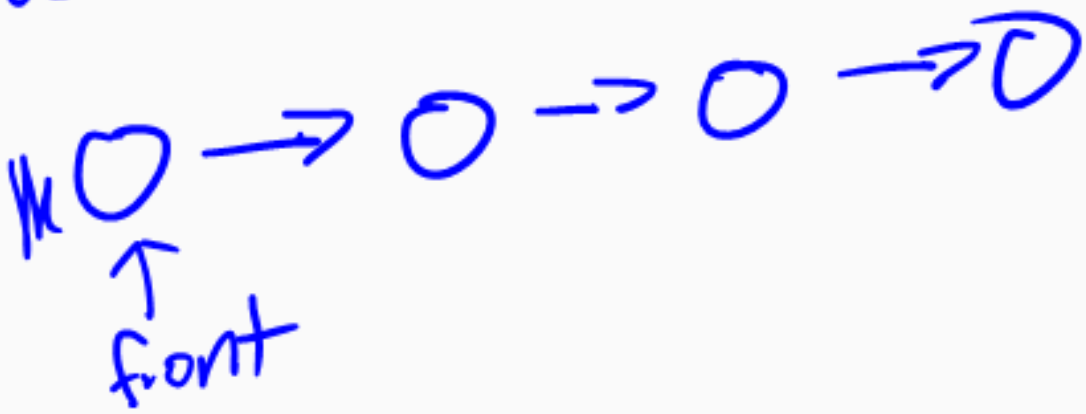

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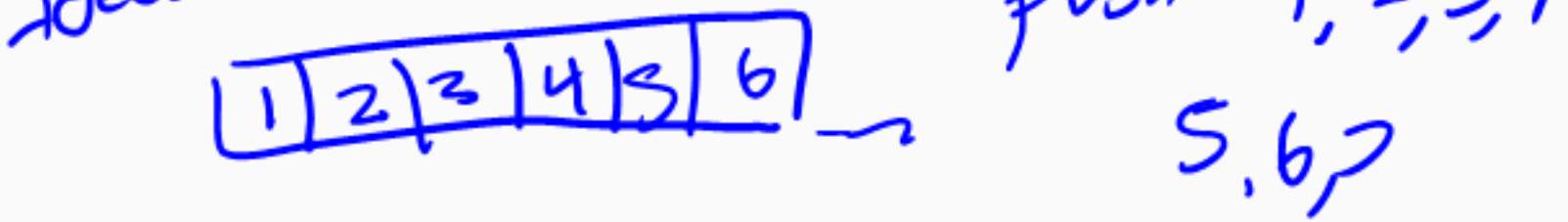

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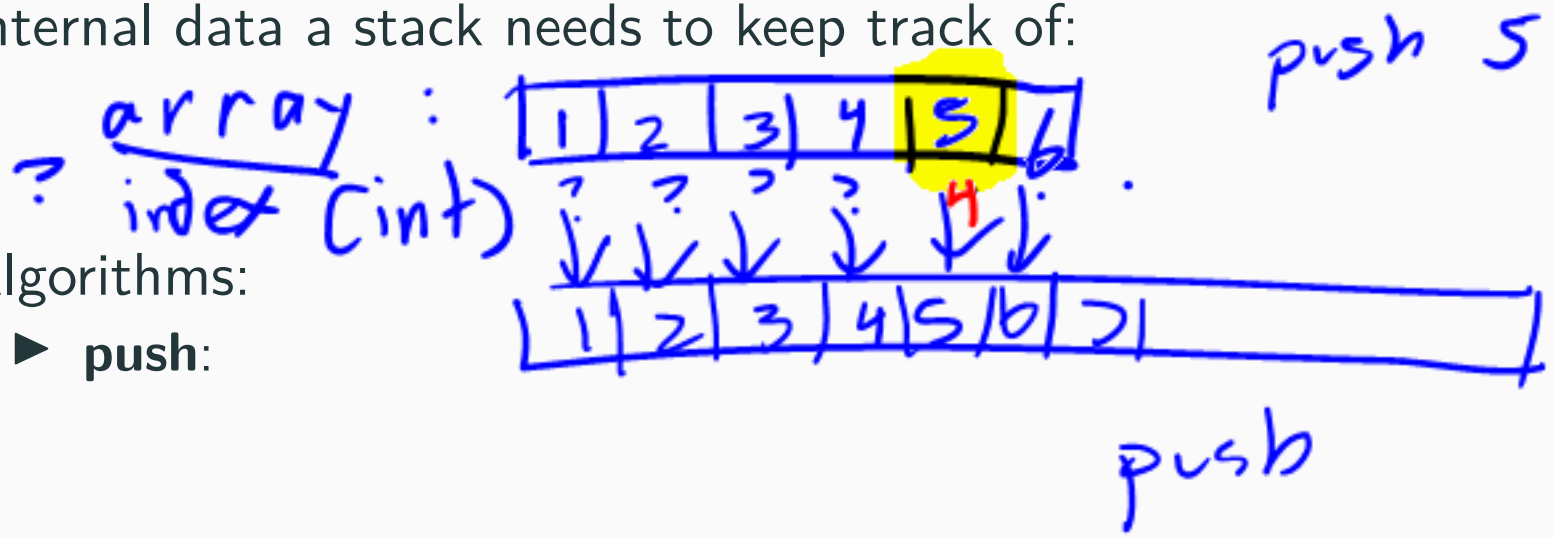

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    // Constructor omitted for space

    public void push(T item) {
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            T[] newItems = new T[this.items.length * 2];
            this.copyTo(this.items, newItems, this.items.length);
            this.items = newItems;
        }
        this.items[this.numItems] = item;
        this.numItems += 1;
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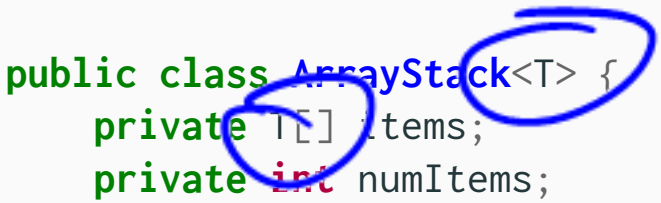

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```
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    public void push(int item) { ... }
    // ...
}
```

If we wanted a stack of Strings:

```
public class ArrayStringStack {
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Rinse and repeat for each type.

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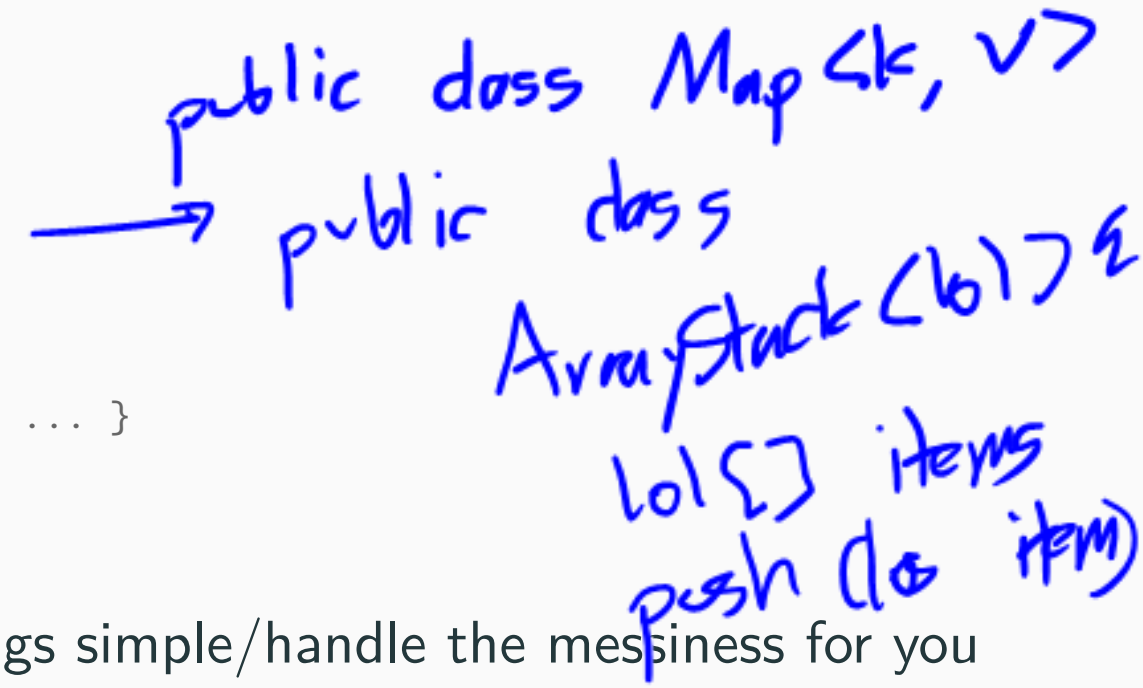

In this class, we'll keep things simple/handle the messiness for you

Overloading

- Link to overload form available this **Friday**
- Other registration questions? Email cse373@cs.washington.edu
- Forwards emails to the CSE advisors
- Note: I have no control over course enrollment

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- 45%: Partner projects
- 20%: Midterm
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See syllabus for more details

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Policies on discussion and collaboration

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2. Rule-of-thumb: If you're taking notes/taking photos during group discussions, you're over-sharing.

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- Lecture slides (posted after class)
- Panopto videos (posted after some delay)
- "Resources" section on course website
- Optional textbook: *Data Structures and Algorithms Analysis in Java*, 3rd edition, Weiss

Course survey

Course survey, due Friday, Jan 5 at 11:30pm

Link: https://goo.gl/KNuQL1

(Link ~~also~~ available on course website)

will be available.

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- Make sure you're signed up on Piazza

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- Course survey
- Look at project 1 spec and finish the setup instructions
- Find a partner and fill out form

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