



# **JAVA COLLECTIONS**

- In Java, <u>Collection</u> is an interface. It is the root interface in the collection hierarchy. A collection represents a group of objects, known as its elements.
- Some collections allow duplicate elements and others do not.
   Some are ordered and others unordered.
- The java.util package contains many Java collections, a few of the most common are
  - List
  - Set
  - Мар

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- The <u>Collection</u> interface defines the behaviors of a collection, including typical operations such as
  - add elements to the collection .add()
  - access elements of the collection .get()
  - loop over the elements in the collection iterator
  - access an element by its index, if applicable iterator
  - test whether an element is contained in the collection .contains()

.remove()

- find out the size of the collection .size()
- remove elements from the collection

## **JAVA COLLECTIONS HISTORY**

- JDK 1.0: Vector, Dictionary, Hashtable, Stack, Enumeration
- JDK 1.2: Collection, Iterator, List, Set, Map, ArrayList, HashSet, TreeSet, HashMap, WeakHashMap
- JDK 1.4: RandomAccess, IdentityHashMap, LinkedHashMap, LinkedHashSet
- JDK 1.5: Queue, …
- JDK 1.6: Deque, ConcurrentSkipListSet/Map, ...
- JDK 1.7: TransferQueue, LinkedTransferQueue

# **JAVA COLLECTIONS AND GENERICS**

- Leveraging generics when initializing a collection is a common practice.
- Typically, a collection is declared by including the type of elements it contains within <...>, which is using Java's generics notation.

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- For example
```

// declare list to be a collection of Strings
Collection<String> list;

// initialize list to a concrete class that implements Collection
list = new ArrayList<String>();

# **JAVA LISTS**

- The <u>List interface</u> represents an ordered collection (also known as a sequence).
- Some of the classes that implement the List interface are
  - <u>ArrayList</u> which is a resizable-array implementation of the List interface.
  - <u>LinkedList</u> which is a doubly-linked list implementation of the List and Deque interfaces.



## **JAVA LISTS**

- An example for using a LinkedList

```
List<String> colorList = new LinkedList<String>();
colorList.add("red");
colorList.add("yellow");
colorList.add("blue");
```

## **JAVA SETS**

- The <u>Set interface</u> represents a collection that contains **no duplicate** elements.
- Some of the classes that implement the List interface are
  - <u>HashSet</u>
  - <u>TreeSet</u>

#### **JAVA SETS**

#### - An example for using a HashSet

String[] colors = {"red","white","blue","green","gray","orange","tan","white","cyan","peach","gray","orange"}; List<String> list = Arrays.asList(colors); System.out.printf("List: %s%n", list);

prints …

This <u>Arrays</u> class contains various methods for manipulating arrays (such as sorting and searching). This class also contains a static factory that allows arrays to be viewed as lists.

List: [red, white, blue, green, gray, orange, tan, white, cyan, peach, gray, orange]

```
String[] colors = {"red","white","blue","green","gray","orange","tan","white","cyan","peach","gray","orange"};
List<String> list = Arrays.asList(colors);
Set<String> set = new HashSet<String>(list);
System.out.printf("Set: %s%n", set);
```

prints ...
Set: [tan, green, peach, cyan, red, orange, gray, white, blue]

- The <u>Map interface</u> represents an object that maps keys to values. A map cannot contain duplicate keys; each key can map to at most one value.
- Some of the classes that implement the List interface are
  - <u>HashMap</u>
  - <u>TreeMap</u>



- An example for using a HashMap

```
// Not using maps, maintain two arrays, one for names and one for IDs
String[] studentNames = {"Alice", "Bob", "Carlos", "Diane"};
String[] studentIDs = {"atf123", "ght456", "liw789", "pwt012"};
// then to print out Alice, we need to know she is at index 0
System.out.println( studentIDs[0] );
```

```
// Instead, use a map!
Map<String,String> classMap = new HashMap<String,String>();
classMap.put("atf123", "Alice"); //As students register for the class,
classMap.put("ght456", "Bob"); // you can add them to the map. Then to
classMap.put("liw789", "Carlos"); // retrieve them, you only need their ID.
classMap.put("pwt012", "Diane");
System.out.println( classMap.get("atf123") );
```

- Another example for using a HashMap

```
// Phone book implementation
Map<String,PhoneNumber> phoneBook = new HashMap<String,PhoneNumber>();
phoneBook.put("Alice", new PhoneNumber("210-555-1234"));
phoneBook.put("Bob", new PhoneNumber("210-555-4321"));
phoneBook.put("Carlos", new PhoneNumber("210-555-4444"));
phoneBook.put("Diane", new PhoneNumber("210-555-1111"));
System.out.println( phoneBook );
public class PhoneNumber({
    private String number;
    public PhoneNumber(String phoneNumber){
        this.number = phoneNumber;
    }
}
```

#### prints ...

{Bob=PhoneNumber [number=210-555-4321], Alice=PhoneNumber [number=210-555-1234], Diane=PhoneNumber [number=210-555-1111], Carlos=PhoneNumber [number=210-555-4444]}

@Override

public String toString() {

return "PhoneNumber [number=" + number + "]":

- Another example for using a HashMap

```
Map<String, ArrayList<String>> states = new HashMap<String,ArrayList<String>>();
```

```
ArrayList<String> tx = new ArrayList<String>();
tx.add( "San Antonio" );
tx.addAll( Arrays.asList("Austin", "Dallas", "Corpus Christi", "El Paso") );
states.put("Texas", tx );
```

```
ArrayList<String> ny = new ArrayList<String>();
ny.addAll( Arrays.asList("NYC", "Albany", "Niagara", "Long Island") );
states.put("New York", ny );
System.out.println( states );
```

```
prints …
```

{New York=[NYC, Albany, Niagara, Long Island], Texas=[San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, Corpus Christi, El Paso]}

- What collection types would you use in the following examples?
  - A phone book (name, phone number)
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    - Groceries list/High scores/List of images/To do list/Assignments/Labs
  - Require a Set
    - Enrollment UTSA/Census/UTSA IDs/Grocery list!/Medical files/Word count
  - Require a Map
    - Login info/UTSA schedule/Dictionary/Word count/parking spots

