



## INTRODUCTION

- Related to the discussion on Java generics and collections is the discussion on the following interfaces
  - <u>Iterator</u>, <u>Iterable</u>, <u>Comparable</u>, <u>Comparator</u>
- The Java API has a consistent approach to iterators that are implemented by nearly all collections in the class Library.
- Iterators are implemented in the Java API using two primary interfaces:
  - Iterator: used to define an object that can be used as an iterator.
  - **Iterable**: used to define a collection from which an iterator can be extracted.
- The **Comparable** and **Comparator** interfaces in Java facilitate comparisons between objects

## THE ITERATOR INTERFACE

- The Iterator interface is defined in the Java APIs.
- The interface is used by a class that represents a collection of objects, providing a means to move through the collection one object at a time.
- An **Iterator** provides a consistent and simple mechanism for systematically processing a group of objects.
- An **Iterator** is an object that has methods that allow you to process a collection of items one at a time.
- An Iterator object in Java is defined using the Iterator interface.

## THE ITERATOR INTERFACE

- Every iterator object has a method called hasNext() that returns a boolean value indicating whether there is at least one more item to process.
- Every Iterator also has a method called **next()** to retrieve the next item in the collection to process.
- The **Iterator** interface also has a method called **remove()** which takes no parameters and has a void return type. A call to the remove() method removes the object that was most recently returned by the next method from the underlying collection.

## THE ITERABLE INTERFACE

- The Iterable interface has a single method **iterator()** that **returns an Iterator object**.
- If an object has implemented the Iterable interface, we can use a variation of the for loop to process items using a simplified syntax → The enhanced for loop (for-each loop).
- For example if bookList is an Iterable object that contains book objects we can use a for loop to process each book object as follows

```
for (Book myBook: bookList)
    system.out.println( myBook)
```

- This version of the for Loop processes each object in the Iterator in turn. It is equivalent to the following:

```
Book myBook;
while( bookList.hasNext(){
   myBook = bookList.next();
   System.out.println( myBook) }
```

<pre>import java.util.Iterator;</pre>	<pre>import java.util.Iterator; import java.util.NoSuchElementException;</pre>	import java.util.Iterator;
<pre>public class Range implements</pre>	public class RangeIterator implements	<pre>public class RangeTest {    public static void main(Static public static void main(Static public static publi</pre>
•	<pre>public class RangeIterator implements</pre>	<pre>public static void main(St Range range = new Range System.out.println("Loc  Iterator<integer> it =</integer></pre>
	UnsupportedOperationException(); } }	

class RangeTest { lic static void main(String[] args){ Range range = new Range(1, 7); System.out.println("Looping with an iterator"); Iterator<Integer> it = range.iterator(); while(it.hasNext()){ int cur = it.next(); System.out.print(cur + "\t"); System.out.println("\nLooping with a for-each loop"); for(Integer cur : range){ System.out.print(cur + "\t");

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public class Course {
                                                  public class ProgramOfStudy implements
                                                                                                      public class IterableTest {
                                                                               Iterable<Course>{
   private String prefix;
   private int number:
                                                      private List<Course> list;
                                                                                                      public static void main(String[] args) throws
   private String title;
                                                                                                                                          Exception{
   private String grade;
                                                      public ProgramOfStudy(){
                                                                                                          ProgramOfStudy pos = new ProgramOfStudy();
                                                          list = new LinkedList<Course>();
                                                                                                          pos.loadCourses();
   public Course(String prefix, int number,
                                                                                                          System.out.println(pos);
                String title, String grade){
       this.prefix = prefix;
                                                      public void addCourse(Course course){
                                                                                                          for(Course course : pos) {
       this.number = number;
                                                          if (course != null)
                                                                                                             pos.addCourse(new Course("MATH", 1044,
       this.title = title:
                                                              list.add(course);
                                                                                                                                     "Caluclus I")):
       if (grade == null)
           this.grade = "";
       else
                                                      public String toString(){
                                                                                                          System.out.println("Removing courses with
           this.grade = grade;
                                                          String result = "";
                                                                                                                                     no grades.\n");
                                                          for (Course course : list)
                                                              result += course + "\n";
                                                                                                          Iterator<Course> itr = pos.iterator();
   public Course(String prefix, int number,
                                                              return result:
                               String title){
                                                                                                          while (itr.hasNext()){
        this(prefix, number, title, "");
                                                                                                             Course course = itr.next();
                                                      @Override
                                                                                                             if (!course.taken())
                                                      public Iterator<Course> iterator() {
                                                                                                                 itr.remove();
   public boolean taken(){
                                                          return list.iterator();
       return !grade.equals("");
                                                                                                             System.out.println(pos);
                                                      public void loadCourses() {
   public String toString(){
                                                          list.add(new Course("CS", 3443,
       String result = prefix + " " + number
                                                              "Application Programming", "A+"));
                              + ": " + title:
                                                          list.add(new Course("CS", 3343,
       if (!grade.equals(""))
                                                                             "Algorithms", "B"));
           result += " [" + grade + "]";
                                                          list.add(new Course("CS", 1173, "Data
                                                            Analysis and Visualization", "C+"));
       return result:
                                                          list.add(new Course("CS", 2073,
                                                                "Introduction to Programming"));
```

