

CISC 3115

# Array, ArrayList, Arrays, and Collections

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# Outline

- Discussed in previous modules
  - Math, Random, Date & Time
  - Wrapper classes of the primitive data types
  - BigInteger, BigDecimal
  - String, StringBuilder, StringBuffer
- ArrayList, array, Arrays, and Collections

# ArrayList: Motivation

- What is an array?
  - A collection of items, typically indexed, with equal random access time.
- What are the limitations of array?
  - The size of an array must be known when the array is being created, and is fixed.
- Vector
  - (Mostly, if not all) random access takes equal amount of time
  - It can grow and shrink as needed
  - Java's [java.util.ArrayList](#) is the realization of the vector data structure.

# The ArrayList Class

## **java.util.ArrayList<E>**

+ArrayList()	Creates an empty list.
+add(o: E) : void	Appends a new element o at the end of this list.
+add(index: int, o: E) : void	Adds a new element o at the specified index in this list.
+clear(): void	Removes all the elements from this list.
+contains(o: Object): boolean	Returns true if this list contains the element o.
+get(index: int) : E	Returns the element from this list at the specified index.
+indexOf(o: Object) : int	Returns the index of the first matching element in this list.
+isEmpty(): boolean	Returns true if this list contains no elements.
+lastIndexOf(o: Object) : int	Returns the index of the last matching element in this list.
+remove(o: Object): boolean	Removes the element o from this list.
+size(): int	Returns the number of elements in this list.
+remove(index: int) : boolean	Removes the element at the specified index.
+set(index: int, o: E) : E	Sets the element at the specified index.

# Remark: Generic Type

- `ArrayList` is known as a generic class with a generic type `E`.
  - One can specify a concrete type to replace `E` when creating an `ArrayList`.
  - This type indicates the type of objects to which the list contains references to
  - Example:

```
ArrayList<String> cities = new ArrayList<String>();
```

- This `ArrayList` object can be used to store (the references to) strings

# Differences and Similarities between Arrays and ArrayList

<i>Operation</i>	<i>Array</i>	<i>ArrayList</i>
Creating an array/ArrayList	<code>String[] a = new String[10]</code>	<code>ArrayList&lt;String&gt; list = new ArrayList&lt;&gt;();</code>
Accessing an element	<code>a[index]</code>	<code>list.get(index);</code>
Updating an element	<code>a[index] = "London";</code>	<code>list.set(index, "London");</code>
Returning size	<code>a.length</code>	<code>list.size();</code>
Adding a new element		<code>list.add("London");</code>
Inserting a new element		<code>list.add(index, "London");</code>
Removing an element		<code>list.remove(index);</code>
Removing an element		<code>list.remove(Object);</code>
Removing all elements		<code>list.clear();</code>

# Iterating ArrayList

- Use the for loop

- Example

```
for(int i=0; i<arrayList.size(); i++) {  
    ...  
}
```

- Use the enhanced for loop

- Example

```
for (Fruit fruit: fruitList) {  
    ...  
}
```

- Use the forEach method of the ArrayList

# Arrays to Array Lists

- Creating an ArrayList from an array of objects:
  - Using the [java.util.Arrays](#) class
  - Example

```
String[] array = {"red", "green", "blue"};
```

```
ArrayList<String> list =  
    new ArrayList<String>(Arrays.asList(array));
```

# Array Lists to Arrays

- Creating an array of objects from an ArrayList:
  - Using ArrayList's size() toArray method
  - Example

```
ArrayList<String> list = new ArrayList<String>();
```

.....

```
String[] array1 = new String[list.size()];  
list.toArray(array1);
```

# Using the Collections Class

- The [java.util.Collections](#) class consists exclusively of static methods that operate on or return collections, e.g., ArrayList
- Example: min, max, shuffle an ArrayList

# ArrayList: min and max

- Example: min

```
String[] array = {"red", "green", "blue"};  
System.out.println(Collections.max(  
    new ArrayList<String>(Arrays.asList(array))));
```

- Example: min

```
String[] array = {"red", "green", "blue"};  
System.out.println(Collections.min(  
    new ArrayList<String>(Arrays.asList(array))));
```

# ArrayList: shuffle

- Example: shuffle

```
Integer[] array = {3, 5, 95, 4, 15, 34, 3, 6, 5};
```

```
ArrayList<Integer> list = new
```

```
    ArrayList<>(Arrays.asList(array));
```

```
java.util.Collections.shuffle(list);
```

```
System.out.println(list);
```

# Example: Design Stack Using ArrayList

- Observe the animation
  - <https://liveexample.pearsoncmg.com/dsanimation/StackeBook.html>

# Questions

- Concept of array and vector
- Java's ArrayList
- Two utility classes
  - Arrays and Collections

# Exercise

- This exercise builds from the previous exercise where we implemented a hierarchy of fruits.
  - Create subdirectory/subfolder for the exercise
  - Make sure each class in the hierarchy has its own implementation of the `toString()` method
  - Add an `equals` method and a `hashCode` method to each class, and make sure the contract of the `hashCode` method is maintained.
  - Revise the `GoldenDelicious` and `Macintosh` classes so that they cannot be subclassed.
  - In your client class, create an `ArrayList` of fruits of various kind.
    - Print the list of fruits
    - Take two random fruits out of the list, and compare whether they are equal

# Exercise

- Create a Stack using `ArrayList` (Section 11.13, Listing 11.10) and use the Stack to evaluate postfix expressions, e.g.,
  - $3\ 4\ -\ 5\ +$
  - $3\ 4\ \times\ 5\ 6\ \times\ +$