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Fundamental data types.

- Value: collection of objects.
- Operations: add, remove, iterate, size, test if empty.

Stack. Remove the item most recently added.

Queue. Remove the item least recently added.











**Deque.** Remove either the most recently or the least recently added item. Randomized queue. Remove a random item.



### Your job.

- Step 1. Identify a data structure that meets the performance requirements.
- Step 2. Implement it from scratch.

think carefully about step 1 before proceeding to step 2





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Last lecture. Use a resizable array to implement all operations in amortized  $\Theta(1)$  time. This lecture. Use a singly linked list to implement all operations in  $\Theta(1)$  time in the worst case.

Singly linked list.

- Each node stores an item and a link/pointer to the next node in the sequence.
- Last node links to null.
- Maintain link first to first node.
- Maintain link last to last node (if needed).



### Possible memory representation of an array

Java array. The elements in an array are stored contiguously in memory.

### Consequences.

- Accessing array element *i* takes  $\Theta(1)$  time.
- Cannot change the length of an array.
- When passing an array to a function, the function can change array elements.





### array elements

"a"	"dream"														
	_		 			 			 		 		 	 	

memory representation (using poetic license)





### Possible memory representation of a singly linked list

Java linked list. The nodes in a linked list are stored non-contiguously in memory.

### Consequences.

- Accessing  $i^{th}$  node in linked list takes  $\Theta(i)$  time.
- Easy to change the length of a linked list.











### Creating a linked lists in Java

Node data type. Each Node object contains:

- An item.
- A reference to the next Node in the sequence.









Node data type

Node object



Node a = new Node(); Node b = new Node(); Node c = new Node(); Node d = new Node(); a.item = "I"; b.item = "have"; c.item = "a"; d.item = "dream"; a.next = b; b.next = c; c.next = d; d.next = null; first = a;

### creating a 4-node linked list







### Traversing a singly linked list

Goal. Systematically process each element in a singly linked list.

Solution. For loop idiom.













### What does the following code fragment do to the linked list below?

first.next = first.next.next;

- A. Deletes node containing "I".
- **B.** Deletes node containing "have".
- C. Deletes node containing "a".
- **D.** Leaves the linked list unchanged.









### Stacks and queues II: poll 1

### What does the following code fragment do to the linked list below?

first.next = first.next.next;

Deletes node containing "I". **A.** 

Deletes node containing "have". Β.

- Deletes node containing "a".
- Leaves the linked list unchanged. D.









garbage collector reclaims memory when no remaining references



### Linked data structures: context

### Null-terminated linked list.



### Circular linked list.





Doubly linked list. [2 links per node]



Binary tree. [2 links per node]



Directed graph. [many links per node]





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How to implement efficiently a stack with a singly linked list?



Both A and B. С.

D. Neither A nor B.





### Stack: linked-list implementation

- Maintain link first to first node in a singly linked list.
- Push new item before first.
- Pop item from first.





### Stack implementation with a linked list: pop



### save item to return

String item = first.item;



garbage collector reclaims memory when no remaining references

### return saved item

return item;





Node object



### Stack implementation with a linked list: push





# first ·







### Stack: linked-list implementation

```
public class LinkedStack<Item> {
   private Node first = null;
  private class Node {
      private Item item;
      private Node next;
  public boolean isEmpty() {
      return first == null;
  public void push(Item item) {
     Node oldFirst = first;
     first = new Node();
     first.item = item;
     first.next = oldFirst;
  public Item pop() {
     Item item = first.item;
     first = first.next;
      return item;
```

use generics

private nested class
(access modifiers for instance variables of such a class don't matter)

*no* Node *constructor defined explicitly* ⇒ *Java supplies a default no-argument constructor* (*which initializes instance variables to default values*)



### Stack: linked-list implementation performance

**Proposition.** Every operation takes  $\Theta(1)$  time.

**Proposition.** A LinkedStack with *n* items has *n* Node objects and uses  $\sim 40 n$  bytes.



Remark. This counts the memory for the stack itself, including the string references. [ but not the memory for the string objects, which the client allocates ]

16 bytes (object overhead)

8 bytes (non-static nested class extra overhead)

8 bytes (reference to Item)

8 *bytes* (*reference to* Node)

40 bytes per stack Node



### Stack implementations: resizable array vs. linked list

Tradeoffs. Can implement a stack with either a resizable array or a linked list; client can use either.

- **Q**. Which is more efficient?
- A. It depends.

Linked-list implementation.

- $\Theta(1)$  worst-case performance guarantee.
- More memory.

Resizable-array implementation.

- $\Theta(1)$  amortized performance guarantee.
- Less memory.
- Better use of cache.

accessing nearby memory locations (e.g., in an array) is much faster than accessing scattered memory locations (e.g., in a linked list) first

a[]



"I"	"have"	"a"	"dream"	null	null	null	null

n = 4



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### How to implement efficiently a queue with a singly linked list?



Both A and B. C.

D. Neither A nor B.





### Queue: linked-list implementation

- Maintain one link first to first node in a singly linked list.
- Maintain another link last to last node.
- Dequeue from first.
- Enqueue after last.





### Queue dequeue: linked-list implementation

Remark. Code is identical to pop().



### save item to return

String item = first.item;



### return saved item

return item;



nested class

### Queue enqueue: linked-list implementation

### save a link to the last node

Node oldLast = last;



### create a new node at the end

last = new Node();
last.item = "dream";



### link together

oldLast.next = last;



public class Node {
 private String item;
 private Node next;
}







### Queue: linked-list implementation

```
public class LinkedQueue<Item> {
  private Node first, last;
  private class Node {
     /* identical to LinkedStack */
   public boolean isEmpty() {
      return first == null;
  public void enqueue(Item item) {
     Node oldLast = last;
     last = new Node();
     last.item = item;
     last.next = null;
     if (isEmpty()) first = last;
                    oldLast.next = last;
     else
  public Item dequeue() {
     Item item = first.item;
                = first.next;
     first
      if (isEmpty()) last = null;
     return item;
```

corner case: add to an empty queue
(don't forget to update first)

*corner case: remove down to an empty queue (avoid loitering)* 



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Design challenge. Allow a client to access sequentially (iterate over) the items in a collection, without exposing the collection's internal representation.





Java solution. Use a foreach loop.



### Foreach loop

Java provides elegant syntax for iterating over the items in a collection.

```
"foreach" loop (shorthand)
Stack<String> stack = new Stack<>();
. . .
for (String s : stack) {
    // do something with s
```

To provide clients the ability to iterate with a foreach loop:

- Collection must have a method iterator(), which returns an Iterator object.
- An Iterator object represents the state of a traversal. *e.g., current spot in sequence* 
  - the hasNext() returns true unless the traversal is complete
  - the next() method returns the next item in the traversal



```
equivalent code (longhand)
```

```
Stack<String> stack = new Stack<>();
. . . .
Iterator<String> iterator = stack.iterator();
while (iterator.hasNext()) {
  String s = iterator.next();
   // do something with s
```



### Iterator and Iterable interfaces

*Java interface = set of related methods that* Java defines two interfaces that facilitate foreach loops. *define some behavior (partial API)* 

- Iterable interface: iterator() method that returns an Iterator.
- Iterator interface: next() and hasNext() methods.
- Each interface is parameterized using generics.

# java.lang.lterable interface public interface Iterable<Item> { Iterator<Item> iterator();

" I am a collection that can be traversed with a foreach loop."

ensures that the (implicit) call to Type safety. Foreach loop won't compile unless collection is Iterable (or an array).  $\leftarrow$ iterator() will succeed at run time



### java.util.lterator interface

```
public interface Iterator<Item> {
   boolean hasNext();
  Item next();
```

"I represent the state of one traversal."







### Stack iterator: resizable-array implementation

```
import java.util.Iterator;
                                                collection implements
import java.util.NoSuchElementException;
                                                the Iterable interface
public class ResizableArrayStack<Item>implements Iterable<Item> {
  private int n; // number of items in the stack
  private Item[] a; // stack items
   . . .
  public Iterator<Item> iterator() {
                                              object you return
     Iterator interface
  private class ReverseArrayIterator implements Iterator<Item>
     private int i = n-1; // index of next item to return
                                             code in inner class of
     public boolean hasNext() {
                                            access instance varia
        return i >= 0;
                                                 in outer class
     public Item next() {
        if (!hasNext()) throw new NoSuchElementException();
        return a[i--];
                                          Iterator API says to throw
                                          this exception if called after
                                             traversal is complete
```

i n

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## Stack iterator: linked-list implementation (in IntelliJ)

```
import java.util.Iterator;
import java.util.NoSuchElementException;
public class LinkedStack<Item> implements Iterable<Item> {
  private Node first;
   . . . . .
  public Iterator<Item> iterator() {
     return new LinkedIterator();
  private class LinkedIterator implements Iterator<Item> {
     private Node current = first;
     public boolean hasNext() {
         return current != null;
     public Item next() {
        if (!hasNext()) throw new NoSuchElementException();
        Item item = current.item;
         current = current.next;
         return item;
```





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### Suppose that you add A, B, and C to a stack (linked list or resizable array), in that order. What does the following code fragment do?

for (String s : stack) for (String t : stack) StdOut.println(s + "-" + t);

- Prints A-A A-B A-C B-A B-B B-C C-A C-B C-C Α.
- Prints C-C C-B C-A B-C B-B B-A A-C A-B A-A Β.
- Run-time exception. С.
- Depends on the implementation. D.







### Suppose that you add A, B, and C to a stack (linked list or resizable array), in that order. What does the following code fragment do?

```
for (String s : stack) {
   StdOut.println(s);
   StdOut.println(stack.pop());
   stack.push(s);
} modifies stack
```

- A. Prints C C B B A A
- **B.** Prints C C B C A B
- C. Prints C C C C C C C C ...
- **D.** Run-time exception.
- E. Depends on the implementation.







### Iteration: concurrent modification

- Q. What should happen if a client modifies a collection while traversing it?
- A. A fail-fast iterator throws a java.util.ConcurrentModificationException.

concurrent modification

for (String s : stack) stack.push(s);





Iterator and Iterable. Two Java interfaces that allow a client to iterate over the items in a collection, without exposing the collection's internal representation.

```
Stack<String> stack = new Stack<>();
....
for (String s : stack) {
....
}
```

### This course.

- Yes: use iterators in client code.
- Yes: implement iterators (Assignment 2 only).



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### Java's libraries for collection data types.

- java.util.LinkedList
- java.util.ArrayList
- java.util.TreeMap
- java.util.HashMap

[doubly linked list]

[resizable array]

[red-black BST] [hash table]

This course. Implement from scratch (once).

**Beyond.** Basis for understanding performance guarantees.

Best practices.

- Use Stack and Queue in algs4.jar for stacks and queues to improve design and efficiency.
- Use java.util.ArrayList or java.util.LinkedList when other ops needed. (but remember that some ops are inefficient)

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extends AbstractSequentialList<E> implements List<E>, Deque<E>, Cloneable, Serializable

Doubly-linked list implementation of the List and Deque interfaces. Implements all optional list operations, and permits all elements (including null).

All of the operations perform as could be expected for a doubly-linked list. Operations that index into the list will traverse the list from the beginning or the end, whichever is closer to the specified index.

implementation





### COS 226 story (from Assignment 1)

**Goal.** Generate random open sites in an *n*-by-*n* percolation system and repeat until system percolates.

Jenny.

- Pick (*row*, *col*) at random; if already open, repeat.
- Takes  $\Theta(n^2)$  time.

Kenny.

- Create a java.util.ArrayList to store the  $n^2$  blocked sites.
- Pick an index at random and delete.
- Takes  $\Theta(n^4)$  time.

Lesson. Don't use a library until you understand its API! This course. Can't use a library until we've implemented it in class.









Fundamental data types.

- Value: collection of objects.
- Operations: add, remove, iterate, size, test if empty.

[LIFO] Remove the item most recently added. Stack. Queue. [FIFO] Remove the item least recently added.

Efficient implementations.

- Resizable array.
- Singly linked list.







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Stack of Books

Long Queue Line

People Standing in Line

Stack of Sweaters

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### A final thought

Linked lists, nodes connected with care, Arrays resizing, with memory to spare. Organizing data, their only need, Helping us, with efficiency indeed. "

