

## CS202 Java Object Oriented Programming

### Introduction to Collection Classes

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## Arrays Are Not Enough

### ◆ The Good

- Easy to use
- Space efficient
- Constant time to access an array element

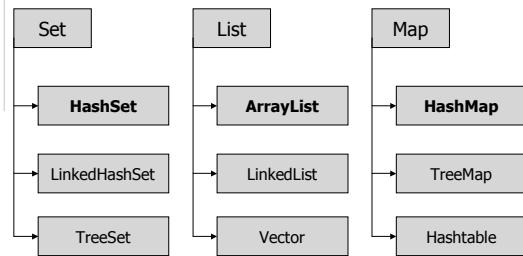
### ◆ The Bad

- Cannot dynamically add or remove elements

## Java Collection Framework

- ◆ In the `java.util` package
  - <http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.5.0/docs/api/java/util/package-summary.html>
- ◆ Include a number of interfaces, classes, and algorithms

## Collection Framework For Dummies



## List, Set, and Map

- ◆ List
  - When the elements need to be ordered
  - Can be used as a dynamic array
  - Allow duplicates
- ◆ Set
  - When the elements do not need to be ordered
  - Do not allow duplicates
- ◆ Map
  - When the elements are <key,value> pairs
  - Associative array

## Examples

- ◆ `CollectionTest.java`
  - `add()`, `remove()`, `get()`, `clear()`
  - `contains()`, `size()`

## Iterate Through All Elements in A Collection

- ◆ Iterator
  - hasNext()
  - next()
- ◆ for loop (Java 1.5)

## Benefits and Limitations of Collection Classes

- ◆ Benefits
  - Resizable
  - Elements can be of any class type
- ◆ Limitations
  - Cannot hold values of primitive types
  - Element access via an Object reference
  - *Both of these limitations have been addressed in Java 1.5*

## Topics Related to Collection Classes

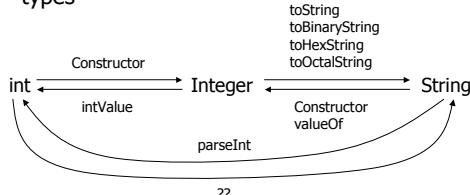
- ◆ Wrapper classes
- ◆ Auto Boxing/Unboxing (Java 1.5)
- ◆ Generics (Java 1.5)

## Wrapper Classes

- ◆ For each primitive type there's a corresponding class
  - boolean – Boolean
  - int – Integer
  - char – Character
  - double – Double
  - ...
- ◆ Provide some utility functions for a certain primitive type

## Integer

- ◆ Constants
  - MAX\_VALUE and MIN\_VALUE
- ◆ Methods for conversions among different types



## Integer Example

```
Integer a = new Integer(10);           // int to Integer
int d = a.intValue();                // Integer to int
int c = Integer.parseInt("1234");    // String to int

String bin = Integer.toBinaryString(a); // Integer to String
String hex = Integer.toHexString(a);  // Integer to String
String oct = Integer.toOctalString(a); // Integer to String

Integer b = new Integer("10");        // String to Integer
Integer n = Integer.valueOf("101");   // String to Integer
Integer m = Integer.valueOf("101", 2); // String to Integer
```

## Lab Assignment Revisited

- ◆ Given an integer number consists of only 0's and 1's, get its binary, octal, and hexadecimal values

```
Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in);
int a = in.nextInt();

String s = "" + a; // int to String

int v2 = Integer.valueOf(s, 2).intValue();
int v8 = Integer.valueOf(s, 8).intValue();
int v16 = Integer.valueOf(s, 16).intValue();
```

## Auto Boxing/Unboxing

- ◆ A Java 1.5 feature
- ◆ Automatically convert between a primitive type and its wrapper class type

```
int a = 10;
Integer b = a;
Integer c = new Integer(20);

int d = b + c;
```

## Generics

- ◆ A Java 1.5 feature
- ◆ Specify the element type of a collection

```
ArrayList<String> list1 = new ArrayList<String>();
ArrayList<Integer> list2 = new ArrayList<Integer>();

list1.add( "100" );
list2.add( 100 );
list1.add( 200 ); // error!
list2.add( "200" ); // error!
```