

OOP A Deeper Look

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Iterators, The Collection Hierarchy



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Iterating over a list



```
SinglyLinkedList<type> list =  
    new SinglyLinkedList<type>();  
...  
for (int i=0; i<list.size(); i++) {  
    type nextElement = list.get(i);  
    // do something with nextElement  
}
```

If the list has n elements, what is the
order of complexity of this iteration? _____

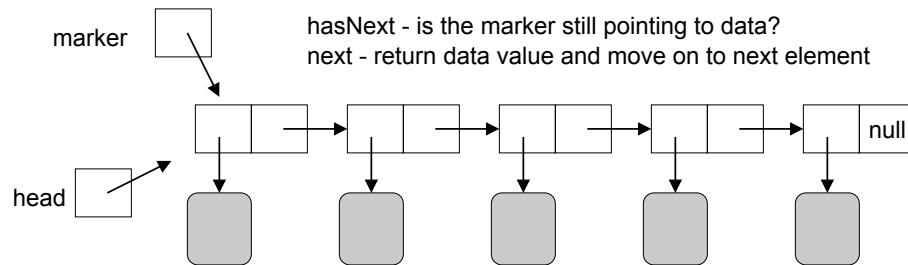
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Iterators

- An iterator implements a "marker" in the list to keep track of the last element accessed so we can examine the next element quickly.



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Iterators

```
Iterator<type> iter = list.iterator();  
while (iter.hasNext()) {  
    type nextElement = iter.next();  
    // do something with nextElement  
}
```

If the list has n elements, what is the order of complexity of this iteration? _____

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The Iterator interface



`boolean hasNext()`

Returns `true` if there is another element to process.

`E next()`

Returns the next element. If there are no more elements, throws the `NoSuchElementException`.

`void remove()`

Removes the last element returned by the `next` method. (must be preceded by a call to `next`)

Using Iterator interface



- If we say `SinglyLinkedList` implements `Iterator`, we can only have one iterator for the list.
 - That is, the singly linked list acts as the iterator itself.
- Instead, we can create an iterator as an inner class.
 - We can have more than one iterator for a list.

Creating iterators



To use an iterator on a collection of data, we must supply an `iterator` method that returns an `Iterator` on this object.

Example: in `SinglyLinkedList` class

```
public Iterator<E> iterator() {  
    return new SLLIterator();  
}
```

← implementation later

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Using iterators



Example: Use an iterator to remove all integers in a singly-linked list of integers that are even.

```
SinglyLinkedList<Integer> list =  
    new SinglyLinkedList<Integer>();  
  
...  
Iterator<Integer> iter = list.iterator();  
while (iter.hasNext()) {  
    int num = iter.next();  
    if (num % 2 == 0) iter.remove();  
}
```

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The `ListIterator<E>` interface



- `ListIterator` is an extension of `Iterator`
- The `LinkedList` class implements the `List<E>` interface using a doubly-linked list.
- Methods in `LinkedList` that return a list iterator:

```
public ListIterator<E> listIterator()  
public ListIterator<E> listIterator(int index)
```
- Methods in the `ListIterator` interface:
 - `add`, `hasNext`, `hasPrevious`, `next`, `previous`, `nextIndex`, `previousIndex`, `remove`, `set`

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Example



- Replace the first occurrence of `target` in `LinkedList aList` of strings with `newItem` :

```
ListIterator<String> iter =  
    aList.listIterator();  
while (iter.hasNext()) {  
    if (target.equals(iter.next())) {  
        iter.set(newItem);  
        break;  
    }  
}
```

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Example

- Count the number of times `target` appears in `LinkedList aList` of strings :

```
int count = 0;
ListIterator<String> iter =
    aList.listIterator();
while (iter.hasNext()) {
    if (target.equals(iter.next())) {
        count++;
    }
}
```

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Example

(using the enhanced `for` loop)

- Count the number of times `target` appears in `LinkedList aList` of strings :

```
int count = 0;
for (String nextStr : aList) {
    if (target.equals(nextStr)) {
        count++;
    }
}
```

implicitly calls the
`hasNext` and `next` methods;
`remove` is not available

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Example

(using the enhanced `for` loop)



- Enhanced `for` loops can also be used with arrays.

```
int[] dataArray = new int[1000];
...
int total = 0;
for (int nextInt : dataArray) {
    total += nextInt;
}
```

Iterable<T> interface



- Specifies an `iterator` method.
 - `Iterator<T> iterator()`
Returns an iterator over a set of elements of type `T`.
- Implemented by the `Collection` interface.
- All classes that implement the `Collection` interface must include an `iterator` method that returns an `Iterator` for that collection.
- The enhanced `for` statement can then be used to "traverse" the collection one element at a time easily.



Example

- Let `myList` be an `ArrayList` of `Integer`.
- Since `myList` is an `ArrayList`, and `ArrayList` is a subclass of `Collection`, it must have an `iterator` method that returns an iterator for the collection.

```
int total = 0;
for (int nextInt : myList)
    total += nextInt;
```

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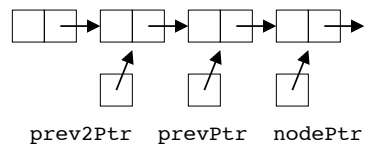
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Implementing an iterator

Inside the `SinglyLinkedList` class:

```
private class SLLIterator implements Iterator<E>
{
    private Node<E> nodePtr;
    private Node<E> prevPtr;
    private Node<E> prev2Ptr;
    private boolean okToRemove;
    ...
    // constructor and
    // required methods
}
```



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Implementing an iterator



Constructor for the SLLIterator:

```
private SLLIterator() {
    nodePtr = head;
    prevPtr = null;
    prev2Ptr = null;
    okToRemove = false;
}
```

← We can only remove if we call next first.

Implementing an iterator



Required methods for SLLIterator:

hasNext, next, remove

```
public boolean hasNext() {
    return nodePtr != null;
}
```

Implementing an iterator



```
public E next() {
    if (nodePtr == null)
        throw new NoSuchElementException();
    E result = nodePtr.data;
    prev2Ptr = prevPtr;
    prevPtr = nodePtr;
    nodePtr = nodePtr.next;
    okToRemove = true;
    return result;
}
```

} shift three references forward one position

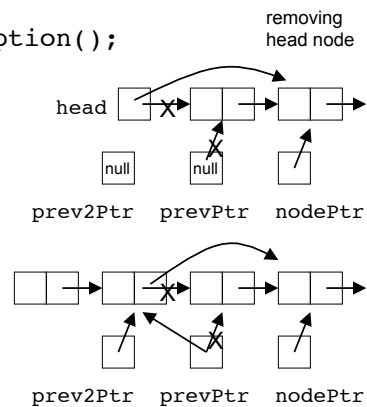
Implementing an iterator



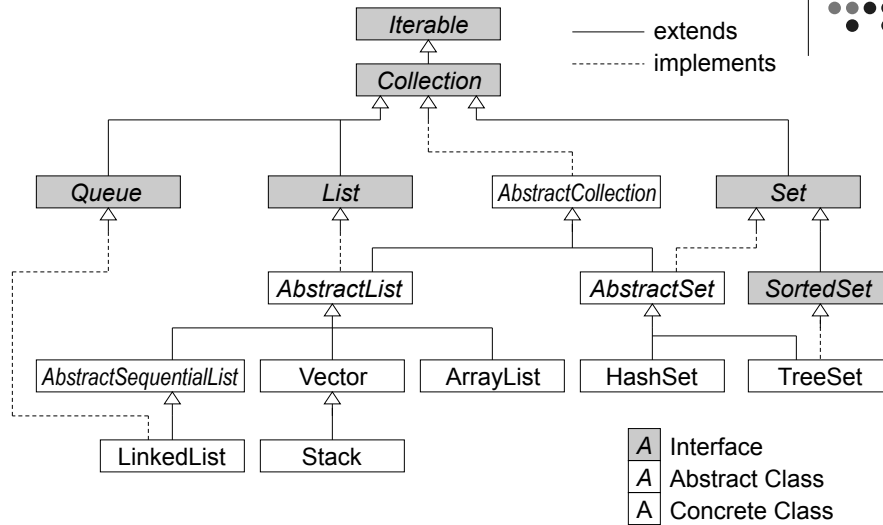
```
public void remove() {
    if (!okToRemove)
        throw new IllegalStateException();
    if (prev2Ptr == null)
        head = nodePtr;
    else
        prev2Ptr.next = nodePtr;
    prevPtr = prev2Ptr;
    okToRemove = false;
}

```

Does this method work if you remove the tail node?
What if the list only has 1 node?



The Collection Hierarchy



Properties of All Collections

- Collections grow in size as needed.
- Collections always hold references to objects.
- Collections must have at least two constructors:
 - A constructor to create an empty collection (no parameters).
 - A constructor to make a copy of another collection (one parameter of type `Collection`).

AbstractCollection



- The `AbstractCollection` class helps us define a collection.
- This abstract class contains implementations of most methods except `size` and `iterator`.
- To create a collection, we only have to extend this class, provide methods for `size` and `iterator`, and include an inner class to implement the `Iterator` interface.

```
public class SinglyLinkedList<E>
    extends AbstractCollection<E> {...}
```

- From the Java API: To implement a modifiable collection, the programmer must additionally override this class's `add` method (which otherwise throws an `UnsupportedOperationException`), and the iterator returned by the `iterator` method must additionally implement its `remove` method.

AbstractList



- The `AbstractList` class helps us define a list.
- This abstract class contains implementations of most methods except `add`, `get`, `remove`, `set`, and `size`.
- To create a list, we only have to extend `AbstractList`, provide the missing methods above.
 - used for collections that can be accessed randomly
 - how does it return an iterator?

```
public class CMUArrayList<E>
    extends AbstractList<E> {...}
```

AbstractSequentialList



- The `AbstractSequentialList` class helps us define a sequential list.
- This abstract class contains implementations of most methods except `listIterator` and `size`, and provide an inner class that implements the `ListIterator` interface.
- To create a list, we only have to extend `AbstractListCollection`, provide the missing methods above.
 - used for collections accessed sequentially