

COMP 401

GENERICS AND ADAPTERS

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PREREQUISITE

- Inheritance
- Collections



TOPICS

- Generics
 - Code that works for a multiple types.
 - Not related by IS-A relationships.
 - Not code working on Object, specific type information is not lost, requires no cast
 - Array IS-A relation
- Adapter:
 - Converter class sitting between two other classes.
 - Special case of delegator



DUPLICATION OF CODE IN COLLECTIONS

- Collection interfaces and classes had so much similarity.
- How to get rid of code duplication?



HISTORY COLLECTIONS

```
public interface StringHistory {  
    public void addElement(String element);  
    public int size();  
    public String elementAt(int index);  
}
```

How to get rid of duplication in
interface definitions?

```
public interface PointHistory {  
    public void addElement (Point p );  
    public Point elementAt (int index);  
    public int size();  
}
```



OBJECTHISTORY?

```
public interface ObjectHistory {  
    public void addElement(Object element);  
    public int size();  
    public Object elementAt(int index);  
}
```

Can add both objects and points to history!



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METHODS ANALOGY

```
public double calculateMyCurrentBMI() {  
    return 75/(1.77*1.77);  
}
```

How to get rid of duplication in
method definitions?

```
public double calculateMyFutureBMI() {  
    return 77/(1.77*1.77);  
}
```

```
public double calculateBMI(double weight, double height) {  
    return weight/(height*height);  
}
```

```
calculateBMI(75, 1.77);
```

Relace int constant with int
parameter/placeholder

```
calculateBMI(77, 1.77);
```

Only one implementation exists



DUPLICATION IN TYPE DEFINITIONS

```
public interface StringHistory {  
    public void addElement(String element);  
    public int size();  
    public String elementAt(int index);  
}
```

```
public interface PointHistory {  
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    public Point elementAt (int index);  
    public int size();  
}
```

Need to replace type constants with type parameter



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JAVA GENERIC TYPES WITH TYPE PARAMETERS

```
public interface History {  
    public void addElement (<T> t);  
    public <T> elementAt (int index);  
    public int size();  
}
```

Can accidentally call say <t> or <aT>
and Java will not catch error

Need a way to declare type parameter
like we declare a variable



JAVA GENERIC TYPES WITH TYPE PARAMETERS

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How many versions of History at runtime?

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Create an elaboration of generic by giving actual value to type parameter

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When is parameter assigned?

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ARRAYS VS. GENERICS

```
public interface History<T> {  
    public void addElement (T t);  
    public T elementAt (int index);  
    public int size();  
}
```

```
History<String> stringHistory;  
History<Point> pointHistory;  
Double<Point> doubleHistory;
```

Generics and arrays are
parameterized types

```
String[] strings;  
Point[] points;  
double[] doubles;
```

Are arrays generic with special
syntax?

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elaborations.

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runtime

Different versions describe
elements of different sizes.

Element type kept at runtime



AStringHistory

```
public class AStringHistory implements History<String> {
    public final int MAX_SIZE = 50;
    String[] contents = new String[MAX_SIZE];
    int size = 0;
    public int size() {return size;}
    public String elementAt (int index) {
        return contents[index];
    }
    boolean isFull() {return size == MAX_SIZE;}
    public void addElement(String element) {
        if (isFull())
            System.out.println("Adding item to a full history");
        else {
            contents[size] = element;
            size++;
        }
    }
}
```



AStringHistory

```
public class APointHistory implements History<Point> {
    public final int MAX_SIZE = 50;
    Point[] contents = new Point[MAX_SIZE];
    int size = 0;
    public int size() {return size;}
    public Point elementAt (int index) {
        return contents[index];
    }
    boolean isFull() {return size == MAX_SIZE;}
    public void addElement(Point element) {
        if (isFull())
            System.out.println("Adding item to a full history");
        else {
            contents[size] = element;
            size++;
        }
    }
}
```

How to parameterize class definition?



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    }
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        if (isFull())
            System.out.println("Adding item to a full history");
        else {
            contents[size] = element;
            size++;
        }
    }
}
```

Replace all occurrences of String with T?



AHISTORY

A generic can pass its parameter to another generic

```
public class AHistory<T> implements History<T> {  
    public final int MAX_SIZE = 50;  
    Object[] contents = new Object[MAX_SIZE];  
    int size = 0;  
    public int size() {return size;}  
    public T elementAt (int index) {  
        return (T) contents[index];  
    }  
    boolean isFull() {return size == MAX_SIZE;}  
    public void addElement(T element)  
        if (isFull())  
            System.out.println("Adding it")  
        else {  
            contents[size] = element;  
            size++;  
        }  
}
```

A single version where T = Object is shared by all of its elaborations.

Must tell Java which of the various possible array element types we want

Finally a type parameter T must reduce to object



INSTANTIATING A HISTORY

```
History<String> stringHistory = new AHistory<String>();  
History<Point> pointHistory = new AHistory<Point>();
```



AHISTORY

```
public class AHistory<T> implements History<T> {
    public final int MAX_SIZE = 50;
    Object[] contents = new Object[MAX_SIZE];
    int size = 0;
    public int size() {return size;}
    public T elementAt (int index)
        return (T) contents[index];
    }
    boolean isFull() {return size == MAX_SIZE;}
    public void addElement(T element) {
        System.out.println(element.charAt(0));
        System.out.println(element.getX());
        System.out.println(element.toString());
        if (isFull())
            System.out.println("Adding item to a full history");
        else {
            contents[size] = element;
            size++;
        }
    }
}
```

Only object operations can be assumed because the only guarantee is that T will be elaborated with a subtype of Object



UNDERSTANDING PASSING TYPE PARAMETERS

```
public class AHistory<T> implements History<T> {  
    ...  
}
```

```
public interface History<T> {  
    ...  
}
```

The parameter of AHistory is used as the parameter of History.

```
public double calculateMyBMI(double weight) {  
    return calculateBMI(weight, 1.77);  
}
```


The parameter of calculateMyBMI is used as the parameter of calculateBMI

```
public double calculateBMI(double weight, double height) {  
    return weight/(height*height);  
}
```



DECLARED VS. PASSED NAME

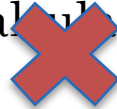
```
public class AHistory<AType> implements History<T> {  
    ...  
}
```



```
public interface History<T> {  
    ...  
}
```

Passed name must be the same as declared name

```
public double calculateMyBMI(double weight) {  
    return calculateBMI(w, 1.77);  
}
```



```
public double calculateBMI(double w, double height) {  
    return w/(height*height);  
}
```



RENAMING PARAMETER

```
public class AHistory<AType> implements History<AType> {  
    ...  
}
```

```
public interface History<T> {  
    ...  
}
```

Caller can rename the parameter

```
public double calculateMyBMI(double weight) {  
    return calculateBMI(weight, 1.77);  
}
```

```
public double calculateBMI(double w, double height) {  
    return w/(height*height);  
}
```



RENAMING TYPE VARIABLES

```
public interface I1 <T>{  
    ...  
}
```

```
public interface I2 <T>{  
    ...  
}
```

```
public class C<T1, T2> implements I1 <T1>, I2<T2>{  
    ...  
}
```



POINTHISTORY

```
public interface History<T> {  
    public void addElement(T element);  
    public T elementAt (int index);  
    public int size();  
}
```

```
public interface PointHistory extends History<String> {  
  
}
```

```
public interface PointHistory {  
    public void addElement (int x, int y);  
    public Point elementAt (int index);  
    public int size();  
}
```



AHISTORY

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public class AHistory<T> implements History<T> {  
    public final int MAX_SIZE = 50;  
    Object[] contents = new Object[MAX_SIZE];  
    int size = 0;  
    public int size() {return size;}  
    public T elementAt (int index) {  
        return (T) contents[index];  
    }  
    boolean isFull() {return size == MAX_SIZE;}  
    public void addElement(T element) {  
        if (isFull())
```

How to reuse this code in
PointHistory implementation

```
public interface PointHistory {  
    public void addElement (int x, int y);  
    public Point elementAt (int index);  
    public int size();  
}
```



ADDING TO GENERIC?

```
public class AHistory<T> implements History<T> {  
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    public int size() {return size;}  
    public T elementAt (int index) {  
        return (T) contents[index];  
    }  
    boolean isFull() {return size == MAX_SIZE;}  
    public void addElement(T element) {  
        if (isFull())  
            System.out.println("Adding it");  
        else {  
            contents[size] = element;  
            size++;  
        }  
    }  
    public void addElement(int anX, int aY) {  
        addElement(new ACartesianPoint(x,y));  
    }  
}
```

Method makes no sense for non point histories

Can only pass to addElement a T



INHERITING APOINTHISTORY?

```
public class APointHistory extends AHistory<Point>
implements PointHistory{
    public void addElement(int x, int y) {
        addElement(new ACartesianPoint(x,y));
    }
}
```

```
public interface History<T> {
    public void addElement(T element);
    public T elementAt (int index);
    public int size();
}
```

Has both addElement methods!

```
public interface PointHistory {
    public void addElement (int x, int y);
    public Point elementAt (int index);
    public int size();
}
```



DELEGATION

Delegator

Delegate

```
public class APointHistory implements PointHistory {  
    History<Point> contents = new AHistory<Point>();  
    public void addElement(int x, int y) {  
        contents.addElement(new ACartesianPoint(x,y));  
    }  
    public Point elementAt(int index) {  
        return contents.elementAt(index);  
    }  
    public int size() {  
        return contents.size();  
    }  
}
```

Adapter

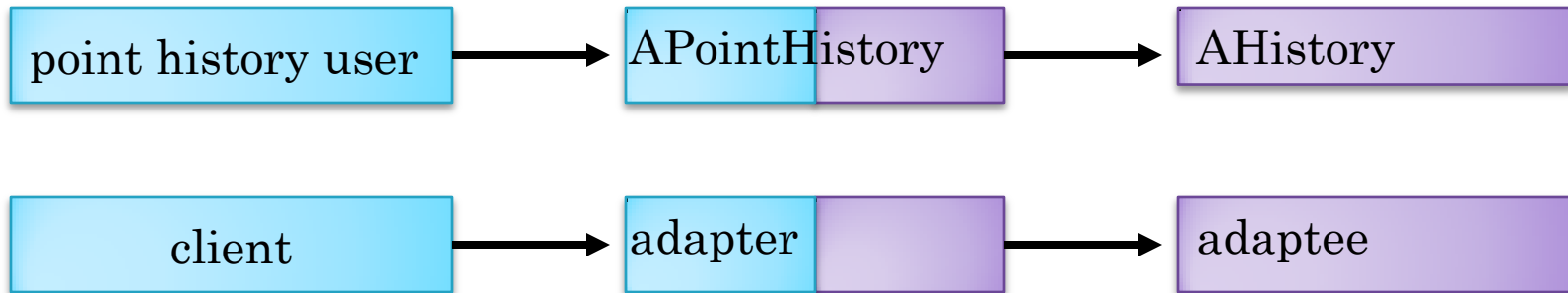
Forwarding Proxy

Forwarding Proxy

In delegation, delegating class
C1 has-a reference to reused
delegate class C2, rather than
C1 IS-A C2

What is this delegator
doing?

PATTERN?



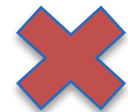
- Adapter is a class that sits between a client and adaptee class much like an adapter sits between two objects that need to interact with each other.
- Methods called in adaptee through adapter.
- Degree of adaptation undefined.
 - Assumed no extra functionality offered but some may be removed.
- Methods offered to client
 - Adapted name
 - Adapted parameters.



GENERIC JAVA COLLECTION TYPES

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
public class AStringHistory implements History<String> {
    List<String> contents = new ArrayList<String>();
    public void addElement (String s) {contents.add (s);}
    public String elementAt (int index) {return contents.get(index); }
    public int size() {return contents.size();}
}
```

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
public class AStringHistory extends ArrayList<String>
    implements History<String>
{ }
```



Exposing only history
methods

remove() not visible.

Adapter pattern often used
with ArrayList and Vector



OBJECT TABLE

```
public interface Table {  
    // associates key with value, returning last value associated with key  
    public final Object put (Object key, Object value);  
    // returns last value associated with key, or null if no association  
    public final Object get (Object key);  
}
```

How to convert to generic?



GENERIC TABLE

```
public interface Table <KeyType, ValueType> {  
    // associates key with value, returning last value associated with key  
    public final ValueType put (KeyType key, ValueType value);  
    // returns last value associated with key, or null if no association  
    public final ValueType get (Object key);  
}
```



HASHMAP WITHOUT ASSIGNING PARAMETERS EXPLICITLY

```
public static void main (String[] args) {  
    Map aMap = new HashMap();  
    aMap.put("Nadal", 11);  
    aMap.put("Federer", 17);  
    aMap.put("Sampras", 14);  
    System.out.println(aMap.get("Nadal"));  
    System.out.println(aMap.get("nadal"));  
    aMap.put("Nadal", 13);  
    System.out.println(aMap.get("Nadal"));  
    ObjectEditor.edit(aMap);  
}
```

Not mentioning type value == type is Object



HASHMAP WITH EXPLICIT ELABORATION

```
public static void main (String[] args) {  
    Map aMap<String, Integer> = new HashMap<String, Integer>();  
    aMap.put("Nadal", 10);  
    aMap.put("Federer", 17);  
    aMap.put("Sampras", 14);  
    System.out.println(aMap.get("Nadal"));  
    System.out.println(aMap.get("nadal"));  
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```

Generics → Collections?



OBSERVER INTERFACES

```
public interface CounterObserver {  
    public void update(Counter aCounter);  
}
```

```
public interface BMISpreadsheetObserver {  
    public void update(BMISpreadsheet aBMISpreadsheet);  
}
```

```
public interface GenerictObserver<Observable> {  
    public void update(Observable anObservable);  
}
```



ELABORATING GENERIC OBSERVER

```
public class ACounterObserver implements GenericObserver<Counter> {  
    public void update(Counter aCounter) {  
        System.out.println(aCounter.getValue());  
    }  
}
```

```
public class ABMISpreadsheetObserver  
    implements GenericObserver<BMISpreadsheet> {  
    public void update(BMISpreadsheet aBMISpreadsheet) {  
        System.out.println(aBMISpreadsheet.getBMI());  
    }  
}
```



MULTIPLE IMPLEMENTATIONS

```
public class ABMISpreadsheetAndCounterObserver
    implements GenericObserver<BMISpreadsheet>,
               GenericObserver<Counter> {

    public void update(BMISpreadsheet aBMISpreadsheet) {
        System.out.println(aBMISpreadsheet.getBMI());
    }
    public void update(Counter aCounter) {
        System.out.println(aCounter.getValue());
    }
}
```

Cannot implement the same generic twice with different parameters

A single interface method exists at run time

An interface method is mapped to a class method at runtime (dynamic dispatch)

It can be mapped to a single class method at run time

```
GenericObserver<Counter> counterObserver = new
ABMISpreadsheetAndCounterObserver();
counterObserver.update(counter);
```



EXTRA

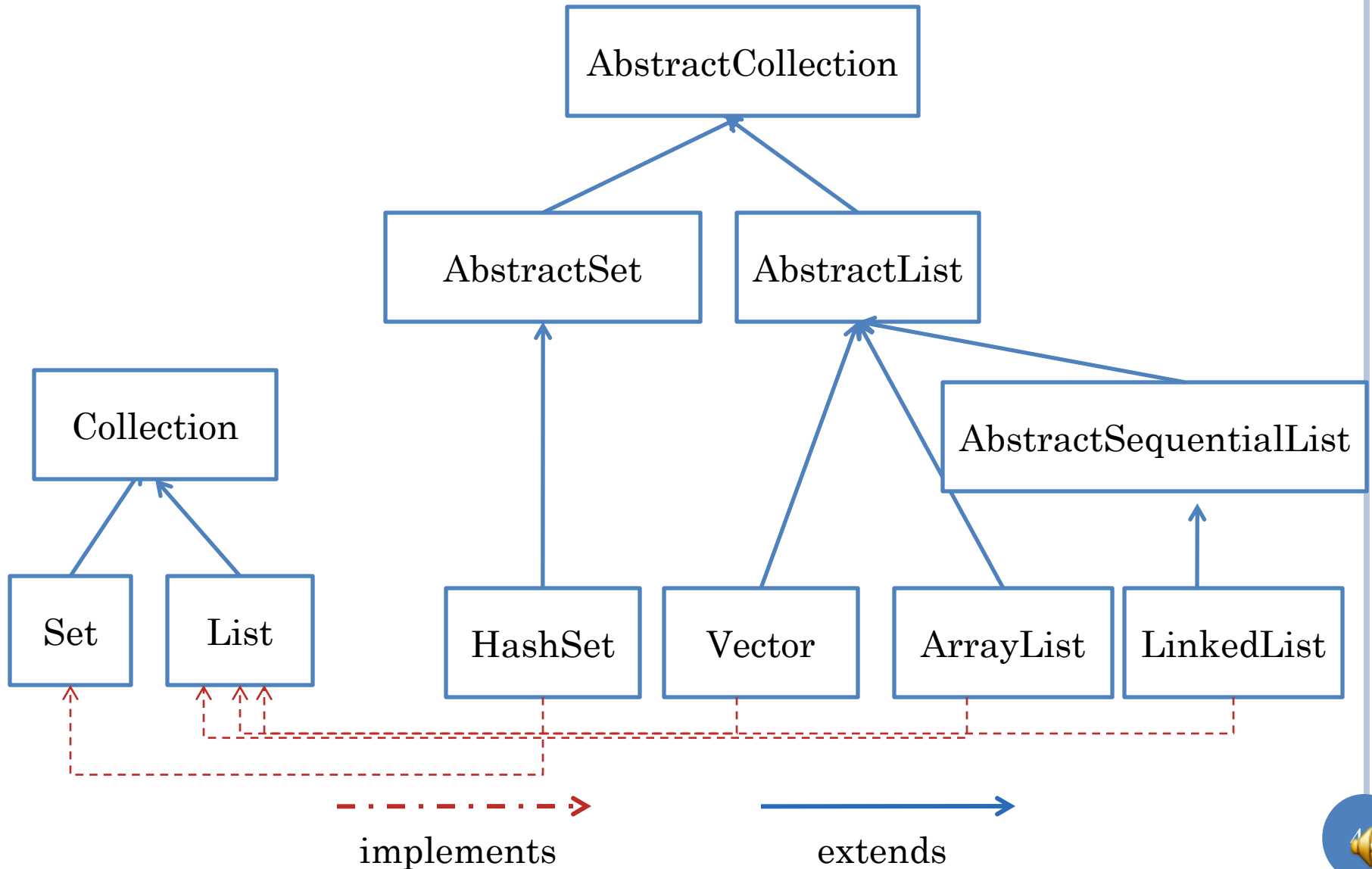


JAVA VECTORS, ARRAY LISTS, ENUMERATIONS

- Just like collections we defined
- Except they can store and iterate arbitrary objects



JAVA COLLECTION CLASSES



POINTHISTORY

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DELEGATING APOINTHISTORY (REVIEW)

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    History<Point> contents = new AHistory();  
    public void addElement(int x, int y) {  
        contents.addElement(new ACartesianPoint(x,y));  
    }  
    public Point elementAt(int index) {  
        return contents.elementAt(index);  
    }  
    public int size() {  
        return contents.size();  
    }  
}
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PASSING TYPE PARAMETERS

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