Collection

- Programs represent and manipulate abstractions (chunks of information)
  - Examples: roster of students, deck of cards

- One of the most universal abstractions is a collection
  - Represents an aggregation of multiple objects
  - Different kinds of collections
    - Examples: list, set, ordered set, map, array, tree
    - Supporting different operations on data
Data Structures

- Data structure
  - A way of representing & storing information

- Choice of data structure affects
  - Amount of storage required
  - Which operations can be efficiently performed

- Collections may be implemented using many different data structures

Data Structures Taxonomy

- Classification scheme for data structures
  - Based on relationships between element

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Linear Data Structures

- One-to-one relationship between elements
  - Each element has unique predecessor
  - Each element has unique successor

Example Linear Data Structures

- List
  - Collection of elements in order

- Queue
  - Elements removed in order of insertion
  - First-in, First-out (FIFO)

- Stack
  - Elements removed in opposite order of insertion
  - First-in, Last-out (FILO)
Hierarchical Data Structures

- One-to-many relationship between elements
  - Each element has unique predecessor
  - Each element has multiple successors

Example Hierarchical Data Structures

- **Tree**
  - Single root

- **Forest**
  - Multiple roots

- **Binary tree**
  - Tree with 0–2 children per node
Graph Data Structures

- Many-to-many relationship between elements
  - Each element has **multiple** predecessors
  - Each element has **multiple** successors

Example Graph Data Structures

- Undirected graph
  - Undirected edges

- Directed graph
  - Directed edges

- Directed acyclic graph (DAG)
  - Directed edges, no cycles
Set Data Structures

- No relationship between elements
  - Elements have no predecessor / successor
  - Only one copy of element allowed in set

Example Set Data Structures

- Set
  - Basic set

- Map
  - Map value to element in set

- Hash Table
  - Maps value to element in set using hash function
Java Collection Framework (JCF)

Java provides several interfaces and classes for manipulating & organizing data
  Example: List, Set, Map interfaces

Java Collection Framework consists of
  Interfaces
    - Abstract data types
  Implementations
    - Reusable data structures
  Algorithms
    - Reusable functionality

Collection Hierarchy

- Interfaces – represented by red font
- Classes – represented by black font
Collection Interface

- Core operations
  - Add element
  - Remove element
  - Determine size (# of elements)
  - Iterate through all elements

- Additional desirable operations on collections
  - Find first element
  - Find kth element
  - Find largest element
  - Sort elements

Collection vs. Collections

- Collection
  - Interface
    - Root interface of collection hierarchy
    - Methods: add( ), contains( ), remove( ), size( )

- Collections
  - Class
    - Contains static methods that operate on collections
    - Methods: shuffle( ), copy( ), list( )