

# CompSci 201, L2

## Intro to Java

# Logistics, Coming up

- This Friday, 1/20
  - First discussion section meetings
- Next Monday, 1/23
  - Intro to OOP (object-oriented programming) in Java
- Next Wednesday 1/25
  - Interfaces, Implementations, ArrayList data structure
  - First APT set (short programming exercises) due

# Helper Hours

- **What:** Drop-in time to ask TAs questions about course content (concepts, Java, APTs, projects).
- **When:** Sunday-Thursdays starting this Sunday 1/22.
- **Where:** In-person, and virtual options.
- **How:**
  - Try / think on your own
  - OhHai queue to post your question
  - Talk with a TA for ~5-15 minutes
  - Iterate
- **Details:** See the [Getting Help page](#) of the website.

# Person in CS: Fred Brooks

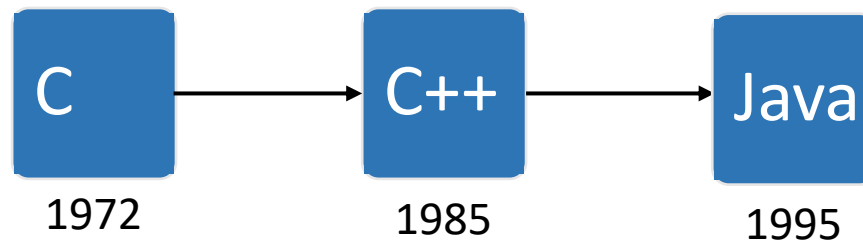
- Duke '53
- Founded CompSci @ UNC
- Turing award winner, design



Why is programming fun?

- “joy of making things...that are useful”
- “Fascination of fashioning complex puzzle-like objects”
- “Delight in working in such a tractable medium”

# A very brief history of Java



- C. Streamlined language developed for writing operating systems and low-level systems utilities.
- C++. Can do everything in C (manual memory management), adds support for object-oriented programming (OOP).
- Java. Requires OOP, Automatic memory management, stronger compile time guarantees, more device independent.

# Java is a common language

# Ranking	Programming Language	Percentage (YoY Change)
1	Python	17.916% (-0.128%)
2	Java	11.281% (-1.008%)
3	JavaScript	9.875% (-4.276%)
4	C++	9.704% (+2.990%)
5	Go	9.435% (+1.220%)
6	TypeScript	8.307% (-0.222%)
7	PHP	5.270% (-0.017%)
8	Ruby	4.636% (-1.570%)
9	C	4.241% (+1.070%)
10	C#	3.270% (-0.124%)
11	Shell	2.532% (+0.333%)
12	Nix	2.229% (-0.207%)
13	Scala	1.707% (-0.353%)
14	Rust	1.663% (+0.965%)
15	Kotlin	1.379% (+0.343%)

- Based on an [analysis of Github repositories](#).

# Java is a compiled language

How is the program you write in source code translated into something instructions the machine can *execute*?

## Compiled

- All at once
- Compiler is another program that translates source code into machine code\*.
- Run the *executable*, the output of the compiler.

## Interpreted

- Line at a time
- Interpreter is another program that translates *and* runs a program line by line.
- Python is an interpreted language.

# The “Java Virtual Machine”

Hello.java — vscodeTest

Hello.java ×



Hello.java

```
1 public class Hello {  
    Run | Debug  
2 public static void main(String[] args) {  
3     System.out.println("Hello World");  
4 }  
5 }
```

Compiling Hello.java

Creates Hello.class

Contains  
“bytecode” Not  
machine code

```
(base) brandonfain@Brandons-MacBook-Air vscodeTest % javac Hello.java  
(base) brandonfain@Brandons-MacBook-Air vscodeTest % ls  
Hello.class    Hello.java  
(base) brandonfain@Brandons-MacBook-Air vscodeTest % javap Hello.class  
Compiled from "Hello.java"  
public class Hello {  
    public Hello();  
    public static void main(java.lang.String[]);  
}  
(base) brandonfain@Brandons-MacBook-Air vscodeTest % java Hello  
Hello World  
(base) brandonfain@Brandons-MacBook-Air vscodeTest %
```

Can run it in JVM



# Interlude: Command Line?

Command	Meaning	Details
<code>pwd</code>	Print Working Directory	Shows the full file path to the directory you are currently in
<code>ls</code>	List Files	Shows all files and directories contained in the current directory
<code>cd</code>	Change Directory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><code>cd</code></b> by itself goes to your home directory</li><li>• <b><code>cd directory</code></b> goes to the specified directory</li><li>• <b><code>cd ..</code></b> goes to the enclosing directory</li></ul>
<code>mkdir</code>	Make Directory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><code>mkdir directory</code></b> creates a directory</li></ul>
<code>cp</code>	Copy	<b><code>cp source target</code></b> Copies the source file and names the result <b>target</b> .
<code>rm</code>	Remove	<b><code>rm file</code></b> deletes the specified file. No backups!!!

# Interlude: Compile and Run Java

Command	Meaning	Details
<code>javac</code>	Compile .java files to .class files	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <code>javac file.java</code> compiles and creates <code>file.class</code></li><li>• <code>javac *.java</code> compiles <b>all</b> .java files in current directory to .class files.</li></ul>
<code>java</code>	Run java class files	<code>java file</code> executes the main method of <code>file.class</code> . Must have already been compiled from <code>file.java</code> .

See the [javac documentation](#) for more options

# Pressing the “run” button in VS Code does these steps for you

Run buttons

```
1 public class Hello {  
2     public static void main(String[] args) {  
3         System.out.println("Hello World");  
    }
```

Run | Debug

OUTPUT

zsh

Java Process

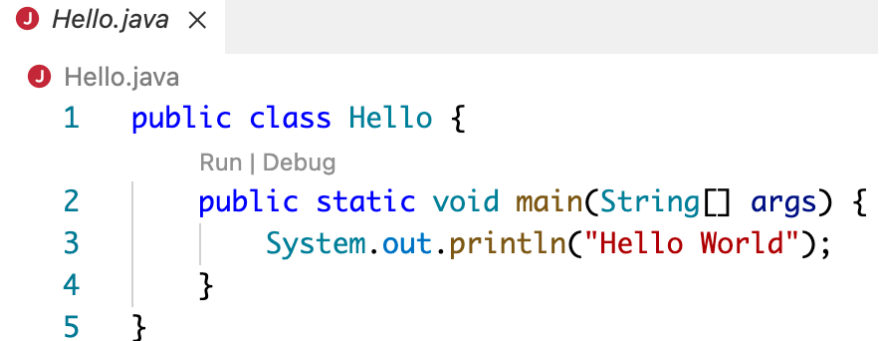
(base) brandonfain@Brandons-MacBook-Air vscodeTest % /usr/bin/env  
/Library/Java/JavaVirtualMachines/liberica-jdk-17.jdk/Contents/Home/bin/java --enable-preview -XX:+ShowCodeDetailsInExceptionMessages -cp "/Users/brandonfain/Library/Application Support/Code/User/workspaceStorage/033d2eb2075ca69abdef5f502aacb942/redhat.java/jdt\_ws/vscodeTest\_901392fd/bin" Hello  
Hello World  
(base) brandonfain@Brandons-MacBook-Air vscodeTest %

All this extra info is about the compile -> run process

There is the output

# Basic anatomy of a Java program

- Each Java source code file `<className>.java` contains at least `public className`.



The screenshot shows a code editor window titled 'Hello.java' with a close button. The code is as follows:

```
1 public class Hello {  
    Run | Debug  
2     public static void main(String[] args) {  
3         System.out.println("Hello World");  
4     }  
5 }
```

- To run a program, must have a `public static void main` (PSVM) method
- Larger projects have multiple classes / `.java` files, only one needs a PSVM to start program.

# Java uses `{ }` to denote blocks and `;` to end statements

Block.java

```
1 public class Block {  
    Run | Debug  
2 public static void main(String[] args) {  
3     int x = 4;  
4     if (x % 2 == 0) {  
5         System.out.println("even");  
6     }  
7     else {  
8         System.out.println("odd");  
9         System.out.println("will this print?");  
10 }
```

`;` ends a *statement* /  
denotes an operation

`{...}` denotes a block of code, e.g., for  
an if statement, loop, or method

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL

```
(base) brandonfain@Brandons-MacBook-Air examples % javac Block.java  
(base) brandonfain@Brandons-MacBook-Air examples % java Block  
even
```

newline ends statement in Python

And indentation denotes blocks.  
**Still a style convention in Java!**

block.py

```
1 x = 4  
2 if (x % 2 == 0):  
3     print("even")  
4 else:  
5     print("odd")  
6 print("will this print?")
```

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL

```
(base) brandonfain@Brandons-MacBook-Air examples % python3 block.py  
even  
will this print?
```

# Java is strongly typed

Must be explicit about the **type** of every variable when declaring and in method signatures.

```
Type.java > ...  
1 public class Type {  
    Run | Debug  
2     public static void main(String[] args) {  
3         int x = 5;  
4         System.out.println(x/2);  
5     }  
6 }
```

Prints 2

```
Type.java > ...  
1 public class Type {  
    Run | Debug  
2     public static void main(String[] args) {  
3         int x = 5;  
4         System.out.println((double)x/2);  
5     }  
6 }
```

Prints 2.5

```
type.py  
1 x = 5  
2 print(x/2)
```

Prints 2.5

Notice also that every method must specify the *type* of what it returns (void means nothing).

Can **cast** to convert types (NewType) var

# Strong typing allows the compiler to help you avoid mistakes

StrongTyping.java 1 ×

StrongTyping.java > StrongTyping > main(String[])

```
1 public class StrongTyping {
2     public static String getFirstWord(String s) {
3         return s.split(" ")[0];
4     }
5     public static void main(String[] args) {
6         System.out.println(getFirstWord(201));
7     }
8 }
9
```

Run | Debug

PROBLEMS 2 OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL

```
(base) brandonfain@Brandons-MacBook-Air examples % javac StrongTyping.java
StrongTyping.java:6: error: incompatible types: int cannot be converted to
String
```

```
    System.out.println(getFirstWord(201));
                                   ^
```

# Java primitive types

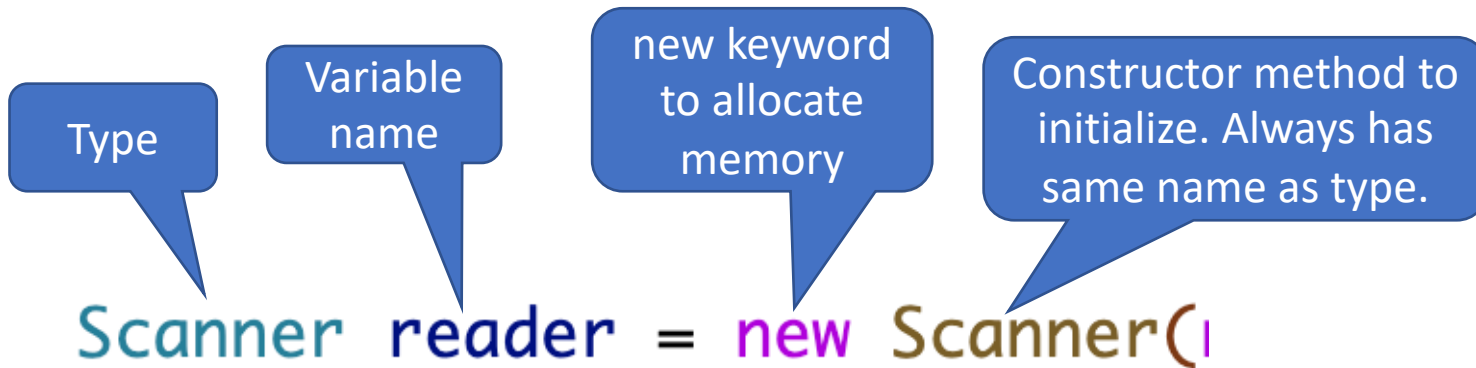
- Primitive types in Java: Don't need `new` to create.
  - `byte`, `short` (rarely used in this course)
  - `int`, `long` (common integer types)
  - `float`, `double` (common decimal number types)
  - `boolean` (true or false)
  - `char` (for example, `'a'` or `'x'`)



# Java basic operators

<b>+, -</b>	Add, subtract
<b>*, /</b>	Multiply, divide (careful with divide, 5/4 gives 1)
<b>%</b>	Modulus (remainder in int division, if % 2 == 0 then even, if % 2 == 1 then odd)
<b>&lt;, &lt;=</b>	Less than, less than or equal to
<b>&gt;, &gt;=</b>	Greater than, greater than or equal to
<b>==</b>	Equal (only for primitive types!!!)
<b>!</b>	Logical NOT (!a means a must not be true)
<b>&amp;&amp;</b>	Logical AND (a && b means a and b need to be true)
<b>  </b>	Logical OR (a    b means a could be true, or b, or both)

# Java reference types

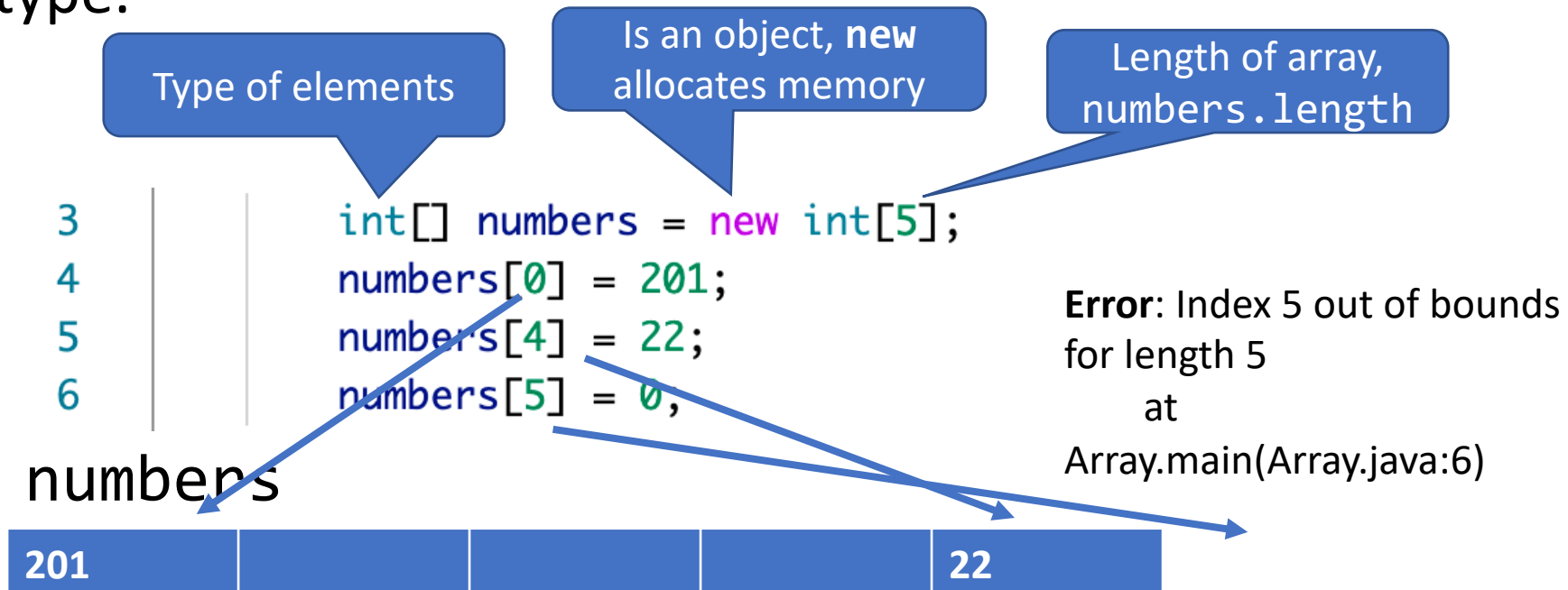


- Variable stores a **reference** to an **object**, i.e., a place in memory.
- Can access instance variables and method calls with the **dot operator**.

```
while (reader.hasNext()) {  
    String word = reader.next();  
}
```

# Java arrays

An **array** holds a *fixed* number of values of a single type.



Shorthand for pre-initialized Array: `int[] myArray = {1, 2, 3};`

# Special Case: String

- NOT primitive, but can initialize in two ways:
  - `String s = "Hello";` or `String s = new String("Hello");`
- `+` is overloaded to concatenate Strings:
  - `String s = "Hello";`
  - `String t = " World";`
  - `System.out.println(s + t);` prints "Hello World"

# Java Strings: concepts and methods

Strings are objects that hold an array of characters.

H	i		C	S		2	0	1	!
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

```
3  String message = "Hi CS 201!";
4  System.out.println(message.length());
5  System.out.println(message.charAt(0));
6  System.out.println(message.substring(0, 4));
7  System.out.println(message.equals("Hi CS 201!"));
```

10

'H'

"Hi C"

True

Can even convert to `char[]` and back

```
9  char[] letters = message.toCharArray();
10 String originalMessage = new String(letters);
```

# More String methods: `split` and `join`

Can `split` a String into an array of Strings or `join` an array of Strings to one String.

```
jshell> String original = "hello cs 201";  
original ==> "hello cs 201"
```

```
jshell> String[] words = original.split(" ");  
words ==> String[3] { "hello", "cs", "201" }
```

```
jshell> String combined = String.join(" ", words);  
combined ==> "hello cs 201"
```

delimiter



See the full [String documentation here](#)

# Java conditionals

```
4  int x = 5;
5  if (x > 0) {
6      System.out.println(x: "positive");
7  }
8  else if (x < 0) {
9      System.out.println(x: "negative");
10 }
11 else {
12     System.out.println(x: "zero");
13 }
```

Condition must be in parentheses

{ } to enclose block

Else statements optional, can chain else if else if ... else.

Creates an `int` variable, starting at 0, accessible only inside the loop block.

**Regular for**

# Java loops

```
Loop while i <
numbers.length
```

# Regular for

```
8     for (int i=0; i<numbers.length; i++) {
9         System.out.println(numbers[i]);
10    }
```

Increase `i` by 1 each time through loop

# Enhanced for

```
12     for (int number : numbers) {
13         System.out.println(number);
14     }
```

number takes each value in numbers in turn

# while

```
16     int i=0;
17     while (i < numbers.length) {
18         System.out.println(numbers[i]);
19         i++;
20     }
```



# Note on Java characters

Java characters are ordered, comparable, correspond to integer values.

```
9   for (char ch='a'; ch <= 'z'; ch++) {  
10      System.out.printf("Char: %c, Val: %d\n", ch, (int)ch);  
11  }
```

Char: a, Val: 97  
Char: b, Val: 98  
Char: c, Val: 99  
Char: d, Val: 100  
Char: e, Val: 101  
Char: f, Val: 102  
Char: g, Val: 103  
Char: h, Val: 104  
Char: i, Val: 105  
Char: j, Val: 106  
Char: k, Val: 107  
Char: l, Val: 108  
Char: m, Val: 109  
Char: n, Val: 110

Values are how characters are *encoded* on a machine

# WOTO

Go to [duke.is/gwcs5](https://duke.is/gwcs5)

Not graded for correctness,  
just participation.

Try to answer *without* looking  
back at slides and notes.

But do talk to your neighbors!



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Which of the following best describes how a Java program runs? \*

- ☐ Line by line, the first line gets translated and executed, then the second...
- ☒ The whole program is translated to bytecode that has to be run in a Java virtual machine
- ☐ The whole program is compiled into 0s and 1s then the machine runs that directly
- ☐ Magic

3

In java, one generally needs to use the `new` keyword... \*

- ☐ When creating a copy
- ☐ When creating any variable
- ☐ When creating a data structure
- ☒ When creating a reference type variable

4

Which of the following for loops correctly prints the sum of all the elements in an `int[]` called **values**? Select all that apply. \*

- ☒ for (int i : values) { sum += i; }
- ☐ for (int i : values) { sum += values[i]; }
- ☐ for (int i=0; i<values.length; i++) { sum += i; }
- ☒ for (int i=0; i<values.length; i++) { sum += values[i]; }

5

What will be printed by the following java program? \*

```
2 public static void main(String[] args) {  
3     String text = "i could use a cup of coffee";  
4     String[] words = text.split(regex: " ");  
5     String[] some = {words[0], words[words.length-1], "now"};  
6     String message = String.join(delimiter: "-", some);  
7     System.out.println(message);  
8 }
```

i-coffee-now

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# Anatomy of Java methods

A function defined in a class. No “regular” functions in Java, all methods.

Parameter type

Everything is inside a class, can have many methods in one class

return type

Parameter name

name

return statement

```
1 public class MethodExample {  
    // Note: Assumes numbers.length > 0  
    int getMax(int[] numbers) {  
        int maxNumber = numbers[0];  
        for (int i=1; i<numbers.length; i++) {  
            if (numbers[i] > maxNumber) {  
                maxNumber = numbers[i];  
            }  
        }  
        return maxNumber;  
    }  
}
```

# Static vs. Dynamic Methods

- Dynamic methods are called on a created **object**. Has access to object data *and* arguments.
- Static methods are called on the **class**. Only has access to arguments. Often utility “functions.”

StaticExample.java > ...

```
1 public class StaticExample {  
    Run | Debug  
2     public static void main(String[] args) {  
3         String s = "Hello World!";  
4         System.out.println(s.split(" ")[0]);  
5  
6         System.out.println(Math.sqrt(4.0));  
7     }  
8 }
```

Note that `split` is called on a `String` object

Whereas `sqrt` is called on the `Math` class

# Anatomy of a Java collections data structure

 ArrayListExample.java > ...

- An import statement: `1 import java.util.ArrayList;`
  - Goes outside the class, top of the file

```
ArrayList<Integer> list = new ArrayList<>();
```

Collections  
type

Element  
type

Variable  
name

Allocate  
memory

Call constructor  
method to initialize

# Java API ArrayList data structure

ArrayList is most like a Python list.

- Access by index access but can grow dynamically
- Uses `add()`, `get()`, `size()`, `contains()`

```
4 public static void main(String[] args) {
5     ArrayList<Integer> intList = new ArrayList<>();
6     intList.add(1);
7     intList.add(2);
8     int sum = 0;
9
10    for (int i=0; i<intList.size(); i++) {
11        sum += intList.get(i);
12    }
13    System.out.println(intList.contains(5));
}
```

`.add()` appends to end of list

`.size()` returns number of elements

`.get(i)` returns i'th index element

`.contains(x)` returns true if x in list



# ArrayList methods reference

Method	Notes
<code>add(element)</code>	Appends element to end of list
<code>get(index)</code>	Returns the index position element (starting with 0)
<code>contains(element)</code>	Searches list, returns true if element is in the list, else false.
<code>size()</code>	Returns the (integer) number of elements in the list
<code>set(index, element)</code>	Assigns element to the index position (starting at 0), overwriting the previous value.
<code>remove(index)</code>	Remove the index position element

See the full [ArrayList documentation](#)

# Java API Collections and Primitive vs. object types

Why `ArrayList<Integer> ...` instead of `ArrayList<int>...`?

- Java API Collections (`ArrayList`, `HashSet`, ...) only store *reference types*, not primitive types.
- `Integer` is an `int` object, can convert back and forth “automatically.”

```
int primitiveInt = 201;  
Integer objectInt = primitiveInt;  
primitiveInt = objectInt;
```

Same principle for other primitive types, e.g., `double` vs. `Double`

# Converting Arrays and ArrayLists

```
18      ArrayList<Integer> intList = new ArrayList<>();
19      int[] intArray = {2, 0, 1};
20
21      // Convert a int (or other primitive type) Array
22      // to a List by adding one at a time
23      for (int number : intArray) {
24          intList.add(number);
25      }
26
27      // Convert an Integer list to an int[] or
28      // other primitive type array one at a time
29      int[] newIntArray = new int[intList.size()];
30      for (int i=0; i<intList.size(); i++) {
31          newIntArray[i] = intList.get(i);
32      }
```

# API Documentation

Reading documentation is an important skill:

[docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/17/docs/api](https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/17/docs/api)

The screenshot shows the Java API documentation for the `ArrayList<E>` class. The top navigation bar includes links for OVERVIEW, MODULE, PACKAGE, CLASS (highlighted), USE, TREE, PREVIEW, NEW, DEPRECATED, INDEX, and HELP. The version is Java SE 17 & JDK 17. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for SUMMARY: NESTED | FIELD | CONSTR | METHOD and a search bar. The main content area displays the following information:

- Module:** `java.base`
- Package:** `java.util`
- Class:** `ArrayList<E>`
- Class Hierarchy:**
  - `java.lang.Object`
  - `java.util.AbstractCollection<E>`
  - `java.util.AbstractList<E>`
  - `java.util.ArrayList<E>`
- Type Parameters:**
  - `E` - the type of elements in this list
- All Implemented Interfaces:**
  - `Serializable`, `Cloneable`, `Iterable<E>`, `Collection<E>`, `List<E>`, `RandomAccess`
- Direct Known Subclasses:**
  - `AttributeList`, `RoleList`, `RoleUnresolvedList`

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**Source Code:**

```
public class ArrayList<E>
    extends AbstractList<E>
    implements List<E>, RandomAccess, Cloneable, Serializable
```

Resizable-array implementation of the `List` interface. Implements all optional list operations, and permits all elements, including `null`. In addition to implementing the `List` interface, this class provides methods to manipulate the size of the array that is used internally to store the list. (This class is roughly equivalent to `Vector`, except that it is unsynchronized.)

The `size`, `isEmpty`, `get`, `set`, `iterator`, and `listIterator` operations run in constant time. The `add` operation runs in *amortized constant time*, that is, adding `n` elements requires  $O(n)$  time. All of the other operations run in linear time (roughly speaking). The constant factor is low compared to that for the `LinkedList` implementation.

Each `ArrayList` instance has a *capacity*. The capacity is the size of the array used to store the elements in the list. It is always at least as large as the list size. As elements are added to an `ArrayList`, its capacity grows automatically. The details of the growth policy are not specified beyond the fact that adding an element has constant amortized time cost.

An application can increase the capacity of an `ArrayList` instance before adding a large number of elements using the `ensureCapacity` operation. This may reduce the amount of incremental reallocation.

# First programming problems

- APT 1 due next Wednesday 1/25, access server from course website schedule.

Problem Set 1	
APT-1, Complete at least 4 by January 25	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">Starter</a></li><li><a href="#">Totality</a></li><li><a href="#">AccessLevel</a></li><li><a href="#">DNAMaxNucleotide</a></li><li><a href="#">SandwichBar</a></li><li><a href="#">CirclesCountry</a></li></ul>	
Discussion 1	
Test file:	<input type="button" value="Choose File"/> no file selected
<input type="button" value="test/run"/>	

- Write 1 method per problem, ~10-30ish lines of code.
- No static methods allowed, no main needed.
- Automatic testing, submit as many times as needed.
- See [walkthrough video](#) of submitting an APT

# It's going to be ok

For many of you:

- Java has new *syntax* to learn, and
- Object-oriented programming is a new *paradigm*

It's normal for it to feel “strange” at first!

Resources:

- ZyBook, optional chapters 1-7 are intro java review
- Java4Python resource on website
- First Discussions, first sets of APTs, Projects P0 and P1 designed to help practice
- Peers, Ed discussion, helper hours, all can help