

CSC 221: Computer Programming I

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ArrayLists and arrays

- example: letter frequencies
- autoboxing/unboxing
- ArrayLists vs. arrays
- example: word frequencies
- parallel lists

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Letter frequency

one common tool for identifying the author of an unknown work is letter frequency

- i.e., count how frequently each of the letters is used in the work
- analysis has shown that an author will tend to have a consistent pattern of letter usage

will need 26 counters, one for each letter

- traverse each word and add to the corresponding counter for each character
- having a separate variable for each counter is not feasible
- instead have an ArrayList of 26 counters
 - `this.counts.get(0)` is the counter for 'a'
 - `this.counts.get(1)` is the counter for 'b'
 - ...
 - `this.counts.get(25)` is the counter for 'z'

letter frequencies from the
Gettysburg address

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t:	109 (10.8%)
u:	15 (1.5%)
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x:	0 (0.0%)
y:	10 (1.0%)
z:	0 (0.0%)

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Letter frequency example

initially, have ArrayList of 26 zeros:

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

after processing "Fourscore" :

0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

after processing the entire Gettysburg address

93	12	28	49	150	21	23	65	59	0	2	39	14	71	81	15	1	70	36	109	15	20	0	0	10	0
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

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Autoboxing & unboxing

natural assumption: will store the frequency counts in an ArrayList of ints

```
private ArrayList<int> counts; // SORRY, WON'T WORK!
```

- unfortunately, ArrayLists can only store object types (i.e., no primitives)
- fortunately, there exists a class named `Integer` that encapsulates an `int` value

```
private ArrayList<Integer> counts;
```

- the Java compiler will automatically
 - convert an `int` value into an `Integer` object when you want to store it in an `ArrayList` (called *autoboxing*)
 - convert an `Integer` value back into an `int` when need to apply an arithmetic operation on it (called *unboxing*)

BE CAREFUL: Java will not unbox an `Integer` for comparison

```
if (this.counts.get(0) == this.counts.get(1)) {  
    ...  
}
```

`==` will test to see if they are the same `Integer` objects

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LetterFreq1 design

```
public class LetterFreq1 {
    private ArrayList<Integer> counts;
    private int numLetters;

    public LetterFreq1(String fileName) throws java.io.FileNotFoundException {
        INITIALIZE this.counts AND this.numLetters

        FOR EACH WORD IN THE FILE
            FOR EACH CHARACTER IN THE WORD
                IF THE CHARACTER IS A LETTER
                    DETERMINE ITS POSITION IN THE ALPHABET
                    INCREMENT THE CORRESPONDING COUNT IN this.counts
                    INCREMENT this.numLetters
            }
    }

    public int getCount(char ch) {
        IF ch IS A LETTER
            DETERMINE ITS POSITION IN THE ALPHABET
            ACCESS & RETURN THE CORRESPONDING COUNT IN this.counts
        OTHERWISE
            RETURN 0
    }

    public double getPercentage(char ch) {
        IF ch IS A LETTER
            DETERMINE ITS POSITION IN THE ALPHABET
            ACCESS THE CORRESPONDING COUNT IN this.counts
            CALCULATE & RETURN THE PERCENTAGE
        OTHERWISE
            RETURN 0.0
    }

    public void showCounts() {
        FOR EACH LETTER IN THE ALPHABET
            DISPLAY THE LETTER, ITS COUNT & PERCENTAGE
    }
}
```

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LetterFreq1 implementation

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Scanner;
import java.io.File;

public class LetterFreq1 {
    private static final String LETTERS = "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz";
    private ArrayList<Integer> counts;
    private int numLetters;

    public LetterFreq1(String fileName) throws java.io.FileNotFoundException {
        this.counts = new ArrayList<Integer>();
        for (int i = 0; i < LetterFreq1.LETTERS.length(); i++) {
            this.counts.add(0);
        }
        this.numLetters = 0;

        Scanner infile = new Scanner(new File(fileName));
        while (infile.hasNext()) {
            String nextWord = infile.next();

            for (int c = 0; c < nextWord.length(); c++) {
                char ch = nextWord.charAt(c);
                if (Character.isLetter(ch)) {
                    int index = LetterFreq1.LETTERS.indexOf(Character.toLowerCase(ch));
                    this.counts.set(index, this.counts.get(index)+1);
                    this.numLetters++;
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

will use a constant to store the alphabet

initialize the letter counts

for each word, process each letter ...

... get letter's index, increment its count

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LetterFreq1 implementation (cont.)

```

    . . .

    public int getCount(char ch) {
        if (Character.isLetter(ch)) {
            int index = LetterFreq1.LETTERS.indexOf(Character.toLowerCase(ch));
            return this.counts.get(index);
        }
        else {
            return 0;
        }
    }

    public double getPercentage(char ch) {
        if (Character.isLetter(ch) && this.numLetters > 0) {
            int index = LetterFreq1.LETTERS.indexOf(Character.toLowerCase(ch));
            return Math.round(1000.0*this.counts.get(index)/this.numLetters)/10.0;
        }
        else {
            return 0.0;
        }
    }

    public void showCounts() {
        for (int i = 0; i < LetterFreq1.LETTERS.length(); i++) {
            char ch = LetterFreq1.LETTERS.charAt(i);
            System.out.println(ch + ": " + this.getCount(ch) + "\t(" +
                this.getPercentage(ch) + "%)");
        }
    }
}

```

if it is a letter,
access & return
its count

if it is a letter,
calculate & return
its percentage

display all letters,
counts and
percentages

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Interesting comparisons

letter frequencies from the Gettysburg address	letter frequencies from Alice in Wonderland	letter frequencies from Theory of Relativity
a: 93 (9.2%)	a: 8791 (8.2%)	a: 10936 (7.6%)
b: 12 (1.2%)	b: 1475 (1.4%)	b: 1956 (1.4%)
c: 28 (2.8%)	c: 2398 (2.2%)	c: 5272 (3.7%)
d: 49 (4.9%)	d: 4930 (4.6%)	d: 4392 (3.1%)
e: 150 (14.9%)	e: 13572 (12.6%)	e: 18579 (12.9%)
f: 21 (2.1%)	f: 2000 (1.9%)	f: 4228 (2.9%)
g: 23 (2.3%)	g: 2531 (2.4%)	g: 2114 (1.5%)
h: 65 (6.4%)	h: 7373 (6.8%)	h: 7607 (5.3%)
i: 59 (5.8%)	i: 7510 (7.0%)	i: 11937 (8.3%)
j: 0 (0.0%)	j: 146 (0.1%)	j: 106 (0.1%)
k: 2 (0.2%)	k: 1158 (1.1%)	k: 568 (0.4%)
l: 39 (3.9%)	l: 4713 (4.4%)	l: 5697 (4.0%)
m: 14 (1.4%)	m: 2104 (2.0%)	m: 3253 (2.3%)
n: 71 (7.0%)	n: 7013 (6.5%)	n: 9983 (6.9%)
o: 81 (8.0%)	o: 8145 (7.6%)	o: 11181 (7.8%)
p: 15 (1.5%)	p: 1524 (1.4%)	p: 2678 (1.9%)
q: 1 (0.1%)	q: 209 (0.2%)	q: 344 (0.2%)
r: 70 (6.9%)	r: 5437 (5.0%)	r: 8337 (5.8%)
s: 36 (3.6%)	s: 6500 (6.0%)	s: 8982 (6.2%)
t: 109 (10.8%)	t: 10686 (9.9%)	t: 15042 (10.5%)
u: 15 (1.5%)	u: 3465 (3.2%)	u: 3394 (2.4%)
v: 20 (2.0%)	v: 846 (0.8%)	v: 1737 (1.2%)
w: 26 (2.6%)	w: 2675 (2.5%)	w: 2506 (1.7%)
x: 0 (0.0%)	x: 148 (0.1%)	x: 537 (0.4%)
y: 10 (1.0%)	y: 2262 (2.1%)	y: 2446 (1.7%)
z: 0 (0.0%)	z: 78 (0.1%)	z: 115 (0.1%)

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ArrayLists and arrays

ArrayList enables storing a collection of objects under one name

- can easily access and update items using `get` and `set`
- can easily `add` and `remove` items, and shifting occurs automatically
- can pass the collection to a method as a single object

ArrayList is built on top of a more fundamental Java data structure: the *array*

- an array is a *contiguous, homogeneous* collection of items, accessible via an index
- arrays are much less flexible than ArrayLists
e.g., the size of an array is fixed at creation, so you can't add items indefinitely
when you add/remove from the middle, it is up to you to shift items

so, why use arrays?

1st answer: DON'T! when possible, take advantage of ArrayList's flexibility

2nd answer: arrays can store primitives directly, without autoboxing/unboxing

3rd answer: initializing/accessing an array can be easier in some circumstances

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Arrays

to declare an array, designate the type of value stored followed by []

```
String[] words;                int[] counters;
```

to create an array, must use `new` (an array is an object)

- specify the type and size inside brackets following `new`

```
words = new String[100];       counters = new int[26];
```

- or, if you know what the initial contents of the array should be, use shorthand:

```
int[] years = {2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005};
```

to access or assign an item in an array, use brackets with the desired index

- similar to the `get` and `set` methods of ArrayList

```
String str = word[0];           // note: index starts at 0  
                                // (similar to ArrayLists)  
for (int i = 0; i < 26, i++) {  
    counters[i] = 0;  
}
```

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LetterFreq2 implementation

```
import java.util.Scanner;
import java.io.File;

public class LetterFreq2 {
    private static final String LETTERS = "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz";
    private int[] counts;
    private int numLetters;

    public LetterFreq2(String fileName) throws java.io.FileNotFoundException {
        this.counts = new int[LetterFreq1.LETTERS.length()];
        for (int i = 0; i < LetterFreq1.LETTERS.length(); i++) {
            this.counts[i] = 0;
        }
        this.numLetters = 0;

        Scanner infile = new Scanner(new File(fileName));
        while (infile.hasNext()) {
            String nextWord = infile.next();

            for (int c = 0; c < nextWord.length(); c++) {
                char ch = nextWord.charAt(c);
                if (Character.isLetter(ch)) {
                    int index = LetterFreq1.LETTERS.indexOf(Character.toLowerCase(ch));
                    this.counts[index]++;
                    this.numLetters++;
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

could instead
make the field an
array

initialize array to
desired size

access/assign an
entry using []

increment is
simpler (no need
to get then set)

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LetterFreq2 implementation (cont.)

```
...

public int getCount(char ch) {
    if (Character.isLetter(ch)) {
        int index = LetterFreq1.LETTERS.indexOf(Character.toLowerCase(ch));
        return this.counts[index];
    }
    else {
        return 0;
    }
}

public double getPercentage(char ch) {
    if (Character.isLetter(ch) && this.numLetters > 0) {
        int index = LetterFreq1.LETTERS.indexOf(Character.toLowerCase(ch));
        return Math.round(1000.0*this.counts[index]/this.numLetters)/10.0;
    }
    else {
        return 0.0;
    }
}

public void showCounts() {
    for (int i = 0; i < LetterFreq1.LETTERS.length(); i++) {
        char ch = LetterFreq1.LETTERS.charAt(i);
        System.out.println(ch + ": " + this.getCount(ch) + "\t(" +
            this.getPercentage(ch) + "%)");
    }
}
}
```

other method
essentially the
same (array
access uses []
instead of the get
method for
ArrayLists)

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Why arrays?

general rule: ArrayLists are better, more abstract, arrays – USE THEM!

- they provide the basic array structure with many useful methods provided for free

```
get, set, add, size, contains, indexOf, remove, ...
```

- plus, the size of an ArrayList automatically adjusts as you add/remove items

when *might* you want to use an array?

- if the size of the list will never change and you merely want to access/assign items, then the advantages of arrays may be sufficient to warrant their use
 - ✓ if the initial contents are known, they can be assigned when the array is created

```
String[] answers = { "yes", "no", "maybe" };
```

- ✓ the [] notation allows for both access and assignment (instead of get & set)

```
int[] counts = new int[11];  
...  
counts[die1.roll() + die2.roll()]++;
```

- ✓ you can store primitive types directly, so no autoboxing/unboxing

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Related example: word frequencies

recall:

- Dictionary class reads in words from a file, stores unique words
- LetterFreq class reads in words from a file, stores letter frequencies

could combine ideas from these two classes to perform a different task:
keep frequency counts for individual words

```
fourscore: 1  
and: 5  
seven: 1  
years: 1  
ago: 1  
our: 2  
fathers: 1  
brought: 1  
forth: 1  
on: 2  
this: 3  
.  
.  
.
```

as in Dictionary, will need an ArrayList to store the words as they are read in

as in LetterFreq, will need to keep a counter for each word that is stored:

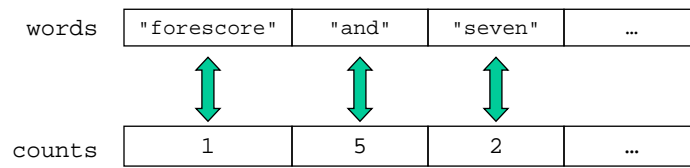
- first time read, create new entry with count of 1
- each subsequent time, just increment the count

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Parallel lists

one approach to storing the words and their associated counts is with *parallel lists*

- related values are stored in separate lists, with corresponding values at corresponding indices
e.g., `words` stores the words
`counts` stores the frequency counts for those words



note: `counts.get(i)` is the number of times that `words.get(i)` appears in the file

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WordFreq implementation

```
public class WordFreq {
    private ArrayList<String> words;
    private ArrayList<Integer> counts;

    public WordFreq() {
        this.words = new ArrayList<String>();
        this.counts = new ArrayList<Integer>();
    }

    public WordFreq(String fileName) throws java.io.FileNotFoundException {
        this.words = new ArrayList<String>();
        this.counts = new ArrayList<Integer>();

        Scanner infile = new Scanner(new File(fileName));
        while (infile.hasNext()) {
            String nextWord = infile.next();
            this.addWord(nextWord);
        }
    }

    public void addWord(String newWord) {
        int index = words.indexOf(newWord);
        if (index == -1) {
            this.words.add(newWord);
            this.counts.add(1);
        }
        else {
            this.counts.set(index, this.counts.get(index)+1);
        }
    }
}
```

must use an ArrayList for the counts since the size will grow

initialize both lists to be empty

call `addWord` to add each word as it is read in

if not already stored, add the word with count of 1, else increment its count

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WordFreq implementation (cont.)

```
...  
  
public int wordCount(String desiredWord) {  
    int index = this.words.indexOf(desiredWord);  
    if (index == -1) {  
        return 0;  
    }  
    else {  
        return this.counts.get(index);  
    }  
}  
  
public int numWords() {  
    return this.words.size();  
}  
  
public void showAll() {  
    for (int i = 0; i < this.words.size(); i++) {  
        System.out.println(this.words.get(i) + ": " + this.counts.get(i));  
    }  
}
```

wordCount looks up the word, and if found returns its count

numWords simply returns the size of the lists

showAll traverses the lists and shows each word & count

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