CS2110 Recitation 07.
Interfaces Iterator and Iterable.
Nested, Inner, and static classes

We work often with a class C (say) that implements a

- bag: unordered collection of elements (duplicates allowed)
- set: bag in which no duplicated allowed (call it a unibag!)
- list: ordered collection of elements

We show you how to fix class C<T> so that you can write:

```
C<String>  ob=  new C<String>();
Populate ob with some elements;
for (String s: ob) {
     do something with s
}
```

foreach loop

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Interface Iterator

Start with interface Iterator. in java.util

A class that implements Iterator needs three functions that make it easy to "enumerate" the elements of a collection —a bag, a set, a list, whatever.

Required functions:
- hasNext()
- next()
- remove()

To enumerate: to provide a list of

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To implement interface Iterator<T>

in java.util

```
interface Iterator<T> {
   /** Return true iff the enumeration has more elements */
   public boolean hasNext();

   /** Return the next element of the enumeration.
       Throw a NoSuchElementException if there are no more. */
   public T next();

   /** Remove the last element returned by the iterator.
       …
       Throw UnsupportedOperationException if you don't want
       to implement this operation. We don't. */
   public void remove();
}
```

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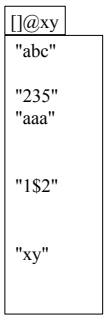
Example of a class that implements Iterator<T>

b []@xy

Recall implementation of hashing from last week. Each element of b is either

1. **null**
2. A HashEntry object with isInSet **false**
3. A HashEntry object with isInSet **true**

We need a class that enumerates the elements in the objects in alternative 3.



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Class HashSetIterator

```
/** An instance is an Iterator of this HashSet */
private class HashSetIterator<T> implements Iterator {
    // all elements in b[0..pos] have been enumerated
    private int pos= -1;

    // number of elements that have been enumerated
    private int enumerated= 0;

    /** = "there is another element to enumerate". */
    public @Override boolean hasNext() {
       return enumerated != size;
    }

    // continued on next slide
```

field size of class HashSet

```
/** = the next element to enumerate.
       Throw a NoSuchElementException if no elements left */
public @Override T next() {
   if (!hasNext())  throw new NoSuchElementException();
   pos= pos+1;
   while (b[pos] == null || !b[pos].isInSet) {
         pos= pos+1;
   }
   enumerated= enumerated+1;
   return (T)(b[pos].element);
}

/** Remove is not supported. */
public @Override void remove() throws …{
    throw new UnsupportedOperationException();
}
```

Class HashSetIterator

HashSetIterator has to be an inner class

```
public class HashSet<T> {
    private HashEntry<T>[] b;
    private int size= 0;
    public boolean add(T x) { …}
    …

    private class HashSetIterator<T> implements iterator {
       public boolean hasNext() { … }
       public T next() { … }
       public void remove() { … }
    }
}
```

It has to be defined inside class HashSet

These refer to size and b

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```
HashSet<Integer> hs= new HashSet<Integer>();
Add a bunch of integers to hs;

// Print all elements in hs
Iterator<Integer> it= hs.iterator();
while (it.hasNext()) {
   Integer k= it.next();
   System.out.println(k);
}
```

Using the iterator

```
public class HashSet<T> {
    …
    public Iterator<T> iterator( ) {
        return new HashSetIterator();
    }
    private class HashSetIterator<T>
                        implements Iterator {…}
}
```

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Using the iterator

hs HS@24 it HSI@bc

```
HashSet<Integer> hs= new HashSet<Integer>();
Add a bunch of integers to hs;
// Print all elements in hs
Iterator<Integer> it= hs.iterator();
while (it.hasNext()) {
    Integer k= it.next();
    System.out.println(k);
}
```

HS@24: … add(…) iterator()

HashSetIterator: b ..

HSI@bc: hasNext() {…} next() {…}

```
public class HashSet<T> {
    public boolean add(T x)
     …
    public @Override Iterator<T> iterator( )
    private class HashSetIterator<T> implements Iterator
}
```

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Interface Iterable<T>

In java.lang

Requires one method:

```
/** Return an Iterator over a set of elements of type T */
public Iterator<T> iterator()
```

Java API says "set", but should say "collection" –a set, a bag, a list, whatever

If class C implements Iterable<T>, we can write

```
for (T v : object) {…}
```

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```
public class HashSet<T>  implements Iterable<T> {
    private HashEntry<T>[] b;
    private int size= 0;
    public boolean add(T x) { …}
    …
    /** Return an Iterator for enumerating the set. */
    public @Override Iterator<T> iterator( ) {
        return new HashSetIterator<T>();
    }
    private class HashSetIterator<T> implements Iterator {
       public boolean hasNext() { … }
       public T next() { … }
       public void remove() { … }
    }
}
```

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Using the foreach loop

```
HashSet<Integer> hs= new HashSet<Integer>();
Add a bunch of strings to hs;
// Print all elements in hs
Iterator<Integer> it= hs.iterator();
while (it.hasNext()) {
   Integer k= it.next();
   System.out.println(k);
}
```

```
for (Integer  k : hs) {
    System.out.println(k);
}
```

HashSet implements Iterable, so you can replace the declaration of it and the while loop by the foreach loop. "syntactic sugar"

```
public class HashSet<T>  implements  Iterable<T> {
    public @Override Iterator<T> iterator( )
    private class HashSetIterator<T> implements Iterator
    …
```

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Don't try to change the set in a foreach!!

```
HashSet<Integer> hs= new HashSet<Integer>();
Add a bunch of strings to hs;
// Print all elements in hs
for (Integer  k : hs) {
    hs.add(-k);
}
```

This may change array b and int field size. May cause rehash. hs's class invariant (meanings of hs.pos and it.enumerated) no longer holds.

Don't do this either →

```
Iterator<Integer> it=  hs.iterator();
while (it.hasNext()) {
    Integer k=  it.next();
    hs.add(-k);
}
```

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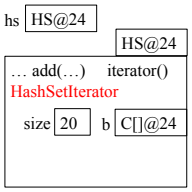
HashSetIterator is an **inner class of HashSet**

Declared within HashSet, often made private so can't be referenced directly from outside



HashSetIterator is in each HashSet object

```
public class HashSet<T>  implements Iterable<T> {
    public boolean add(T x)
     …
    public @Override Iterator<T> iterator( )
    private class HashSetIterator<T> implements iterator
}
```

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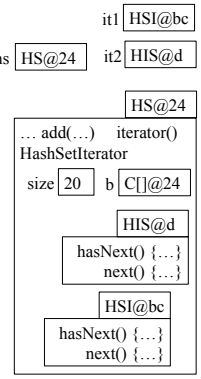
Think of HashSetIterator objects also as being inside a HashSet object. Then, normal inside-out rule shows you that hasNext() and next() can reference b and size.

```
HashSet<C> hs=
          new HashSet<C>();
…
Iterator<C> it1= hs.iterator();

Iterator<C> it2= hs.iterator();
```

Diagram: two HashSetIterator objects in HashSet object. Two enumerations of set going on at same time?



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A foreach loop within a foreach loop

```
HashSet<Integer> hs=  new HashSet<Integer>();
Add a bunch of strings to hs;

for (Integer  k : hs) {
    for (Integer h : hs) {
        Compare set elements k and h in some way
    }
}
```

```
public class HashSet<T>  implements  Iterable<T>;
    public @Override Iterator<T> iterator( )
    private class HashSetIterator<T> implements Iterator
}
```

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Nested class Inner class static nested class

```
public class HashSet<T>  implements Iterable<T>;
    public boolean add(T x)
     …
    public @Override Iterator<T> iterator( )
    private class HashSetIterator<T> implements Iterator {}
    private static class HashEntry<T> {}
}
```

Nested class: a class declared inside another:

HashSetIterator and HashEntry are declared within class HashSet, so they are nested classes.

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Nested class Inner class static nested class

```
public class HashSet<T>  implements Iterable<T>;
    public boolean add(T x)
     …
    public @Override Iterator<T> iterator( )
    private class HashSetIterator<T> implements Iterator {}
    private static class HashEntry<T> {}
}
```

Inner class: a nested class that is not static. When instances are created, they live within an object of the outer class.

HashSetIterator is an inner class. It has to live within a HashSet object so that is objects can reference fields b and size. See slide 15!

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Nested class Static nested class Inner class

```
public class HashSet<T>  implements Iterable<T>;
    public boolean add(T x)
     …
    public @Override Iterator<T> iterator( )
    private class HashSetIterator<T> implements Iterator {}
    private static class HashEntry<T> {}
}
```

Static nested class: a nested class that is static. When instances are created, they do *not* live within an object of the outer class.

HashEntry is a static nested class. Its objects do not need to be in HashSet objects because it does not reference HashSet fields or instance methods.

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Nested class Inner class static nested class

Make a class an inner class so that its objects can reference fields or instance methods of the outer class.

Make a class SNC a static nested class within class C when:

1. SNC is used only within C, and there is no need for program parts outside C to know about SNC . Example: HashEntry
2. SNC does not reference any fields or instance methods of C . Example: HashEntry

Effect: Nesting SNC within C hides it from the outside world. Only those interested in how C is implemented need to know about it. Making SNC static is more efficient —there is only one copy of the class; it does not reside in objects of class C .

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Nested class Inner class static nested class

There are certain restrictions on inner classes and nested static classes. We don't go into them.

You have seen one nested static class: HashEntry

You have seen several inner classes: HashSetIterator and some classes that are used to help implement listening to GUI events –discussed in that lecture.

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