

Before starting this discussion, watch the [Iterator tutorials](#) on the Java HyperText.

1. Create a file called `written.txt` and answer the following questions:

- (a) Explain the difference between interface `Iterator<E>` and interface `Iterable<E>`
- (b) The following code is intended to enumerate and print the strings in a collection. Indicate what is wrong with the code:

```

Iterator<String> it = ...;
while(it.next()) {
    System.out.println(it.next());
}

```

- (c) The following code is intended to print the strings in a collection. This code will only work in certain situations. When will it work, and when will it fail?

```

Iterator<String> it = ...;
while(it.hasNext()) {
    System.out.println(it.next());
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}

```

2. In project 2, you implemented a doubly-linked list. Because your implementation extended `AbstractList`, it inherits a default implementation of the `iterator` method.

This implementation is not very efficient for linked lists, because it is defined in terms of `get` which runs in linear (not constant) time. Repeated calls to `next` will call `get(0)`, `get(1)`, `get(2)`, etc. Later calls to `get` will repeatedly traverse from the beginning of the list.

Here, you will override this method for your (or ours, if you prefer) `DLinkedList` class.

- Download the file `DListIteratorTest.java` from CMS. Put it in your project for assignment 2. If you want to use our `DLinkedList` implementation, you can find the solution in CMS under the “Project 2” assignment.
- There are two JUnit tests in `DListIteratorTest`. Run them. They should pass, because the inherited implementation of `List.iterator()` works. Run them to double check.
- In class `DLinkedList`, add an `iterator` method that overrides `List.iterator` (the tests should now fail):

```

1  /** @see java.util.List.iterator() */
2  @Override
3  public Iterator<E> iterator() {
4      throw new NotImplementedError();
5  }

```

- Create a new inner class `DListIterator` inside of your `DLinkedList` class:

```

1  /** An instance iterates over a DLinkedList */
2  private class DListIterator implements Iterator<E> {
3  }

```

Ask eclipse to add the unimplemented methods, and make them throw `NotImplementedErrors`. Change the `iterator` method to create and return a new `DListIterator`.

- Complete the implementation of `DListIterator`. An iterator represents a “position” in a list; for the `DLinkedList`, a reference to a `Node` is a good way to represent a position.
3. For an additional challenge (this is not required), you can change your `DListIterator` class so that it implements the [ListIterator interface](#) instead of just `Iterator`. If you do this, you should also override the `listIterator` method in your `DLinkedList` class.