CSCI 132: Basic Data Structures and Algorithms

More Java Constructs

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Announcements

- Program 5 due Sunday (12/10)
- No lecture on Wednesday (Program 5 help session)
- Take some time this week to double check your grades
- Final Exam Wednesday December 13th 2:00 PM – 3:50 PM

 Rubber Duck Extra credit screenshot due by Friday



• Fill out the course evaluation



Since the LinkedList class implements the Queue interface, it can be treated as a Queue object

```
import java.util.LinkedList;
import java.util.Queue;
```

```
LinkedList<String> queue = new LinkedList<String>();
```



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Instead of writing many if/else statements, you can use the switch statement

The switch statement selects one of many code blocks to be executed

```
int day = 4;
switch (day) {
    case 1:
        System.out.println("Monday");
        break;
    case 2:
        System.out.println("Tuesday");
        break;
    case 3:
       System.out.println("Wednesday");
       break;
    default:
       System.out.println("???");
```

These can be efficient when working with many possible conditions. They serve the same purpose as if statements, but are *slightly* more efficient



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Python's .sort() function uses a hybrid of merge sort and insertion sort, called Timsort

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Timsort is a hybrid, stable sorting algorithm, derived from merge sort and insertion sort, designed to perform well on many kinds of real-world data. It was implemented by Tim Peters in 2002 for use in the Python programming language. The algorithm finds subsequences of the data that are already ordered (runs) and uses them to sort the remainder more efficiently. This is done by merging runs until certain criteria are fulfilled. Timsort has been Python's standard sorting algorithm since version 2.3. It is also used to sort arrays of non-primitive type in Java SE 7,^[4] on the Android platform,^[5] in GNU Octave,^[6] on V8,^[7] Swift,^[8] and Rust.^[9]

It uses techniques from Peter McIlroy's 1993 paper "Optimistic Sorting and Information Theoretic Complexity".^[10]

Timsort					
Class	Sorting algorithm				
Data structure	Array				
Worst-case performance	$O(n \log n)^{[1][2]}$				
Best-case performance	$O(n)^{[3]}$				
Average performance	$O(n \log n)$				
Worst-case space complexity	O(n)				



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public class Node {
    private String name;
    private Node next;
    public Node(String c) {
        this.name = c;
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    }
    ...
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```
public class GenericLinkedList {
   public class Node<E>{
                               The data can be
       E data; 🔺
                               any object
       Node<E> next;
                             When we create a Node
       public Node(E data){
           this.data = data;
                             object, we will give it
           this.next = null;
                             some data type
       }
       public E getData() {
                               getData() will now return
           return this.data;
                               some generic object E
       }
       public Node getNext() {
           return this.next;
       }
   private Node head;
                               Start of Linked List class
   private int size;
   public GenericLinkedList() {
       this.head = null;
       this.size = 0;
   }
```

public <E> void add(E newData) {

We can **embed** a class within another class (although I don't recommend doing this unless the class is very small and/or the classe are strongly related to each other)

<E> is used to indicate that this Node class will hold a **Generic object**. It can be *any* object

This is very helpful for cases when we might not know what data type we will be working with

<T> is also a value used to indicate a generic object

