

Assignment 3

ArrayList with Iterators

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You are to write a generic (templated) C++ ArrayList class, along with an Iterator nested class. There will also be some code for testing this implementation.

The principal class will be called **ArrayList**, and it should be templated on the type of the object it holds. (E.g. ArrayList<int> or ArrayList<string>.) It will have a private array in which it keeps the elements. The array is required to grow when it reaches its capacity, so there is never a problem inserting elements. The array should also be used in a **circular fashion** in order to provide for fast insertFront() and removeFront() methods. (The circular use of arrays has been covered in lecture.)

ArrayList should have the following member functions (T is the template parameter).

<u>type</u>	<u>name</u>	
T&	operator[](int i)	// returns the element at index i of the ArrayList. // note that this is not index i of the underlying array.
T&	front()	// returns the element at the front of the ArrayList.
T&	back()	// returns the element at the back of the ArrayList.
void	insertFront(T& e)	// insert at the front of the ArrayList. // Grows underlying array if necessary.
void	insertBack(T& e)	// insert at the back of the ArrayList. // Grows underlying array if necessary.
void	insert(Iterator p, T& e)	// insert before the iterator p. This could involve growing // the underlying array and/or copying elements forward in it.
void	removeFront()	// removes the front element of the ArrayList. // throw an EmptyListException if ArrayList is empty.
void	removeBack()	// removes the back element of the ArrayList. // throw an EmptyListException if ArrayList is empty.
void	remove(Iterator p)	// removes the element at the iterator p from the ArrayList. // may involve copying of elements. // throw if ArrayList is empty.
int	size()	// number of elements in ArrayList
bool	empty()	// is size = 0?
Iterator	begin()	// an iterator to the first element
Iterator	end()	// an iterator to the element after the last element.

It should also have a constructor and a destructor. As a constructor argument, it should take a capacity, which is the size of the array that it makes to hold the elements. This argument should default to 4.

If there is a insert-type operation and the underlying array is at capacity (i.e. it's full), then make a new array that has twice the size of the old capacity and copy the elements from the old array to the new array. Delete the old array.

If an iterator argument is used in a function, throw an `InvalidIteratorException` if the iterator is not valid (too small or too large).

`EmptyListException` and `InvalidIteratorException` are new classes that you should create. They can be created in the same file as the `ArrayList` or in their own files.

Iterators should have the following member functions:

```
T&    operator*()           // gives the reference to the object at the iterator's position.
Iterator operator++()       // moves the iterator one forward in the ArrayList
Iterator operator--()       // moves the iterator one backwards in the ArrayList
bool operator==(Iterator& i) // compares this iterator with the iterator i. Works even if i
                             // is an invalid iterator.
```

Iterator should be a nested class within `ArrayList`.

Note that the functions above (in both classes) are given approximately. Add references (&) where necessary or sensible, and add **const** to arguments and functions if they are const. I also haven't defined all the data members that the classes should have.

To exercise your `ArrayList` functionality, your main routine should call three test functions. These are: `testArrayListUnderflow()`, `testIntegerIterator()`, `testStringIterator()`.

`testArrayListUnderflow()` will check to see if your exception is thrown when the `ArrayList` underflows. In it, you should use a three try-catch statements that catches `EmptyListException`. Inside the first try block, create an `ArrayList` of ints, insert an element onto it, call `removeFront()` twice, and then print "did not catch exception". Inside the catch block, print "caught `EmptyStackException`". Inside the second try block, do the same thing except call `removeBack()` twice instead of `removeFront()`. Inside the third try block, do the same thing with `remove(p)`, where `p` is the iterator `begin()`.

`testIntegerIterator()` should set up an int `ArrayList` of 4 elements, putting six elements on it with `insertBack()`. (This tests the `ArrayList` growth). Then it should print the six elements individually, by looping through the `ArrayList` with an iterator using the standard idiom:

```
for(ArrayList::Iterator iter = L.begin(); iter != L.end(); iter++) {
    cout << *iter << " ";
}
cout << endl;
```

Next, `testIntegerIterator` should `removeFront()` three times, then `insertBack()` three times. Now the underlying array should be at size 8 and have the head after the tail in the underlying array. Again print the items of the `ArrayList` by looping using the standard idiom.

`testStringIterator` does the same thing as `testIntegerIterator` does, except it uses string data.

Add any other tests you feel like adding, but call and print them after the required tests.

Print a blank line between each pair of tests in main. Add any output that helps clarify what the testing is doing.

All classes should be in separate files (`.cpp` and/or `.h`) named with the class name. (The exception classes are exceptions to this.)

You will be judged on correctness of your code and on code style, so don't forget to keep your code clean as you develop it! (Or at the very least, clean it up before submission. We don't want to see untidy code.)