From Data to Pixels

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Data structures

Arrays should be familiar by now

- Fast
- Space efficient
- Easy to access items
- Hard to insert/remove items or change size
- No hierarchy

Lists

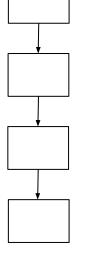
- Dynamic
- Easy to insert/remove items
- Size can grow and shrink as needed

List head and tail

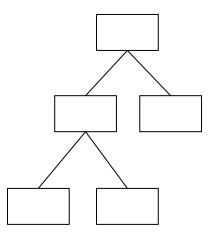
For built-in types: IntList, FloatList, StringList

For objects: ArrayList<type>

.size() instead of .length



Trees



Contain hierarchy in addition to the data

A tree consists of nodes

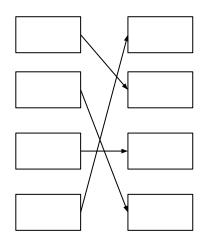
Tree root, leaves and height

Parent and child nodes

Hierarchical data: HTML, XML, organizations, game worlds ...

No ready-made trees in Java, but easy to do or find libraries

Hash tables



(or hash maps, maps or dictionaries)

Key/value pairs

Search by key, get the value

For built-in types: IntDict, FloatDict, StringDict

For general use: HashMap and Hashtable

Regular expressions

Powerful notation for searching and replacing text in strings

Available on strings through:

- matches()
- split()
- replaceFirst()
- replaceAll()
- not: replace()