

Efficiency of the List ADT Implementations

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	ArrayList	LinkedList
getItem()	only one case: $O(1)$ (because arrays provide random access!)	best: $O(1)$ to get the first item worst: $O(n)$ to get the last item (need to walk down all n nodes) average: $O(n)$ (on average, walk halfway down)
addItem()	best: $O(1)$ to add to the end (no shifting needed!) worst: $O(n)$ to add to the start (all n items are shifted right) average: $O(n)$ (on average, shift $n/2$ items)	best: $O(1)$ to add to the front (no need to walk down!) worst: $O(n)$ to add to the end (need to walk down the full list) average: $O(n)$ (on average, walk halfway down) note: could make adding to the end $O(1)$ by keeping an extra reference to the last node

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	ArrayList	LinkedList
removeItem()	best: $O(1)$ to remove the last item (no shifting needed!) worst: $O(n)$ to remove first item (all n items are shifted left) average: $O(n)$ (on average, shift $n/2$ items)	best: $O(1)$ to remove the first item (no need to walk down!) worst: $O(n)$ to remove the last item (need to walk down the full list) average: $O(n)$ (on average, walk halfway down) Could we make removing the last item $O(1)$? not in a singly-linked list! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • need to modify the <i>second-to-last</i> node • even if we add a reference to that node, updating it would take $O(n)$ steps!
space efficiency	$O(m)$ where m is the <i>anticipated</i> maximum length	$O(n)$