

# Filtered List

[Here is a video walkthrough of the solutions.](#)

We want to make a `FilteredList` class that selects only certain elements of a `List` during iteration. To do so, we're going to use the `Predicate` interface defined below. Note that it has a method, `test` that takes in an argument and returns `True` if we want to keep this argument or `False` otherwise.

```
public interface Predicate<T> {  
    boolean test(T x);  
}
```

For example, if `L` is any kind of object that implements `List<String>` (that is, the standard `java.util.List`), then writing

```
FilteredList<String> FL = new FilteredList<>(L, filter);
```

gives an **iterable** containing all items, `x`, in `L` for which `filter.test(x)` is `True`. Here, `filter` is of type `Predicate`. Fill in the `FilteredList` class below.

```
1  import java.util.*;  
2  public class FilteredList<T> ----- {  
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4  
5      public FilteredList (List<T> L, Predicate<T> filter) {  
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8  
9      }  
10     @Override  
11     public Iterator<T> iterator() {  
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13     }  
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```

**Solution:**

```
1  import java.util.*;
```

```

2
3 class FilteredList<T> implements Iterable<T> {
4     List<T> list;
5     Predicate<T> pred;
6
7     public FilteredList(List<T> L, Predicate<T> filter) {
8         this.list = L;
9         this.pred = filter;
10    }
11
12    public Iterator<T> iterator() {
13        return new FilteredListIterator();
14    }
15
16    private class FilteredListIterator implements Iterator<T> {
17        int index;
18
19        public FilteredListIterator() {
20            index = 0;
21            moveIndex();
22        }
23
24        @Override
25        public boolean hasNext() {
26            return index < list.size();
27        }
28
29        @Override
30        public T next() {
31            if (!hasNext()) {
32                throw new NoSuchElementException();
33            }
34            T answer = list.get(index);
35            index += 1;
36            moveIndex();
37            return answer;
38        }
39        private void moveIndex() {
40            while (hasNext() && !pred.test(list.get(index))) {
41                index += 1;
42            }
43        }
44    }
45 }

```

**Alternate Solution:** Although this solution provides the right functionality, it is not as efficient as the first one. Imagine you only want the first couple items from the iterable. Is it worth processing the entire list in the constructor? It is not ideal in the case that our list is millions of elements long. The first solution is different in that we "lazily" evaluate the list, only progressing our index on every call to `next` and `hasNext`. However, this solution may be easier to digest.

```
1  import java.util.*;
2
3  class FilteredList<T> implements Iterable<T> {
4      List<T> list;
5      Predicate<T> pred;
6
7      public FilteredList(List<T> L, Predicate<T> filter) {
8          this.list = L;
9          this.pred = filter;
10     }
11
12     public Iterator<T> iterator() {
13         return new FilteredListIterator();
14     }
15
16     private class FilteredListIterator implements Iterator<T> {
17         LinkedList<T> items;
18
19         public FilteredListIterator() {
20             items = new LinkedList<>();
21             for (T item: list) {
22                 if (pred.test(item)) {
23                     items.add(item);
24                 }
25             }
26         }
27
28         @Override
29         public boolean hasNext() {
30             return !items.isEmpty();
31         }
32
33         @Override
34         public T next() {
35             if (!hasNext()) {
36                 throw new NoSuchElementException();
37             }
38             return items.removeFirst();
39         }
40     }
```