

We are built to make mistakes, coded for error.

Lewis Thomas

It is one thing to show a man that he is in error, and another to put him in possession of the truth.

John Locke

To use Eclipse you must have an installed version of the Java Runtime Environment (JRE).

The latest version is available from java.com.

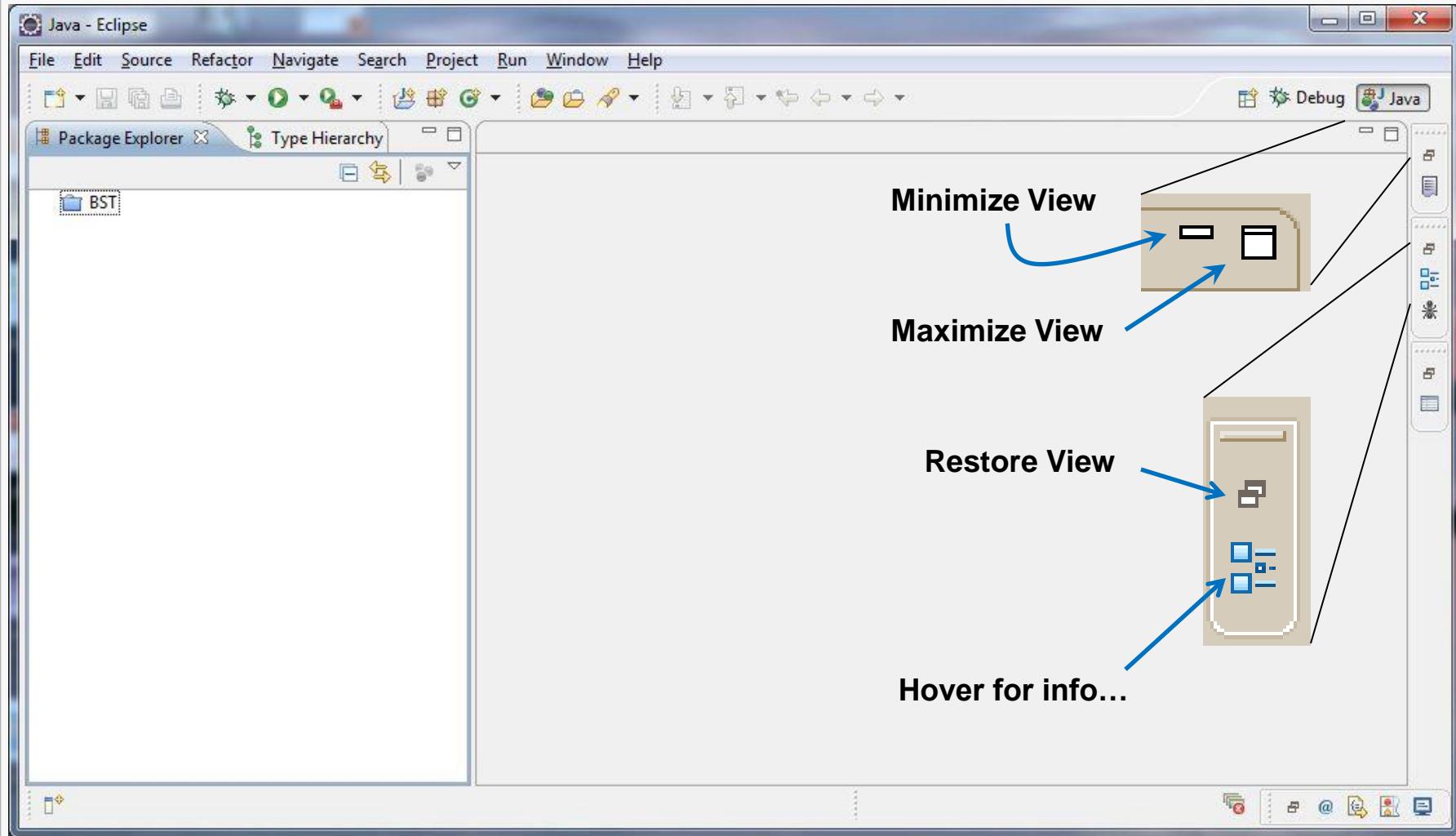
Since Eclipse includes its own Java compiler, it is not strictly necessary to have a version of the Java Development Kit (JDK) installed on your computer.

However, I recommend installing one anyway so that you can test your code against the "real" Java compiler.

The latest version is available from: www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/

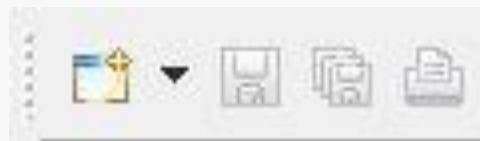
If you install the JDK, I recommend putting it in a root-level directory, and making sure there are no spaces in the pathname for the directory.

The initial Eclipse Workbench (my configuration):





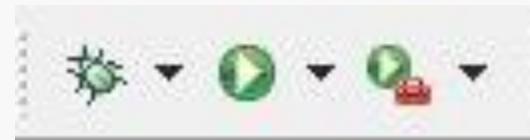
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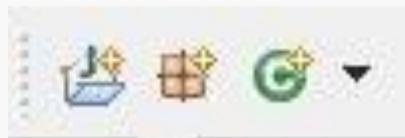
Build Project



Start Debugging + configurations

Run Project + configurations

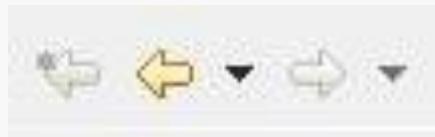
Run Last Tool + configurations



New Java Project / Package / Class



Open Type / Open Task / Search + options



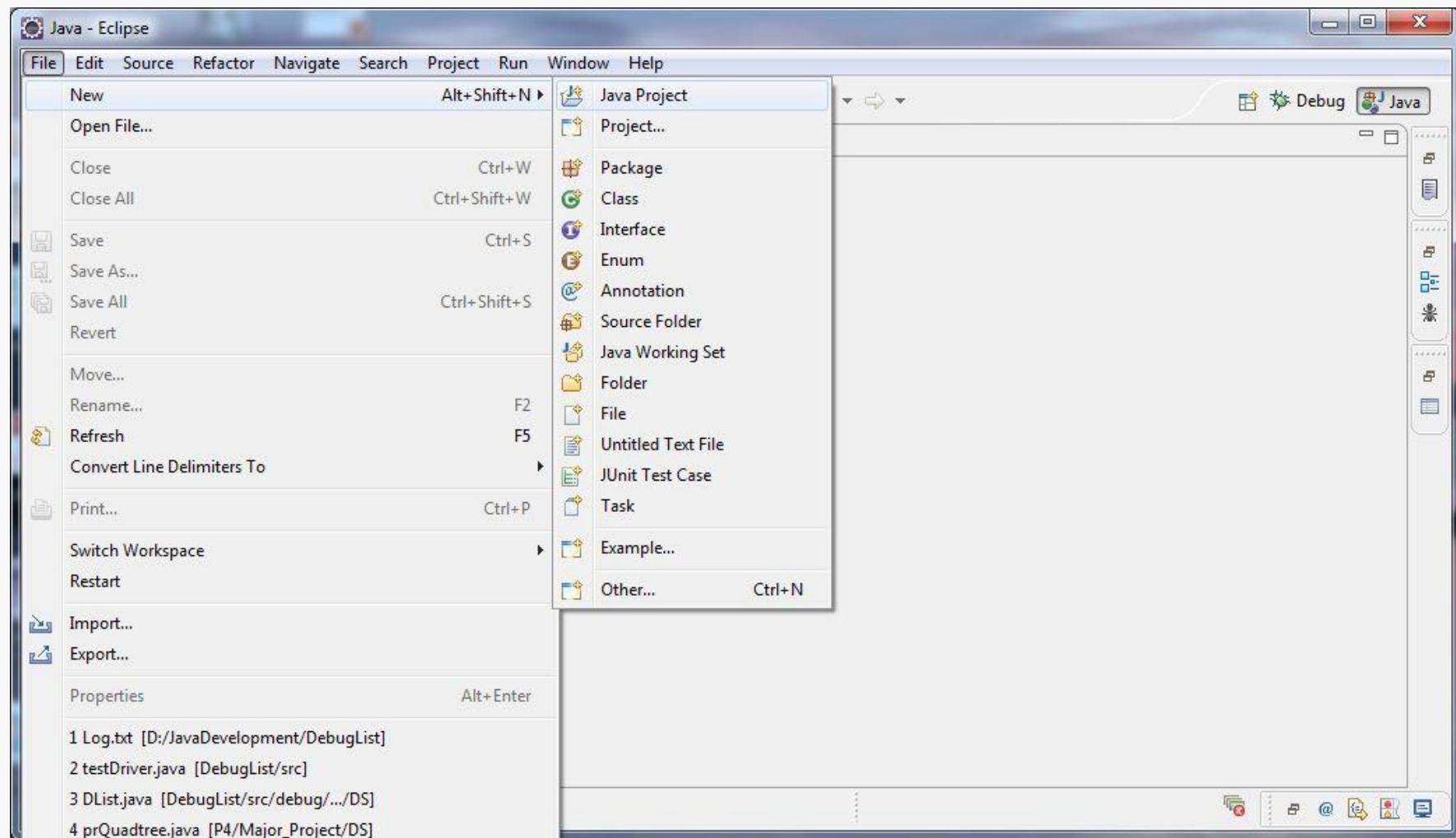
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Creating a New Java Project

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In the Workbench, select **File/New/Java Project**:

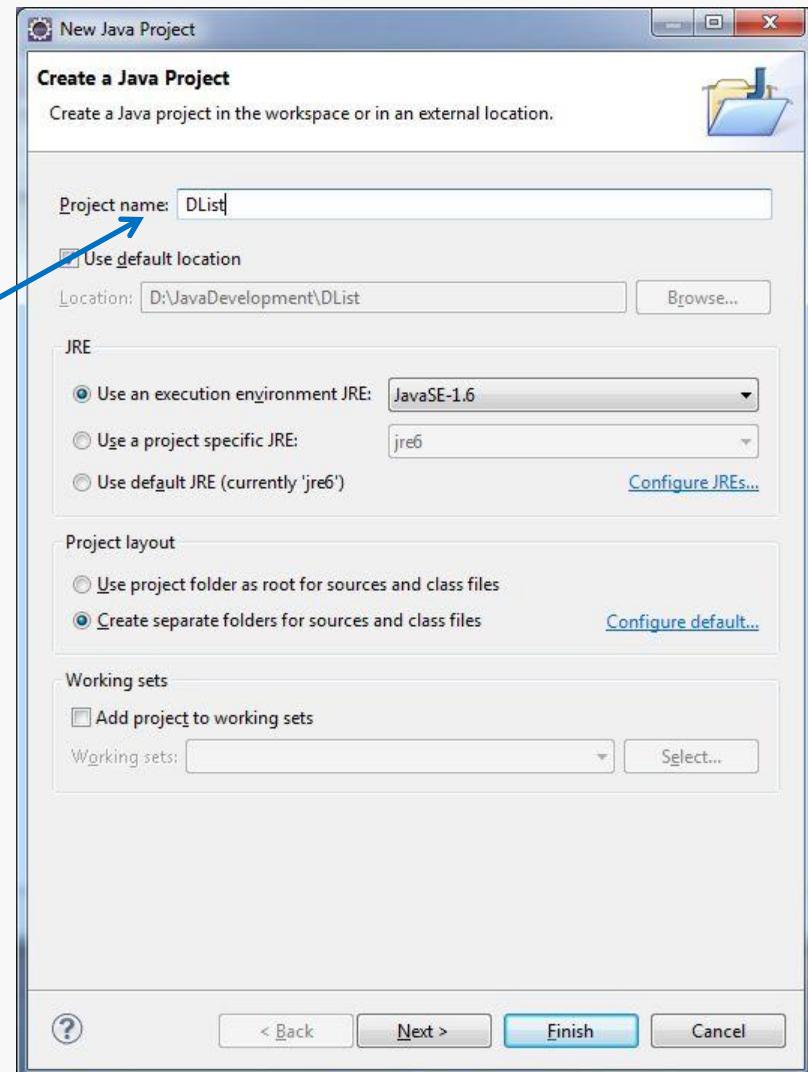


In the resulting dialog box:

Enter a name for the Project.

For now, just take the defaults for the remaining options.

Click **Next** and then **Finish** in the next dialog.

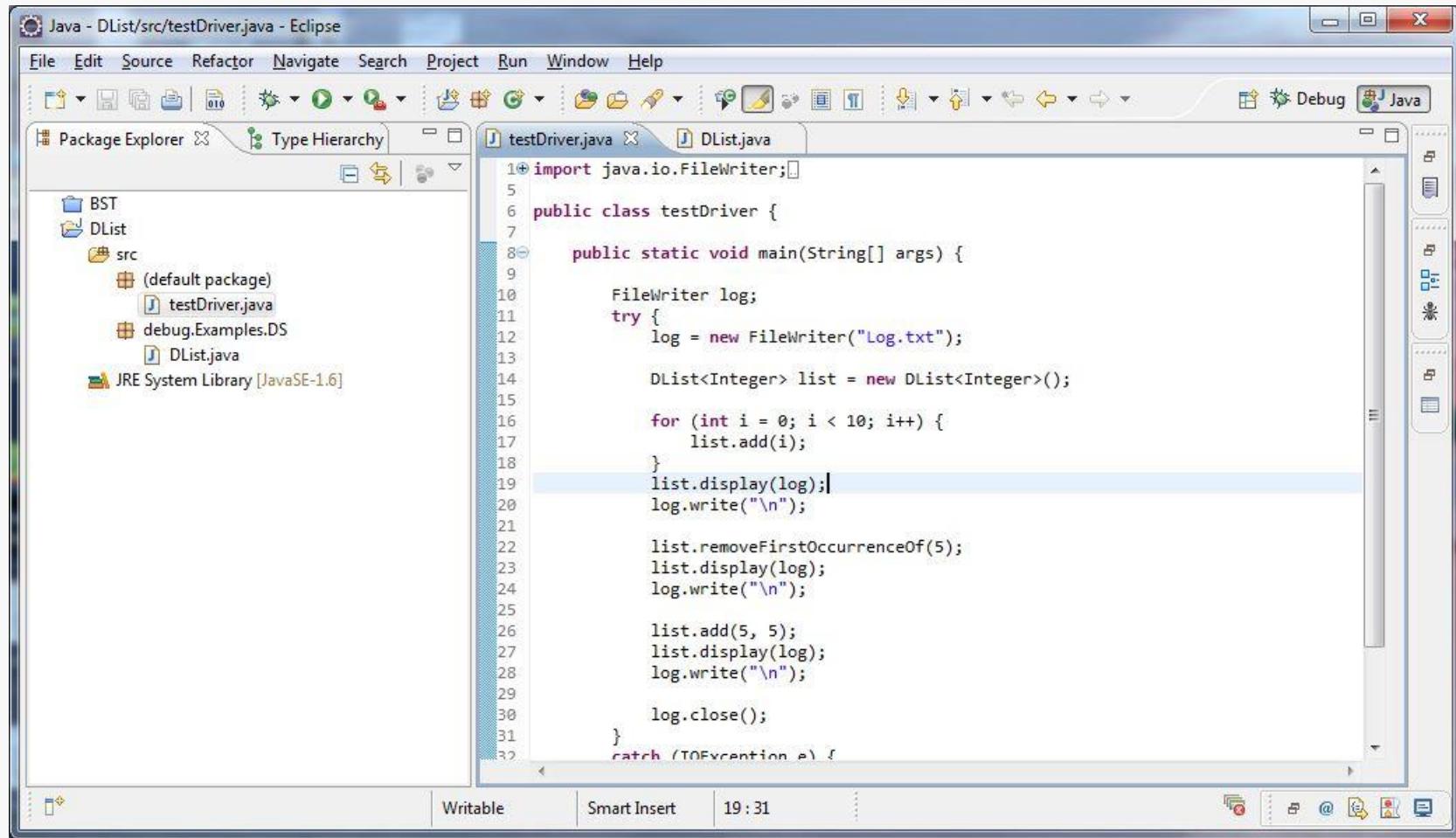


Download the file **DListExample.zip** from the course website Resources page, and place the contents into the **src** directory for the Eclipse project you just created:



Back in Eclipse, right-click on the project icon for **DList** and select **Refresh...**

Use the **Project** menu or click on the **Build All** button () to compile the code.



Running the Program

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To execute the program, click on the Run button (▶).

As indicated by the source code, the test driver writes its output to a file named **Log.txt**:

Unfortunately, there appears to be an error; the value 5 should have been added to the list and appear in the final listing of the contents... it's not there.

The screenshot shows a Notepad++ window displaying the contents of a file named Log.txt. The window has a toolbar at the top with various icons for file operations like Open, Save, Print, and Cut/Copy/Paste. The menu bar includes File, Edit, Search, View, Encoding, and Language. The main pane shows the following text:

```
D:\JavaDevelopment\DLList\Log.txt - Notepad++
File Edit Search View Encoding Language
Log.txt
1: 0: 0
2: 1: 1
3: 2: 2
4: 3: 3
5: 4: 4
6: 5: 5
7: 6: 6
8: 7: 7
9: 8: 8
10: 9: 9
11:
12: 0: 0
13: 1: 1
14: 2: 2
15: 3: 3
16: 4: 4
17: 5: 6
18: 6: 7
19: 7: 8
20: 8: 9
21:
22: 0: 0
23: 1: 1
24: 2: 2
25: 3: 3
26: 4: 4
27: 5: 6
28: 6: 7
29: 7: 8
30: 8: 9
```

Three annotations are overlaid on the text:

- display of initial list** points to the first 10 lines of the list.
- display of list after deleting 5** points to the lines from 12 to 20.
- display of list after reinserting 5** points to the lines from 22 to 30.

At the bottom of the Notepad++ window, status bars show "length : 171", "lines : 32", "Ln : 1", "Col : 1", and "Sel : 0".

Now, we have some clues about the error:

- The list appears to be OK after the first **for** loop completes; that doesn't indicate any problems with the **add()** method called there.
- The list appears to be OK after the call to the **removeFirstOccurrenceOf()** method; that doesn't indicate any problems there.
- The list is missing an element after the call to the second **add()** method; that seems to indicate the problem lies there...

It would be useful to be able to run the program to a certain point, check the state of the list (and perhaps other variables), and then step carefully through the subsequent execution, watching just how things change.

Fortunately, Eclipse provides considerable support for doing just that.

A *breakpoint* marks a location or condition under which we want the program's execution to be suspended.

Eclipse supports setting four kinds of breakpoints:

line breakpoint halt when execution reaches a specific statement

method breakpoint halt when execution enters/exits a specific method

expression breakpoint halt when a user-defined condition becomes true, or changes value

exception breakpoint halt when a particular Java exception occurs (caught or not)

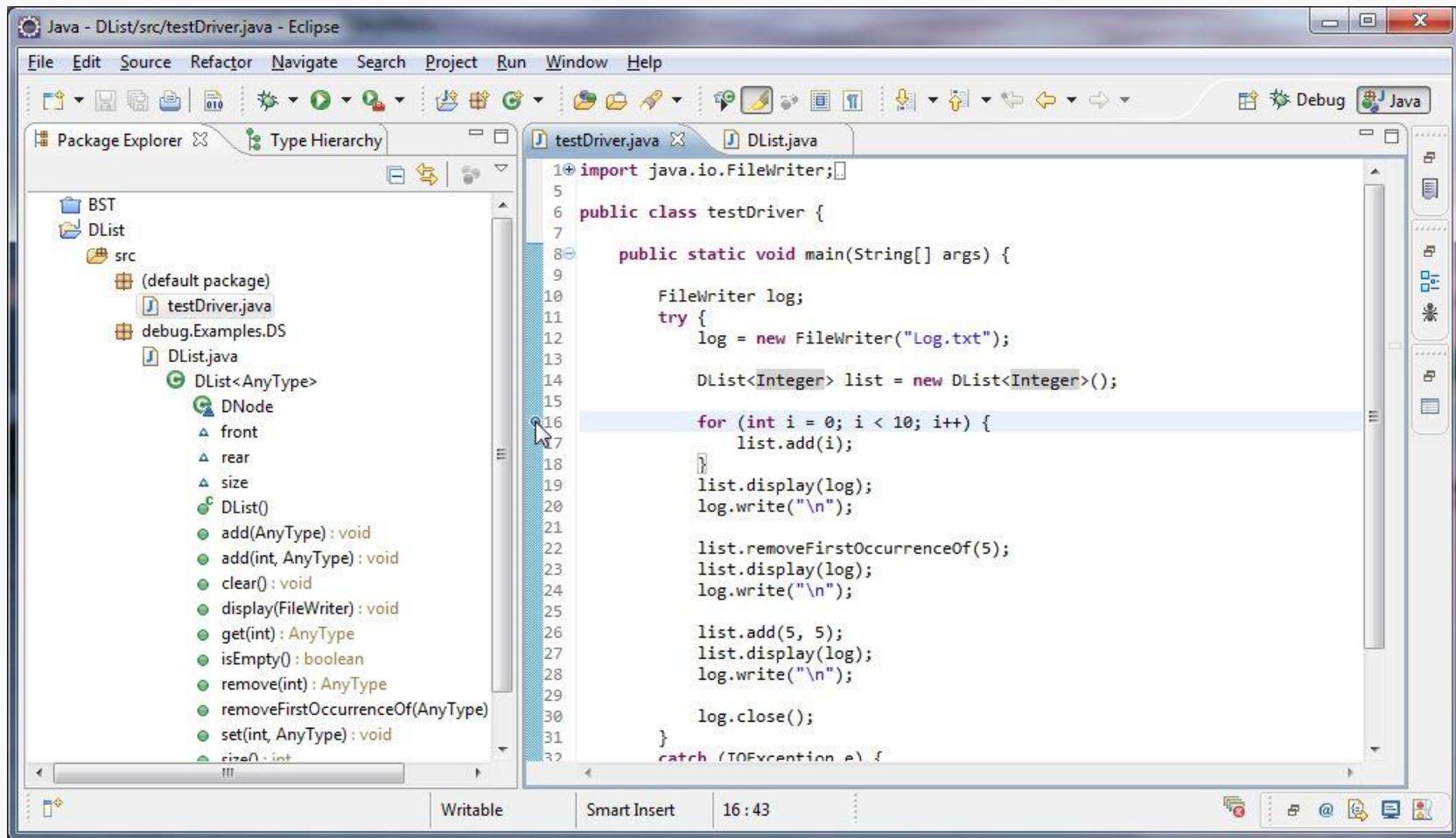
Setting a Line Breakpoint

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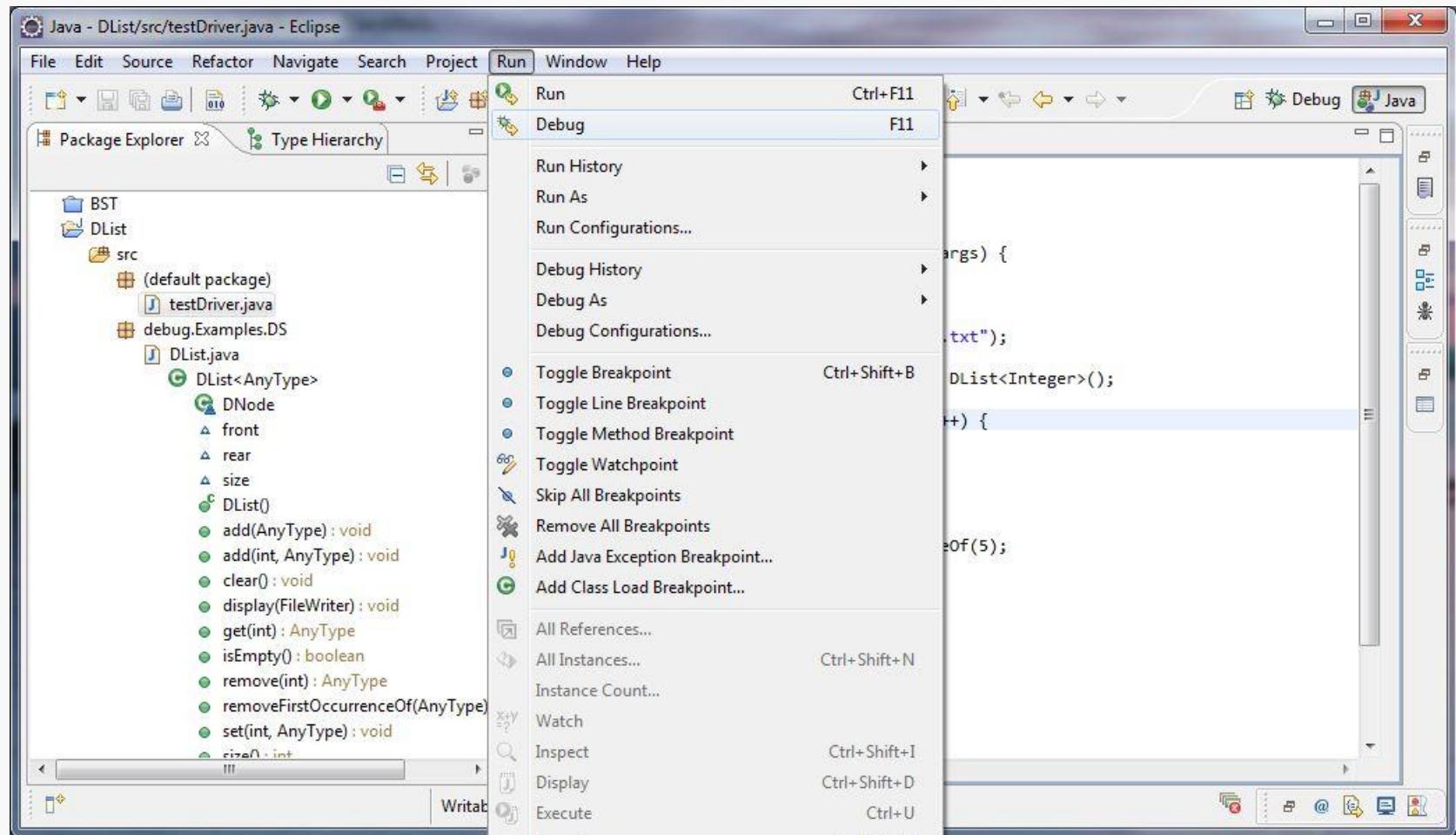
line breakpoint

halt when execution reaches a specific statement

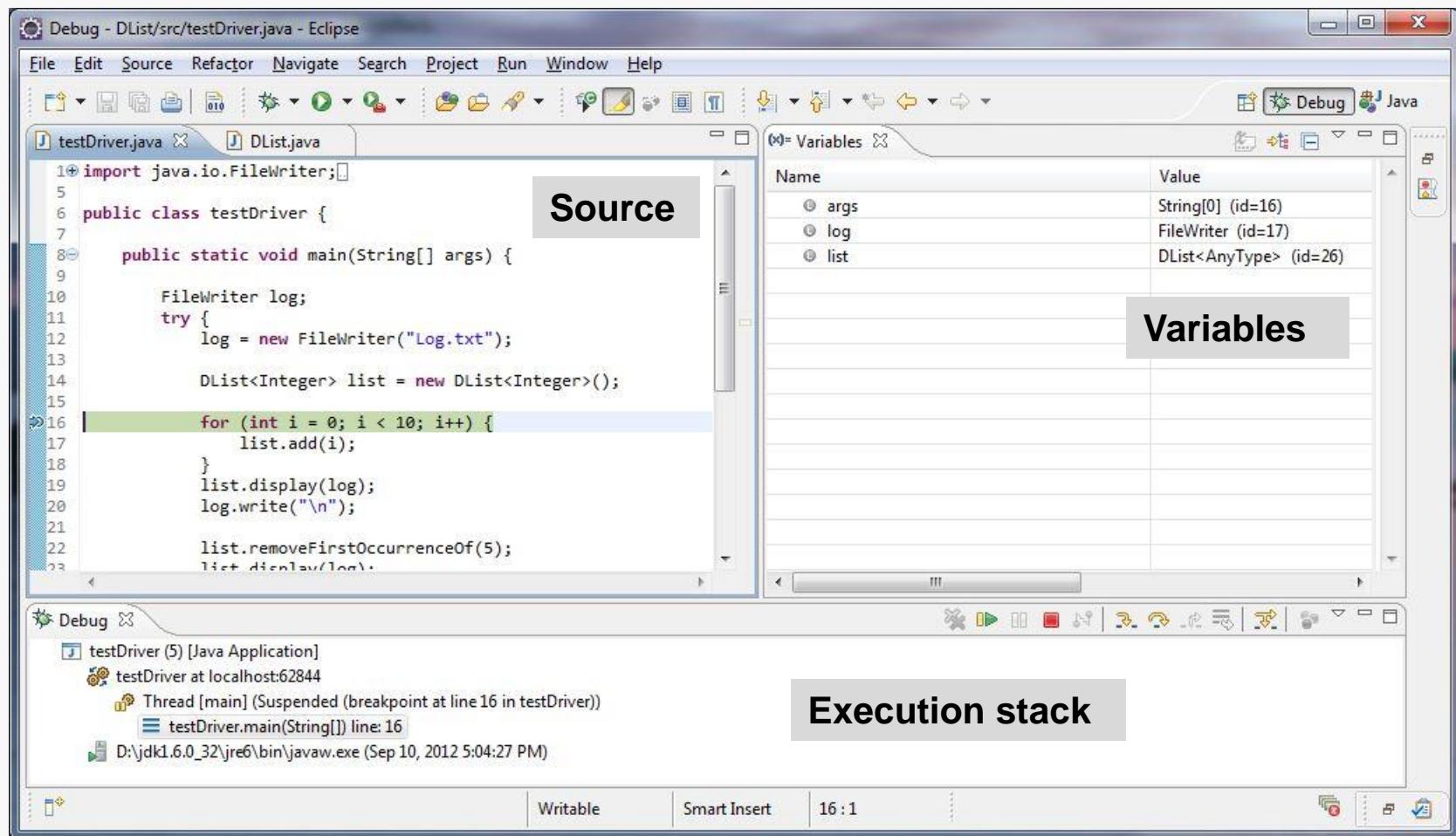
To set one, just double-click in the editor margin next to the selected line of code:



Go to the **Run** menu and select **Debug** (or use the keyboard shortcut **F11**):



This opens the Debug Perspective:



You may see a different window layout; feel free to close other Views, like Outline if they are visible.

Using the Variables View

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At this point, the list constructor has run... let's examine the structure:

Name	Value
args	String[0] (id=16)
log	FileWriter (id=17)
list	DList<AnyType> (id=26)
front	DList\$DNode (id=28)
rear	DList\$DNode (id=30)
size	0

Objects are assigned unique IDs as they are created; these allow us to infer the physical structure...

Using the Variables View

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Examine the values of the fields of **front** and **rear**:

Name	Value
args	String[0] (id=16)
log	FileWriter (id=17)
list	DList<AnyType> (id=26)
front	DList\$DNode (id=28)
elem	null
next	DList\$DNode (id=30)
prev	null
this\$0	DList<AnyType> (id=26)
rear	DList\$DNode (id=30)
elem	null
next	null
prev	DList\$DNode (id=28)
this\$0	DList<AnyType> (id=26)
size	0

26: list

28: list.front

30: list.rear

28

front.elem

front.next

front.prev

30

rear.elem

rear.next

rear.prev

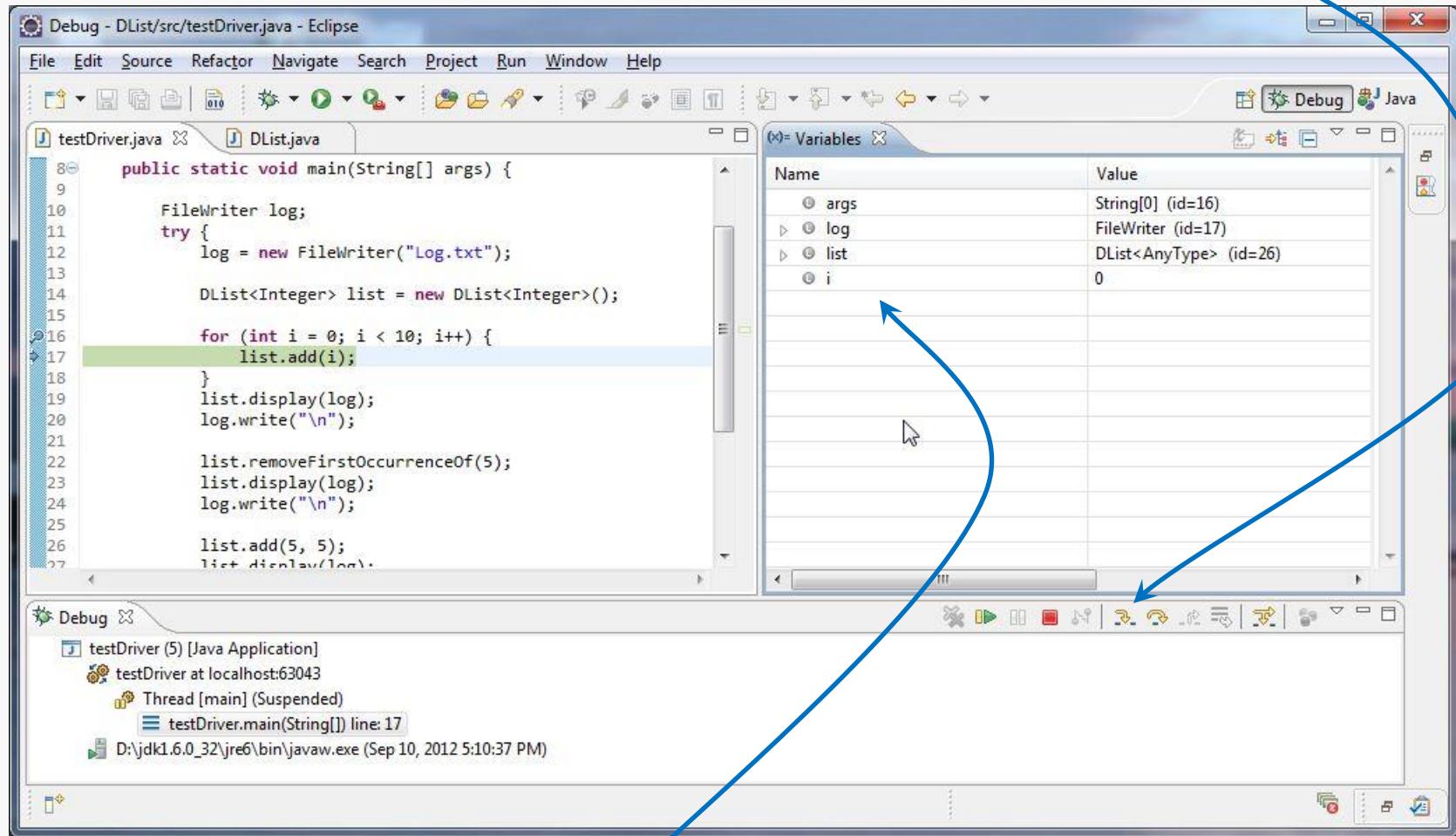
OK, that looks just fine... two guard nodes pointing at each other, neither holding a data value.



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

1. **Resume** – Continues execution until breakpoint or thread ends
2. **Suspend** – Interrupts a running thread
3. **Terminate** – Ends the execution of the selected thread
4. **Disconnect** – Disconnect from a remote debugging session
5. **Remove terminated launches** – Closes all terminated debug sessions
6. **Step Into** – Steps into a method and executes its first line of code
7. **Step Over** – Executes the next line of code in the current method
8. **Step Return** – Continues execution until the end of the current method (until a return)
9. **Drop to Frame** – Returns to a previous stack frame
10. **Step with Filters** – Continues execution until the next line of code which is not filtered out

For illustration, we'll examine the insertion of the first data node, step by step:

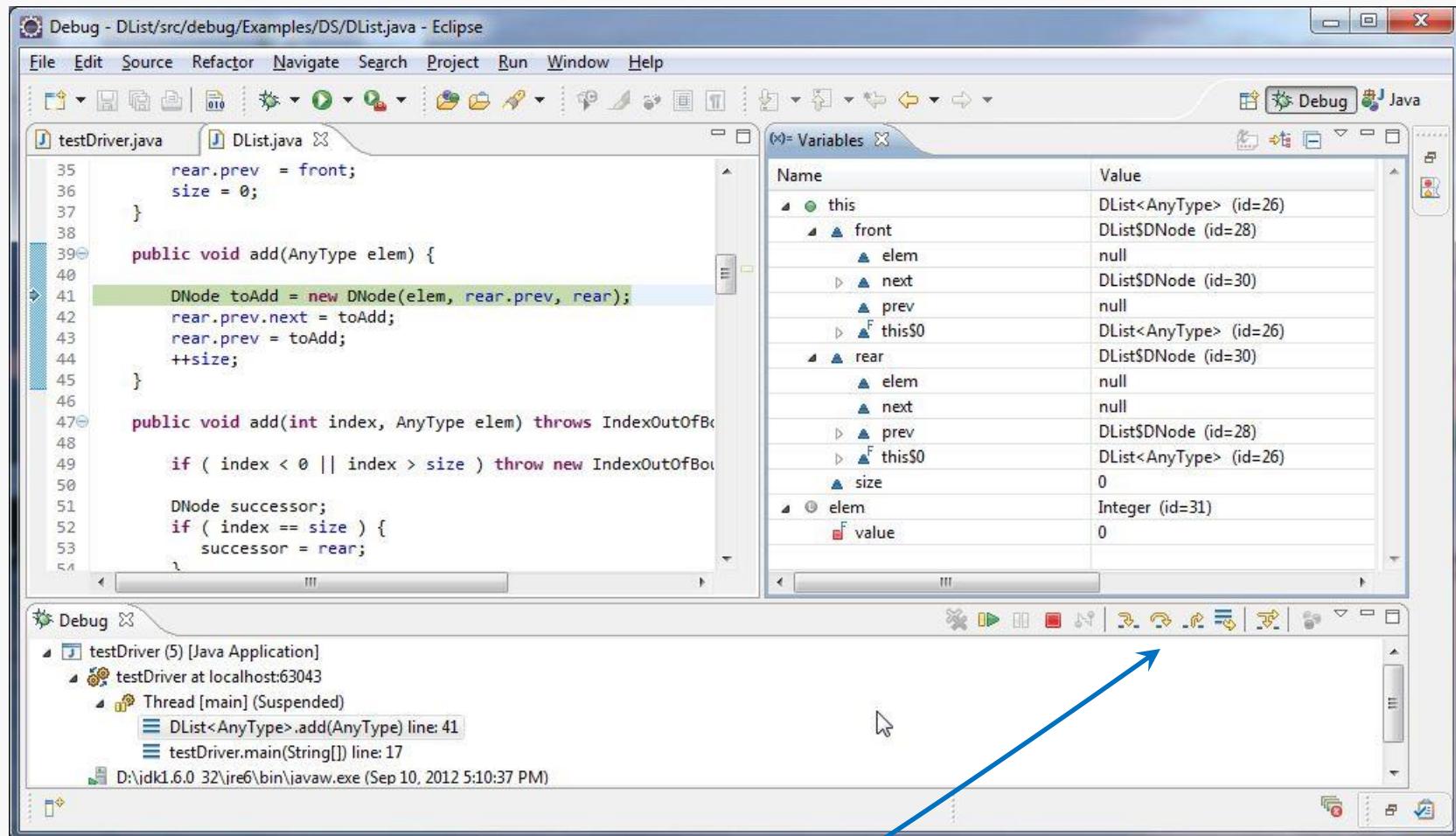


Note the appearance of the variable **i** and its value.

Step-by-step Execution

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Click the **step-into** button again; now we'll enter the call to **add()**:



Now, I don't really want to trace the constructor, much less the call to **new**, so this time I'll click the **step-over** button...

The difference is that if you are executing a method call (or invoking `new`, for example) in the current statement:

step-into

takes you into the implementation of that method

step-over

calls the method, but does not step you through its execution

Both are useful... step-into is frustrating when system code is involved.

Step-by-step Execution

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So, we see that the needed node has been properly initialized:

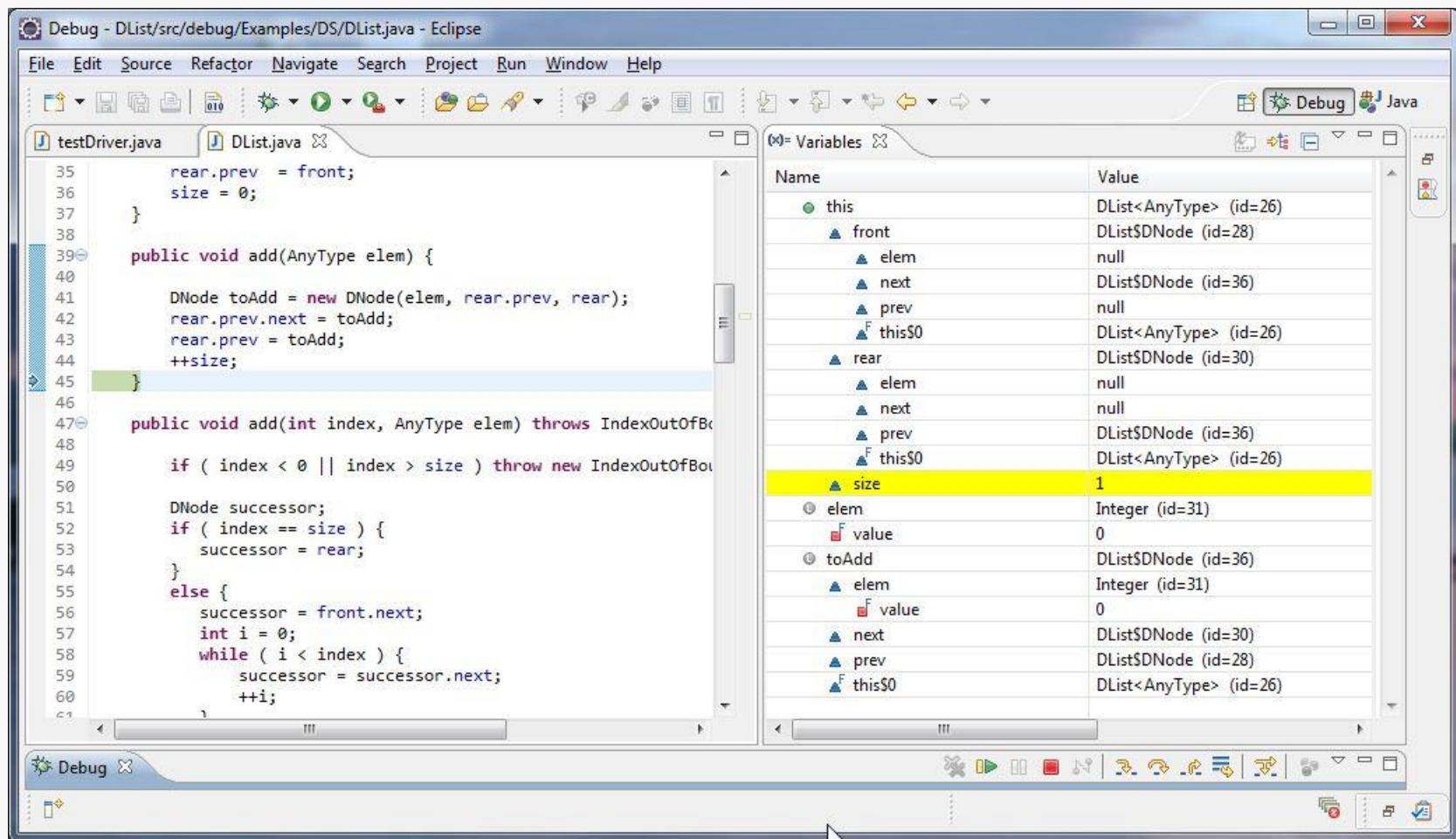
The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface during a debug session. The code editor displays `DList.java` with the following code snippet highlighted:

```
        rear.prev.next = toAdd;
        rear.prev = toAdd;
        ++size;
```

The variables view window shows the current state of the program variables:

Name	Value
this	DList<AnyType> (id=26)
front	DList\$DNode (id=28)
elem	null
next	DList\$DNode (id=30)
prev	null
this\$0	DList<AnyType> (id=26)
rear	DList\$DNode (id=30)
elem	null
next	null
prev	DList\$DNode (id=28)
this\$0	DList<AnyType> (id=26)
size	0
elem	Integer (id=31)
value	0
toAdd	DList\$DNode (id=36)
elem	Integer (id=31)
value	0
next	DList\$DNode (id=30)
prev	DList\$DNode (id=28)
this\$0	DList<AnyType> (id=26)

Three clicks on **step-over** (or **step-into**) bring us to this point:

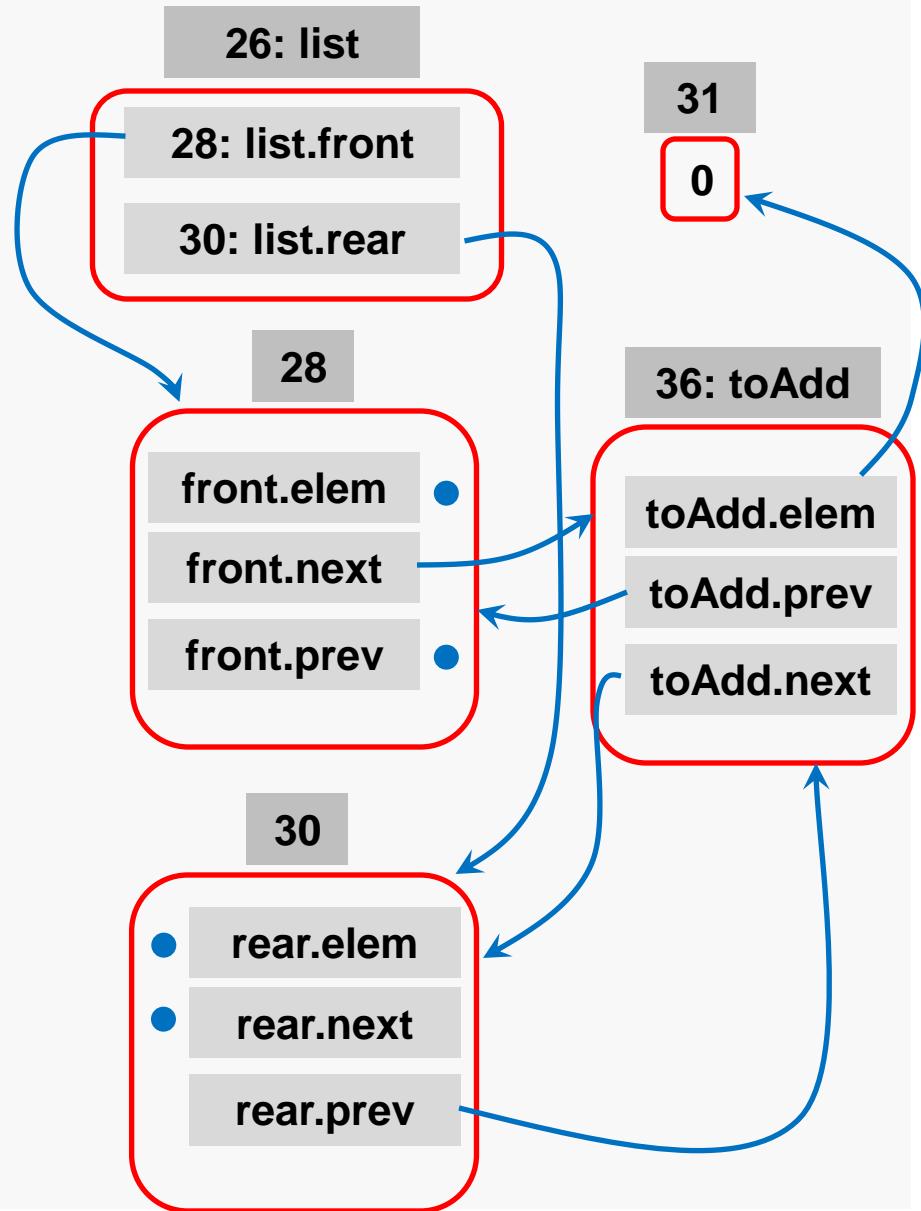


Checking the List Structure

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Name	Value
this	DList<AnyType> (id=26)
front	DList\$DNode (id=28)
elem	null
next	DList\$DNode (id=36)
prev	null
this\$0	DList<AnyType> (id=26)
rear	DList\$DNode (id=30)
elem	null
next	null
prev	DList\$DNode (id=36)
this\$0	DList<AnyType> (id=26)
size	1
elem	Integer (id=31)
value	0
toAdd	DList\$DNode (id=36)
elem	Integer (id=31)
value	0
next	DList\$DNode (id=30)
prev	DList\$DNode (id=28)
this\$0	DList<AnyType> (id=26)

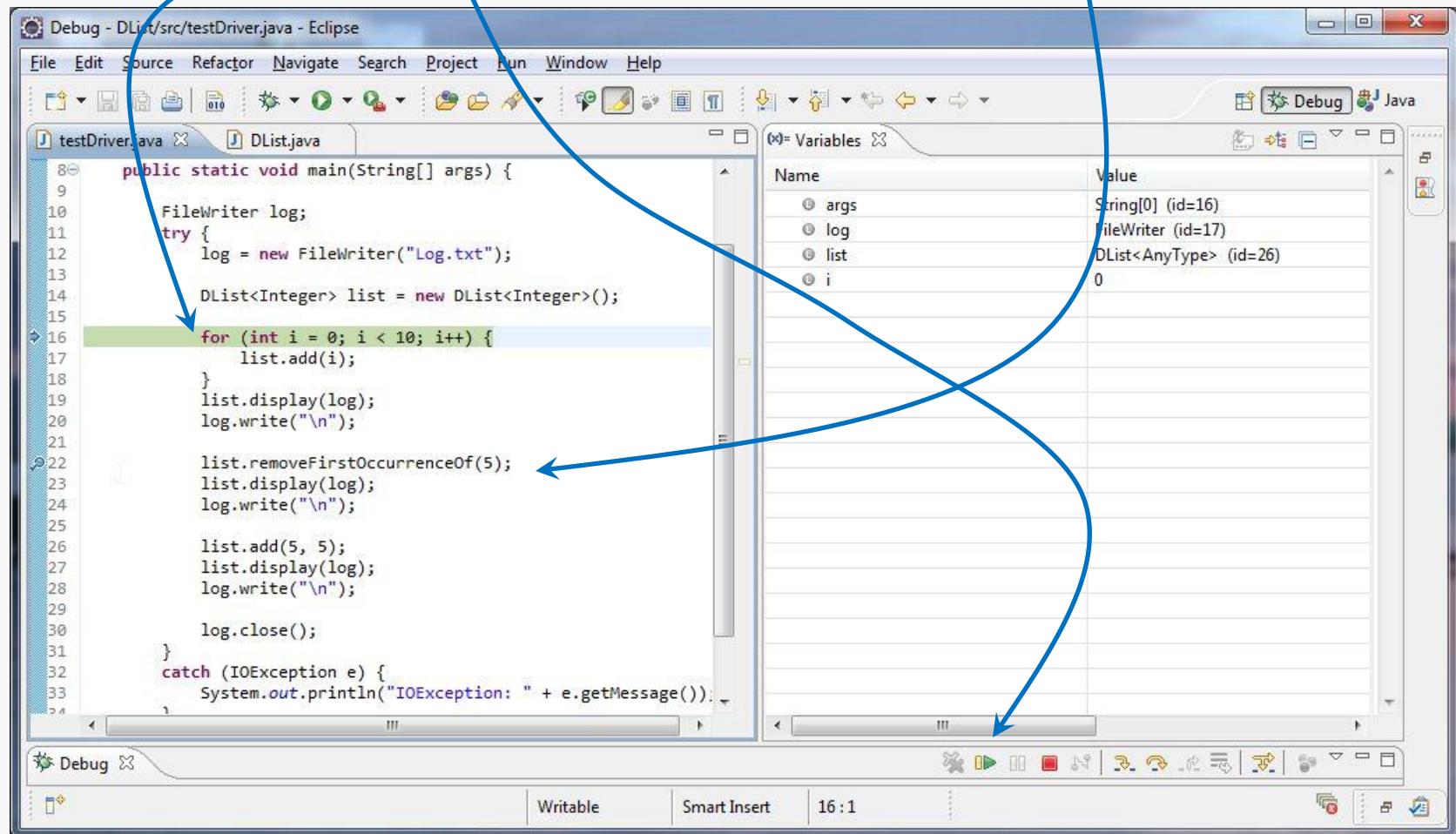
Well, that looks OK.



Resetting Breakpoints and Resuming

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OK, we've confirmed that the first data node is inserted properly; now we can remove the breakpoint at the **for** loop, and set one at the call to the **removeFirstOccurrenceOf()** method, and then click **Resume** to continue execution:



After Resuming... the List is Constructed

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Execution proceeds to the new breakpoint:

The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface during a debugging session. The title bar says "Debug - DList/src/testDriver.java - Eclipse". The code editor displays `testDriver.java` with the following content:

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    ...
    list.removeFirstOccurrenceOf(5);
    ...
}
```

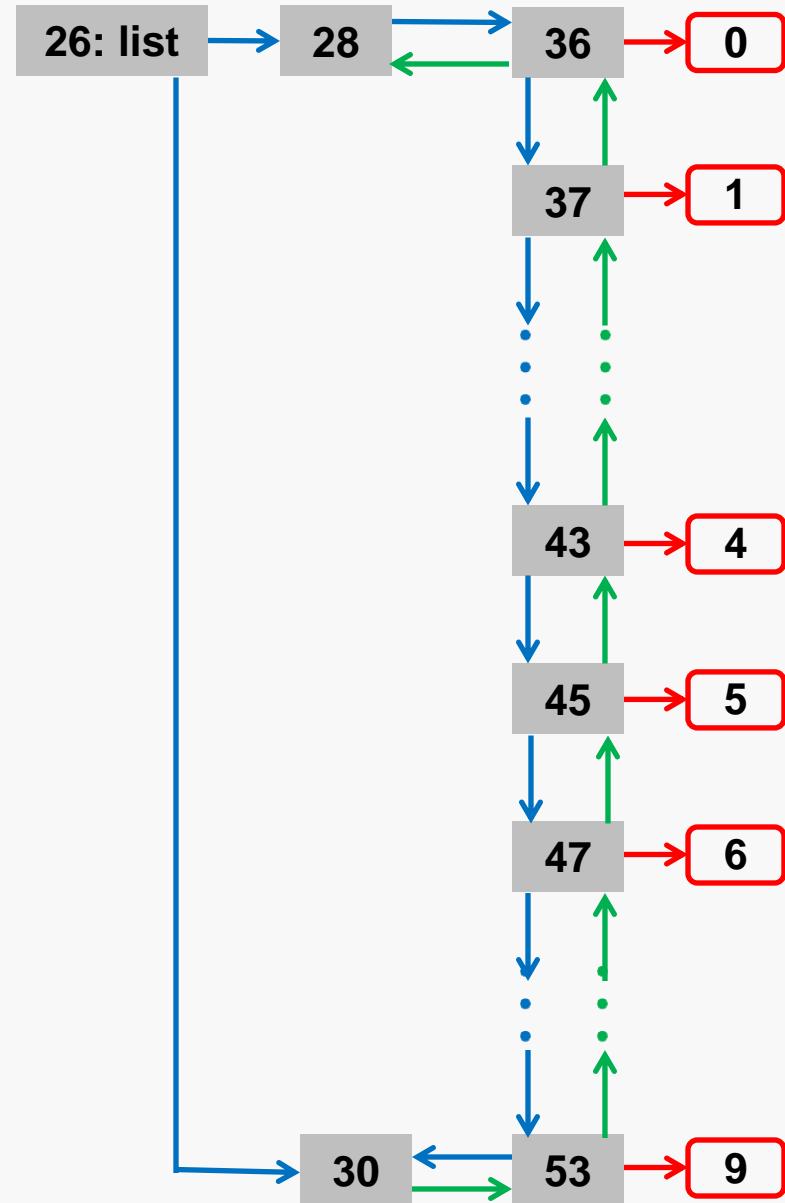
A blue arrow points from the text "Execution proceeds to the new breakpoint:" to the line `list.removeFirstOccurrenceOf(5);`. The variables view on the right shows the current state of variables:

Name	Value
args	String[0] (id=16)
log	FileWriter (id=17)
list	DList<AnyType> (id=26)
front	DList\$DNode (id=28)
rear	DList\$DNode (id=30)
size	10

Complete List Structure

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Name	Value
args	String[0] (id=16)
log	FileWriter (id=17)
list	DList<AnyType> (id=26)
front	DList\$DNode (id=28)
elem	null
next	DList\$DNode (id=36)
elem	Integer (id=31)
value	0
next	DList\$DNode (id=37)
elem	Integer (id=38)
value	1
next	DList\$DNode (id=39)
elem	Integer (id=40)
value	2
next	DList\$DNode (id=41)
elem	Integer (id=42)
value	3
next	DList\$DNode (id=43)
elem	Integer (id=44)
value	4
next	DList\$DNode (id=45)
prev	DList\$DNode (id=41)
this\$0	DList<AnyType> (id=26)
prev	DList\$DNode (id=39)
this\$0	DList<AnyType> (id=26)
prev	DList\$DNode (id=37)
this\$0	DList<AnyType> (id=26)
prev	DList\$DNode (id=36)



Step Into removeFirstOccurrenceOf()

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Use **step-into** and proceed to the **while** loop that will walk to the first occurrence of the target value:

The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface during a debug session. The top bar displays 'Debug - DList/src/debug/Examples/DS/DList.java - Eclipse'. The left pane shows two files: 'testDriver.java' and 'DList.java'. The code in 'DList.java' is as follows:

```
120     AnyType toReturn = target.elem;
121     target.next.prev = target.prev;
122     target.prev.next = target.next;
123     --size;
124     return toReturn;
125 }
126
127 public AnyType removeFirstOccurrenceOf(AnyType elem) {
128
129     DNode current = front.next;
130     while ( current != rear ) {
131         if ( elem.equals(current.elem) ) {
132             AnyType toReturn = current.elem;
133             current.prev.next = current.next;
134             return toReturn;
135         }
136         current = current.next;
137     }
138     return null;
}
```

The line '130 while (current != rear) {' is highlighted in green, indicating it is the next line to be executed. The right pane shows the 'Variables' view with the following data:

Name	Value
this	DList<AnyType> (id=26)
front	DList\$DNode (id=28)
rear	DList\$DNode (id=30)
size	10
elem	Integer (id=46)
value	5
current	DList\$DNode (id=36)
elem	Integer (id=31)
value	0
next	DList\$DNode (id=37)
prev	DList\$DNode (id=28)
this\$0	DList<AnyType> (id=26)

Continue stepping until **current** reaches the node holding the target value:

Name	Value
this	DList<AnyType> (id=26)
front	DListNode (id=28)
rear	DListNode (id=30)
size	10
elem	Integer (id=46)
value	5
current	DListNode (id=45)
elem	Integer (id=46)
value	5
next	DListNode (id=47)
prev	DListNode (id=43)
this\$0	DList<AnyType> (id=26)

At End of removeFirstOccurrenceOf()

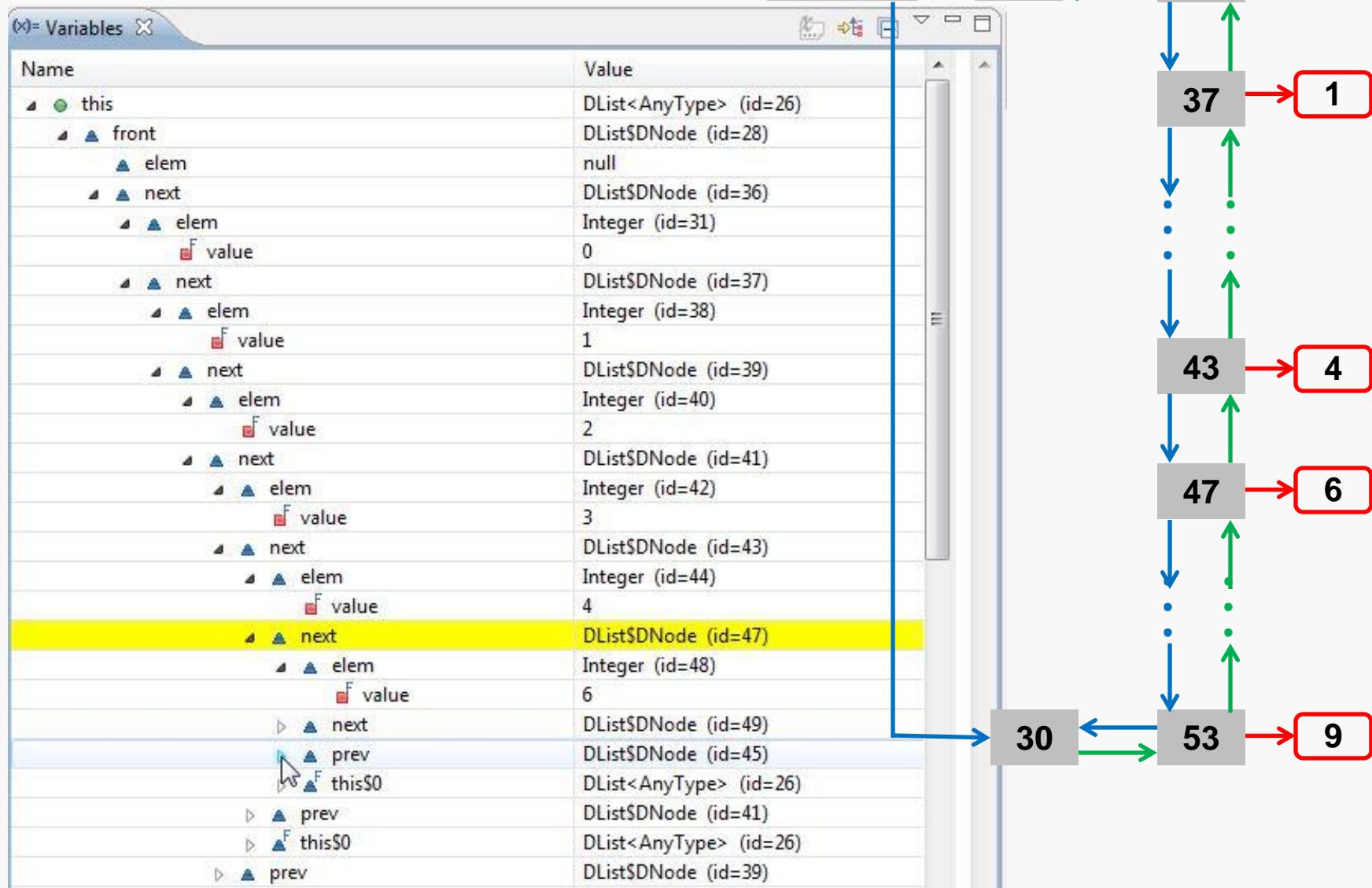
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Continue stepping through the **if** statement and examine the list structure right before the **return** is executed:

The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface during a debugging session. The left pane displays the source code for `DList.java`, specifically the `removeFirstOccurrenceOf` method. A break point is set at line 134, which contains the `return toReturn;` statement. The right pane shows the `Variables` view, which lists the current state of variables in memory. The `this` variable points to a `DList<AnyType>` object (id=26). Its `front` node is null. The `next` pointer of the `front` node points to the first node of the list, which has an `elem` value of 0 (id=31). This pattern repeats for the next seven nodes, each with an `elem` value from 1 to 7 (ids 37 to 50). The `next` pointer of the last node (id=50) points back to the `front` node, forming a circular linked list. The `prev` pointers of the nodes point to their previous nodes in the list.

Name	Value
this	<code>DList<AnyType></code> (id=26)
front	<code>DList\$DNode</code> (id=28)
elem	null
next	<code>DList\$DNode</code> (id=36)
elem	<code>Integer</code> (id=31)
value	0
next	<code>DList\$DNode</code> (id=37)
elem	<code>Integer</code> (id=38)
value	1
next	<code>DList\$DNode</code> (id=39)
elem	<code>Integer</code> (id=40)
value	2
next	<code>DList\$DNode</code> (id=41)
elem	<code>Integer</code> (id=42)
value	3
next	<code>DList\$DNode</code> (id=43)
elem	<code>Integer</code> (id=44)
value	4
next	<code>DList\$DNode</code> (id=47)
elem	<code>Integer</code> (id=48)
value	6
next	<code>DList\$DNode</code> (id=49)
elem	<code>Integer</code> (id=50)
value	7
next	<code>DList\$DNode</code> (id=51)
prev	<code>DList\$DNode</code> (id=47)
this\$0	<code>DList<AnyType></code> (id=26)
prev	<code>DList\$DNode</code> (id=45)

Does the list structure seem to be OK?

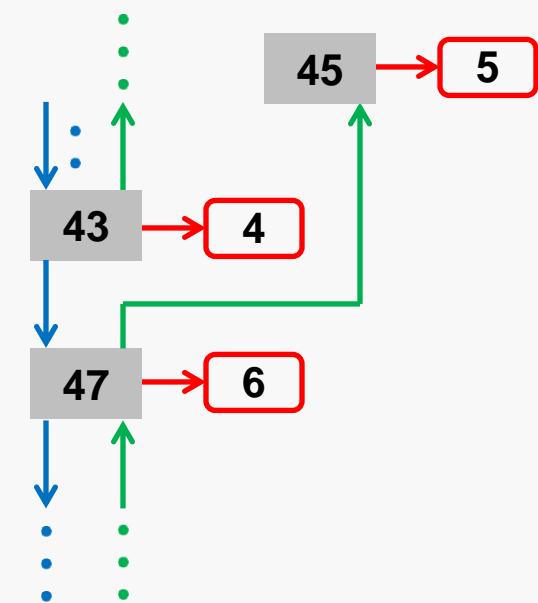


A careful examination indicates that something odd has happened:

next	DList\$DNode (id=43)
elem	Integer (id=44)
value	4
next	DList\$DNode (id=47)
elem	Integer (id=48)
value	6
next	DList\$DNode (id=49)
prev	DList\$DNode (id=45)
elem	Integer (id=46)
value	5
next	DList\$DNode (id=47)

OK

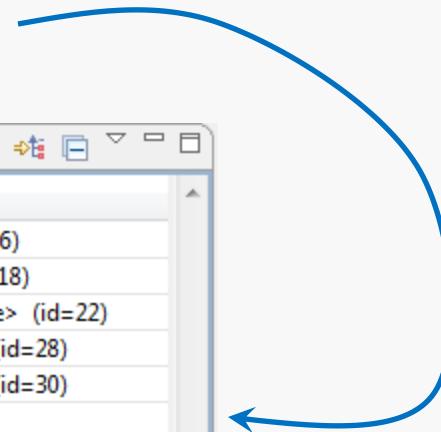
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Apparently the removal method did not correctly reset the **prev** pointer in the node after the node that was removed from the list.

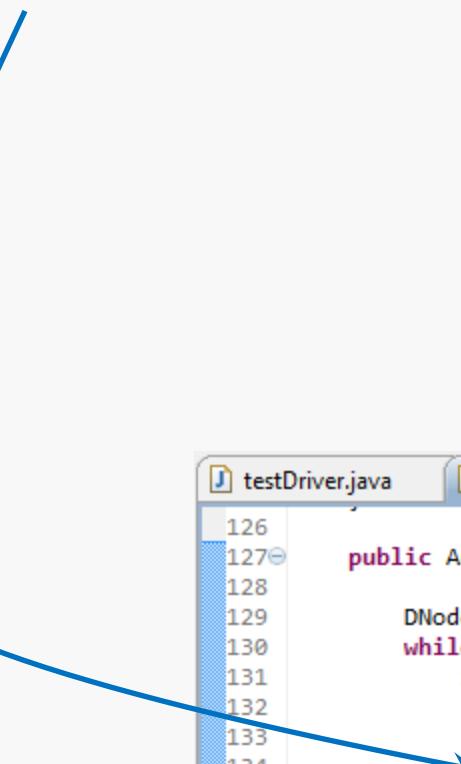
We should check that...

A careful examination also reveals another bug



Name	Value
args	String[0] (id=16)
log	FileWriter (id=18)
list	DList<AnyType> (id=22)
front	DList\$DNode (id=28)
rear	DList\$DNode (id=30)
size	10

It should be obvious that two statements are missing from the given code



```
125 }  
126  
127 }  
128  
129 DNode current = front.next;  
130 while ( current != rear ) {  
131     if ( elem.equals(current.elem) ) {  
132         AnyType toReturn = current.elem;  
133         current.prev.next = current.next;  
134         return toReturn;  
135     }  
136     current = current.next;  
137 }  
138 return null;  
139 }  
140  
141 public int size() {  
142 }
```



```
126  
127 }  
128  
129 DNode current = front.next;  
130 while ( current != rear ) {  
131     if ( elem.equals(current.elem) ) {  
132         AnyType toReturn = current.elem;  
133         current.prev.next = current.next;  
134         current.next.prev = current.prev;  
135         --size;  
136         return toReturn;  
137     }  
138     current = current.next;  
139 }  
140 return null;  
141  
142 }
```

Let's execute the modified program:

The screenshot shows a Windows Notepad window with the title bar 'D:\JavaDevelopment\DLList\Log.txt'. The menu bar includes File, Edit, Search, View, and Encoding. The toolbar has icons for New, Open, Save, Print, and others. The main text area displays three distinct sections of a linked list's state:

- display of initial list:** Lines 1 through 11 show the initial list where each element is indexed from 0 to 9, followed by a colon and its value (0 to 9).
- display of list after deleting 5:** Lines 12 through 21 show the list after the value 5 has been removed, with indices 0 through 9.
- display of list after reinserting 5:** Lines 22 through 32 show the list after the value 5 has been reinserted, with indices 0 through 9.

At the bottom of the window, it says 'Normal text file | length : 177 lines : 32'.

Now, the list contents seem to be correct... so, more testing is in order...

method breakpoint

halt when execution enters and/or exits a selected method

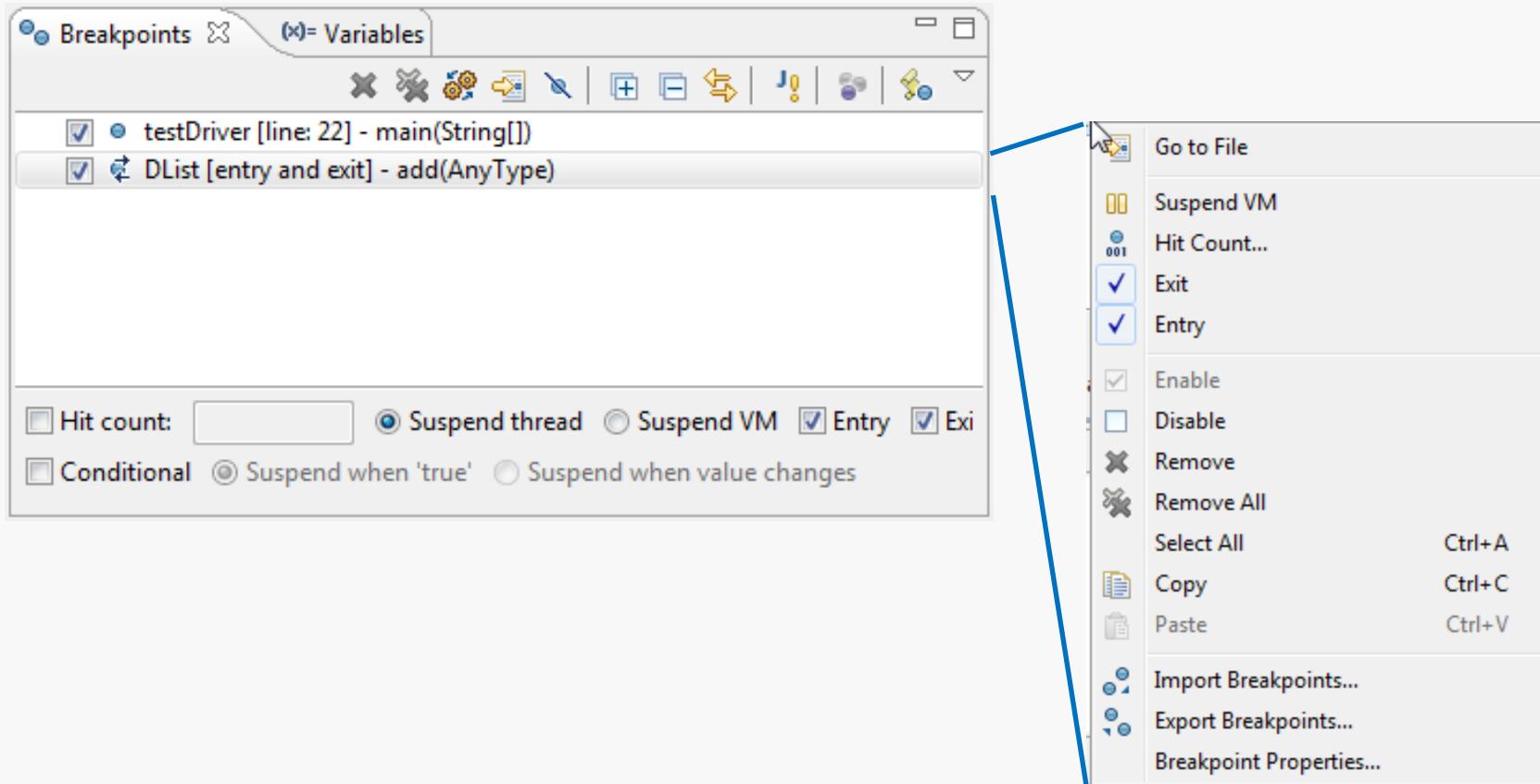
To set one, just double-click in the editor margin next to the method header:

```
38
39 public void add(AnyType elem) {
40
41     DNode toAdd = new DNode(elem, rear.prev, rear);
42     rear.prev.next = toAdd;
43     rear.prev = toAdd;
44     ++size;
45 }
46
47 public void add(int index, AnyType elem) throws IndexOutOfBoundsException {
```

By default, this causes a break when execution enters the method...

Go to **Window>Show View** and open the **Breakpoint View**.

You can right-click on a selected breakpoint to alter its properties:





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- 1 remove selected breakpoints
- 2 remove all breakpoints
- 3 show breakpoints
- 4 go to file for breakpoint
- 5 skip all breakpoints
- 6 expand all (details)
- 7 collapse all (details)
- 8 link with the Debug View
- 9 set a Java exception breakpoint

