

Lesson 07: Sets, Frozenset & Garbage Collection

Research Work

1 Why are sets useful in Python?

- They store only **unique** elements (no duplicates).
- Very fast membership checking using **in**.
- Ideal for mathematical set operations like **union**, **intersection**, and **difference**.

2 Difference between **.remove()** and **.discard()**

- **.remove(item)** → Raises an **error** (**KeyError**) if the item is not found.
- **.discard(item)** → Does **not** raise an error if the item is not found.

3 What does immutability mean for a frozenset?

- Once created, you **cannot** add, remove, or change elements.
- It is a **read-only** type of set.

4 Why might **.pop()** return an unpredictable element?

- Sets are **unordered**, so **.pop()** removes and returns a random element.

5 How does **.clear()** differ from creating a new empty set?

- **.clear()** → Empties the **existing** set but keeps the same object in memory.
- **set()** → Creates a **brand new** empty set object.