

Iterating a **HashMap** is a bit challenging compared to a **List** or a **Set** as it contains pairs of elements. In a map, each key-value pair is called **Entry**. The `entrySet()` method returns the **Set** view of the mapped elements. We can iterate over this Set using any of the below approaches.

Iterating using a **for** loop#

We can easily iterate the **EntrySet** returned by the `entrySet()` method using an enhanced for loop. The **Entry** class contains two methods: `getKey()` and `getValue()` , which can be used to get the key and value respectively.

```
1 import java.util.HashMap;
2 import java.util.Map;
3 import java.util.Map.Entry;
4 import java.util.Set;
5
6 public class HashMapDemo {
7
8     public static void main(String args[]) {
9
10         Map<String, Integer> stockPrice = new HashMap<>();
11
12         stockPrice.put("Oracle", 56);
13         stockPrice.put("Fiserv", 117);
14         stockPrice.put("BMW", 73);
15         stockPrice.put("Microsoft", 213);
16
17         Set<Entry<String, Integer>> entrySet = stockPrice.entrySet(); // Returns a Set of Entries
18
19         for (Entry<String, Integer> entry : entrySet) {
20             System.out.println("Company Name: " + entry.getKey() + " Stock Price: " + entry.getValue());
21         }
22     }
23 }
24
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Iterating using an **iterator**#

Instead of using a for loop, we can get the iterator on the **EntrySet** and then use it to iterate the HashMap. If we remove an element from the **EntrySet**, then it is also removed from the original Map.

```
1 import java.util.HashMap;
2 import java.util.Iterator;
3 import java.util.Map;
4 import java.util.Map.Entry;
5 import java.util.Set;
6
7 public class HashMapDemo {
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9     public static void main(String args[]) {
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13         stockPrice.put("Oracle", 56);
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16         stockPrice.put("Microsoft", 213);
17
18         Set<Entry<String, Integer>> entrySet = stockPrice.entrySet(); // Returns a Set of Entries
19
20         Iterator<Entry<String, Integer>> itr = entrySet.iterator(); //Getting the iterator
21
22         while (itr.hasNext()) {
23             Entry<String,Integer> entry = itr.next();
24             System.out.println("Company Name: " + entry.getKey() + " Stock Price: " + entry.getValue());
25
26             if(entry.getKey().equals("Oracle")) {
27                 itr.remove();
28             }
29         }
30     }
31 }
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Iterating using the **forEach()** method#

The `forEach(BiConsumer<? super K, ? super V> action)` method is a default method that was introduced in Java 8. It takes a **BiConsumer** as a parameter. The below example shows how we can use the `forEach` method to print the key-value pairs.

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10        stockPrice.put("Oracle", 56);
11        stockPrice.put("Fiserv", 117);
12        stockPrice.put("BMW", 73);
13        stockPrice.put("Microsoft", 213);
14
15        stockPrice.forEach((key, value) -> System.out
16            |                .println("Company Name: " + key + " Stock Price: " + value));
17
18    }
19 }
20
```

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