# :mod: 'collections.abc' --- Abstract Base Classes for

# **Containers**

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.. module:: collections.abc :synopsis: Abstract base classes for containers
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.. moduleauthor:: Raymond Hettinger <python at rcn.com>

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.. sectionauthor:: Raymond Hettinger <python at rcn.com>

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.. versionadded:: 3.3
Formerly, this module was part of the :mod:`collections` module.
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Source code: :source:`Lib/\_collections\_abc.py`

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Unknown directive type "testsetup".

```
.. testsetup:: *
  from collections.abc import *
  import itertools
   __name__ = '<doctest>'
```

This module provides .term'abstract base classes <abstract base class>' that can be used to test whether a class provides a particular interface; for example, whether it is hashable or whether it is a mapping.

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An :func: 'issubclass' or :func: 'isinstance' test for an interface works in one of three ways.

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1) A newly written class can inherit directly from one of the abstract base classes. The class must supply the required abstract methods. The remaining mixin methods come from inheritance and can be overridden if desired. Other methods may be added as needed:

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2) Existing classes and built-in classes can be registered as "virtual subclasses" of the ABCs. Those classes should define the full API including all of the abstract methods and all of the mixin methods. This lets users rely on :func: issubclass' or :func: isinstance' tests to determine whether the full interface is supported. The exception to this rule is for methods that are automatically inferred from the rest of the API:

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class D:
    def __init__(self): ...  # No inheritance
    def __getitem__(self, index): ...  # Extra method not required by the ABC
    def __len__(self, index): ...  # Abstract method
    def __len__(self, value): ...  # Mixin method
    def index(self, value): ...  # Mixin method
    Sequence.register(D)  # Register instead of inherit
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```
.. doctest::
    >>> issubclass(D, Sequence)
    True
    >>> isinstance(D(), Sequence)
    True
```

In this example, class <code>:class:'D'</code> does not need to define \_\_contains\_\_, \_iter\_\_, and \_\_reversed\_\_because the refi inoperator <comparisons>', the term'iteration <iterable>' logic, and the :func:'reversed' function automatically fall back to using \_\_getitem\_\_ and \_\_len\_\_.

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3) Some simple interfaces are directly recognizable by the presence of the required methods (unless those methods have been set to xconst: None'):

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.. testcode::

class E:

def __iter__(self): ...
def __next__(next): ...
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```
.. doctest::
    >>> issubclass(E, Iterable)
    True
    >>> isinstance(E(), Iterable)
    True
```

Complex interfaces do not support this last technique because an interface is more than just the presence of method names. Interfaces specify semantics and relationships between methods that cannot be inferred solely from the presence of specific method names. For example, knowing that a class supplies \_\_getitem\_\_, \_\_len\_\_, and \_\_iter\_\_ is insufficient for distinguishing a class: Sequence' from a class: Mapping'.

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.. versionadded:: 3.9
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.. versionadded:: 3.9
These abstract classes now support ``[]``. See :ref:`types-genericalias`
and :pep:`585`.
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## **Collections Abstract Base Classes**

The collections module offers the following :term:`ABCs <abstract base class>`:

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ABC	Inherits from	Abstract Methods	Mixin Methods
class: Container` [1]			
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class:`Hashable` [1]			
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class:'Iterable' [1] [2]			
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class: Iterator [1]	:class:`Iterable`		
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class: Reversible [1]	:class:`Iterable`		
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class: 'Generator' [1]	:class:'Iterator'		
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class: Sized` [1]		Methous	
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ass:`Callable` [1]			
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lass: 'Collection' [1]  System Message: ERROR/3	System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding- resources\sample-onboarding- resources\cpython- main\Doc\library\(cpython- main) (Doc) (library) collections.abc.rst, line 132); backlink Unknown interpreted text role "class".  System Message: ERROR/3		
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ABC	Inherits from	Abstract Methods	Mixin Methods
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class: 'Mapping'	:class:'Collection'	112011000	
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class: 'MutableMapping'	xlass:'Mapping'		Inherited :class: 'Mapping' met popitem, clear, update, an
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class: 'MappingView'	:class:'Sized'		
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	:class:`MappingView`, :class:`Set`		
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ass: `Awaitable` [1]			
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ass: Coroutine` [1]	:class:`Awaitable`		
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### **Footnotes**

[1](1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14) These ABCs override <a href="meth">meth</a> object. \_\_subclasshook \_\_ `to support testing an interface by verifying the required methods are present and have not been set to <a href="methods">const: None</a>`. This only works for simple interfaces. More complex interfaces require registration or direct subclassing.

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Unknown interpreted text role "const".

[2] Checking isinstance (obj, Iterable) detects classes that are registered as <a href="mailto:classes">classes</a>: Iterable' or that have an <a href="mailto:metho">metho</a>, but it does not detect classes that iterate with the <a href="mailto:metho">metho</a>. getitem\_' method. The only reliable way to determine whether an object is <a href="mailto:terable">term' iterable</a> is to call <a href="mailto:terable">iter</a> (obj).

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Unknown interpreted text role 'meth''.

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# **Collections Abstract Base Classes -- Detailed Descriptions**

ABC for classes that provide the :meth: \_\_contains\_\_` method.

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ABC for classes that provide the :meth: hash method.

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ABC for classes that provide the :meth: \_\_len\_\_` method.

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ABC for classes that provide the :meth: \_\_call\_\_` method.

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ABC for classes that provide the "meth:\\_\_iter\_\_' method.

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Checking <code>isinstance(obj, Iterable)</code> detects classes that are registered as <code>:class:'Iterable'</code> or that have an <code>:meth:'\_\_iter\_\_'</code> method, but it does not detect classes that iterate with the <code>:meth:'\_\_getitem\_\_'</code> method. The only reliable way to determine whether an object is <code>:term:'iterable'</code> is to call <code>iter(obj)</code>.

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Unknown interpreted text role "class".

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Unknown interpreted text role "meth".

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ABC for sized iterable container classes.

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Unknown directive type "versionadded".

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.. versionadded:: 3.6
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ABC for classes that provide the meth: ~iterator.\_\_iter\_\_ and meth: ~iterator.\_\_next\_\_ methods. See also the definition of term' iterator

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ABC for iterable classes that also provide the "meth:" \_\_reversed\_\_ ` method.

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ABC for generator classes that implement the protocol defined in PEP 342 that extends iterators with the :meth:'~generator.send', :meth:'~generator.throw' and :meth:'~generator.close' methods. See also the definition of :term' generator'.

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ABCs for read-only and mutable .term:'sequences < sequence>'.

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Implementation note: Some of the mixin methods, such as <a href="method:">meth:</a> \_iter\_\_', <a href="method:">meth:</a> \_reversed\_\_' and <a href="method:">meth:</a> index', make repeated calls to the underlying <a href="method:">method:</a> \_ method: \_ if <a href="method:">method:</a> \_ if <a href="method:">method:</a> is implemented with constant access speed, the mixin methods will have linear performance; however, if the underlying method is linear (as it would be with a linked list), the mixins will have quadratic performance and will likely need to be overridden.

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The index() method added support for \*stop\* and \*start\*
arguments.

ABCs for read-only and mutable sets.

ABCs for read-only and mutable :term:\'mappings <mapping>\'.

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ABCs for mapping, items, keys, and values .term: views <dictionary view>'.

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ABC for .term'awaitable' objects, which can be used in .keyword:'await' expressions. Custom implementations must provide the .meth'\_await\_' method.

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term'Coroutine < coroutine > objects and instances of the class: ~ collections.abc.Coroutine ` ABC are all instances of this ABC.

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### Note

In CPython, generator-based coroutines (generators decorated with :fine: types.coroutine') are awaitables, even though they do not have an :meth: \_await\_\_' method. Using isinstance(gencoro, Awaitable) for them will return False. Use :fine: inspect.isawaitable' to detect them

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ABC for coroutine compatible classes. These implement the following methods, defined in ref':coroutine-objects': meth:'~coroutine.send', meth:'~coroutine.throw', and meth:'~coroutine.close'. Custom implementations must also implement meth:'\_await\_\_'. All class:'Coroutine' instances are also instances of class:'Awaitable'. See also the definition of term':coroutine'.

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ABC for asynchronous generator classes that implement the protocol defined in PEP 525 and PEP 492.

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# **Examples and Recipes**

ABCs allow us to ask classes or instances if they provide particular functionality, for example:

```
size = None
if isinstance(myvar, collections.abc.Sized):
    size = len(myvar)
```

Several of the ABCs are also useful as mixins that make it easier to develop classes supporting container APIs. For example, to write a class supporting the full <code>:class:'Set'</code> API, it is only necessary to supply the three underlying abstract methods: <code>:meth:'\_\_contains\_\_'</code>, <code>:meth:'\_\_iter\_\_'</code>, and <code>:meth:'\_\_iter\_\_'</code>. The ABC supplies the remaining methods such as <code>:meth:'\_\_and\_\_'</code> and <code>:meth:'\_iter\_\_'</code>.

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```
def __contains__(self, value):
    return value in self.elements

def __len__(self):
    return len(self.elements)

s1 = ListBasedSet('abcdef')
s2 = ListBasedSet('defghi')
overlap = s1 & s2  # The __and__() method is supported automatically
```

Notes on using :class:'Set' and :class:'MutableSet' as a mixin:

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Since some set operations create new sets, the default mixin methods need a way to create new instances from an iterable. The class constructor is assumed to have a signature in the form className(iterable). That assumption is factored-out to an internal classmethod called meth: \_from\_iterable which calls cls(iterable) to produce a new set. If the class: Set mixin is being used in a class with a different constructor signature, you will need to override meth: \_from\_iterable with a classmethod or regular method that can construct new instances from an iterable argument.

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To override the comparisons (presumably for speed, as the semantics are fixed), redefine :meth: \_\_le\_\_` and :meth: \_\_ge\_\_`, then the other operations will automatically follow suit.

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The class: Set' mixin provides a meth: hash' method to compute a hash value for the set; however, meth: hash is not defined because not all sets are hashable or immutable. To add set hashability using mixins, inherit from both meth: Set' and meth: Hashable', then define hash = Set. hash.

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  - $^\star$  'OrderedSet recipe <a href="https://code.activestate.com/recipes/576694/>'\_ for an example built on :class:'MutableSet'.
  - \* For more about ABCs, see the :mod:`abc` module and :pep:`3119`.