Sets and Maps

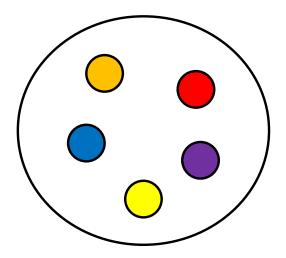
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Sets

- A collection of any type
- Only ever contains one copy of any value
- Must implement comparison
- 'Adding' means creating a new set with additional value
- 'Adding' a duplicate value will be ignored



Constructing a Set

Call the Set constructor

```
□ let mySet = Set(mySeq)
```

Provide a sequence, array, list to a Set.of... function

```
let mySet = mySeq |> Set.ofSeq
let mySet = myList |> Set.ofList
let mySet = myArray |> Set.ofArray
```

Input collection doesn't need to be unique – set still will be

Sets Stay Unique

■ This...

```
let myUniqueSeq = mySeq |> Seq.distinct
let mySet = Set(myUniqueSeq)
```

...could simply be this:

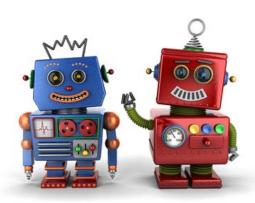
```
let mySet = Set(mySeq)
```

...or this

```
let mySet = mySeq |> Set.ofSeq
```

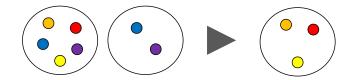
The Set Module

- Set module has functions like Array, Seq and List modules
 - Set.map
 - Set.iter
 - Set.filter
- Set instances have some useful members
 - mySet.Count
 - mySet.Contains
 - mySet.IsEmpty



The Set Module – Set Specifics

- Set.difference
- Set.union
- Set.unionMany
- Set.isSubset/Set.isProperSubset
- Set.isSuperSet/Set.isProperSuperset



Set.difference

• Can also use – (minus) operator

Set.union

• Can also use + operator

Set.unionMany

• Seq.reduce (+) |> Set.ofSeq

Set.isSubset

Set.isProperSubset

Set.isSuperset

Set.isProperSuperset

Hidden Mutability

- Accept a bit of mutability
- Hide it from callers
- Hide the mechanics

```
let TrackSomething =
   let internalSet = ref Set.empty
   (fun (argument : string) ->
      internalSet := Set.add argument !internalSet
   !internalSet)
```

Maps

- An immutable dictionary
- Create from a sequence of key-value pairs

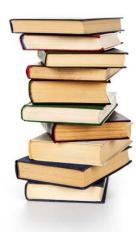
```
let moons =
    Map([("Mercury",0); ("Venus",0); ("Earth",1); ("Mars",2)])
let moons =
    [("Mercury",0); ("Venus",0); ("Earth",1); ("Mars",2)]
    |> Map.ofSeq
```

Look up values using square-brackets index

```
let ourMoons = moons.["Earth"]
```

Functional-style adds

```
let moons' = moons.Add("Antichthon",1)
```

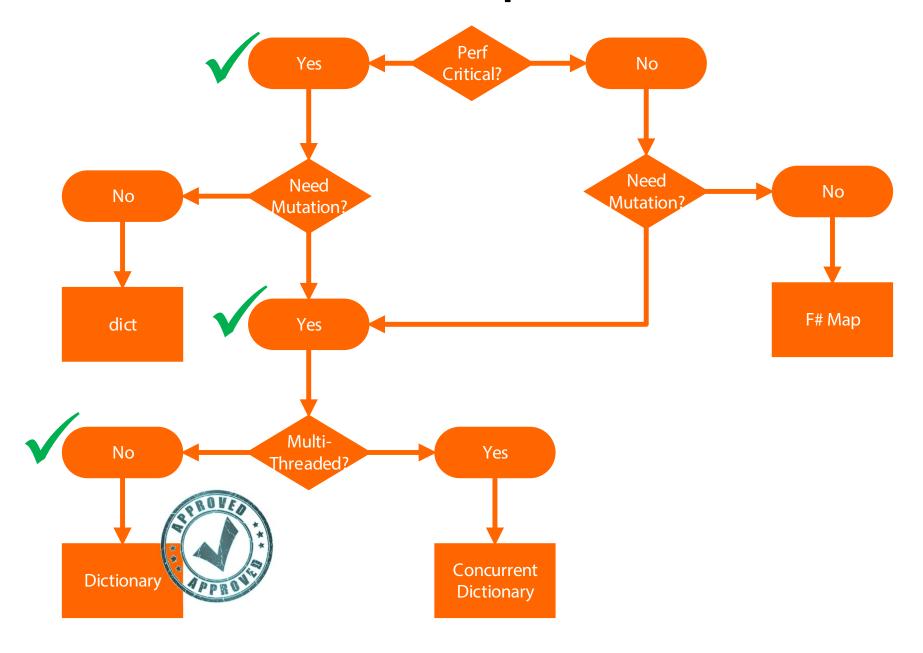


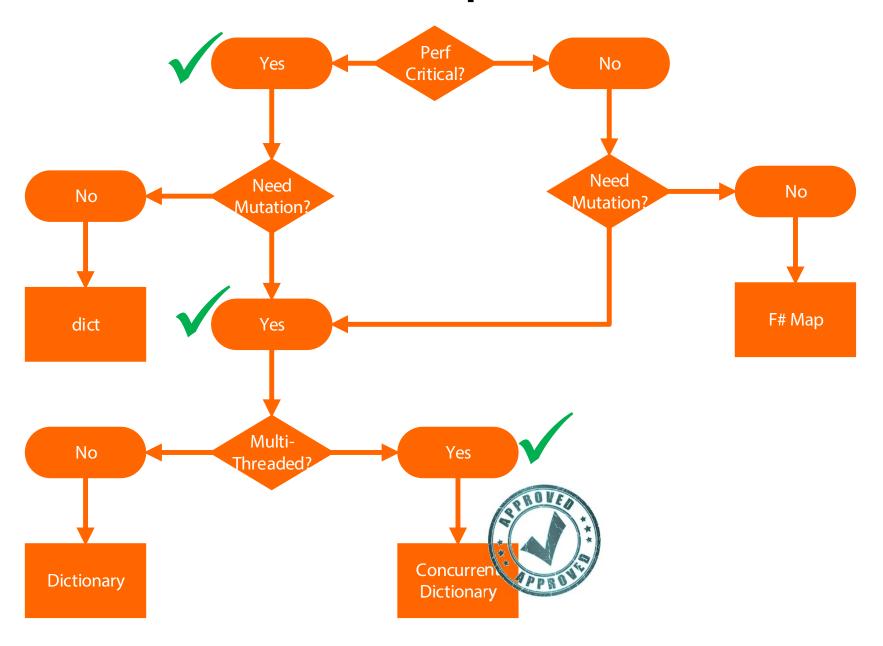
- .NET Dictionary
- .NET ConcurrentDictionary
- F# dict
- F# Map

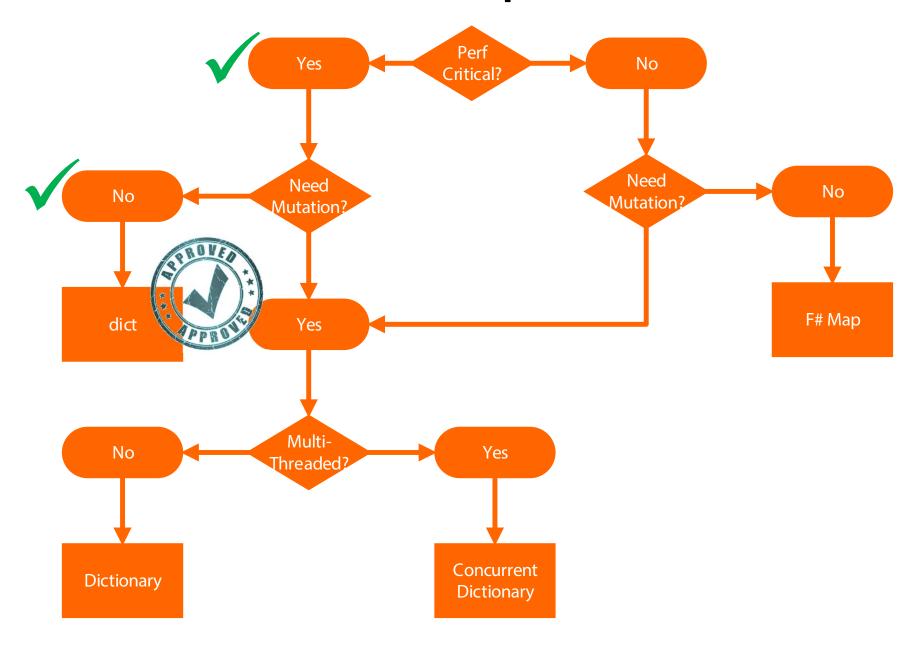


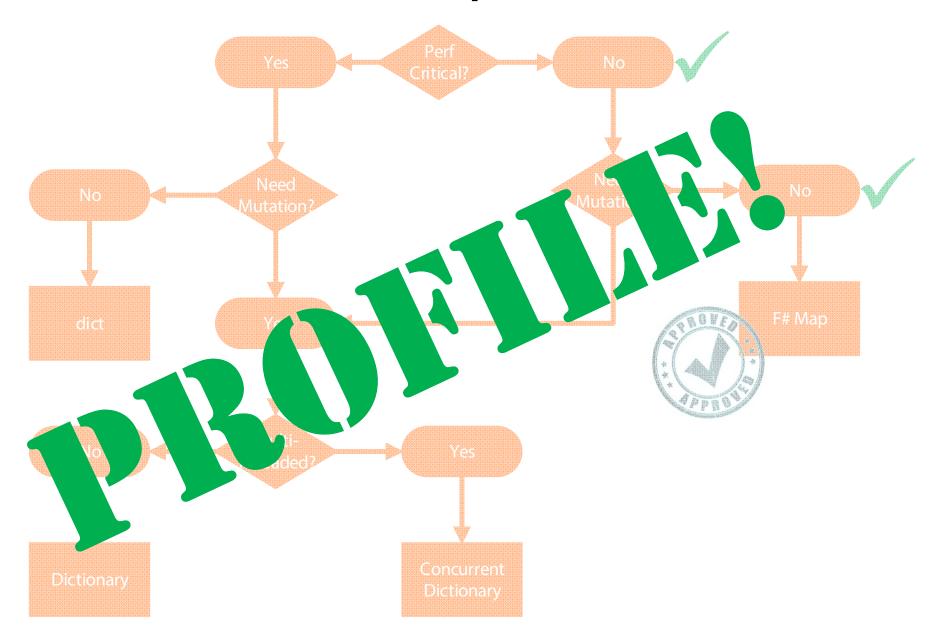


- .NET Dictionary faster than F# Map
- ...for creation and retrieval



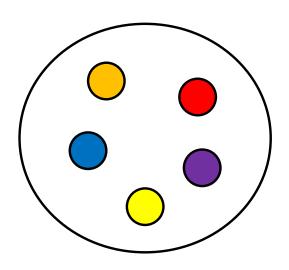






Summary - Sets

- A unique collection
- Create with Set() or Set.of...
 - Set.ofArray, Set.ofList, Set.ofSeq
- No need to supply a unique collection
- Set.difference, Set.union, Set.isSubset, Set.isSuperset
- Hidden mutability
 - Bind a value
 - Initialize Set in ref cell
 - Return a function which updates set and returns something



Summary - Maps

- An immutable dictionary
- Create with Map() or Map.of...
 - Map.ofArray, Map.ofList, Map.ofSeq
- Add returns a new Map with element added
- Not as fast as Dictionary or dict

