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# Set Operations and Processing Sets

Programming and Algorithms

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```
n = 3
for i in range(1,n+1):
    print("Hello World!")

Hello World!
Hello World!
Hello World!
```



#### What will we Cover?

- Processing sets
- Set operations
- Writing simple programs incorporating the set data structure



#### **Processing Sets I**

Use an IN keyword to check if the value exists in a set

```
names = {"Sam", "Jo", "Adam", "Aaron", "Tamar"}
if "Jill" in names:
    print("Jill exists in names")
else:
    print("name not found")

name not found
```



#### **Processing Sets II**

Use a FOR loop to iterate over a set and print each element

```
names = {"Sam", "Jo", "Adam", "Aaron", "Tamar"}
for n in names:
    print(n)

Sam
Adam
Tamar
Aaron
Jo
```



#### **Set Operations I**

union() — used to find all values from the sets, without duplicates

Alternatively, | operator can be used

```
set1 = {"red", "orange", "green", "blue", "purple"}
set2 = {"white", "green", "red", "black", "yellow"}
print(set1.union(set2))
print(set1 | set2)

{'white', 'black', 'orange', 'blue', 'yellow', 'purple', 'green', 'red'}
{'white', 'black', 'orange', 'blue', 'yellow', 'purple', 'green', 'red'}
```



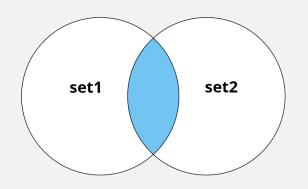
#### **Set Operations II**

intersection() - used to find all values
common to both sets, without duplicates

```
Alternatively, & operator can be used
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```
set1 = {"red", "orange", "green", "blue", "purple"}
set2 = {"white", "green", "red", "black", "yellow"}
print(set1.intersection(set2))
print(set1 & set2)

{'green', 'red'}
{'green', 'red'}
```





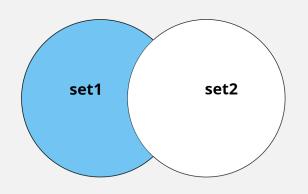
#### **Set Operations III**

difference() – used to find all values found in one set but not the other

Alternatively, – operator can be used

```
set1 = {"red", "orange", "green", "blue", "purple"}
set2 = {"white", "green", "red", "black", "yellow"}
print(set1.difference(set2))
print(set1 - set2)

{'orange', 'blue', 'purple'}
{'orange', 'blue', 'purple'}
```





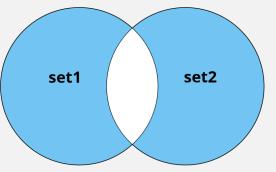
#### **Set Operations IV**

symmetric\_difference() - used to find
all values unique to either set

Alternatively, ^ operator can be used

```
set1 = {"red", "orange", "green", "blue", "purple"}
set2 = {"white", "green", "red", "black", "yellow"}
print(set1.symmetric_difference(set2))
print(set1 ^ set2)

{'white', 'orange', 'black', 'yellow', 'blue', 'purple'}
{'white', 'orange', 'black', 'yellow', 'blue', 'purple'}
```





### **Try It Yourself**

```
customer1 = {"oil paints", "lamp", "watch",
"frame", "kit-kat", "desk"}

customer2 = {"lamp", "monitor", "home-hub",
"desk", "canvas"}
```

Using the two sets given above, write a program which determines the following:

- Items bought by both customer1 and customer2
- All items bought by customer1 and customer2
- Items bought by customer1 or customer2 but not bought by both
- Items that customer2 bought but not customer1
- Remaining items the customer1 had after they returned the items matching with customer2

