

# Sets and Maps

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# The Set interface

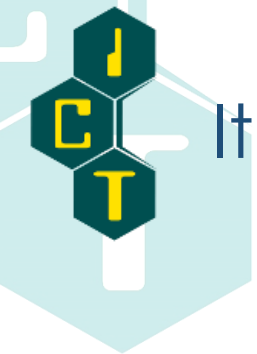
- ▶ A **Set** is unordered and has no duplicates
- ▶ Operations are exactly those for **Collection**

```
int size( );  
boolean isEmpty( );  
boolean contains(Object e);  
boolean add(Object e);  
boolean remove(Object e);  
Iterator iterator( );
```

```
boolean containsAll(Collection c);  
boolean addAll(Collection c);  
boolean removeAll(Collection c);  
boolean retainAll(Collection c);  
void clear( );
```

```
Object[ ] toArray( );  
Object[ ] toArray(Object a[ ]);
```





# Iterators for sets

- ▶ A set has a method `Iterator iterator( )` to create an iterator over the set
- ▶ The iterator has the usual methods:
  - ▶ `boolean hasNext()`
  - ▶ `Object next()`
  - ▶ `void remove()`
- ▶ Since sets have iterators, you can also use Java 5's “enhanced `for` loop”
- ▶ `remove()` allows you to remove elements as you iterate over the set
- ▶ If you change the set in any other way during iteration, the iterator will throw a `ConcurrentModificationException`





# Iterating through a Set

```
import java.util.*;

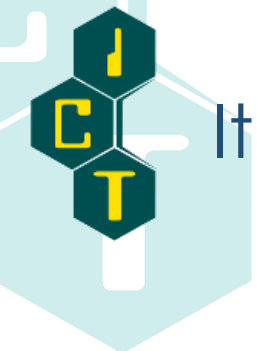
public class SetExample2 {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String[] words = { "When", "all", "is", "said", "and", "done",
                           "more", "has", "been", "said", "than", "done" };
        Set mySet = new HashSet();

        for (int i = 0; i < words.length; i++) {
            mySet.add(words[i]);
        }
        for (Iterator iter = mySet.iterator(); iter.hasNext();) {
            String word = (String) iter.next();
            System.out.print(word + " ");
        }
        System.out.println();
    }
}
```

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# Iterating through a Set

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import java.util.*;
```

```
public class SetExample {
```

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    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        String[] words = { "When", "all", "is", "said", "and", "done",  
                           "more", "has", "been", "said", "than", "done" };  
        Set<String> mySet = new HashSet<String>();  
  
        for (String word : words) {  
            mySet.add(word);  
        }  
        for (String word : mySet) {  
            System.out.print(word + " ");  
        }  
        System.out.println();  
    }  
}
```

```
> and has more When done all than said is been
```





# Set implementations

- ▶ **Set** is an interface; you can't say `new Set( )`
- ▶ There are four implementations:
  - ▶ **HashSet** is best for most purposes
  - ▶ **TreeSet** guarantees that an iterator will return elements in sorted order
  - ▶ **LinkedHashSet** guarantees that an iterator will return elements in the order they were inserted
  - ▶ **AbstractSet** is a “helper” abstract class for new implementations
- ▶ It's poor style to expose the implementation, so:
  - ▶ Good: `Set s = new HashSet( );`
  - Fair: `HashSet s = new HashSet( );`





# Typical set operations

- ▶ Testing if *s2* is a *subset* of *s1*  
`s1.containsAll(s2)`
- ▶ Setting *s1* to the *union* of *s1* and *s2*  
`s1.addAll(s2)`
- ▶ Setting *s1* to the *intersection* of *s1* and *s2*  
`s1.retainAll(s2)`
- ▶ Setting *s1* to the *set difference* of *s1* and *s2*  
`s1.removeAll(s2)`





# Set equality

- ▶ `Object.equals(Object)`, inherited by all objects, really is an *identity* comparison
- ▶ Implementations of `Set` override `equals` so that sets are equal if they contain the same elements
- ▶ `equals` even works if two sets have different implementations
- ▶ `equals` is a test on entire sets; you have to be sure you have a working `equals` on individual set elements
- ▶ `hashCode` has been extended similarly
  - ▶ This is for *sets*, not *elements* of a collection!







# Membership testing in HashSets

- ▶ When testing whether a **HashSet** contains a given object, Java does this:
  - ▶ Java computes the **hash code** for the given object
    - ▶ Hash codes are discussed in a separate lecture
    - ▶ Java compares the given object, using **equals**, *only* with elements in the set that have the *same* hash code
- ▶ Hence, an object will be considered to be in the set only if *both*:
  - ▶ It has the same hash code as an element in the set, *and*
  - ▶ The equals comparison returns true
- ▶ **Moral:** to use a **HashSet** properly, you must have a good **public boolean equals(Object)** and a good **public int hashCode()** defined for the *elements* of the set





# The SortedSet interface

- ▶ A **SortedSet** is just like a **Set**, except that an Iterator will go through it in ascending order
- ▶ **SortedSet** is implemented by **TreeSet**





# Membership testing in TreeSet

- ▶ In a **TreeSet**, elements are kept in order
- ▶ That means Java must have some means of comparing elements to decide which is “larger” and which is “smaller”
- ▶ Java does this by using either:
  - ▶ The **int compareTo(Object)** method of the **Comparable** interface, or
  - ▶ The **int compare(Object, Object)** method of the **Comparator** interface
- ▶ Which method to use is determined *when the **TreeSet** is constructed*





# Comparisons for TreeSet

- ▶ **new TreeSet()**
  - ▶ Uses the elements “natural order,” that is, it uses `compareTo(Object)` from `Comparable`
  - ▶ All elements added to this `TreeSet` must implement `Comparable`, or you will get a `ClassCastException`
- ▶ **new TreeSet(Comparator)**
  - ▶ Uses `compare(Object, Object)` from the given `Comparator`
  - ▶ The `Comparator` specified in the constructor must be applicable to all elements added to this `TreeSet`, or you will get a `ClassCastException`
- ▶ **Moral:** to use a `TreeSet` properly, you must provide the `equals` method and implement either `Comparable` or `Comparator` for the *elements* of the set





# How hard is it to use a Set?

- ▶ You must have a working `equals(Object)` and a working `hashCode()` or comparison method
- ▶ If you don't really care about iteration order, *every* object inherits `equals(Object)` and `hashCode()` from `Object`, and this is usually good enough
  - ▶ That is, assuming you are happy with the `==` test
- ▶ `Strings` do all this for you (they implement `equals`, `hashCode`, and `Comparable`)
- ▶ **Bottom line:** If you don't care about order, and `==` is good enough, just use `HashSet`





# Set tips

- ▶ `add` and `remove` return `true` if they modify the set
- ▶ Here's a trick to remove duplicates from a Collection `c`:
  - ▶ `Collection noDups = new HashSet(c);`
- ▶ A `Set` may not contain itself as an element
- ▶ **Danger:** The behavior of a set is *undefined* if you change an element to be equal to another element
- ▶ **Danger:** A `TreeSet` may throw a `ConcurrentModificationException` if you change an element in the `TreeSet`

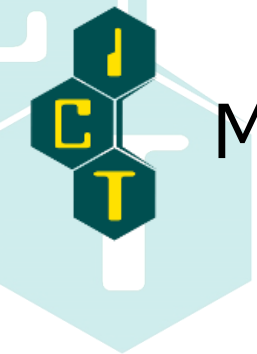




# The Map interface

- ▶ A **Map** is an object that maps keys to values
- ▶ A map cannot contain duplicate keys
- ▶ Each key can map to at most one value
- ▶ Examples: dictionary, phone book, etc.





# Map implementations

- ▶ **Map** is an interface; you can't say **new Map( )**
- ▶ Here are two implementations:
  - ▶ **HashMap** is the faster
  - ▶ **TreeMap** guarantees the order of iteration
- ▶ It's poor style to expose the implementation unnecessarily, so:
- ▶ Good: **Map map = new HashMap( );**  
Fair: **HashMap map = new HashMap( );**







# Map: Basic operations

`Object put(Object key, Object value);`  
`Object get(Object key);`  
`Object remove(Object key);`  
`boolean containsKey(Object key);`  
`boolean containsValue(Object value);`  
`int size( );`  
`boolean isEmpty( );`

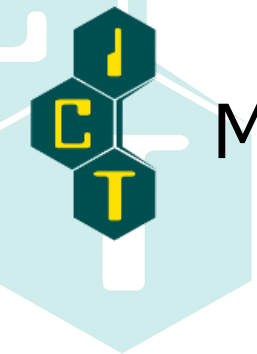




## More about put

- ▶ If the map already contains a given key, `put(key, value)` replaces the value associated with that key
- ▶ This means Java has to do equality testing on keys
- ▶ With a `HashMap` implementation, you need to define `equals` and `hashCode` for all your keys
- ▶ With a `TreeMap` implementation, you need to define `equals` and implement the `Comparable` interface for all your keys





# Map: Bulk operations

- ▶ `void putAll(Map t);`
  - ▶ Copies one `Map` into another
  - ▶ Example: `newMap.putAll(oldMap);`
- ▶ `void clear();`
  - ▶ Example: `oldMap.clear();`





# Map: Collection views

- ▶ `public Set keySet( );`
- ▶ `public Collection values( );`
- ▶ `public Set entrySet( );`
  - ▶ returns a set of `Map.Entry` (key-value) pairs
- ▶ You can create iterators for the key set, the value set, or the entry set (the set of entries, that is, key-value pairs)
- ▶ The above views provide the *only* way to iterate over a `Map`





# Map example

```
import java.util.*;
```

```
public class MapExample {
```

```
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Map<String, String> fruit = new HashMap<String, String>();  
        fruit.put("Apple", "red");  
        fruit.put("Pear", "yellow");  
        fruit.put("Plum", "purple");  
        fruit.put("Cherry", "red");  
        for (String key : fruit.keySet()) {  
            System.out.println(key + ": " + fruit.get(key));  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Plum: purple  
Apple: red  
Pear: yellow  
Cherry: red





# Map.Entry

## Interface for entrySet elements

- ▶ `public interface Entry { // Inner interface of Map`  
    `Object getKey( );`  
    `Object getValue( );`  
    `Object setValue(Object value);`  
}
- ▶ This is a small interface for working with the Collection returned by `entrySet( )`
- ▶ Can get elements *only* from the `Iterator`, and they are only valid during the iteration

