Hash Sets and Maps

Sets

- Sets contain no duplicate elements
- Models the mathematical concept of a set
- Set Interface
 - add
 - contains
 - isEmpty
 - remove
 - size
 - iterator
 - ...
- Implemented by:
 - HashSet
 - TreeSet

HashSet

- Built on Hash table
- Unordered Data Set
- fast operations:
 - add
 - remove
 - contains

Maps

- A mapping of keys to values
- A collection of key/value pairs
- Example: A dictionary
 - Key is the word
 - Value is the definition
- Map Interface
 - values(): Collection of values
 - keySet(): Set<> of keys
 - entrySet(): Set<> of key/value pairs
 - put(key, value)
 - get(key)
 - remove(key)
 - containsKey(key)
 - containsValue(val) (note, not fast)
- Implemented by:
 - HashMap
 - TreeMap

HashMap

- Built on Hash table
- Unordered Data Set
- fast operations:
 - put
 - get
 - containsKey
 - remove
- Works by hashing the key, then storing the pair in the appropriate place in the table.