

# Java TreeSet class

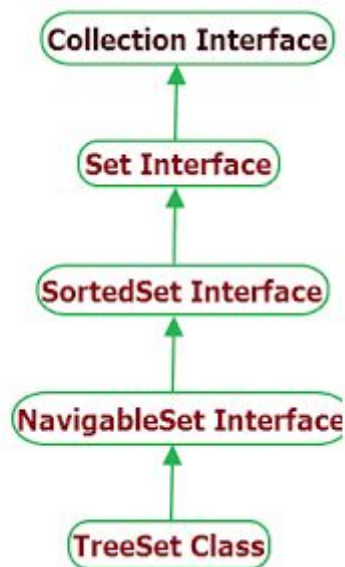
Java TreeSet class extends AbstractSet and implements NavigableSet interface. It is very similar to HashSet class, except it stores the element in sorted order.

The sort order is either natural order or by a Comparator provided at treeset creation time, depending on which constructor is used.

## 1. TreeSet Hierarchy

The TreeSet class extends AbstractSet class and implements NavigableSet interface. The NavigableSet interface extends SortedSet in hierarchical order.

```
class TreeSet<E> extends AbstractSet<E>
    implements NavigableSet<E>, Cloneable, Serializable
{
    //implementation
}
```



## 2. TreeSet Features

- It extends AbstractSet class which extends AbstractCollection class.

- It implements `NavigableSet` interface which extends `SortedSet` interface.
- Duplicate values are not allowed in `TreeSet`.
- `NULL` is not allowed in `TreeSet`.
- It is an ordered collection which store the elements in sorted order.
- Like `HashSet`, this class offers constant time performance for the basic operations(add, remove, contains and size).
- `TreeSet` does not allow to insert heterogeneous objects because it must compare objects to determine sort order.
- `TreeSet` is not `synchronized`. If multiple threads access a hash set concurrently, and at least one of the threads modifies the set, it must be synchronized externally.
- Use `Collections.synchronizedSortedSet(new TreeSet())` method to get the synchronized `TreeSet`.
- The iterators returned by this class's iterator method are fail-fast and may throw `ConcurrentModificationException` if the set is modified at any time after the iterator is created, in any way except through the iterator's own `remove()` method.
- `TreeSet` also implements `Serializable` and `Cloneable` interfaces.