



# COMP1002

## Data Structures and Algorithms

### Lecture 10: DSA in Practice

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# This Week

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- Algorithm Selection
- Java Collections
- ADT selection

# Algorithm Selection

- Computer Science has been developing and discovering algorithms for over 50 years
- Most problems have been attempted before
- First step should be to survey existing options
- e.g. for your assignment...
  - Graph algorithms: add vertices and edges, get adjacent...
  - Shortest paths
  - Nearby search
  - Sorting a linked list (possibly)

# Algorithm Selection

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- **What should we consider?**
- Type and size of data and sort keys
- Order – random, semi-sorted
- How often you will search / sort
- Time efficiency
- Space efficiency
- Understandability of algorithm
- How perfect the results have to be?
  - Is a good path as useful as the shortest path?

# Algorithms in DSA

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- Searching: Linear, Binary
- Sorting: Bubble, Selection, Insertion, Quicksort, Mergesort
- Binary Search Trees: Insert, Delete
- Graphs: Breadth/Depth First Search, Shortest Path
- Hash Tables: Linear/Quadratic/Double, Open Addr
- Heaps: Trickle-up/down, Heapify, Heapsort
- Advanced Trees: Insert, Delete, Split/Merge, "Balance"

# More Sorting

- We looked at some excellent visualisations
- Clearly there are even better performing sorts
- How do we go beyond  $O(N^2)$  and  $O(N \log N)$ ?
- We have looked at "comparison-based" sorts
- There is a cost to every comparison

# Visualisations

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- Colour

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-QYzgTmgVI>

- Disparity

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IjIViETya5k>



# Shell Sort

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- Developed by Donald Shell in 1959
- A variation of Insertion Sort
- Improves handling of values that are far from their final location
- Views the list as an interleaved bundle of lists
- Unstable
- Takes advantage of partially sorted data

# Algorithm

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- For each gap size (largest down to 1)
  - Consider each list is made up of the elements with a gap "h" between them
  - Sort each interleaved list using insertion sort
  - When all lists for gap "h" are sorted, the overall data is "h-sorted"

	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$	$a_6$	$a_7$	$a_8$	$a_9$	$a_{10}$	$a_{11}$	$a_{12}$
<b>Input data</b>	62	83	18	53	07	17	95	86	47	69	25	28
<b>After 5-sorting</b>	17	28	18	47	07	25	83	86	53	69	62	95
<b>After 3-sorting</b>	17	07	18	47	28	25	69	62	53	83	86	95
<b>After 1-sorting</b>	07	17	18	25	28	47	53	62	69	83	86	95

- The first pass, 5-sorting, performs insertion sort on five separate subarrays ( $a_1, a_6, a_{11}$ ), ( $a_2, a_7, a_{12}$ ), etc
- The next pass, 3-sorting, performs insertion sort on the three subarrays ( $a_1, a_4, a_7, a_{10}$ ), ( $a_2, a_5, a_8, a_{11}$ ), etc
- The last pass, 1-sorting, is an ordinary insertion sort of the entire array ( $a_1, \dots, a_{12}$ ).

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# Counting Sort

- Sorts keys in a specific range (small ranges preferred)
- Counts the number of occurrences of each key
- Then knows how much space those keys will take and slots them in
- Stable sort, but not in-place
- Takes advantage of duplicates
- $O(n+k)$  –  $k=\text{range}...$  not a comparison sort
- Often used as a subroutine for other sorts (Radix)

# Counting Sort - Algorithm

- Given array input[]
- Create Count[] and Result[]
- Fill Count[] with the count of each key in input[]
- Update Count[] to store the sum of the previous counts
  - This will give us the position for each group of keys
- Work through input[] backwards, slotting values into Result[], decrementing the count of each, each time

# Counting Sort - Example

**int input[] = { 2, 1, 4, 5, 7, 1, 7, 11, 8, 9, 10 };**

Index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Count[]	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	1

Index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Modified Count[]	0	2	3	3	4	5	5	7	8	9	10	11

**Count[i]=Count[i] + Count[i-1]**

Result[]	0	1	1	2	4	5	7	7	8	9	10	11
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**Count[input[i]] will tell you the index position of input[i] in Result[]**

# Radix Sort

- Counting Sort was limited to a small range of values
- If we have larger range of values, need to adjust...
- Radix Sort uses the Counting Sort as a function
- Works on each digit, sorting from Least Significant Digit (LSD) or Most Significant Digit (MSD)
- Stable sort, uses extra space (through Counting Sort)
- Tricky to calculate complexity – dependent on base (b)
- $O((n+b)*\log_b(k))$  – if  $b=n$ ,  $O(n)$



# Radix Sort LSD - Example

- Original, unsorted list:

170, 45, 75, 90, 802, 24, 2, 66

- Sorting by least significant digit (1s place) gives:

170, 90, 802, 2, 24, 45, 75, 66

- Sorting by next digit (10s place) gives:

802, 2, 24, 45, 66, 170, 75, 90

- Sorting by most significant digit (100s place) gives:

2, 24, 45, 66, 75, 90, 170, 802

# Visualisations

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# Choosing Abstract DataTypes

- We now have many ADTs we can work with
  - Linked Lists, Stacks, Queues,
  - BSTs, Graphs, Heaps, HashTables,
  - Red-Black Trees, 2-3-4 Trees, B-Trees
- There are many others
- There are many implementations

# Choosing ADTs

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- Know your data
- What do you want to use it for?
  - Unique values
  - Order important?
  - Search time important?
  - Static or changing data?
- Prototype – try them out

# Java ADTs

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- Beyond DSA, you can use the in-built ADTs
- You now know enough about ADTs to understand the collections and make choices
- Which class or interface to use?
- Extend using interfaces, or use Java implementations?
- Build your own?
- Source code is available

# Java Collection Documentation

- Always look to the online documentation for up to date information
- These slides are based on the tutorial:
  - <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/collections/>
- Some are taken directly from:
  - <http://www.cs.nyu.edu/courses/fall07/V22.0102-002/lectures/JavaCollections.ppt>
  - by Prof Evan Korth, NYU

# Java Collections

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- A collection — sometimes called a container — is simply an object that groups multiple elements into a single unit
- Collections are used to store, retrieve, manipulate, and communicate aggregate data.
- Typically, they represent data items that form a natural group:
  - a poker hand (a collection of cards), a mail folder (a collection of letters), or a telephone directory (a mapping of names to phone numbers).

# Collections Framework

- A collections framework is a unified architecture for representing and manipulating collections.
- All collections frameworks contain the following:
  - Interfaces: These are abstract data types that represent collections.
  - Implementations: These are the concrete implementations of the collection interfaces. Reusable data structures.
  - Algorithms: These are the methods that perform useful computations, such as searching and sorting, on objects that implement collection interfaces. (Polymorphic)



# Benefits

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- Reduces programming effort:
  - By providing useful data structures and algorithms, the Collections Framework frees you to concentrate on the important parts of your program rather than on the low-level "plumbing" required to make it work.
- Increases program speed and quality:
  - Because you're freed from the drudgery of writing your own data structures, you'll have more time to devote to improving programs' quality and performance.

# Benefits

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- Allows interoperability among unrelated APIs:
  - The collection interfaces are the vernacular by which APIs pass collections back and forth. Our APIs will interoperate seamlessly, even though they were written independently.
- Reduces effort to learn and to use new APIs:
  - Many APIs naturally take collections on input and furnish them as output. In the past, each such API had a small sub-API devoted to manipulating its collections, with standard collection interfaces, the problem went away.

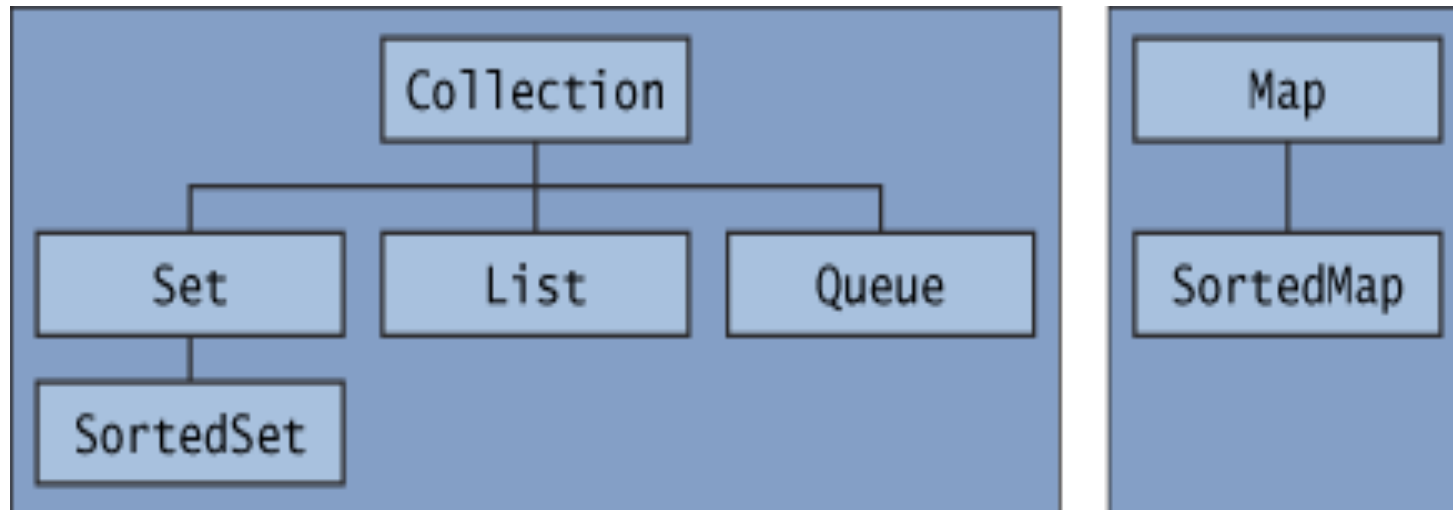
# Benefits

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- Reduces effort to design new APIs:
  - This is the flip side of the previous advantage. Designers and implementers don't have to reinvent the wheel each time they create an API that relies on collections; instead, they can use standard collection interfaces.
- Fosters software reuse:
  - New data structures that conform to the standard collection interfaces are by nature reusable. The same goes for new algorithms that operate on objects that implement these interfaces.

# Collection interfaces

- The core collection interfaces encapsulate different types of collections.
- They represent the abstract data types that are part of the collections framework.
- They are interfaces no implementation provided



**public interface Collection<E>**  
**extends Iterable<E>**

- **Collection** — the root of the collection hierarchy.
- A collection represents a group of objects known as its *elements*.
- The Collection interface is the common denominator that all collections implement and is used to pass collections around and to manipulate them when maximum generality is desired.
- Some types of collections allow duplicate elements, and others do not.
- Some are ordered and others are unordered.
- The Java platform doesn't provide any direct implementations of this interface

# public interface Collection<E> extends Iterable<E>

```
public interface Collection<E> extends Iterable<E> {  
    // Basic operations  
    int size();  
    boolean isEmpty();  
    boolean contains(Object element);  
    boolean add(E element);           //optional  
    boolean remove(Object element); //optional  
    Iterator<E> iterator();  
  
    // Bulk operations  
    boolean containsAll(Collection<?> c);  
    boolean addAll(Collection<? extends E> c); //optional  
    boolean removeAll(Collection<?> c);       //optional  
    boolean retainAll(Collection<?> c);       //optional  
    void clear();                             //optional  
  
    // Array operations  
    Object[] toArray();  
    <T> T[] toArray(T[] a);  
}
```

# We already know about Iterators...

- An Iterator is an object that enables you to traverse through a collection and to remove elements from the collection selectively, if desired.
- You get an `Iterator` for a collection by calling its `iterator()` method.
- The following is the `Iterator` interface.

```
public interface Iterator<E> {  
    boolean hasNext();  
    E next();  
    void remove(); //optional  
}
```

public interface **Set**<E>  
extends Collection<E>

- **Set** — a collection that cannot contain duplicate elements.
- This interface models the mathematical set abstraction and is used to represent sets
- Examples: the cards comprising a poker hand, the courses making up a student's schedule, or the processes running on a machine.



# public interface Set<E> extends Collection<E>

```
public interface Set<E> extends Collection<E> {  
    // Basic operations  
    int size();  
    boolean isEmpty();  
    boolean contains(Object element);  
    boolean add(E element);           //optional  
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    boolean containsAll(Collection<?> c);  
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    void clear();                             //optional  
  
    // Array Operations  
    Object[] toArray();  
    <T> T[] toArray(T[] a);  
}
```

Note: nothing added to Collection interface – except no duplicates allowed

public interface **List**<E>  
extends Collection<E>

- **List** — an ordered collection (sometimes called a *sequence*).
- Lists can contain duplicate elements.
- The user of a List generally has precise control over where in the list each element is inserted and can access elements by their integer index (position).
- If you've used Vector, you're familiar with the general flavor of List.

# public interface **List**<E> extends Collection<E>

```
public interface List<E> extends Collection<E> {
    // Positional access
    E get(int index);
    E set(int index, E element);    //optional
    boolean add(E element);        //optional
    void add(int index, E element); //optional
    E remove(int index);           //optional
    boolean addAll(int index,
        Collection<? extends E> c); //optional

    // Search
    int indexOf(Object o);
    int lastIndexOf(Object o);

    // Iteration
    ListIterator<E> listIterator();
    ListIterator<E> listIterator(int index);

    // Range-view
    List<E> subList(int from, int to);
}
```

# A note on ListIterators

- The three methods that ListIterator inherits from Iterator (**hasNext**, **next**, and **remove**) do exactly the same thing in both interfaces.
- The **hasPrevious** and the **previous** operations are exact analogues of **hasNext** and **next**. The **previous** operation moves the cursor backward, whereas **next** moves it forward.
- The **nextIndex** method returns the index of the element that would be returned by a subsequent call to **next**, and **previousIndex** returns the index of the element that would be returned by a subsequent call to **previous**.
- The **set** method overwrites the last element returned by **next** or **previous** with the specified element.
- The **add** method inserts a new element into the list immediately before the current cursor position.



# A note on ListIterators

```
public interface ListIterator<E> extends Iterator<E> {  
    boolean hasNext();  
    E next();  
    boolean hasPrevious();  
    E previous();  
    int nextIndex();  
    int previousIndex();  
    void remove(); //optional  
    void set(E e); //optional  
    void add(E e); //optional  
}
```

public interface **Queue**<E>

extends Collection<E>

- **Queue** — a collection used to hold multiple elements prior to processing.
- Besides basic Collection operations, a Queue provides additional insertion, extraction, and inspection operations.

public interface **Queue**<E>  
extends Collection<E>

```
public interface Queue<E> extends Collection<E> {  
    E element();                //throws  
    E peek();                   //null  
    boolean offer(E e);         //add - bool  
    E remove();                 //throws  
    E poll();                   //null  
}
```

# public interface **Map**<K,V>

- **Map** — an object that maps keys to values.
- A Map cannot contain duplicate keys; each key can map to at most one value.
- Think about `DSAHashTable` - you're already familiar with the basics of Map.



# public interface Map<K,V>

```
public interface Map<K,V> {

    // Basic operations
    V put(K key, V value);
    V get(Object key);
    V remove(Object key);
    boolean containsKey(Object key);
    boolean containsValue(Object value);
    int size();
    boolean isEmpty();

    // Bulk operations
    void putAll(Map<? extends K, ? extends V> m);
    void clear();

    // Collection Views
    public Set<K> keySet();
    public Collection<V> values();
    public Set<Map.Entry<K,V>> entrySet();

    // Interface for entrySet elements
    public interface Entry {
        K getKey();
        V getValue();
        V setValue(V value);
    }
}
```

public interface **SortedSet**<E>  
extends Set<E>

- **SortedSet** — a Set that maintains its elements in ascending order.
- Several additional operations are provided to take advantage of the ordering.
- Sorted sets are used for naturally ordered sets, such as word lists and membership rolls.

# public interface SortedSet<E> extends Set<E>

```
public interface SortedSet<E> extends Set<E> {  
    // Range-view  
    SortedSet<E> subSet(E fromElement, E toElement);  
    SortedSet<E> headSet(E toElement);  
    SortedSet<E> tailSet(E fromElement);  
  
    // Endpoints  
    E first();  
    E last();  
  
    // Comparator access  
    Comparator<? super E> comparator();  
}
```

# Note on Comparator interface

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- Comparator is another interface (in addition to Comparable) provided by the Java API which can be used to order objects.
- You can use this interface to define an order that is different from the Comparable (natural) order.

public interface **SortedMap**<K,V>  
extends Map<K,V>

- **SortedMap** — a Map that maintains its mappings in ascending key order.
- This is the Map analog of SortedSet.
- Sorted maps are used for naturally ordered collections of key/value pairs, such as dictionaries and telephone directories.

public interface **SortedMap**<K,V>  
extends Map<K,V>

```
public interface SortedMap<K, V> extends Map<K, V>{  
  
    SortedMap<K, V> subMap(K fromKey, K toKey);  
    SortedMap<K, V> headMap(K toKey);  
    SortedMap<K, V> tailMap(K fromKey);  
    K firstKey();  
    K lastKey();  
  
    Comparator<? super K> comparator();  
}
```

## General-purpose Implementations

Interfaces	Implementations				
	Hash table	Resizable array	Tree <u>(sorted)</u>	Linked list	Hash table + Linked list
<b>Set</b>	HashSet		TreeSet <u>(sorted)</u>		LinkedHashSet
<b>List</b>		ArrayList		LinkedList	
<b>Queue</b>					
<b>Map</b>	HashMap		TreeMap <u>(sorted)</u>		LinkedHashMap

Note the naming convention

LinkedList also implements queue and there is a PriorityQueue implementation (implemented with heap)

# Implementations

- Each of the implementations offers the strengths and weaknesses of the underlying data structure.
- What does that mean for:
  - Hashtable
  - Resizable array
  - Tree
  - LinkedList
  - Hashtable plus LinkedList
- **Think about these tradeoffs when selecting the implementation!**



# Choosing the datatype

- When you declare a Set, List or Map, you should use Set, List or Map interface as the datatype instead of the implementing class.
- That will allow you to change the implementation by changing a single line of code!

```
import java.util.*;

public class Test {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Set<String> ss = new LinkedHashSet<String>();

        for (int i = 0; i < args.length; i++)
            ss.add(args[i]);
        Iterator i = ss.iterator();
        while (i.hasNext())
            System.out.println(i.next());
    }
}
```

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

```
public class Test {
```

```
    public static void main(String[] args)
```

```
    {
```

```
        //map to hold student grades
```

```
        Map<String, Integer> theMap = new HashMap<String, Integer>();
```

```
        theMap.put("Korth, Evan", 100);
```

```
        theMap.put("Plant, Robert", 90);
```

```
        theMap.put("Coyne, Wayne", 92);
```

```
        theMap.put("Franti, Michael", 98);
```

```
        theMap.put("Lennon, John", 88);
```

```
        System.out.println(theMap);
```

```
        System.out.println("-----");
```

```
        System.out.println(theMap.get("Korth, Evan"));
```

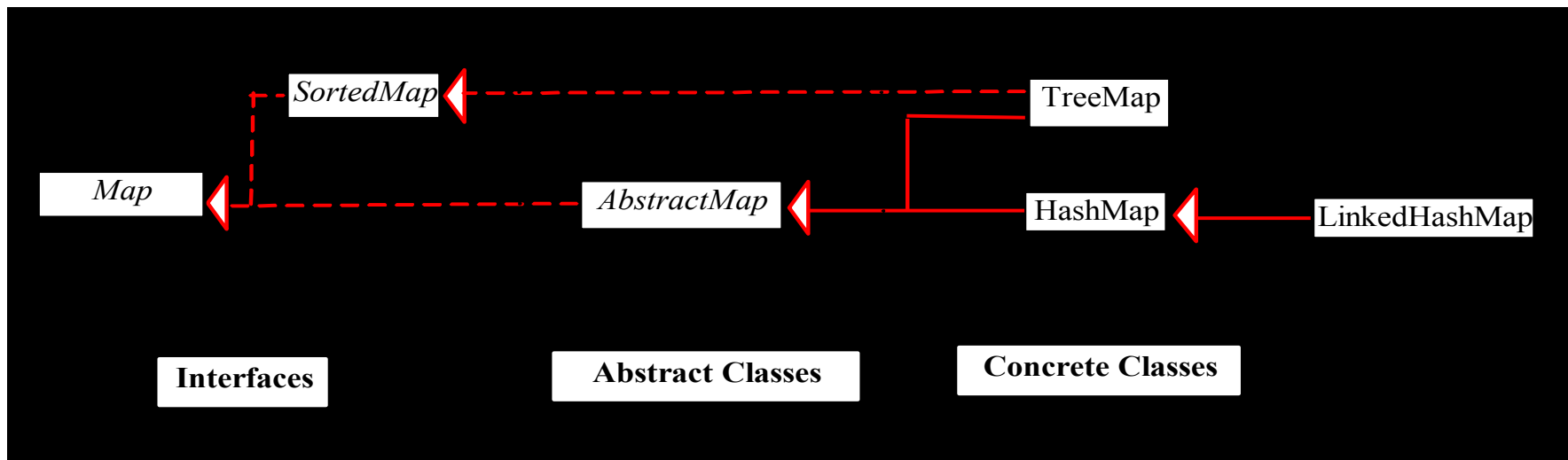
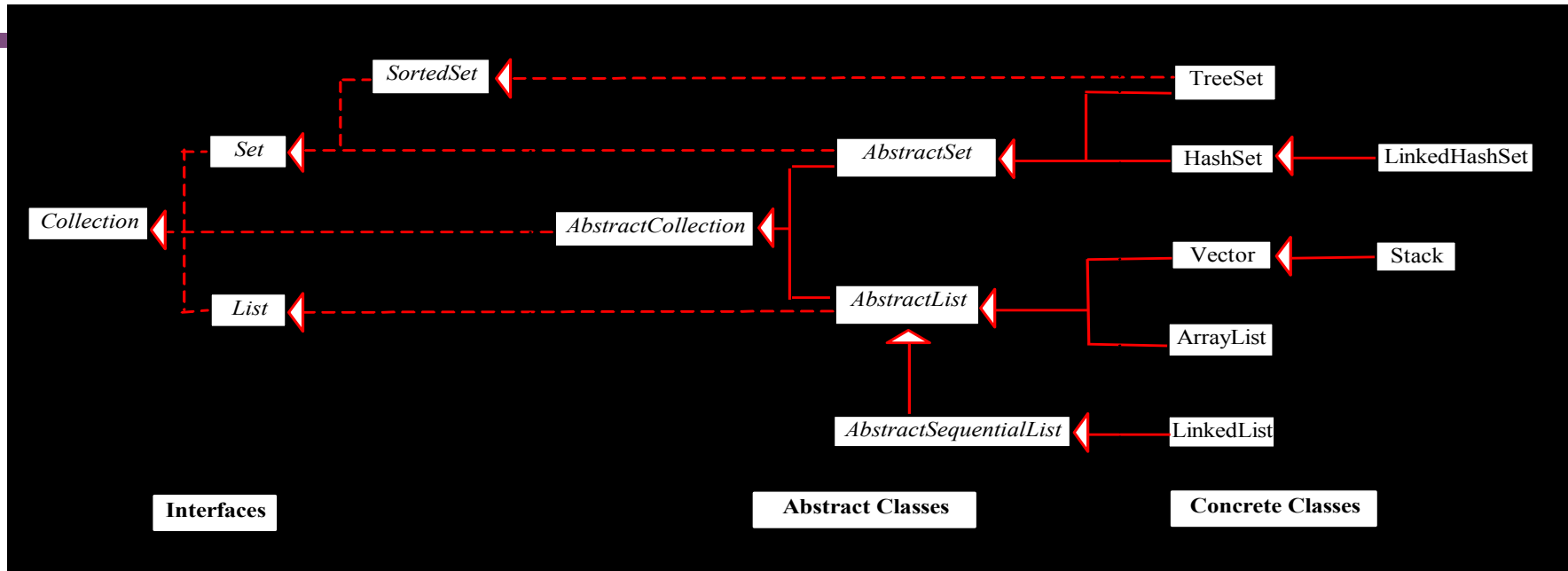
```
        System.out.println(theMap.get("Franti, Michael"));
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

# Other implementations in the API

- Wrapper implementations delegate all their real work to a specified collection but add (or remove) extra functionality on top of what the collection offers.
  - Synchronization Wrappers
  - Unmodifiable Wrappers
- Convenience implementations are mini-implementations that can be more convenient and more efficient than general-purpose implementations when you don't need their full power
  - List View of an Array
  - Immutable Multiple-Copy List
  - Immutable Singleton Set
  - Empty Set, List, and Map Constants



# Making your own implementations

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- Most of the time you can use the implementations provided for you in the Java API.
- In case the existing implementations do not satisfy your needs, you can write your own by extending the abstract classes provided in the collections framework.

# Algorithms

- The Java collections framework also provides polymorphic versions of algorithms you can run on collections...
- Sorting
- Shuffling
- Routine Data Manipulation
  - » Reverse
  - » Fill copy
  - » etc.
- Searching
  - » Binary Search
- Composition
  - » Frequency
  - » Disjoint
- Finding extreme values
  - » Min / Max

# Python Built-Ins

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- For DSA, we have specifically avoided built-ins that were covered in FOP
- We can now revisit these standard library options to see how they align with our DSA topics:
  - Sorting
  - Sets
  - Stacks and Queues
  - Heaps – priority queues
  - Hash Tables

# Python Built-ins: Sorting

- If you have a list, there is a sort method available
- Most types can be converted into a list, sorted and sent back
- Pandas and numpy provide sorting methods for dataframes and arrays
  - `sorted_list = old_list.sort( )`
  - `sorted(old_list)`     # sorts the original list
  - `rev_list = old_list.sort(reverse=True)`



# Python Built-ins: Sets

- A *set* is an unordered collection of objects that does not allow duplicate elements.
- **Functionality:** test a value for **membership** in the set, **insert** or **delete** new values from a set, and to compute the **union** or **intersection** of two sets.
- In a “proper” set implementation, membership tests are expected to run in  $O(1)$  time. Union, intersection, difference, and subset operations should be  $O(n)$ .
- The set implementations in Python match this performance.

# Python Built-ins: Sets

– Examples of using sets in Python:

```
>>> vowels = {'a', 'e', 'i', 'o', 'u'}
```

```
>>> 'e' in vowels
```

```
True
```

```
>>> letters = set('alice')
```

```
>>> letters.intersection(vowels) {'a', 'e', 'i'}
```

```
>>> vowels.add('x')
```

```
>>> vowels {'i', 'a', 'u', 'o', 'x', 'e'}
```

```
>>> len(vowels)
```

```
6
```

```
>>> squares = {x * x for x in range(10)}
```

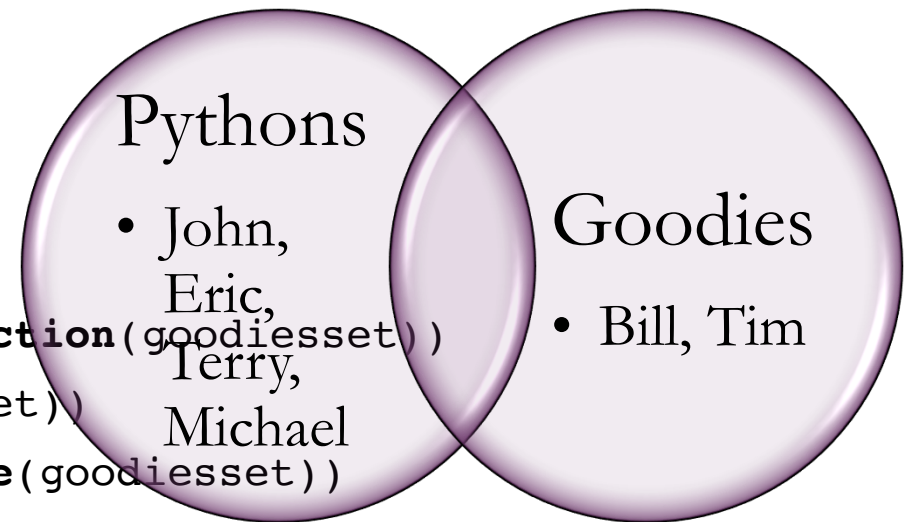
# Set creation and operations (from FOP)

```
pythonlist = ['John', 'Eric', 'Graham', 'Terry', 'Michael', 'Terry']
pythonset = set(pythonlist)
goodieslist = ['Bill', 'Graham', 'Tim']
goodiesset = set(goodieslist)
print(pythonset)
print(goodiesset)
print('Intersection = ', pythonset.intersection(goodiesset))
print('Union = ', pythonset.union(goodiesset))
print('Difference = ', pythonset.difference(goodiesset))
print('Difference = ', goodiesset.difference(pythonset))
```

```
{'Eric', 'John', 'Michael', 'Terry', 'Graham'}
{'Tim', 'Bill', 'Graham'}
Intersection = {'Graham'}
Union = {'John', 'Michael', 'Tim', 'Bill', 'Eric', 'Terry', 'Graham'}
Difference = {'Eric', 'John', 'Terry', 'Michael'}
Difference = {'Bill', 'Tim'}
```

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```



```
{'Eric', 'John', 'Michael', 'Terry', 'Graham'}
```

```
{'Tim', 'Bill', 'Graham'}
```

```
Intersection = {'Graham'}
```

```
Union = {'John', 'Michael', 'Tim', 'Bill', 'Eric', 'Terry', 'Graham'}
```

```
Difference = {'Eric', 'John', 'Terry', 'Michael'}
```

```
Difference = {'Bill', 'Tim'}
```

# Python Built-ins: Multi-Sets

- Multiset (or bag) type allows multiple occurrences of elements in the set

```
>>> from collections import Counter
```

```
>>> inventory = Counter()
```

```
>>> loot = {'sword': 1, 'bread': 3}
```

```
>>> inventory.update(loot)
```

```
>>> inventory
```

```
Counter({'bread': 3, 'sword': 1})
```

```
>>> more_loot = {'sword': 1, 'apple': 1}
```

```
>>> inventory.update(more_loot)
```

```
>>> inventory
```

```
Counter({'bread': 3, 'sword': 2, 'apple': 1})
```

# Python Built-ins: Queues

- Could use a List to provide queue behaviour, but the performance is poor:

```
# How to use Python's list as a FIFO queue:
```

```
q = []
```

```
q.append('eat')
```

```
q.append('sleep')
```

```
q.append('code')
```

```
>>> q
```

```
['eat', 'sleep', 'code']
```

```
# Careful: This is slow!
```

```
>>> q.pop(0)
```

```
'eat'
```

# Python Built-ins: Queues (deque)

- The deque class implements a double-ended queue that supports adding and removing elements from either end in  $O(1)$  time.
- deque objects are implemented as doubly-linked lists
  - excellent performance for enqueueing and dequeuing
  - poor  $O(n)$  performance for randomly accessing elements in the middle of the queue.
- Because deques support adding and removing elements from either end equally well, they can serve both as queues and as stacks.

# Python Built-ins: Queues (deque)

# How to use collections.deque as a FIFO queue:

```
from collections import deque
```

```
q = deque()
```

```
q.append('eat')
```

```
q.append('sleep')
```

```
q.append('code')
```

```
>>> q deque(['eat', 'sleep', 'code'])
```

```
>>> q.popleft() 'eat'
```

```
>>> q.popleft() 'sleep'
```

```
>>> q.popleft() 'code'
```

```
>>> q.popleft()
```

```
IndexError: "pop from an empty deque"
```



# Python Built-ins: Priority Queue (Heap)

- Priority queue is a modified queue:
  - instead of retrieving by insertion time, retrieve by *highest-priority*
- The priority of individual elements is decided by the ordering applied to their keys.

```
from queue import PriorityQueue
```

```
q = PriorityQueue()
```

```
q.put((2, 'code'))
```

```
q.put((1, 'eat'))
```

```
q.put((3, 'sleep'))
```

```
while not q.empty():
```

```
    next_item = q.get()
```

```
    print(next_item)
```

**Result:**

(1, 'eat')

(2, 'code')

(3, 'sleep')

# Python Built-ins: Dictionary (Hashtable)

- The dictionary abstract data type is one of the most frequently used and most important data structures in computer science.
- Because of this importance Python features a robust dictionary implementation as one of its built-in data types (dict).
- Python's dictionaries are indexed by keys of any hashable type.
- A hashable object has a hash value which never changes in its lifetime (`__hash__`), and can be compared (`__eq__`).

```
>>> phonebook = {'bob': 7387, 'alice': 3719, 'jack': 7052}
```

```
>>> phonebook['alice']
```

```
3719
```

# Python Built-ins: Dictionary (Hashtable)

- Python dictionaries are based on a well-tested and finely tuned hash table implementation that provides the performance characteristics you'd expect:
  - $O(1)$  time complexity for lookup, insert, update, and delete operations in the average case.
- Can map to objects for hash table entries:

```
>>> items = {'AAA' : [4, 5, 6, 7],  
             'BBB' : [10,20,30,40], 'CCC' : [100,50,-30,-50]}  
>>> items['AAA']  
[4, 5, 6, 7]
```

# Dictionary – The Meaning of Liff

```
liff = {'Duddo': 'The most deformed potato in any given  
collection of potatoes.',  
        'Fring': 'The noise made by a lightbulb that has  
just shone its last.',  
        'Tonypandy': ' The voice used by presenters on  
children\'s television programmes.'}  
liff['Wawne'] = 'A badly supressed yawn.'  
liff['Woking'] = 'Standing in the kitchen wondering what you  
came in here for.'  
print(liff)  
print(liff['Duddo'])  
print(liff['Fring'])  
print(liff.keys())  
del liff['Fring']  
print(liff.keys())
```

**The Meaning of Liff and  
The Deeper Meaning of Liff,**  
by Douglas Adams and John Lloyd

<http://liff.hivemind.net/>

# Dictionary – The Meaning of Liff

## OUTPUT

```
{'Fring': 'The noise made by a lightbulb that has just shone  
its last.', 'Wawne': 'A badly supressed yawn.', 'Duddo': 'The  
most deformed potato in any given collection of potatoes.',  
'Tonypandy': " The voice used by presenters on children's  
television programmes.", 'Woking': 'Standing in the kitchen  
wondering what you came in here for.'}
```

The most deformed potato in any given collection of potatoes.

The noise made by a lightbulb that has just shone its last.

```
dict_keys(['Woking', 'Fring', 'Wawne', 'Tonypandy', 'Duddo'])
```

```
dict_keys(['Woking', 'Wawne', 'Tonypandy', 'Duddo'])
```

# Dictionaries

- Maps that create a set of relationships between keys and values.

```
pops = {'New South Wales': 7757843,  
        'Victoria' : 6100877,  
        'Queensland' : 4860448,  
        'South Australia' : 1710804,  
        'Western Australia' : 2623164,  
        'Tasmania': 519783,  
        'Northern Territory' : 245657,  
        'Australian Capital Territory': 398349}
```

```
print(pops[ 'Victoria' ])      6100877  
print(pops[ 'Queensland' ])   4860448
```

# Dictionaries

- We can list the keys, or the values, or both...

```
for p in pops:  
    print(p)
```

```
Tasmania  
Western Australia  
...  
Australian Capital Territory  
New South Wales
```

```
for k in pops.keys():  
    print(pops[k])
```

```
519783  
2623164  
...  
7757843
```

```
for k in pops.keys():  
    print(k, ': ', pops[k])
```

```
Tasmania: 519783  
Western Australia: 2623164  
...  
New South Wales: 7757843
```

# Dictionary: Word Frequencies...

- Find the frequency of each of the words in a text...

```
import sys
```

```
punctuation = '~!@#$$%^&*()_+{|}: "<>?`=[ ]\\ \';\'',./'
```

```
if len(sys.argv) < 2 :  
    filename = 'grimm.txt'  
else:  
    filename = sys.argv[1]
```

```
1139  
['rumpelstiltskin', 'by',  
'the', 'side', 'of', 'a',  
'wood', 'in', 'a', 'country']
```

```
book = open(filename).read()  
bookP = book.translate(str.maketrans('', '', punctuation))  
words = bookP.lower().split()  
print(len(words))  
print(words[:10])
```



# Dictionary: Word Frequencies...

- Then calculate frequencies using a dictionary...

```
wordfreq = {}                                # empty dictionary
for word in words:                            # for each word
    if word not in wordfreq:                  # if it's not in dict
        wordfreq[word] = 0                   # create a key/val pair
    wordfreq[word] += 1                       # increment count[word]

print(len(wordfreq))                          # 390 unique, 1139 total
print(wordfreq)
```

- There are many alternative packages with extensive support for analysing text (e.g. nltk) – but this is a good starting point

# Conclusion: What now?

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- For the exam, you should not use Built-ins
- Beyond that, explore them, compare them, use them
- Now that you get ADTs and algorithms, you can use them (or not) from a point of understanding
- You should be confident that you can research and select algorithms and ADTs, and beyond that APIs
- You can then write code to work with and extend on the work of others