

The NodeIndex Specification

Overview: The *NodeIndex* is designed to maintain bidirectional relations between node labels (strings), node IDs (integers), and *Node* objects. It ensures consistency between the mappings of labels to IDs and IDs to labels, allowing efficient addition, retrieval, update, and removal of nodes.

Mathematical Definitions of Sets and Functions: Let Labels be the set of all valid node labels (non-empty strings without whitespace):

$$L = \{\ell \in \text{Strings} \mid \ell \neq \text{null}, \ell \neq \text{ }, \ell \text{ contains non-whitespace characters}\}$$

Let **NodeIds** be the set of all valid *nodeIds* (integers): $I = \{i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

Let **Nodes** be the set of all valid *Node* objects: $N = \{n \mid n.Id, n.Label \in L\}$

Define **Label-to-ID Map** as a function: $L2I : L \rightarrow I \times N$

This maps a node label (case-insensitive) to a tuple of node ID and *Node* reference.

Define **ID-to-Label Map** as a function: $I2L : I \rightarrow L$

This maps a *nodeId* to its label.

Invariants: The following invariants must always hold:

Bidirectional Consistency:

$$\forall \ell \in \text{Dom}(L2I), (\ell, (i, n)) \in L2I \Rightarrow (i, \ell) \in I2L$$

$$\forall i \in \text{dom}(I2L), (i, \ell) \in I2L \Rightarrow (\ell, (i, n)) \in L2I$$

Unique Mapping: Labels map to a single Id and Node. Ids map to a single label.

Case-Insensitive Labels: Label comparisons are case-insensitive in $L2I$.

Operations

1. AddOrUpdateNode(n)

Purpose: Add a new node or update an existing node in the index.

Input: $n \in N$

Preconditions: $n.Label \in L$ and $n.Id \in I$

Process: Consistency Check and Cleanup:

If there exists $\ell \in \text{dom}(L2I)$ such that $\text{lower}(\ell) = \text{lower}(n.\text{Label})$:

Let $(i\ell, n\ell) = L2I(\ell)$

If $i\ell \neq n.\text{Id}$

Remove ℓ from $L2I$

Remove $i\ell$ from $I2L$

If there exists $i \in \text{dom}(I2L)$ such that $i = n.\text{Id}$

Let $\ell i = I2L(i)$

If $\text{lower}(\ell i) \neq \text{lower}(n.\text{Label})$

Remove ℓi from $L2I$

Remove i from $I2L$

Insertion/Update:

Add or update the mapping:

$L2I(n.\text{Label}) = (n.\text{Id}, n)$

$I2L(n.\text{Id}) = n.\text{Label}$

Postconditions: Mappings are updated to reflect n . Invariants are maintained.

2. RemoveNodeByLabel(ℓ)

Purpose: Remove a node from the index using its label.

Input: $\ell \in L$

Preconditions: ℓ is not null, empty, or whitespace.

Process Lookup:

If $\ell \in \text{dom}(L2I)$

Let $(i, n) = L2I(\ell)$

Remove ℓ from $L2I$

Remove i from $I2L$

Return True

Else: Return False

3. RemoveNodeById(i)

Purpose: Remove a node from the index using its ID.

Input: $i \in I$

Preconditions: None.

Process Lookup:

If $i \in \text{dom}(I2L)$

Let $\ell = I2L(i)$

Remove i from $I2L$

Remove ℓ from $L2I$

Return True

Else: Return False

4. GetNodeIdByLabel(ℓ)

Purpose: Retrieve the Id of a node by its label.

Input: $\ell \in L$

Preconditions: ℓ is not null, empty, or whitespace.

Process Lookup:

If $\ell \in \text{dom}(L2I)$

Let $(i, n) = L2I(\ell)$

Return i

Else: Return null

5. GetNodeByLabel(ℓ)

Purpose: Retrieve the `Node` object by its label

Input: $\ell \in L$

Preconditions: ℓ is not null, empty, or whitespace.

Process Lookup:

If $\ell \in \text{dom}(L2I)$

Let $(i, n) = L2I(\ell)$

Return n

Else: Return null

6. GetLabelById(i)

Purpose: Retrieve the label of a node by its ID.

Input: $i \in I$

Preconditions: None.

Process Lookup:

If $i \in \text{dom}(I2L)$

Return $I2L(i)$

Else: Return null

7. DisplayIndex()

Purpose: Output the state of the *NodeIndex* mappings for debugging or visualization.

Process Iteration:

For each $\ell \in \text{dom}(L2I)$

Retrieve $(i, n) = L2I(\ell)$

Output ℓ, i, n

Ensuring Data Consistency: The class maintains data consistency through:

- **Synchronized Updates:** Any addition or removal operation updates both $L2I$ and $I2L$ mappings simultaneously.
- **Cleanup of Conflicting Entries:** Before adding or updating, the class checks for existing entries with matching labels or IDs and resolves conflicts.

- **Case-Insensitive Label Handling:** Labels are stored and compared in a case-insensitive manner to prevent duplicates due to case differences.

Error Handling: Invalid Inputs: If a null, empty, or whitespace label is provided, methods return *null* or *false* as appropriate.

If a null *Node* or a *Node* with invalid properties is provided to *AddOrUpdateNode*, an exception is thrown.

Assertions: The class may use assertions (in an implementation context) to ensure internal state validity after operations.

Dependencies: Node Class

$n.Id \in I$ and $n.Label \in L$

It is assumed that each *Node* object provides access to its *Id* and *label*.