Maps (c++)and TreeMap(java)

Both map in C++ (std::map) and TreeMap in Java are sorted associative containers implemented using balanced binary search trees (Red-Black Tree). They maintain elements in sorted order of keys and provide logarithmic time complexity (O(log n)) for insertions, deletions, and lookups.

Use map (C++) / TreeMap (Java) when:

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Storing key-value pairs in sorted order Yes Yes

Fast lookups but with sorted keys (O(log n)) Yes Yes

Efficient range queries (keys between X and Y) (lower_bound(), upper_bound()) (subMap(),

ceilingKey(), floorKey())

Finding the smallest/largest key (begin(), rbegin()) (firstKey(), lastKey())

Finding closest greater/smaller key (lower_bound(), upper_bound()) (ceilingKey(), floorKey())

Custom comparator sorting yes yes

Types of Questions Solved by map (C++) and TreeMap (Java)

Problem Type	Why map/TreeMap?	Example
Find Smallest/Largest Key	TreeMap.firstKey(), TreeMap.lastKey() in Java or map.begin() in C++	Find the lowest price in a stock order book
Efficient Range Queries	TreeMap.subMap(start, end), map.lower_bound(x) in C++	Find all sales between two timestamps
Find Closest Greater/Smaller Element	TreeMap.ceilingKey(x), TreeMap.floorKey(x), map.upper_bound(x) in C++	Given a deadline, find the next available event
Auto-Sorted Leaderboard	Maintains order automatically	Ranking system where players are sorted by scores
Schedule Conflicts (Meeting Room)	TreeMap helps in finding overlapping intervals	Check if a new meeting overlaps with existing ones
K-th Smallest/Largest Element	Elements are stored in sorted order	Find the K-th earliest event

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QDisplaying contents of map
#include <iostream>
#include <map>
int main() {
  map<int, string> student;
  student[101] = "Alice";
  student[103] = "Bob";
  student[102] = "Charlie";
  // Iterating over the map (sorted order)
  for (const auto &entry : student) {
    cout << entry.first << " -> " << entry.second << endl;</pre>
  }
  return 0;
}
Output:
101 -> Alice
102 -> Charlie
103 -> Bob
import java.util.Map;
import java.util.TreeMap;
public class TreeMapExample {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    Map<Integer, String> student = new TreeMap<>();
    student.put(101, "Alice");
    student.put(103, "Bob");
    student.put(102, "Charlie");
    // Iterating in sorted order
    for (Map.Entry<Integer, String> entry : student.entrySet()) {
      System.out.println(entry.getKey() + " -> " + entry.getValue());
    }
  }
Output (Sorted Order by Key):
101 -> Alice
102 -> Charlie
103 -> Bob
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Q code for lookup
#include <iostream>
#include <map>
using namespace std;
int main() {
  // Create a map with key-value pairs
  map<int, string> studentMap;
  studentMap[101] = "Alice";
  studentMap[102] = "Bob";
  studentMap[103] = "Charlie";
  // Lookup for a key
  int key = 102;
  if (studentMap.find(key) != studentMap.end()) {
    cout << "Student ID " << key << " is " << studentMap[key] << endl;</pre>
  } else {
    cout << "Student ID " << key << " not found." << endl;</pre>
  return 0;
}
Java
import java.util.TreeMap;
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    // Create a TreeMap with key-value pairs
    TreeMap<Integer, String> studentMap = new TreeMap<>();
    studentMap.put(101, "Alice");
    studentMap.put(102, "Bob");
    studentMap.put(103, "Charlie");
    // Lookup for a key
    int key = 102;
    if (studentMap.containsKey(key)) {
      System.out.println("Student ID " + key + " is " + studentMap.get(key));
    } else {
      System.out.println("Student ID " + key + " not found.");
    }
  }
}
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Finding the Closest Greater/Smaller Key

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C++ (using map)
#include <iostream>
#include <map>
using namespace std;
int main() {
  map<int, string> events;
  events[10] = "Meeting A";
  events[20] = "Meeting B";
  events[30] = "Meeting C";
  int query = 15;
  auto it = events.lower_bound(query); // First key >= query
  if (it != events.end())
    cout << "Next event: " << it->second << " at " << it->first << endl;
  return 0;
}
Java (using TreeMap)
import java.util.TreeMap;
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    TreeMap<Integer, String> events = new TreeMap<>();
    events.put(10, "Meeting A");
    events.put(20, "Meeting B");
    events.put(30, "Meeting C");
    int query = 15;
    Integer nextEvent = events.ceilingKey(query);
    if (nextEvent != null)
      System.out.println("Next event: " + events.get(nextEvent) + " at " + nextEvent);
  }
Output: Next event: Meeting B at 20
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Range Queries
#include <map>
using namespace std;
int main() {
  map<int, string> orders;
  orders[100] = "Order 1";
  orders[200] = "Order 2";
  orders[300] = "Order 3";
  auto low = orders.lower_bound(150);
  auto high = orders.upper_bound(250);
  cout << "Orders between 150 and 250:" << endl;
  for (auto it = low; it != high; ++it)
    cout << it->first << ": " << it->second << endl;</pre>
  return 0;
}
Java
import java.util.*;
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    TreeMap<Integer, String> orders = new TreeMap<>();
    orders.put(100, "Order 1");
    orders.put(200, "Order 2");
    orders.put(300, "Order 3");
    NavigableMap<Integer, String> subOrders = orders.subMap(150, true, 250, true);
    System.out.println("Orders between 150 and 250: " + subOrders);
  }
}
Q Find k smallest
#include <iostream>
#include <map>
using namespace std;
int findKthSmallest(map<int, string>& studentMap, int K) {
  if (K \le 0 \mid K > studentMap.size()) 
    cout << "Invalid K value!" << endl;</pre>
    return -1;
  }
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auto it = studentMap.begin();
  advance(it, K - 1); // Move iterator to the K-th element (0-based index)
  cout << "K-th Smallest Element: " << it->first << " -> " << it->second << endl;
  return it->first;
}
int main() {
  map<int, string> studentMap = {
    {101, "Alice"},
    {102, "Bob"},
    {103, "Charlie"},
    {104, "David"},
    {105, "Eve"}
  };
  int K = 3;
  findKthSmallest(studentMap, K);
  return 0;
}
import java.util.*;
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    TreeMap<Integer, String> studentMap = new TreeMap<>();
    studentMap.put(101, "Alice");
    studentMap.put(102, "Bob");
    studentMap.put(103, "Charlie");
    studentMap.put(104, "David");
    studentMap.put(105, "Eve");
    int K = 3;
    findKthSmallest(studentMap, K);
  }
  public static void findKthSmallest(TreeMap<Integer, String> map, int K) {
    if (K <= 0 | | K > map.size()) {
      System.out.println("Invalid K value!");
      return;
    }
    List<Map.Entry<Integer, String>> entryList = new ArrayList<>(map.entrySet());
    Map.Entry<Integer, String> kthElement = entryList.get(K - 1);
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System.out.println("K-th Smallest Element: " + kthElement.getKey() + " -> " +
kthElement.getValue());
}
Kth largest element
#include <iostream>
#include <map>
using namespace std;
int findKthLargest(map<int, string>& studentMap, int K) {
  if (K <= 0 | | K > studentMap.size()) {
    cout << "Invalid K value!" << endl;</pre>
    return -1;
  }
  auto it = studentMap.rbegin(); // Reverse iterator (largest element first)
  advance(it, K - 1); // Move iterator to the K-th largest element
  cout << "K-th Largest Element: " << it->first << " -> " << it->second << endl;
  return it->first;
}
int main() {
  map<int, string> studentMap = {
    {101, "Alice"},
    {102, "Bob"},
    {103, "Charlie"},
    {104, "David"},
    {105, "Eve"}
  };
  int K = 2;
  findKthLargest(studentMap, K);
  return 0;
}
import java.util.*;
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    TreeMap<Integer, String> studentMap = new TreeMap<>();
    studentMap.put(101, "Alice");
    studentMap.put(102, "Bob");
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studentMap.put(103, "Charlie");
    studentMap.put(104, "David");
    studentMap.put(105, "Eve");
    int K = 2;
    findKthLargest(studentMap, K);
  }
  public static void findKthLargest(TreeMap<Integer, String> map, int K) {
    if (K <= 0 | | K > map.size()) {
      System.out.println("Invalid K value!");
      return;
    }
    List<Integer> keys = new ArrayList<>(map.descendingKeySet()); // Reverse order keys
    int kthLargestKey = keys.get(K - 1);
    System.out.println("K-th Largest Element: " + kthLargestKey + " -> " + map.get(kthLargestKey));
  }
}
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