## Compare and Union Two Collections



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#### Module Goals



- Working with two collections
- Are collections equal
- Find values in one and not the other
- Find all values in common
- Combine two collections together
  - With dupes
  - No dupes

# Equality

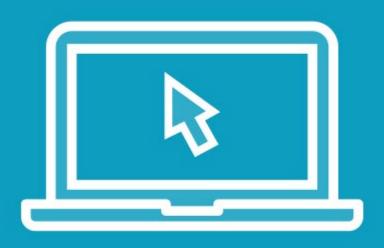
### SequenceEqual

Compares two collections for equality

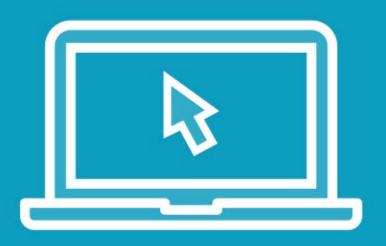
Simple data types (int, decimal, etc.) - checks values

Object data types checks reference

Use comparer class to check values in properties



- SequenceEqual
  - Integers
  - References



- SequenceEqual using a comparer class

# Exceptions

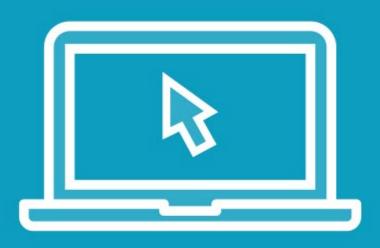
### Except

Find all values in one list, but not the other

Simple data types (int, decimal, etc.) - checks values

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Except

## Intersection

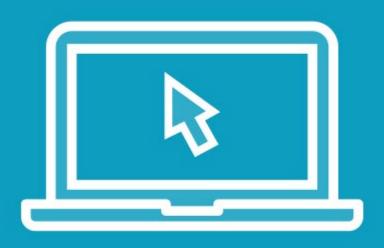
#### Intersect

Find all values in common between both lists

Simple data types (int, decimal, etc.) - checks values

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Use comparer class to check values in properties



Intersect

## Union

#### Unions

Add the contents of two lists together

Union() checks for duplicates

Concat() does not check for duplicates

Use comparer class with objects



- Union
- Concat

### Module Summary



- Easy to compare values between two collections
- Simple data types = automatic checking
- Object data types = need a comparer class

## Up Next:

Joining Two Collections Together