Sets and Maps

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Set

Sets

- A common container used in programming
- Unlike the Bag ADT:
 - stores unique values
 - represents the mathematical set structure

Set

The Set ADT

The Set ADT

- A **set** is a container that stores a collection of unique values over a given comparable domain.
- The stored values have no particular ordering

| equals(Set) |
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| $is_subset_of(Set)$ |
| union(Set) |
| intersect(Set) |
| difference(Set) |
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Set

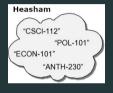
Using the Set ADT

• Two sets containing the current courses for two students



```
a_courses = Set()
a_courses.add( "CSCI-112" )
a_courses.add( "MATH-121" )
a_courses.add( "HIST-340" )
a_courses.add( "ECON-101" )
```

• Two sets containing the current courses for two students



```
h_courses = Set()
h_courses.add( "POL-101" )
h_courses.add( "ANTH-230" )
h_courses.add( "CSCI-112" )
h_courses.add( "ECON-101" )
```

- Determine if two students are taking
 - 1. all of the same courses or
 - 2. any of the same courses

```
if a courses == h courses :
    print("Ahmed and Hesham are taking the same courses.")
else :
    sameCourses = a courses.intersect( h courses )
if len(sameCourses) == 0 :
    print("Ahmed and Hesham are not taking any of the same courses.")
else:
    print("Ahmed and Hesham are taking some of the same courses:")
```

```
for course in sameCourses :
    print( course )
```

 How can we determine which courses Ahmed is taking that Hesham is not taking?

```
uniqueCourses = a_courses.difference( h_courses )
```

Set

Which Data Structure?

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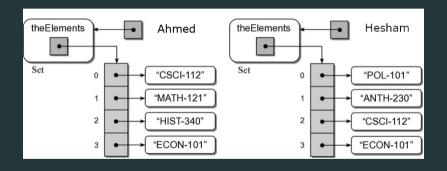
Set: Which Data Structure?

- Evaluate each DS/ADT option
 - dictionary
 - array
 - list
- Criteria
 - Storage Requirements
 - Necessary access and manipulation functionality

Set: Which Data Structure?

- Dictionary
 - stores unique elements (key/value pairs)
 - will waste space
- Array
 - can store unique elements
 - lacks the functionality
- List
 - can store unique elements
 - provides the functionality

Set: List Implementation



Python Testing

Python Testing

Automated vs. Manual Testing

Manual Testing

- You make the scenario
- You write code to test the code validity
- You run the test code
- Later,
- You change the source code
- You write new test code to test the code validity
- You rerun all the code by yourself

Exploratory Testing

- form of manual testing
- form of testing that is done without a plan
- You're just exploring the application

Python Testing

Automated Testing

Automated Testing

- the execution of your test plan
 - the parts of your application you want to test
 - the order in which you want to test them
 - and the expected responses
- by a script instead of a human

Python Testing

Integration Test vs. Unit Test

Integration Test

- Testing multiple components
- Think of all the things that need to work correctly in order for a simple task to give the right result
- These components are like the parts to your application, all of those classes, functions, and modules you've written.
- A major challenge with integration testing is when an integration test doesn't give the right result
- It's very hard to diagnose the issue without being able to isolate which part of the system is failing

Unit Test

- is a smaller test, one that checks that a single component operates in the right way
- helps you to isolate what is broken in your application and fix it faster

Choosing a Test Runner

Choosing a Test Runner

- There are many test runners available for Python
- The one built into the Python standard library is called unittest
- The principles of unittest are easily portable to other frameworks
- The three most popular test runners are:
 - unittest
 - nose or nose2
 - pytest

Choosing a Test Runner

Python unittest

Python unittest

- unittest has been built into the Python standard library since version 2.1
- You'll probably see it in commercial Python applications and open-source projects
- unittest contains both a testing framework and a test runner
- unittest has some important requirements for writing and executing tests

unittest Requirements

unittest requires that:

- 1. You put your tests into classes as methods
- 2. You use a series of special assertion methods in the unittest. TestCase class instead of the built-in assert statement

Python unittest Steps

To build a unittest test case, you would have to:

- 1. Import unittest from the standard library
- 2. Create a class called TestSomeThing that inherits from the TestCase class
- 3. Convert the test functions into methods by adding self as the first argument
- 4. Change the assertions to use the self.assertZZZ() method on the TestCase class
- 5. Change the command-line entry point to call unittest.main()

Summary

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- The Set ADT
- Different Data Structures / ADT
- Python Testing
- Unit Testing using unittest

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