

ES6 Sets

set functions and their usage

A **Set** data structure in ES6 is an *ordered* list of unique elements. Here are some set functions and their usage:

Keyword	Type	Usage
Set	constructor	creates a set
add	method	adds elements to the set
size	property	check size of the set
has	method	check if an element is a member of the set
delete	method	remove a value from a set

Consider the following code:

```
let colors = new Set();

colors.add( 'red' );
colors.add( 'green' );
colors.add( 'red' ); // duplicate elements are added only once
console.log( colors );
//> Set {"red", "green"}

console.log( 'Size: ' + colors.size );
//> 2

console.log( 'has green: ' + colors.has( 'green' ) + '\nhas blue: ' + colors.has( 'blue' ) );
```

```
//> true false
```



You can remove a value from a set by calling its `delete` method. The return value of the removal is a boolean, indicating whether the removed element was initially a member of the set or not.

```
console.log('Before deleting: ')\nconsole.log(colors);\ncolors.delete( 'green' )\n//> true\ncolors.delete( 'green' )\n//> false
```



```
console.log('\\nAfter deleting: ')\nconsole.log(colors);
```



The `Set` constructor accepts an optional array argument with initial values. It eliminates all duplicates.

```
let moreColors = new Set( ['red', 'blue', 'red', 'orange'] );\nconsole.log( moreColors );
```



We will revisit the set construction when learning about iterators and generators.

Now, let's move on to set iteration.