

## # Implementation of hashCode() & equals()

```
package maps;
```

```
import java.util.*;
```

```
public class HashCodeAndEquals {  
    public static void main (String[] args) {
```

```
        Pen pen1 = new Pen (10, "blue");
```

```
        Pen pen2 = new Pen (10, "blue");
```

```
        System.out.println (pen1);
```

```
        System.out.println (pen2);
```

```
        // System.out.println (pen1.equals (pen2));
```

```
        Set<Pen> pens = new HashSet<>();
```

```
        pens.add (pen1);
```

```
        pens.add (pen2);
```

```
        System.out.println (pens);
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
class Pen {
```

```
    int price;
```

```
    String color;
```



public Pen (int price, String color) {  
    this.price = price;  
    this.color = color;  
}

@Override

public boolean equals (Object Obj) {  
    Pen that = (Pen) Obj;

    boolean isEqual = this.price ==  
        that.price && this.color.  
        equals (that.  
                color);

    return isEqual;  
}

@Override

public int hashCode () {  
    return price + color.hashCode();  
}

}



## # The Contract

The contract b/w `equals()` and `hashCode()` is :

1. If two objects are equal, then they must have same hashcode.
2. If two objects have the same hashcode they may or may not be equal.

## # Best practices

1. Always use same attributes of an object to generate `hashCode()` & `equals()` both.
2. `equals()` must be consistent (if the object are not modified, then it must keep returning the same value).
3. Whenever `a.equals(b)`, then `a.hashCode()` must be same as `b.hashCode()`.
4. If you override one, then you should override the other.



@Override.

```
public int hashCode() {  
    final int prime = 31;  
    int result = 1;  
    result = prime * result + ((color == null  
        ? 0 : color.  
        hashCode())  
    result = prime * result + price;  
    return result;  
}
```

@Override.

```
public boolean equals(Object obj) {  
    if (this == obj)  
        return true;  
    if (obj == null)  
        return false;  
    if (getClass() != obj.getClass())  
        return false;
```

```
    Pen other = (Pen) obj;  
    if (color == null) {  
        if (other.color != null)  
            return false;  
    }  
    else if (!color.equals(other.color))
```

```
        return false;  
    if (price != other.price)  
        return false;  
    return true;
```