Unique Characters in a String

Intermediate - java

Write a uniqueCharacters() function that determines if any given string has all unique characters (i.e. no character in the string is duplicated). If the string has all unique characters, the function should return true . If the string does not have all unique characters, return false.

For example, uniqueCharacters("apple") should return false.

This challenge and variations of it were reported to have been asked at interviews with Google. If you've covered the material in <u>Pass the Technical Interview with Java</u> or an equivalent, you should be able to solve this challenge. If you have trouble, try refreshing your knowledge there first.

Note that the function should also return false if it is called with an empty string ("") — there cannot be unique characters if there are no characters at all.