

## Worksheet: Abstract Collection

The `Collection` interface is defined as follows (the default methods declared in this interface are not shown):

```
interface Collection<E> extends Iterable<E> {
    Iterator<E> iterator();
    boolean add(E x);
    int size();
    boolean isEmpty();
    boolean contains(Object x);
    boolean containsAll(Collection<?> c);
    boolean addAll(Collection<? extends E> c);
    boolean remove(Object x);
    boolean removeAll(Collection<?> c);
    boolean retainAll(Collection<?> c);
    void clear();
    Object[] toArray();
    <T> T[] toArray(T[] a);
}
```

### Tasks:

1. Implement an abstract class `AbstractCollection` in which as many as possible methods declared in the `Collection` interface are provided as concrete methods (or alternatively implement as many as possible methods declared in the `Collection` interface as Java 8 default methods).

```
public abstract class AbstractCollection<E> implements Collection<E> {
    ...
}
```

2. Which methods *cannot* be implemented in the abstract class (or as Java 8 default methods) in terms of the other methods? In other words: For which methods is information about the data structure used to store the elements necessary?  
Hint: Only two methods cannot be implemented!
3. Which of the methods which you could implement should be overridden by a concrete implementation? Justify your answer!

Note that the abstract class has *no information whatsoever* about the data structure used to store the elements (i.e. whether an array, a list or a tree, etc. is used).