

Data Structures

Each contract has its own state (storage), which only they can modify but [anyone can see](#) .

A contract stores all its data in a key-value storage. This however is abstracted from you by the SDK through [serialization](#) .

Info Contracts [pay for their storage](#) by locking part of their balance. Currently it costs ~1 N to store 100KB

Data Structures

The NEAR SDK exposes a series of structures ([Vectors](#) , [Sets](#) , [Maps](#) and [Trees](#)) to simplify storing data in an efficient way.

Instantiation All structures need to be initialized using a unique prefix , which will be used to identify the structure's keys in the [serialized state](#)

- Javascript
- Rust

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Vector

Implements [a vector/array](#) which persists in the contract's storage. Please refer to the Rust and AS SDK's for a full reference on their interfaces.

- Javascript
- Rust

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Map

Implements [a map/dictionary](#) which persists in the contract's storage. Please refer to the Rust and AS SDK's for a full reference on their interfaces.

- Javascript
- Rust

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```
import
{
  NearBindgen , call , view , near ,
  UnorderedMap
}
from
"near-sdk-js" ;
@ NearBindgen ( { } ) class
  StatusMessage
  { records :
    UnorderedMap ; constructor ( )
    { this . records
```

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=
new
UnorderedMap ( "a" ); }
@ call ( { } ) set_status ( { message , prefix } :
{ message :
string ; prefix :
string
} )
{ let account_id = near . signerAccountId ( ) ;
const inner :
any
=
this . records . get ( "b"
+ prefix ) ; const inner_map :
UnorderedMap
= inner ?
UnorderedMap . deserialize ( inner ) :
new
UnorderedMap ( "b"
+ prefix ) ;
inner_map . set ( account_id , message ) ;
this . records . set ( "b"
+ prefix , inner_map ) ; }
@ view ( { } ) get_status ( { account_id , prefix } :
{ account_id :
string ; prefix :
string
} )
{ const inner :
any
=
this . records . get ( "b"
+ prefix ) ; const inner_map :
UnorderedMap
= inner ?
UnorderedMap . deserialize ( inner ) :
new

```

UnorderedMap ("b"

+ prefix) ; return inner_map . get (account_id) ; } }

Set

Implements [a set](#) which persists in the contract's storage. Please refer to the Rust and AS SDK's for a full reference on their interfaces.

- Javascript
- Rust

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Tree

An ordered equivalent of Map. The underlying implementation is based on an [AVL](#) . You should use this structure when you need to: have a consistent order, or access the min/max keys.

- Rust
- tree.rs
- lib.rs

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Storage Cost

Your contract needs to lock a portion of their balance proportional to the amount of data they stored in the blockchain. This means that:

- If more data is added and the storage increases ↑
- , then your contract's balance decreases ↓
- .
- If data is deleted and the storage decreases ↓
- , then your contract's balance increases ↑
- .

Currently, it cost approximately 1 [Ⓝ] to store 100kb of data.

info You can save on smart contract storage if using NEAR Account IDs by encoding them using base32. Since they consist of [a-z.-_] characters with a maximum length of 64 characters, they can be encoded using 5 bits per character, with terminal\0 . Going to a size of $65 * 5 = 325$ bits from the original $(64 + 4) * 8 = 544$ bits. This is a 40% reduction in storage costs. caution An error will raise if your contract tries to increase its state while not having NEAR to cover for storage. warning Be mindful of potential [small deposit attacks](#) [Edit this page](#) Last updated on May 9, 2024 by Guille Was this page helpful? Yes No Need some help? [Chat with us](#) or check our [Dev Resources](#) ! [Twitter](#) [Telegram](#) [Discord](#) [Zulip](#)

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