

Functional programming

- A function is a first class object (in languages that support functional programming)
- You can pass a function as an argument of a function
- You can return a function from another function
- You can assign a function to a variable
 - not in Java

Functional interface

- An interface with exactly 1 abstract method
- Can also be annotated with `@FunctionalInterface`
- In Java, we can assign an object of any interface to a variable
 - Since in a functional interface, there is exactly 1 abstract function signature, we can assign an implementation for that function to a variable of a functional interface

For example, the interface called `java.lang Runnable` has one abstract method `public void run()`.

```
Runnable r1 = new Runnable() {
    public void run(){
        System.out.println("Hello");
    }
};

// idea is
Runnable r2 = public void run(){
    System.out.println("Hello");
};
// should be done as
Runnable r2 = ()->{
    System.out.println("Hello");
};
// can be simplified as
Runnable r2 = ()->System.out.println("Hello");
```

If the method body has only one statement, then we do not need the curly braces. If the only statement is a return statement, then the return keyword is also not required.

```
Comparator<Book> cmp = new Comparator<>(){
    public int compare(Book b1, Book b2){
        return Double.compare(b1.getPrice(), b2.getPrice());
    }
}
// can be simplified as
Comparator<Book> cmp = (Book b1, Book b2) -> {
    return Double.compare(b1.getPrice(), b2.getPrice());
};

// can further be simplified as
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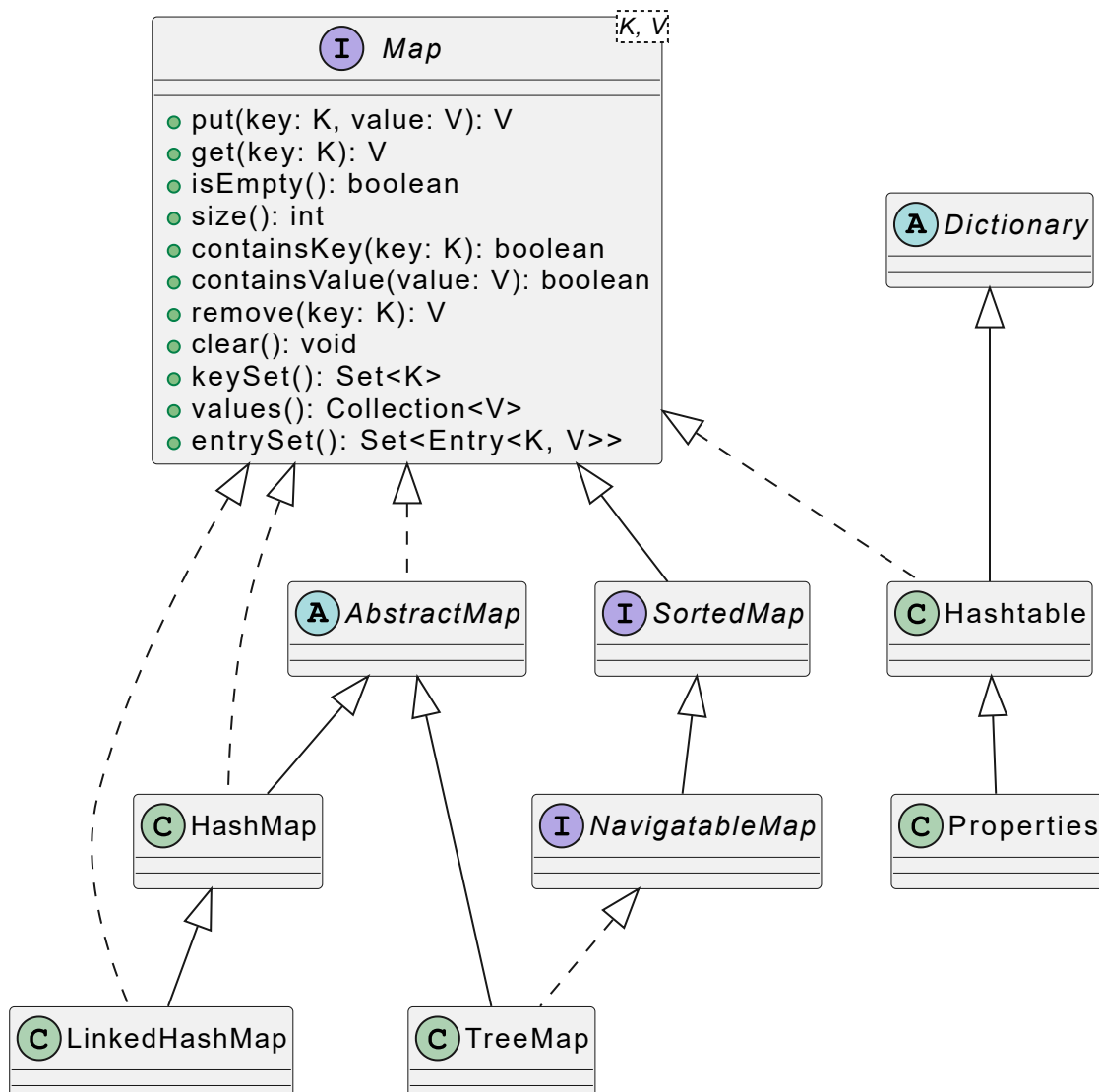
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Key/value based data structures in Java

- Unlike a Collection, which is just a bunch of objects, Map is a bunch of objects stored with a unique key
- Key in a Map cannot be duplicate
 - Depending on the implementation of Map, the data type of Key must either
 - implement Comparable (TreeMap)
 - provide hashCode and equals methods (HashMap, Hashtable, LinkedHashMap)
- Map can produce different types of Collection
 1. Set of keys
 2. Collection of values
 3. Set of Entry (key/value pair)



Different implementations of Map

1. HashMap

- Uses an array called buckets
- A bucket contains the value corresponding to a key, and the index of the bucket is determined by the key
 - so, if two keys are identical then they correspond to the same index of the bucket,
 - for example,

```
m.put("vinod", "bangalore");  
m.put("vinod", "shivamogga");
```

Here "vinod" as a key would generate an index where initially, "bangalore" is stored. When the second **put** is called, on the index, "shivamogga" will be placed, overwriting "bangalore".

- Refer https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hash_table for more details

2. LinkedHashMap

- Uses a linked list
- uses the hashCode and equals of keys to check for duplicates

3. TreeMap

- uses red-black tree
- depends on Comparable to compare two keys

4. Hashtable

- legacy (version 1.0)
- HashMap is a derivative of this
- some methods are synchronized, and hence this is preferred in a multithreaded applications

5. Properties

- subtype of Hashtable
- key/value pair of strings

