

# The Iterable Protocol (Reprise)

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# The Iterable Protocol

Obtain an **iterator** using `iter(iterable)`

Special **method** `__iter__()`

Fallback to the **alternative** iterable protocol with `__getitem__()`

test\_sorted\_frozen\_set.py

```
73 self.assertEqual(next(iterator), 7)
74 self.assertEqual(next(iterator), 9)
75 self.assertRaises(
76     StopIteration,
77     lambda: next(iterator)
78 )
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80 def test_for_loop(self):
81     expected = [1, 2, 7, 9]
82     index = 0
83     for item in self.s:
84         self.assertEqual(item, expected[index])
85         index += 1
```

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sorted\_frozen\_set.py

```
5 set(items) if (items is not None)
6 else set()
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9 def __contains__(self, item):
10     return item in self._items
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12 def __len__(self):
13     return len(self._items)
14
15 def __iter__(self):
16     return iter(self._items)
```

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Run: Unittests in test\_sorted\_frozen\_set.py



Tests passed: 15 of 15 tests - 3 ms

Test Results

3ms

Testing started at 20:19 ...

```
/Users/sixty-north/.virtualenvs/sorted-set/bin/python /Applications/PyCharm
.app/Contents/helpers/pycharm/_jb_unittest_runner.py --path
test_sorted_frozen_set.py
```

```
Launching unittests with arguments python -m unittest test_sorted_frozen_set.py
in /var/folders/0k/58g36_tx22xcxqd9mwqzg_h00000gp/T/tmp2j78zfau/build/sorted-set
```

## `__iter__` Implementation Tactics

- Delegate to inner collection

```
return iter(self._items)
```

- Custom iterator class

```
return SortedFrozenSetIterator(self)
```

- Generator function returning an iterable generator object

```
for item in self._items:  
    yield item
```