

# CST 8130 Data Structures

## Assignment #3

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### **Purpose**

Demonstrate use of:

- Use of good class construction including packages, *javadoc* & comments and other industry best practices
- Use of file I/O with secondary storage along with the *Java Collections Framework*

### **Task**

Read a *.csv* file, store the data in a **Map**, then retrieve elements from the **Map**

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### **Detailed requirements:**

- You are provided with a *.csv* file containing data on postal codes for Ottawa and surrounding towns/neighbourhoods in Ontario.
  - Each line of the file corresponds to one postal code.
  - The fields/columns are: *prefix, place-name, province, latitude & longitude*.
- And you provided with a **main()** class which opens the *.csv* file, reads each line and displays it on the “console”. (You can change *this* file).
- Lastly you are provided with a class which encapsulates the data from one line of the file and a method that can randomly generate a postal code prefix
  - **PostalCodeEntry.java**
    - Do **not** change this file !
- Your task is to:
  - Input the *.csv* file
  - Store each instance of **PostalCodeEntry.java** in a concrete implementation of **Map**
    - Use the prefix as the “key”.
    - Choose an appropriate implementation that focuses on searching.

- Test the **Map**
  - Use the static method `PostalCodeEntry.getRandomPrefix()`
  - Create a loop which generates 10 random prefixes.
  - Retrieve the `PostalCodeEntry` from the **Map** that is associated with each random prefix.
- Your output must look like the **Sample Output** (screenshot provided on Brightspace).
  - The actual values may differ, but your output must look like the **Sample Output**
  - Hint: use `System.out.printf()` for all output

**Coding requirements:**

- follow the Java Coding Conventions as your "style guide"
- create at least 2 classes
  - name of the class with the `main()` method must end in "Test"
- create at least 2 packages
- the `main()` method should perform all I/O
  - there is no end-user input, there should only be output
- export your Eclipse project as a .zip
  - name your file using the convention:  
`Lastname.Firstname.Assignment3.zip`
  - example: `Flinstone.Fred.Assignment3.zip`
- Similarly, be sure to name your project following the convention:  
`Lastname.Firstname.Assignment3`
- and submit your solution via Brightspace

**Note:**

- You will lose marks if you do not:
  - follow the instructions under **Detailed Requirements**
    - including any API features or algorithms described
  - meet the **Coding requirements**
  - ensure there are complete Javadoc comments for all public constructors and methods.
  - produce the same output as the **Sample output**