Sets and Maps

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Sets

- **Properties**
  - Collection of elements without duplicates
  - No ordering (i.e., no front or back)
  - Order in which elements added doesn’t matter

- **Implementation goal**
  - Offer the ability to find / remove element quickly
  - Without searching through all elements
Map Definition

- Map (associative array)
  - Unordered collection of keys
  - For each key, an associated object
  - Can use key to retrieve object
- Can view as array indexed by any (key) value
  - Example

\[ A["key1"] = \ldots \]
Collection & Map Hierarchies

In Java a map is not a Java Collection (e.g., TreeMap does not implement Iterable)
How Do Sets Work in Java?

- Finding matching element is based on equals( )
- To build a collection for a class
  - Need to define your own equals( Object ) method and you need to make sure the Java Hash Code Contract is satisfied
  - Default equals( ) uses reference comparison
    - I.e., a.equals( b ) → a == b
    - a, b equal only if reference to same object
  - Many classes have predefined equals( ) methods
    - Integer.equals( ) → compares value of integer
    - String.equals( ) → compares text of string
Set Concrete Classes

• **HashSet**
  • Elements must satisfy the Java Hash Code Contract

• **LinkedHashSet**
  • HashSet supporting ordering of elements
  • Elements can be retrieved in order of insertion

• **TreeSet**
  • Elements must be comparable
    • Implement Comparable or provide Comparator
  • Guarantees elements in set are sorted

• **You can create one type of set of out of another type**
  • For example, a sorted set out of a HashSet
    • After processing data efficiently (hashSet) you would like to print values in sorted order

• **Example:** SetsMapsCode
Map Interface Methods

- **Methods**
  - void put(K key, V value) // inserts element
  - V get(Object key) // returns element
  - V remove(Object key) // removes element
  - int size() // key-value mappings
  - void clear() // clears the map
  - boolean containsKey(Object key) // looks for key
  - boolean containsValue(Object value) // looks for value
  - boolean isEmpty() // empty map?
  - Set<K> keySet() // entire set of keys
  - Collection<V> values() // values in the map
  - Set<Map.Entry<K,V>> entrySet() // set view of the mapping
    - Map.Entry<K,V> is a nested class
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**Example:** SetsMapsCode

Every class provides a constructor that allows you to create a Map out of another kind of map:

**Example:** new TreeMap(hashMap)
Map Properties

- Map keys & map objects
  - Can also treat keys & values as collections
    - Access using keySet(), values()
  - Aliasing
    - Each key refers only a single object
    - But object may be referred to by multiple keys
  - Keys & values may be of complex type
    - Map<Object Type1, Any Object Type2>
    - Including other collections, maps, etc…
Map Implementation

- Implementation approaches
  - Two parallel arrays
    - Unsorted
    - Sorted
  - Linked list
  - Binary search tree
  - Hash table

- Java Collections Framework
  - TreeMap → uses red-black (balanced) tree
  - HashMap → uses hash table