



# Java collections framework

Commonly reusable collection data structures

# Java Collections Framework (JCF)

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- ▶ **Collection**

- ▶ an object that represents a group of objects

- ▶ **Collection Framework**

- ▶ A unified *architecture* for representing and manipulating collections
  - ▶ Such collections are manipulated independent of the details of their representation



# Infrastructure

- ▶ These interfaces form the basis of the framework
  - ▶ Some types of collections **allow duplicate** elements, others do not
  - ▶ Some types of collections are **ordered**, others are **unordered**
- ▶ The Java platform doesn't provide any direct implementations of the Collection interface, but provides implementations of more specific sub-interfaces, such as Set and List and Maps

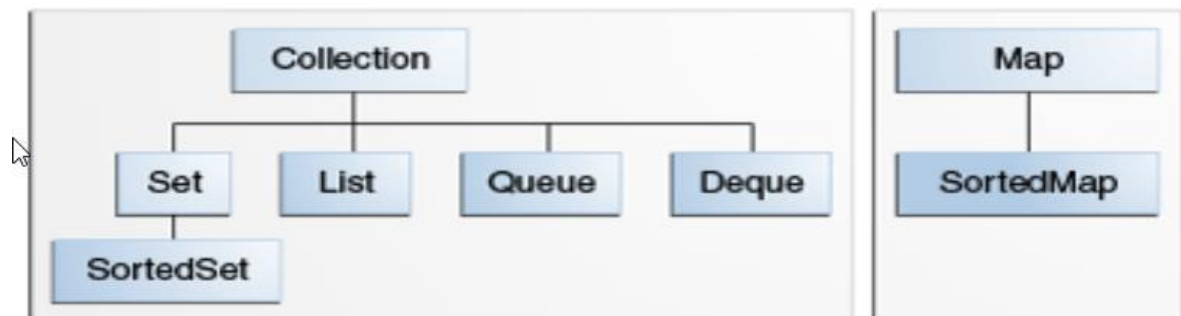


<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/collections/interfaces/index.html>

# Collection interface

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- ▶ A **Collection** represents a group of objects known as its *elements*
- ▶ The Collection interface is the **least common denominator** that all collections implement.
- ▶ It is Used
  - ▶ to pass collections around
  - ▶ to manipulate them with generally available methods
- ▶ **Collection** extends **Iterable**



# A note on iterators

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- ▶ An **Iterator** is an object that enables you to traverse through a collection (and to remove elements from the collection selectively)
- ▶ You get an Iterator for a collection by calling its `iterator()` method.
- ▶ Several languages supports “iterators”. E.g., C++, PHP, Python, Ruby, Go...

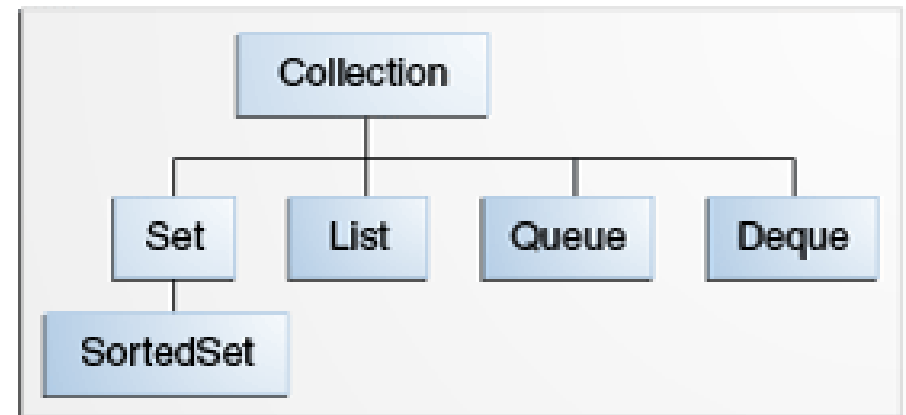
```
public interface Iterator<E> {  
    boolean hasNext();  
    E next();  
    void remove(); //optional  
}
```



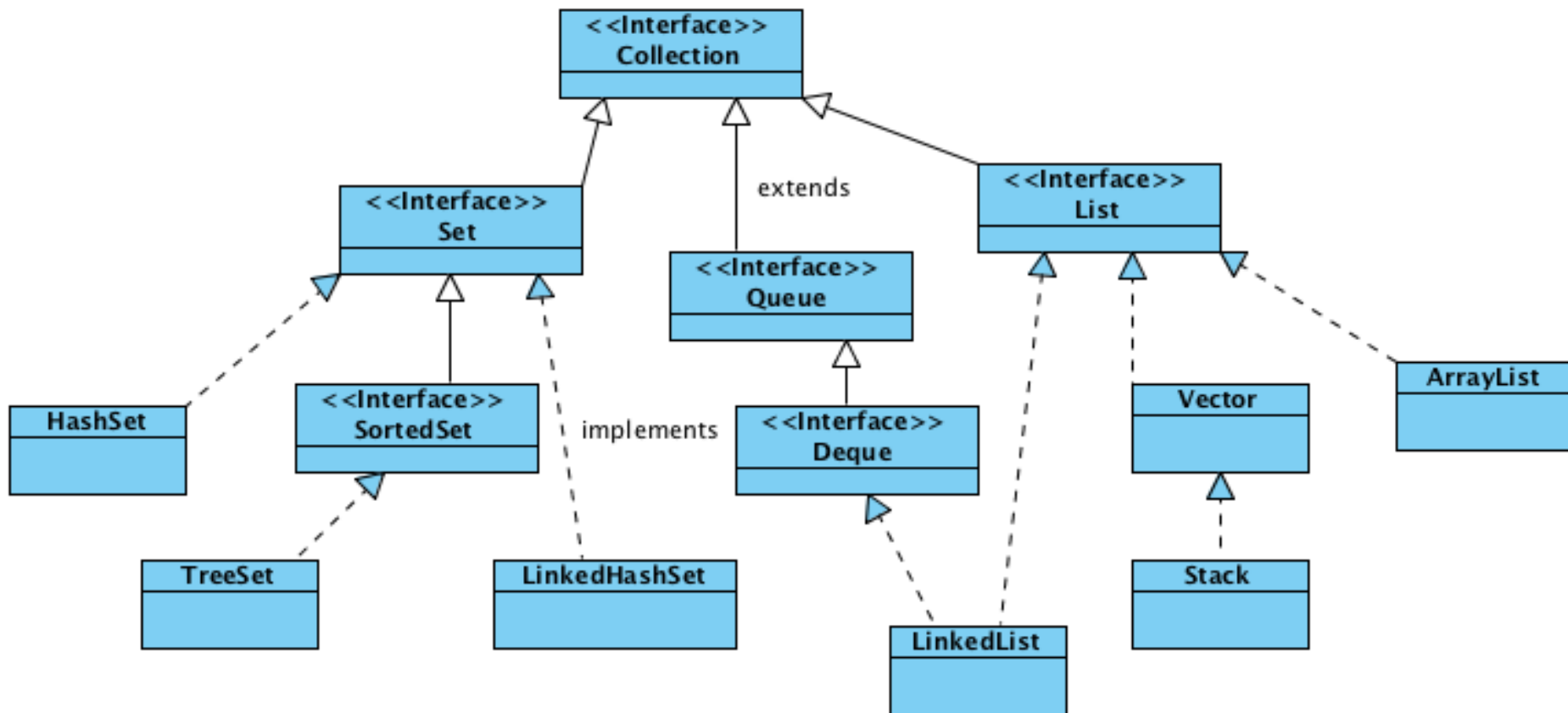
# Main Interfaces

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- ▶ **List**
  - ▶ A more flexible version of an array
- ▶ **Queue & Priority Queue**
  - ▶ The order of arrival does matter, or the urgency
- ▶ **Deque**
  - ▶ Double-ended Queue (bi-directional)
- ▶ **Set**
  - ▶ No order, no duplicate elements



# Collection Family Tree



# Collection interface



```
public interface Collection<E> extends Iterable<E> {
    int size();
    boolean isEmpty();
    boolean contains(Object element);
    boolean add(E element); //optional
    boolean remove(Object element); //optional
    Iterator<E> iterator();

    boolean containsAll(Collection<?> c);
    boolean addAll(Collection<? extends E> c); //optional
    boolean removeAll(Collection<?> c); //optional
    boolean retainAll(Collection<?> c); //optional
    void clear(); //optional

    Object[] toArray();
    <T>T[] toArray(T[] a);
}
```





# Collection

## Basic Operations

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generics



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    // optional

    Bulk Operations
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    boolean retainAll(Collection<?> c); //optional
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wildcard

either extends  
or implements

# Collection interface



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    //optional

    Array Operations
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}
```

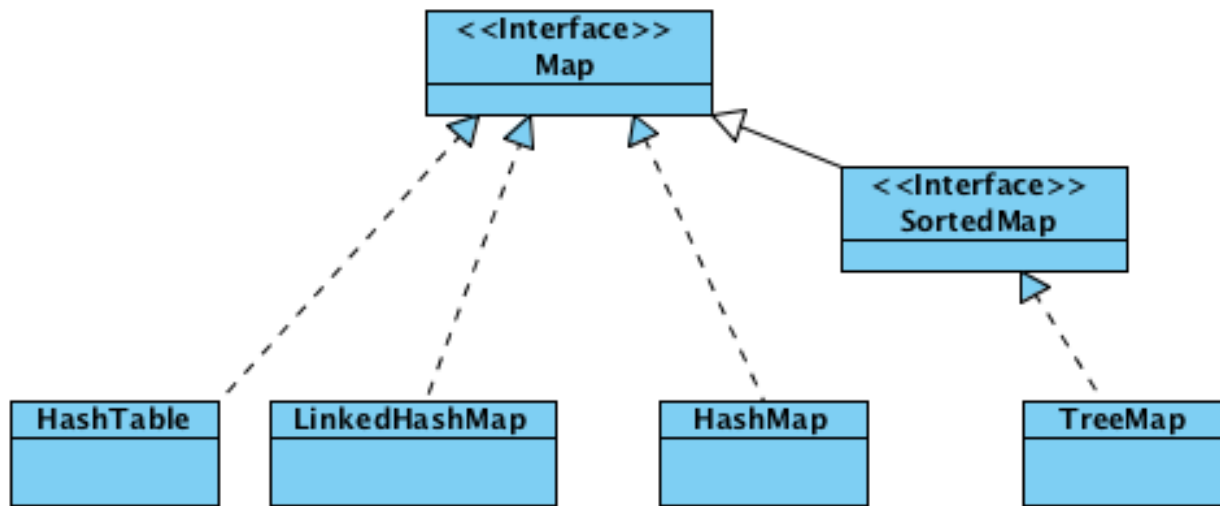
# Map interface

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- ▶ A **Map** is an object that maps keys to values
- ▶ A map cannot contain duplicate keys: each key can map to at most one value
- ▶ **Map** does not extend **Iterable**, but it is possible to get an iterator through **entrySet()**
- ▶ Note: Maps do not extend from **java.util.Collection**, but they're still considered to be part of the “collections framework”

# Map Family Tree

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# Map

## Basic Operations

```
public interface Map<K,V> {  
    V put(K key, V value);  
    V get(Object key);  
    V remove(Object key);  
    boolean containsKey(Object key);  
    boolean containsValue(Object value);  
    int size();  
    boolean isEmpty();  
  
    void putAll(Map<? extends K, ? extends V> m);  
    void clear();  
  
    [...]
```



# Map interface

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public interface Map<K,V> {  
    V put(K key, V value);  
    V get(Object key);  
    V remove(Object key);  
    boolean containsKey(Object key);  
    boolean containsValue(Object value);  
    int size();
```

## Bulk Operations

```
void putAll(Map<? extends K, ? extends V> m);  
void clear();
```

[...]



# Map interface

[...]

```
public Set<K> keySet();  
public Collection<V> values();  
entrySet();
```

## Interface for entrySet elements

```
public interface Entry {  
    K getKey();  
    V getValue();  
    V setValue(V value);  
}
```

```
}
```





# Map interface

## Collection Views

```
public Set<K> keySet();  
public Collection<V> values();  
public Set<Map.Entry<K,V>> entrySet();
```

```
public interface Entry {  
    K getKey();  
    V getValue();  
    V setValue(V value);  
}
```

```
for (Map.Entry<Foo,Bar> e : map.entrySet())  
{  
    Foo key = e.getKey();  
    Bar value = e.getValue();  
}
```

# Implementations

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<b>Interfaces</b>	<b>Hash table Implementations</b>	<b>Resizable array Implementations</b>	<b>Tree Implementations</b>	<b>Linked list Implementations</b>	<b>Hash table + Linked list Implementations</b>
Set	HashSet		TreeSet		LinkedHashSet
List		ArrayList		LinkedList	
Queue					
Deque		ArrayDeque		LinkedList	
Map	HashMap		TreeMap		LinkedHashMap






# References

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- ▶ <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/collections/>

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