Lecture-6

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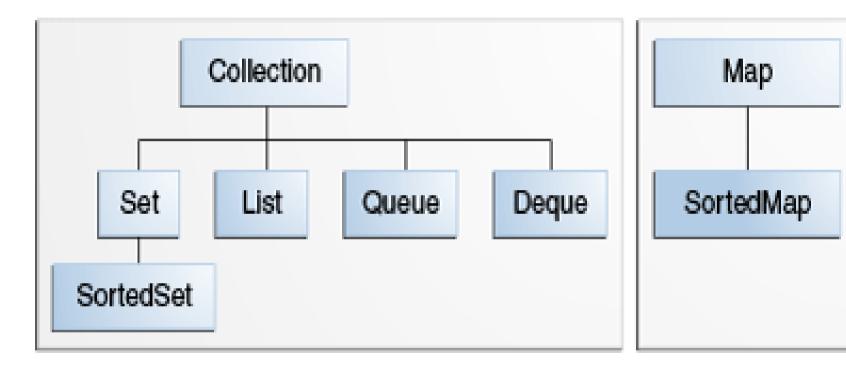


Collections or containers

- A set of built-in classes provided in Java
- Similar to C++ STL (Standard Template Libraries)
- Provide implementation for many important data structures
 - E.g., Arrays, Lists, Maps, Hash tables, etc.
 - Users can readily use various functions of these data types
 - Insert, delete, search, etc.

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Collections



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Collections - data structures

- Set implements the mathematical set abstractions.
 - Doesn't contain duplicate elements
- List sequence of elements
 - Can contain duplicate elements
 - Supports random access, search, iteration, range-view, etc. operations.
 - List is an interface
 - ArrayList and LinkedList implement List.



Collections ... contd.

- Queue a first in first out data structure
- Dequeue a double ended queue.
- Map maps keys to values