

# CSCI 241

Lecture 13  
Interface vs Implementation  
Set, Priority Queue  
Intro to Heaps

# Announcements

- Quiz 3 is graded, available on Gradescope. Grades are also in Canvas.
- Dr. Hearne is putting together teams for for the ACM programming contest coming up on November 11<sup>th</sup>
  - He is hoping to form multiple teams, including some consisting of lower division students (you!)
  - Email or talk to Dr. Hearne if you are interested and/or want to learn more.

# Goals

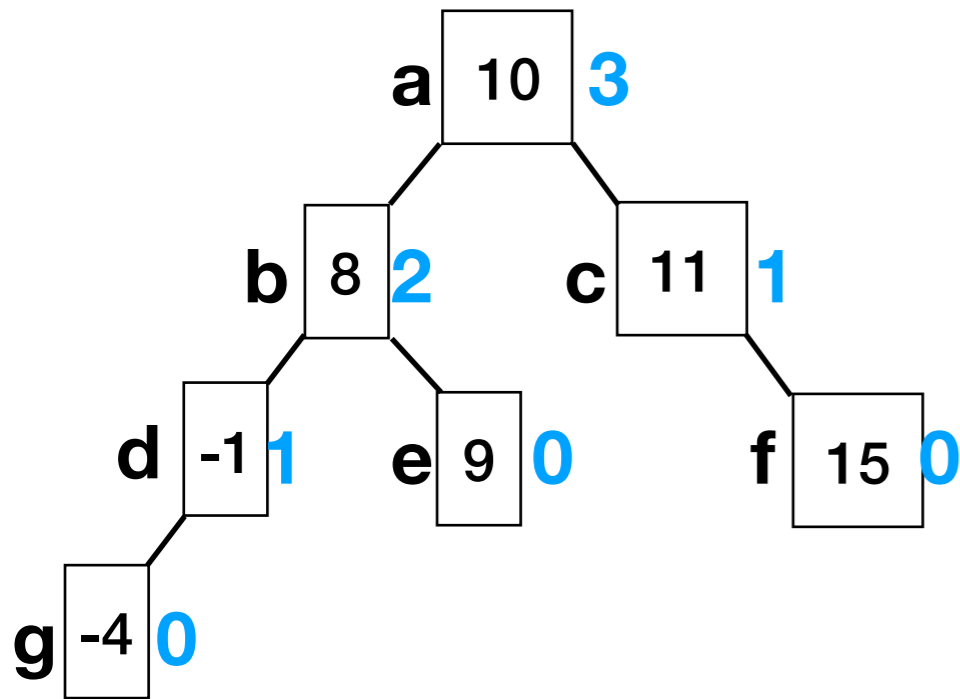
- Understand how **public** and **private** members in Java reflect the separation between **interface** and **implementation**.
- Understand the purpose and interface of the Set ADT, and how AVL trees implement it.
- Understand the purpose and interface of the Priority Queue ADT.
- Know the definition and properties of a heap.

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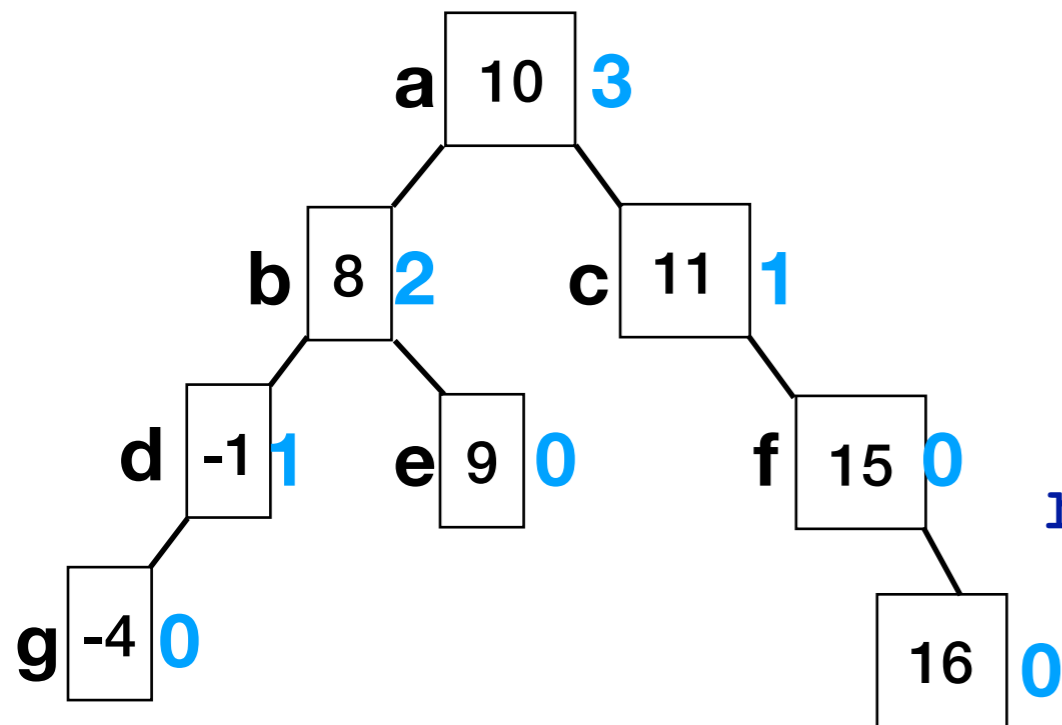
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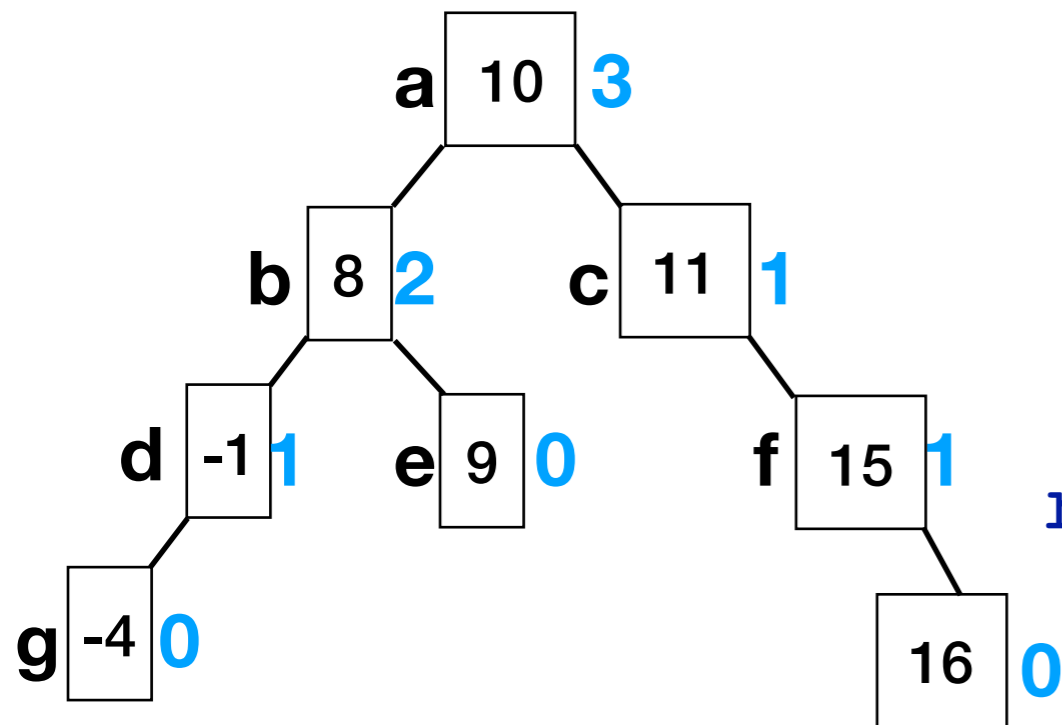
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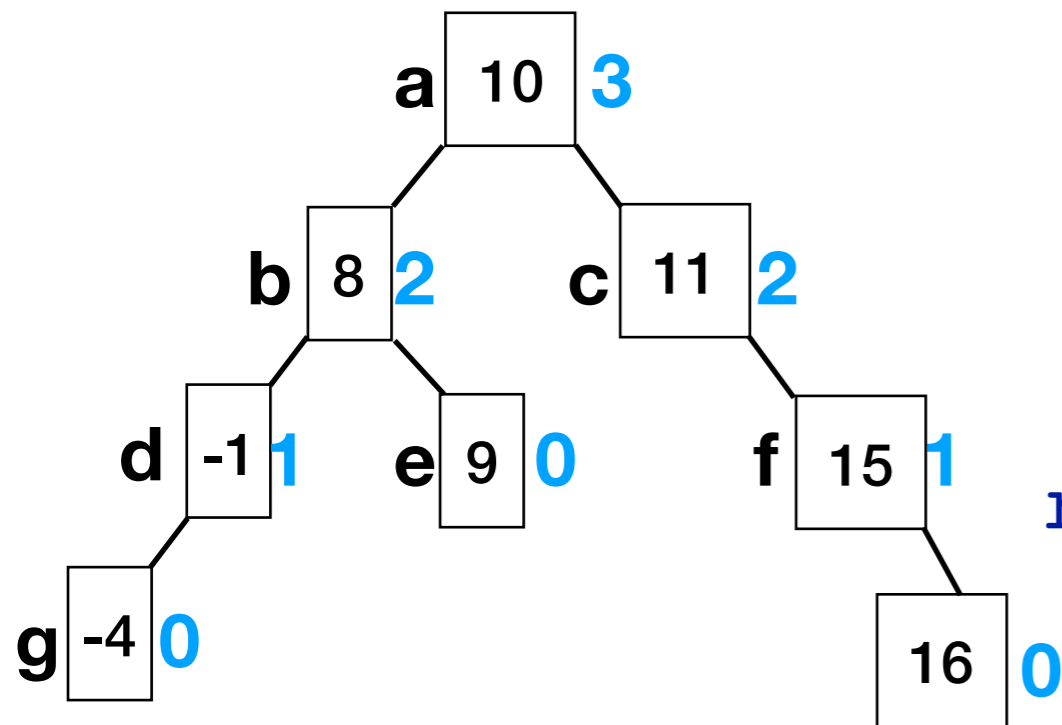
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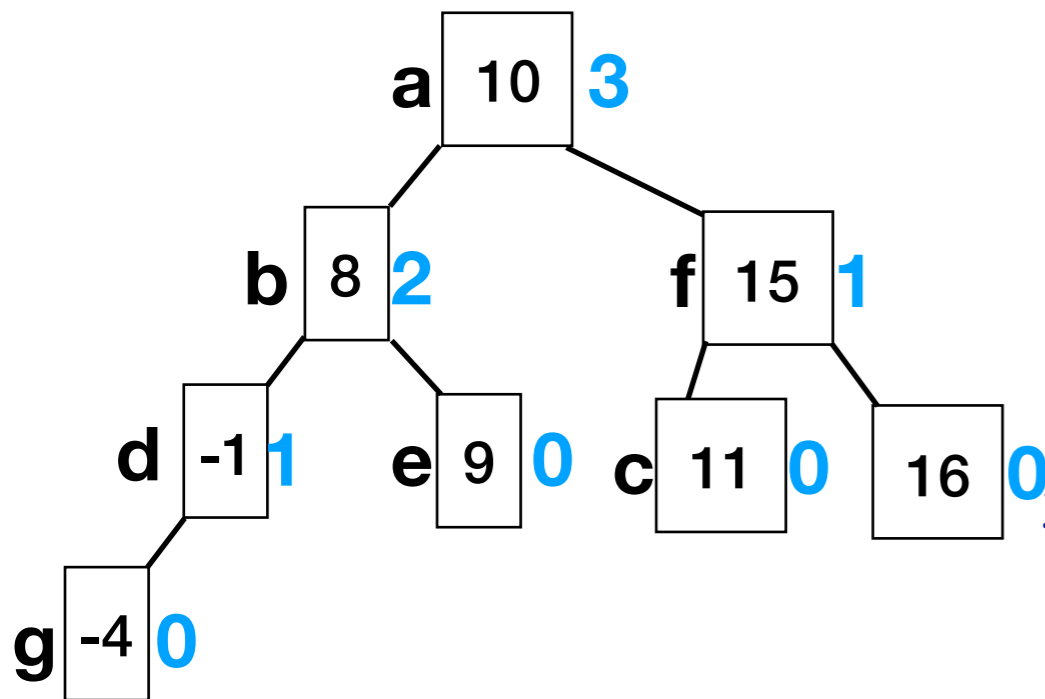
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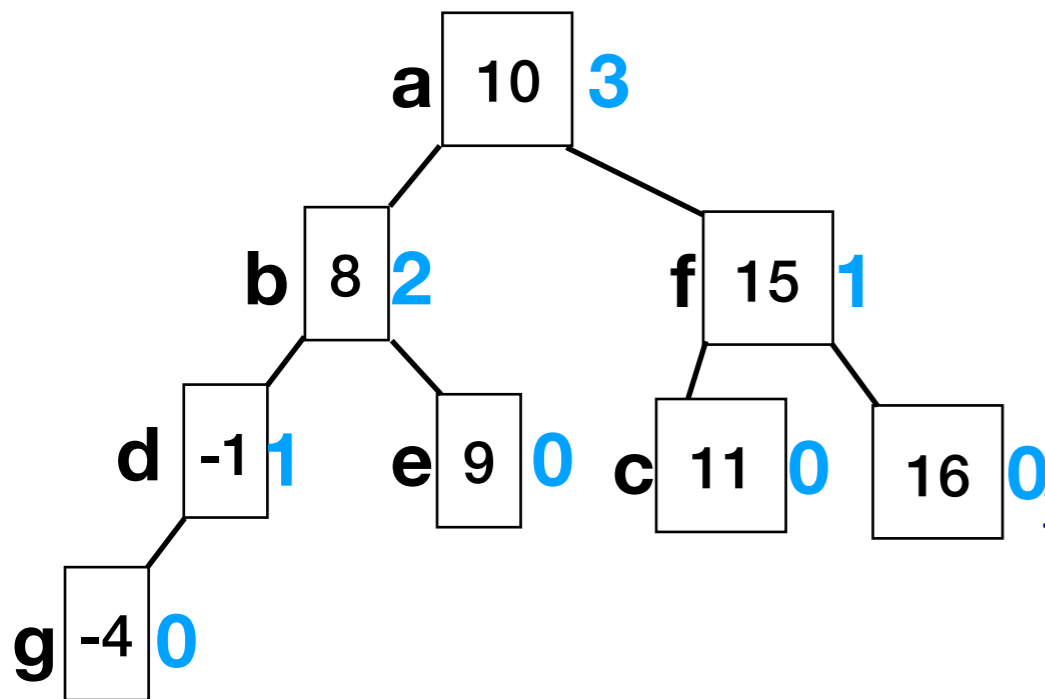
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Why shouldn't we use the recursive height() method from lab3 to update heights?

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# Recap: **Interface** vs **Implementation**

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  - they specify only the **interface** to a class (method names and specifications)
  - not its **implementation** (method bodies, fields, ...)
- Abstract data structures can have multiple possible **implementations.**

# Interface vs Implementation: in Java

- A **class** is a “blueprint” for an **object**.
- It contains **members** including
  - **fields** (variables)
  - **methods** (functions)
- Fields and methods can be **public** or **private**
- **Private** members **can't** be seen outside the class.
- **Public** members **can** be seen outside the class.
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(e.g., me grading your code using unit tests)





# Interface vs Implementation:

A pertinent example.

```
/** partition A around the pivot A[pivIndex].
 * return the pivot's new index.
 * precondition: start <= pivIndex < end
 * postcondition: A[start..i] <= A[i] <= A[i+1..end]
 *     where i is the return value */
public int partition(int[] A, int start, int end, int pivIndex) {
```

Even if **your** quickSort always calls this with

```
pivIndex = end-1
```

partition is **public** and **must** implement the spec exactly!

It needs to work if pivIndex is **any** value where

```
start <= pivIndex < end (the precondition says so!)
```

# Interface vs Implementation: Javadoc Comments

There's a **big** difference between

`/** this comment */` Appears in documentation that tells people how to use your class!  
`public void myMethod() {`

and

`/* this comment */` Does not appear elsewhere - “merely” helpful to someone reading your code.  
`private void myMethod() {`

[Scanner.nextInt\(\) documentation](#)

[Scanner.nextInt\(\) source code](#)

# Interface vs Implementation:

## Tips for Assignments (and life)

- Public method specifications, names, return values, and parameters should **never** be changed.
- All public methods must implement its specification **completely**, even if your use case doesn't require it.
- You can do basically **whatever you want** with private methods, as long as you stick to good coding style.
  - It's still a good idea to write a specification and test private methods.
  - Use them to make your code easier to read (and write).
  - In my A1 solution, I wrote a helper to find the pivot:

```
/* put the median of A[start], A[middle], A[end-1] at the start */  
private void medOfThree(int[] A, int start, int end) {
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# Abstract Data Types

- **interface** List defines an “abstract data type”
- It has public methods: add, get, remove, ...
- Various classes **implement** List:

Class:	ArrayList	LinkedList
Backing storage:	array	chained nodes
add(i, val)	O(n)	O(n)
add(0, val)	O(n)	O(1)
add(n, val)	O(1)	O(1)
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<b>Stack</b>	<b>Class:</b>	ArrayList	LinkedList
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	add(i, val)	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
<b>push(val)</b>	add(0, val)	$O(n)$	$O(1)$
	add(n, val)	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
	get(i)	$O(1)$	$O(n)$
<b>peek()</b>	get(0)	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
	get(n)	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
<b>pop()</b>	remove(0)	$O(n)$	$O(1)$
	remove(i)	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
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Queue	Class:	ArrayList	LinkedList
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	add(i, val)	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
	add(0, val)	$O(n)$	$O(1)$
<b>enQ(val)</b>	add(n, val)	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
	get(i)	$O(1)$	$O(n)$
<b>peek()</b>	get(0)	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
	get(n)	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
<b>deQ()</b>	remove(0)	$O(n)$	$O(1)$
	remove(i)	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
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- A **Set** maintains a collection of **unique** things.
- Java has this ADT built in as an interface:  
`java.util.Set`
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- How can we implement Set's **add** method?

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## In small groups:

1. Write **English** descriptions of how to implement `contains` and `remove` using an **array**.
2. Do the same, but using the operations provided by an **AVL Tree**.

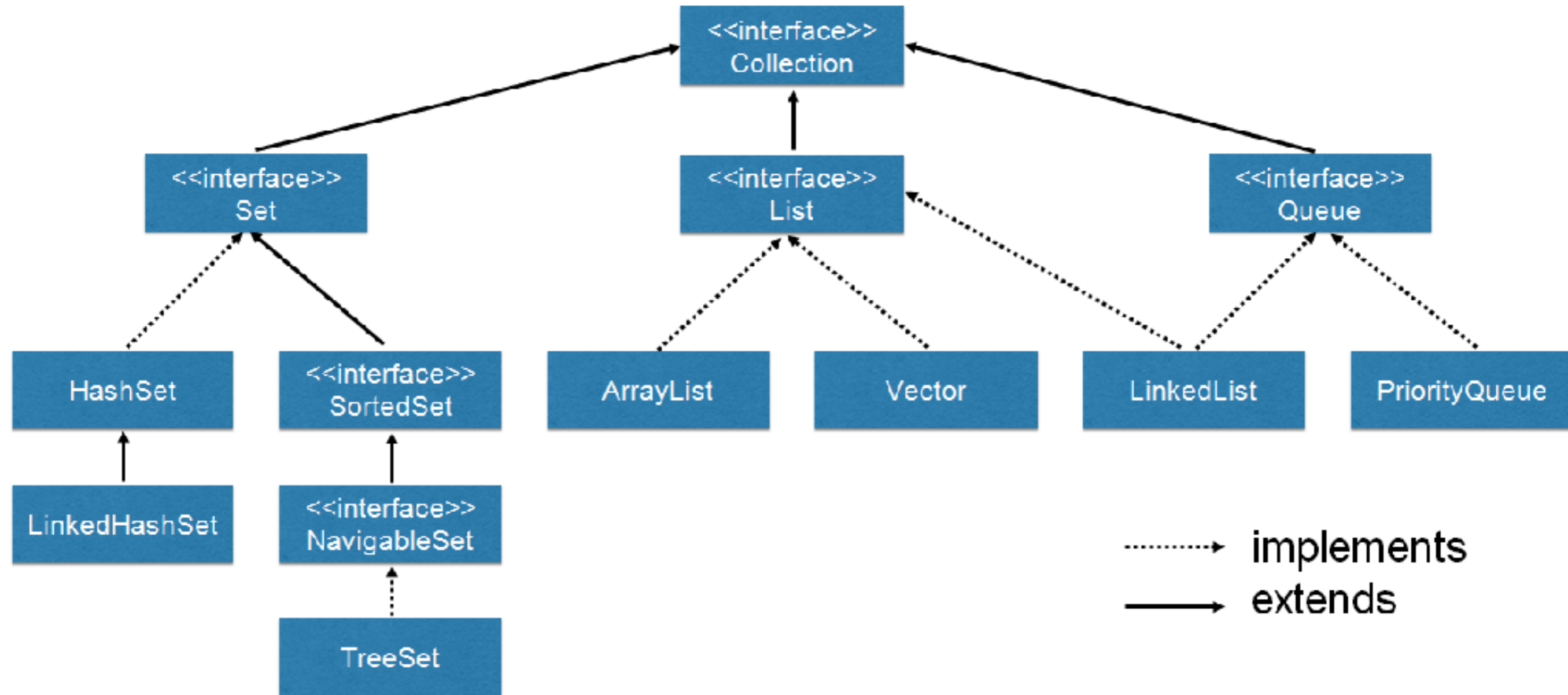
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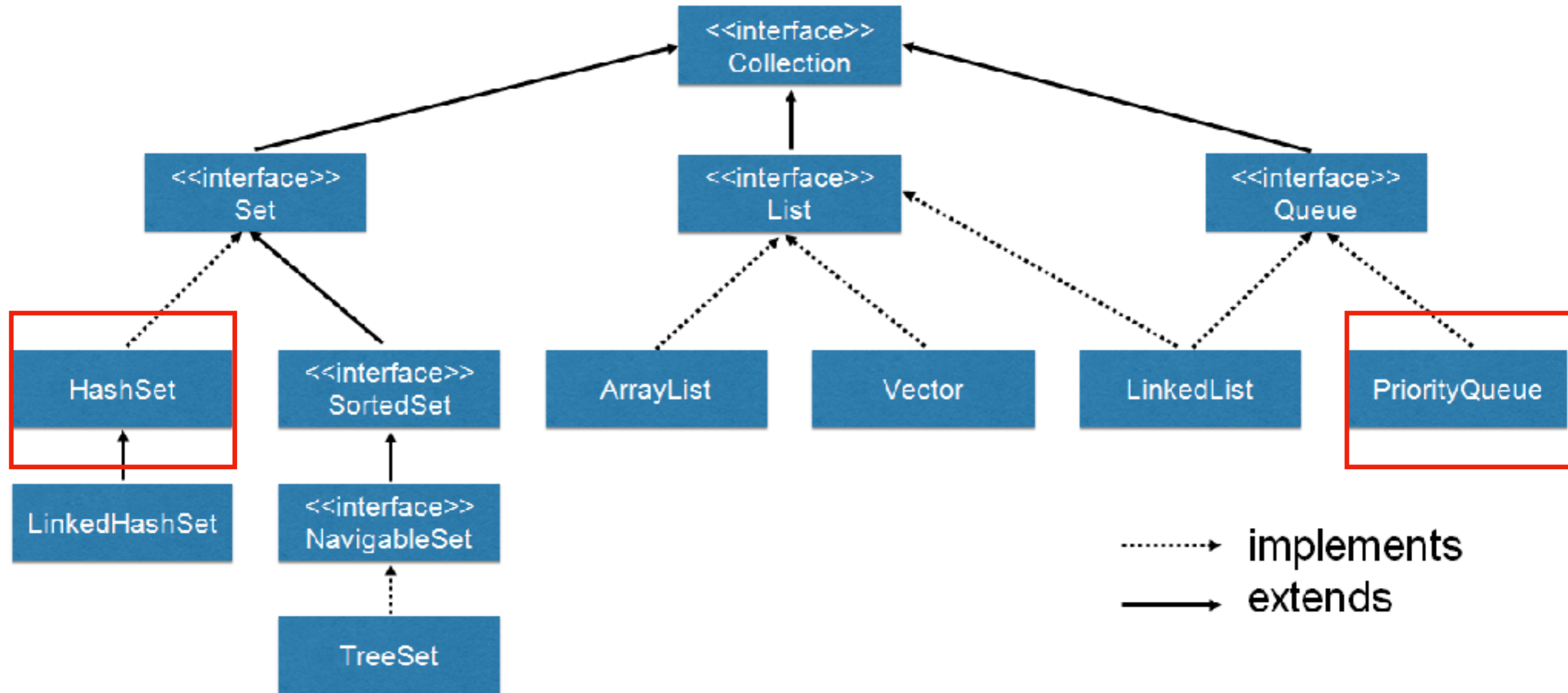
## **AVL** operations:

- `search(Object ob)`
- `insert(Object ob)`
- `remove(Object ob)`

# Collection Interface



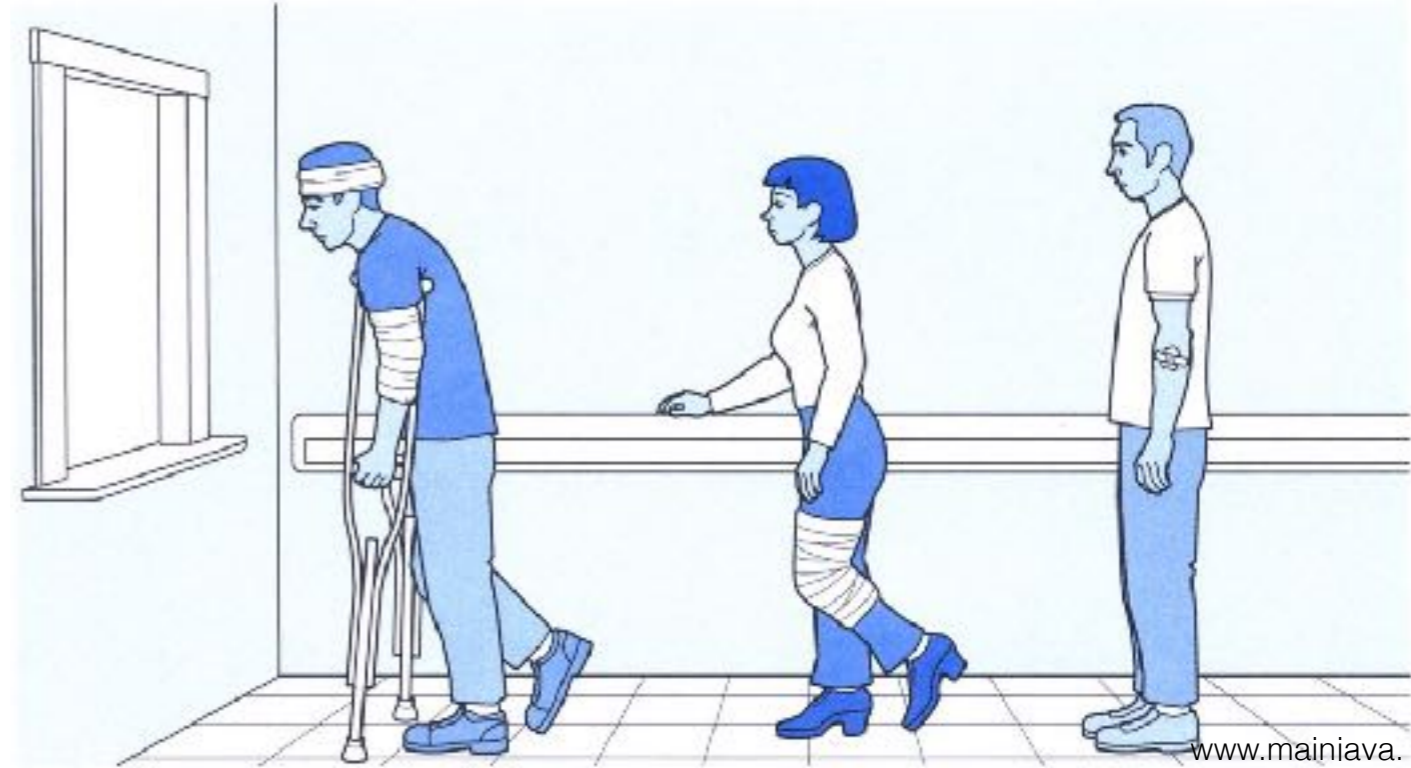
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Our next two topics:

- **Priority Queues**
- Hashing, **HashSets**, HashMaps

# Queue vs Priority Queue



add (enqueue):  
inserts an item into the queue

remove (dequeue):  
removes the first item to be  
inserted (FIFO)

add (enqueue):  
inserts an item into the queue

remove (poll):  
remove the **highest-priority**  
item from the queue

# Uses for Priority Queues



- Surface simplification [Garland and Heckbert 1997]
- Graph searching: Dijkstra's algorithm, Prim's algorithm
- Statistics: maintain largest M values in a sequence
- Graphics and simulation: "next time of contact" for colliding bodies
- AI Path Planning: A\* search (e.g., Map directions)
- Operating systems: load balancing, interrupt handling
- Discrete optimization: bin packing, scheduling