

AssertJ Iterable **contains**... assertions [Cheat Sheet]

Assertion	Actual must match Expected Order?	Actual can contain Duplicates?	Actual can contain elements other than Expected?	Examples, in the form of: <code>assertThat(actual) .contains(expected);</code>
contains	no 🚫	yes ✅	yes ✅	<p>PASSES ✅:</p> <pre>assertThat(List.of("1", "2", "3")) .contains("1"); assertThat(List.of("1", "2", "3")) .contains("1", "3");</pre> <p>FAILS ❌:</p> <pre>// could not find "4" assertThat(List.of("1", "2", "3")) .contains("4");</pre>
containsOnly	no 🚫	yes ✅	no 🚫	<p>PASSES ✅:</p> <pre>assertThat(List.of("1", "2", "3")) .containsOnly("3", "2", "1"); assertThat(List.of("1", "1", "2", "2", "3", "3")) .containsOnly("1", "2", "3");</pre> <p>FAILS ❌:</p> <pre>// did not expect "2" assertThat(List.of("1", "2", "3")) .containsOnly("1", "3");</pre>

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Assertion	Actual must match Expected Order?	Actual can contain Duplicates?	Actual can contain elements other than in Expected?	Examples, in the form of: assertThat(actual) .contains(expected);
containsOnlyOnce	no 🚫	no 🚫 not for items being asserted	yes ✅	<p>PASSES ✅:</p> <pre>assertThat(List.of("1", "2", "3")) .containsOnlyOnce("1", "2", "3"); assertThat(List.of("1", "2", "2", "3")) .containsOnlyOnce("1", "3");</pre> <p>FAILS ❌:</p> <pre>// "2" found twice: assertThat(List.of("1", "2", "2", "3")) .containsOnlyOnce("1", "2", "3"); // dupes in expected doesn't matter: assertThat(List.of("1", "2", "2", "3")) .containsOnlyOnce("1", "2", "2", "3");</pre>



Assertion	Actual must match Expected Order?	Actual can contain Duplicates?	Actual can contain elements other than in Expected?	Examples, in the form of: assertThat(actual) .contains(expected);
containsExactly Note: use only when there is a predictable order of elements. Avoid use with Sets.	yes 	yes  if Expected also contains those duplicates	no 	PASSES  : <pre>assertThat(List.of("1", "2", "3")) .containsExactly("1", "2", "3"); assertThat(List.of("1", "1", "2", "2")) .containsExactly("1", "1", "2", "2");</pre> FAILS  : <pre>// same elements, but different order assertThat(List.of("1", "2", "3")) .containsExactly("3", "1", "2"); // could not find "4" assertThat(List.of("1", "2", "3")) .containsExactly("1", "2", "3", "4"); // did not expect "2", "3" assertThat(List.of("1", "2", "3")) .containsExactly("1"); // did not expect the extra "1" and "2" assertThat(List.of("1", "1", "2", "2")) .containsExactly("1", "2"); // order not defined for sets // so this can fail assertThat(Set.of("3", "2", "1")) .containsExactly("3", "2", "1");</pre>



Assertion	Actual must match Expected Order?	Actual can contain Duplicates?	Actual can contain elements other than in Expected?	Examples, in the form of: <code>assertThat(actual) .contains(expected);</code>
containsExactlyInAnyOrder Note: use when order of elements is undefined, e.g., Set.	no 🚫	yes ✅ if <i>Expected</i> also contains those duplicates	no 🚫	PASSES ✅: <pre>assertThat(List.of("1", "2", "3")) .containsExactlyInAnyOrder("1", "2", "3"); assertThat(List.of("1", "1", "2", "2")) .containsExactlyInAnyOrder("1", "1", "2", "2"); assertThat(Set.of("3", "2", "1")) .containsExactlyInAnyOrder("1", "3", "2");</pre> FAILS ❌: <pre>// did not expect the extra "1" and "2" assertThat(List.of("1", "1", "2", "2")) .containsExactlyInAnyOrder("1", "2");</pre>

