

System.Collections.IHashCodeProvider

Interface

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[ILAsm]  
.class interface public abstract IHashCodeProvider  
  
[C#]  
public interface IHashCodeProvider
```

Assembly Info:

- *Name:* mscorlib
- *Public Key:* [00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 00 00 00]
- *Version:* 2.0.x.x
- *Attributes:*
 - CLSCompliantAttribute(true)

Summary

Implemented by classes that support custom hash functions for instances of the class.

Library: BCL

Description

[*Note:* System.Collections.IHashCodeProvider contains the System.Collections.IHashCodeProvider.GetHashCode method. The consumer of an object should call this method to obtain a hash code for the object using a custom hash function.]

IHashCodeProvider.GetHashCode(System.Object) Method

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[ILAsm]  
.method public hidebysig virtual abstract int32 GetHashCode(object obj)  
  
[C#]  
int GetHashCode(object obj)
```

Summary

Generates a hash code for the specified System.Object.

Parameters

Parameter	Description
<i>obj</i>	The System.Object for which a hash code is to be generated.

Return Value

A System.Int32 containing the hash code for the specified System.Object.

Behaviors

If *obj* is null, it is required that a call to System.Collections.IHashCodeProvider.GetHashCode throw System.ArgumentNullException.

How and When to Override

Implement this method to generate a better hash table distribution than the default method provided by the type of the System.Object for which the hash code is being generated.

Usage

The value returned by this method should not be persisted past the lifetime of the application that created the value. The first reason is that the hash function of a class might be altered to generate a better distribution, rendering any values from the old hash function useless. The second reason is that the default implementation of this class does not guarantee that the same value will be returned by different instances.

Exceptions

Exception	Condition
System.ArgumentNullException	<i>obj</i> is null.