

"Dictionaries"



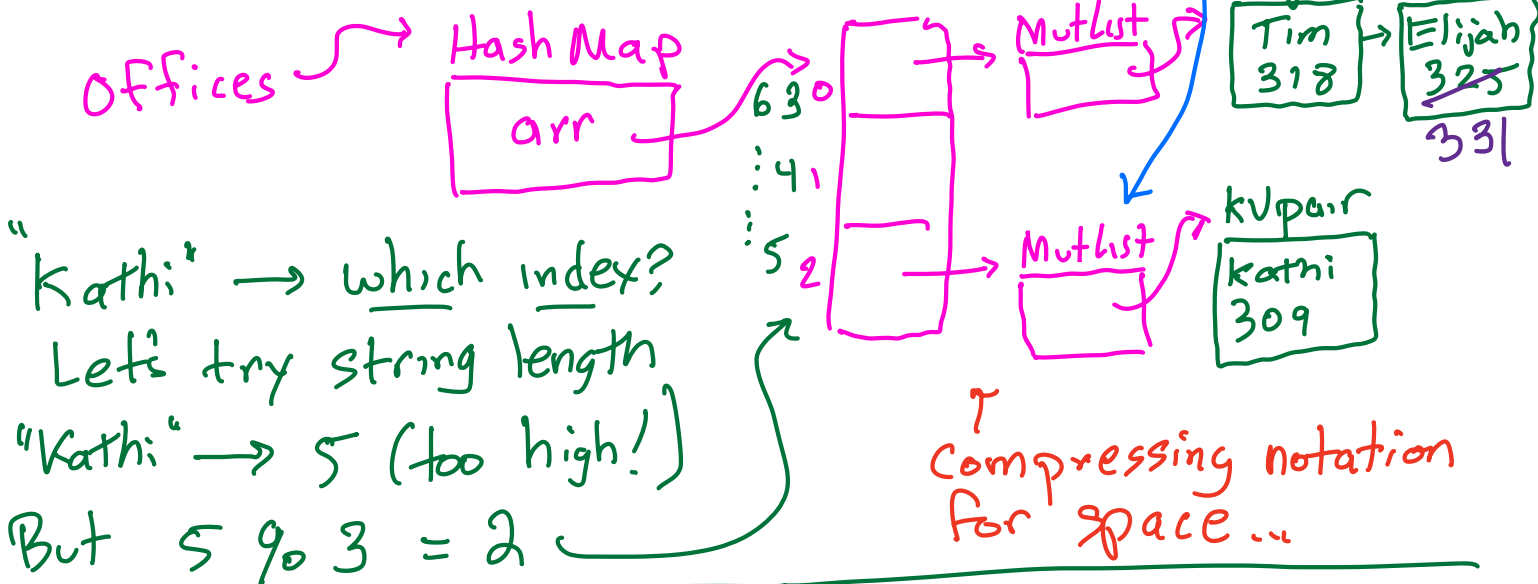
HashMaps Review

```
// create a hashmap with three slots in the underlying array
HashMap<String, Integer> offices = new HashMap<>(3);
offices.put("Kathi", 309);
offices.put("Elijah", 325);
offices.put("Elijah", 331); ← updated — can't have duplicate keys
offices.put("Tim", 318);
```

programmer: use Hashmap
language designer: Build Hashmap

(I like calling the sub-lists "buckets" :))

Assume that the hashCode function on a name is the length of the string (so "Kathi" → 5)



STEP 1: Convert the key object to an int.
STEP 2: "wrap around" the array size
hashCode() method of objects:
`new Course("CSCI", 200).hashCode()`

HashMap Runtime

How can we recover $O(1)$ runtime?

Q: What is the runtime of `get()` on a linked list?

A: Constant — the length doesn't matter.

Q: What is the runtime of `get(100000)`?

A: Also constant. We have an upper bound, and the list length can only make it smaller.

So: if we can limit how big the buckets can get, we recover $O(1)$...

... That does mean the Hashmap has to grow dynamically, like array-lists. But you will Not need to do resizing on homework 3.

Understanding HashCodes

Assume we want to use a hashmap to store this mapping from lab times to rooms (M4 is a shorthand for "Monday 4-6")

M4	CIT444
M8	CIT501
T1	CIT501
T4	CIT267
T7	CIT501

we also need keys to be evenly distributed between buckets, (length doesn't do this.)

$$\text{ascii}("M") + \text{ascii}("4") \\ 77 + 52 = 129$$

ASCII Codes

A	65		1	49
M	77		4	52
T	84		8	56

(% array size)

Java's `hashCode()` on Strings is even better than this...

you'll use `hashCode()` on Homework 3 to use objects as keys.

Handling Errors (Exceptions)

```
public class CourseData {
    LinkedList<String> allStudents;

    public CourseData() { this.allStudents = new LinkedList<>(); }

    // addStudent adds student to allStudents if they are not already there
    public void addStudent(String student) {
        if (this.allStudents.contains(student))
            throw new RuntimeException("Student " + student + " already in course");
        this.allStudents.add(student);
    }
}
```

throw new Student Enrolled Exception (student)

```
public class Registration {
    HashMap<String, CourseData> allCourses;

    // constructor sets up the hashmap with an empty
    // CourseData object for each course name
    public Registration(String[] coursenames) {
        this.allCourses = new HashMap<>();
        for (String name : Arrays.asList(coursenames)) {
            this.allCourses.put(name, new CourseData());
        }
    }

    // add student to given course
    public void enroll(String student, String coursename) {
```

↑
we define this as
a new class that
extends Exception.
(see the notes.)

try {

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allCourses.get(coursename).addStudent(student);
```

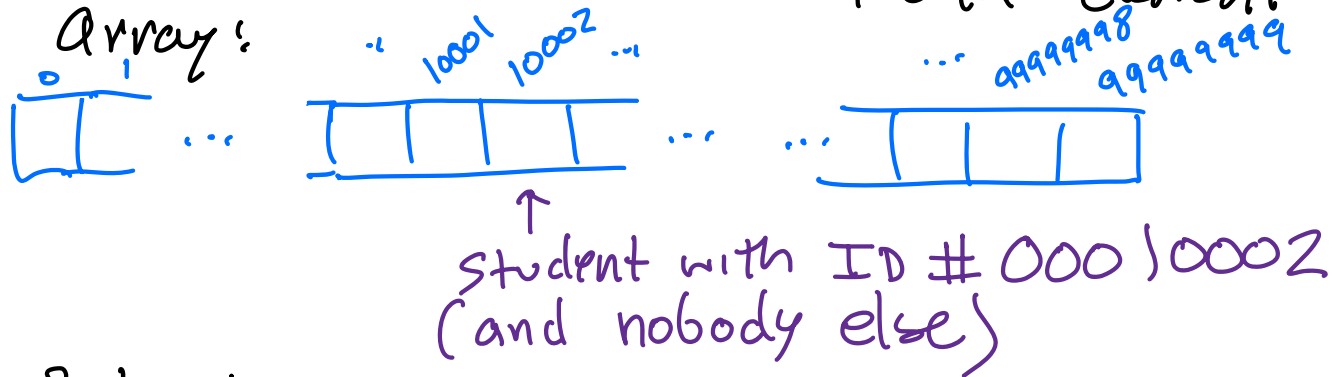
} catch (Student Enrolled Exception e) {

System.out.println("student already enrolled"); }

```
public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String[] fall25Courses = {"CS111", "CS17", "CS15"};
        Registration fall25 = new Registration(fall25Courses);
        System.out.println(fall25);
        fall25.enroll("Priya", "CS111");
        System.out.println(fall25);
    }
}
```

Conceptual example from class...

Brown ID #s are 8 digits. That's
0 — 99,999,999. 100 million
possibilities! so we could guarantee
constant-time search for students by
ID if we create a 100 M-element
array:



But there are nowhere near 100 M
students! so nearly all of that array will
be wasted.

But: we don't know ahead of time
which ID #s we will see and have
to store! so the "key space" is
still enormous.

Hash Maps are the answer to: how
can we store a realistic amount
of ARBITRARY ID #s in a much
smaller array.

To do that, we need handle collisions
somehow — hence the "buckets".

To keep them under some small max size, it's necessary to:

- ① use a good hash function that distributes keys evenly over the array indexes.
- ② Sometimes resize the array.
... Though you won't do all this on the home work!