# CSC212 <br> Data Structure <br> - Section FG 

## Lecture 20

Hashing

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Data Structures and Other Objects Using C++

- Chapter 12 discusses several ways of storing information in an array, and later searching for the information.
- Hash tables are a common approach to the storing/searching problem.
- This presentation introduces hash tables.


## What is a Hash Table ?

- The simplest kind of hash table is an array of records.
- This example has 701 records.


An array of records

## What is a Hash Table ?

- Each record has a special field, called its key.
- In this example, the key is a long integer field called Number.



## What is a Hash Table?

- The number might be a person's identification number, and the rest of the record has information about the person.


## Number 506643548

## [0] [1] [2] [3]

## What is a Hash Table ?

- When a hash table is in use, some spots contain valid records, and other spots are "empty".



## Inserting a New Record

- In order to insert a new record, the key must somehow be converted to an array index.
- The index is called the hash value of the key.



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- Here is another new record to insert, with a hash value of 2 .


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## Number 701466868


[0] [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]
[ 700]


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## The new record goes in the empty spot.



## A Quiz

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## Searching for a Key

- The data that's attached to a key can be found fairly quickly.



## Searching for a Key

- Calculate the hash value.
- Check that location of the array for the key.


## Not me.



## Searching for a Key

- Keep moving forward until you find the key, or you reach an empty spot.


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- When the item is found, the information can be copied to the necessary location.


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- The location must be marked in some special way so that a search can tell that the spot used to have something in it.



## Time Analysis

- Without any collisions
- constant
- With collisions
- $\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{k})$ where k is the average collisions for items
- $\mathrm{k} \ll \mathrm{n}$, size of the problem


## Improving Hashing

- Size of the hashing table when using division hash function
- prime number in the form of $4 \mathrm{k}+3$
- Other hashing functions
- mid-square, multiplicative
- Double hashing (instead of linear probing)
- the $2^{\text {nd }}$ hash function for stepping through the array
- Chained hashing
- using a linked list for each component of the hash table


## summary

- Hash tables store a collection of records with keys.
- The location of a record depends on the hash value of the record's key.
- When a collision occurs, the next available location is used.
- Searching for a particular key is generally quick.
- When an item is deleted, the location must be marked in a special way, so that the searches know that the spot used to be used.


## Hash Table Exercise

Five records of past students

- Create a small hash table with size 5 (indexes 0 to 4 ).
- Insert the five items
- Remove Bill Clinton
- Do three searches (for Will Smith, Bill Clinton, and Elizabeth).


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Hard worker. Always gets things done on time.

Currently working for ABC in New York City.

# Will Smith <br> 506643973 

Took Data Structures in Fall 1995. Grade A.


A bit of a goof-off, but he comes through in a pinch.

Currently saving the world from alien invasion.

## William "Bill" Clinton

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Took Data Structures in Fall 1995.
Grade B-.


Gets along with most people well.

Been laid off even before the slowdown of the economy.

## Elizabeth Windsor

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Prefers to be called "Elizabeth II" or "Her Majesty." Has some family problems.

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