

Exercises — Hash Map

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File Tree

```
hash_map/
dump.c (to submit)
hash.c
hash_map.c (to submit)
hash_map.h
```

Authorized functions: You are only allowed to use the following functions

- malloc(3)
- realloc(3)
- calloc(3)
- free(3)
- printf(3)
- puts(3)
- putchar(3)
- strcmp(3)

Authorized headers: You are only allowed to use the functions defined in the following headers

- err.h
- errno.h
- · assert.h
- stddef.h
- stdbool.h

Compilation: Your code must compile with the following flags

-std=c99 -pedantic -Werror -Wall -Wextra -Wvla

Main function: None

1 Goal

In this exercise, you will implement a hash map (a.k.a. a dictionary).

"In computing, a hash table (hash map) is a data structure that implements an associative array abstract data type, a structure that can map keys to values. A hash table uses a hash function to compute an index, also called a hash code, into an array of buckets or slots, from which the desired value can be found. During lookup, the key is hashed and the resulting hash indicates where the corresponding value is stored."

---Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hash_table.

The file hash_map.h provides function prototypes as well as data structure definitions. The hash function is in the provided hash.c file. You are highly encouraged to change the hash function to see its effects on the data structure's performance.

```
struct pair_list
{
    const char *key;
    char *value;
    struct pair_list *next;
};

struct hash_map
{
    struct pair_list **data;
    size_t size;
};
```

Notes:

You MUST use the above structures as is.

1.1 hash_map_init

```
struct hash_map *hash_map_init(size_t size);
```

Returns an empty hash_map of size size. If an allocation fails, returns NULL.

1.2 hash_map_insert

Inserts the key/value pair in hash_map. If two keys have the same hash value, you **MUST** resolve the conflict by chaining them. Meaning you **MUST** use a linked list for the colliding elements and add the new element at the head of the list.

If this key is already present in the structure, the old value associated with the key MUST be updated and the value held by updated MUST be set to true. Otherwise, it must be set to false. If an allocation fails, the function MUST return false and the value held by updated should not be changed. updated MIGHT be NULL.

Finaly, if the computed hash value is higher than the map size, you should use the remainder of value and size.

1.2.1 Example

If we insert "SKI" and then "ACU", there is a collision, and the two elements need to be chained:

1.3 hash_map_free

```
void hash_map_free(struct hash_map *hash_map);
```

Free all resources allocated by hash_map, including the pointer passed to the function.

1.4 hash_map_dump

```
void hash_map_dump(struct hash_map *hash_map);
```

Prints on the standard output the whole dictionary. You **MUST** print the elements in the same order as they appear in the array and each list **MUST** be separated by a line feed. When one of the lists is empty, you **MUST** skip it.

In case of a slot containing multiple key/value pairs, each pair **MUST** be separated by a comma followed by a space. Note that these delimiters **MUST** not appear at the end of the line.

In case of an empty list, it MUST be ignored.

Last but not least, each pair MUST be printed as follows:

```
key: value
```

1.4.1 Example

Let's suppose our dictionary looks like the following one (values are within parentheses) and that "ACU" was added after "SKI":

A call to hash_map_dump should print the following result on the standard output:

```
42sh$ ./hash_map_dump | cat -e
TARAN: W$
ACU: 51, SKI: winter$
C: 42$
42: life$
```

1.5 hash_map_get

```
const char *hash_map_get(const struct hash_map *hash_map, const char *key);
```

Return the value associated to key in hash_map.

Return NULL if the key was not found.

1.5.1 Example

```
hash_map_insert(my_hash, "test", "42", NULL);
/* do some clever stuff */
hash_map_get(my_hash, "test"); // == "42"
```

1.6 hash_map_remove

```
bool hash_map_remove(struct hash_map *hash_map, const char *key);
```

Remove key and its associated value from hash_map. You **MUST** free the removed pair_list but not its contained value and key.

Return false if the key was not found, true otherwise.

The way is lit. The path is clear. We require only the strength to follow it.