

**3.4.33 Bad hash function.** Consider the following hashCode() implementation for String, which was used in early versions of Java:

```
public int hashCode()
{
    int hash = 0;
    int skip = Math.max(1, length()/8);
    for (int i = 0; i < length(); i += skip)
        hash = (hash * 37) + charAt(i);
    return hash;
}
```

Explain why you think the designers chose this implementation and then why you think it was abandoned in favor of the one in the previous exercise.

**Solution:**

- This method skips some characters, so distribution of values trying to hash may not be correct.
- Computation time will be faster because less characters to check.
- This is used for longer strings with some identical elements at same place. So it's not good to have because missing some characters since 'skips' at length 8.

CAS 2BN3      66 + 78 = 144  
CAS 2CO3      67 + 79 = 144  
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