

SMS Compression using Zstandard

Final review

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ALGORITHM WORKING (ZSTANDARD)

- Zstandard (Zstd) is a fast compression algorithm developed by Facebook.
- It balances speed and compression ratio efficiently.
- Uses entropy coding and dictionary-based compression internally.

Steps with Example

1. Input Reading

The algorithm takes the input text or data as a byte stream.
It divides it into fixed-size blocks (usually 128 KB).

2. Dictionary Generation (Optional)

For small repetitive data (like SMS), Zstd can use a predefined dictionary.
This dictionary stores common words or patterns to improve compression ratio.

3. Entropy Coding (Main Compression)

Each block is processed independently.

Zstd uses a combination of:

LZ77 (Dictionary Matching): Finds repeated sequences and replaces them with references.

Finite State Entropy (FSE): Efficiently encodes the remaining symbols using probabilistic models.

4.Literal and Match Encoding

- The algorithm separates literals (unique bytes) and matches (repeated patterns).
 - It then encodes:
 - Literal lengths
 - Match lengths
 - Offsets for repeated patterns
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5.Compression of Metadata

- Metadata like block sizes and headers are also compressed to reduce overhead.

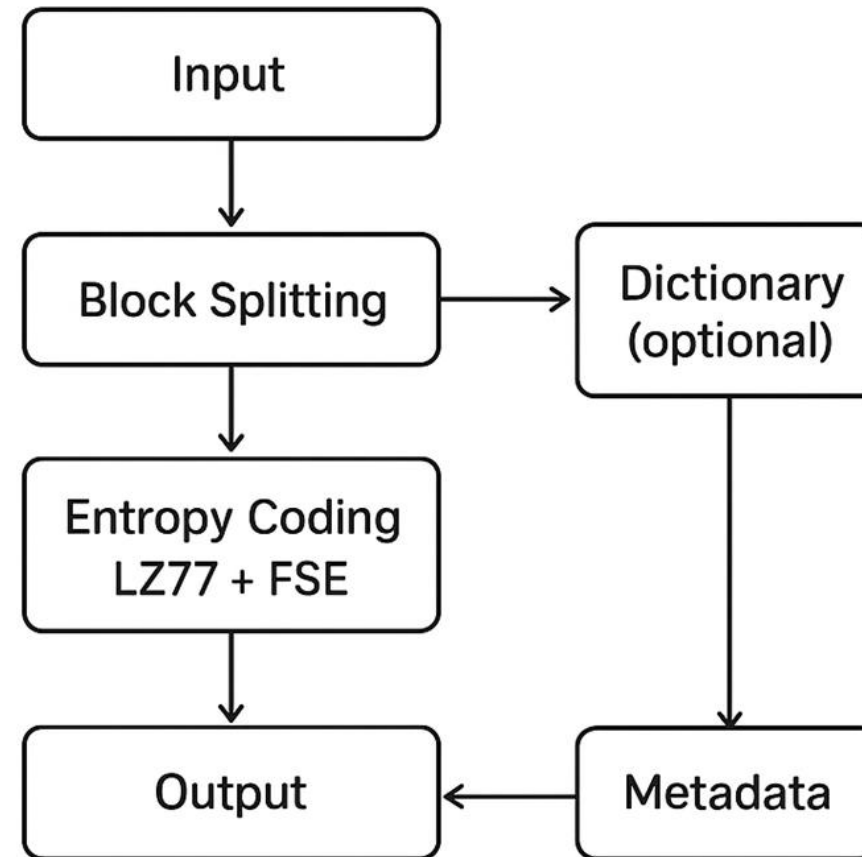
6.Block Output & Framing

- All compressed blocks and headers are assembled into a final frame format.
- This frame can later be decompressed independently.

7.Decompression

- Reverse of compression:
 - Read frame → Decode FSE → Apply LZ77 matches → Reconstruct original data.

STEPS IN ZSTANDARD (ZSTD) COMPRESSION ALGORITHM



Example(Simple SMS Text)

Input: "HELLO HELLO HELLO"

LZ77 detects "HELLO" repetition → stores once, replaces next ones with references.

FSE encodes remaining characters efficiently.

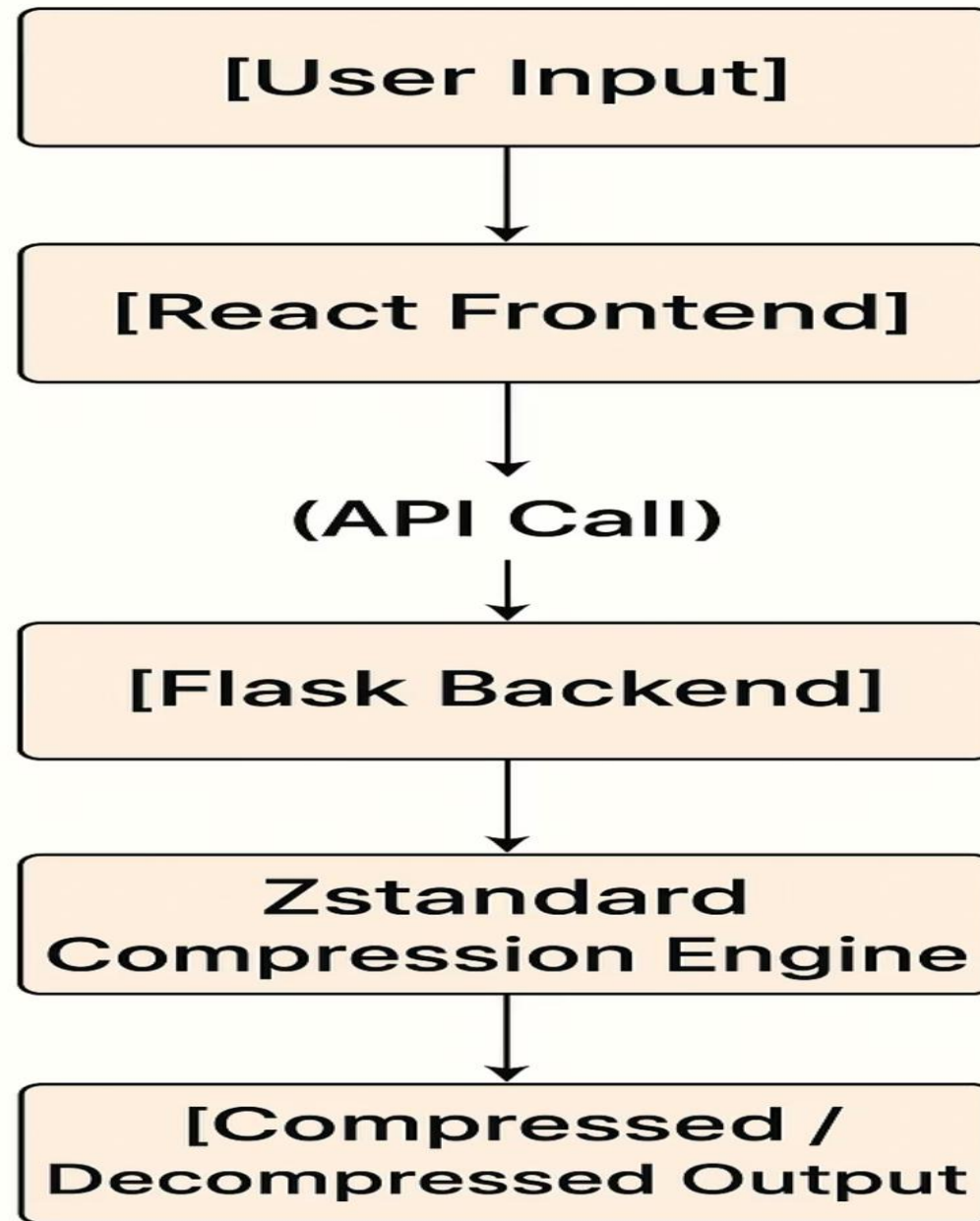
Output: A shorter binary (compressed) form that can be decompressed back to "HELLO HELLO HELLO" perfectly.

System Architecture

Description: The system integrates a Flask backend with a React frontend, enabling real-time text compression and decompression using the **Zstandard algorithm**.

Components:

- **Frontend:** React JS (UI for user input, compression ratio display)
- **Backend:** Flask API (handles compression & decompression requests)
- **Algorithm:** Zstandard (Zstd) — for efficient, lossless compression
- **Data Flow:** User → Frontend → Backend → Algorithm → Frontend → Result



Workflow / Data Flow Diagram

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User Input

User enters SMS text on the frontend.

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Compression

Flask processes the text and applies Zstandard compression.

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Frontend Display

Frontend displays compressed text and visualization.

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Text to Backend

The text is sent to Flask backend via POST request.

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Metrics Sent Back

The compressed text and metrics (size, time, ratio) are sent back.

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Decompression

On clicking “Decompress,” the original text is restored.

Technology Stack

Frontend

- React JS
- HTML5
- CSS3
- JavaScript

Styling Framework

- Tailwind CSS / Custom CSS

Backend

- Python (Flask)

Compression Library

- Zstandard (Zstd)

Communication

- REST API (JSON)

Visualization

- Framer Motion (animations)

Environment

- Node JS, npm

Implementation (Backend + Frontend)

Backend (Flask):

- Receives POST requests /compress & /decompress
- Uses Zstd for compression/decompression
- Calculates metrics (original size, compressed size, time)
- Returns JSON responses to frontend

Frontend (React):

- Provides textboxes for input and output
- Displays compression ratio and visual indicator
- Handles API calls to Flask and renders results



Results

Observations:

- Compression Ratio $\approx 60 - 80 \%$ (depending on text size)
- High speed (< 5 ms per operation for short SMS text)
- Accurate lossless decompression

Future Scope

- Integrate with mobile SMS gateways for real deployment.
- Implement batch compression for multiple messages.
- Compare Zstandard with other algorithms (LZMA, Brotli).
- Add data analytics on compression performance.
- Extend for multilingual and emoji support.

Conclusion



Efficient **lossless compression** achieved for SMS text.



Optimized transmission and storage through Zstandard.



Successfully integrated **Flask + React** for real-time demo.



Demonstrated practical implementation of Zstd algorithm in a modern web app.

THANK YOU

