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Synonym David Albert Huffman Synonym David A. Huffman Synonym Dave Huffman $David\ Albert\ Huffman\ (1925$ - 1999) American mathematician, best known for Huffman coding used in many lossless data compression .

Huffman served in the U. S. Navy during World War II as a radar maintenance officer on a destroyer. After the war, he continued his studies at Ohio University and earned a PhD from MIT in 1953 and joined the faculty there that year.