

Hash Maps



Support Video



By the end of this video you will be able to...

- Explain why modular arithmetic is useful for hash functions
- Compute the hash code of integers

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Perfect for storing in an array of size N !

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Gives us algorithm for computing

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Many different integers have the same remainder mod 5!