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Step 1: read and flatten the image

```
BufferedImage image = ImageIO.read(new File("D:\\T7\\New folder\\data compression\\proj\\Image Files\\checker.png"));
```

```
int width = image.getWidth();  
  
int height = image.getHeight();  
  
int[] pixels = new int[width * height];  int k=0;  
  
for (int y = 0; y < height; y++) {  
    for (int x = 0; x < width; x++) {  
        int pixel = image.getRGB(x, y) & 0xFF; // Extract the blue channel, which represents intensity in grayscale  
        pixels[k++] = pixel;  
    }  
}
```

Step 2: compress the flattened pixels

➤ **Create dictionary of all pixels values with unique**

```
HashMap<String, Integer> dictionary = new HashMap<>();  
  
for (int i = 0; i < 256; i++) {  
    dictionary.put(String.valueOf((char)i), i);  
}
```

- **Iterate over each pixel and concatenate it with the next pixel**

```
for (int pixel : pixels)
{
    char next = (char) pixel;
    String currentPlusNext = current + next;
```

- **If the Concatenated pixel already exist I will output nothing then update the current to current + next**

```
if (dictionary.containsKey(currentPlusNext))
    current = currentPlusNext;
```

- **If the Concatenated pixel doesn't exist I will get the unique key of the current pixel to be the new output then add it to the compressed array**

```
else {
    int output = dictionary.get(current);
    compressed.add( output );
```

- **Update the dictionary with the new concatenated pixel "currentPlusNext" then move the current to start with next**

```
dictionary.put(currentPlusNext, dictSize++);
current = String.valueOf( next );
```

Step 3: serialize the compressed array

Step 4: decompress

➤ **Create dictionary of all pixels values with unique**

```
HashMap<Integer, String> dictionary = new HashMap<>();  
for (int i = 0; i < 256; i++) {  
    dictionary.put(i, String.valueOf((char) i));    System.out.println( (char)i);  
}
```

➤ **Iterate over each element in the compressed array**

```
for (int code : compressed) {  
    String entry;
```

➤ **If the value already exists in the dictionary I will retrieve its label
“entry”**

```
    if (dictionary.containsKey(code))  
    {  
        entry = dictionary.get(code);  
    }
```

➤ **If the value doesn't exist this mean that the value is unknown to me
“ab?” so entry will be the current + the first letter of the current**

```
    else if (!dictionary.containsKey(code))  
    {  
        entry = current + current.charAt(0);  
    }
```

- **add entry to the decompressed list which will be the image pixel**
`decompressed.append(entry);`
- **update the dictionary with the (current and the first letter of the next)**
`dictionary.put(dictSize++, (current + entry.charAt(0)));`
- **move the current to start with next**
`current = entry;`