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## Bit Packing:
## compressing for sped up transmission

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# 1 Introduction

This document presents integer compression techniques using bit packing. The project demonstrates three approaches to compress integer arrays by storing values in fewer bits than the standard 32-bit representation.

Applications include:

- Large-scale data processing
- Database indexing
- Cache-efficient computations
- Real-time data streaming

# 2 Project Overview

## 2.1 Motivation

Standard Java integers consume 32 bits. Bit packing optimizes storage by:

1. Determining minimum bits required
2. Packing multiple values into fewer integers
3. Providing efficient element retrieval

## 2.2 Classes

- BitPacking.java: Main driver
- BaseCompression.java: Utilities
- NoSpillCompression.java: No boundary crossing
- SpillCompression.java: Boundary crossing
- OverflowCompression.java: Hybrid approach

# 3 Base Compression

Listing 1: BaseCompression.java

```
1 package compression;
2
3 import java.util.ArrayList;
4
5 public class BaseCompression {
```

```
6       public String convertToBinary(int i) {
7           return i > 0 ? "0".concat(Integer.toBinaryString(i)) :
                Integer.toBinaryString(i);
8       }
9
10      protected Integer convertToInteger(String b) {
11          return Integer.parseUnsignedInt(b, 2);
12      }
13
14      public ArrayList<String> convertArrayToBinary(ArrayList<Integer>
            decompressedList, int bits) {
15          ArrayList<String> binaryDecompressedList = new ArrayList<
                String>();
16          decompressedList.forEach(i -> {
17              String binary = Integer.toBinaryString(i);
18              if (binary.length() < bits)
19                  binary = "0".repeat(bits - binary.length()) + binary
                        ;
20              else if (binary.length() > bits)
21                  binary = binary.substring(binary.length() - bits);
22              binaryDecompressedList.add(binary);
23          });
24          return binaryDecompressedList;
25      }
26
27      public ArrayList<Integer> convertArrayToInteger(ArrayList<String
            > binaryCompressedArray) {
28          ArrayList<Integer> integerCompressedArray = new ArrayList
                <>();
29          for (String binary : binaryCompressedArray)
30              integerCompressedArray.add(convertToInteger(binary));
31          return integerCompressedArray;
32      }
33  }
```

# 4 Compression Algorithms

## 4.1 No-Spill Compression

Values packed without crossing 32-bit boundaries.

Listing 2: NoSpillCompression.java

```
1   package compression;
2
3   import java.util.ArrayList;
4
```

```
5  public class NoSpillCompression extends BaseCompression {
6      public ArrayList<String> compress(ArrayList<String>
           binaryDecompressedArray, int bits) {
7          long startTime = System.nanoTime();
8          int maxBits = 32, numberOfValuesPerInt = maxBits / bits;
9          ArrayList<String> binaryCompressedArray = new ArrayList<>();
10         String binary;
11         for (int i = 0; i < binaryDecompressedArray.size(); i +=
               numberOfValuesPerInt) {
12             binary = "";
13             for (int j = i; j < Math.min(i + numberOfValuesPerInt,
                   binaryDecompressedArray.size()); j++)
14                 binary = binary.concat(binaryDecompressedArray.get(j
                       ));
15             binaryCompressedArray.add(binary);
16         }
17         long endTime = System.nanoTime();
18         long duration = endTime - startTime;
19         System.out.println("Execution time (No Spill): " + duration
               + " nano seconds");
20         return binaryCompressedArray;
21     }
22
23     public int get(ArrayList<String> binaryCompressedArray, int bits
           , int i) {
24         int maxBits = 32, numberOfValuesPerInt = maxBits / bits, BCi
               = i / numberOfValuesPerInt, startFromBit = (i %
               numberOfValuesPerInt) * bits;
25         String binary = binaryCompressedArray.get(BCi).substring(
               startFromBit, startFromBit + bits);
26         return convertToInteger(binary);
27     }
28
29     public ArrayList<Integer> decompress(ArrayList<String>
           compressedArray, int originalSize, int bits) {
30         ArrayList<Integer> decompressedList = new ArrayList<>();
31         int maxBits = 32, numberOfValuesPerInt = maxBits / bits;
32
33         for (int i = 0; i < originalSize; i++) {
34             int maxBitsTemp = 32, numberOfValuesPerIntTemp =
                   maxBitsTemp / bits, BCi = i /
                   numberOfValuesPerIntTemp, startFromBit = (i %
                   numberOfValuesPerIntTemp) * bits;
35             String binary = compressedArray.get(BCi).substring(
                   startFromBit, startFromBit + bits);
36             decompressedList.add(convertToInteger(binary));
37         }
```

```
38
39          return decompressedList;
40      }
41  }
```

## 4.2 Spill Compression

Values allowed to cross 32-bit boundaries for better compression.

Listing 3: SpillCompression.java

```
1   package compression;
2
3   import java.util.ArrayList;
4
5   public class SpillCompression extends BaseCompression {
6       public ArrayList<String> compress(ArrayList<String>
            binaryDecompressedArray) {
7           long startTime = System.nanoTime();
8           int maxBits = 32;
9           ArrayList<String> binaryCompressedArray = new ArrayList<>();
10          String binary = "";
11          for (String b : binaryDecompressedArray)
12              binary = binary.concat(b);
13          while (!binary.isEmpty()) {
14              binaryCompressedArray.add(binary.substring(0, Math.min(
                    maxBits, binary.length())));
15              binary = binary.substring(Math.min(maxBits, binary.
                    length()));
16          }
17          long endTime = System.nanoTime();
18          long duration = endTime - startTime;
19          System.out.println("Execution time (Spill): " + duration + "
                nano seconds");
20          return binaryCompressedArray;
21      }
22
23      public int get(ArrayList<String> binaryCompressedArray, int bits
            , int i) {
24          int maxBits = 32, startFromBitGlobally = i * bits, BCi =
                startFromBitGlobally / maxBits, startFromBitLocally =
                startFromBitGlobally % maxBits;
25          String compressed = binaryCompressedArray.get(BCi);
26          if (startFromBitLocally + bits <= compressed.length()) {
27              String binary = compressed.substring(startFromBitLocally
                    , startFromBitLocally + bits);
28              return convertToInteger(binary);
29          } else {
```

```
30              String firstPart = compressed.substring(
                    startFromBitLocally);
31              int neededFromNext = bits - (compressed.length() -
                    startFromBitLocally);
32              String secondPart = binaryCompressedArray.get(BCi + 1).
                    substring(0, neededFromNext);
33              String binary = firstPart + secondPart;
34              return convertToInteger(binary);
35          }
36      }
37
38      public ArrayList<Integer> decompress(ArrayList<String>
            compressedArray, int originalSize, int bits) {
39          ArrayList<Integer> decompressedList = new ArrayList<>();
40          int maxBits = 32;
41
42          for (int i = 0; i < originalSize; i++) {
43              int startFromBitGlobally = i * bits, BCi =
                    startFromBitGlobally / maxBits, startFromBitLocally =
                     startFromBitGlobally % maxBits;
44              String compressed = compressedArray.get(BCi);
45              String binary;
46
47              if (startFromBitLocally + bits <= compressed.length()) {
48                  binary = compressed.substring(startFromBitLocally,
                        startFromBitLocally + bits);
49              } else {
50                  String firstPart = compressed.substring(
                        startFromBitLocally);
51                  int neededFromNext = bits - (compressed.length() -
                        startFromBitLocally);
52                  String secondPart = compressedArray.get(BCi + 1).
                        substring(0, neededFromNext);
53                  binary = firstPart + secondPart;
54              }
55              decompressedList.add(convertToInteger(binary));
56          }
57
58          return decompressedList;
59      }
60  }
```

## 4.3 Overflow Compression

Hybrid approach using threshold-based mechanism.

# 5 Main Driver

Listing 4: BitPacking.java

```java
package compression;

import org.openjdk.jol.info.*;

import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Collections;
import java.util.Comparator;
import java.util.Random;

public class BitPacking {

    enum CompressionType {
        NO_SPILL, SPILL, OVERFLOW, ALL
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println("STARTING EXECUTION");
        long startTime = System.currentTimeMillis();

        if (args.length == 0) {
            System.err.println("Please provide a compression type:
                NO_SPILL, SPILL, OVERFLOW, or ALL");
            return;
        }

        CompressionType compressionType = null;
        try {
            compressionType = CompressionType.valueOf(args[0].
                toUpperCase());
        } catch (IllegalArgumentException e) {
            System.err.println("Invalid compression type. Use:
                NO_SPILL, SPILL, OVERFLOW, or ALL");
            return;
        }

        int x = Integer.MIN_VALUE;
        ArrayList<Integer> decompressedList = new ArrayList<>();
        Random rand = new Random();
        int listSize = 1000;
        for (int i = 0; i < listSize; i++)
            decompressedList.add(rand.nextInt(0, 1000));

        BaseCompression baseCompression = new BaseCompression();
```

```
41          int max = Collections.max(decompressedList, Comparator.
               comparingInt(i -> Integer.toBinaryString(i).length()));
42          String binaryMax = baseCompression.convertToBinary(max);
43          int bits = binaryMax.length();
44      }
45  }
```

# 6 Use Cases

- No-Spill: Aligned bit widths
- Spill: Maximum compression
- Overflow: Mixed-range data

# 7 Usage

## 7.1 Compile

```
javac -cp jol-core.jar -d out
    src/compression/*.java
```

## 7.2 Run

```
java -cp out:jol-core.jar
    compression.BitPacking <TYPE>
```

where `<TYPE>` can be:

- `NO_SPILL` - Run only the No-Spill compression algorithm
- `SPILL` - Run only the Spill compression algorithm
- `OVERFLOW` - Run only the Overflow compression algorithm
- `ALL` - Run and compare all compression algorithms

Example:

```
java -cp out:jol-core.jar
    compression.BitPacking ALL
```

# 8 Conclusion

This project demonstrates practical integer compression:

- No-Spill: Simple and predictable
- Spill: Maximum compression
- Overflow: Adaptive approach

Benefits:

- Correct compression/decompression
- Efficient random access
- Benchmarking support
- Modular design