# Lab5: Hash Table

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## **Description**

This lab is designed to give you practice working with hash table. This is an individual assignment.

- You may not share code with other students
- You should implement your own hash table data structure and may not be confused with the java.util.HashTable class available in the Java standard library.
- This lab is designed based on Timothy Colburn's work!!

## **Specification**

#### **Overview**

Your task is to complete the definition of a HashTable class using *separate chaining method* to handle collision. Specifically, you will:

- Implement hash functions for integer and string keys
- Implement a hash table search operation
- Implement a hash table remove operation

### **Preliminary**

Download the zipped project archive — **Lab 5.zip**, and import it into your IDE as an existing project.

Open the hashtabletest package and run the TestFrame class. Clicking the insert button will insert new elements into the hash table. Note that the integer and string keys always hash to zero — you will fix this later.

Open the hashtabletest package and run the HashTableTest class. Note that the testSearch and testRemove tests should fail — you will fix this later, too.

## **Your Job**

You need to complete the following methods in the hashtable. HashTable class:

- integerHash and stringHash methods: to exhibit good hashing performance for integer
  and string keys
- search method: to find and return the hash table element for a given key

• remove method: to remove a hash table element once it is found

#### **Test**

integerHash and stringHash, test them by running the TestFrame class.

- You should be able to insert random integers, random strings, and permuted strings with good hash function performance.
- Good hash function performance would generally (but perhaps not always) show **1.0 or less for a standard deviation** from the mean chain length after CAPACITY (in this case, 11) inserts.

remove and search, test them by running the HashTableTest class.

• When you have successfully implemented these operations this class will run without errors.

### **Submission**

**Deadline:** In class / 23 Oct, 2019 18:00, any uploads after 25 Oct, 2019 18:00 wil get **ZERO** points.

Create a zip file named **YourStudentID.zip** that contains your code project and **upload your zip file to the FTP server**.