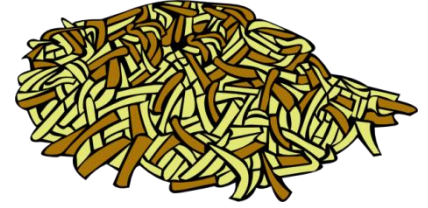


# Hash Table Lab

"What I cannot create, I do not understand."

*After finishing each part of the lab, copy your entire project and work on the copy for the next part!*



## Part 1: Implement a simple *HashTable* class.

- All methods take & return *Object* types, but for this lab, you will store *< Integer, String >* objects.
- Implement a simple *HashTable* class:

```
public class HashTable
-----
    HashTable()                // Sets default table size to 101
    HashTable(int initCap)
Object  put(Object key,        // Returns the previous value associated with key,
          Object value)        //      or null if there was no mapping for key

Object  get(Object key)        // Returns the value to which the specified key is mapped,
                              //      or null if this map contains no mapping for the key

String  toString()            // Returns a formatted string, ordered by bucket index
```

- Assume the *initCap* parameter is prime
  - For *put* & *get*, assume there are no collisions.
  - For the *put* method, use the input parameters to build an *Entry* object
  - For the *get* method, unwrap the *Entry* object & return the value
  - When determining the hash index, call the *hashCode* method on the key (external call), then mod with the table size to find the array index
  - For *toString*, make sure to order *<key, value>* pairs by array index.
- Implement a simple *Entry* class, as an inner class of *HashTable*:

```
private class Entry
-----
    Entry()                    // set key & value to null
    Entry(Object key,
          Object value)

String  toString()            // return a formatted string for the key & value
```

- Make your fields public
- Write a driver routine (*main* method) to:
  - Create a *HashTable* object
  - Read a text file containing *< Integer, String >* item pairs
  - Save them to the table.
  - Implement a *toString* method returning the saved objects, ordered by bucket index
  - Print the resulting table.
- Test your program by running the *main* method on a small table.
  - Use only non-colliding keys & valid search keys
  - Calculate by hand to validate.