



# Computer Science 3A

## Practical Assignment 7

18 April 2024

Time: 18 April 2024 13:45 – 17:00

Marks: 50

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**Hash Tables** are a quick and convenient method of implementing a Map ADT. The basic principle of a Map is that items can be added and removed from the map, the items are associated with Key and Value pairs, and that there is no duplication of keys.

You are required to implement a HashTable that makes use of the hash function defined below. This has been defined for a byte array but your implementation should allow strings and integers to be hashed using this function (the Integer and the String should be converted to a byte array). Objects that are not Integers or Strings should make use of the built in Java hashCode function for the object.

Input: a byte array

Output: a hash code

```
hash <- 5381
for each byte b:
  hash <- ((hash << 5) + hash) + b
return hash
```

Your implementation will make use of a bucket array, where each element in the hash table is a bucket of items. The buckets are realised by creating `PositionList<Entry<K,V>>` objects. Each `PositionList` stores `Entry` objects. The most convenient method of implementation is to make use of an array of Objects where each Object is initialised to be a `PositionList<Entry<K,V>>` object. This is a work around as remember Java does not like to create Generic arrays, and nested Generic array are even more difficult to create. The only consideration that you have to make in this case is to convert the bucket to a `PositionList<Entry<K,V>>` object before you use it.

You must complete the classes and methods marked by:

```
//TODO: COMPLETE CODE HERE
```

A test class has been provided to test your implementation. You should not add any extra functions to the provided classes, only complete the methods that have been indicated.

The results of your application should be as follows (your answer will be slightly different as random strings are used for testing):

```
925 -> macPWnbgPo
189 -> WVdEisxw[b
273 -> SrpMG[sTtO
206 -> gEScwMugRG
753 -> LLOrgwUWaF
207 -> afZRTngQbn
53 -> juyvRTqriL
63 -> XscVZIWsAY
306 -> jTTtaqECgm
532 -> o[OrxJyXvJ
```

Values:

```
macPWnbgPo
WVdEisxw[b
SrpMG[sTtO
gEScwMugRG
LLOrgwUWaF
afZRTngQbn
juyvRTqriL
XscVZIWsAY
jTTtaqECgm
o[OrxJyXvJ
```

Removing items:

```
Removed: macPWnbgPo
Removed: WVdEisxw[b
Removed: SrpMG[sTtO
Removed: gEScwMugRG
Removed: LLOrgwUWaF
Removed: afZRTngQbn
Removed: juyvRTqriL
Removed: XscVZIWsAY
Removed: jTTtaqECgm
Removed: o[OrxJyXvJ
```

Showing values again:

String test:

LXXdHYZ[KG -> 861  
T0wVfdgwL[ -> 85  
hJNmmpZCeZ -> 274  
b1JddMJ[qR -> 426  
KRcwQKD0xd -> 231  
PFCbEGNVLk -> 927  
WFUwZjTSQb -> 948  
R[iVWxUxos -> 762  
Yhg[PoFJTl -> 664  
NDKvIZgetJ -> 73

Values:

861  
85  
274  
426  
231  
927  
948  
762  
664  
73

Removing items:

Removed: 861  
Removed: 85  
Removed: 274  
Removed: 426  
Removed: 231  
Removed: 927  
Removed: 948  
Removed: 762  
Removed: 664  
Removed: 73

Showing values again:

The following files must be submitted to EVE:

1. *studentnumber\_p8.zip*

## Bonus

For an additional 15 marks make a Linear Probing Based Hashtable which is the same as the *HashTable* class, but uses a linear probing based collision handling approach. So it requires a new *remove*, *get* and *put* methods that do NOT make use of a *PositionList* at each index, but store a single *Entry* instead.

## Marksheet

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|---------------------------------------|------|
| 1. HashTable: createArray             | [4]  |
| 2. HashTable: remove                  | [10] |
| 3. HashTable: get                     | [10] |
| 4. HashTable: put                     | [8]  |
| 5. HashTable: keys                    | [8]  |
| 6. Compilation and Correct execution. | [10] |