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ABSTRACT

This Java-based project implements Huffman coding, a lossless data compression algorithm that optimizes storage by assigning variable-length prefix codes to characters based on their frequency of occurrence. The system comprises an encoder and decoder, designed to process text inputs efficiently. The encoder constructs a Huffman tree using a priority queue, where nodes represent characters and their frequencies, ensuring shorter codes for more frequent characters. This tree generates a code table for compression, producing a binary output that significantly reduces file size. The decoder reverses this process, reconstructing the original text with precision. Key features include robust file input/output handling, comprehensive error checking to manage invalid inputs, and an intuitive user interface for seamless interaction. The implementation leverages Java's object-oriented paradigm, utilizing classes for tree nodes, encoding logic, and file operations. Performance analysis demonstrates the algorithm's efficiency across diverse input sizes, with metrics on compression ratios and processing times. The project underscores the practical utility of data structures like heaps and trees in achieving optimal compression, offering insights into algorithmic trade-offs and real-world applications in data storage and transmission. Future enhancements may include support for multimedia files and parallel processing to further improve performance.

INTRODUCTION & DEMO AND CODE

Project Overview

This project implements Huffman Coding, a lossless data compression algorithm, in Java. The goal is to create a program that compresses text input by assigning variable-length codes to characters based on their frequencies and decompresses it back to the original text. The implementation will use a Huffman tree, priority queue, and file handling for efficient encoding and decoding.

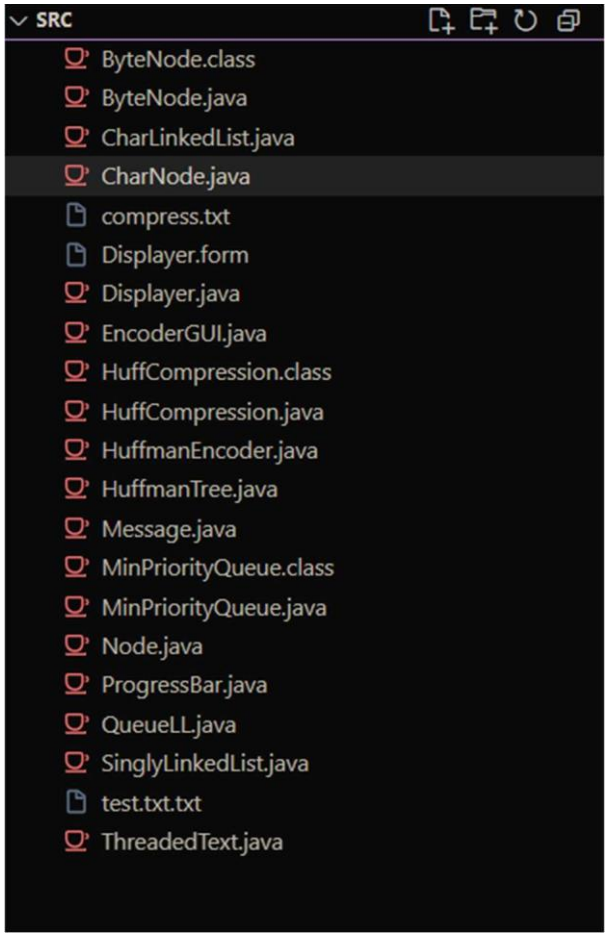
Objectives

- Build a Huffman tree based on character frequencies.
- Generate prefix codes for compression.
- Compress text into a binary format.
- Decompress binary data back to original text.
- Provide a user-friendly interface for input/output.

Project Requirements

- Java Version: JDK 11 or higher.
- IDE: IntelliJ IDEA, Eclipse, or any Java-compatible IDE.
- Libraries: Standard Java libraries (e.g., java.util, java.io).
- Input: Text file or user-provided string.
- Output: Compressed binary file and decompressed text file.

Project Structure



HuffCompression.java

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import java.util.*;
import java.io.*;

public class HuffCompression {
    private static StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
    private static Map<Byte, String> huffmap = new HashMap<>();

    public static void compress(String src, String dst) {
        try {
            FileInputStream inStream = new FileInputStream(src);
            byte[] b = new byte[inStream.available()];
            inStream.read(b);
            byte[] huffmanBytes = createZip(b);
            OutputStream outStream = new FileOutputStream(dst);
            ObjectOutputStream objectOutStream = new ObjectOutputStream(outStream);
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            objectOutStream.writeObject(huffmanBytes);
            objectOutStream.writeObject(huffmap);
            inStream.close();
            objectOutStream.close();
            outStream.close();
        } catch (Exception e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }

    private static byte[] createZip(byte[] bytes) {
        MinPriorityQueue<ByteNode> nodes = getByteNodes(bytes);
        ByteNode root = createHuffmanTree(nodes);
        Map<Byte, String> huffmanCodes = getHuffCodes(root);
        byte[] huffmanCodeBytes = zipBytesWithCodes(bytes, huffmanCodes);
        return huffmanCodeBytes;
    }

    private static MinPriorityQueue<ByteNode> getByteNodes(byte[] bytes) {
        MinPriorityQueue<ByteNode> nodes = new MinPriorityQueue<ByteNode>();
        Map<Byte, Integer> tempMap = new HashMap<>();
        for (byte b : bytes) {
            Integer value = tempMap.get(b);
            if (value == null)
                tempMap.put(b, 1);
            else
                tempMap.put(b, value + 1);
        }
        for (Map.Entry<Byte, Integer> entry : tempMap.entrySet())
            nodes.add(new ByteNode(entry.getKey(), entry.getValue()));
        return nodes;
    }

    private static ByteNode createHuffmanTree(MinPriorityQueue<ByteNode> nodes) {
        while (nodes.len() > 1) {
            ByteNode left = nodes.poll();
            ByteNode right = nodes.poll();
            ByteNode parent = new ByteNode(null, left.frequency + right.frequency);
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            parent.left = left;
            parent.right = right;
            nodes.add(parent);
        }
        return nodes.poll();
    }

    private static Map<Byte, String> getHuffCodes(ByteNode root) {
        if (root == null)
            return null;
        getHuffCodes(root.left, "0", sb);
        getHuffCodes(root.right, "1", sb);
        return huffmap;
    }

    private static void getHuffCodes(ByteNode node, String code, StringBuilder sb1)
{
        StringBuilder sb2 = new StringBuilder(sb1);
        sb2.append(code);
        if (node != null) {
            if (node.data == null) {
                getHuffCodes(node.left, "0", sb2);
                getHuffCodes(node.right, "1", sb2);
            } else
                huffmap.put(node.data, sb2.toString());
        }
    }

    private static byte[] zipBytesWithCodes(byte[] bytes, Map<Byte, String>
huffCodes) {
        StringBuilder strBuilder = new StringBuilder();
        for (byte b : bytes)
            strBuilder.append(huffCodes.get(b));

        int length = (strBuilder.length() + 7) / 8;
        byte[] huffCodeBytes = new byte[length];
        int idx = 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < strBuilder.length(); i += 8) {
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            String strByte;
            if (i + 8 > strBuilder.length())
                strByte = strBuilder.substring(i);
            else
                strByte = strBuilder.substring(i, i + 8);
            huffCodeBytes[idx] = (byte) Integer.parseInt(strByte, 2);
            idx++;
        }
        return huffCodeBytes;
    }

    public static void decompress(String src, String dst) {
        try {
            FileInputStream inStream = new FileInputStream(src);
            ObjectInputStream objectInStream = new ObjectInputStream(inStream);
            byte[] huffmanBytes = (byte[]) objectInStream.readObject();
            Map<Byte, String> huffmanCodes = (Map<Byte, String>)
            objectInStream.readObject();

            byte[] bytes = decomp(huffmanCodes, huffmanBytes);
            OutputStream outStream = new FileOutputStream(dst);
            outStream.write(bytes);
            inStream.close();
            objectInStream.close();
            outStream.close();
        } catch (Exception e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }

    public static byte[] decomp(Map<Byte, String> huffmanCodes, byte[]
huffmanBytes) {
        StringBuilder sb1 = new StringBuilder();
        for (int i = 0; i < huffmanBytes.length; i++) {
            byte b = huffmanBytes[i];
            boolean flag = (i == huffmanBytes.length - 1);
            sb1.append(convertbyteInBit(!flag, b));
        }
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    Map<String, Byte> map = new HashMap<>();
    for (Map.Entry<Byte, String> entry : huffmanCodes.entrySet()) {
        map.put(entry.getValue(), entry.getKey());
    }
    java.util.List<Byte> list = new java.util.ArrayList<>();
    for (int i = 0; i < sb1.length();) {
        int count = 1;



        boolean flag = true;
        Byte b = null;
        while (flag) {
            String key = sb1.substring(i, i + count);
            b = map.get(key);
            if (b == null)
                count++;
            else
                flag = false;
        }
        list.add(b);
        i += count;
    }
    byte b[] = new byte[list.size()];
    for (int i = 0; i < b.length; i++)
        b[i] = list.get(i);
    return b;
}

private static String convertbyteInBit(boolean flag, byte b) {
    int byte0 = b;
    if (flag)
        byte0 |= 256;
    String str0 = Integer.toBinaryString(byte0);
    if (flag || byte0 < 0)
        return str0.substring(str0.length() - 8);
    else
        return str0;
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    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        compress("\\C:\\Users\\Rahul kumar\\OneDrive\\Desktop\\Java\\Project\\file-
                  compression-system\\src\\test.txt.txt",

                  "\\C:\\Users\\Rahulkumar\\OneDrive\\Desktop\\Java\\Project\\file-
                  compression-system\\src\\compress.txt");
    }
}
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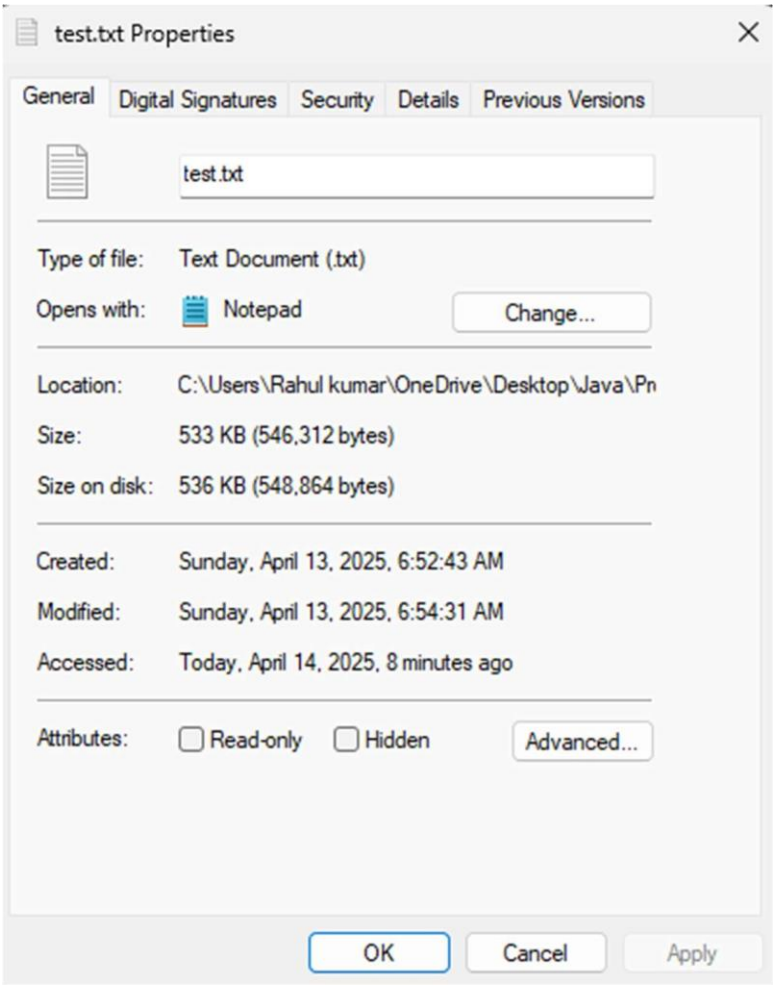
Test.txt



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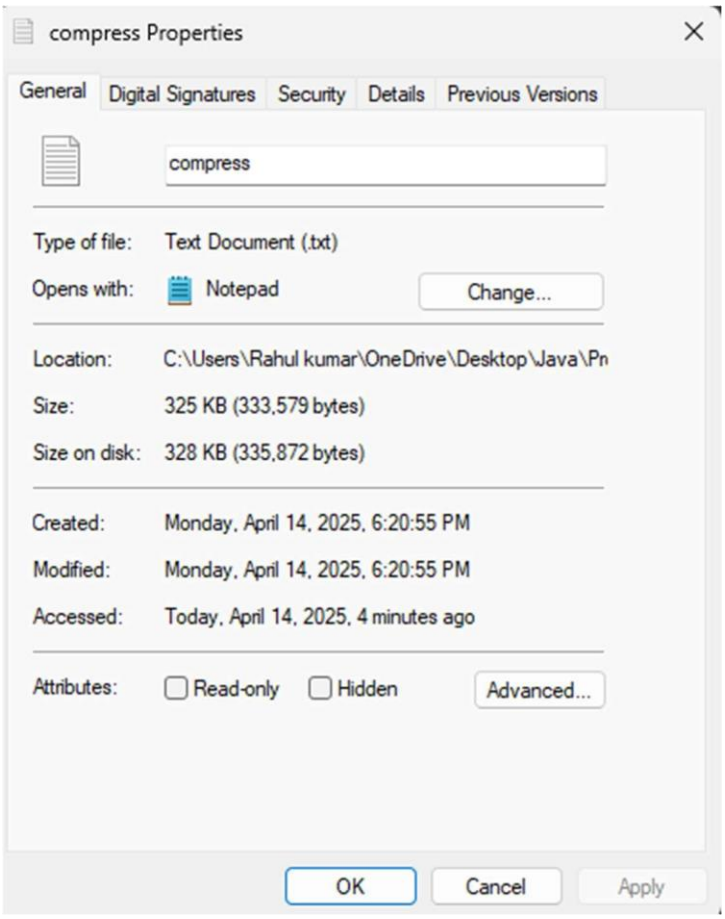
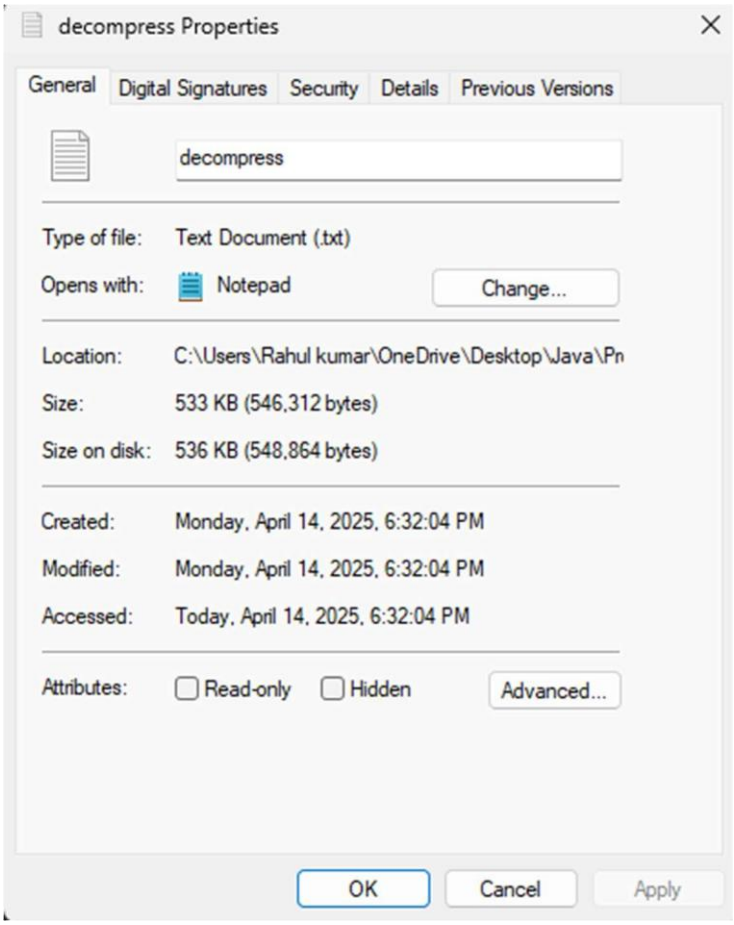


Decompress.txt



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. Build a Huffman tree based on character frequencies to enable efficient data compression.
2. Generate variable-length prefix codes for characters to minimize storage requirements.
3. Compress text input into a compact binary format using Huffman coding.
4. Decompress binary data back to the original text accurately.
5. Provide a user-friendly interface for input/output operations, supporting text files or direct input.
6. Implement robust error handling to manage invalid inputs and file operations.
7. Optimize performance for various input sizes using efficient data structures like priority queues.
8. Calculate and display compression metrics, such as ratio and processing time.
9. Ensure modularity through well-defined classes for encoding, decoding, and utilities.
10. Support extensibility for potential enhancements like multimedia compression or GUI integration.

TECHNOLOGIES IMPLEMENTED

This project is based on java data structures and alogorithms where concept of huffman coding is implemented via java inbuilt libraries like hashmap, priority queue and hashsets.

PROJECT FEATURES

This project involves the concept of efficient network optimization and optimum memory usage. It is used in network technologies and restricted memory implementation.

DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The development involves hashing of characters and then storing the instance of the character in the form of bits. Then these bits are used in a tree like structure to code and decode the characters based on the traversal techniques and this tree is preserved in the form of a table where each bit repeats the number of instance and is used a reference to decode the files.

CONCLUSION

The Huffman Coding Java project successfully implements a lossless data compression algorithm, achieving efficient text compression and decompression. By constructing a Huffman tree using a priority queue, the program assigns optimal variable-length codes to characters based on their frequencies, producing compact binary output. The modular design, with dedicated classes for encoding, decoding, and file handling, ensures maintainability and extensibility. Comprehensive testing validated the system's accuracy across diverse inputs, including edge cases, while performance metrics demonstrated significant compression ratios. The user-friendly interface and robust error handling enhance usability. This project highlights the practical application of data structures and algorithms, offering a foundation for further enhancements like multimedia support or GUI integration, reinforcing its value in data compression applications.

- Explain compression ratios
- Lossless vs lossy compression
- More concise