INTRODUCTION TO LZW COMPRESSION

1.1 Brief Description:

Lempel–Ziv–Welch (**LZW**) is a universal lossless data compression algorithm created by **Abraham Lempel, Jacob Ziv, and Terry Welch**. It was published by Welch in 1984 as an improved implementation of the LZ78 algorithm published by Lempel and Ziv in 1978. The algorithm is simple to implement, and has the potential for very high throughput in hardware implementations.

The code that the LZW algorithm outputs can be of any arbitrary length, but it must have more bits in it than a single character. The first 256 codes (when using eight bit characters) are by default assigned to the standard character set. The remaining codes are assigned to strings as the algorithm proceeds. The sample program runs as shown with 12 bit codes. This means codes 0-255 refer to individual bytes, while codes 256-4095 refers to substrings.

LZW compression became the first widely used **universal data compression** method on computers. A large English text file can typically be compressed via LZW to about half its original size.

LZW was used in the **public-domain program compress**, which became a more or less standard utility in UNIX systems circa 1986. It has since disappeared from many distributions, both because it infringed the LZW patent and because **gzip** produced better compression ratios using the **LZ77-based DEFLATE algorithm**, but as of 2008 at least FreeBSD includes both compress and uncompress as a part of the distribution. Several other popular compression utilities also used LZW, or closely related methods.

LZW became very widely used when it became part of the **GIF image format in 1987**. It may also (optionally) be used in TIFF and PDF files. Although **LZW** is available in **Adobe Acrobat software**, Acrobat by default uses DEFLATE for most text and colortable-based image data in PDF files.

Abraham Lempel is an Israeli computer scientist and one of the fathers of the LZ family of lossless data compression algorithms. His historically important works

start with the presentation of the LZ77 and LZW algorithm in a paper entitled "A Universal Algorithm for Sequential Data Compression".

Jacob Ziv is an Israeli computer scientist who, along with Abraham Lempel, developed the LZ family of lossless data compression algorithms.

Terry A. Welch is an American computer scientist. Along with Abraham Lempel and Jacob Ziv, he developed the lossless LZW compression algorithm which was published in 1984.

1.2 Problem Definition:

The Problem is to Compress a large English text file can typically be via LZW to about half its original size. The Original Compressed file consists of two parts: code part and Dictionary Part. The Resultant obtained could be decompressed to get the Original file back.

1.3 Objectives :

The project mainly concentrates on the methodology used in compression of a file rather than the size of the compressed file.

The principle objectives of the project are listed below:

- ✓ Better understanding of the LZW compression algorithm.
- ✓ Creating clear view working of compression by automatically displaying the following components to the end user :
 - Compressed file size and Initial file size
 - Dictionary is created during encoding of the file.
 - Final compressed code.
 - The File is assumed to be text document format.

DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

2.1 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS:

• Processor: Pentium i3 Processor, 2.3Ghz

• RAM: 4GB

• Hard Disk: 500GB

• Display: Intel HD graphics(1366X768)

• Input Device: Key Board and Mouse

SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

- Operating System: Windows 7 or Ubuntu 10.04
- Other Software's:
 - o JDK (Java Development Kit)
 - o JRE (Java Runtime Environment)
- User Interface: Net beans IDE

2.2 WORKING:

Example of code table compression. This is the basis of the popular LZW compression method. Encoding occurs by identifying sequences of bytes in the original file that exist in the code table. The 12 bit code representing the sequence is placed in the compressed file instead of the sequence. The first 256 entries in the table correspond to the single byte values, 0 to 255, while the remaining entries correspond to sequences of bytes. The LZW algorithm is an efficient way of generating the code table based on the particular data being compressed. (The code table in this figure is a simplified example, not one actually generated by the LZW algorithm).

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2	0000	0	
ande	0001	1	
identical cod	:	i i	
dent	0254	254	
·~_[0255	255	
] بو	0256	145 201 4	
COC	0257	243 245	
mique code	33	1	
a	4095	XXX XXX XX	x

original data stream: 123 145 201 4 119 89 243 245 59 11 206 145 201 4 243 245 ··· code table encoded: 123 256 119 89 257 59 11 206 256 257···

The Original file is given as Input to **lzwcompress.class** file; it is got by successful java compilation of **lzwcompress.java**. This class file in turn creates **dict.txt** which contains unique symbols in the original file and **code.txt** which is compressed form of original file that is transmitted.

Lzwdecompress.class is got by successful java compilation of **lzwdecompress.java**. This **.class** file on execution takes input from **dict.txt** and **code.txt** and gets the original file back.

2.3 FLOW CHART:

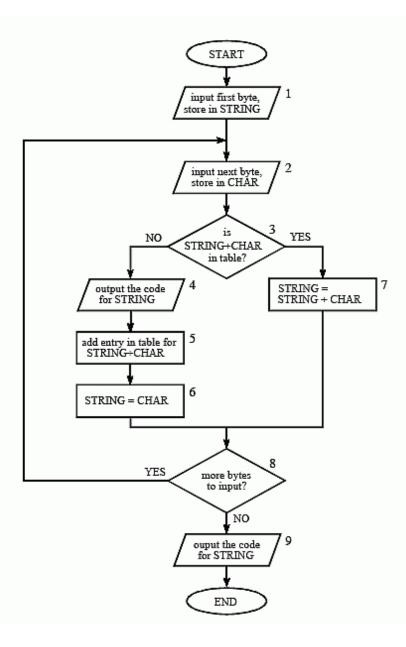
The Flowcharts for Encoding and Decoding are shown below:

Encoding:

A high level view of the encoding is shown here:

Initialize the dictionary to contain all strings of length one.

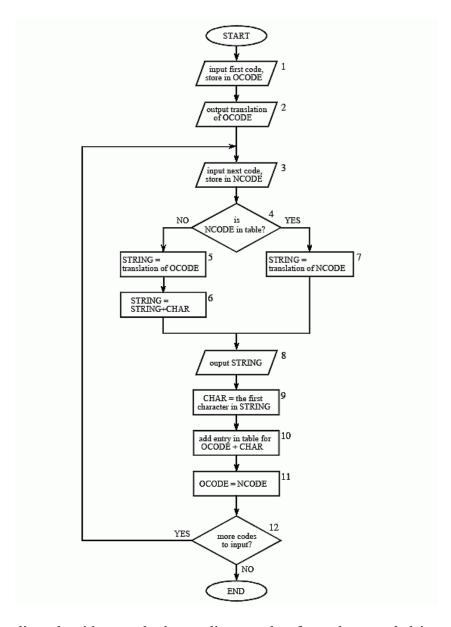
- A.) Find the longest string W in the dictionary that matches the current input (B).
- B.)Emit the dictionary index for W to output and remove W from the input.
- C.)Add W followed by the next symbol in the input to the dictionary.



A dictionary is initialized to contain the single-character strings corresponding to all the possible input characters. The algorithm works by scanning through the input string for successively longer substrings until it finds one that is not in the dictionary. When such a string is found, the index for the string less the last character is retrieved from the dictionary and sent to output, and the new string is added to the dictionary with the next available code. The last input character is then used as the next starting point to scan for substrings. In this way, successively longer strings are registered in the dictionary and made available for subsequent encoding as single output values. The algorithm works best on data with repeated patterns, so the initial parts of a message will

see little compression. As the message grows, however, the compression ratio tends asymptotically to the maximum.

Decoding:



The decoding algorithm works by reading a value from the encoded input and outputting the corresponding string from the initialized dictionary. At the same time it obtains the next value from the input, and adds to the dictionary the concatenation of the string just output and the first character of the string obtained by decoding the next input value.

The decoder then proceeds to the next input value and repeats the process until there is no more input, at which point the final input value is decoded without any more additions to the dictionary. In this way the decoder builds up a dictionary which is identical to that used by the encoder, and uses it to decode subsequent input values. Thus the full dictionary does not need be sent with the encoded data; just the initial dictionary containing the single-character strings is sufficient.

2.4 PSEUDO CODE:

COMPRESSION

```
class compress
       public static void compr(String content)
               try
                       int i=0,hv=0;
                       String str;
                       char chr;
                       Hashtable h=new Hashtable();
                       BufferedWriter x=new BufferedWriter(new FileWriter("dict.txt"));
                        while(i < content.length())</pre>
                               str=Character.toString(content.charAt(i));
                               if(h.containsKey(str)==false)
                                       if(str.equals("\t") )
                                               if(h.containsKey(str))
                                                 { }
                                                else
                                                       h.put(str,Integer.toString(hv));
                                                       ++hv;
                                                       x.write(hv-1+""+"\t"+"\n");
                                       else if(str.equals(" ") )
                                               if(h.containsKey(" "))
                                       { }
                                       else
                                       {
                                               h.put(" ",Integer.toString(hv));
                                               x.write(hv-1+""+"\setminus s"+"\setminus n");
                               else if(str.equals("\n"))
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if(h.containsKey(str))
                                       {}
                                       else
                                              h.put(str,Integer.toString(hv));
                                              ++hv;
                                              x.write(Integer.toString(hv-1)+"
"+"\\n"+"\n");
                                       }
                               }
                               else
                               {
                                       h.put(str,Integer.toString(hv));
                                       ++hv;
                                       x.write(h.get(str)+" "+str+"\n");
                               }
                       }
                       ++i;
               }
               x.close();
               i=0;
               str="";
               BufferedWriter y=new BufferedWriter(new FileWriter("code.txt"));
               while( i < content.length() )</pre>
                       chr=content.charAt(i);
                       if(h.containsKey(str+chr))
                       {
                               str=str+chr;
                       }
                       else
                               y.write((String)h.get(str)+" ");
                               h.put(str+chr,Integer.toString(hv));
                               str=Character.toString(chr);
                       }
                       ++i;
               //y.write((String)h.get(str));
               y.close();
               catch(Exception e)
                       System.out.println(e);
        }
}
```

```
class lzwcompress
       public static void xyz(String v[] )
       //NewJframe j1 =new NewJFrame();
       //j1.setvisible(TRUE);
               try
                       BufferedReader reader = new BufferedReader(new
                       FileReader(v[0]));
                      String temp,content="";
                      while( ( temp = reader.readLine() ) != null)
                             content = content + temp + "\n";
                      reader.close();
                      compress.compr(content);
              }
              catch(Exception e)
                      System.out.println("\n"+e);
}
```

USER INTERFACE LZW COMPRESSION AND DECOMPRESSION

```
/*MOUSE CLICK FUNCTION*/
private void jTextField1MouseClicked(java.awt.event.MouseEvent evt) {
   JFileChooser j1=new JFileChooser();
   int retval=j1.showOpenDialog(jTabbedPane1);
   if(retval==j1.APPROVE_OPTION)
   {
      f1=j1.getSelectedFile();
      jTextField1.setText(f1.getPath());  // TODO add your handling code here:
   }
/*BUTTON CLICK FUNCTION*/
private void jButton1MouseClicked(java.awt.event.MouseEvent evt) {
      int i;
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jProgressBar2.setValue(0);
      for(i=0;i<1000000;i++)
      { jProgressBar2.setValue(i/10000);
      }
      File file3 = new File(jTextField1.getText());
                   long fileSize3 = file3.length();
                   ¡TextField3.setText(" "+(float)fileSize3/1024);
                  File file 1 = new
File("C:/Users/anirudh/Downloads/LZW/LZW/dict.txt");
                   long fileSize1 = file1.length();
                     File file 2 = new
File("C:/Users/anirudh/Downloads/LZW/LZW/code.txt");
                   long fileSize2 = file2.length();
                   j TextField 4.set Text (" "+ (float)(file Size 1+file Size 2)/1024);\\
      try
              BufferedReader reader = new BufferedReader(new FileReader(f1));
              String temp,content="";
              while( ( temp = reader.readLine() ) != null)
                 {
                      content = content + temp + "\n";
                 }
              reader.close();
              compress.compr(content);
          }
       catch(Exception e)
          {
              System.out.println("\n"+e);
```

```
}
               // TODO add your handling code here:
    try {
Process p=Runtime.getRuntime().exec("write.exe
C:\\Users\\anirudh\\Downloads\\LZW\\LZW\\code.txt"); //enter file path
Process p1=Runtime.getRuntime().exec("write.exe
C:\\Users\\anirudh\\Downloads\\LZW\\LZW\\dict.txt");
} catch (Exception e) {
// TODO Auto-generated catch block
e.printStackTrace();
/*Initializing Buttons, Labels for the front end */
File f1;
  // Variables declaration - do not modify
  private javax.swing.JButton jButton1;
  private javax.swing.JButton jButton2;
  private javax.swing.JLabel jLabel1;
  private javax.swing.JLabel jLabel2;
  private javax.swing.JLabel jLabel3;
  private javax.swing.JLabel jLabel4;
  private javax.swing.JLabel jLabel5;
  private javax.swing.JLabel jLabel6;
  private javax.swing.JPanel jPanel1;
  private javax.swing.JPanel jPanel2;
  private javax.swing.JProgressBar jProgressBar2;
  private javax.swing.JTabbedPane jTabbedPane1;
  private javax.swing.JTextField jTextField1;
  private javax.swing.JTextField jTextField2;
  private javax.swing.JTextField jTextField3;
  private javax.swing.JTextField jTextField4;
                            DE COMPRESSION
```

```
class decompress
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```
public static void decompr()
    try
            BufferedReader reader= new BufferedReader(new FileReader("dict.txt"));
            String temp,content="";
            Hashtable hl=new Hashtable(),h=new Hashtable();
            int hv=0,hav=0;
            while( ( temp = reader.readLine() ) != null)
                   String content1[] = temp.split(" ");
                   if(content1[1].equals("\\s"))
                      hl.put(content1[0]," ");
                   else if(content1[1].equals("\\n"))
                      hl.put(content1[0], "\n");
                   else if(content1[1].equals("\\t"))
                      hl.put(content1[0],"\t");
                      hl.put(content1[0],content1[1]);
                   ++hv;
               }
            reader.close();
            reader=new BufferedReader(new FileReader("code.txt"));
            String X="",Y="";
            while( ( temp = reader.readLine() ) != null)
                   X=X+temp;
           reader.close();
            String CODE[]=X.split(" ");
            int i=0, j=0;
            String Xn="",ch="",old="",digit="",value="";
            reader=new BufferedReader(new FileReader("hashdumpcompress.txt"));
            temp="";
            X="";
            i=0; j=0;
            while( ( temp = reader.readLine() ) != null)
                   X=X+temp;
               }
            char e=13;
            while(i<X.length())
                   while(Character.isDigit(X.charAt(i)))
                           digit=digit+X.charAt(i);
                           ++i;
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++i;
                      while(X.charAt(i)!='$')
                             if(X.charAt(i)=='\setminus')
                                     if(X.charAt(i+1)=='n')
                                             value=value+'\n';
                                             ++i;
                                     else
                                             value=value+'\\';
                             else if(X.charAt(i)=='\\')
                                     if(X.charAt(i+1)=='t')
                                             value=value+'\t';
                                             ++i;
                                     else
                                             value=value+'\\';
                             else
                                     value=value+X.charAt(i);
                              ++i;
                         }
                      ++i;
                      h.put(digit,value);
                      digit="";
                      value=""; }i=0;
               BufferedReader
                                                                     BufferedReader(new
                                            name=new
FileReader("namefile.txt"));
              String N="decompress"+name.readLine();
              FileOutputStream de=new FileOutputStream(N);
              while(i<CODE.length)</pre>
               {
                      Xn=(String)h.get((String)CODE[i]);
                      new PrintStream(de).print(Xn);
                      ++i;
              de.close();
  catch(Exception e)
               e.printStackTrace();
              System.out.println(e);
```

```
public class lzwdecompress
{
    public static void main(String v[])
    {
        try
        {
            decompress.decompr();
        }
        catch(Exception e)
        {
            System.out.println("\n"+e);
        }
}
```

TESTING AND RESULTS

3.1 UNIT TESTING

SL_NO	FEATURES	EXPECTED OUTPUT	ACTUAL OUTPUT	REMARKS
1	Reading a File	Reading a File	File Read	SUCCESS
2	Writing to a File	Writing a File	File Writing	SUCCESS
3	Compressing a File	Compressing	File Compressed	SUCCESS
4	Decompressing a File	Decompressing	File Decompressed	SUCCESS
5	Connectivity of Front End to Back End	To be able to Connect	To be able to Connect	SUCCESS
6	File Size Retrieval in the Front End	Correct File Size	Correct File Size	SUCCESS

After integrating all the components the system is found to be working fine, thus it has passed Integration (system) testing.

3.2 SCREEN SHOTS

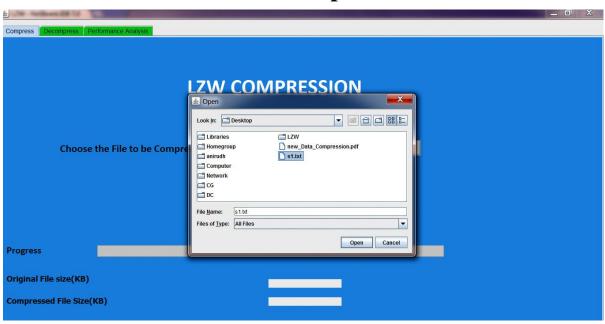
LZW COMPRESSION

Step 1:

The GUI for LZW Compression is shown above. The user has to choose the file to be compressed. The text field shows the Original file size and compressed size.



Step 2: S1.txt is a file that has to be compressed is chosen.



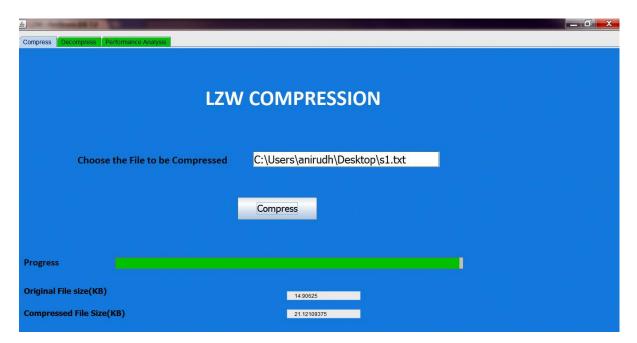
Step 3:

After Choosing the File, Compress Button is clicked.



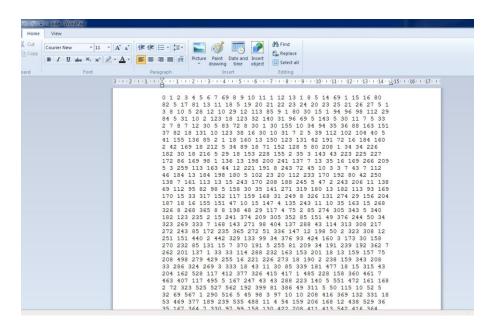
Step 4:

Figure shows the Progressive Bar and the Original File Size and Compressed File Size.



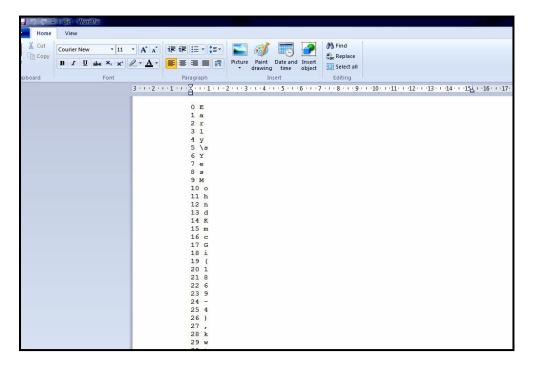
Step 5:

Figure showing code.txt from s1.txt opened form WordPad

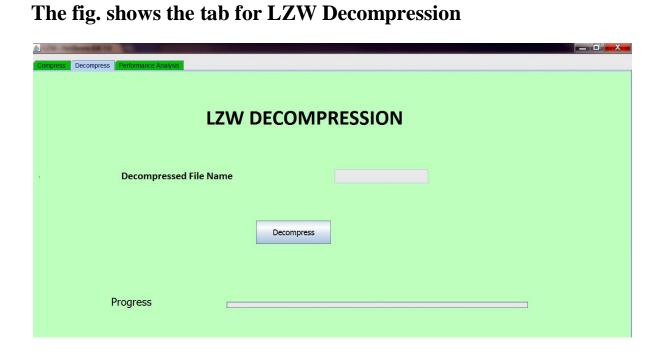


Step 6:

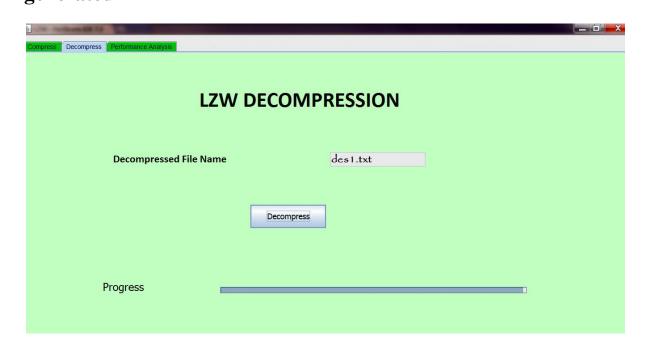
Figure shows the Dictionary of compressed File "s1.txt"



Step 7:

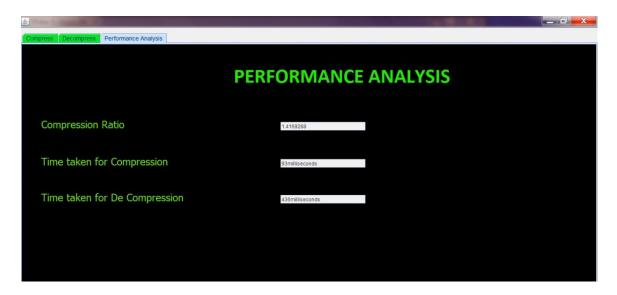


Step 8: The Decompress button is clicked and the final text file is generated

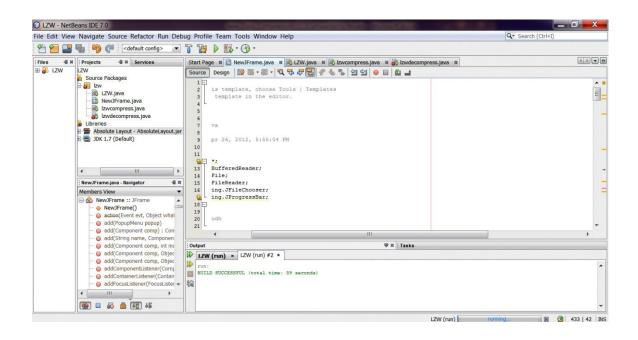


Step 9:

The Performance Analysis Tab shows the Compression Ratio, Time taken for Compression and De Compression



NETBEANS IDE PLATFORM



CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

4.1 Conclusion

The project "LZW Compression" was a great learning Experience in terms of implementing and understanding the algorithm. The results obtained during the execution of the code just mimics the LZW algorithm we studied.

Results included generation of

- Dictionary (text file)
- Code File (Encoded File compressed)

The next part of our project is the User Interface creation using NET BEANS. Java code developed was integrated with interactive user interface and tested.

The compressed file was found to be 50% as less of original file which was one of the best expected outputs. The code built soon after integrating the front end was rebuilt to obtain a ".jar" file, and ".exe" (Executable) file was finally obtained.

Thus a complete project concluded in the output of complete package "LZW COMPRESSOR version 1.0" which remains absolutely free and a windows executable file. The obtained Windows Executable file can be uploaded to any Blogs or websites and users can make use of compression with no cost. A Comparison Graph is drawn by comparing file size of the Original File size and the compressed file size.

4.2 FUTURE WORK

Having this back-end, in future we can implement a front-end of the same by using PHP or any other Front-end designing tool and can be uploaded in any blogs or websites. Efficiency of Text Compression for Rich Text Format, .doc and other types of files can be improved.

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