

A. Description

The goal of this project was to create a “search engine.”

To do this, it was my understanding that I was to take a file of URLs and keywords, read it and put those keywords into a hashmap with the related URLs.

B. Algorithms

In my first hashmap I used the ‘buckets’ hashmap. I took the length of the keyword, multiplied it by 6 and modded the size of the hashmap.

In my second and best hashmap, I used linear probing. If the index was not empty, I probed forward by adding 7.

To hash the value in my second map, if the value was a string, I looped through each character in the keyword, took its ASCII value and squared it and added it to a total. Then I multiplied that value by a large prime number and modded it to fit in my hashmap.

C. Theoretically Derived Complexities

The theoretical complexity of a hashmap is $O(1)$.

Increasing the size of the hashmap, should it become too full, will be $O(n)$

Searching the hashmap for a value should be $O(1)$

D. Observed Time Complexities

Adding a value to the hashmap takes $O(1)$, unless the map is too large, then resizing takes $O(n)$.

Searching the hashmap to find a value is $O(1)$. Adding those URLs to the stack/list takes n number of URLs related to the keyword.

E. Theoretical Vs. Empirical

The only part of the code that doesn’t match up with the theoretical big-oh, is searching. This is due to the nature of the assignment. When searching for the AND operator, I have to search through a list to ensure that the URL is related to both keywords.