

# Hashing 3: Saving Space and Allowing Deletion with Cuckoo Filters

---



**Rasmus Resen Amossen**

SOLUTION ARCHITECT

[rasmus.resen.org](http://rasmus.resen.org)

# The Match Finder App

Hashing

Hash functions

Exact tables

Probabilistic filters

My Pictures



Spatial index trees

Disjoint-Set structures

Tries

Suffix trees

ing

Cooking

Fishing

Ingredients

King Kong

Kings

Cooking

Guitar

Fishing



# A Challenge with Bloom Filters

False positive  
risk increases



Lower false  
positive risk



Demo

**Still wasting cache space**

# Cuckoo Filters

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				15			32	64					15		
57		52		12							92		79		67
				49		47				82			26		
	29			33						19			74		31

Fingerprint (fp):  $h_{\text{fp}}(\text{key})$

$p_1 = h_{\text{key}}(\text{key})$

# XOR (eXclusive OR)

Bitwise operator

0 if bits are equal

1 if bits are different

$$\begin{array}{r} \oplus \text{ } 1010 \\ \text{ } 0110 \\ \hline 1100 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \oplus \text{ } 1100 \\ \text{ } 0110 \\ \hline 1010 \end{array}$$



# Cuckoo Filters



0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				15			32	64					15		
57		52		12		5					92		79		67
				49		47				82			26		
	29			33						19			74		31

Stop after  
“enough”  
iterations

Fingerprint (fp):  $h_{\text{fp}}(\text{key})$

$$p_1 = h_{\text{key}}(\text{key})$$

$$p_2 = p_1 \oplus h_{\text{key}}(\text{fp})$$

Insert fp at either  $p_1$  or  $p_2$

$$p_1 = p_2 \oplus h_{\text{key}}(\text{fp})$$

key	fp	$h(\text{fp})$	$p_1$	$p_2$
“Apple”	5	11	13	6
“Orange”	10	9	4	13
$13 \oplus 5 = 8$	79	5	13	8

Expected  $O(1)$  time for insertion

# Lookup

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				15			32	64					15		
57		52		12		5					92		10		67
				49		47		79		82			26		
	29			33						10			74		31

Likely different

Look at  $p_1$  and  $p_2$

$$p_2 = p_1 \oplus h_{\text{key}}(\text{fp})$$

$$p_1 = p_2 \oplus h_{\text{key}}(\text{fp})$$

Key	fp	$h(\text{fp})$	$p_1$	$p_2$	
"Apple"	5	11	13	6	Probably
"Strawberry"	10	9	4	13	Probably
"Cherry"	14	3	2	9	Definitely not!

Worst-case  $O(1)$  time for lookup



# Deletion

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				15			32	64				10	15		
57		52		12		5					92		10		67
				49		47		79		82			26		
	29			33						19			74		31

Look at  $p_1$  and  $p_2$

Delete matching fingerprint  
(Other matches will remain)

Key	fp	$h(\text{fp})$	$p_1$	$p_2$
"Apple"	5	11	13	6
"Orange"	10	9	4	13
"Cherry"	10	9	12	5

Worst-case  $O(1)$  time for deletion

# Sizing

Around nearest power of 2 above number of items

				15			32	64			
57		52		12							92
				49		47				82	
	29			33						19	

Around 6 bits per fingerprint  
(supporting a few billion items)

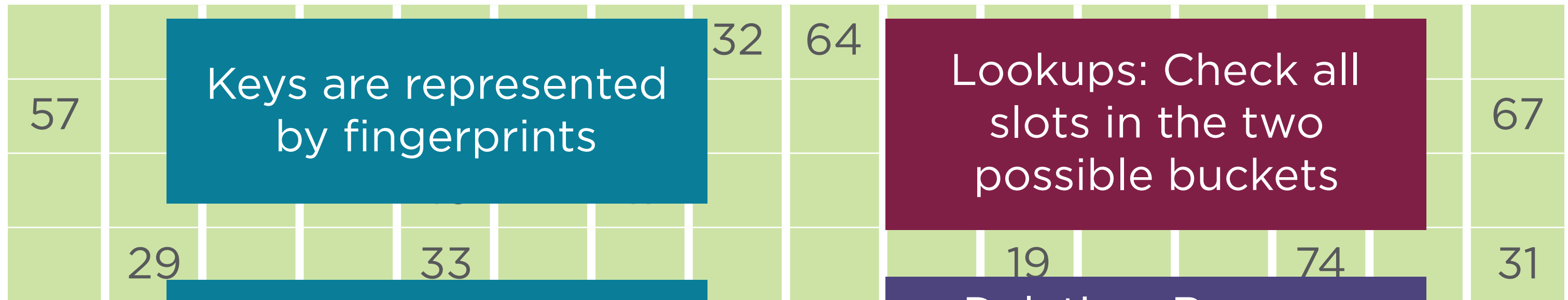
In-depth details: [tinyurl.com/cuckoobloom](http://tinyurl.com/cuckoobloom)

Bloom filter by example: [tinyurl.com/cuckooByExample](http://tinyurl.com/cuckooByExample)

# Demo

**Saving the cache (again)**

# Lessons Learned



Both can be deduced from the other using the fingerprint

False positives

No false negatives