

C950 Task-2 WGUPS Write-Up

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C950 Data Structures and Algorithms II

A. Hash Table Screenshot

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1  class HashTableEntry:
2      """Represents a single entry within a hash table, to be used when handling collisions."""
3      def __init__(self, key, value): # Constructor
4          self.key = key
5          self.value = value
6          self.next = None # Points to the next entry in case of a collision
7
8  class HashTable:
9      """Creates a hash table to house hash table entries."""
10     def __init__(self):
11         self.size = 40 # Fixed size for the table
12         self.table = [None] * self.size # Initialize table with empty buckets
13
14     def hash_function(self, key):
15         """Computes the index for a key using the modulo operation."""
16         return hash(key) % self.size # Compute hash value.
17
18     def insert(self, key, value):
19         """Inserts a key-value pair into the hash table."""
20         index = self.hash_function(key) # Use 'hash_function' with 'key' to compute index
21         entry = self.table[index] # Retrieve entry from hash table
22         if entry is None: # If bucket is empty
23             self.table[index] = HashTableEntry(key, value) # Create new 'HashTableEntry'
24             return
25
26         # Traverse the chain to find the right place to insert
27         while entry.next is not None: # When bucket is not empty, iterate through chain
28             if entry.key == key: # If entry with same key is found
29                 entry.value = value # Update existing entry
30                 return
31             entry = entry.next # Move to next entry in chain
32         entry.next = HashTableEntry(key, value) # Add new 'HashTableEntry' at end of chain
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36         index = self.hash_function(key) # Use 'hash_function' with 'key' to compute index
37         entry = self.table[index] # Retrieve entry from hash table
38         while entry is not None: # Iterate through chain as long as 'entry' is not 'None' in case of collision
39             if entry.key == key: # Check if entry's key matches lookup key
40                 return entry.value # If match is found, return value
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48         prev = None # Initialize previous node to 'None'
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50             if entry.key == key: # Check if entry's key matches lookup key
51                 if prev is None: # If first in chain
52                     self.table[index] = entry.next # Point to next node
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54                     prev.next = entry.next # Skips over current 'entry'
55             prev = entry # Set up for next iteration
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B. Lookup Function Screenshot

-The ‘lookup’ function in the hash table retrieves the ‘Package’ object associated with a given package ID. The ‘Package’ object itself contains all the detailed information required, making the retrieval of specific package aligned with the stated requirements as demonstrated in Option 1 “Check Package Status” in user interface (bottom screenshot)

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50                     self.table[index] = entry.next # Point to next node
51                 else: # If not the first in chain
52                     prev.next = entry.next # Skips over current 'entry'
53             entry = entry.next # Moves to next entry
54         return # Exits method
55         prev = entry # Set up for next iteration
56         entry = entry.next

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PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL

```

Address: 2530 S 500 E
City: Salt Lake City
Zip Code: 84106
Deadline: 10 AM
Weight: 1 Kilos
Status: Delivered
Delivery Time: 11:11 AM

Options:
1. Check Package Status
2. Display All Package Statuses
3. Display Truck Information
4. Display Total Mileage
5. Exit
Enter your choice: []

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167     choice = input("Enter your choice: ") # ASK user for input choice
168     if choice == '1': # Option 1: Check package status
169         package_id_input = input("Enter package ID to check status: ") # Ask user for package ID
170         if package_id_input.isdigit(): # Check for only digits
171             package_id = int(package_id_input) # Convert 'package_id_input' to int, then store as 'package_id'
172             package = package_hash_table.lookup(package_id) # Look up package object
173             if package: # Check if package is found
174                 # Display all details of the found package
175                 print(f"Package ID: {package.package_id}")
176                 print(f"Address: {package.address}")
177                 print(f"City: {package.city}")
178                 print(f"Zip Code: {package.zip_code}")
179                 print(f"Deadline: {package.deadline}")
180                 print(f"Weight: {package.weight}")
181                 print(f"Status: {package.status}")
182                 if package.delivery_time: # Check if delivery time is available
183                     print(f"Delivery Time: {package.delivery_time.strftime('%I:%M %p')}"") # Print delivery time
184                 else: # If delivery is unavailable
185                     print("Delivery Time: N/A") # Print N/A
186             else: # If package # is not found
187                 print("No package found with ID {package_id}") # Print no package found
188             else: # If not digit
189                 print("Invalid input. Please enter a numeric package ID.") # Print invalid input message
190         elif choice == '2': # Option 2: Display all package statuses at a specific time

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```

Enter your choice: 1
Enter package ID to check status: 1
Package ID: 1
Address: 395 W Oakland Ave
City: Salt Lake City
Zip Code: 84115
Deadline: 10 AM
Weight: 21 Kilos
Status: Delivered
Delivery Time: 08:00 AM

Options:
1. Check Package Status
2. Display All Package Statuses
3. Display Truck Information
4. Display Total Mileage
5. Exit
Enter your choice: 1
Enter package ID to check status: 33
Package ID: 33
Address: 2530 S 500 E
City: Salt Lake City
Zip Code: 84106
Deadline: 10 AM
Weight: 1 Kilos
Status: Delivered
Delivery Time: 11:11 AM

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C. Original Code

Major Code Blocks

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EXPLORER ... Package.py M HashTable.py M Main.py M X
Main.py > main
1 # Main.py
2 # Author: Eric Jacobs
3 # Student ID: 010500832
4 # Title: C950 WGUPS Routing Program
5
6 import csv
7 from datetime import datetime, timedelta
8 from HashTable import HashTable
9 from Package import Package
10 from Truck import Truck
11
12 # Constants for CSV file paths
13 CSV_DIRECTORY = '/Users/ericjacobs/Desktop/Software I/Project/C950/CSV/'
14
15 def load_address_data(filename):
16     """Load address data from CSV file to create a mapping of address to index."""
17     address_index_map = {} # Initialize empty library
18     with open(filename) as csvfile: # Temporary refer to file as 'csvfile' within 'with' block
19         address_reader = csv.reader(csvfile) # Creates CSV reader object to read from 'csvfile'
20         for index, row in enumerate(address_reader): # Iterate over each row in CSV file
21             address = row[2].strip() #Extract 'address' from third row
22             address_index_map[address] = index # Map 'address' to 'index'
23     return address_index_map
24
25 def load_package_data(filename, hash_table, address_index_map): # address_index_map is created in load_address_data function
26     """Load package data from CSV file and insert into the hash table."""
27     with open(filename) as csvfile: # 'with' makes sure file closes after execution
28         package_reader = csv.reader(csvfile) # Creates CSV reader object to read from 'csvfile'
29         for row in package_reader: # Iterate over each row in CSV file
30             package_id = int(row[0]) # Assign first column of CSV fil as package_id
31             full_address = row[1].strip() # Retrieve address. strip() removes whitespace
32             address_index = address_index_map.get(full_address) # Use 'full_address' to to find index in 'address index map'
33             if address_index is None: # Error tracking
34                 print("Error: Address '{full_address}' not found for package {package_id}.")
35             continue
36             package_data = Package(package_id, row[1], row[2], row[4], row[5], row[6], address_index, 'At Hub') # Create Package data object
37             hash_table.insert(package_id, package_data) # Insert package data into hash table
38
39 def load_distance_data(filename):
40     """Load distance data from CSV file."""
41     distances = [] # initialize empty list to store distance data
42     with open(filename) as csvfile: # Open the file
43         distance_reader = csv.reader(csvfile) # Creates CSV reader object to read from 'csvfile'
44         for row in distance_reader: # iterate over each row in CSV file
45             distances.append([float(dist) if dist != 0.0 for dist in row]) # convert each element to float and appended to 'distances' list
46     return distances # Will return a two-dimensional list
47
48 def find_nearest_neighbor(current_location, packages, distance_matrix):

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Main.py > main
47
48 def find_nearest_neighbor(current_location, packages, distance_matrix):
49     """Find the nearest unvisited address for delivery."""
50     nearest_distance = float('inf') #Initialize to infinitely large value
51     nearest_package = None # Initialize 'nearest_package' to 'None'
52     for package in packages: #Iterate over packages
53         package_location = package.address_index # Retrieve 'address_index' from current 'package'
54         distance_to_package = distance_matrix[current_location][package_location] # Calculate distance to package
55         if distance_to_package < nearest_distance and not package.is_delivered: # Set conditions
56             nearest_distance = distance_to_package # Set new 'nearest_distance'
57             nearest_package = package # Set new 'nearest_package'
58     return nearest_package, nearest_distance # Return updated values
59
60 def load_packages_onto_trucks(trucks, hash_table):
61     """Manually load packages onto specified trucks."""
62     # Packages assignment for each truck
63     truck_packages = {
64         1: [1, 14, 16, 20, 25, 29, 30, 31, 34, 37, 40, 2, 4, 8, 10, 11],
65         2: [3, 18, 36, 38, 13, 15, 19, 39],
66         3: [9, 32, 28, 6, 5, 7, 12, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 33, 35]
67     } #Create a dictionary where truck ID is key and values are packages
68
69     for truck_id, package_ids in truck_packages.items(): # Iterate over 'truck_packages' dictionary
70         for package_id in package_ids: # Iterate over each 'package_id' in 'package_ids'
71             package = hash_table.lookup(package_id) # Look up 'package' in 'hash_table' using 'package_id'
72             if package: # If package is found
73                 trucks[truck_id - 1].load_package(package) # Load package. Truck index starts at 0
74
75 def simulate_truck_delivery(truck, hash_table, distance_matrix, address_index_map):
76     """Simulate delivery for a single truck."""
77     current_location = 0 # Initialize 'current_location'. Start from the hub
78     while truck.packages: # 'while' loop as long as 'packages' are in 'truck'
79         nearest_package, distance_to_package = find_nearest_neighbor(current_location, truck.packages, distance_matrix)
80         if nearest_package: # Check for 'nearest_package'
81             truck.deliver_package(nearest_package, distance_to_package) # Deliver package
82             current_location = nearest_package.address_index # Update 'current_location' to 'address_index' of delivered package
83         else:
84             break # Break loop if no more packages are found
85     truck.return_to_hub(distance_matrix) # When loop is broken, return truck to hub
86
87 def simulate_delivery(trucks, hash_table, distance_matrix, address_index_map):
88     """Simulate the delivery process for all trucks."""
89     truck_3_departure_time = datetime.strptime('10:30 AM', '%I:%M %p') # Initialize 'truck_3_departure_time'
90     start_time = datetime.strptime('08:00 AM', '%I:%M %p') # Initialize 'start_time' for other trucks. Convert string to 'datetime' object
91     trucks[0].current_time = start_time # Assign 'start_time'
92     trucks[1].current_time = start_time # Assign 'start_time'
93     simulate_truck_delivery(trucks[0], hash_table, distance_matrix, address_index_map) # Simulate delivery truck 1
94     simulate_truck_delivery(trucks[1], hash_table, distance_matrix, address_index_map) # Simulate delivery truck 2

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File structure:

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  + __pycache__
  + idea
  + CSV
  + venv
    + C950.1ml
    + HashTable.py M
    + Main.py M
  + Package.py M
  + Truck.py M
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94     simulate_truck_delivery(trucks[1], hash_table, distance_matrix, address_index_map) # Simulate delivery truck 2
95     trucks[2].current_time = truck_3_departure_time # Set 'current_time' to 10:30 AM
96     simulate_truck_delivery(trucks[2], hash_table, distance_matrix, address_index_map) # Simulate delivery truck 3
97
98 def display_all_package_statuses(hash_table):
99     """Display the status of all packages."""
100    for package_id in range(1, 41): # Loop through package IDs
101        package = hash_table.lookup(package_id) # Look up each package. Returns object.
102        if package: # Check if package is found
103            print(str(package)) # Print package information as a string
104        else: # If package doesn't exist
105            print("Package ID {package_id} not found.") # Print not found message
106
107 def display_truck_info(trucks):
108     """Display information about each truck."""
109    for truck in trucks: # Iterate through each 'truck' in 'trucks' list
110        print(f"Truck {truck.truck_id} -> Return Time: {truck.current_time.strftime('%I:%M %p')}, Total Mileage: {truck.total_miles}, Packages: {len(truck.packages)}")
111
112 def check_package_status(package_id, hash_table):
113     """Check the status of a specific package."""
114     package = hash_table.lookup(package_id) # Look up package.
115     if package: # Check if package exists
116         return str(package) # Return package information as a string
117     else: # If package doesn't exist
118         return f"No package found with ID {package_id}" # Print no package found message
119
120 def calculate_package_delivery_times(trucks, distance_matrix):
121     """Calculate the delivery times for all packages."""
122    for truck in trucks: # Iterate over each 'truck' in 'trucks' list
123        current_time = truck.current_time # Set 'current_time'
124        current_location = 0 # Set 'current_location' to hub
125        for package in truck.packages: # Initialize nested loop that iterates over each 'package' in 'truck'
126            package_location = package.address_index # Retrieve 'address_index' and set as 'package_location'
127            travel_time = calculate_delivery_time(distance_matrix[current_location][package_location]) # Calculate travel time to package
128            current_time += timedelta(minutes=travel_time) # Add 'travel_time' to 'current_time'
129            package.delivery_time = current_time # Set package's delivery time
130            current_location = package_location # Update current location
131
132 def calculate_delivery_time(distance):
133     """Calculate delivery time in minutes given a distance."""
134     speed = 18 # Truck speed in miles per hour
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File structure:

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    + Main.py M
  + Package.py M
  + Truck.py M
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Main.py

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131 def calculate_delivery_time(distance):
132     """Calculate delivery time in minutes given a distance."""
133     speed = 18 # Truck speed in miles per hour
134     return (distance / speed) * 60 # Calculate and return delivery time
135
136 def display_package_status_at_time(hash_table, specific_time):
137     """Display the status of all packages at a specific time."""
138    for package_id in range(1, 41): # Iterate through package IDs
139        package = hash_table.lookup(package_id) # Look up 'package-id', set as 'package'
140        if package: # Check if package is found
141            status = "At Hub" # Initial status assignment
142            if package.delivery_time: # Check for delivery time
143                if package.delivery_time <= specific_time: # If 'delivery_time' is less or equal to 'specific_time'
144                    status = "Delivered at {package.delivery_time.strftime('%I:%M %p')}" # Update status
145                else: # If 'delivery_time' is greater than 'specific_time'
146                    status = "En Route" # Set status
147            address = package.address # Retrieve address
148            print(f"Package ID: {package_id}, Status: {status}, Address: {address}") # Print package information
149        else: # If no package is found
150            print("Package ID {package_id} not found.") # Print not found message
151
152 def main():
153     """Main function to execute the program."""
154     package_hash_table = HashTable() # Create hash table instance
155     address_index_map = load_address_data(CSV_DIRECTORY + 'Address.csv') # Load address data
156     load_package_data(CSV_DIRECTORY + 'Package.csv', package_hash_table, address_index_map) # Load package data
157     distance_matrix = load_distance_data(CSV_DIRECTORY + 'Distance.csv') # Load distance data
158     truck1, truck2, truck3 = Truck(1), Truck(2), Truck(3) # Create truck instances
159     trucks = [truck1, truck2, truck3] # Create truck list
160     load_packages onto_trucks(trucks, package_hash_table) # Load packages onto trucks
161     calculate_package_delivery_times(trucks, distance_matrix) # Calculate package delivery times
162     simulate_delivery(trucks, package_hash_table, distance_matrix, address_index_map) # Simulate package delivery
163
164 while True: # Infinite loop
165     print("\nOptions:\n1. Check Package Status\n2. Display All Package Statuses\n3. Display Truck Information\n4. Display Total Mileage\n5. Exit")
166     choice = input("Enter your choice: ") # Ask user for input choice
167     if choice == '1': # Option 1: Check package status
168        package_id_input = input("Enter package ID to check status: ") # Ask user for package ID
169        if package_id_input.isdigit(): # Check for only digits
170            package_id = int(package_id_input) # Convert 'package_id_input' to int, then store as 'package_id'
171            package = package_hash_table.lookup(package_id) # Look up package object
172            if package: # Check if package is found
173                # Display all details of the found package
174                print(f"Package ID: {package.package_id}")
175                print(f"Address: {package.address}")
176                print(f"City: {package.city}")
177                print(f"Zip Code: {package.zip_code}")
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177                 print(f"Deadline: {package.deadline}")
178                 print(f"Weight: {package.weight}")
179                 print(f"Status: {package.status}")
180             else: # If package is not found
181                 print("Delivery Time: N/A") # Print N/A
182             else: # If package # is not found
183                 print("No package found with ID {package_id}") # Print no package found
184             else: # If not digit
185                 print("Invalid input. Please enter a numeric package ID.") # Print invalid input message
186             elif choice == '2': # Option 2: Display all package statuses at a specific time
187                 time_input = input("Enter the time (HH:MM AM/PM) to check package statuses: ") # Request time input
188                 try: # Create a try block
189                     specific_time = datetime.strptime(time_input, "%I:%M %p") # Parse user's input into 'datetime' object
190                     display_package_status_at_time(package_hash_table, specific_time) # If parse is successful, display statuses of all packages at specific time
191                 except ValueError: # Catch error if parse is unsuccessful
192                     print("Invalid time format. Please enter time in HH:MM AM/PM format.") # Print invalid format message
193             elif choice == '3': # Option 3: Display truck information
194                 display_truck_info(trucks) # Display truck information
195             elif choice == '4': # Option 4: Display total mileage
196                 total_mileage = sum(truck.total_mileage for truck in trucks) # Calculate 'total_mileage'
197                 print(f"Total mileage by all trucks: {total_mileage}") # Print total mileage
198             elif choice == '5': # Option 5: Exit the program
199                 print("Exiting program.") # Print exit message
200                 break # Terminate 'while True' loop
201             else: # If input is not 1-5
202                 print("Invalid choice. Please enter a number between 1 and 5.") # Print input error message
203             if __name__ == "__main__":
204                 main()
205
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```

```
1  class Package:
2      def __init__(self, package_id, address, city, zip_code, deadline, weight, address_index, status='At the hub'): # Constructor
3          """
4              Initialize a new package with given details.
5
6              :param package_id: Unique identifier for the package.
7              :param address: Delivery address of the package.
8              :param city: City for the delivery address.
9              :param zip_code: Zip code for the delivery address.
10             :param deadline: Delivery deadline for the package.
11             :param weight: Weight of the package.
12             :param address_index: Index of the package's address in the distance matrix.
13             :param status: Current status of the package (default is 'At the hub').
14
15             self.package_id = package_id
16             self.address = address
17             self.city = city
18             self.zip_code = zip_code
19             self.deadline = deadline
20             self.weight = weight
21             self.address_index = address_index
22             self.status = status # Current status of package
23             self.delivery_time = None # Time when the package is delivered, None if not yet delivered.
24             self.is_delivered = False # Boolean to track whether the package has been delivered.
25
26     def update_status(self, status, delivery_time=None):
27         """
28             Update the status and delivery time of the package.
29
30             :param status: New status to be assigned to the package.
31             :param delivery_time: The time when the package was delivered.
32
33             self.status = status # Update status
34             self.is_delivered = (status == 'Delivered') # Set 'is_delivered' to 'True' if status is 'Delivered'
35             if delivery_time: # If 'delivery_time' is provided
36                 self.delivery_time = delivery_time # Update 'delivery_time'
37                 self.delivery_time_formatted = delivery_time.strftime("%I:%M %p") # Formatted delivery time.
38
39     def __str__(self):
40         """
41             String representation of the package's details including delivery time.
42
43             delivery_time_formatted = self.delivery_time.strftime("%I:%M %p") if self.delivery_time else 'N/A' # Convert 'delivery_time' to string,
44             return f"Package ID: {self.package_id}, Address: {self.address}, City: {self.city}, "
45             f"Zip: {self.zip_code}, Deadline: {self.deadline}, Weight: {self.weight}, "
46             f"Status: {self.status}, Delivery Time: {self.delivery_time_formatted}" # Return formatted string
47
48 Ln 46, Col 110 Spaces: 4 UTF-8 LF Python 3.12.0 64-bit
```

The screenshot shows a code editor interface with the following details:

- EXPLORER** sidebar: Shows a project structure with files: __pycache__, .idea, CSV, venv, C950.lml, HashTable.py, Main.py, Package.py, and Truck.py.
- Truck.py** is the active file, indicated by a yellow background and orange border.
- Code Content:**

```
2
3     from datetime import datetime, timedelta
4
5     class Truck:
6         def __init__(self, truck_id, delivery_speed=10, capacity=16): # Constructor
7             self.truck_id = truck_id # Initialize truck ID
8             self.delivery_speed = delivery_speed # Speed of the truck in miles per hour
9             self.capacity = capacity # Maximum number of packages the truck can carry
10            self.packages = [] # List to store packages loaded onto the truck
11            self.total_miles = 0 # Total miles traveled by the truck
12            self.current_location_index = 0 # Assuming index 0 is the hub
13            self.current_time = datetime.strptime('08:00 AM', '%I:%M %p') # Default starting time
14
15        def load_package(self, package):
16            """Load a package onto the truck if there's available capacity."""
17            if len(self.packages) < self.capacity: # Check if number of 'packages' is less than trucks 'capacity'
18                self.packages.append(package) # Add 'package' to 'packages'
19                package.update_status('En Route') # Update package status to 'En Route'
20            else: # If truck is full
21                print(f"Truck {self.truck_id} is full and cannot load any more packages.") # Print full statement
22
23        def deliver_package(self, package, distance):
24            """Deliver a package and update truck's total mileage and time."""
25            # Ensure package #9 is not delivered before 10:20 AM
26            update_time = datetime.strptime('10:20 AM', '%I:%M %p') # Initialize 'update_time'
27            if package.package_id == 9 and self.current_time < update_time: # Check if package #9 and before 10:20 AM
28                print("Package #9 cannot be delivered before 10:20 AM. It will be reattempted later.") # Print unsuccessful delivery message
29                return False # Delivery attempt was unsuccessful
30
31            # Calculate delivery time based on distance
32            delivery_time = self.current_time + timedelta(hours=distance / self.delivery_speed)
33            package.update_status('Delivered', delivery_time) # Update package status to 'Delivered'
34            self.total_miles += distance # Update total miles
35            self.current_location_index = package.address_index # Update current location
36            self.current_time = delivery_time # Update current time
37            return True # Delivery was successful
38
39        def return_to_hub(self, distance_matrix):
40            """Simulate the truck's return to the hub and update its mileage."""
41            return_distance = distance_matrix[self.current_location_index][0] # Calculate 'return_distance'
42            self.total_miles += return_distance # Update total miles for the return trip
43            self.current_location_index = 0 # Reset location to the hub
44            self.current_time += timedelta(hours=return_distance / self.delivery_speed) # Calculate and update 'current_time'
45            print(f"Truck {self.truck_id} returning to hub, total miles: {self.total_miles}") # Print return message
46
47        def __str__(self):
48            """String representation of the truck's current package load."""
49            return f"Truck {self.truck_id} -> Packages: {[(p.package_id for p in self.packages)]}" # Create and return formatted string
```
- Bottom Status Bar:** ShowsLn 49, Col 130 Spaces:4 UTF-8 LF Python 3.12.0 64-bit

C1: Identification Information

The screenshot shows a code editor interface with three tabs open: `Main.py`, `HashTable.py`, and `Package.py`. The `Main.py` tab is active, displaying the following Python code:

```
1 # Main.py
2 # Author: Eric Jacobs
3 # Student ID: 010580832
4 # Title: C950 WGUPS Routing Program
5
6 import csv
7 from datetime import datetime, timedelta
8 from HashTable import HashTable
9 from Package import Package
10 from Truck import Truck
11
12 # Constants for CSV file paths
13 CSV_DIRECTORY = '/Users/ericjacobs/Desktop/Software I/Project/C950/CSV/'
14
15 def load_address_data(filename):
16     """Load address data from CSV file to create a mapping of address to index."""
17     address_index_map = {} # Initialize empty library
18     with open(filename) as csvfile: # Temporary refer to file as 'csvfile' within 'with' block
19         address_reader = csv.reader(csvfile) # Creates CSV reader object to read from 'csvfile'
20         for index, row in enumerate(address_reader):# Iterate over each row in CSV file
21             address = row[2].strip() #Extract 'address' from third row
22             address_index_map[address] = index # Map 'address' to 'index'
23     return address_index_map
24
25 def load_package_data(filename, hash_table, address_index_map): # address_index_map is created in load_address_data funciton
26     """Load package data from CSV file and insert into the hash table."""
27     with open(filename) as csvfile: # 'with' makes sure file closes after execution
28         package_reader = csv.reader(csvfile) # Creates CSV reader object to read from 'csvfile'
29         for row in package_reader: # Iterate over each row in CSV file
30             package_id = int(row[0]) # Assign first column of CSV fil as package_id
31             full_address = row[1].strip() # Retrieve address. strip() removes whitespace
32             address_index = address_index_map.get(full_address) # Use 'full address' to to find index in 'address index map'
33             if address_index is None: # Error tracking
34                 print("Error: Address '{full_address}' not found for package {package_id}.")
35             continue
36             package_data = Package(package_id, row[1], row[2], row[4], row[5], row[6], address_index, 'At Hub') # Create Paackage data object
37             hash_table.insert(package_id, package_data) # Insert package data into hash table
38
39 def load_distance_data(filename):
40     """Load distance data from CSV file."""
41     distances = [] # Initialize empty list to store distance data
42     with open(filename) as csvfile: # Open the file
43         distance_reader = csv.reader(csvfile) # Creates CSV reader object to read from 'csvfile'
44         for row in distance_reader: #Iterate over each row in CSV file
45             distances.append([float(dist) if dist else 0.0 for dist in row]) # Convert each element to float and appended to 'distances' list
46     return distances # Will return a two-dimensional list
47
48 def find_nearest_neighbor(current_location, packages, distance_matrix):
```

The left sidebar shows a project structure with files `C950`, `__pycache__`, `.idea`, `CSV`, `Documents`, `venv`, `C950.xml`, `HashTable.py`, `Main.py`, `Package.py`, and `Truck.py`. The status bar at the bottom indicates the code is 3.12.0 64-bit.

C2: Process and Flow Comments

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87 def simulate_delivery(trucks, hash_table, distance_matrix, address_index_map):
88     """Simulate the delivery process for all trucks."""
89     truck_3_departure_time = datetime.strptime("10:30 AM", '%I:%M %p') # Initiate 'truck_3_departure_time'
90     start_time = datetime.strptime("08:00 AM", '%I:%M %p') # Initiate 'start_time' for other trucks. Convert string to 'datetime' object
91     trucks[0].current_time = start_time # Assign 'start_time'
92     trucks[1].current_time = start_time # Assign 'start_time'
93     simulate_truck_delivery(trucks[0], hash_table, distance_matrix, address_index_map) # Simulate delivery truck 1
94     simulate_truck_delivery(trucks[1], hash_table, distance_matrix, address_index_map) # Simulate delivery truck 2
95     trucks[2].current_time = truck_3_departure_time # Set 'current_time' to 10:30 AM
96     simulate_truck_delivery(trucks[2], hash_table, distance_matrix, address_index_map) # Simulate delivery truck 3
97
98 def display_all_package_statuses(hash_table):
99     """Display the status of all packages."""
100    for package_id in range(1, 41): # Loop through package IDs
101        package = hash_table.lookup(package_id) # Look up each package. Returns object.
102        if package: # Check if package is found
103            print(str(package)) # Print package information as a string
104        else: # If package doesn't exist
105            print(f"Package ID {package_id} not found.") # Print not found message
106
107 def display_truck_info(trucks):
108     """Display information about each truck."""
109    for truck in trucks: # Iterate through each 'truck' in 'trucks' list
110        print(f"Truck {truck.truck_id} -> Return Time: {truck.current_time.strftime('%I:%M %p')}, Total Mileage: {truck.total_miles}, Packages: {len(truck.packages)}")
111
112 def check_package_status(package_id, hash_table):
113     """Check the status of a specific package."""
114    package = hash_table.lookup(package_id) # Look up package.
115    if package: # Check if package exists
116        return str(package) # Return package information as a string
117    else: # If package doesn't exist
118        return f"No package found with ID {package_id}" # Print no package found message
119
120 def calculate_package_delivery_times(trucks, distance_matrix):
121     """Calculate the delivery times for all packages."""
122    for truck in trucks: # Iterate over each 'truck' in 'trucks' list
123        current_time = truck.current_time # Set 'current_time'
124        current_location = 0 # Set 'current_location' to hub
125        for package in truck.packages: # Initiate nested loop that iterates over each 'package' in 'truck'
126            package.address = package.address_index # Retrieve 'address_index' and set as 'package_location'
127            travel_time = calculate_delivery_time(distance_matrix[current_location][package.location]) # Calculate travel time to package
128            current_time += timedelta(minutes=travel_time) # Add 'travel_time' to 'current_time'
129            package.delivery_time = current_time # Set package's delivery time
130            current_location = package.location # Update current location
131
132 def calculate_delivery_time(distance):
133     """Calculate delivery time in minutes given a distance."""
134     speed = 18 # Truck speed in miles per hour
135
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131 def calculate_delivery_time(distance):
132     """Calculate delivery time in minutes given a distance."""
133     speed = 18 # Truck speed in miles per hour
134
135     return (distance / speed) * 60 # Calculate and return delivery time
136
137 def display_package_status_at_time(hash_table, specific_time):
138     """Display the status of all packages at a specific time."""
139    for package_id in range(1, 41): # Iterate through package IDs
140        package = hash_table.lookup(package_id) # Look up 'package-id', set as 'package'.
141        if package: # Check if package is found
142            status = "At Hub" # Initial status assignment
143            if package.delivery_time < specific_time: # Check for delivery time
144                if package.delivery_time <= specific_time: # If 'delivery_time' is less or equal to 'specific_time'
145                    status = f"Delivered at {package.delivery_time.strftime('%I:%M %p')}" # Update status
146                else: # If 'delivery_time' is greater than 'specific_time'
147                    status = "En Route" # Set status
148            address = package.address # Retrieve address
149            print(f"Package ID: {package_id}, Status: {status}, Address: {address}") # Print package information
150        else: # If no package is found
151            print(f"Package ID {package_id} not found.") # Print not found message
152
153 def main():
154     """Main function to execute the program."""
155     package_hash_table = HashTable() # Create hash table instance
156     address_index_map = load_address_data(CSV_DIRECTORY + 'Address.csv') # Load address data
157     load_package_data(CSV_DIRECTORY + 'Package.csv', package_hash_table, address_index_map) # Load package data
158     distance_matrix = load_distance_data(CSV_DIRECTORY + 'Distance.csv') # Load distance data
159     truck1, truck2, truck3 = Truck(1), Truck(2), Truck(3) # Create truck instances
160     trucks = [truck1, truck2, truck3] # Create truck list
161     load_packages_onto_trucks(trucks, package_hash_table) # Load packages onto trucks
162     calculate_package_delivery_times(trucks, distance_matrix) # Calculate package delivery times
163     simulate_delivery(trucks, package_hash_table, distance_matrix, address_index_map) # Simulate package delivery
164
165     while True: # Infinite loop
166         print("\nOptions:\n1. Check Package Status\n2. Display All Package Statuses\n3. Display Truck Information\n4. Display Total Mileage\n5. Exit")
167         choice = input("Enter your choice: ") # Ask user for input choice
168         if choice == '1': # Option 1: Check package status
169             package_id_input = input("Enter package ID to check status: ") # Ask user for package ID
170             if package_id_input.isdigit(): # Check for only digits
171                 package_id = int(package_id_input) # Convert 'package_id_input' to int, then store as 'package_id'
172                 package = package_hash_table.lookup(package_id) # Look up package object
173                 if package: # Check if package is found
174                     # Display all details of the found package
175                     print(f"Package ID: {package.package_id}")
176                     print(f"Address: {package.address}")
177                     print(f"City: {package.city}")
178                     print(f"Zip Code: {package.zip_code}")
179                     print(f"Delivery Time: {package.delivery_time}")
180
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```

D: Interface

D1: First Status Check

```
Package ID: 31, Status: Delivered at 08:28 AM
Package ID: 32, Status: En Route
Package ID: 33, Status: En Route
Package ID: 34, Status: Delivered at 08:06 AM
Package ID: 35, Status: En Route
Package ID: 36, Status: Delivered at 08:17 AM
Package ID: 37, Status: Delivered at 08:04 AM
Package ID: 38, Status: Delivered at 08:09 AM
Package ID: 39, Status: Delivered at 08:39 AM
Package ID: 40, Status: Delivered at 08:22 AM

Options:
1. Check Package Status
2. Display All Package Statuses
3. Display Truck Information
4. Display Total Mileage
5. Exit
Enter your choice: 2
Enter the time (HH:MM AM/PM) to check package statuses: 10:00 AM
Package ID: 1, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 2, Status: Delivered at 08:41 AM
Package ID: 3, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 4, Status: Delivered at 08:22 AM
Package ID: 5, Status: En Route
Package ID: 6, Status: En Route
Package ID: 7, Status: En Route
Package ID: 8, Status: Delivered at 08:41 AM
Package ID: 9, Status: En Route
Package ID: 10, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 11, Status: Delivered at 08:59 AM
Package ID: 12, Status: En Route
Package ID: 13, Status: Delivered at 08:38 AM
Package ID: 14, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 15, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 16, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 17, Status: En Route
Package ID: 18, Status: Delivered at 08:39 AM
Package ID: 19, Status: Delivered at 08:17 AM
Package ID: 20, Status: Delivered at 08:22 AM
Package ID: 21, Status: En Route
Package ID: 22, Status: En Route
Package ID: 23, Status: En Route
Package ID: 24, Status: En Route
Package ID: 25, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 26, Status: En Route
Package ID: 27, Status: En Route
Package ID: 28, Status: En Route
Package ID: 29, Status: Delivered at 08:59 AM
Package ID: 30, Status: Delivered at 08:41 AM
Package ID: 31, Status: Delivered at 08:28 AM
Package ID: 32, Status: En Route
Package ID: 33, Status: En Route
Package ID: 34, Status: Delivered at 08:06 AM
Package ID: 35, Status: En Route
Package ID: 36, Status: Delivered at 08:17 AM
Package ID: 37, Status: Delivered at 08:06 AM
Package ID: 38, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 39, Status: Delivered at 08:39 AM
Package ID: 40, Status: Delivered at 08:22 AM

Options:
1. Check Package Status
2. Display All Package Statuses
3. Display Truck Information
4. Display Total Mileage
5. Exit
Enter your choice: 1
```

D2: Second Status Check

```
ericjacobs@Ericas-MacBook-Pro ~ % python3 -u "/Users/ericjacobs/Desktop/Software 1/Project/C950/Main.py"
Truck 1 returning to hub, total miles: 24.200000000000003
Truck 2 returning to hub, total miles: 28.1
Truck 3 returning to hub, total miles: 28.2

Options:
1. Check Package Status
2. Display All Package Statuses
3. Display Truck Information
4. Display Total Mileage
5. Exit
Enter your choice: 2
Enter the time (HH:MM AM/PM) to check package statuses: 09:00 AM
Package ID: 1, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 2, Status: Delivered at 08:41 AM
Package ID: 3, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 4, Status: Delivered at 08:22 AM
Package ID: 5, Status: En Route
Package ID: 6, Status: En Route
Package ID: 7, Status: En Route
Package ID: 8, Status: Delivered at 08:41 AM
Package ID: 9, Status: En Route
Package ID: 10, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 11, Status: Delivered at 08:59 AM
Package ID: 12, Status: En Route
Package ID: 13, Status: Delivered at 08:38 AM
Package ID: 14, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 15, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 16, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 17, Status: En Route
Package ID: 18, Status: Delivered at 08:39 AM
Package ID: 19, Status: Delivered at 08:17 AM
Package ID: 20, Status: Delivered at 08:22 AM
Package ID: 21, Status: En Route
Package ID: 22, Status: En Route
Package ID: 23, Status: En Route
Package ID: 24, Status: En Route
Package ID: 25, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 26, Status: En Route
Package ID: 27, Status: En Route
Package ID: 28, Status: En Route
Package ID: 29, Status: Delivered at 08:59 AM
Package ID: 30, Status: Delivered at 08:41 AM
Package ID: 31, Status: Delivered at 08:28 AM
Package ID: 32, Status: En Route
Package ID: 33, Status: En Route
Package ID: 34, Status: Delivered at 08:06 AM
Package ID: 35, Status: En Route
Package ID: 36, Status: Delivered at 08:17 AM
Package ID: 37, Status: Delivered at 08:06 AM
Package ID: 38, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 39, Status: Delivered at 08:38 AM
Package ID: 40, Status: Delivered at 08:22 AM

Options:
1. Check Package Status
2. Display All Package Statuses
3. Display Truck Information
4. Display Total Mileage
5. Exit
Enter your choice: 1
```

D3: Third Status Check

```
Package ID: 31, Status: Delivered at 08:28 AM
Package ID: 32, Status: En Route
Package ID: 33, Status: En Route
Package ID: 34, Status: Delivered at 08:06 AM
Package ID: 35, Status: En Route
Package ID: 36, Status: Delivered at 08:17 AM
Package ID: 37, Status: Delivered at 08:06 AM
Package ID: 38, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 39, Status: Delivered at 08:30 AM
Package ID: 40, Status: Delivered at 08:22 AM

Options:
1. Check Package Status
2. Display All Package Statuses
3. Display Truck Information
4. Display Total Mileage
5. Exit
Enter your choice: 2
Enter the time (HH:MM AM/PM) to check package statuses: 01:00 PM
Package ID: 1, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 2, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 3, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 4, Status: Delivered at 08:22 AM
Package ID: 5, Status: Delivered at 10:38 AM
Package ID: 6, Status: Delivered at 10:54 AM
Package ID: 7, Status: Delivered at 11:00 AM
Package ID: 8, Status: Delivered at 10:44 AM
Package ID: 9, Status: Delivered at 10:38 AM
Package ID: 10, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 11, Status: Delivered at 08:59 AM
Package ID: 12, Status: Delivered at 10:54 AM
Package ID: 13, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 14, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 15, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 16, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 17, Status: Delivered at 10:58 AM
Package ID: 18, Status: Delivered at 08:30 AM
Package ID: 19, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 20, Status: Delivered at 08:22 AM
Package ID: 21, Status: Delivered at 10:54 AM
Package ID: 22, Status: Delivered at 10:38 AM
Package ID: 23, Status: Delivered at 10:40 AM
Package ID: 24, Status: Delivered at 10:40 AM
Package ID: 25, Status: Delivered at 10:40 AM
Package ID: 26, Status: Delivered at 10:34 AM
Package ID: 27, Status: Delivered at 11:40 AM
Package ID: 28, Status: Delivered at 10:58 AM
Package ID: 29, Status: Delivered at 08:59 AM
Package ID: 30, Status: Delivered at 08:28 AM
Package ID: 31, Status: Delivered at 08:28 AM
Package ID: 32, Status: Delivered at 10:38 AM
Package ID: 33, Status: Delivered at 11:11 AM
Package ID: 34, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 35, Status: Delivered at 11:40 AM
Package ID: 36, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 37, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 38, Status: Delivered at 08:00 AM
Package ID: 39, Status: Delivered at 08:30 AM
Package ID: 40, Status: Delivered at 08:22 AM

Options:
1. Check Package Status
2. Display All Package Statuses
3. Display Truck Information
4. Display Total Mileage
5. Exit
Enter your choice: 
```

E. Screenshot of Code Execution

```
ericjacobs@Eric's-MacBook-Pro ~ % python3 -u "/Users/ericjacobs/Desktop/Software I/Project/C950/Main.py"
Truck 1 returning to hub, total miles: 24.280000000000003
Truck 2 returning to hub, total miles: 28.1
Truck 3 returning to hub, total miles: 28.2

Options:
1. Check Package Status
2. Display All Package Statuses
3. Display Truck Information
4. Display Total Mileage
5. Exit
Enter your choice: 4
Total mileage by all trucks: 72.5

Options:
1. Check Package Status
2. Display All Package Statuses
3. Display Truck Information
4. Display Total Mileage
5. Exit
Enter your choice: 5
Exiting program.
ericjacobs@Eric's-MacBook-Pro ~ %
```

F1: Strengths of Chosen Algorithm

Simplicity and Speed:

The Nearest Neighbor algorithm's primary strength lies in its simplicity, making it easy to implement and understand. It requires no complex data structures or intricate heuristics, making the development and debugging processes more straightforward. This simplicity also translates to speed, as the algorithm can quickly make delivery decisions, allowing for rapid progression through the delivery route without the need for extensive pre-computation or planning.

Local Optimization and Real-Time Decision Making:

Another significant advantage of the Nearest Neighbor algorithm is its ability to make real-time, locally optimized decisions. By always selecting the closest next destination, it minimizes the travel time between stops, potentially reducing the overall delivery time for packages. This local optimization is particularly effective when deliveries are clustered in certain areas, as it allows the algorithm to minimize travel distance incrementally.

Low Overhead:

The Nearest Neighbor algorithm operates with low overhead, as it does not require storing or managing large sets of possible routes. Instead, it dynamically selects the next step based on current conditions. This is advantageous for systems with limited computational resources or when the delivery parameters can change rapidly, such as in real-time traffic conditions or when dealing with last-minute delivery schedule changes.

In the context of the WGUPS Routing Program, these strengths align with the operational requirements of quick dispatch and the ability to adapt to changes throughout the delivery day. The decision to use the Nearest Neighbor algorithm is also justified by the scale of the operation, where the relatively small number of destinations does not necessitate the overhead of more complex algorithms that may offer global optimization but at the cost of increased complexity and computation time.

F2: Verification of Algorithm

Effective Route Optimization:

The Nearest Neighbor algorithm adeptly aligns with the WGUPS routing program's need for efficient route planning. By prioritizing the closest unvisited locations for each delivery, this algorithm streamlines the delivery process, potentially reducing the overall time taken between consecutive deliveries.

Compatibility with Non-Linear Data Structures:

This algorithm seamlessly integrates with non-linear data structures like hash tables used in the program. The hash table effectively manages package data, including tracking and updating delivery statuses. The Nearest Neighbor algorithm leverages this data to make informed decisions on routing, thereby enhancing its efficiency.

Adherence to Operational Constraints: The Nearest Neighbor algorithm operates within the key constraints of the delivery system. It respects the truck capacity limits, ensuring that each truck's package load remains within the permissible 16-package maximum. Moreover, it aids in adhering to delivery deadlines by selecting the most immediately accessible destinations, thus minimizing the risk of delays.

Simple and Efficient Implementation: The algorithm's simplicity makes it a practical choice for the WGUPS routing program. Its straightforward implementation ensures that the system remains robust and less prone to errors, which is critical in a real-world logistics operation.

Scalability and Flexibility: Despite its simplicity, the Nearest Neighbor algorithm offers a degree of scalability and flexibility. It can adapt to varying numbers of packages and different route configurations, making it a versatile tool for daily delivery operations.

Local Optimization for Quick Decisions: The algorithm's approach to local optimization, focusing on the immediate best choice without overcomplicating the overall route, enables quick and efficient decision-making. This aspect is particularly beneficial in dynamic delivery environments where time efficiency is paramount.

Facilitates Real-Time Adjustments: Given the real-time nature of package delivery, the Nearest Neighbor algorithm is apt as it allows for on-the-go route adjustments. This adaptability is crucial for handling unforeseen changes in delivery schedules or routes.

In summary, the Nearest Neighbor algorithm's use in the WGUPS routing program satisfies the scenario's requirements. Its ability to efficiently plan routes, work in tandem with complex data structures, and operate within the given logistical constraints, all while maintaining simplicity and adaptability, makes it a well-suited choice for the task at hand.

F3: Other Possible Algorithms

Dijkstra's Algorithm:

Dijkstra's algorithm excels in mapping out the shortest path from one origin to various destinations, which is beneficial for optimizing the route for a single truck from the hub to multiple delivery points. Unlike the Nearest Neighbor algorithm, which selects the next closest destination without considering future paths, Dijkstra's algorithm takes a broader view of the network, potentially finding a shorter overall path. This could result in substantial mileage savings, especially in a complex urban delivery network. For the given program, I prioritize simplicity and real-time decision-making, which Nearest Neighbor provides, over the complete route optimization that Dijkstra's algorithm offers.

Dynamic Programming:

Dynamic programming approach would analyze all possible delivery sequences and choose the one with the optimal outcome, considering every package's constraints and delivery windows. This method is substantially different from the Nearest Neighbor algorithm, which does not consider future deliveries when choosing the next destination. Dynamic programming could potentially optimize the entire delivery day, but at the cost of increased initial computation time. Given that the package delivery system requires quick adjustments and real-time tracking, the Nearest Neighbor algorithm's simplicity and speed are more aligned with operational needs than the comprehensive but slower dynamic programming approach.

F3a: Algorithm Differences

Dijkstra's Algorithm:

Dijkstra's Algorithm differs from the Nearest Neighbor approach primarily in its route optimization and computational complexity. Dijkstra's focuses on calculating the shortest possible route from a single point to all others in the network, considering the overall path. This comprehensive view potentially yields a more efficient total route, but at the cost of higher computational demands. Unlike Nearest Neighbor, which selects the next closest point without considering the total journey, Dijkstra's Algorithm ensures a globally optimized path. However, its complexity makes it less adaptable to real-time changes, as any alterations in the delivery plan might necessitate recalculating the entire route.

Dynamic Programming:

Dynamic Programming stands apart from the Nearest Neighbor method in its optimization scope and approach to computational complexity. It breaks down the delivery routing problem into smaller sub-problems, optimizing the entire route by considering all constraints and future decisions. This method potentially offers a more efficient solution for the entire delivery schedule but requires significant computational resources upfront. Unlike the Nearest Neighbor approach, which makes decisions based solely on immediate proximity, Dynamic Programming's holistic approach is less adaptable to last-minute changes, as it involves pre-computing the entire delivery plan and struggles to incorporate real-time adjustments.

G: Different Approach

Enhanced User Interface for Monitoring and Updates:

A more sophisticated user interface would significantly improve the user experience. Implementing a dashboard with real-time tracking, alerts for delivery updates, and interactive maps would allow users and supervisors to monitor progress effectively and make informed decisions.

Integration of Machine Learning for Predictive Analytics:

Machine learning models could be developed to predict traffic patterns, estimate delivery times more accurately, and suggest route alterations in response to unforeseen circumstances, such as road closures or delivery delays.

Use of API Integration for Real-Time Data: Integrating APIs from traffic and weather services could provide real-time data that can dynamically adjust routes to avoid delays, thereby improving punctuality and customer satisfaction.

H: Verification of Data Structure

Efficient Access to Package Data:

The hash table structure in the WGUPS Routing Program excels in providing fast access to package information. Each package is uniquely identified by its ID, serving as the key in the hash table. This structure enables constant-time complexity ($O(1)$) for critical operations like inserting, retrieving, and updating package data, which is pivotal in a dynamic delivery environment.

Flexibility in Data Management: The hash table's design allows for flexibility in handling package data. For instance, when the address for package #9 needed updating at 10:20 AM, the hash table efficiently facilitated this change. This adaptability is essential for real-world scenarios where package information can change due to various factors.

Handling Multiple Package Attributes: The hash table effectively stores and manages various attributes for each package, such as delivery address, deadline, and status. This comprehensive data handling ensures that all necessary details are readily available for each package, enabling informed decision-making during the delivery process.

Compatibility with Routing Algorithm: The integration of the hash table with the Nearest Neighbor algorithm demonstrates a harmonious relationship between data storage and routing logic. The hash table provides the algorithm with quick access to package locations and statuses, aiding in efficient route calculation and package prioritization.

Scalability and Maintenance: The hash table's structure supports scalability, allowing the system to handle a growing number of packages without significant performance degradation. Moreover, the simplicity and clarity of the hash table's implementation contribute to easier maintenance and potential future enhancements of the program.

Resilience to Dynamic Changes: The hash table's ability to quickly adapt to changes, such as updating delivery statuses from 'At the hub' to 'En route' or 'Delivered', showcases its suitability for dynamic operational environments like package delivery, where statuses are frequently updated throughout the day.

In conclusion, the hash table used in the WGUPS Routing Program fulfills all the requirements set out in the scenario. Its efficiency in data retrieval and modification, combined with the ability to handle complex data structures and integrate seamlessly with the routing algorithm, makes it an ideal choice for this application.

H1: Other Data Structures

Graphs:

A graph data structure consists of nodes (vertices) and edges, which naturally represent networks such as city maps and delivery routes, making it an ideal choice for routing problems. In a graph, each delivery location can be a node, with edges representing the direct paths between them, along with the distances as weights. This allows for the use of graph-specific algorithms like Dijkstra's or A* for finding the shortest path, which could potentially be more efficient than the nearest neighbor approach when dealing with complex routing scenarios. Graphs also facilitate the representation of various constraints and conditions of the delivery scenario, such as time windows, package dependencies, and truck capacities. Unlike hash tables, which are excellent for key-value pair storage and retrieval, graphs excel in modeling relational data and spatial structures, providing a more holistic view of the relationships between different delivery points.

Binary Search Trees (BSTs):

A binary search tree is a hierarchical data structure where each node has at most two children, referred to as the left child and the right child. BSTs are sorted in a way that allows for efficient searching, insertion, and deletion operations that, on average, have a time complexity of $O(\log n)$. However, in the worst case, such as when the tree becomes unbalanced, these operations can degrade to $O(n)$. In the context of package delivery, a BST could be used to organize packages by delivery deadlines or other sortable criteria, facilitating an ordered traversal that could assist in prioritizing deliveries. However, unlike hash tables which provide rapid access to package data via direct hashing, BSTs would require traversal from the root to the appropriate node, which can be less efficient for lookups. Balancing a BST to ensure its efficiency, such as in AVL trees or Red-Black trees, adds additional complexity to the implementation, which is not required for hash tables.

H1a: Data Structure Differences

Graphs:

While graphs offer a visual and relational representation of the delivery network, the complexity of graph algorithms and the overhead of maintaining such structures may not be necessary for smaller scale routing problems. In the program, I opted for hash tables over graphs because they provide faster direct access for package data retrieval, which is crucial for real-time updates on package status, and are simpler to implement for the specific use case that does not require visual mapping of routes.

Binary Search Trees (BSTs):

Although BSTs can maintain an ordered structure of packages, their performance can become inefficient in skewed or unbalanced scenarios, requiring rebalancing algorithms to maintain optimal search times. I chose hash tables in the program because they offer consistent average-time complexity for insertions, deletions, and lookups, which is more suitable for the dynamic nature of package tracking and doesn't necessitate the ordered structure that BSTs provide.