

## **WRITEUP:**

# **Assignment 6: The Great Firewall of Santa Cruz: Bloom Filters, Linked Lists and Hash Tables**

### **Discussion:**

In this assignment, I learned a lot about how grading works in this class. Being able to tolerate management of the stats was very hard for me. The arithmetic was tedious and not fun for me. While checking my stats with the gitlab tests I found that the git lab tests are done using 'diff' between gitlab's correct output and mine. I came across this discovery because I designed a bash script that used diff to compare my code with the given ./banhammer-dist file as well. I am upset that the example executable and the assignment pdf changed so much during this assignment's two week period, but I'm glad I finally got it done. Working with the parsing function was a new experience for me. I didn't expect to have to debug it as many times as I did. I learned a little bit about bits vectors and linked lists, and got to implement bit management for the first time as well. The most important thing I learned from this assignment was the 'diff' command.

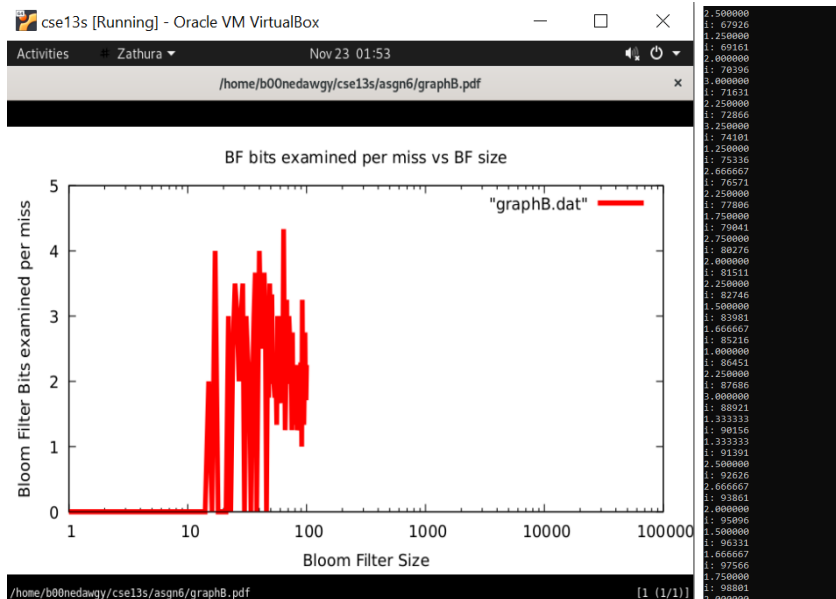
I made one main function: banhammer.c. The rest (6 if I recall) are files that hold a library of functions that I can use at my disposal inside of banhammer.c. Bf.c created a bloom filter that would store values so that whenever I accessed it, it would return a guaranteed boolean value whether the value I accessed was not inside it. Ht.c was used to implement a hash table so whenever the bloom filter thought the word I was looking for was inside it, I could confirm. Bv.c was to implement bit vectors to be used inside of the bloom filter. Ll.c was to implement Linked Lists to be used inside of the Hash table. Node.c was to implement nodes for the linked lists. Parser.c was to parse out every valid word found inputted into banhammer.c.

I had many obstacles in this assignment. The first was my parser file. It would not parse out words correctly as the gitlab tests were wanting. I did not understand that the parser would break after finding an invalid character. My initial parser file would skip any invalid character and return a word constructed from only valid characters before a space or newline. After looking through the class discord, eventually I discovered how the parser file should actually function. I fixed my parser to break on any occurrence of invalid characters. My next problem was the hardest to solve. My ht\_probe could never align with the '-dist' version. No matter how perfect my code could function, if my ht\_probe did not return the correct output, it seemed all the gitlab test cases would fail. I would rewrite my code in many slight variations to see if it would correct itself, but it

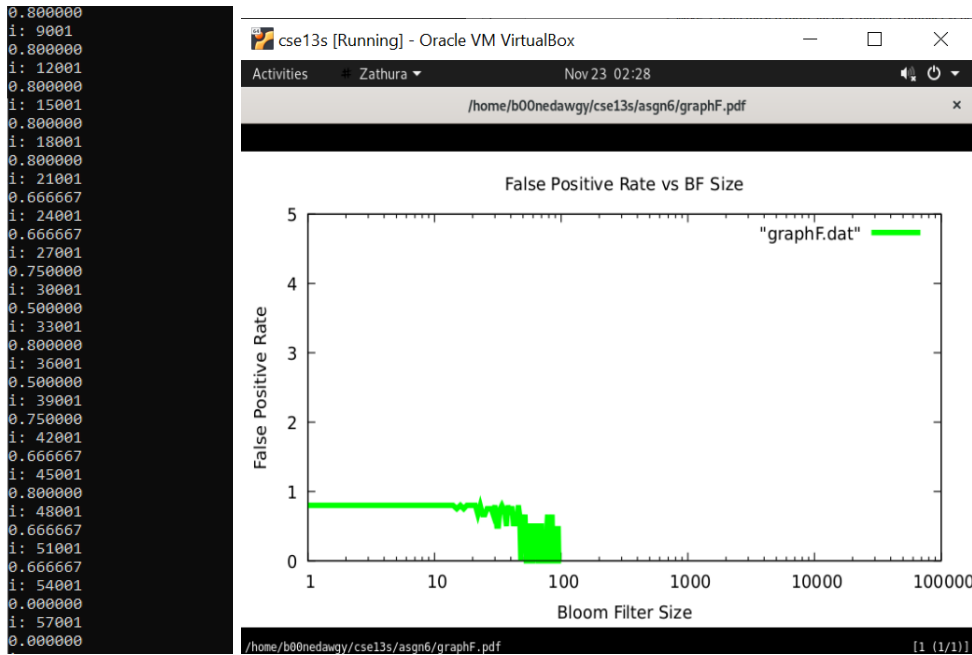
never did. I found the solution to my problem using three methods. While I had rewritten the code, I defined my newspeak.txt before the badspeak.txt in my bloom filter and hash table. However this was incorrect according to the assignment. One thing that helped me fix my problem was making sure the badspeak was defined before the newspeak. The newspeak would not overwrite the badspeak. I didn't understand why this was the case, according to the GPRSC context around this assignment, but it did fix my problem. The other method that helped me a lot was printing out the links traversed every time ht\_lookup was called. It was much easier to see what was going wrong. My last method to find the solution to the ht\_probe problem was making the diff script. I made several test files that were inputted into ./banhammer and -dist. The combination of the diff script and prints of links traversed per look up helped me over the edge to finish this assignment.

### Questions and Answers:

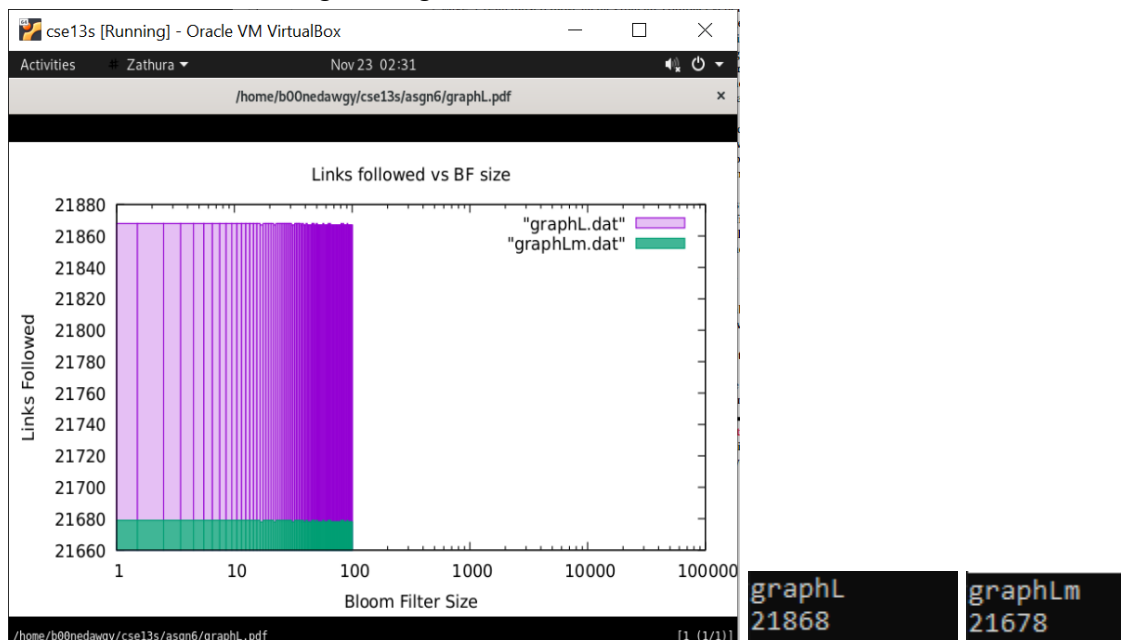
- a) How does the number of Bloom filter bits examined per miss vary (for the same input) as the Bloom filter varies in size?
- i) As the Bloom Filter varies in size, the larger it gets the easier it is for bloom filter bits that were examined to miss. The graph and bash results below are used on the same echo stdin "hello young world! Isn't o-ld"



- b) How does changing the Bloom filter size affect the number of lookups performed in the hash table?
- i) As the Bloom filter grows in size the occurrence of false positives decreases in rate. The graph and bash show the input "hello young world! Isn't o-ld"s false positives to decrease as the Bloom filter size increases. This means the larger the Bloom filter size, the more accurate it is because the hash table lookups return less misses.

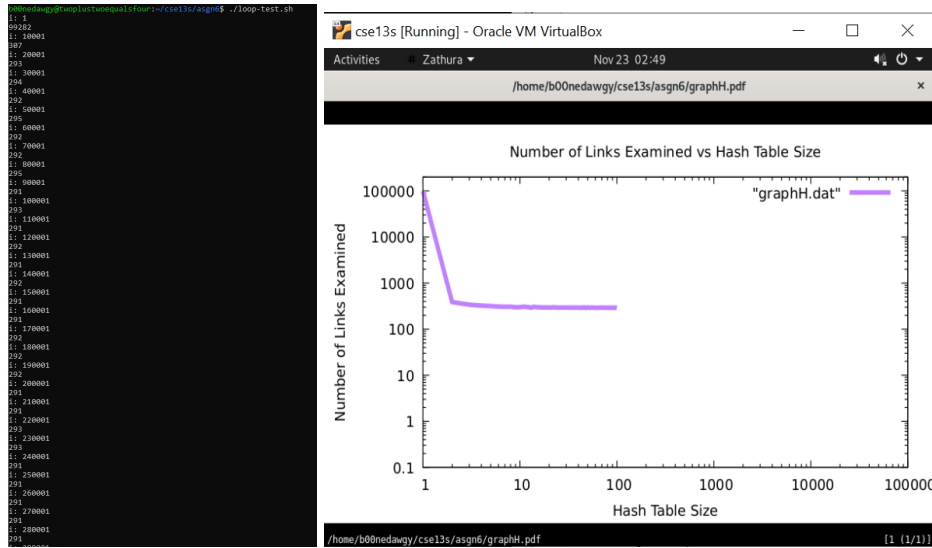


- c) How does the number of links followed without the move-to-front rule compare to the number followed with the move-to-front rule?
- The number of links followed without the move-to-front rule is larger than with the move-to-front rule. The move-to-front rule is implemented so searching through linked lists takes less traversal time, so it makes sense.



- d) How does the number of links examined vary as the size of the hash table varies?
- The number of links examined inversely approaches a certain value the larger the hash table gets. In my test, I used newspeak.txt. The larger my

hash table got, the less difference there was from its previous number of links examined. Mine leveled at 291.



**My Bash Script and runs:**

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b00nedawgy@twoplustwoequalsfour: ~/cse13s/asgn6
1 #!/usr/bin/bash
2
3 echo "Hello Young World! isn't o-ld" | ./banhammer -B -f 1 > graphB.dat
4 echo "Hello Young World! isn't o-ld" | ./banhammer -F -f 1 > graphF.dat
5 echo "Hello Young World! isn't o-ld" | ./banhammer -L -f 1 > graphL.dat
6 echo "Hello Young World! isn't o-ld" | ./banhammer -L -m -f 1 > graphLm.dat
7 cat newspeak.txt | ./banhammer -H -t 1 > graphH.dat
8
9 for ((i = 1; i <= 100000; i += 1000))
10 do
11     echo "Hello Young World! isn't o-ld" | ./banhammer -B -f $i >> graphB.dat
12     echo "Hello Young World! isn't o-ld" | ./banhammer -F -f $i >> graphF.dat
13     echo "Hello Young World! isn't o-ld" | ./banhammer -L -f $i >> graphL.dat
14     echo "Hello Young World! isn't o-ld" | ./banhammer -L -m -f $i >> graphLm.dat
15     cat newspeak.txt | ./banhammer -H -t $i >> graphH.dat
16 done
17
18 gnuplot <<END
19     set terminal pdf
20     set output "graphB.pdf"
21     set xlabel "Bloom Filter Size"
22     set ylabel "Bloom Filter Bits examined per miss"
23     set title "BF bits examined per miss vs BF size"
24     set logscale x 10
25     set xrange [1:99999]
26     set yrange [0:5]
27     plot "graphB.dat" w l lw 5 lt rgb "red"
28 END
29
30 gnuplot <<END
31     set terminal pdf
32     set output "graphF.pdf"
33     set xlabel "Bloom Filter Size"
34     set ylabel "False Positive Rate"
35     set title "False Positive Rate vs BF Size"
36     set logscale x 10
37     set xrange [1:99999]
38     set yrange [0:5]
39     plot "graphF.dat" w l lw 5 lt rgb "green"
40 END
41
42 gnuplot <<END
43     set terminal pdf
44     set output "graphL.pdf"
45     set xlabel "Bloom Filter Size"
46     set ylabel "Links Followed"
47     set title "Links Followed vs BF size"
48     set xrange [1:99999]
49     set logscale x 10
50     plot "graphL.dat" w boxes fill solid 0.25, \
51         "graphLm.dat" w boxes fill solid 0.75
52 END
53
54 gnuplot <<END
55     set terminal pdf
56     set output "graphH.pdf"
57     set xlabel "Hash Table Size"
58     set ylabel "Number of Links Examined"
59     set title "Number of Links Examined vs Hash Table Size"
60     set logscale x 10
61     set logscale y 10
62     set xrange [1:99999]

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51         "graphLm.dat" w boxes fill solid 0.75
52 END
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54 gnuplot <<END
55     set terminal pdf
56     set output "graphH.pdf"
57     set xlabel "Hash Table Size"
58     set ylabel "Number of Links Examined"
59     set title "Number of Links Examined vs Hash Table Size"
60     set logscale x 10
61     set logscale y 10
62     set xrange [1:99999]
63     set yrange [0:200000]
64     plot "graphH.dat" w l lw 5 lt rgb "purple" [1:99999]
65 END

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1 #!/usr/bin/bash
2
3 for i in test2.txt test3.txt test4.txt test5.txt test6.txt badspeak.txt newspeak.txt; do
4     cat $i | ./banhammer -ms -f 3 -t 5 > /tmp/banhammer.o
5     cat $i | ./banhammer-dist -ms -f 3 -t 5 > /tmp/banhammer-dist.o
6     echo "__$i banhammer <> dist__"
7     diff /tmp/banhammer.o /tmp/banhammer-dist.o
8     echo "
9     __finished__
10    "
11 done

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__test5.txt banhammer <> dist__
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__newspeak.txt banhammer <> dist__
__finished__

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1 #!/usr/bin/bash
2
3 for i in test2.txt test3.txt test4.txt test5.txt test6.txt badspeak.txt newspeak.txt; do
4     cat $i | ./banhammer -s -f 1 -t 1 > /tmp/banhammer.o
5     cat $i | ./banhammer-dist -s -f 1 -t 1 > /tmp/banhammer-dist.o
6     echo "__$i banhammer <> dist__"
7     diff /tmp/banhammer.o /tmp/banhammer-dist.o
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### My Test Files:

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b00nedawgy@twoplustwoequalsfour:~/cse13s/asgn6$ cat test2.txt
see breast
blood

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b00nedawgy@twoplustwoequalsfour:~/cse13s/asgn6$ cat test3.txt
t labours ist inconstant
gr goss es e-mail deifying
carnations cancelling
bis

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b00nedawgy@twoplustwoequalsfour:~/cse13s/asgn6$ cat test4.txt
hi my n%me

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b00nedawgy@twoplustwoequalsfour:~/cse13s/asgn6$ cat test5.txt
this file is painful to read #$$@*
 * * * f
 * * *

^*that's all

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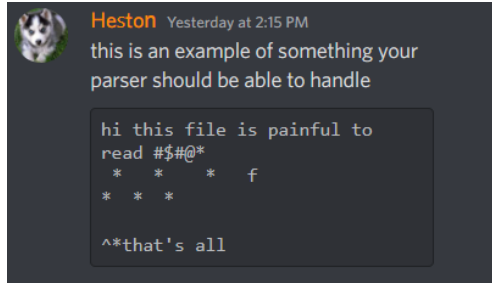
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b00nedawgy@twoplustwoequalsfour:~/cse13s/asgn6$ cat test6.txt
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### Citations:

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  - While making design - to set and clr bit
- <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/23555267/member-reference-base-type-nodeint-is-not-a-structure-or-union>
  - Help with node file -> delete function
- <https://teaching.ethanmiller.org/cse13s/fall22/cse13s-fall22-lecture13.pdf>
  - Help with getting filter index from hash
- <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/17307275/what-is-the-printf-format-specifier-for-bool>
  - Help printing true or false values
- <https://www.cs.cmu.edu/~pattis/15-1XX/common/handouts/ascii.html>
  - Ascii table
- My test cases were inspired heavily by discussions in the class discord. The discord message I want to cite specifically was made by: Heston



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- I was able to figure out how to fix the functionality of my code at the end because of this post on piazza.
  - <https://piazza.com/class/l8ahj4fji3i4om/post/512>
  - Sameer Dash. Thanks.