435/SPRING 2016/PROJECT #1 (REVISED)/DUE 2/8/16 LZW DECODING

Write a program to perform LZW decoding. It should read and write (textual) lists of integers. For example, if the input is

256 45 258 258 65 259 66 257

the output should be

45 45 45 45 45 65 45 45 45 66

The decoder must maintain a table of integer sequences just like the encoder: however, the decoder never has to search. The table has at most 4096 slots. You do not have to worry about this because we are assuming the table is never full.

Slots 0–255 are used for single-integer sequences, slots 256 and 257 are unused. If the input code is $\bf n$, the decoder works as follows:

- If n is 256 or 257, ignore it.
- If the table has more than 258 elements, append the first element of table [n] to the last table entry.
- Output table[n].
- Make a new table entry consisting of a copy of table[n].

Submission. Projects will be submitted through Blackboard. Detailed instructions and sample files will be posted on Blackboard. DO NOT email your project to me.

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Program trace.

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Input.
256 45 258 258 65 259 66 257
Output.
45 45 45 45 45 65 45 45 66
Trace.
decode 256->[256]
decode 45->[45]
emit
       45->[45]
       258->[45]
add
decode 258->[45]
append 258->[45, 45]
emit
       258->[45, 45]
add
       259->[45, 45]
decode 258->[45, 45]
append 259->[45, 45, 45]
emit
       258->[45, 45]
add
       260->[45, 45]
decode 65->[65]
append 260->[45, 45, 65]
emit
       65->[65]
add
       261->[65]
decode 259->[45, 45, 45]
append 261->[65, 45]
emit
       259->[45, 45, 45]
       262->[45, 45, 45]
add
decode 66->[66]
append 262->[45, 45, 45, 66]
emit
       66->[66]
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263->[66]

decode 257->[257]