

1.0 Class Design

1.1 FileBlock

FileBlock is the class that holds the data in the program. The payload is implemented with a char vector since it has built in memory management and resizing and is $O(1)$ for most operations. The key member variables (ID, payload and checksum) are private to ensure data integrity.

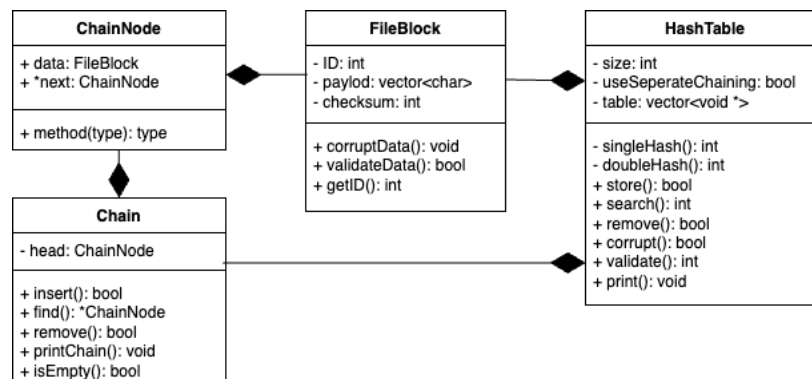
1.2 ChainNode and Chain

Chain is composed of ChainNodes. A ChainNode is a simple class which contains a FileBlock and a pointer to the next node. Chain only stores the pointer to the first node in the Chain since the ChainNodes form a singly linked list. A singly linked list was chosen over a doubly linked list due to the reduced memory overhead and the nature of hash table operations, where traversal is minimal and generally unidirectional. Chain provides an API for traversing and managing the ChainNodes by updating the head and next pointers when needed.

1.3 HashTable

An instance of HashTable can be created with separate chaining or open addressing collision resolution. The table itself is a void pointer vector to handle the chaining or open addressing cases. An array would have been a valid option as well since we don't need to resize the array but the vector class has an easy to use API for managing elements of the vector and has built in memory management and good time complexity. The HashTable manages the locations of the FileBlocks throughout the data structures and provide the primary API for this program will keeping critical member variables private. In the open addressing case, to handle deleted entries, the design uses a tombstone marker, which ensures that previously occupied slots are distinguished from truly empty slots.

2.0 UML Diagram



3.0 Runtime

Assumption: for a given hash value, there are at most m collisions and $m \ll T$, the total number of elements inserted, and m is $O(1)$. For open addressing, this assumption means

that finding an valid index or element in the HashTable is an $O(1)$ operation. For chaining, this means finding the index of the chain and any chain traversing are also $O(1)$.

STORE

STORE calls HashTable.store() which start by trying to find a valid index for the FileBlock which is $O(1)$ based on the above assumption. If a valid index is found, a FileBlock is created at that index which is $O(1)$. In the chaining case, Chain.insert() is called which add the the FileBlock to the front of the chain, which from the assumption above is $O(1)$.

3.2 SEARCH

SEARCH calls HashTable.search() which does essentially the same thing as HashTable.store() but looks for a specific FileBlock ID instead of a valid index or Chain to create a FileBlock in. In the chaining case, Chain.find() is called and as above, these operations are $O(1)$.

3.3 DELETE

DELETE calls HashTable.remove() which does essentially the same thing as HashTable.store() but looks for a specific FileBlock ID instead of a valid index or position in a chain then deletes the FileBlock if it finds it. In the chaining case, Chain.remove() is called and as above, these operations are $O(1)$.

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55 bool HashTable::store(int id, const std::string &data)
56 {
57     int index = singleHash(id);
58
59     if (!useSeparateChaining)
60     {
61         int step = doubleHash(id);
62         int firstTombstone = -1;
63
64         for (int i = 0; i < size; ++i)
65         {
66             int newIndex = (index + i * step) % size;
67
68             if (table[newIndex] == nullptr)
69             {
70                 if (firstTombstone != -1)
71                 {
72                     newIndex = firstTombstone;
73                 }
74                 table[newIndex] = new FileBlock(id, data);
75                 return true;
76             }
77             else if (table[newIndex] == TOMBSTONE)
78             {
79                 if (firstTombstone == -1)
80                 {
81                     firstTombstone = newIndex;
82                 }
83             }
84             else if (static_cast<FileBlock*>(table[newIndex])->getID() == id)
85             {
86                 return false;
87             }
88         }
89         return false;
90     }
91     else
92     {
93         Chain *chain = static_cast<Chain*>(table[index]);
94         return chain->insert(id, data);
95     }
96 }
97
22 bool Chain::insert(int id, const string &payload)
23 {
24     // Don't insert if the ID already exists
25     if (find(id) != nullptr)
26     {
27         return false;
28     }
29     ChainNode *newNode = new ChainNode(id, payload);
30     newNode->next = head;
31     head = newNode;
32     return true;
33 }
34
35 ChainNode *Chain::find(int id) const
36 {
37     ChainNode *current = head;
38     while (current != nullptr)
39     {
40         if (current->data.getID() == id)
41         {
42             return current;
43         }
44         current = current->next;
45     }
46     return nullptr;
47 }
48
49 bool Chain::remove(int id)
50 {
51     ChainNode *current = head;
52     ChainNode *prev = nullptr;
53
54     while (current != nullptr)
55     {
56         if (current->data.getID() == id)
57         {
58             if (prev == nullptr)
59             {
60                 head = current->next;
61             }
62             else
63             {
64                 prev->next = current->next;
65             }
66             delete current;
67             return true;
68         }
69         prev = current;
70         current = current->next;
71     }
72     return false;
73 }
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HashTable.search() and HashTable.remove() were omitted due to similarity.