

CSC207.01 2014S, Class 43: Hash Tables, Continued

Overview

- Preliminaries.
 - Admin.
 - Questions on the project.
- Questions on hash tables.
- Lab.

Preliminaries

Upcoming Work

- Reading for Friday: You may review the reading on Hash Tables. (You need not.)
- Today's writeup: Exercise 3b.
- Part 1 of the project is due tonight.
 - I'll take questions after the introductory stuff.

Admin

- Yesterday's MathLAN problem solved - The lock daemon was broken.
- The longstanding MathLAN problem has not been solved.

Extra Credit

- Convo today: Philip Deloria, Professor of History and Native American Studies, University of Michigan.
- CS extra Thursday: Charlie Eddy on Kinect.
- CS Pub Night Thursday.
- CS table Friday: Big Data (Stone leads).
- Get and wear one of the 1 in 4 shirts.
- Any other sexual assault awareness week activity.
- Iowater project April 19 - Tag drains. Mail iowater@grinnell.edu for details.
- <http://www.strikingly.com/pioneerweekend>

Questions on the Project

Do we have to support top-level arrays and not just top-level objects?

Yes.

When we are handling numbers, how do we deal with the various kinds?

Option 1: Always use BigDecimal.

Option 2: Pay attention to what symbols you've seen in the number (or build the string and search for symbols). If it includes a decimal point, it's a decimal number. If not, it's an integer.

Where would you make that decision?

Probably in the parser.

What advice does E-guy have?

Use a wrapper class. But Sam says it's up to you.

What's the performance of charAt and substring?

charAt is $O(1)$

I don't know the implementation of substring. I think it is $O(\text{length of resulting string})$, but it could be $O(1)$

What's the performance of "build a string by appending characters"?

$O(n^2)$, unless you are using a StringBuffer/StringBuilder.

But you probably want to use substring instead.

Do key/value pairs appear anywhere besides in objects?

No.

Questions

Lab

- - Today's writeup: Exercise 3b.

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