

Lecture 27

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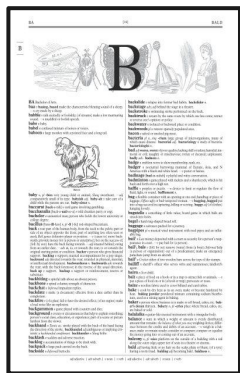
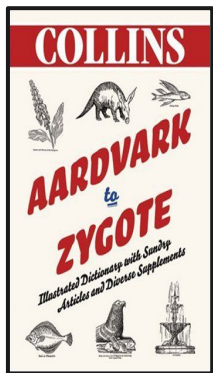
Dictionaries

An English dictionary is a map from words to their definitions.

However, it also has some additional features.

For example, we can ask what the “next” word in a dictionary is.





This is not possible in an arbitrary map



Another English dictionary.

keys

values

	Ephs
	Trailblazers
	Llamas
	Falcons

A map from images to strings.

Do the images have an obvious order?

We model this in data structures by defining a *dictionary* to be a map with an additional property:

The keys are comparable (and hence orderable).

Note: The textbook and structure package use the term *table* instead of dictionary.

Terminology

Mapping Types — `dict`

A `mapping` object maps hashable values to arbitrary mutable objects. There is currently only one standard `dictionary`. (For other containers see the built-in `list` classes, and the `collections` module.)

A dictionary's keys are *almost* arbitrary values. Values are *hashable*, that is, values containing lists, dictionaries (that are compared by value rather than by object as keys. Numeric types used for keys obey the no-comparison: if two numbers compare equal (such as can be used interchangeably to index the same dictionary), however, that since computers store floating-point approximations it is usually unwise to use them as keys.

Dictionaries can be created by placing a comma-separated value pairs within braces, for example: `{'jack': 4127}` or `{4098: 'jack', 4127: 'sjoerd'}`. There is also a `dict()` constructor.

```
class dict(**kwarg)
class dict(mapping, **kwarg)
class dict(iterable, **kwarg)
```

Sequence containers

Sequence containers implement data structures which can be accessed sequentially.

<code>array</code> (C++11)	static contiguous array (class template)
<code>vector</code>	dynamic contiguous array (class template)
<code>deque</code>	double-ended queue (class template)
<code>forward_list</code> (C++11)	singly-linked list (class template)
<code>list</code>	doubly-linked list (class template)

Associative containers

Associative containers implement sorted data structures that can be quickly searched.

<code>set</code>	collection of unique keys, sorted by keys (class template)
<code>map</code>	collection of key-value pairs, sorted by keys, keys are unique (class template)
<code>multiset</code>	collection of keys, sorted by keys (class template)
<code>multimap</code>	collection of key-value pairs, sorted by keys (class template)

Unordered associative containers

Unordered associative containers implement unsorted (hashed) data structures that amortized, $O(n)$ worst-case complexity.

<code>unordered_set</code> (C++11)	collection of unique keys, hashed by keys (class template)
<code>unordered_map</code> (C++11)	collection of key-value pairs, hashed by keys, keys are unique (class template)
<code>unordered_multiset</code> (C++11)	collection of keys, hashed by keys (class template)
<code>unordered_multimap</code> (C++11)	collection of key-value pairs, hashed by keys (class template)

```
java.util
```

Interface SortedMap<K,V>

Type Parameters:

- K - the type of keys maintained by this map
- V - the type of mapped values

All Superinterfaces:

Map<K,V>

All Known Subinterfaces:

ConcurrentNavigableMap<K,V>, NavigableMap<K,V>

All Known Implementing Classes:

ConcurrentSkipListMap, TreeMap

```
public interface SortedMap<K,V>
extends Map<K,V>
```

A Map that further provides a *total ordering* on its keys. The map is ordered according to the natural ordering of its keys, or by a `Comparator` typically provided at sorted map creation time. This order is reflected when iterating over the sorted map's collection views (returned by the `entrySet`, `keySet` and `values` methods). Sorted map additional operations are provided to take advantage of the ordering. (This interface is the map analogue of `SortedSet`.)

```
// An implementation of an OrderedDictionary.
// (c) 1998, 2001 duane a. bailey

package structure5;
import java.util.Iterator;
import java.util.Map.Entry;

// An implementation of an ordered dictionary. Key-value pairs are
// kept in the structure in order. To accomplish this, the keys of the
// table must be comparable.
public class Table<K extends Comparable<K>,V>
extends AbstractMap<K,V> implements OrderedMap<K,V>
{
    // An ordered structure that maintains the ComparableAssociations
    // that store the key-value pairings.
    protected OrderedStructure<ComparableAssociation<K,V>> data;

    // Construct a new, empty table.
    // @post constructs a new table
    public Table()
    {
        data = new SplayTree<ComparableAssociation<K,V>>();
    }

    public Table(Table<K,V> other)
    {
        data = new SplayTree<ComparableAssociation<K,V>>();
        Iterator<Association<K,V>> i = other.entrySet().iterator();
        while (i.hasNext())
        {
            Association<K,V> o = i.next();
            put(o.getKey(), o.getValue());
        }
    }
}
```

Note that the “map” and “dictionary” terminology is not standard across computer science.

- In Python, a [dict](#) is a mapping with hashable keys, and [map](#) applies a function to an iterable. Hashable implies orderable, so this aligns closely with our use of dictionary in these slides.
- In the C++ standard library, a [map](#) has ordered keys (i.e., a dictionary here), and no dictionary.
- In Java’s standard `java.util` package, [Map](#) is an interface for a map, and [SortedMap](#) is an interface for a map with ordered keys (i.e., a dictionary here).
- In the textbook and `structure` package, `Map` is an interface for a map, and `Table` is an interface for a map with ordered keys (i.e., a dictionary here).
- Wikipedia uses [associative array](#) for map, and [ordered dictionary](#) for ordered keys (i.e., a dictionary here).

Implementation

Implementing a Dictionary

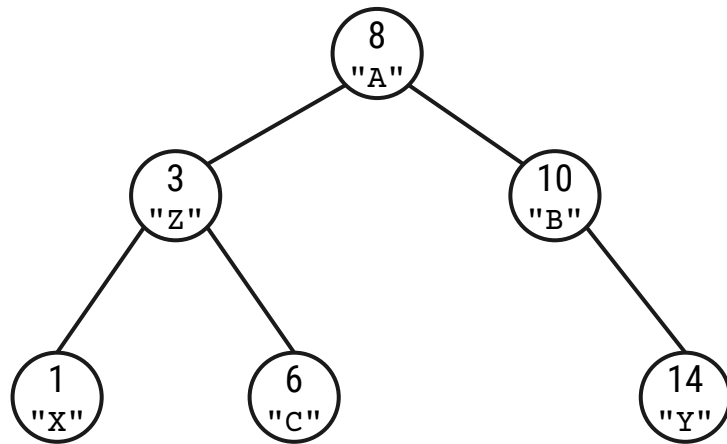
We can utilize this additional property of the keys when implementing a dictionary.

In fact, we can significantly improve upon the performance of a generic map.

Since the keys are ordered, we can implement a dictionary with any type of binary search tree (e.g., splay tree, red-black tree, etc).

- The nodes are (key, value) pairs.
- The nodes are ordered by keys.

This approach allows us to replace the linear run-times with logarithmic run-times.



A binary search tree with (key, value) pairs in each node. The order of the nodes is based on the order of the keys.

get	put	remove	contains Key	contains Value
$O(\log n)$ -time	$O(\log n)$ -time	$O(\log n)$ -time	$O(\log n)$ -time	$O(n)$ -time

Worst-case run-times of various dictionary operations.

Note that these run-times assume the use of a self-balancing binary search tree with worst-case logarithmic run-times (e.g. red-black and not splay).

structure Package

Implementation of Table

In the `structure` package, the term *table* is used instead of dictionary.

Besides using a binary search tree instead of a linked list, the implementation of the `Table` class differs from the implementation of `MapList` in several ways.

- The interface `OrderedMap` is used instead of `Map`.
- Each (key, value) pair is a `ComparableAssociation` rather than an `Association`.
- `Table` extends `Comparable` and `AbstractMap` whereas `MapList` does not.

```

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        }
    }
}

```

```

// A class implementing a comparable key-value pair. This class associates an
// immutable key with a mutable value. Useful for many other structures.
public class ComparableAssociation<K extends Comparable<K>,V>
extends Association<K,V>
implements Comparable<ComparableAssociation<K,V>>, Map.Entry<K,V> {

    // Construct an association that can be ordered, from only a key.
    // The value is set to null.
    public ComparableAssociation(K key) {
        this(key,null);
    }

    // Construct a key-value association that can be ordered.
    public ComparableAssociation(K key, V value) {
        super(key,value);
    }

    // Determine the order of two comparable associations, based on key.
    // @pre other is non-null ComparableAssociation
    // @post returns integer representing relation between values
    // @param other The other comparable association.
    // @return Value less-than equal to or greater than zero based on comparison
    public int compareTo(ComparableAssociation<K,V> that)
    {
        return this.getKey().compareTo(that.getKey());
    }
}

```

```

// An interface the supports a Map whose values are kept
// in increasing order. Values stored within an OrderedMap
// should implement Comparable; ie. they should have an implemented
// compareTo method.
public interface OrderedMap<K extends Comparable<K>,V> extends Map<K,V> {
}

```

The structure package's implementation of `Table` (aka, dictionary).