# Topic 25 Tries

"In 1959, (Edward) Fredkin recommended that BBN (Bolt, Beranek and Newman, now BBN Technologies) purchase the very first PDP-1 to support research projects at BBN. The PDP-1 came with no software whatsoever.



Fredkin wrote a PDP-1 assembler called FRAP (Free of Rules Assembly Program);"

Tries were first described by René de la Briandais in *File searching using variable length keys*.

#### Clicker 1

- ▶ How would you pronounce "Trie"
- A. "tree"
- B. "tri ee"
- C. "try"
- D. "tiara"
- E. something else

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#### Tries aka Prefix Trees

- Pronunciation:
- From re<u>trie</u>val
- Name coined by Computer Scientist Edward Fredkin
- ▶ Retrieval so "tree"
- but that is very confusing so most people pronounce it "try"

#### Predictive Text and AutoComplete

Search engines and texting applications guess what you want after typing only a few characters

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hel**lo** 

hellboy

hello fresh

helen keller

helena christensen

hello may

hell or high water

hello neighbor

helzberg

help synonym

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## **AutoComplete**

So do other programs such as IDEs

```
String name = "Kelly J";
name.s
while substring(int beginIndex, int endIndex): String - String - 0.11%
               split(String regex) : String[] - String
           S split(String regex, int limit): String[] - String
               startsWith(String prefix): boolean - String
           • startsWith(String prefix, int toffset) : boolean - String
               • subSequence(int beginIndex, int endIndex) : CharSequence - Sti
               substring(int beginIndex): String - String
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```

### Searching a Dictionary

- How?
- Could search a set for all values that start with the given prefix.
- ▶ Naively O(N) (search the whole data structure).
- Could improve if possible to do a binary search for prefix and then localize search to that location.

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#### **Tries**

- A general tree
- Root node (or possibly a list of root nodes)
- Nodes can have many children
  - not a binary tree
- In simplest form each node stores a character and a data structure (list?) to refer to its children
- Stores all the words or phrases in a dictionary.
- How?

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## René de la Briandais Original Paper

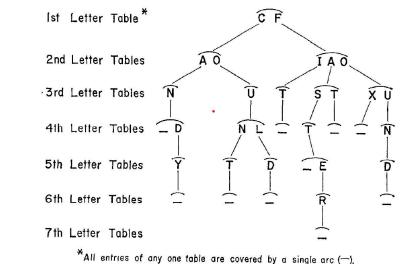


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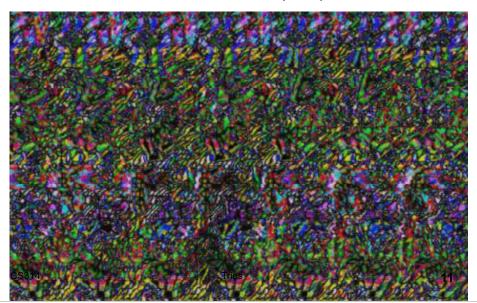
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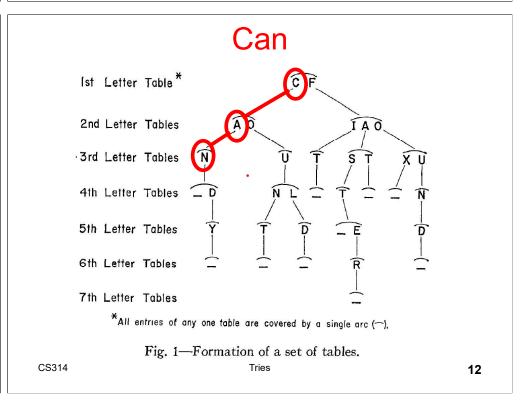




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#### Clicker 2

▶ Is "fast" in the dictionary represented by this

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Trie?

A. No

B. Yes

C. It depends

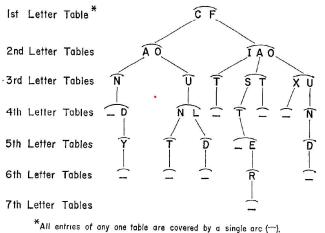


Fig. 1-Formation of a set of tables.

#### Clicker 3

Is "fist" in the dictionary represented by this Trie?

A. No

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B. Yes

C. It depends

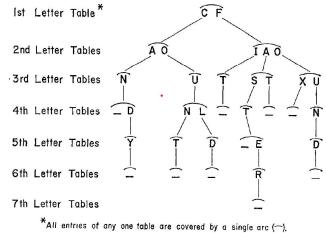


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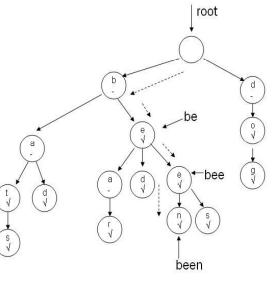
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#### **Tries**

- Another example of a Trie
- Each node stores:
  - A char
  - A boolean indicating if the string ending at that node is a word
  - A list of children

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## Predictive Text and AutoComplete

As characters are entered we descend the Trie

... and from the current node ...

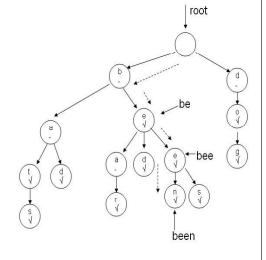
we can descend to terminators and leaves to see all possible words based on current prefix

▶ b, e, e -> bee, been, bees

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### **Tries**

- Stores words and phrases.
  - other valuespossible, but typicallyStrings
- The whole word or phrase is not actually stored in a single node.
- ... rather the path in the tree represents the word.



## Implementing a Trie

```
public class Trie {
    private TNode root;
    private int size; // number of words
    private int numNodes;

    public Trie() {
        root = new TNode();
        numNodes = 1;
```

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#### **TNode Class**

```
private static class TNode {
    private boolean word;
    private char ch;
    private LinkedList<TNode> children;
```

- Basic implementation uses a LinkedList of TNode objects for children
- Other options?
  - ArrayList?
  - Something more exotic?

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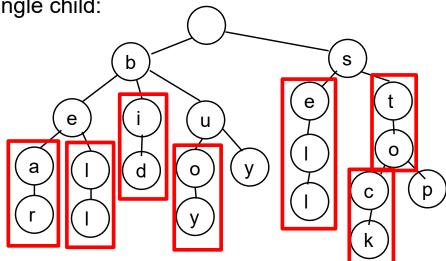
## **Basic Operations**

- Adding a word to the Trie
- Getting all words with given prefix
- Demo in IDE

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## **Compressed Tries**

Some words, especially long ones, lead to a chain of nodes with single child, followed by single child:

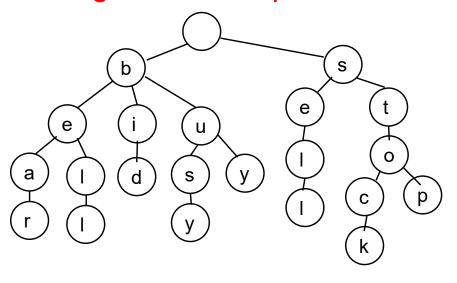


### **Compressed Trie**

- Reduce number of nodes, by having nodes store Strings
- A chain of single child followed by single child (followed by single child ... ) is compressed to a single node with that String
- Does not have to be a chain that terminates in a leaf node
  - Can be an internal chain of nodes

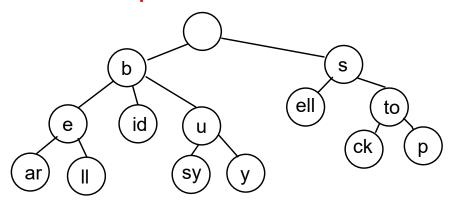
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## Original, Uncompressed



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## **Compressed Version**



8 fewer nodes compared to uncompressed version s - t - o - c - k

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Data Structures

#### **Data Structures**

- Data structures we have studied
  - arrays, array based lists, linked lists, maps, sets, stacks, queues, trees, binary search trees, graphs, hash tables, red-black trees, priority queues, heaps, tries
- Most program languages have some built in data structures, native or library
- Must be familiar with performance of data structures
  - best learned by implementing them yourself

We have not covered every data structure Arrays [edit source | edit beta] Abstract data types [edit source | edit beta] Graphs [edit source | edit beta] Heaps [edit source | edit Bidirectional ma • Hean · Bit array · Binary hean · Map/Associative array/Dictionary · Bit field Weak hean Adjacency list Bitboard · Binomial hear Bitman Adjacency matrix Fibonacci hear · Circular buffe · Graph-structured stack • 2.3 hean Scene graph · Soft hear Binary decision diagram · Pairing hea · Zero suppressed decision diagram · Leftist heap And-inverter graph · Directed graph Skew hean · Directed acyclic graph Parallel array · D-ary heap · Propositional directed acyclic graph Sorted array · Sparse array Multigraph Graph Snarce matrix In these data structures each Hypergraph · Iliffe vector Some properties of abstract data types: · Variable-length array Radix tree Other [edit source | edit beta] Lists [edit source | edit beta] Stable Unique Cells per Node Suffix tree Structure Suffix array · Compressed suffix array Linked list Winged edge · Self-organizing lis · Generalised suffix tree · Doubly connected edge list · Skip list Unrolled linked lis Quad-edge Judy array VI ist Routing table Xor linked list Symbol table Y-fast tree "Stable" means that input order is retained. Other stru . Doubly connected edge list

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of data structures

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#### **Data Structures**

- deque, b-trees, quad-trees, binary space partition trees, skip list, sparse list, sparse matrix, union-find data structure, Bloom filters, AVL trees, 2-3-4 trees, and more!
- Must be able to learn new and apply new data structures

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