### 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

### **Tries aka Prefix Trees**

- Pronunciation:
- From retrieval
- 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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hello hellboy hello fresh helen keller helena christensen hello may hell or high water hello neighbor helzberg help synonym

# AutoComplete

So do other programs such as IDEs

#### String name = "Kelly J"; name.s while substring(int beginIndex, int endIndex) : String - String - 0.11% \land split(String regex) : String[] - String 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

# 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.

# Tries

- A general tree (more than 2 children possible)
- 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?

# René de la Briandais Original Paper



\*All entries of any one table are covered by a single arc (-),

#### ????



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#### Picture of a Dinosaur

#### Fall 2022 - Ryan P.

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\*All entries of any one table are covered by a single arc (-),

# Candy



\*All entries of any one table are covered by a single arc (-),

#### Fox



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#### Clicker 2

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

A. No

B. Yes

C. It depends



### Clicker 3

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

A. No

B. Yes

C. It depends



# 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



### 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

d

S

root

be

been

bee

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# Tries

- Stores words and phrases.
  - other values
     possible, but typically
     Strings
- 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 {

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private TNode root;
private int size; // number of words
private int numNodes;
public Trie() {
  root = new TNode();
  numNodes = 1;
```

#### **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?

# **Basic Operations**

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

### **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





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

### **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

#### **Data Structures**

#### We have not covered every data structure

#### Abstract data types [edit source | edit beta]

- Container
- Map/Associative array/Dictionary
- Multimap
- List
- Set
- Multiset
- Priority queue
- Queue
- Deque
- Stack
- String
- Tree
- Graph

Some properties of abstract data types:

Structure	Stable	Unique	Cells per Node
Bag (multiset)	no	no	1
Set	no	yes	1
List	yes	no	1
Мар	no	yes	2

"Stable" means that input order is retained. Other stru

#### Arrays [edit source | edit beta]

- Array
- Bidirectional map
- Bit array
- Bit field
- Bitboard
- Bitmap
- Circular buffer
- Control table
- Image
- Dynamic array
- Gap buffer
- Hashed array tree
- Heightmap
- Lookup table
- Matrix
- Parallel array
- Sorted array
- Sparse array
- Sparse matrix
- Iliffe vector
- Variable-length array

#### Lists [edit source | edit beta]

- Doubly linked list
- Linked list
- Self-organizing list
- Skip list
- Unrolled linked list
- VList
- Xor linked list
- Zipper

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\_of\_data\_structures

- Doubly connected edge list
- Difference list

#### Heaps [edit source | edit

- Heap
- Binary heap
- Weak heap
- Binomial heap
- Fibonacci heap
- AF-heap
- 2-3 heap
- Soft heap
- Pairing heap
- Leftist heap
- Treap
- Beap
- Skew heap
- Ternary heap
- D-ary heap

#### Trees [edit source | edit t

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- Tree
- Radix tree
- Suffix tree
- Suffix array
- Compressed suffix array
- FM-index
- Generalised suffix tree
- B-tree
- Judy array
- X-fast tree
- Y-fast tree
- Ctree

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- Graphs [edit source | edit beta]
- Graph
- Adjacency list
- Adjacency matrix
- Graph-structured stack
- Scene graph
- Binary decision diagram
- Zero suppressed decision diagram
- And-inverter graph
- Directed graph
- Directed acyclic graph
- Propositional directed acyclic graph
- Multigraph
- Hypergraph

#### Other [edit source | edit beta]

Doubly connected edge list

Lightmap

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Winged edge

Quad-edge

Routing table

Symbol table

### **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