

Example: data compressor.

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Goals

- Compress data transmitted over serial line.
 - Receives byte-size input symbols.
 - Produces output symbols packed into bytes.
- Will build software module only here.

Collaboration diagram for compressor



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Huffman coding

- Early statistical text compression algorithm.
 - Select non-uniform size codes.
 - Use shorter codes for more common symbols.
 - Use longer codes for less common symbols.
- To allow decoding, codes must have unique prefixes.
 - No code can be a prefix of a longer valid code.

Huffman example



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Example Huffman code

Read code from root to leaves:

- a 1
- **b** 01
- **C** 0000
- d 0001
- e 0010
- **f** 0011

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Huffman coder requirements table

name	data compression module
purpose	code module for Huffman compression
inputs	encoding table, uncoded
outputs	packed compression output
functions	Huffman coding
performance	fast
manufacturing cost	N/A
power	N/A
physical size/weight	N/A

Building a specification

- Collaboration diagram shows only steadystate input/output.
- A real system must:
 - Accept an encoding table.
 - Allow a system reset that flushes the compression buffer.

data-compressor class

data-compressor

buffer: data-buffer table: symbol-table current-bit: integer

encode(): boolean, data-buffer flush() new-symbol-table()

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data-compressor behaviors

encode: Takes one-byte input, generates packed encoded symbols and a Boolean indicating whether the buffer is full.

new-symbol-table: installs new symbol table in object, throws away old table.

flush: returns current state of buffer, including number of valid bits in buffer.

Auxiliary classes

data-buffer

databuf[databuflen] : character len : integer

insert()
length() : integer

symbol-table

symbols[nsymbols] : data-buffer len : integer

value() : symbol
load()

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Auxiliary class roles

- data-buffer holds both packed and unpacked symbols.
 - Longest Huffman code for 8-bit inputs is 256 bits.
 - symbol-table indexes encoded verison of each symbol.
 - load() puts data in a new symbol table.

Class relationships



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Encode behavior



Insert behavior



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Program design

- In an object-oriented language, we can reflect the UML specification in the code more directly.
- In a non-object-oriented language, we must either:
 - add code to provide object-oriented features;
 - diverge from the specification structure.



Class data_buffer {

char databuf[databuflen];

int len;

int length_in_chars() { return len/bitsperbyte; }
public:

void insert(data_buffer,data_buffer&);
int length() { return len; }
int length_in_bytes() { return (int)ceil(len/8.0); }
int initialize();

C++ classes, cont'd.

class data_compressor { data_buffer buffer; int current_bit; symbol_table table; public: boolean encode(char,data_buffer&); void new_symbol_table(symbol_table); int flush(data_buffer&); data_compressor(); ~data_compressor();

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C code

struct data_compressor_struct {
 data_buffer buffer;
 int current_bit;
 sym_table table;
}

typedef struct data_compressor_struct data_compressor,
 *data_compressor_ptr;

boolean data_compressor_encode(data_compressor_ptr mycmptrs, char isymbol, data_buffer *fullbuf) ...



Test by encoding, then decoding:



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Components

Code inspection tests

Look at the code for potential problems:

- Can we run past end of symbol table?
- What happens when the next symbol does not fill the buffer? Does fill it?
- Do very long encoded symbols work properly? Very short symbols?
- Does flush() work properly?