Handout 10: Optional Problem Set #8 (Due: Friday, 10 March 2006, by 4:59pm)

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Colonel Sandurz: Prepare ship for light speed! Dark Helmet: No, no, no, light speed is too slow!

Colonel Sandurz: Light speed too slow?

Dark Helmet: Yes, we're gonna have to go right to ... ludicrous speed!

— from "Spaceballs" (1987).

This assignment is optional—points towards this assignment will compensate for up to 10 points of lost homework credit. This is also optionally a group assignment: you may do this assignment *either* individually or in your assigned partnership (from PS6, not the trio/quartet from the presentations).

- 1. Write a HashTable class that stores integers. Of course, you should write your own hash-table class for this assignment, and not use Java's built-in Set or Map classes. You will have to make several design decisions for this assignment, including:
 - what hash function to use.
 - the size of the table.
 - how to resolve collisions.
- 2. In a tester class, do the following:
 - Create an array A containing n random integers. Create a second array B also containing n integers, where B[i] is either A[i] (happens 50% of the time) or a new random integer (happens 50% of the time).
 - The idea is to search A[] for the elements found in B[]. Do this two ways: by sorting A[] and using binary search, and by using your HashTable class. For strategy #1, use Radix Sort.
- 3. In ps8.txt, describe the decisions that you made in the design of your hash table, plus anything unexpected that happened along the way. Furthermore, also include a comparison of the how well these two approaches worked in terms of empirically observed running time. You may find the following code fragement helpful in your evaluation:

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double time = System.currentTimeMillis();
// do something.
System.out.println("That took " + (System.currentTimeMillis() - time) + " ms");
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You should try testing the above strategies on more than one pair of arrays A[] and B[].