
Subject: Re: hashmap in idl

Posted by [b.a](#) on Tue, 21 Jul 2009 06:18:09 GMT

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Sorry not HashTable, LinkedList is what I have to use and I tried linked list example.

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Hi David,

I didn't say I believe this, I am totally in doubt!!! But that was my understanding of linkedlist from what I searched on the web. The very first problem that I have is that I do not know how to define a linkedlist and add elements to it.

For other data structure, for example arrays, I can write a code which means create a 2D array. Add (x,y) to it or delete[m,n] from it, but I don't know how to write "create a linkedlist" and then add this to the linked list:

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for example in this code:

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