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Incremental Cost of Encoding Data in a Tape-Based
Information Storage and Retrieval System
or
It's Dirt Cheap to Scramble Your Data!

Up to this point, no published results have appeared dealing with the cost of encoding (scrambling) information in an information storage and retrieval system. Opponents of more stringent access controls in computer systems have cited the high cost of adding additional software control functions to the already overburdened operating systems, but to this author's knowledge no hard timing data has yet appeared.

In a quest for some ballpark figures on the costs of encoding data, (and conversely the costs of decoding data), an experiment was run on the IBM 360/67 computer system at the Campus Facility of Stanford University Computation Center. A tape containing 1,050 80-character card images in clear (unscrambled) format was generated and the 80-character records were sequentially read in, scrambled, and the (encoded) card images written out on a new output tape. The appendix contains the listing of the FORTRAN program used to do this job, and also the printout of the timing results.

As can be seen by an examination of the printout, the time used to scramble 1,050 cards using the simple encoding technique shown in the program listing, was 7.5612 seconds. (Actually this is the time used to scramble 1,049 cards, since writing of the first output record required a one-time opening of the data set by the operating system. Since we were trying to get an estimate of the time required to encode a large number of records, this "open time" was disregarded. It would certainly be negligible for any

large-scale data base.) This time, 7.5612 seconds, is the total wall-clock time used from the time the first clear record was read in until the time the last encoded record was written out onto the output tape. All waits for input/output, etc., are included in this time. Again, the time does not represent central processor cycles. It is wall-clock time on a system where this was the only job running in addition to the operating system. (In other words, this job used the entire 600K byte partition on the 360/67.) The experiment was carried out in this manner in order to get a high estimate of the incremental cost involved in scrambling a large number of cards. In a multi-programming system the actual time used in encoding could be overlapped with tasks from other jobs and therefore would not nearly be so costly.

In this worst case we see that 1,049 cards were scrambled in 7.5612 seconds. We can put it another way; the incremental cost of encoding one card image on this system is .007 seconds. Under the existing rate structure at the Stanford Computation Center, it then costs 0.08 cents to encode each card image. Therefore, encoding one card image (80 bytes of information) for each of the 20,000,000 residents of the State of California would cost only \$16,000.

Conclusion

The incremental cost of scrambling information in a large computer data base seems infinitesimal.

Appendix. Printout from Experiment, Including FORTRAN Code and Results

* 2.03.52 JCB 732 IEF234A R 0C2
* 2.03.52 JCB 732 IEF234A R 0C3
* 2.03.52 JCB 732 IEF233A M 0C2,2405 ,LJHFAKE
* 2.03.52 JCB 732 IEF233A M 0C3,SCRITCH,LJHFAKE
* 2.04.23 JCB 732 IHC002I STOP 0
* 2.04.24 JCB 732 IEF280I K 0C2,2405 ,LJHFAKE

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//LJHFAKE JOB (N874***,343,2,1,,,T), 'HOFFMAN', MSGLEVEL=1
// EXEC FORTFCLG
//FORT EXEC PGM=IEKAA00,PARM='MAP'
//SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=A
//SYSABEND DD SYSOUT=A
//SYSPUNCH DD UNIT=SYSCP
//SYSUT1 DD DSN=EX,UNIT=SYSDA,SPACE=(CYL,(10,5))
//SYSUT2 DD DSN=EY,UNIT=SYSDA,SPACE=(CYL,(10,5))
//SYSLIN DD DSN=LOADSET,UNIT=2314,DISP=(MOD,PASS),
// SPACE=(CYL,(3,1)),DCB=(LRECL=80,BLKSIZE=3200,RECFM=FB)
//FCRT.SYSIN DD *
IEF2361 ALLOC. FOR LJHFAKE FORT
IEF2371 SYSPUNCH ON 000
IEF2371 SYSUT1 ON 230
IEF2371 SYSUT2 ON 230
IEF2371 SYSLIN ON 230
IEF2371 SYSIN ON 000
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COMPILER OPTIONS - NAME= MAIN,OPT=00,LINECNT=57,SOURCE,EBCDIC,NOLIST,NODECK,LOAD
002 BLOCK DATA 345
003 IMPLICIT INTEGER(A-Z) 346
004 COMMON/CONSTANTS/NUCB,NFORM,MAXUSERS,MAXLLIST,ITALK, 347
    1 FORM1,FJRM2,FJRM3, 348
    2 NEXTALL,SAFEALL, 349
    3 FETCHP,STOPLP,UNLFFP,UNLSTP,FLOCKP,SLCKP,ATTACHP,DETACHP 350
005 COMMON/ADDL1/IRAND,IRPT,PASSWD,USER,CARDA,PWTBL,IPWTBL,UTBL 351
006 COMMON/UCB/ISTDUCB 352
007 COMMON/OWN1/UCB1,LLIST,CSI 353
008 INTEGER PASSWD(10),USER(10),PWTBL(10,10),UTBL(10,10) 354
009 INTEGER IRPT(4),CARDA(80),IRAND(20) 355
010 INTEGER UCB1(100,3) 356
C USER CONTROL BLOCKS -- MAXUSERS=100, NUCB=3 357
C 358
011 DATA IRAND/-143295037, 12498331, -99905473, 107015948, 359
    1 -35891432, 13737389, -254817906, 227051690, 360
    2 267059188,-305496183,132598180,-133310762,
    3 -124696609,-143295037,243176905,-240111797,
    4 199832006,-178963561, -219961227,-174003653/
012 DATA USER/10*0/ 362
013 DATA PASSWD/10*0/ 363
014 INTEGER ISTDUCB(3)/0,0,1/ 364
C STANDARD USER CONTROL BLOCK (TEMPLATE) 365
015 INTEGER LLIST(4,100)/400*-1/ 366
C THE LOCKLIST -- MAXLLIST=100 367
016 DATA IPWTBL/4/ 368
C NUMBER OF LEGITIMATE USERS OF SHS SYSTEM 369
017 DATA IRPT/1,1,1,1/ 370
C USER IDENTIFICATIONS TRANSFORMED BY APPROPRIATE ALGORITHM 371
018 DATA UTBL/1384446165, 1803822108, -1730839952, 372
    1 -1547876608, 6*0, 373
    2 1935297975, -2035586489, -1164487326, 374
    3 -1268502271, 6*0, 375
    4 1692507097, -581819502, 1223346686, 7*0, 376
    5 1692507097, -1377663127, 1618028494, 101222, 6*0, 377
    6 60*0/ 378
C PASSWORDS TRANSFORMED BY APPROPRIATE ALGORITHM 379
019 DATA PWTBL/1691037135, -1182530491, -951364798, 380
    1 25995779, 6*0, 381
    2 -162905104, 751179207, -1043920360, -589549044, 382
    3 101222, 5*0, 383
    4 1665843558, 1801889415, -727933704, 7*0, 384
    5 -1552084301, 2064554537, -2033533773, 814026026, 385
    6 6*0,50*0/ 386
C CONSTANTS USED THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM 387
C 388
020 DATA ITALK/2/ 389
C LENGTH OF ARRAY PASSED BY TALK PROGRAM TO ACCESS PROGRAM 390
021 DATA MAXLLIST/100/ 391
C MAXIMUM LENGTH OF LIST OF LOCKED DATUMS MAINTAINED BY ACCESS PGM 392
022 DATA UCB1(1,1)/-2/ 393
C INITIALIZE TO NO ACTIVE USER CONTROL BLOCKS 394
023 DATA CSI/1/ 395
C INITIALIZE TO CRITICAL SECTION OF ACCESS PROC. NOT CURRENTLY IN USE
024 DATA NUCB/3/ 396

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| C NUOB = NO. OF WORDS IN EACH USER CONTROL BLOCK | 396. |
| DATA MAXUSERS/100/ | 397. |
| C MAXUSERS = MAX. NO. OF USER/TERMINAL COMBINATIONS | 398. |
| C POSSIBLE AT ANY GIVEN TIME | 399. |
| DATA FORM1/1/ | 400. |
| DATA FORM2/2/ | 401. |
| DATA FORM3/3/ | 402. |
| C INTERNAL NAMES OF FORMULARIES | 403. |
| DATA NFORM/3/ | 404. |
| C NUMBER OF FORMULARIES CURRENTLY IN THE SYSTEM | 405. |
| DATA NEXALL/1000/, SAMEALL/1001/ | 406. |
| C INTERNAL NAMES | 407. |
| C (IN THIS CASE ALSO VIRTUAL ADDRESSES) | 408. |
| DATA FETCHP/1/, STOREP/2/, UNLFFP/3/, UNLSTP/4/, | 409. |
| 1 FLOCKP/5/, SLOCKP/6/, ATTACHP/7/, DETACHP/8/ | 410. |
| END | 411. |

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COMPILER OPTIONS - NAME= MAIN,OPT=00,LINECNT=57,SOURCE,EBCDIC,NOLIST,NODECK,LOAD
002 SUBROUTINE SCRAMBLE(IUCB,CLRBUF,ICLLEN,ICOMPL,SCRBUF,ISCRLEN) 963
C THIS SUBROUTINE SCRAMBLES THE UNSCRAMBLD DATUM WHICH 964
C IS ICLLEN CHARACTERS LONG STARTING IN CLRBUF(1), AND IS 965
C STORED FOUR CHARACTERS PER WORD. IT LEAVES THE 966
C SCRAMBLD DATUM IN THE FIRST ISCRLEN BYTES OF THE SCRBUF 967
C ARRAY (AND RETURNS ISCRLEN TO THE CALLING ROUTINE). 968
C THIS SUBROUTINE STORES A COMPLETION CODE IN ICOMPL. 969
C 0 < ISCRLEN < 81 AND 0 < ICLLEN < 81. 970
C 971
C COMPLETION CODES STORED IN ICOMPL: 972
C 1 NORMAL EXIT 973
C 2 SCRAMBLE OPERATION NOT PERMITTED BY THIS FORMULARY 974
C 3 ILLEGAL LENGTH OF DATUM TO SCRAMBLE 975
C 976
C ***** CERTIFIED 8 MAY 1969 ***** 977
C 978
C 979
003 COMMON/CONSTANTS/NUCB,NFORM,MAXUSERS,MAXLLIST,ITALK, 980
1 FORM1,FORM2,FORM3, 981
2 NEXTALL,SAMEALL, 982
3 FETCHP,STOREP,UNLFEF,UNLSTP,FANDLP,SANDLP,ATTACHP,DETACHP 983
004 INTEGER SCRBUF(20),CLRBUF(20),IUCB(NUCB) 984
005 COMMON/ADDL1/IRAND,IRPT,PASSWD,USER,CARDA,PWTBL,IPWTBL,UTBL 985
006 INTEGER PASSWD(10),USER(10),PWTBL(10,10),UTBL(10,10) 986
007 INTEGER IRPT(4),CARDA(80),IRAND(20)
C ----- 988
C ----- FORMULARY SELECTOR ----- 989
C ----- 990
C 991
008 III=IUCB(3) 992
009 GO TO (3,1,3), III 993
C 994
C ----- 995
C ----- 996
010 1 IF ((ICLLEN .GT. 80) .OR. (ICLLEN .LT. 1)) GO TO 4 997
012 ISCRLEN=(ICLLEN-1)/4+1 998
013 DO 2 I=1,ISCRLEN 999
014 2 SCRBUF(I)=LGC1XR(CLRBUF(I),IRAND(I)) 1000
015 ISCRLEN=ICLLEN 1001
016 ICOMPL=1 1002
017 RETURN 1003
018 3 ICOMPL=2 1004
019 RETURN 1005
020 4 ICOMPL=3 1006
021 RETURN 1007
022 END 1008

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COMPILER OPTIONS - NAME= MAIN,OPT=00,LINECNT=57,SOURCE,FBCDIC,NOLIST,NODECK,LOAD,MAP
C
C THIS PROGRAM SCRAMBLES THE DATA ON DATA SET 8 AND PUTS THE
C SCRAMBLED VERSION ON DATA SET 9.
C
      IMPLICIT INTEGER (A-Z)
      INTEGER CARD(20)
      INTEGER SCR3(20)
      INTEGER A(20)
      INTEGER IUCB1(3)
      INTEGER CLOCK1
      REAL ITOLD
      IUCB1(3)=2
C KLUDGE FOR ATTACHING FML 2
      ICOUNT=0
      2 CONTINUE
      READ(8,900,ERR=2 ,END=802) CARD
      ITOLD=CLOCK1(4)
      GO TO 3
      20 READ(8,900,ERR=20,END=802) CARD
      3 ICOUNT=ICOUNT+1
      900 FORMAT(20A4)
      CALL SCRAMBLE(IUCB1,CARD,80,ICOMP,SCR3,ISCR)
      WRITE(9,900) SCR3
      GO TO 20
      902 CONTINUE
      ITOLD=(CLOCK1(4)-ITOLD)*26/1000000
      WRITE(6,960) ITOLD
      960 FORMAT(' TIME USED WAS ',F8.4,' SECONDS')
      END FILE 9
      WRITE(6,950) ICOUNT
      950 FORMAT(' ',I7,' CARDS WERE SCRAMBLED.')
      REWIND 9
      III=0
      300 CONTINUE
      READ( 9,100,END=200)A
      100 FORMAT(20A4)
      III=III+1
      IF (III .LT. 100) WRITE(6,101)A
      101 FORMAT(' ',20A4)
      GO TO 300
      200 CONTINUE
      WRITE(6,102) III
      102 FORMAT(' END OF SCRAMBLED FILE FOUND, ',I8,' CARDS READ')
      RETURN
      END
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IEF285I  SYSOUT                      SYSOUT
IEF285I  VOL SER NOS=                .
IEF285I  X.LJHFAKE                   DELETED
IEF285I  VOL SER NOS= SYS02 .
IEF285I  Y.LJHFAKE                   DELETED
IEF285I  VOL SER NOS= SYS02 .
IEF285I  LOADSET.LJHFAKE            PASSED
IEF285I  VOL SER NOS= SYS02 .

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//LKED EXEC PGM=IEWL,PARM='LET,LIST,MAP',COND=(5,LT,FORT)
//SYSLIN DD DSN=*.FORT.SYSLIN,DISP=(OLD,DELETE)
// DD DDNAME=SYSIN
//SYSLIB DD DSN=SYS1.FORTLIB,DISP=OLD
// DD DSN=SYS2.SSPLIB,DISP=OLD
// DD DSN=SYS2.SUBLIB1,DISP=OLD
//SYSUT1 DD DSN=SYS1.UT1,DISP=OLD,DCB=(KEYLEN=0)
//SYSLMOD DD DSN=8GDSET(MAIN),DISP=(,PASS),UNIT=2314,
// SPACE=(CYL,(12,1,1))
//SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=A

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IEF286I ALL JOBS FOR LJHFAKE LKED
IEF287I SYSLIN ON 230
IEF287I SYSLIB ON 235
IEF287I ON 331
IEF287I ON 331
IEF287I SYSUT1 ON 100
IEF287I SYSLMOD ON 230

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IEF285I LLOADSET.LJHFAKE DELETED
IEF285I VOL SER NOS= SYS02 .
IEF285I SYS1.FORTLIB KEPT
IEF285I VOL SER NOS= SYS00 .
IEF285I SYS2.SSPLIB KEPT
IEF285I VOL SER NOS= SYS01 .
IEF285I SYS2.SUBLIB1 KEPT
IEF285I VOL SER NOS= SYS01 .
IEF285I SYS1.UT1 KEPT
IEF285I VOL SER NOS= CAMPC8.
IEF285I GDSFT.LJHFAKE PASSED
IEF285I VOL SER NOS= SYS02 .
IEF285I SYSOUT SYSOUT
IEF285I VOL SER NOS= .
//GO EXEC PGM=*.LKED.SYS1MOD,COND=((5,LT,FORT),(5,LT,LKED)) 00001
//FT01F001 DD DSN=SYS1.UT1,DISP=OLD,DCB=(RECFM=V,LRECL=796, X00001
// BLKSIZE=300) 00002
//FT02F001 DD DSN=SYS1.UT2,DISP=OLD,DCB=*.FT01F001 00002
//FT03F001 DD DSN=SYS1.UT3,DISP=OLD,DCB=*.FT01F001 00002
//FT04F001 DD DSN=SYS1.UT4,DISP=OLD,DCB=*.FT01F001 00002
//FT05F001 DD DSN=SYSIN 00002
//FT06F001 DD SYSOUT=A 00002
//FT07F001 DD UNIT=SYSCP 00002
//FT13F001 DD DSN=SYS1.UT5,DISP=OLD,DCB=*.FT01F001 00002
//FT16F001 DD UNIT=2314,VOLUME=SER=SYS03,DISP=(NEW,PASS), X00002
// DCB=(RECFM=F,BLKSIZE=600),SPACE=(TRK,(15,5),RLSE) 00002
//GO.FT08F001 DD UNIT=002,DISP=(OLD,KFP),LABEL=(1,BLP),DSNAME=X, 1
// VOLUME=SER=2405,DCB=(LRECL=80,RECFM=FB,BLKSIZE=3520)
//GO.FT09F001 DD UNIT=003,DISP=(NEW,DELETE),DSNAME=X,LABEL=(,NL), 1
// DCB=(LRECL=80,RECFM=FB,BLKSIZE=3520)
//
IEF236I ALLOC. FOR LJHFAKE GO
IEF237I PGM=*.DD ON 230
IEF237I FT01F001 ON 100
IEF237I FT02F001 ON 230
IEF237I FT03F001 ON 330
IEF237I FT04F001 ON 230
IEF237I FT07F001 ON 000
IEF237I FT13F001 ON 330
IEF237I FT16F001 ON 330
IEF237I FT08F001 ON 002
IEF237I FT09F001 ON 003

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TIME USED WAS 7.5612 SECONDS
 1050 CARDS WERE SCRAMBLED.

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8 #8C805:-"I-?<:K@Y J%_0|I+(HH | "4_ "8GXIN8(008JGE75' C+=NI10;9' C5 X#P2TY55
GE(30+E,./#"7-?<:(Y J)_0|I+(HH | "4_ "8GXIN8(008JGE75' C+=NI10*#9Z1F5N#P2TY55
GE(30+E,./#"7-?<./@Y -)_0|I+(HH | "4_ "8GXIN8(008JGE75' C+=NI10*#9 C=DX#P2TY55
GE(30+E,./#"7-?<:(Y J)_0|I+(HH | "4_#"IGXIN8(008JGE75' C+=NI10*#9Z1F5N#P2TY55
GE(30+E,./#"7-?<./@Y -)_0|I+(HH | "4_ "8GXIN8(008JGE75' C+=NI10;9' C2AX#P2TY55
GE(30+E,./#"7-?<./@Y -)_0|I+(HH | "F_ "IGXIN8(008JGE75' C+=NI10;#: C=AX#P2TY55
GE(30+E,H@/"7-?<:(Y J)_0|I+(HH | "F_ "IGXIN8(008JGE75' C+=NI10*#9 C=DXHVG 55
GE(30+E,H@/"7-?<:(Y J)_0|I+(HH | "4_ "IGXIU8(008JGE75' C+=NI10$##AA6<U#P2TY55
GE(30+E,H2/"4-?<:(Y J)_0|I+(HH | "4_ "IGXIU8(008JGE75' C+=NI10;#: Z1F5N#P2TY55
GE(30+E,./#"7-?<./(Y J)_0|I+(HH | "F_ "IGXIU8(008JGE75' C+=NI10*#9 C=DX#P2TY55
F H57 ZH9/"7-?<:L@Y -)_0|I+(HH | "F_ "IGXIN8(008JGE75' C+=NI10$## C2GU#P2TY55
F .07GFY.9/"7-?<:K(Y J)_0|I+(HH | "4_ "8GXIN8(00.JGE75' C+=N810*@: C3DX#P2TY55
F .07GFY.9/"7-?<:K@Y -)_0|I+(HH | "F_ "IGXIN8(008JGE75' C+=NI10*@: C3<U#P2TY55
F .07GFY.9/"7-?<:K(Y J)_0|I+(HH | "4_ "8GXIN8(008JGE75' C+=NI10*@: C=DX#P2TY55
F .07GFY.9/"7-?<:K@Y -)_0|I+(HH | "4_ "8GXIN8(008JGE75' C+=NI10*@: C=DXHVGK 55

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| IEF285I | GOSET.LJHFAKE | PASSED |
| IEF285I | VOL SER NOS= SYS02 . | |
| IEF285I | SYS1.UT1 | KEPT |
| IEF285I | VOL SER NOS= CAMP08 . | |
| IEF285I | SYS1.UT2 | KEPT |
| IEF285I | VOL SER NOS= SYS02 . | |
| IEF285I | SYS1.UT3 | KEPT |
| IEF285I | VOL SER NOS= SYS03 . | |
| IEF285I | SYS1.UT4 | KEPT |
| IEF285I | VOL SER NOS= SYS02 . | |
| IEF285I | SYSOUT | SYSOUT |
| IEF285I | VOL SER NOS= . | |
| IEF285I | SYS1.UT5 | KEPT |
| IEF285I | VOL SER NOS= SYS03 . | |
| IEF285I | AAAAAAAA.AAAAAAAAA.AAAAAAAAA.AAAAAAAAA.00000012 | PASSED |
| IEF285I | VOL SER NOS= SYS03 . | |
| IEF285I | X | KEPT |
| IEF285I | VOL SER NOS= 2405 . | |
| IEF285I | X | DELETED |
| IEF285I | VOL SER NOS= LGLO01 . | |
| IEF285I | K CC2,2405 ,LJHFAKE | |
| IEF285I | GOSET.LJHFAKE | DELETED |
| IEF285I | VOL SER NOS= SYS02 . | |
| IEF285I | AAAAAAAA.AAAAAAAAA.AAAAAAAAA.AAAAAAAAA.00000012 | DELETED |
| IEF285I | VOL SER NOS= SYS03 . | |

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| H A S P | JOB STATISTICS -- | 171 CARDS READ -- | 590 LINES PRINTED -- |
| | 312 I/O CALLS | 434 SVC CALLS | 0.20 MINUTES CPU TM |

