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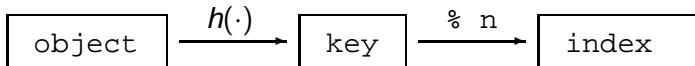
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```

unsigned int x = 1;
unsigned int i;
while(true)
{
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The two ways to organize hash tables differ in the ways of resolving collisions.

For some `index`, we consider

- 1 open addressing: if `index` occupied take next one; Locating an element is called *probing*.
- 2 chaining: keep list of elements at position `index`. The list is called a bucket, we speak of *bucket hashing*.

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We define a class `Hash_Table` in the namespace `mcs360_open_hash_table`.

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#include <string>
#include <vector>
namespace mcs360_open_hash_table
{
    class Hash_Table
    {
    public:
        typedef std::pair<std::string,int> entry;
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    e.first = w;
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    if(T.insert(e)) // rest omitted
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bool Hash_Table::insert( const entry& e )
{
    size_t i = hash(e.first);
    if(table[i] == NULL)
    {
        table[i] = new entry(e);
        return true;
    }
    else if(table[i]->first == e.first)
    {
        table[i]->second = e.second;
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    }
}
```

## insert() continued

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else
{
    for(int j=1; j<table.size(); j++)
    {
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            return true;
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- type of the key is a string,
- value type is an integer.

```
typedef std::pair<std::string,int> entry;
```

We create a hash table with number of elements `n`,  
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#include <string>
#include <vector>
#include <list>
namespace mcs360_chain_hash_table
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    class Hash_Table
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    public:
        typedef std::pair<std::string,int> entry;
        Hash_Table( size_t n );

        bool insert( const entry& e );
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int Hash_Table::value( std::string s )
{
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    if(table[i].size() == 0)
        return -1;
    else
    {
        std::list<entry> L = table[i];

        for(std::list<entry>::const_iterator
            k = L.begin();
            k != L.end(); k++)
            if(k->first == s) return k->second;

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- 2 To hash strings, would it help to apply the hash function  $h(i) = (p \times i) \bmod 2^{32}$  on the key returned by the hash function on strings? Justify your answer, eventually referring to your answer to the previous exercise.

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- 3 Run the code on a small table with 3 entries to simulate collisions. Add printing statements and sketch the evolution of the hash table as more elements are inserted. Compare open addressing with chaining.
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Homework collection on Friday 29 October, at noon:  
#1,2 of L-21; #1,2 of L-22; and #4 of L-23.