CSCI 232:

Data Structures and Algorithms

Hashing (Part 1)

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Program 1 due **tomorrow** at 11:59PM

No in-person office hours tomorrow
(email me if you need anything)

Map / Dictionary

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Maps a **key** to a **value**

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Implementation?

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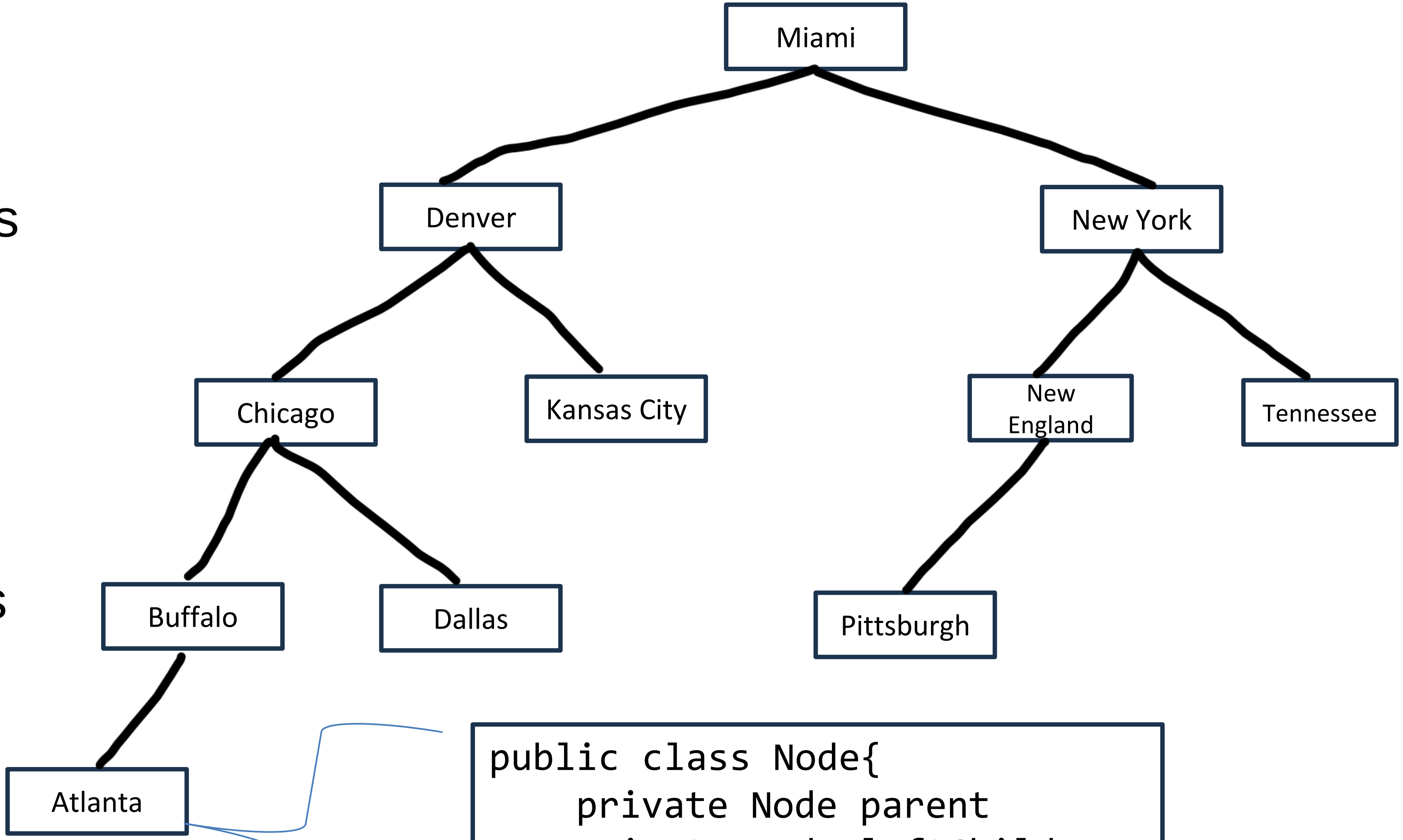

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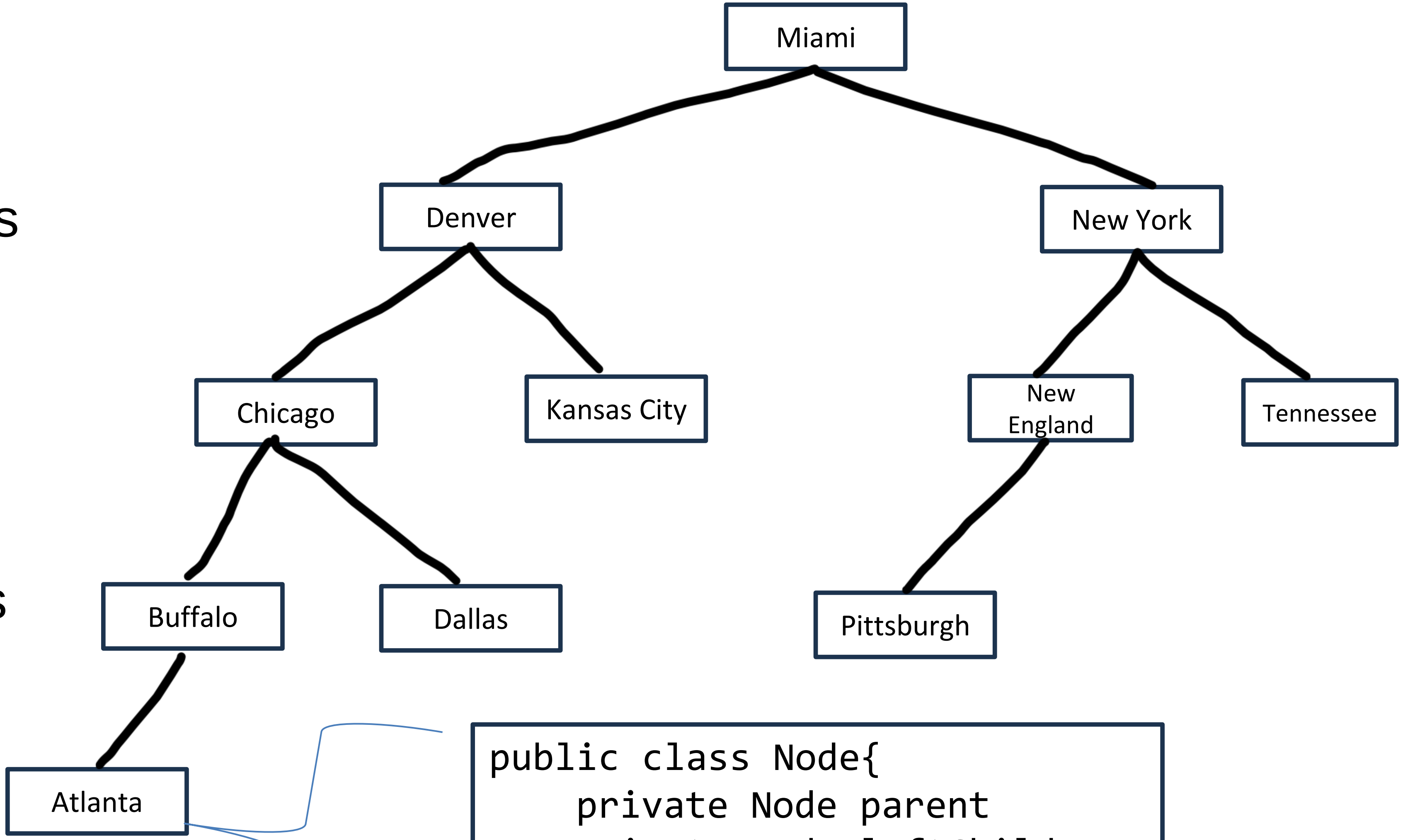

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2. Search for value using BST, return value of Node

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get("Dallas")
→ "Cowboys"
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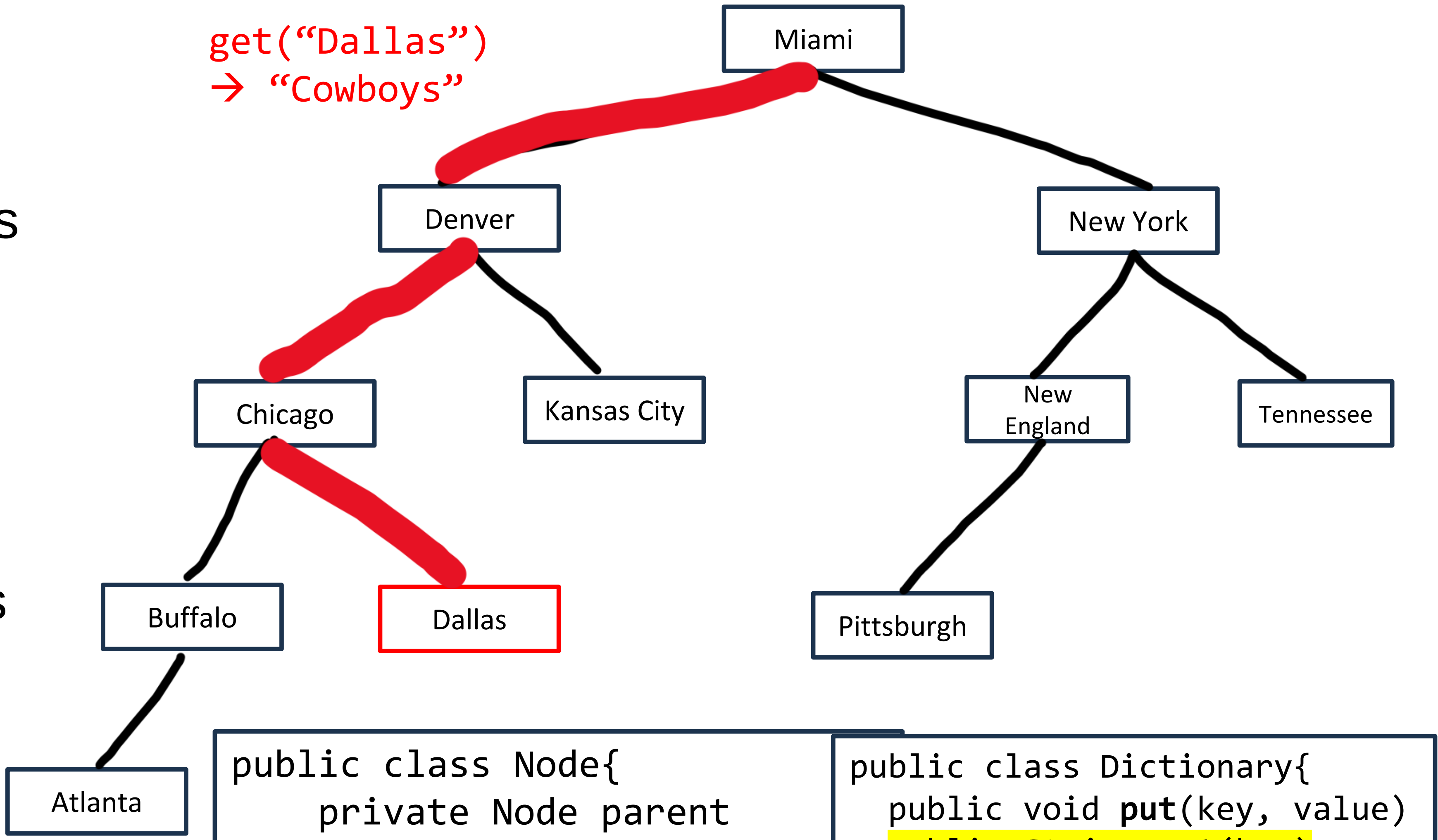

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Chic		
New		
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Kan		
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Lookup time?

O(log n)

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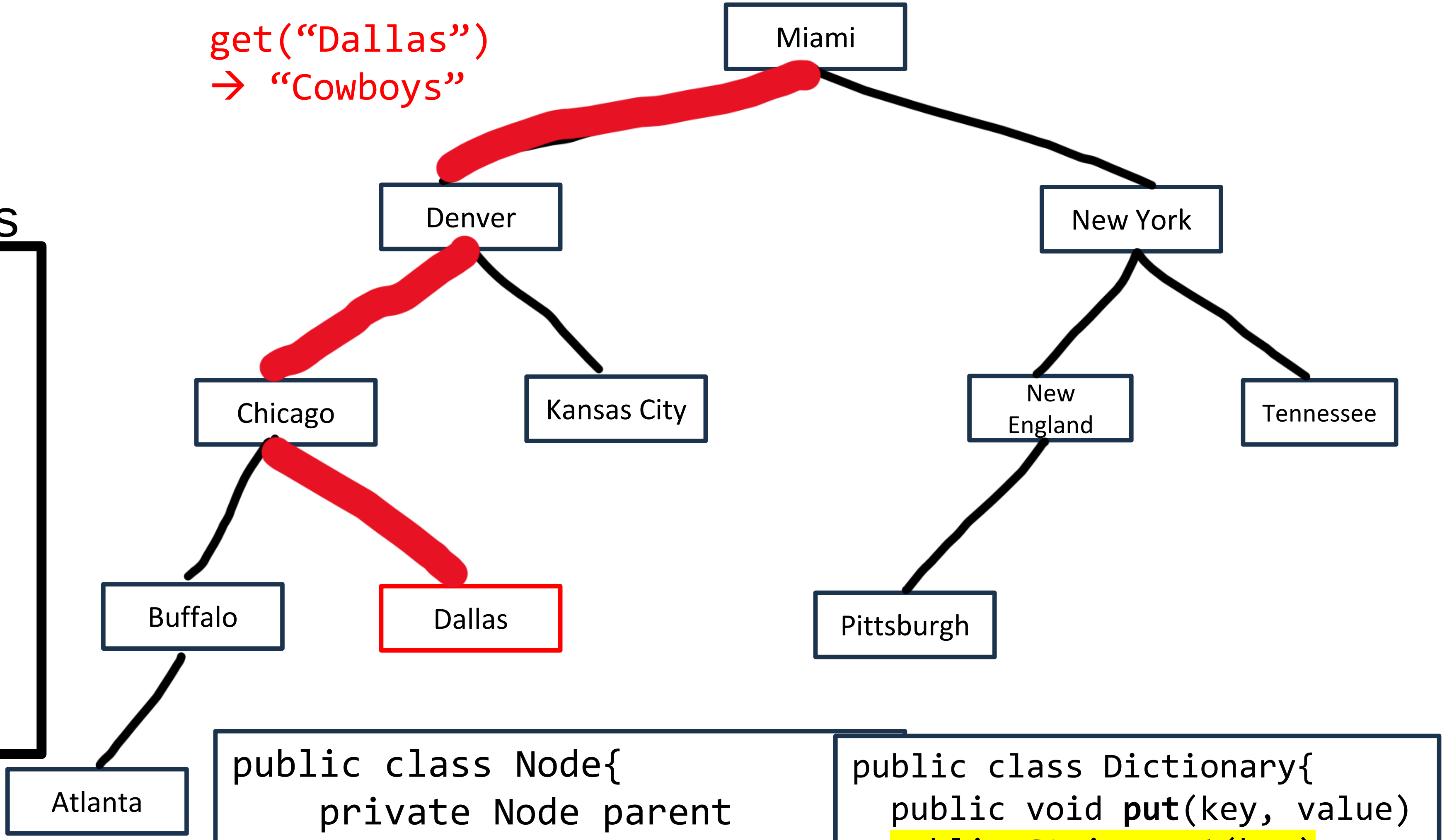

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O(1) **!!**

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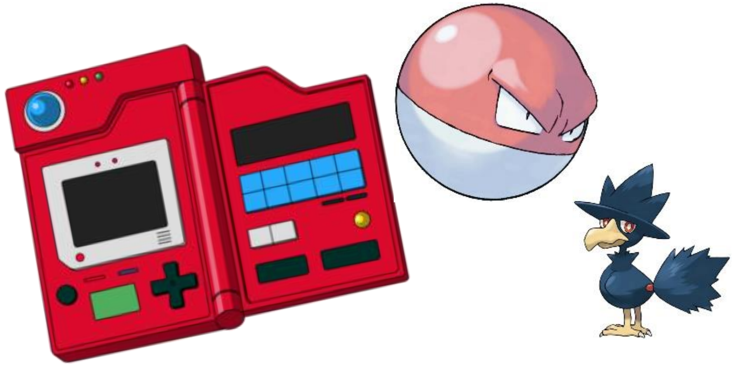

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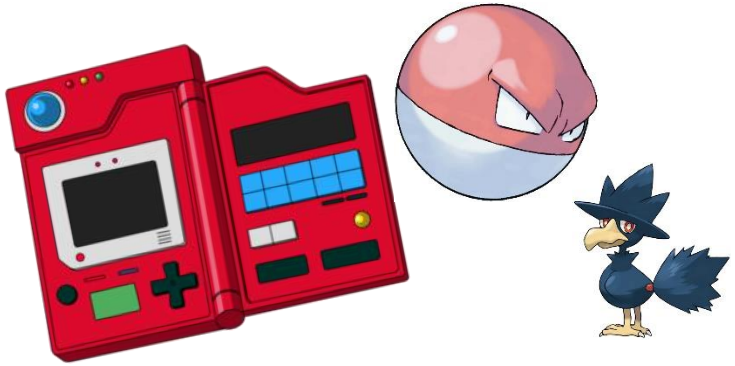

Lots of wasted space that won't be used… not ideal

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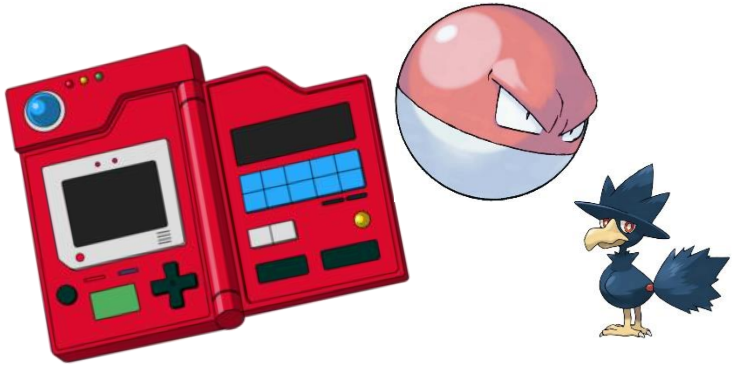

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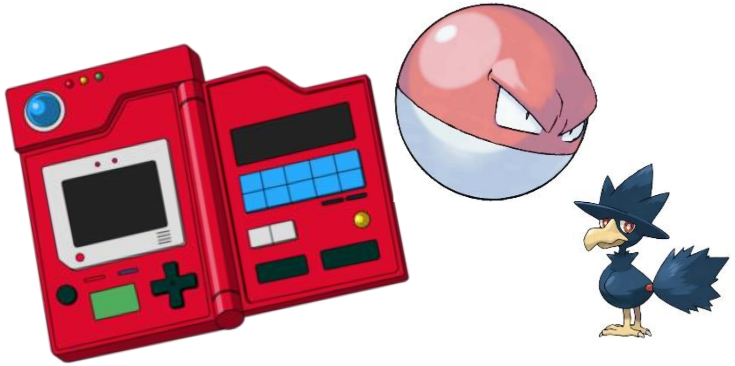

What array index does Pokemon number **x** go into ?

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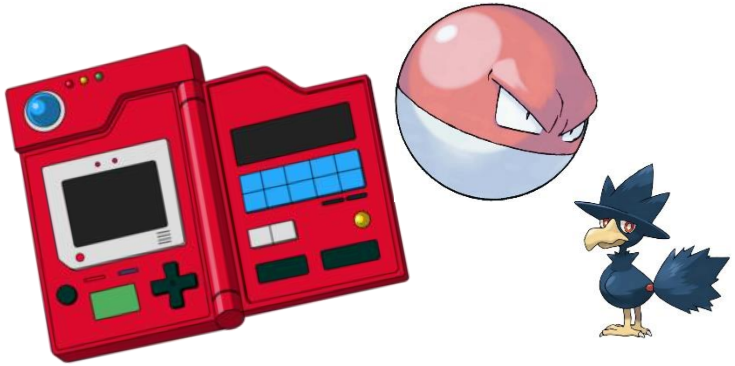

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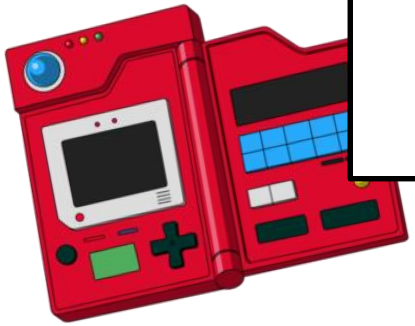

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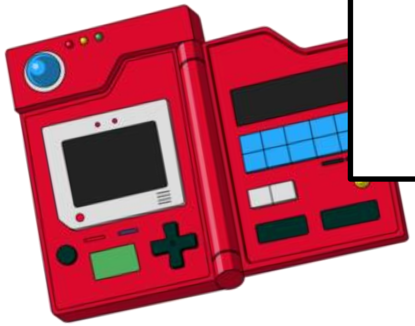

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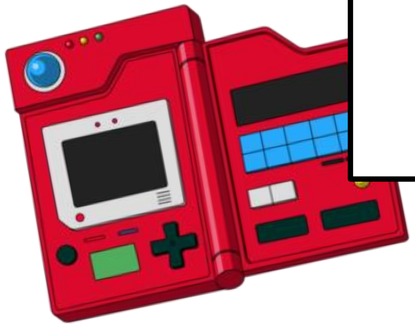

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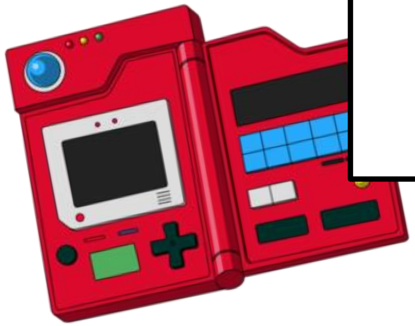

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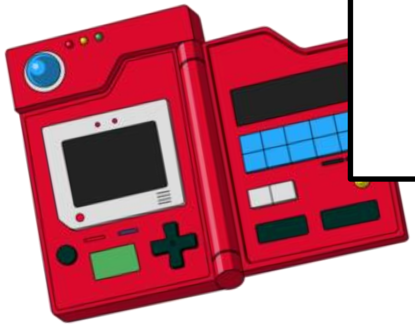

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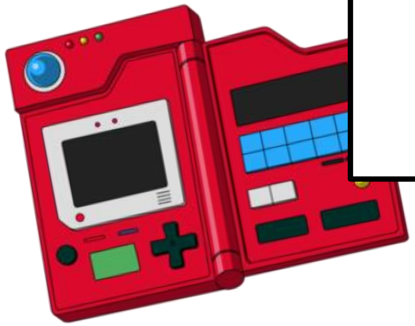

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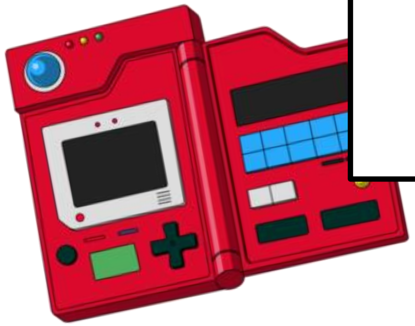

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All array spots are used!

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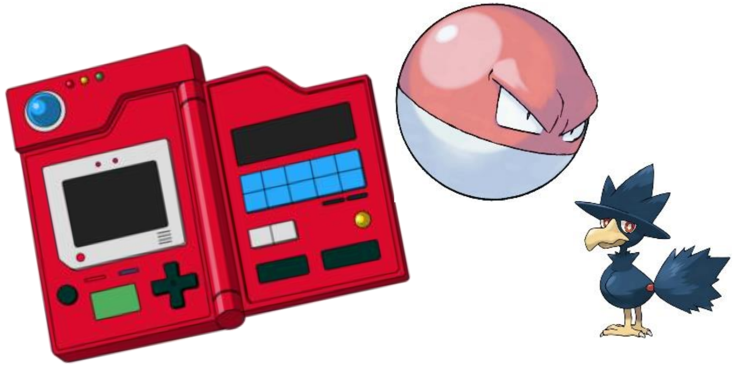

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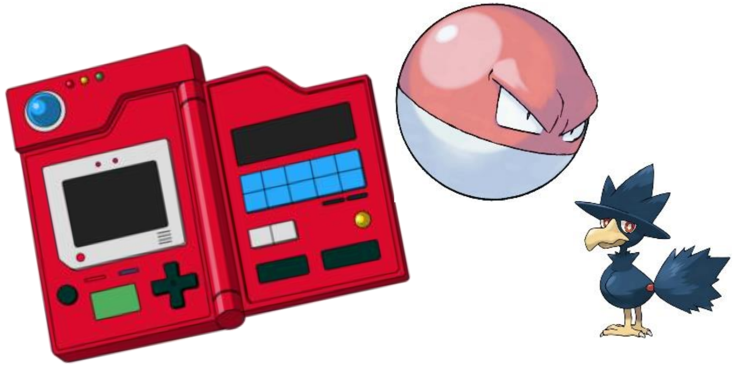

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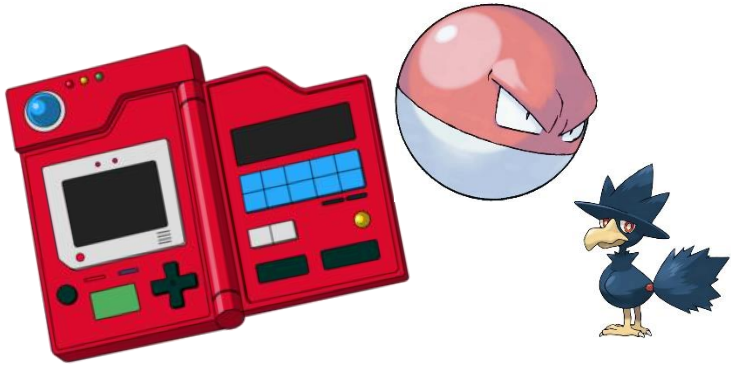

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What could possibly go wrong?

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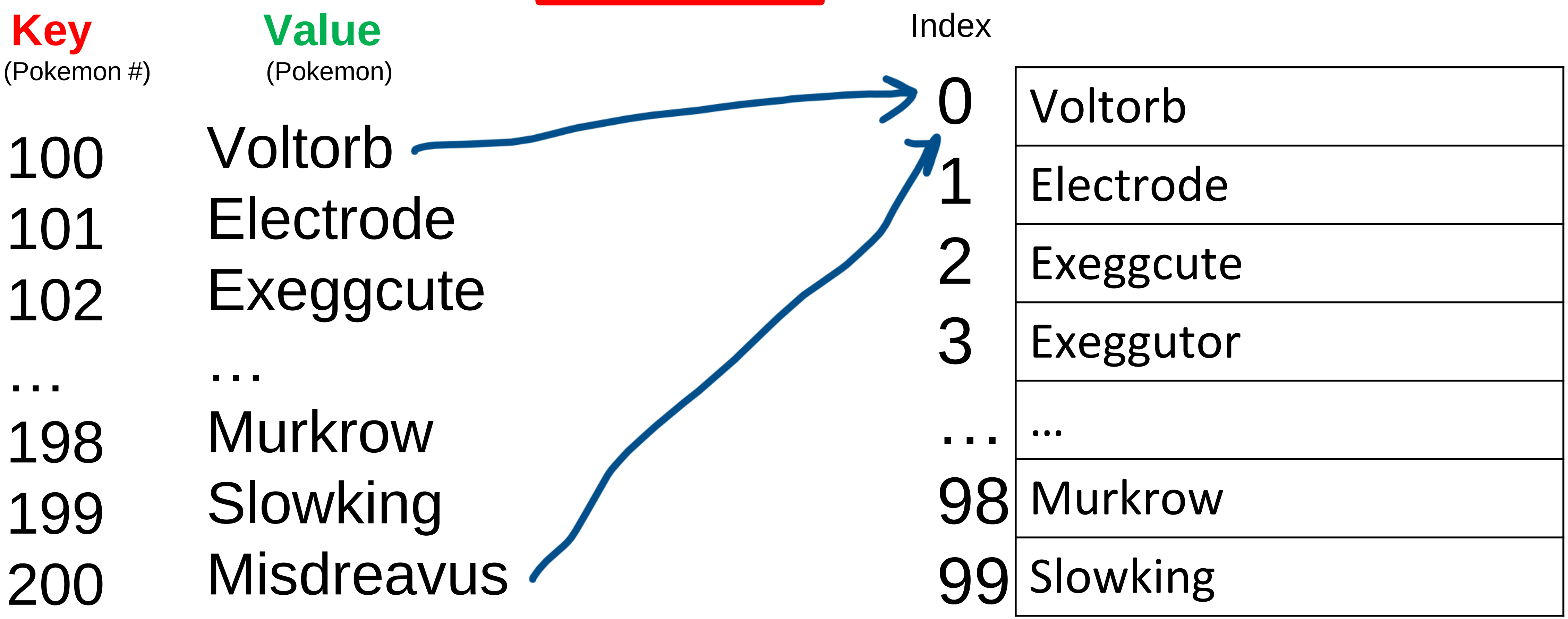

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→ A **collision**

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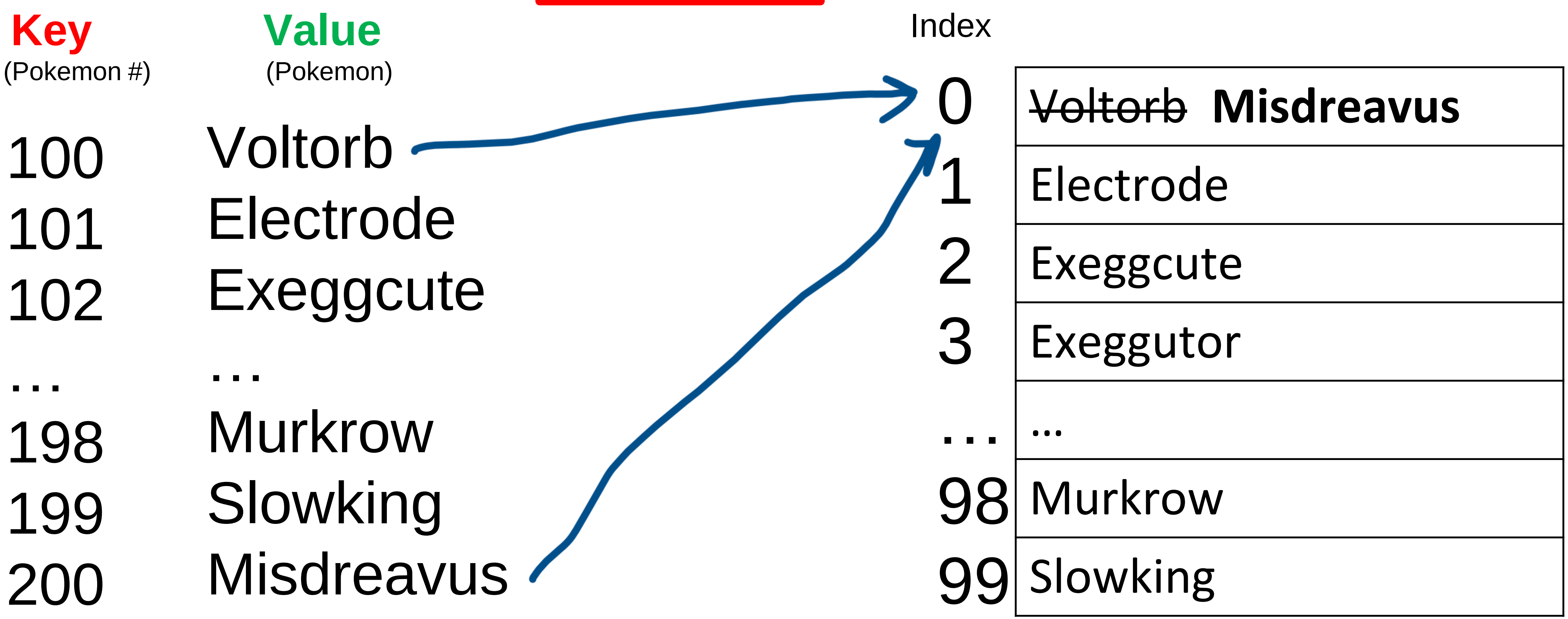

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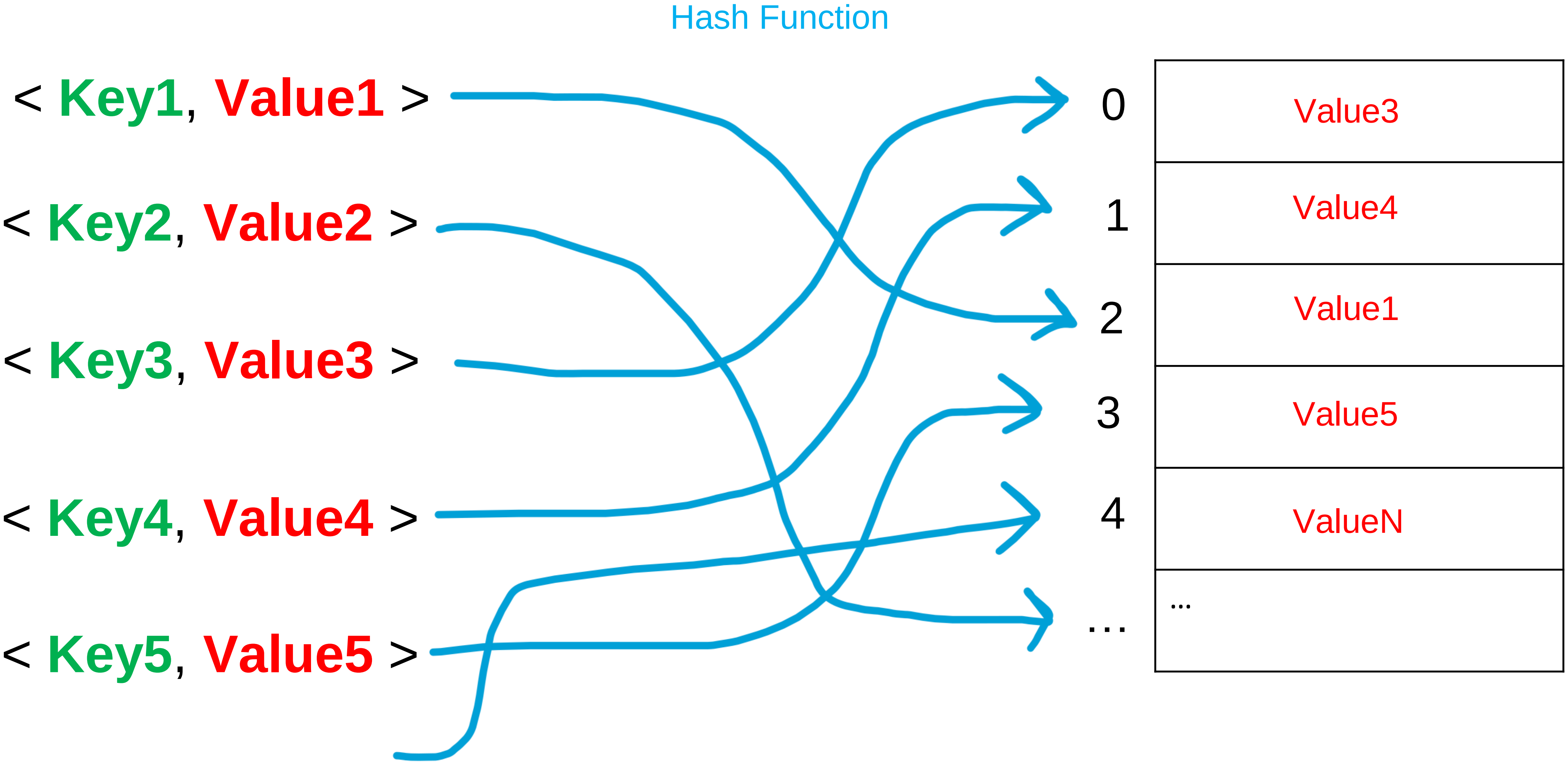

Hash Function

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< **Key2**, **Value2** >

< **Key3**, **Value3** >

< **Key4**, **Value4** >

< **Key5**, **Value5** >

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4	ValueN
…	…

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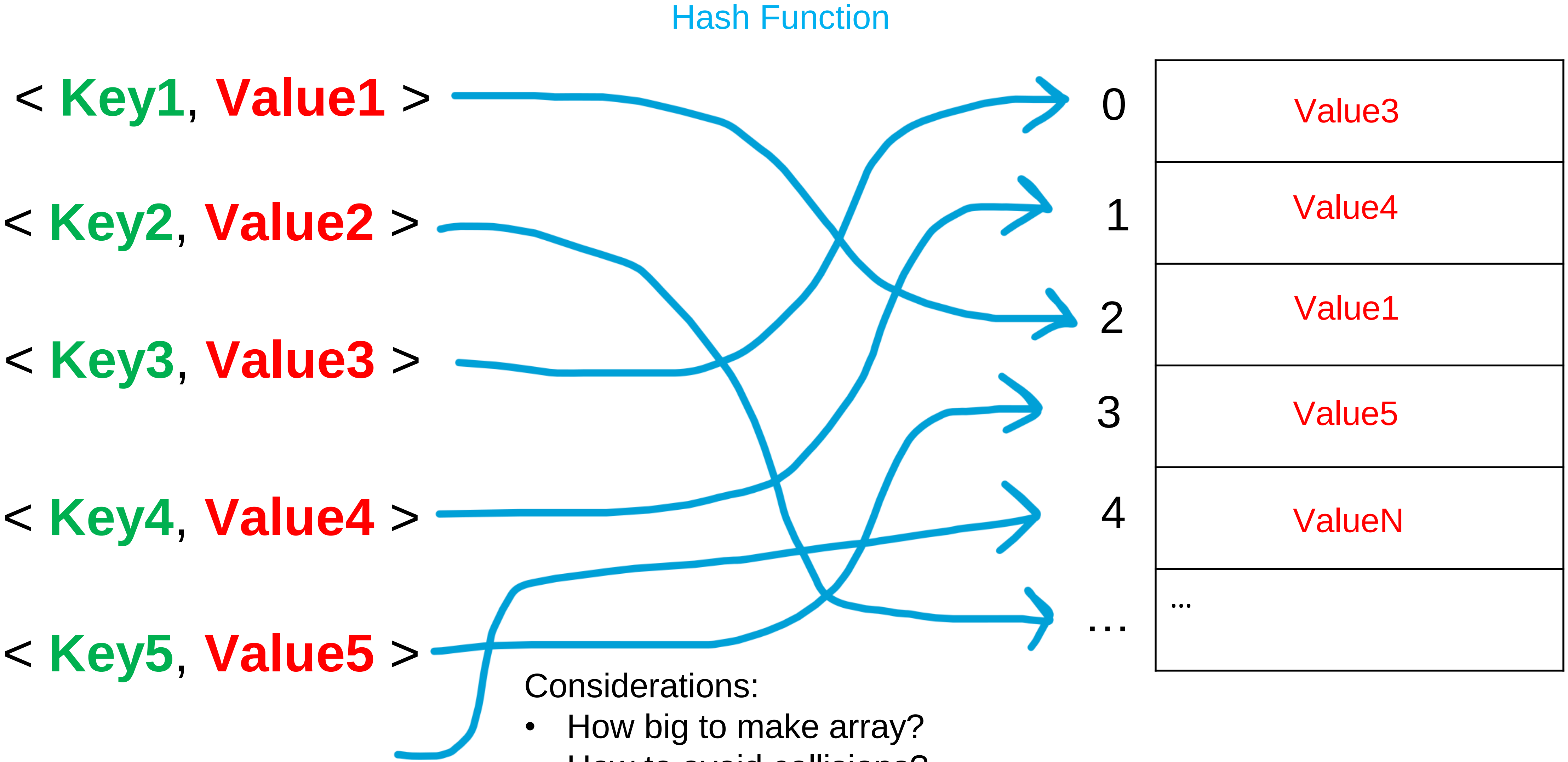

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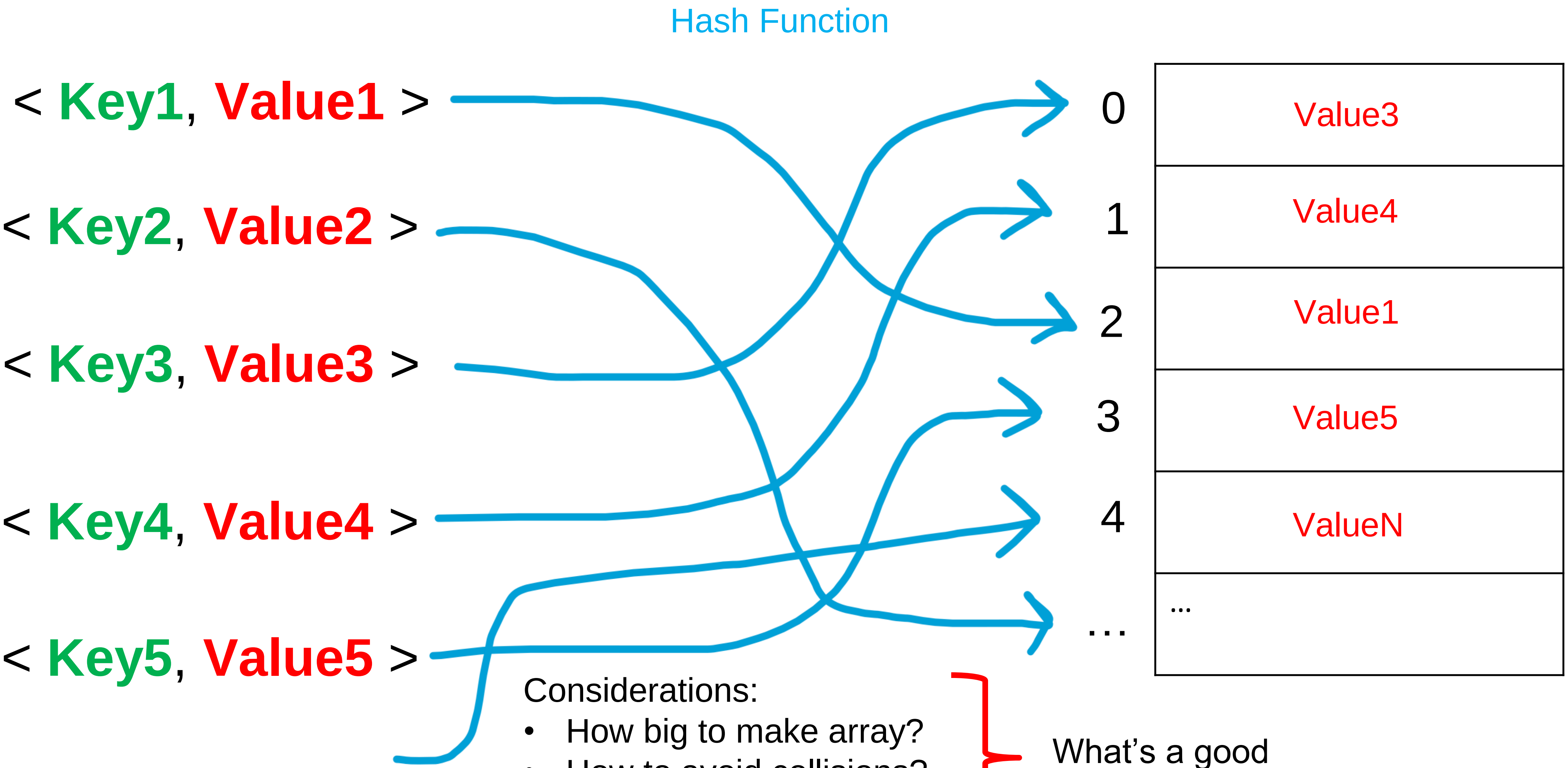

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What's a good hash function?

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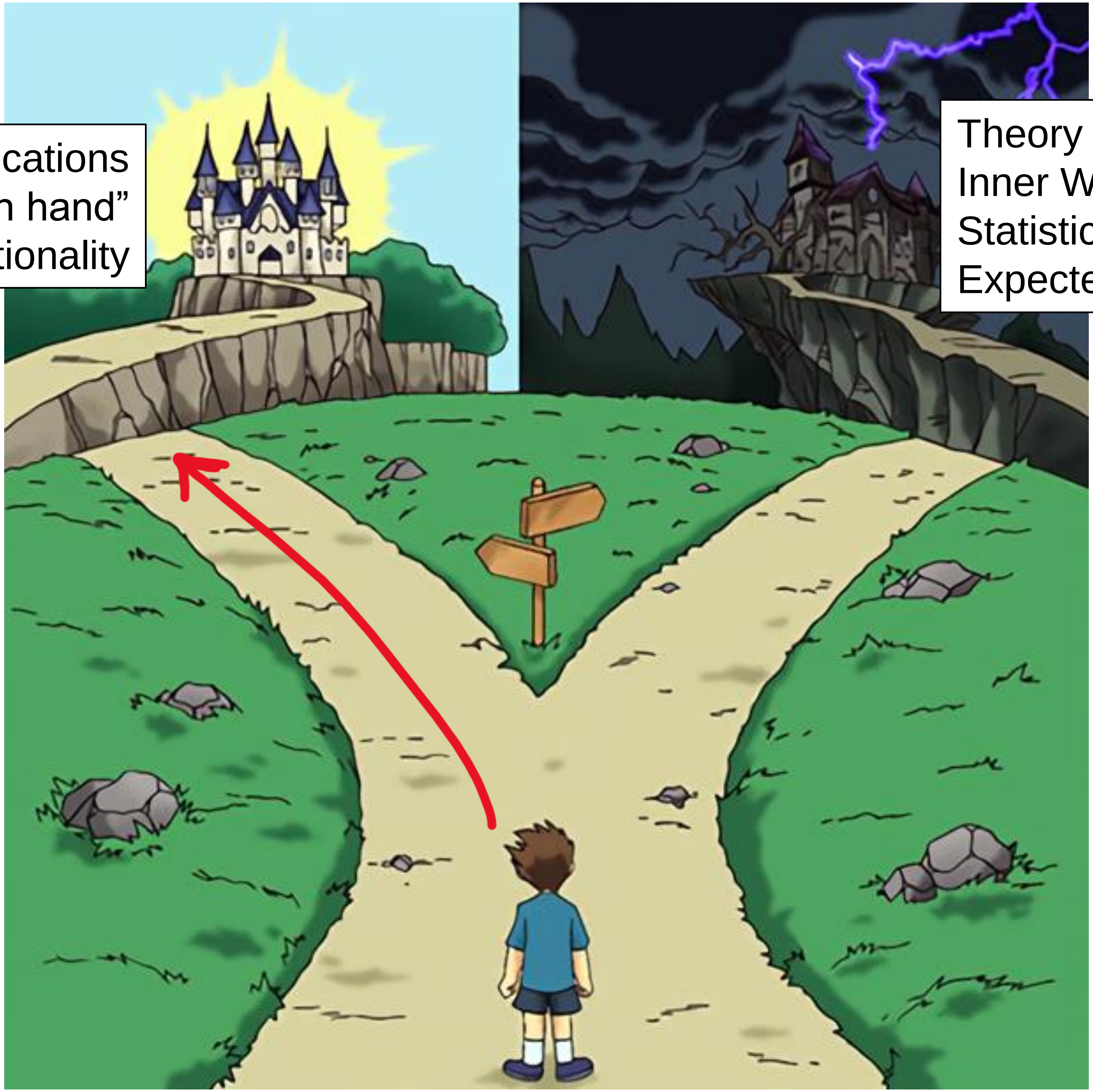

Applications
“Tools in hand”
Java Functionality

Theory
Inner Workings of Hash Functions
Statistical Likelihood
Expected Performance

Hash Tables are probably the most useful thing you learn in this class

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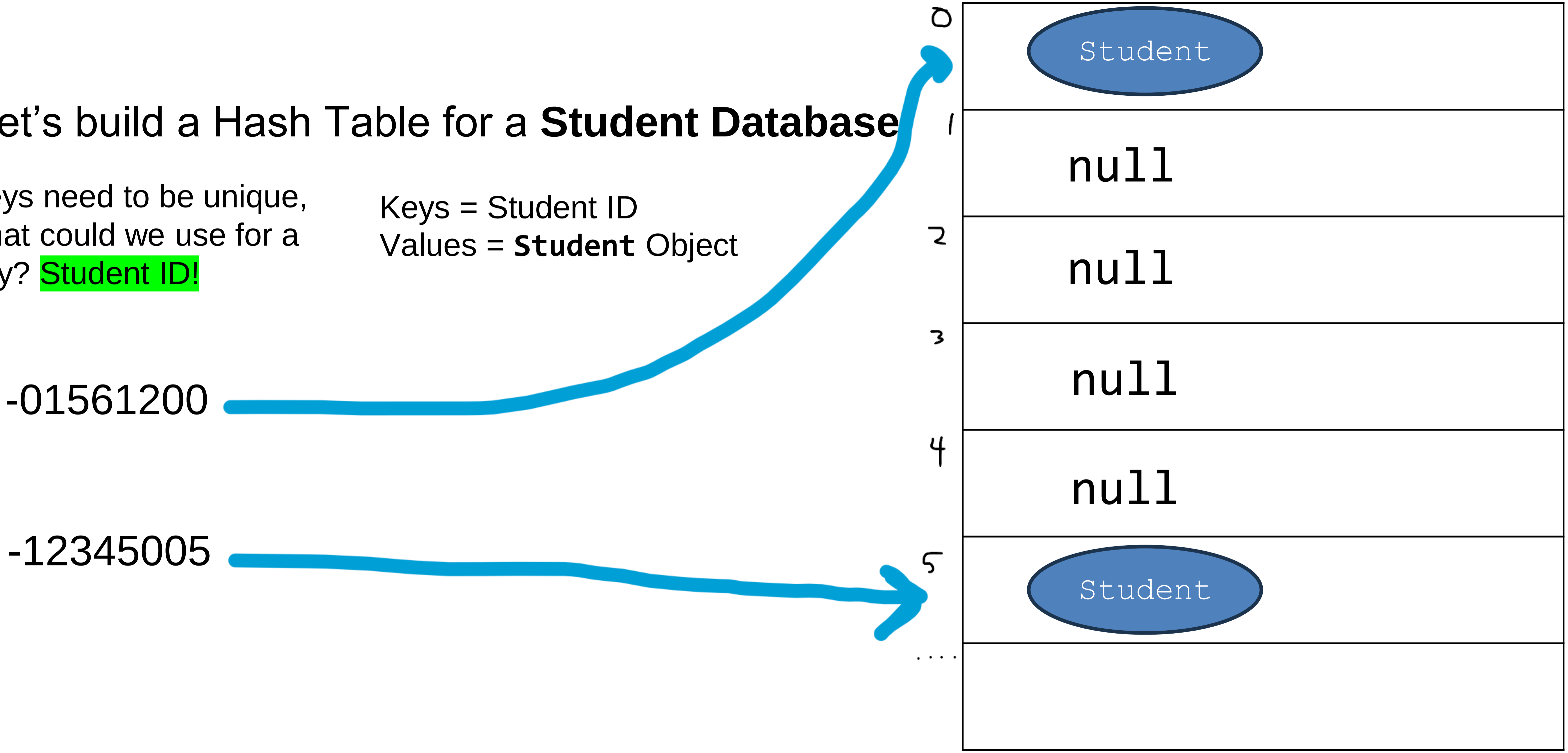
Keys = Student ID
Values = **`Student`** Object



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