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In today's lecture, we learned how to *Compactly Represent Bags of Integers* using **Bloom filters**. The formal definition of the problem, and its solution, appear below, but let us first understand why this is necessary.

1 A Sample Application

Suppose we have a set of valid URLs, U, and that |U| = n. Suppose further that each URL is approximately 100 characters in length; then the each URL requires 800 bits for proper representation. It should be clear that any set requires 800n bits to represent the n-element set, U.

Now consider the following basic caching structure from Fan et al. where

Table 1: A simple shared caching structure (picture omitted)

- \bullet C_1, C_2, C_3 are caches, each with a set of documents stored; documents are indexed by URL
- edges represent the xfer of a cache's set of URLs
- a query for URL x can be made in one, some, or all of the caches.

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