

CSCI 136:  
Data Structures  
and  
Advanced Programming

Lecture 19  
Ordered Structures

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## Outline

1. Mid-semester eval.
2. Resubmission procedure
3. Ordered structures
4. Infix to postfix algorithm

Mid-semester evaluation

Resubmission procedure

## Resubmission procedure



Remember: the goal of this course is mastery.

## Resubmission procedure

Allows you to earn **up to 50% of the lost points.**

E.g., **if you got a 50%** on the midterm, **you can get a 75%** on resubmission.

Midterm is 20% of your final grade.  
**This is worth doing!**

## Resubmission procedure

1. You have **two weeks** from tomorrow (your exam will be in my box by tomorrow).
2. Resubmission **must include both** the **original work** and the **new submission**.
3. Must be accompanied by an **explanation document**, written in plain English.

## Resubmission procedure

Explanation document **must identify**:

1. **What** the mistake is.
2. **How** you fixed the mistake.
3. **Why** the new version is correct.

## Resubmission procedure

Please submit this **on paper**  
(put it in my box in the CS department).

## Resubmission procedure

### Sample:

#### 2. Troubleshooting

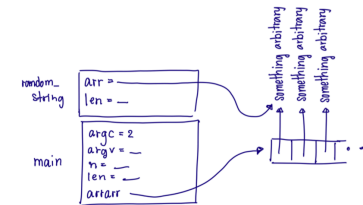
My fix was slightly wrong. Right before calling `random_string()`, I added

```
char * arrarr[i] = malloc(sizeof(char)*MAXLEN);
```

when what I should have added is

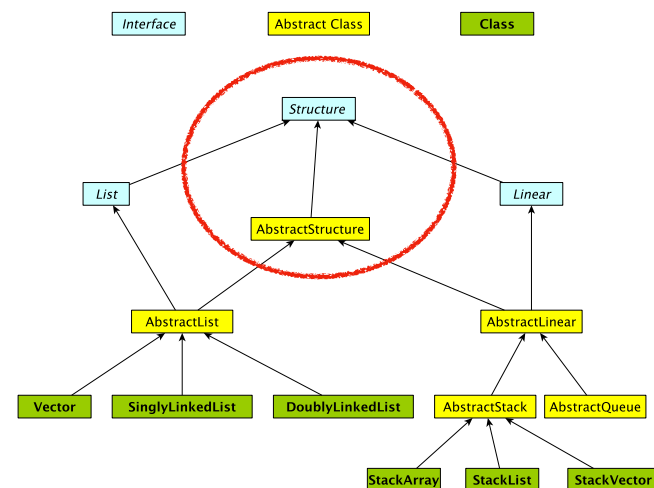
```
arrarr[i] = malloc(sizeof(char)*MAXLEN);  
mcheck(arrarr[i]);
```

There is no need for "char \*" because I am not declaring `arrarr`. I got my explanation and drawing wrong. In my drawing, I had `arrarr[i]` pointing back to a call stack because I thought the program would automatically allocate memory on a call stack if we did not `malloc()`. What I should have said is that without allocating sub-array `arrarr[i]`, the address currently living in the sub-array is arbitrary so the value referred to by the sub array is also arbitrary. When we call `memset()` or manipulating `arrarr[i]` in `random_string()`, we are likely to get memory errors. Below is what I should have drawn.



Ordered structures

## structure5 Stack implementations



## structure in structure5

A **structure** is an interface for a “traversable” collection of objects. In other words, it represents a class that **contains** some number of elements, and those elements can be **iterated**, **added**, and **removed**. **Membership** and **size** can also be checked.

Most of the data structures we discuss in this class implement **structure**.

## structure in structure5

```
public interface Structure<E> extends Iterable<E>
{
    public int size();
    public boolean isEmpty();
    public void clear();
    public boolean contains(E value);
    public void add(E value);
    public E remove(E value);
    public java.util.Enumeration elements();
    public Iterator<E> iterator();
    public Collection<E> values();
}
```

## Question for you

Why is a **structure** interface a **good idea**? What **benefit** do we get from having it?

## One reason

Suppose we write a **method** that takes a **structure**. We could give it an instance of **any data structure** that implements the **structure** interface.

E.g., we could **iterate** over the elements and print them because **all structures** have the **iterator()** method.

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What about **order**?

Does the `structure` interface require that elements be **ordered**?

No.

Is order a property that **could be enforced** using interfaces?

No. Order is a **data-dependent property**, so there's no way to check whether something is ordered until runtime.

`OrderedStructure`

Nonetheless, we can **signal our intent** with an interface.

How would we write an `OrderedStructure` interface?

Do its elements need to have **any special property**? (i.e., how would we **compare** them?)

Let's try to write this.

(code)

## OrderedVector

Let's try implementing an `OrderedVector`.

(code)

## OrderedVector

How do we figure out where `add` should insert?

Binary search to the rescue.

## Binary search

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Want to know **whether** the array contains the value **322**, and if so, what its **index** is.

Binary search is a **divide-and-conquer** algorithm that solves this problem.

Binary search is **fast**: in the **worst case**, it returns an answer in  **$O(\log_2 n)$**  steps.

## Binary search

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**Important precondition**: array must be **sorted**.

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**322** < 101? **no**

**322** > 101? **yes**

## Binary search

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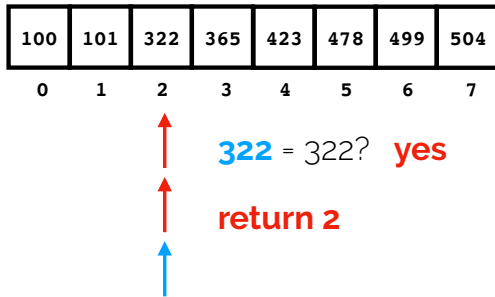
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## Recap & Next Class

Today we learned:

Ordered structures

Next class:

More about ordered structures,

Shunting yard,

Trees