## CSE 326: Data Structures Lecture #0 Introduction

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Come up and say hello!

### Today's Outline

- Administrative Cruft
- Overview of the Course
- Queues
- Stacks
- Project #1







### **Course Mechanics**

- 326 Web page: www/education/courses/326/01su
- 326 course directory: /cse/courses/cse326
- 326 mailing list: cse326@cs.washington.edu
  subscribe to the mailing list using majordomo, see homepage
- Course labs are 232 and 329 Sieg Hall
   lab has NT machines w/X servers to access UNIX
- All programming projects graded on UNIX/g++



### Observation

- All programs manipulate data
  - programs process, store, display, gather
  - data can be information, numbers, images, sound
- Each program must decide how to store data
- Choice influences program at every level
  - execution speed
  - memory requirements
  - maintenance (debugging, extending, etc.)





Abstract Data Type (ADT) -

- 1) An opportunity for an acronym
- 2) Mathematical description of an object and the set of operations on the object



## Why so many data structures?

Ideal data structure: fast, elegant, memory efficient

#### Generates tensions:

- time vs. space
- performance vs. elegance
- generality vs. simplicity
- one operation's performance vs. another's

#### **Dictionary ADT**

- list
- binary search tree
- AVL tree
- Splay tree
- Red-Black tree
- hash table

### **Code Implementation**

- Theoretically
  - abstract base class describes ADT
  - inherited implementations implement data structures
  - can change data structures transparently (to client code)
- Practice
  - different implementations sometimes suggest different interfaces (generality vs. simplicity)
  - performance of a data structure may influence form of client code (time vs. space, one operation vs. another)

### **ADT Presentation Algorithm**

- Present an ADT
- Motivate with some applications
- Repeat until browned entirely through
  - develop a data structure for the ADT
  - analyze its properties
    - efficiency
    - correctness
    - limitations
    - ease of programming
- Contrast data structure's strengths and weaknesses
  - understand when to use each one

















## Stacks in Practice

- Function call stack
- Removing recursion
- Balancing symbols (parentheses)
- Evaluating Reverse Polish Notation
- Depth first search







- Arrays
- Linked lists
- Trees
- Queues
- Stacks

# To Do

- Sign up on the cse326 mailing list
- Check out the web page
- Log on to a PC in the course labs and access an instructional UNIX server
- Read Chapters 1 and 3 in the book

## Coming Up

- Unix Tutorial
  - Tuesday (tomorrow) 10:50, Sieg 322
- Multi-Lists
- Priority Queues and Heaps
- Templates Tutorial
- First homework