

Data Structures

Lists and List ADT

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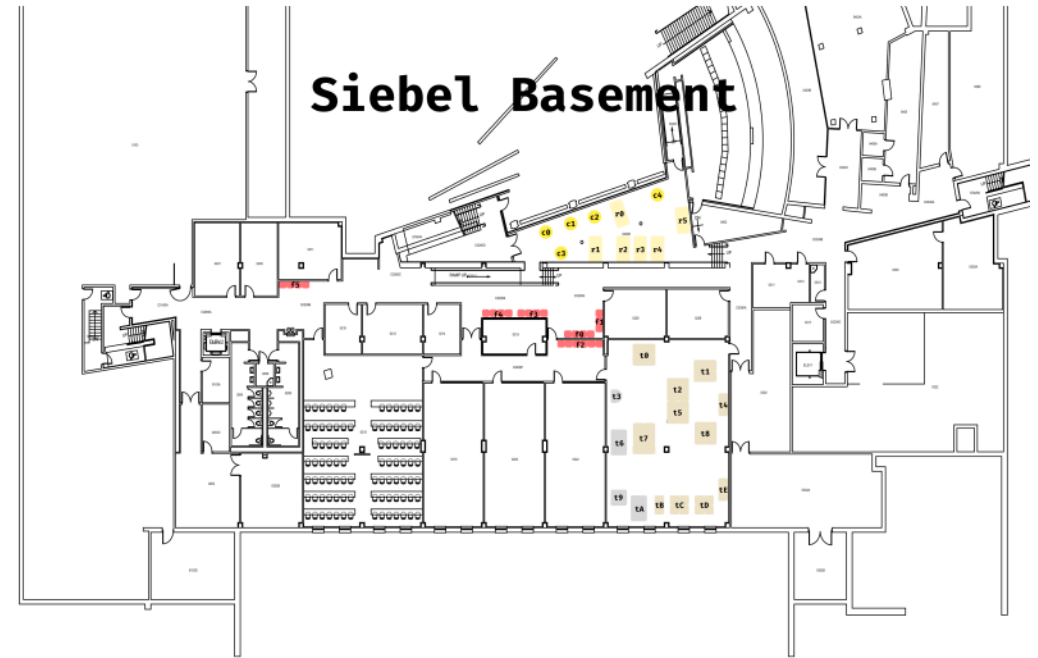
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MP_Stickers Released

An introduction to assignments in CS 225

A focused look at memory management / Rule of Three

Practice with Image processing / code testing

No extra credit / early submission for this MP!

Be sure to set up your Illinois CS 225 Git repo!

General MP Tips

Start by reading the web page!

Take a look at the doxygen for **interface** requirements

The **implementation** is decided by you!

Most autograder tests are provided for you locally

MP_Stickers Highlights

Part 1: test_invert()

Your first example of a templated function!

```
1  template <class T>
2  bool test_invert(){
3      // Your code here
4      // (As this is the only
5  templated function, we aren't
... using a .hpp file in this
28 instance)
29     return false;
30 }
31
32
33
34
```

MP_Stickers Highlights

Part 2: StickerSheet

Big Picture: Memory Management! (Who owns what?)

Read the docs!

◆ render()

Image StickerSheet::render () const

Renders the whole **StickerSheet** on one **Image** and returns that **Image**.

The base picture is drawn first and then each sticker is drawn in order starting with layer zero (0), then layer one (1), and so on.

If a pixel's alpha channel in a sticker is zero (0), no pixel is drawn for that sticker at that pixel. If the alpha channel is non-zero, a pixel is drawn. (Alpha blending is awesome, but not required.)

The returned image always includes the full contents of the picture and all stickers. It should expand in each corresponding direction if stickers go beyond the edge of the picture.

Returns

An **Image** object representing the drawn scene

Exam 0 (1/26 — 1/29)



An introduction to CBTF exam environment / expectations

Quiz on foundational knowledge from all pre-reqs

Practice questions can be found on PL

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Learning Objectives

Define the functions and operations of the List ADT

Discuss list implementation strategies

Explore how to code and use a linked list

Practice fundamentals of C++ in the context of lists

Last time: Memory management

Local memory on the stack is managed by the computer

Heap memory allocated by **new** and freed by **delete**

Pass by value makes a copy of the object

Pass by pointer can be dereferenced to modify an object

Pass by reference modifies the object directly

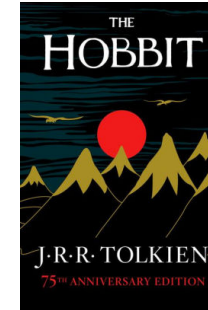
Memory Management - Ownership

Pass by **Value**:

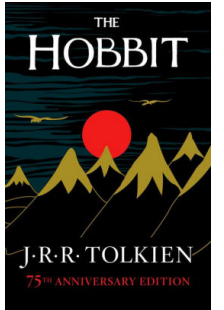
A local copy of the original

Ex: `addBook(Book book)`

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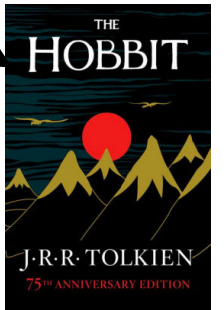
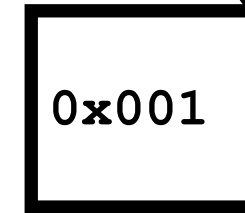


Pass by **Pointer to Value**:

An address on the heap

Ex: `addBook(Book* book)`

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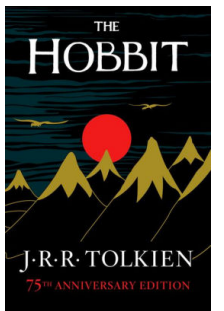
Pass by **Reference**:

An *alias* to an existing variable

Ex: `addBook(Book& book)`

Local var Y
is X

X=



Templates

A way to write generic code whose type is determined during completion



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1. Templates are a recipe for code using generic types



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1. Templates are a recipe for code using generic types

2. The compiler uses templates to generate C++ code **when needed**

```
T sum(T a, T b) {  
    ...  
}
```

template1.hpp



```
1 template <typename T>
2 T max(T a, T b) {
3     T result;
4     result = (a > b) ? a : b;
5     return result;
6 }
7
```

Templates are very useful!

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What is your favorite data structure?

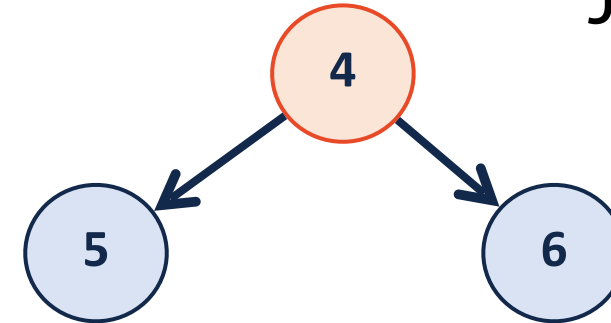


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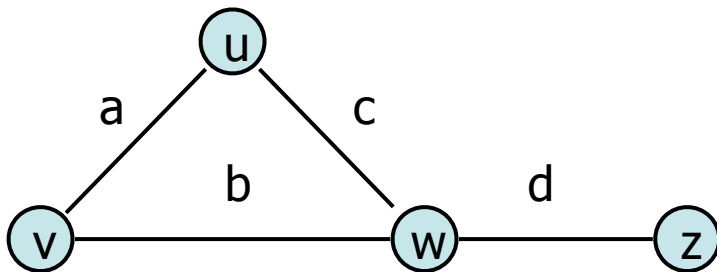
A) Lists



B) Trees



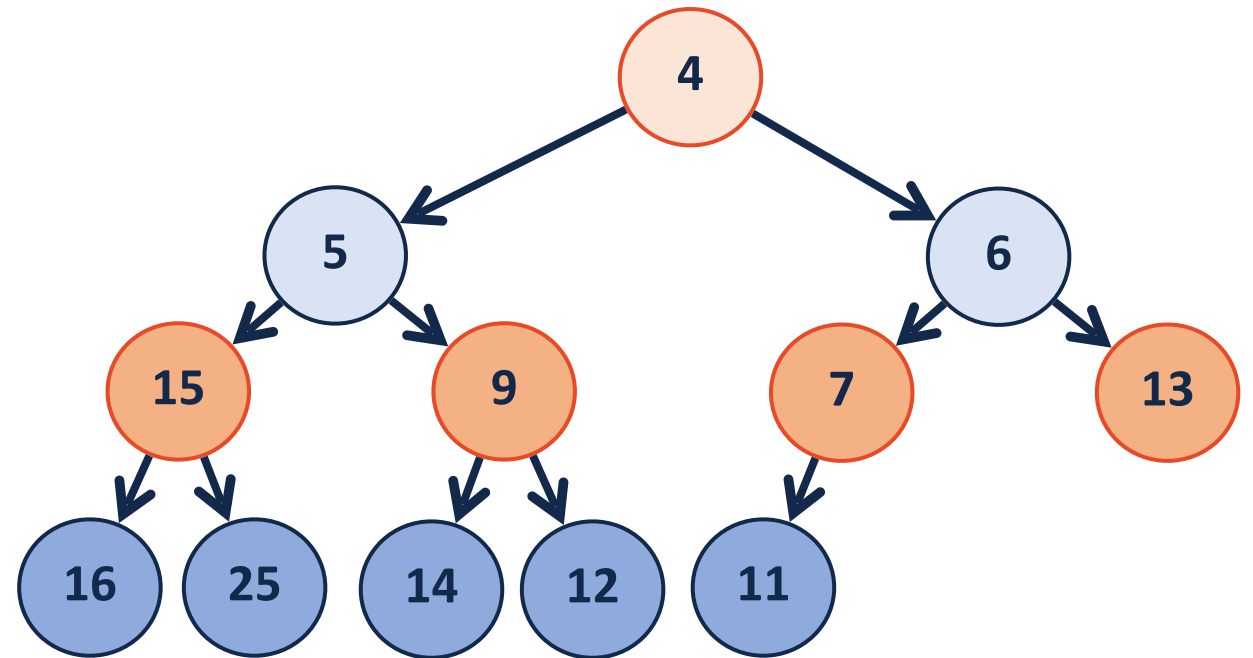
C) Graphs



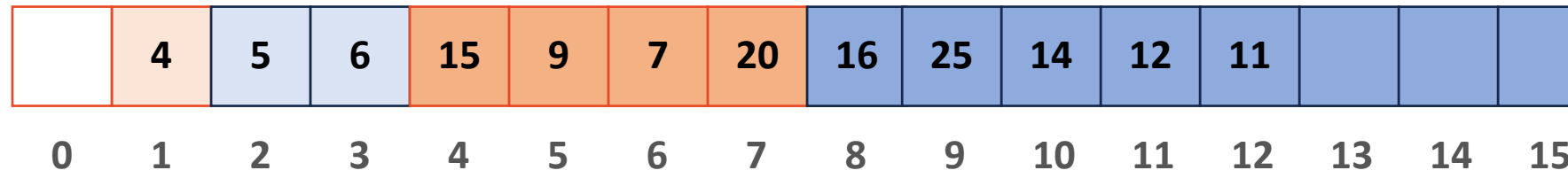
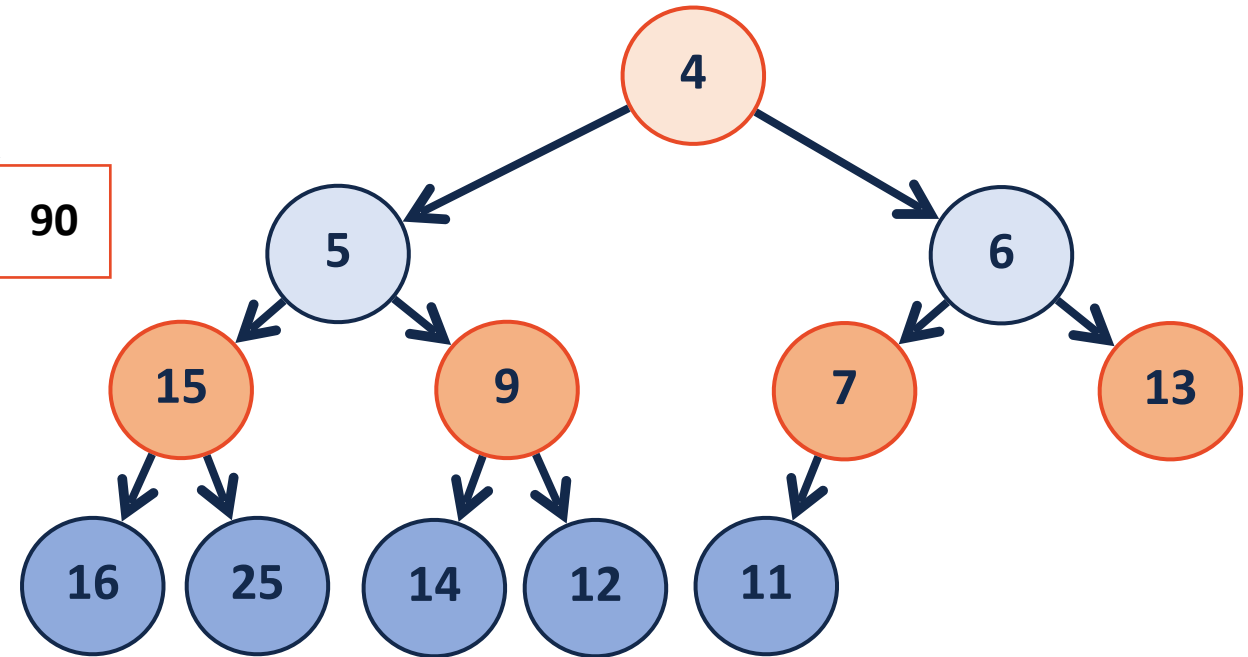
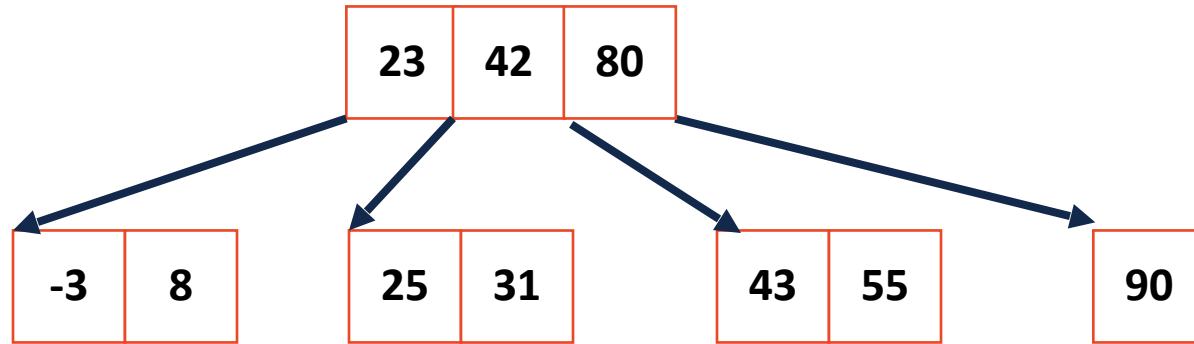
D) Hash Tables

0	Apple
1	∅
2	Pear

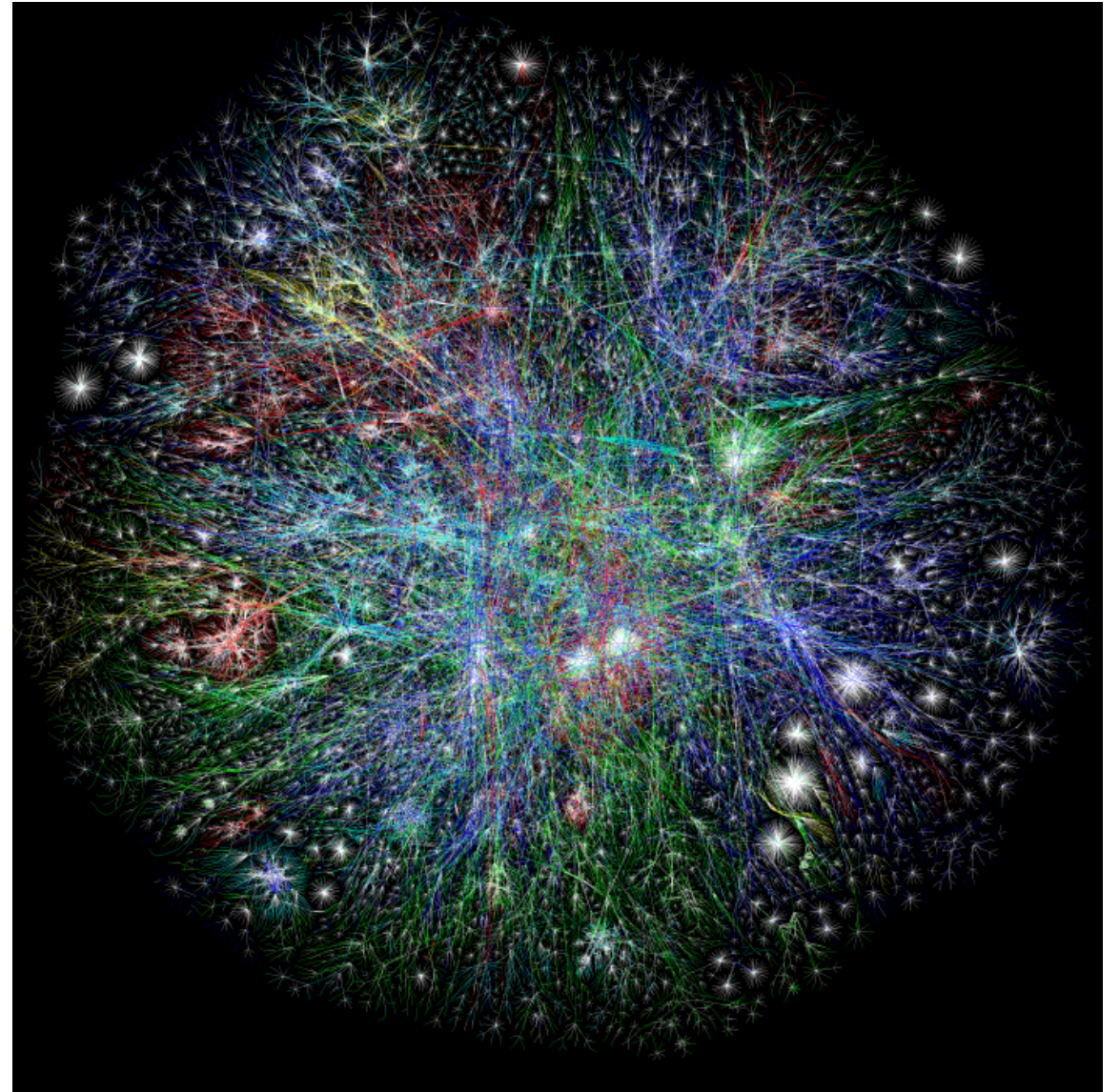
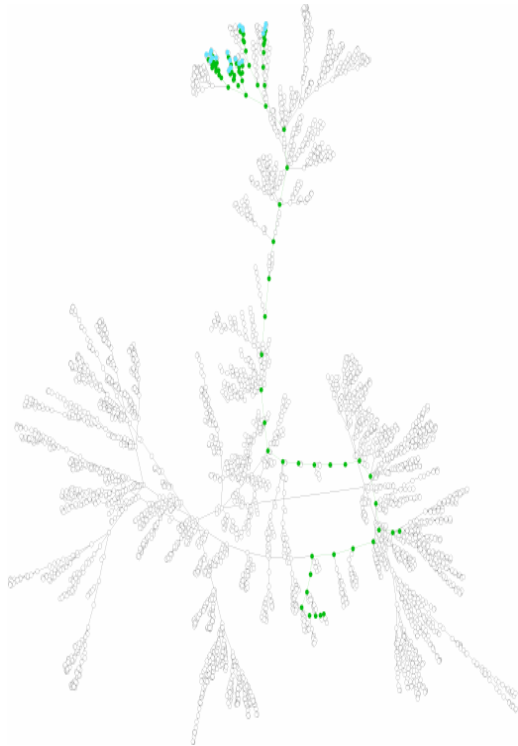
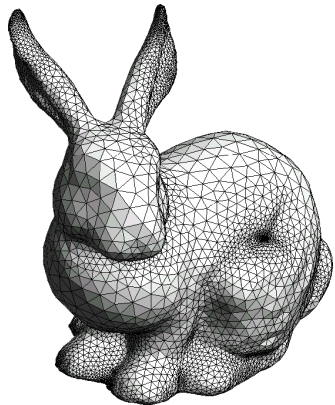
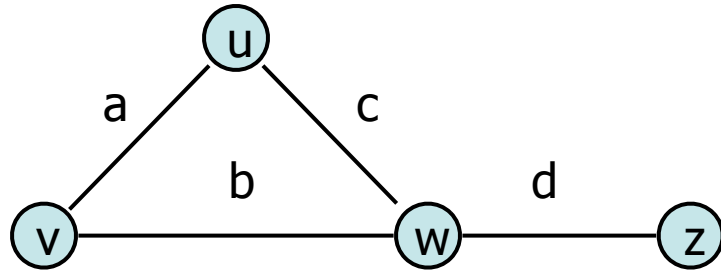
Your favorite data structure: Trees



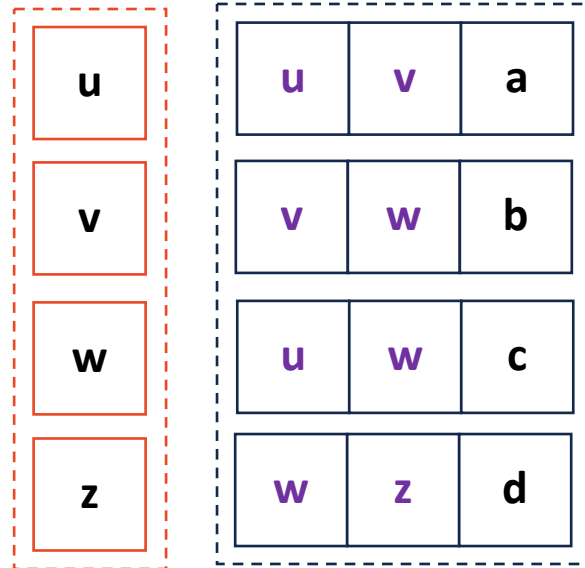
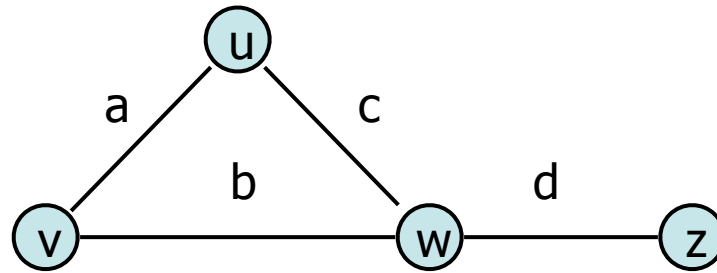
Your favorite data structure: ~~Trees~~ Lists



Your favorite data structure: Graphs

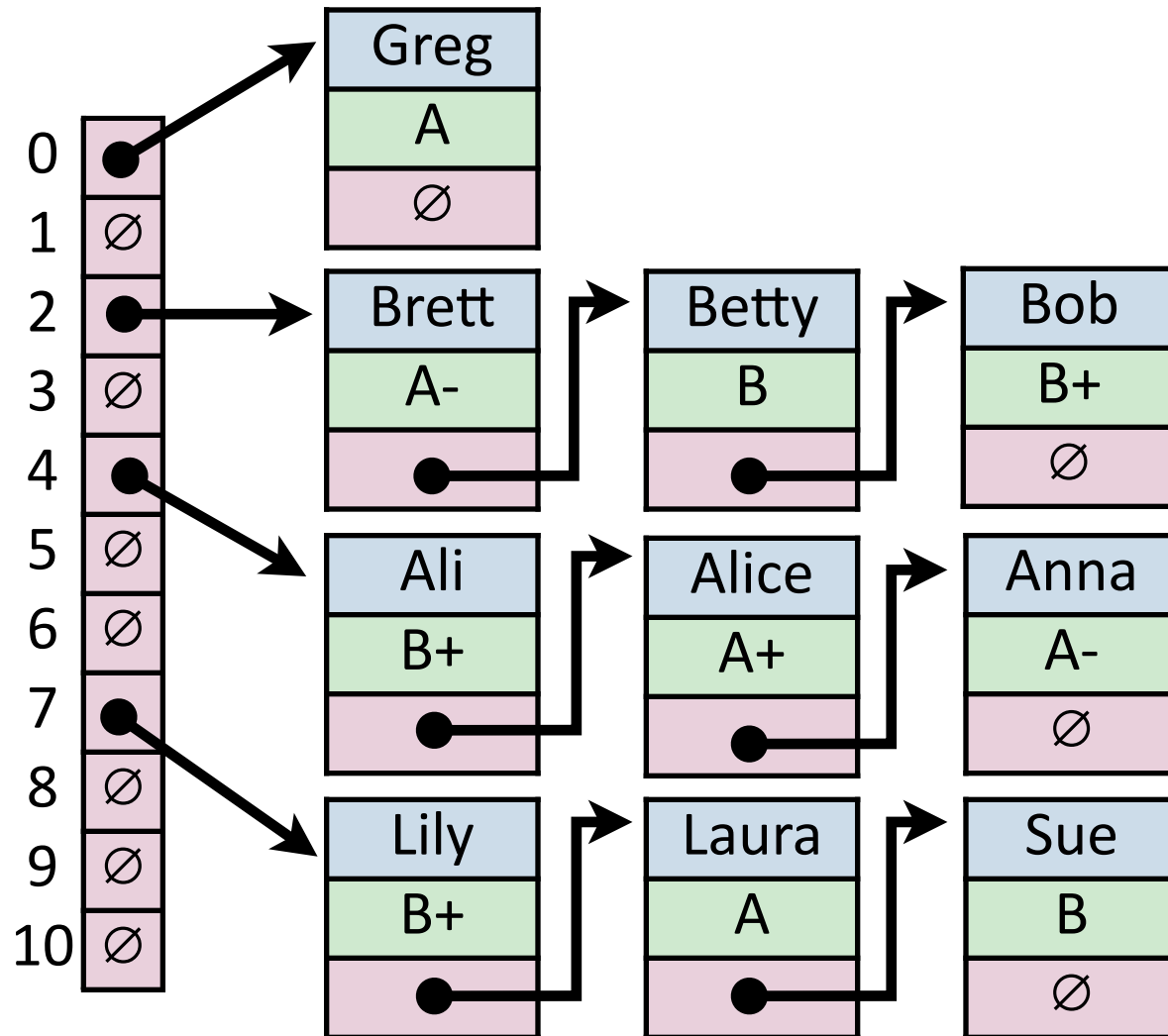


Your favorite data structure: ~~Graphs~~ *Lists*



Your favorite data structure: Hash Tables

$$H = \{h_1, h_2, \dots, h_k\}$$



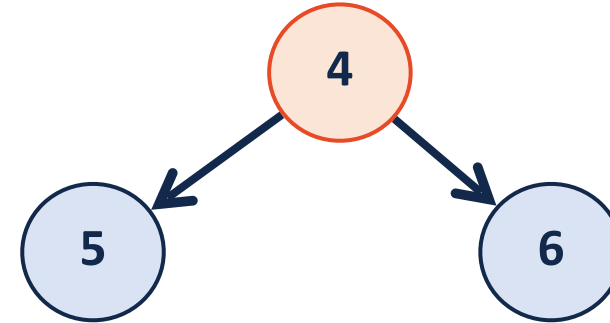
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So 100% of people are excited about lists!

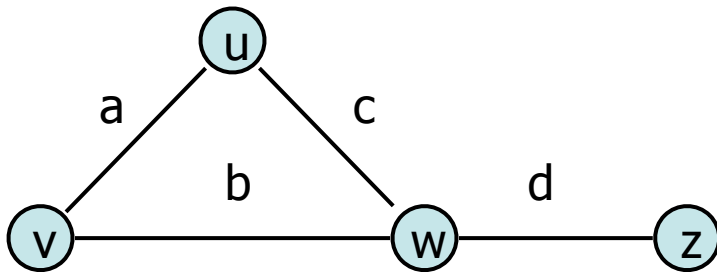
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1	$\emptyset$
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Note: Not every tree / graph / hash is actually a list :)

Abstract Data Types

A way of describing a data type as a combination of:

Data being stored by the data type

Operations that can be performed on the data type

The actual implementation details of the ADT aren't relevant!

List ADT (What do we want our list to do?)



List ADT

A list is an **ordered** collection of items

Items can be either **heterogeneous** or **homogenous**

The list can be of a **fixed size** or is **resizable**

A minimal set of operations (that can be used to create all others):

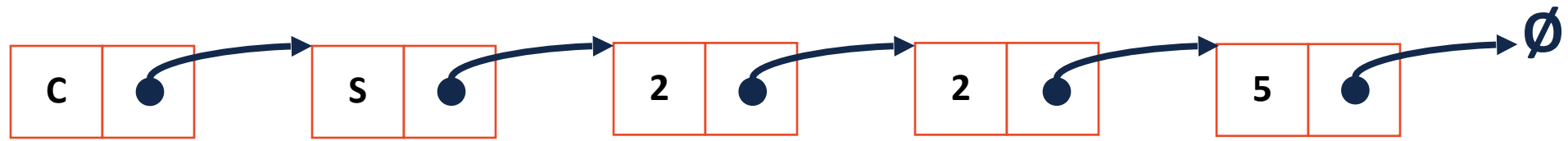
1. Insert
2. Delete
3. isEmpty
4. getData
5. Create an empty list

List Implementations

1.

2.

Linked List



```
28 class ListNode {  
29     T & data;  
30     ListNode * next;  
31     ListNode(T & data) : data(data), next(NULL) { }  
32 };
```

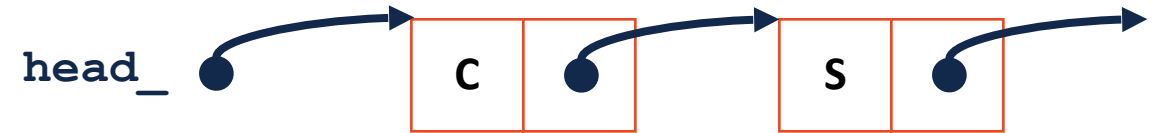
Why is **data** stored as a reference?

Why is **next** a pointer?

List.h

```
1  #pragma once
2
3
4  class List {
5  public:
6      /* ... */
28  void insertAtFront(const T& t);
29
30  private:
31      class ListNode {
32          T & data;
33          ListNode * next;
34          ListNode(T & data) :
35              data(data), next(NULL) { }
36      };
37
38      ListNode *head_;
39
40      /* ... */
...
...  };
79
```

How do I access list given head_?



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35                 data(data), next(NULL) { }
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40         /* ... */
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... };
...
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```

What is missing in this code?

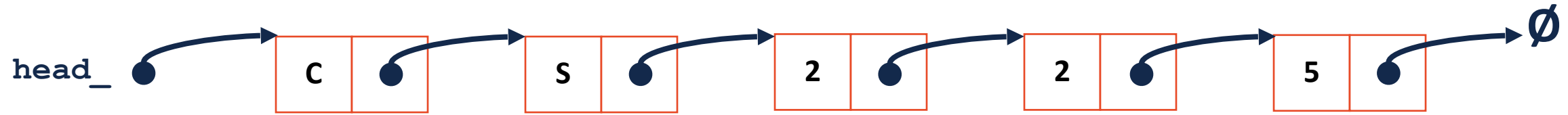
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40         /* ... */
41
...     };
...
79 #include "List.hpp"
```

List.hpp

```
1
2
3
4 void List<T>::insertAtFront(const T& t)
5 {
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22 }
```


Linked List: insertAtFront(data)



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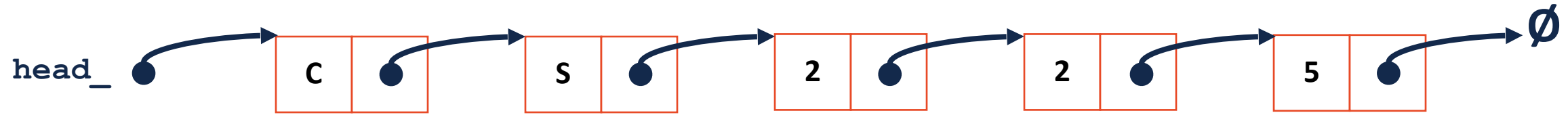
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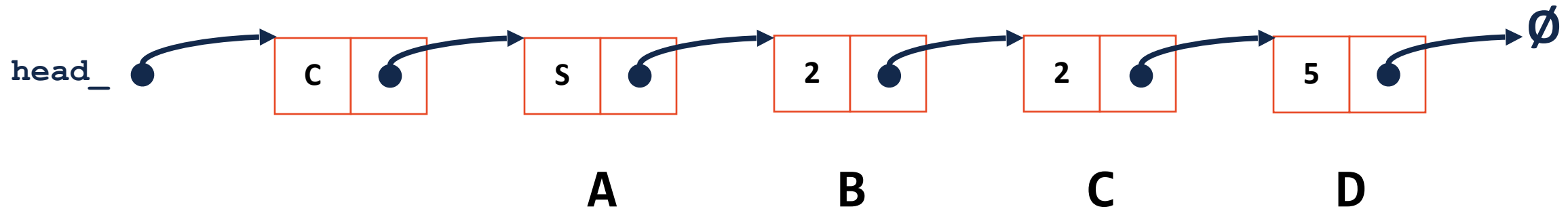


```
1
2
3 template <typename T>
4 void List<T>::insertAtFront(const T& t)
5 {
6
7     ListNode *tmp = new ListNode(data);
8
9
10    tmp->next = head_;
11
12
13    head_ = tmp;
14
15 }
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```

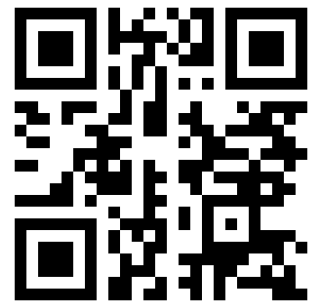
Linked List: insert(data, index)



Linked List: insert(data, index) **insert(d, 3)**

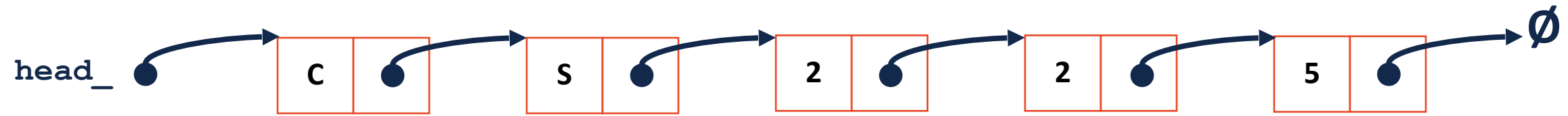


To insert a new ListNode at index 3, we need to **modify** which node?

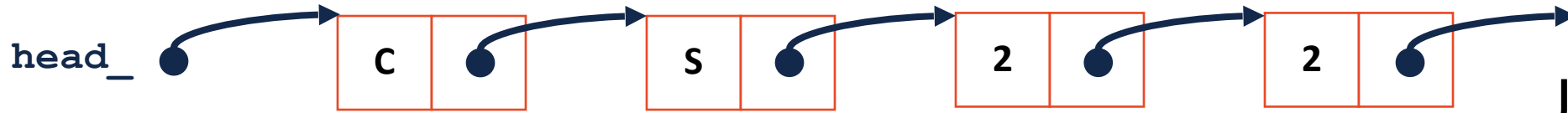


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Linked List: `_index(index)`



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What should the return type of `_index()` be?

[template <class T>]

(A) T &

(B) ListNode

(C) ListNode *

(D) ListNode *&

```
58 template <typename T>
59 typename List<T>::ListNode *& List<T>::_index(unsigned index) {
60     return _index(index, head_)
61 }
```

```
63 template <typename T>
64 typename List<T>::ListNode *& List<T>::_index(unsigned index, ListNode *& root) {
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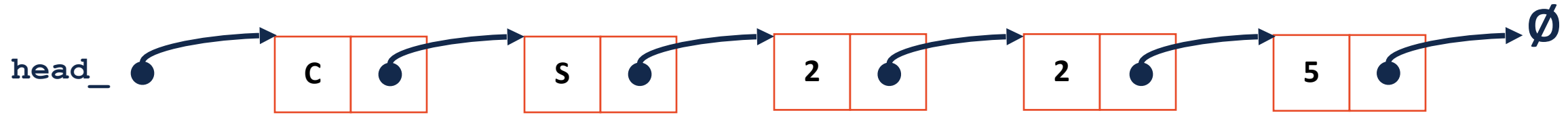
```
63 template <typename T>
64 typename List<T>::ListNode *& List<T>::_index(unsigned index, ListNode *& root) {
65
66     if (index == 0 || node == nullptr) {
67         return node;
68     }
69
70     return _index(index - 1, root -> next);
71
72
73 }
```



```
1 // Iterative Solution:
2 template <typename T>
3 typename List<T>::ListNode *& List<T>::_index(unsigned index) {
4     if (index == 0) { return head; }
5     else {
6         ListNode *curr = head;
7         for (unsigned i = 0; i < index - 1; i++) {
8             curr = curr->next;
9         }
10        return curr->next;
11    }
12 }
```

Which solution is better (iterative or recursive)?

Linked List: insert(data, index)



1) Get reference to previous node's next

```
ListNode *& curr = _index(index);
```

2) Create new ListNode

```
ListNode * tmp = new ListNode(data);
```

3) Update new ListNode's next

```
tmp->next = curr;
```

4) Modify the previous node to point to new ListNode

```
curr = tmp;
```

```
1  template <typename T>
2  void List<T>::insertAtFront(const T& t)
3  {
4      ListNode *tmp = new ListNode(t);
5
6      tmp->next = head_;
7
8      head_ = tmp;
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10 }
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```

```
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2  void List<T>::insert(const T & data,
3  unsigned index) {
4
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6
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10
11      ListNode * tmp = new ListNode(data);
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15      tmp->next = curr;
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19      curr = tmp;
20 }
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```

Next Time: List Random Access []

Given a list L , what operations can we do on L []?

What return type should this function have?