

## BST Operations

insert a node  
delete a node  
print the tree contents  
search for a value

### Insert

Iterative and recursive

#### Iterative

Assume we have a node:

```
node:  
node *parent  
node *leftchild  
node *rightchild  
int key
```

and a BST class, where the root of the tree is stored.

BST:

```
private:  
node *root  
// the only access to the tree is through the root
```

insert(value)

```
node *parent = nullptr  
node *tmp = root  
while (tmp != nullptr) {  
    parent = tmp  
    if (key < tmp->key)  
        tmp = tmp->leftchild  
    else  
        tmp = tmp->rightchild  
}  
if (parent == nullptr) { // tree is empty  
    root = n  
} else if (key < parent->key)  
    parent->leftchild = n  
    n->parent = parent  
else  
    parent->rightchild = n  
    n->parent = parent
```

Notes:

if parent = nullptr after while loop, the root is not defined yet and the tree is empty.

After the while exits, we know which node is the parent, but not whether the new node is the left or right child. That's why we have the conditional after the while.

Ex:

insert(12)

```
      10  
     /  \  
    5    15  
   /  \  
  14  14
```

initially,  
tmp = nullptr.  
in the while,  
parent set to 10 node, then 15 node, then 14 node.  
while exits when the left child of the 14 is null.  
After the while, parent points to the 14, and 12 added as the left child.

### Search(value)

// similar to insert, but returns a pointer to the node instead of adding a node.

```
node *tmp = root  
while (tmp != nullptr) {  
    if (tmp->key > value)  
        tmp = tmp->leftchild  
    else if (tmp->key < value)  
        tmp = tmp->rightchild  
    else  
        return tmp  
}
```

### Trees and Subtrees



root = 1  
2 is the root of a smaller subtree.

3 is the root of a smaller subtree

Every node in the tree is the root of a subtree, even the leaf nodes.

Self-similarity - Object  
is similar to a part of itself.

Trees have a recursive structure - defined in terms of itself. Tree defined by the subtrees within it.

Recursive algorithm - algo. that calls itself on smaller and smaller input

Print all nodes in tree

Need to visit all nodes and print key value.  
Easiest to do recursively

```
print(node *n) // n = root  
cout << n->key << endl  
if (n->leftchild != nullptr) {  
    print(n->leftchild)  
}  
if (n->rightchild != nullptr) {  
    print(n->rightchild)  
}
```

Ex:

