

Memory representation of Binary tree:

A binary tree data structure is represented using two methods:

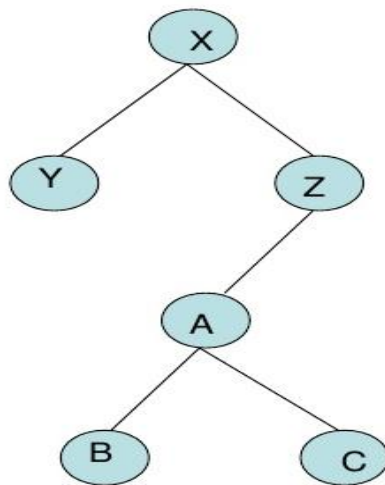
1. Array Representation
2. Linked List Representation

1. Array representation of Binary tree

This representation uses a single linear array *tree* following the below rules:

- (i) The root of the tree is stored in *tree[0]*.
- (ii) If a node occupies *tree[i]*, then its left child is stored in *tree[2*i+1]*, and its right child is stored in *tree[2*i+2]*.

Example:



Tree:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
X	Y	Z			A						B	C

Root is node X stored in tree [0], i.e. $i=0$

its left child will be stored in $\text{tree}[2*i+1]=\text{tree}[2*0+1]=\text{tree}[1]$.

Therefore, the left child, i.e. node Y is stored in tree[1] location in the array.

The right child of node X will be stored in $\text{tree}[2*i+2]=\text{tree}[2*0+2]=\text{tree}[2]$

Therefore, the right child, i.e. node Z is stored in tree[2] location in the array.

Left child of node Z at tree[2] location will be stored in $\text{tree}[2*i+1]=\text{tree}[2*2+1]=\text{tree}[5]$ i.e. node A will be stored in tree [5]

And so on.

2. Linked list representation:

A node is divided into three fields:

- Data
- left pointer field used to store address of left child,
- right pointer field used to store address of right child

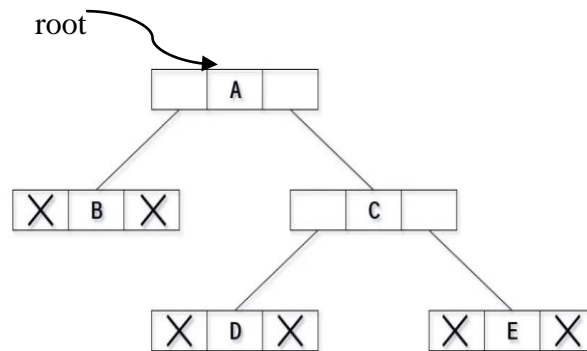
Example of a node:

Left Child Address	Data	Right Child Address
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Structure of a node:

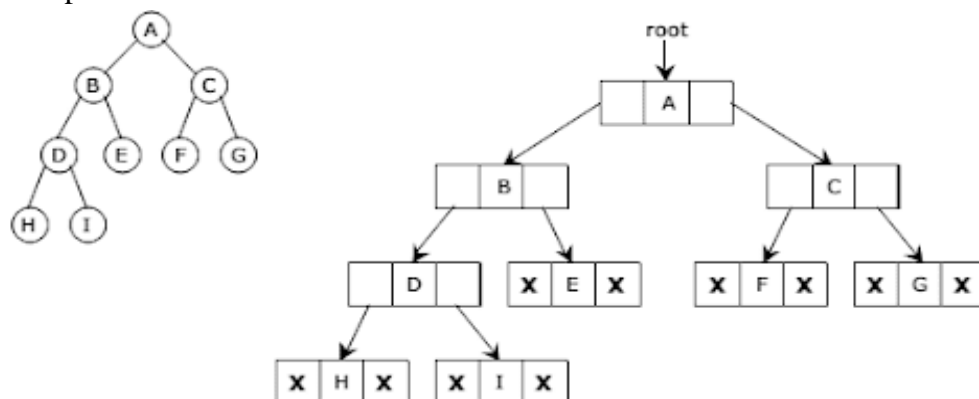
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struct node
{
    int data;
    struct node *left, *right;
}*root=NULL;
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Exmple-1:



If any of left or right child is empty then the pointers contain NULL value

Example-2 :



[Linked list representation of a binary tree]

// Cross symbol indicates NULL