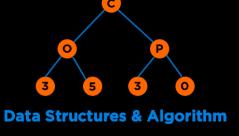
Data Structures & Algorithms COP 3530: Spring 2024



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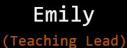






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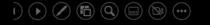
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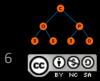
Course Objectives



What is this Course About?

This course covers algorithm development using

- pseudo languages
- basic program structures
- program design techniques
- storage and manipulation of basic data structures
- 3 Credit Hours



What is this Course About?

Conceptual Understanding

Data Structures & Algorithms

Implementation

Critical Thinking or Problem Solving



Categories of Data Structures

Linear Ordered

Non-linear Ordered

Not Ordered

Lists

Trees

Sets

Stacks

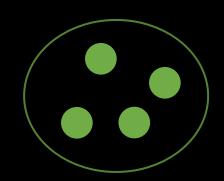
Graphs

Tables/Maps

Queues









Categories of Algorithms

Brute Force

Divide & Conquer

Greedy

Dynamic Programming

Selection Sort

Binary Search

Minimum Spanning Tree

Knapsack

Bubble Sort

Merge Sort

Shortest Paths

Fibonacci

Insertion Sort

Quick Sort

NP Complete Problems



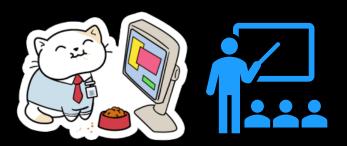


Logistics & Policies

Format



Action Items by Monday morning



Attend discussions on Tue/Wed.



Watch lectures synchronously on Mon, Wed, Fri live or via Zoom.



- 1. Conceptual Quiz due on Fri.
- 2. Programming Quiz due on Fri.



Communication

Slack



- Everything!
 - for all question related to the course
 - for communicating with peers
 - one-to-one communication with me
- Use Appropriate Tags
- Response in < 48 business hours

Office Hours



- Monday 4:30-6:30 pm
- By Appointment (24 hours in advance)



Communication



Email

Fine for

- Personal
- Accommodations
- Emergencies



Not okay for

- Questions regarding logistics
- Questions on coding
- Fixing bugs



Communication







Debugging

- Students should visit the course staff during scheduled office hours for help and provide context for help.
- Debugging requests for projects/quiz questions must first go through the TAs or peer mentors. This is strongly encouraged given we have a large class and several of you might have similar questions.
- If your problem is not fixed, then start a conversation with both the Instructor and the TA/Peer mentor who you asked for help. Debugging requests to the Instructor as a Slack direct message or an email will be ignored if you do not follow the above protocol.

Grading

Modality	Assignment	% of Final Grade
Individual	Programming / HTG Quizzes (drop two lowest)	12%
	Conceptual quizzes (drop two lowest)	10%
	Exam 1	20%
	Exam 2 (Cumulative)	20%
	Project 1	14%
	Project 2	10%
	Discussion participation activities	4%
Collaborative	Final Project (Individual or Group: 3a & 3b)	10%
Individual	Individual Extra Credit Opportunities & Bug Bounty Program	
		Total: 103%

Total assessments: 26 excluding extra credit and class participation

Timeline

Week	Dates		Topic	Deadlines
1	8-Jan	14-Jan	Course Introduction/ Algorithm Analysis	
2	15-Jan	21-Jan	List, Stacks, & Queues	Q_1, Q_2
3	22-Jan	28-Jan	Trees & Traversals	Q_3
4	29-Jan	4-Feb	Balanced Trees 1	Q_4
5	5-Feb	11-Feb	Balanced Trees 2	Q_{5a}
6	12-Feb	18-Feb	Heaps & Priority Queues	Q_5b
7	19-Feb	25-Feb	Sorting	P_1 , Q_6
8	26-Feb	3-Mar	Exam 1 (March 1)	E ₁
9	4-Mar	10-Mar	Sets, Maps, & Hashing	P_3a
10	11-Mar	17-Mar	Spring Break	
11	18-Mar	24-Mar	Graphs 1	Q_7
12	25-Mar	31-Mar	Graphs 2	Q_8
13	1-Apr	7-Apr	Greedy Algorithms	P_{2} , Q_{9}
14	8-Apr	14-Apr	Exam 2 (April 12)	E ₂
15	15-Apr	21-Apr	Dynamic Programming	Q ₁₀
16	22-Apr	24-Apr	Complexity Theory	P _{3b}

Programming Language

Default (Project 1 & 2, Stepik/Edugator, Quizzes):

Compilation command:

g++ -std=c++14 -Werror -Wuninitialized -o EXECUTABLE_NAME YOUR_FILE.cpp

Project 3 or Final Project:

Any Language

Tools

Compiler

- G++
- Stepik/Edugator/Gradescope



IDE

- OnlineGDB
- Visual Studio Code
- Clion





Tools

Directory Structures

- test contains test files
- build contains executables (e.g. .exe)
- Know basic commands on compilation through command line:
 - cd, ls, mv, g++, pwd …

Textbook (Optional)

- Data Structures and Algorithm Analysis in C++
 - Mark Allen Weiss
 - o Fourth edition, 2014, ISBN 9780132847377
- OpenDSA Book
 - https://opendsa-server.cs.vt.edu/OpenDSA/Books/Everything/html/index.html

Feedback

- COP 3530 Feedback Form
- Bug Bounty Program
 - Quiz is not accessible due to a locked module
 - Typo in one of the quizzes/project descriptions
 - Incorrect solution in a certain test case
 - An accessibility bug such as no headings in documents for screen-readers
 - the algorithm has an off-by-one error



Expectations

- We want you to focus on
 - Correctness
 - Clean, readable, tested, and documented code
 - Secondary focus on optimization

- The course will not cover
 - Mathematical Proofs
 - Design Patterns
 - Competitive Programming

Expectations

Conceptual Quizzes and Exams:

- Work independently
- No discussion at the conceptual level
- You are allowed to
 - discuss solutions after the due date and late days have passed.

Expectations

Programming Quiz questions:

- Work independently or as a pair (Select a buddy in Week 1).
- The buddy must remain the same for the entire course.
- The course staff can help you on syntax issues, but we will not help you with semantic and logic issues for quizzes.
- Cite that you worked with a buddy in Line 1 of your code and add their name.
- You are allowed to
 - discuss solutions after the due date and late days have passed.
 - search for C++ syntax or refer to definitions of standard functions in the C++
 library. For example, using the documentation listed here is fine:
 https://www.cplusplus.com/reference/ or https://en.cppreference.com/w/



Academic Dishonesty

Project 1 and 2:

- Work independently
- Discussion at the conceptual level is fine if you are stuck with no sharing/viewing of code
- You are allowed to
 - discuss conceptually without discussing any code with a peer provided you cite the peer with who you discussed it. Such discussions should be held on a whiteboard using explanation figures/pseudo-codes or through talking.
 - discuss solutions after the due date and late days have passed.
 - search for C++ syntax or refer to definitions of standard functions in the C++ library. For example, using the documentation listed here is fine:
 - https://www.cplusplus.com/reference/ or https://en.cppreference.com/w/

Academic Dishonesty

Project 3 and Stepik ungraded questions:

■ It is fine to collaborate with peers. You must make sure you are not blindly copypasting another student's code. Also, you must cite the peer you worked with at the code level or conceptually.

Academic Dishonesty

- Sharing/copying, "borrowing" of code structure, looking at code from another student or providing such code, and plagiarism, in addition to other dishonest behaviors, are all considered to be academic dishonesty.
- No information regarding the project 1 and 2, quiz, and exam solutions may be shared by students. We strongly encourage that if you have doubts, visit the course staff inoffice hours. Looking at any piece of your peer's code, sharing files, searching for solutions found online, or using someone else to code your solution is strictly prohibited.
- Penalty
 - zero on that assignment and a two-letter final grade decrement for a first offense
 - E grade for second offence
 - For both offenses, you will be reported to the Honor Court

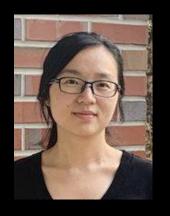
Request for Extensions

- Any request for assessment extensions should be backed by official documentation (e.g., from a medical professional, etc.) and should be sent over email. Requests without documentation will be ignored. The following reasons deem ineligibility for extensions or regrades:
 - Failure to submit on Canvas by due date/late date. Example: If a quiz is due at 11:59 pm, and you send the file at 12:01 am, the file will not be graded. Note that most assessments are open for 4 or more days and you must start early and submit it on time. In case you miss an assignment, treat it as a learning activity and avoid that in the future.
 - Forgetting to turn in an assessment on time.
 - File naming issues or feedback issues on projects or programming quizzes. Gradescope gives you feedback and please read it and fix your file and resubmit. Note that you have unlimited attempts on Gradescope for everything and we will not grade your files if you do not adhere to instructions on file submissions and/or if the Gradescope scores your file to 0. It is your responsibility to read the feedback and fix your code. In case you miss reading the feedback, treat it as a learning activity and avoid that in the future.

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 - Dr. James Aspen
 - Dr. Mark Weiss
 - Dr. Clifford Shaffer
 - OpenDSA
 - Dr. Cathy Hughes
- Videos Authority
 - Dr. Josh Hug
 - MIT OCW 6.006: Dr. Erik Demaine and Dr. Srini Devadas
 - Dr. Robert Sedgewick

- Videos Youtube
 - HackerRank: Data Structures
 - HackerRank: Algorithms
 - Back To Back SWE
 - MyCodeSchool
 - Abdul Bari
- GeeksforGeeks



Walkthrough

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- Canvas
- OpenDSA
- Slack
- Stepik/Edugator
- Gradescope

Questions