

# readme

## Lab 8

Goal: to give you experience with general trees and encapsulation. The trees we use in this lab use the `SibTree` data structure described in Lecture 24 (which you should review now), and are encapsulated in the same manner as the Homework 5 lists (whose design was the subject of Lecture 19). `SibTrees` are designed to ensure that the `SibTree` and `SibTreeNode` invariants (which are written out in their respective files) cannot be violated.

Please make sure you have a partner for this lab.

All the code is in the `tree` package. You can compile it with `"javac -g tree/*.java"`. Extensive test code is provided and can be run with `"java tree.SibTree"`.

Familiarize yourself with the fields and methods of the `SibTree` and `SibTreeNode` classes. `SibTree` has two fields, one inherited from the `Tree` abstract class.

```
int size;           // The number of SibTreeNodes in the SibTree.
SibTreeNode root;  // The node that serves as the root of the tree.
```

`SibTreeNode` has six fields, two inherited from the `TreeNode` abstract class.

```
Object item;        // Item stored at this SibTreeNode.
boolean valid;      // True if and only if this is a valid node.
SibTree myTree;     // The SibTree that contains this node.
SibTreeNode parent; // This node's parent.
SibTreeNode firstChild; // This node's first (leftmost) child.
SibTreeNode nextSibling; // This node's next sibling to the right.
```

As with the Homework 5 lists, the `Tree` class defines certain nodes to be invalid. In contrast to the Homework 5 lists, valid and invalid nodes are distinguished solely through the state of the `"valid"` field. When a `TreeNode` is removed from a tree, it becomes invalid. Methods like `parent()`, `child()`, and `nextSibling()` return an invalid node (never null!) if no such node exists. You may create an invalid node by calling the zero-parameter `SibTreeNode()` constructor. You may test whether a node `n` is valid by calling `n.isValidNode()`.

Every valid `SibTreeNode` is in some tree, specified by the `"myTree"` field.

Your task is to implement the `parent()`, `insertChild()`, and `removeLeaf()` methods of the `SibTreeNode` class. After you write each one, you may use the test code to check your progress.

### Part I: Accessing a Node's Parent (1 point)

Fill in the body of the `parent()` method in `SibTreeNode.java`. `parent()` returns the `SibTreeNode` that is the parent of `"this"` `SibTreeNode`. If `"this"` node is the root, return an invalid node.

Throw an `InvalidNodeException` if `"this"` node is not valid.

### Part II: Inserting New Children (3 points)

Fill in the body of `insertChild()`. `insertChild()` takes two parameters: an item and an integer `c`. Create a new child that is the `cth` child (from the left) of `"this"` node, and references the item indicated. Existing children numbered `c` or higher are shifted one place to the right to accommodate. If `c < 1`, act as if `c` is 1. If `"this"` node has fewer than `c` children, the new node is the last sibling.

Don't forget that `SibTrees` have a `"size"` field that needs to be updated.

Throw an `InvalidNodeException` if `"this"` node is not valid.

### BONUS Part III: Removing a Leaf (1 bonus point)

Fill in the body of `removeLeaf()`, which removes `"this"` node from the tree if it is a leaf, and does nothing if it is not a leaf. Upon completion, `"this"` node should be invalid.

As always, throw an `InvalidNodeException` if `"this"` node is not valid.

### Check-off

You'll receive points for each part that runs without printing any error messages. You can receive up to 5 points out of 4.