

# CSC230

# Outline

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- Lab 9 discussion

- TREE

# Why we need tree ?

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- What is the most important operation on data ?
  - ▣ Search
  - ▣ Array
  - ▣ Linked List
  - ▣ HashMap

# Problem with Linked List

## Searching in Linked List

- Searching in a linked list is time consuming
  - Traverse from the very beginning
  - How many nodes you have to visit if
    - Searching 1
    - Searching 2
    - Searching 3
    - ...
    - Searching 7

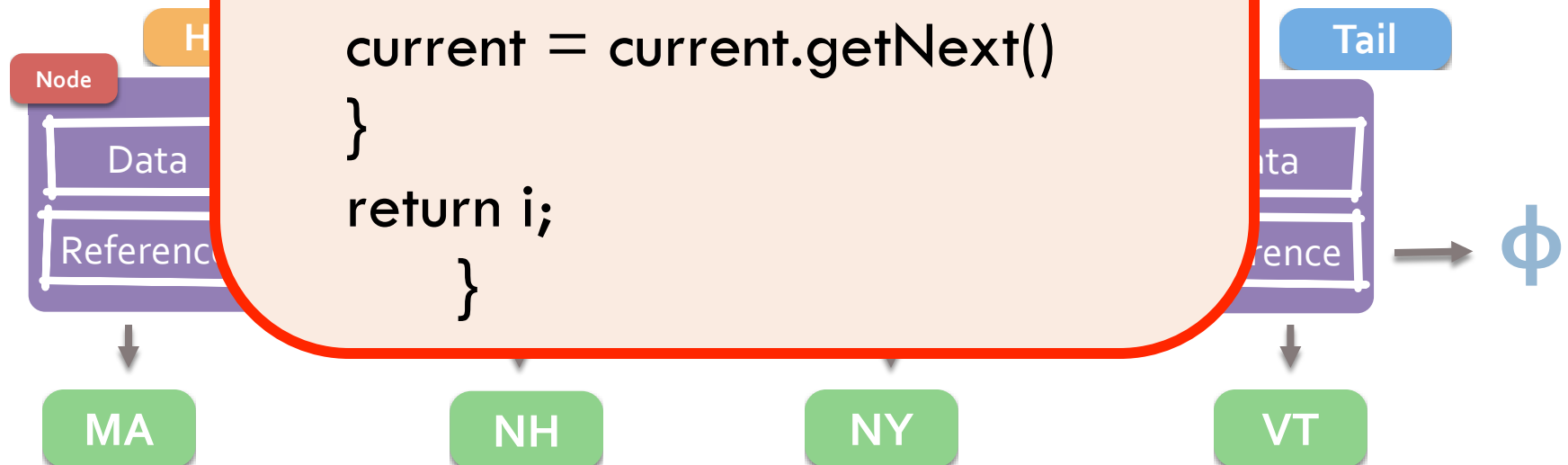


# Review: Linear Search

## Traversing the Linked List

- Traversing
- Singly

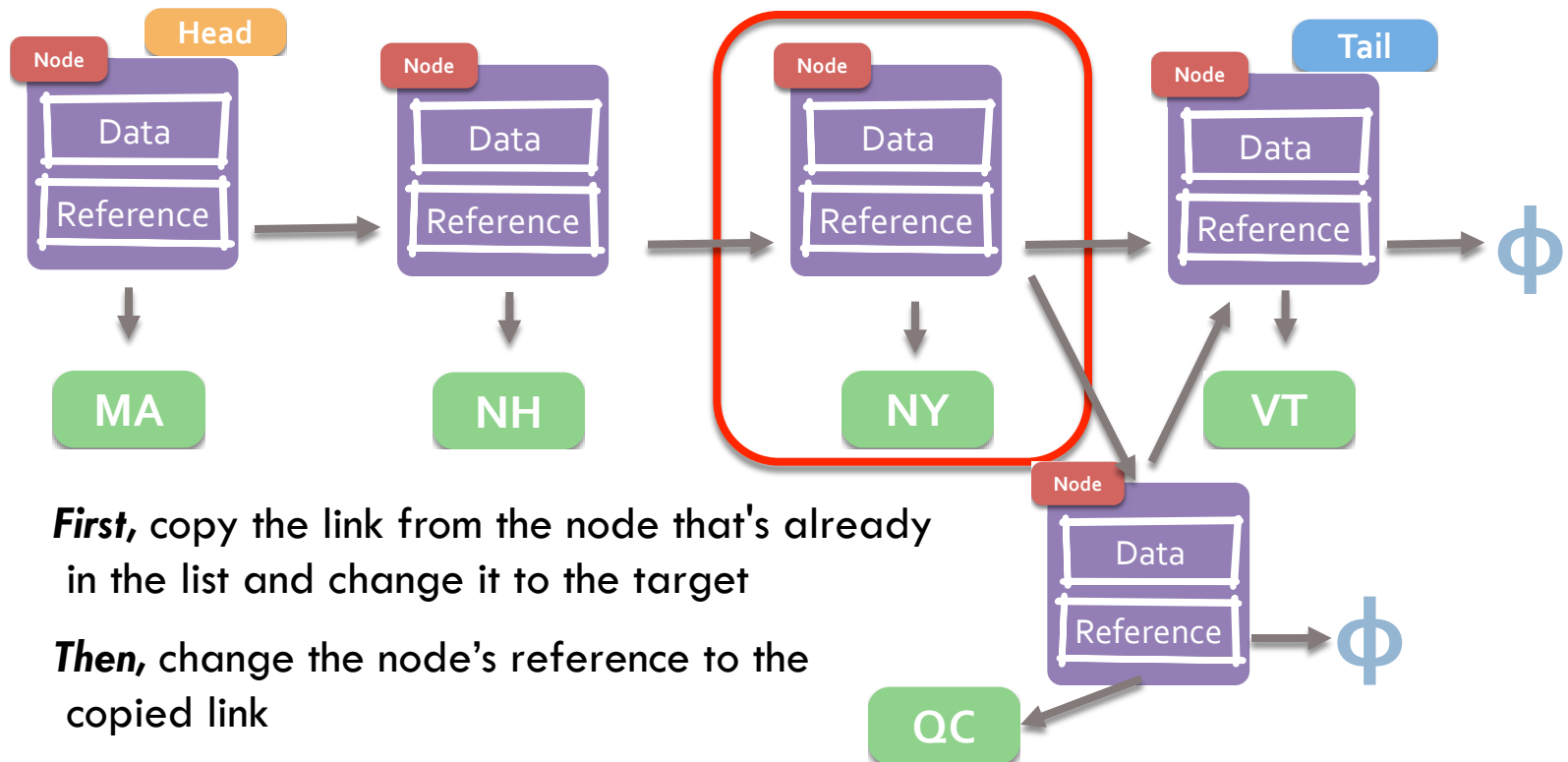
```
Public int getSize()  
{  
    int i=0;  
    Node current = head;  
    while (current != NULL)  
    {  
        i++;  
        current = current.getNext();  
    }  
    return i;  
}
```



# Review: Linear Search

## Insertion on Linked List

- How to insert QC after **NY** (middle)?
  - Create a new node with QC as the element
  - Find the node you want to insert after

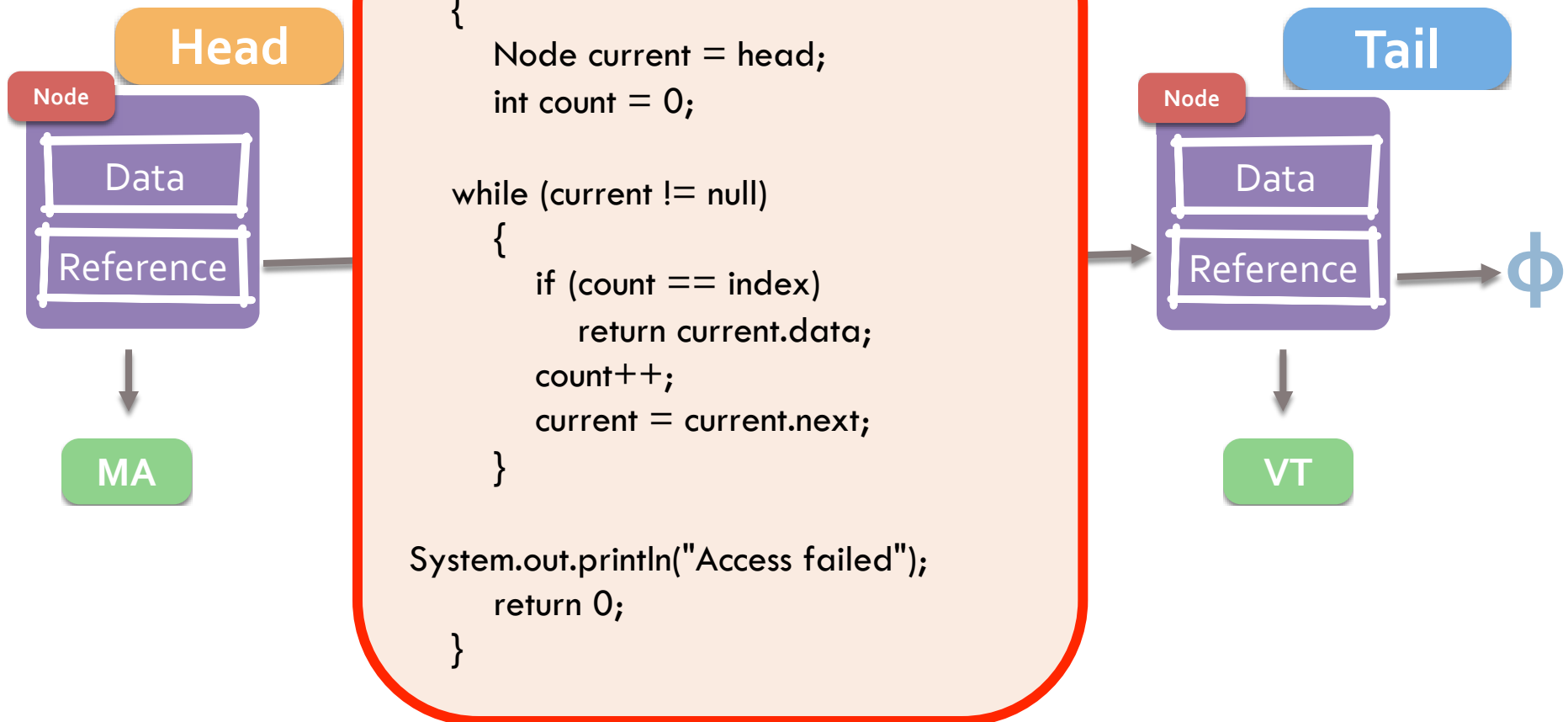


# Review: Linear Search

## Search on the Linked List

- How to find

- Find



# Binary Search

## Idea of Binary Search

- How many nodes you have to visit to find 93 with linear search algorithm ?
- How many nodes you have to visit to find 33 with linear search algorithm ?

6	13	14	25	33	43	51	53	64	72	84	93	95	96	97
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

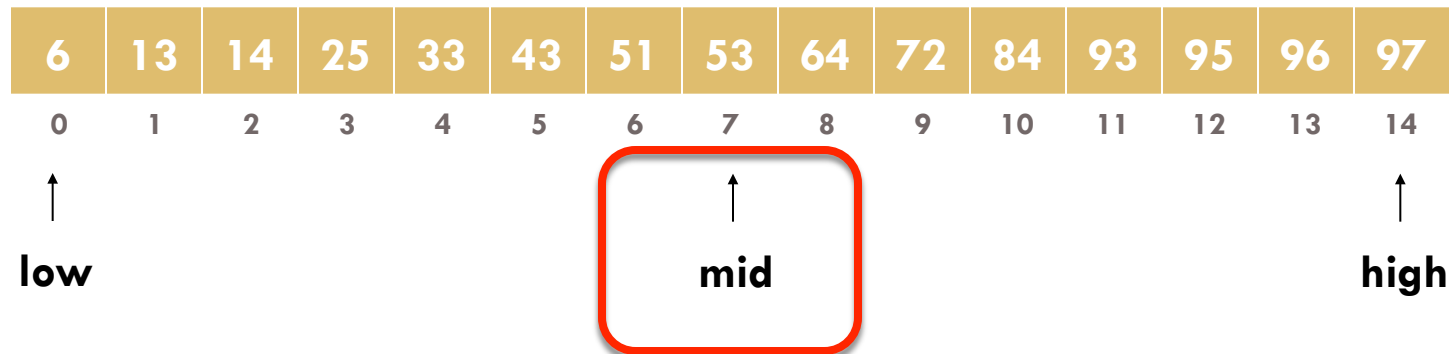
- Did you see the numbers in small size ?



# Binary Search

## Idea of Binary Search

- Search for **number 93**
- Based on the indexes, how can we find it faster ?
- In other words, how to make use of the indexes ?
  - Record the **low, high and mid**
  - **Start the search from the middle**



# Binary Search

## Idea of Binary Search

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- Based on the indexes, how can we find it faster ?
- In other words, how to make use of the indexes ?
  - Compare the target with the middle
  - **Focus on the right side only**
  - **What is our next step ?**

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# Binary Search

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								low			mid			high

- **Now, how to move forward ?**

# Binary Search

## Idea of Binary Search

- Search for **number 96** with binary search algorithm
- Which nodes you will visit ?
- First step : 53

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0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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# Binary Search

## Idea of Binary Search

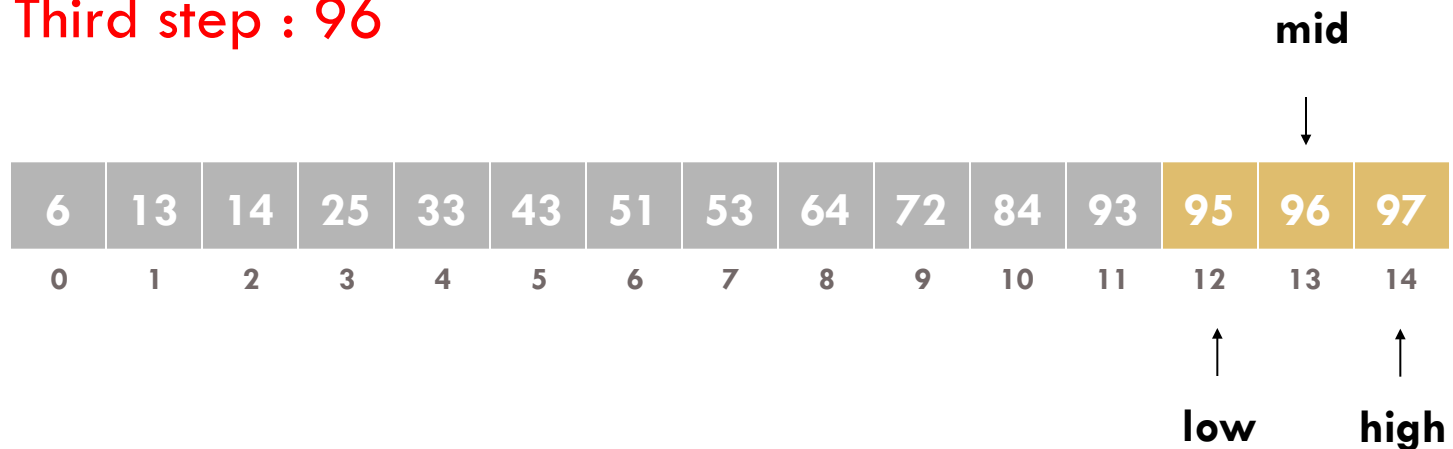
- Search for **number 96** with binary search algorithm
- Which nodes you will visit ?
- First step : 53
- Second step : 93

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# Binary Search

## Idea of Binary Search

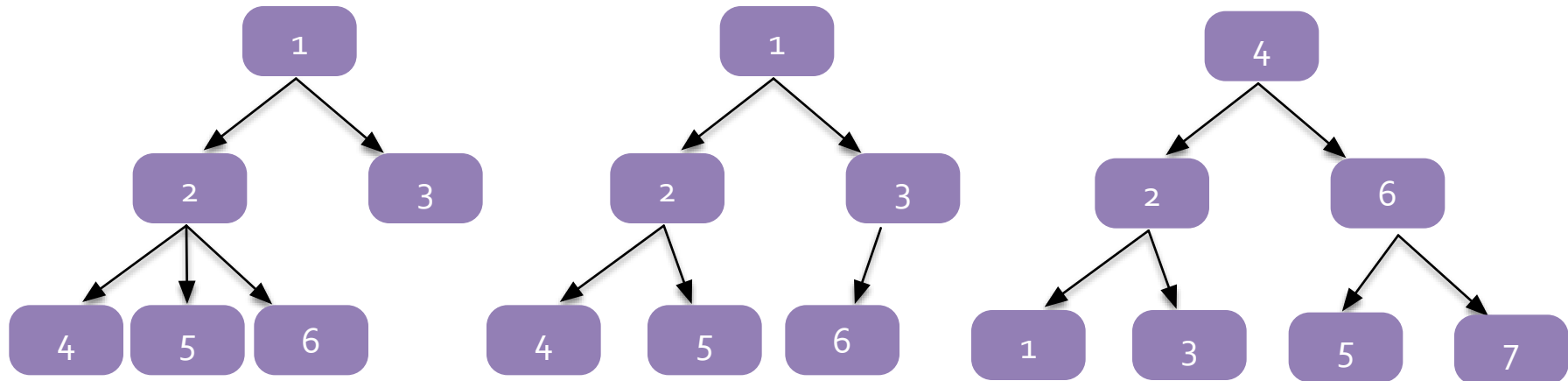
- Search for **number 96** with binary search algorithm
- Which nodes you will visit ?
- First step : 53
- Second step : 93
- Third step : 96



# To solve the problem: BST

## Binary Search Tree

- It is a tree structure
  - Each node can have at most two children
- It is a special tree
  - For every node in the tree, its key is greater than its left child's key and less than its right child's key



# To solve the problem: BST

## Searching in Binary Search Tree

items	Linked List	BST
1	1	1
3	2	1.67
7	4	2.43
15	8	3.29
31	16	4.16
63	32	5.09

key	Linked List	BST
1	1	3
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	1
5	5	3
6	6	2
7	7	3
Average	4	2.43





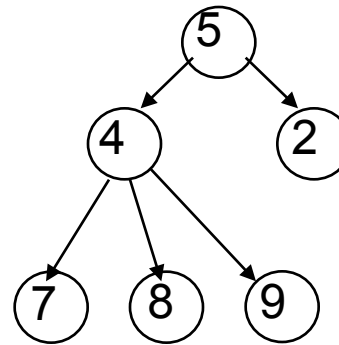
# Tree Overview

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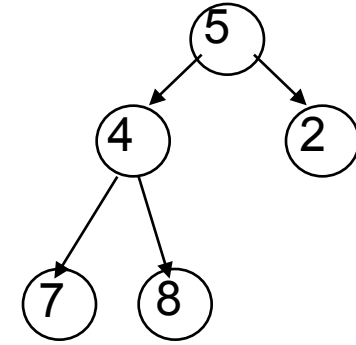
**Tree:** **recursive** data structure (similar to list)

- Each node may have zero or more *successors* (children)
- Each node has **exactly one** *predecessor* (parent) except the *root*, which has *none*
- All nodes are *reachable* from *root*

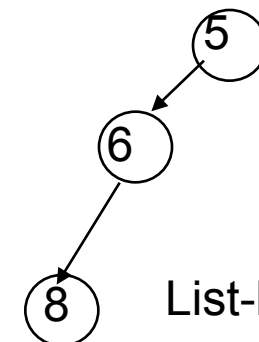
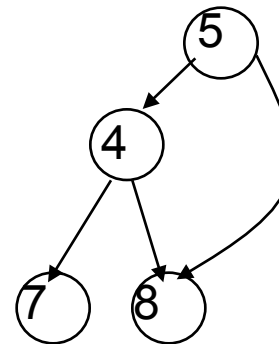
**Binary** tree: tree in which each node can have **at most two** children: a left child and a right child



General tree



Binary tree



List-like tree

# Tree Terminology

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M: *root* of this tree

G: *root* of the *left subtree* of M

B, H, J, N, S: *leaves*

N: *left child* of P; S: *right child*

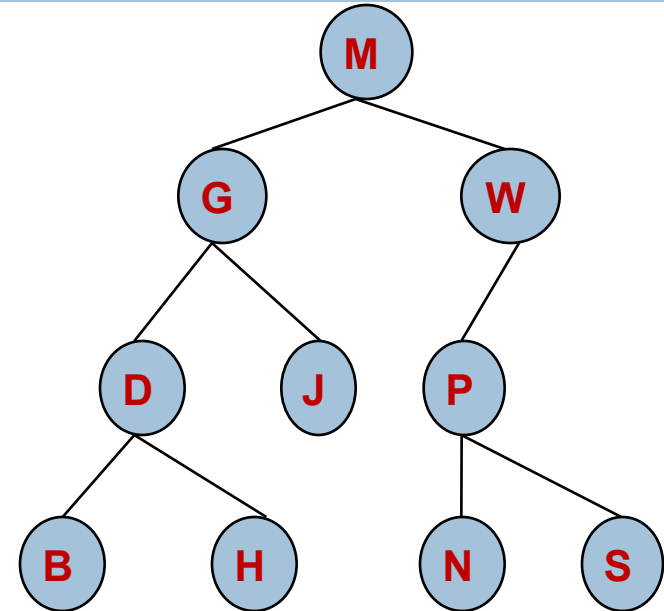
P: *parent* of N

M and G: *ancestors* of D

P, N, S: *descendants* of W

J is at *depth* 2 (i.e. length of path from *root* = no. of edges)

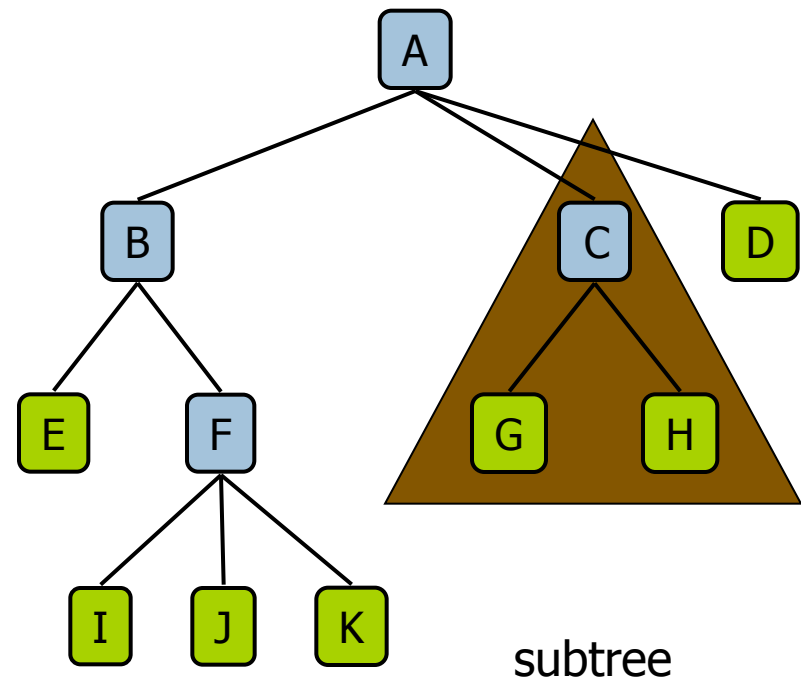
W is at *height* 2 (i.e. length of longest path to a *leaf*)



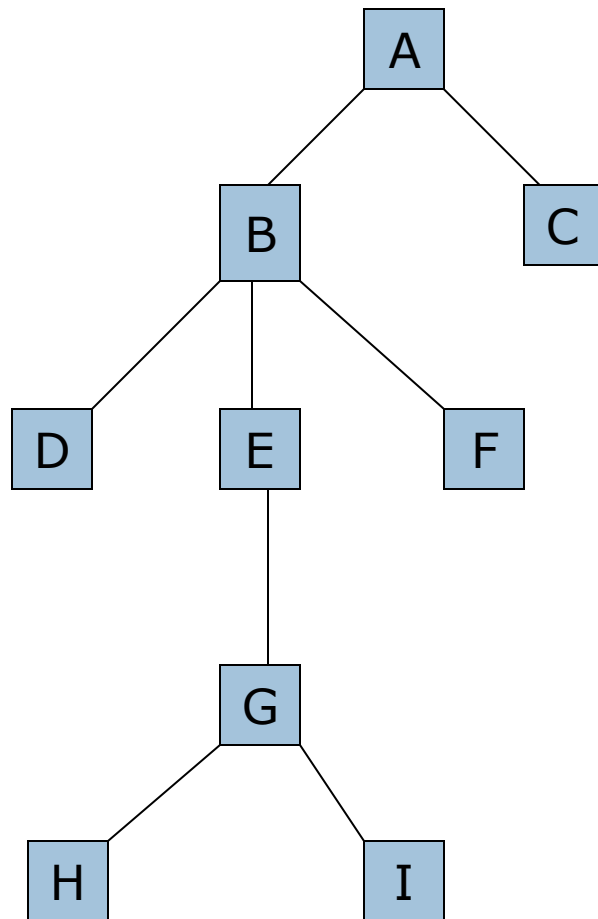
# Tree Terminology

- **Root:** node without parent (A)
- **Siblings:** nodes share the same parent
- **Internal node:** node with at least one child (A, B, C, F)
- **External node (leaf):** node without children (E, I, J, K, G, H, D)
- **Ancestors** of a node: parent, grandparent, grand-grandparent, etc.
- **Descendant** of a node: child, grandchild, grand-grandchild, etc.
- **Depth** of a node: number of ancestors
- **Height** of a tree: maximum depth of any node (3)
- **Degree** of a node: the number of its children
- **Degree** of a tree: the maximum **degree** of its node.

- ✦ **Subtree:** tree consisting of a node and its descendants



# Tree Properties



## Property

Number of nodes

Height

Root Node

Leaves

Interior nodes

Ancestors of H

Descendants of B

Siblings of E

Right subtree of A

Degree of this tree

# Tree ADT

- We use positions to abstract nodes

- Generic methods:

- integer **size**()
- boolean **isEmpty**()
- objectIterator **elements**()
- positionIterator **positions**()

- Accessor methods:

- position **root**()
- position **parent**(p)
- positionIterator **children**(p)

- ✦ Query methods:

- ✦ boolean **isInternal**(p)
- ✦ boolean **isExternal**(p)
- ✦ boolean **isRoot**(p)

- ✦ Update methods:

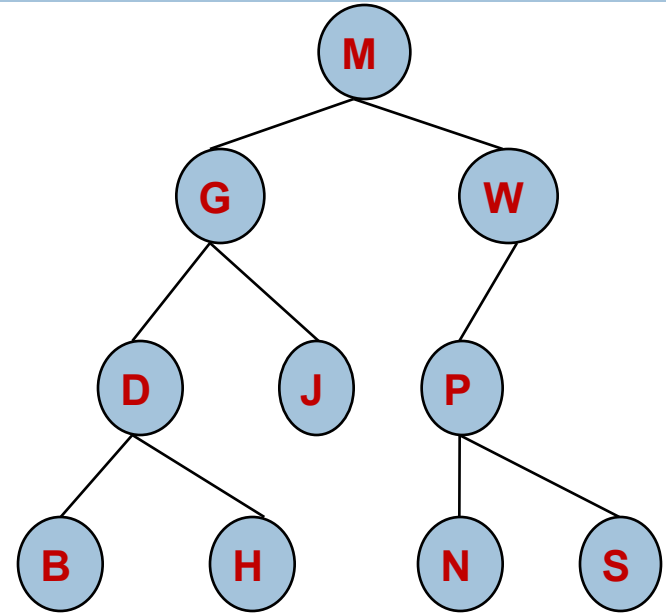
- ✦ **swapElements**(p, q)
- ✦ object **replaceElement**(p, o)

- ✦ Additional update methods may be defined by data structures implementing the Tree ADT

# Tree Terminology

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*How to construct a binary tree?*



# Class for Binary Tree Node

```
template <class T>
class TreeNode{
    T datum;
    TreeNode<T>* left, * right;

public:
    TreeNode(T x){datum=x; left = nullptr; right = nullptr;}
    TreeNode(T x, TreeNode<T>* lft, TreeNode<T>* rgt){
        datum = x; left = lft; right = rgt;
    }
};
```

Points to left subtree

Points to right subtree

more methods: getLeft, setLeft, etc.

# Binary versus general tree

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In a binary tree each node has exactly two pointers: to the **left subtree** and to the **right subtree**

- ▣ Of course one or both **could be *nullptr***

In a **general tree**, a node can have **any** number of child nodes

- ▣ Very useful in some situations ...

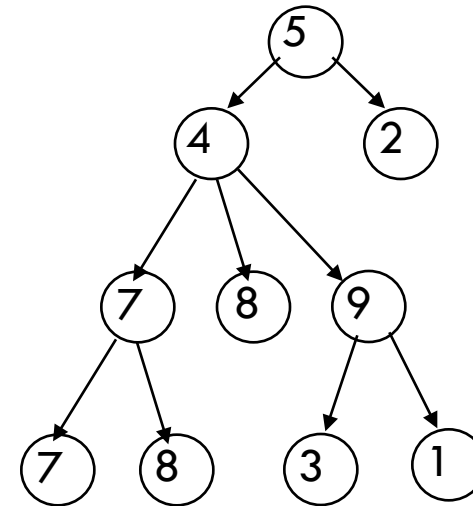


# Class for General Tree nodes

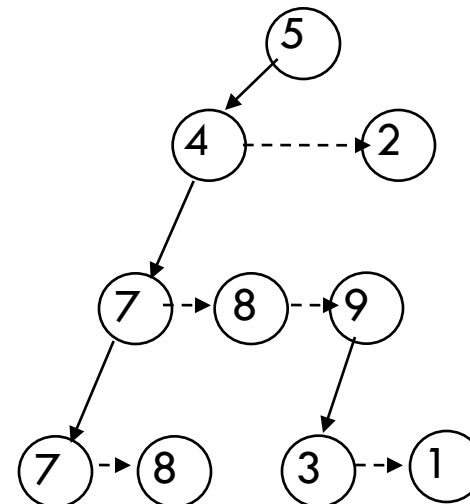
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```
template <class T>
class GTreeNode{
    T datum;
    GTreeNode<T>* left, * sibling;
    appropriate getters/setters
};
```

- Parent node points directly only to its leftmost child
- Leftmost child has pointer to next sibling, which points to next sibling, etc.



General  
tree



Tree  
represented  
using  
GTreeNode

# Applications of Trees

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- Most languages (natural and computer) have a recursive, hierarchical structure
- This structure is *implicit* in ordinary textual representation
- Recursive structure can be made *explicit* by representing sentences in the language as trees: **Abstract Syntax Trees** (ASTs)
- ASTs are easier to optimize, generate code from, etc. than textual representation
- A **parser** converts textual representations to AST

# Example

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Expression grammar:

- $E \rightarrow \text{integer}$
- $E \rightarrow (E + E)$

In textual representation

- Parentheses show hierarchical structure

In tree representation

- Hierarchy is explicit in the structure of the tree

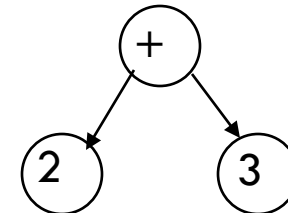
**Text**

**AST Representation**

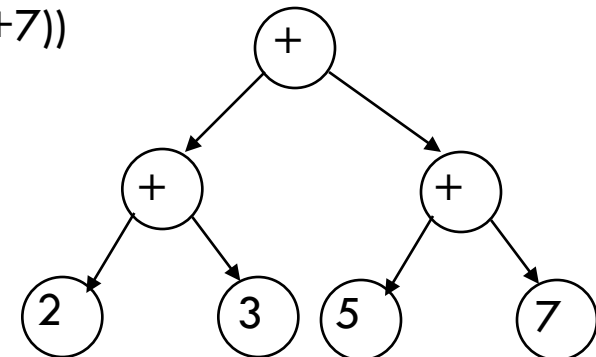
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(2 + 3)



((2+3) + (5+7))



# Recursion on Trees

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Recursive methods can be written to operate on trees in an obvious way

Base case

- ▣ empty tree
- ▣ leaf node

Recursive case

- ▣ solve problem on left and right subtrees
- ▣ put solutions together to get solution for full tree

# Tree Traversal

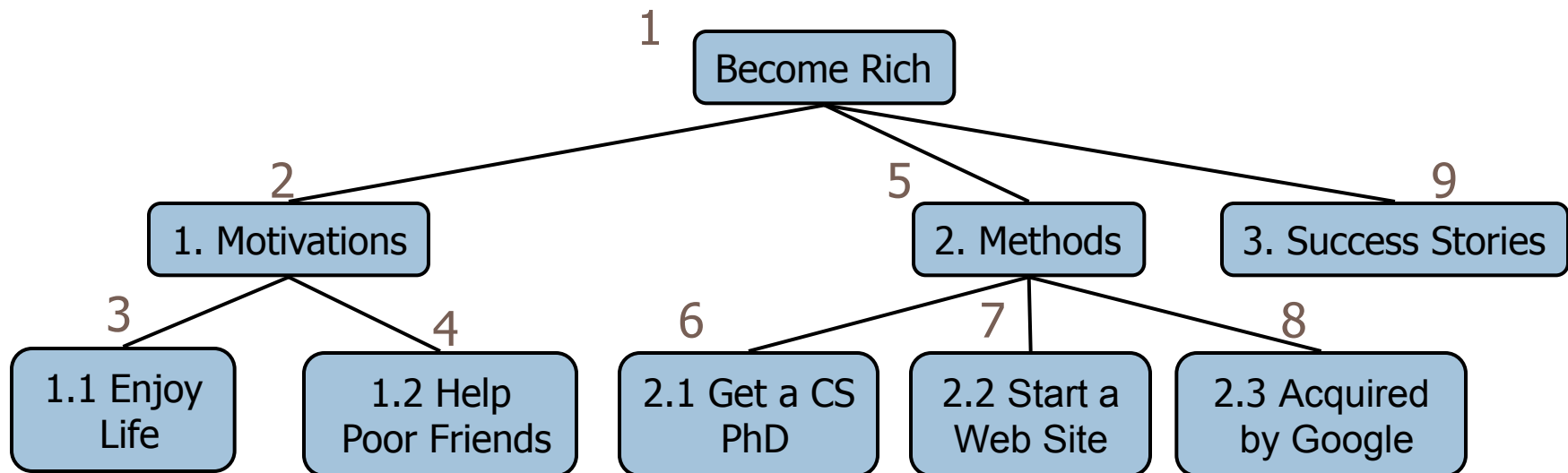


- Two main methods:
  - ▣ Preorder
  - ▣ Postorder
  
- Recursive definition
  
- Preorder:
  - ▣ visit the root
  - ▣ traverse in preorder the children (subtrees)
  
- Postorder
  - ▣ traverse in postorder the children (subtrees)
  - ▣ visit the root

# Preorder Traversal

- A traversal visits the nodes of a tree in a systematic manner
- In a preorder traversal, a node is visited before its descendants
- Application: print a structured document

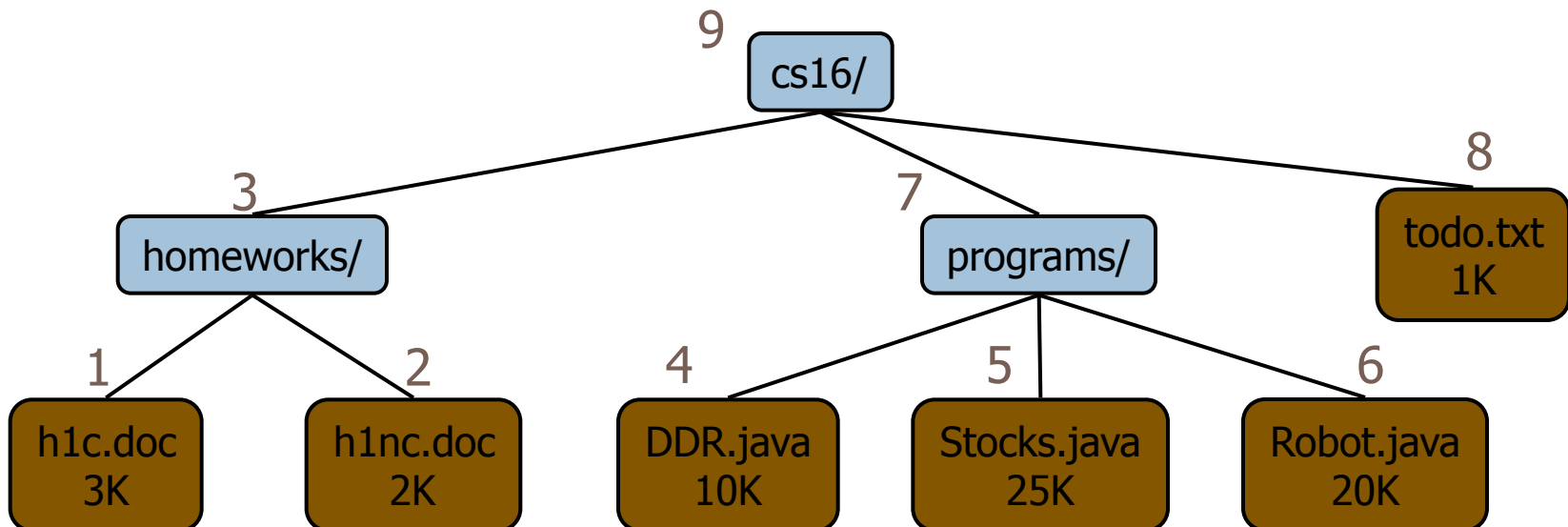
**Algorithm *preOrder*(*v*)**  
***visit*(*v*)**  
**for each child *w* of *v***  
***preorder* (*w*)**



# Postorder Traversal

- In a postorder traversal, a node is visited after its descendants
- Application: compute space used by files in a directory and its subdirectories

**Algorithm *postOrder*(*v*)**  
**for each child *w* of *v***  
***postOrder* (*w*)**  
***visit*(*v*)**

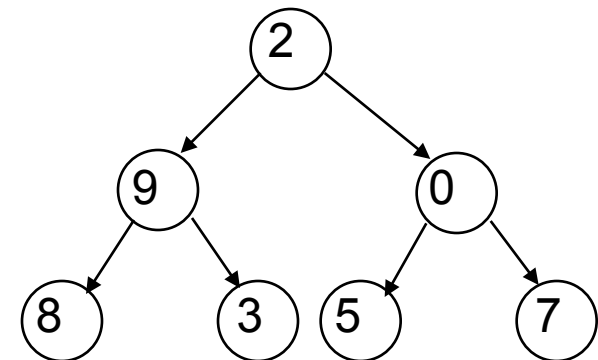


# Searching in a Binary Tree

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```
/** Return true iff x is the datum in a node of tree t*/  
template <class T>  
bool treeSearch(T x, TreeNode<T>* t){  
    if(t == nullptr) return false;  
    if(t->getDatum() == x) return true;  
    return treeSearch(x, t->getLeft()) || treeSearch(x, t->getRight());  
}
```

- Analog of linear search in lists: given tree and an object, find out if object is stored in tree
- Easy to write recursively, harder to write iteratively





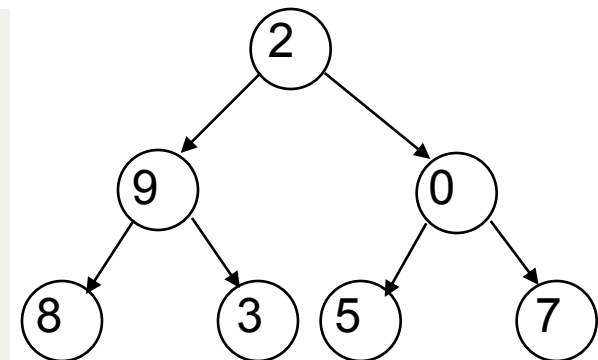
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Important point about t. We can think of it either as

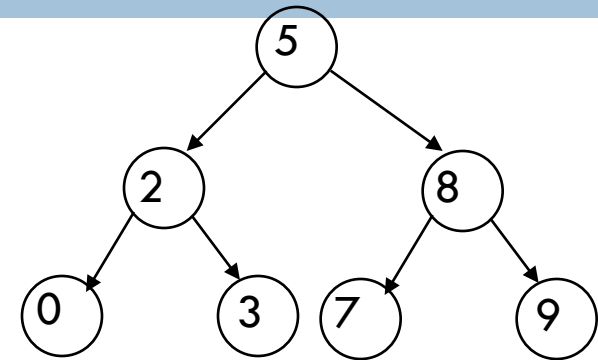
- (1) One **node** of the tree OR
- (2) The **subtree** that is **rooted** at t



# Binary Search Tree (BST)

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If the tree data are **ordered**: in **every** subtree,  
All **left** descendents of node come **before** node  
All **right** descendents of node come **after** node  
Search is MUCH faster



```
/** Return true iff x is the datum in a node of tree t.
```

```
Precondition: node is a BST */
```

```
template <class T>
```

```
bool treeBSearch(T x, TreeNode<T>* t){
```

```
    if(t == nullptr) return false;
```

```
    if(t->getDatum() == x) return true;
```

```
    if(t->getDatum() > x)
```

```
        return treeBSearch(x, t->getLeft());
```

```
    else
```

```
        return treeBSearch(x, t->getRight());
```

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}
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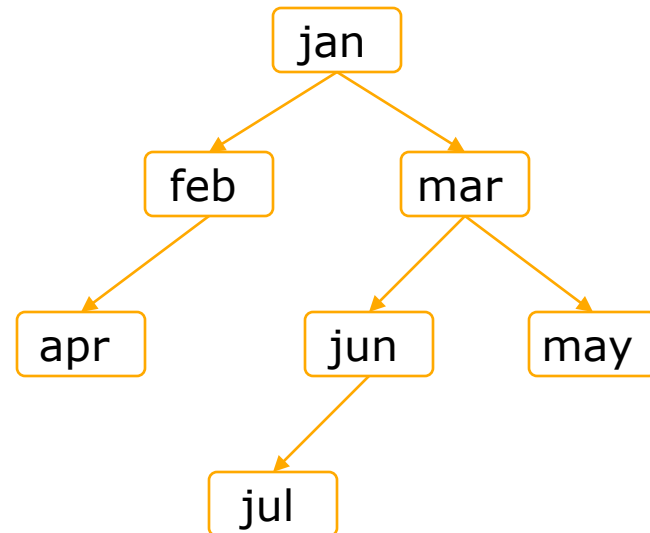
Remember the binary search for array?  
Are they similar?



# Building a BST

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- To **insert** a new item
  - ▣ **Pretend** to **look for** the item
  - ▣ **Put** the new node in the place where you **fall off** the tree
- This can be done using either recursion or iteration
- Example
  - ▣ Tree uses ***alphabetical*** order
  - ▣ Months appear for insertion in *calendar order*



# What Can Go Wrong?

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- A BST makes searches very fast, *unless...*
  - ▣ Nodes are inserted in alphabetical order
  - ▣ In this case, we're basically building a linked list (with some extra wasted space for the **left** fields that aren't being used)
- BST works **great** if data arrives in **random order**

