

The data structure used in assignment 3: Roads are Coming is a weighted undirected graph, it is implemented in C++ as following,

```
Std::unordered_map<TownID, TownData*>,
```

where TownData is

```
struct TownData{
    TownID id;
    std::string name;
    Coord xy;
    Dist d;
    int tax;
    std::vector<TownData*> vassals;
    TownData* master;
    std::vector<TownData*> routes;
    int visited;
    TownData* rFrom;
}
```

the `std::vector<TownData*> routes` stores all the pointers of towns where the current town could go. `int visited` is a flag used in the searching algorithm to check whether this town has been visited before. and `TownData* rFrom` is used for tracking from which town we currently get to this town.

The reason for choosing this specific data structure is, that the complexity of using a key to find a value is constant in time. And in this program, most of methods need to find the `townData` based on the given `townID`. By using the `unordered_map`, the performance of the whole program will improve.