Introduction

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Who am I

Dr. Bruce Nan

PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Worked in Microsoft, IBM, Google

10+ years in teaching Computer Competition

Teach Computer Contest level 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 classes

150+ students each year

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Who should take CC-2 class

- Know at least one programming language, like C, C++, Java, Python, etc.
- Know how to use standard input/output
- Know how to use if-else, loops
- Know how to use array, string methods
- Plus: know how to use List, Set, Map

Class Evaluation

- Lectures: 40 %
- Homework: 40 %
  - HW available from Olympiads School website http://www.olympiads.ca/Homework.php
  - 6+ questions each time.
  - Solutions provided in next class
- Quizzes: 20 %

What will we learn in CC-2?

- Implementation
  - Array/string manipulation
  - How to debug a program
- Basic Data Structure
  - Prefix sum array / difference array
  - List / Set / Map
  - Stack / Queue / Deque
- Basic Algorithms
  - Recursion, Back Tracking
  - Binary Search, Sieve
  - Basic Graph Algorithms: BFS/ DFS

Computer Contest

- Competitive programming
  - A mind sport
  - Write programs to solve problems within given time
  - Not just coding (logical, math, algorithm, and coding)
  - Online judge
  - Recognized by top universities, software and internet companies

Computer Contest for Students

- CCC (Canadian Computing Competition)
  - Junior level /Senior level
  - Once each year in Feb
- CCO (Canadian Computing Olympiad)
  - Invitation based
  - Top 25 senior contestants from CCC senior
- IOI (International Olympiad in Informatics)
  - Top 4 contestants from CCO
  - International topmost computer competition
- USACO
  - USA programming contest
  - Bronze, silver, gold, and platinum divisions
- ECOO Programming Contest
  - Provincial wide contest for Ontario high school students
  - Team based contest

What is CCC?

- The Canadian Computing Competition (CCC) aims to benefit primary and secondary school students with an interest in programming.
- Junior Level – inspire students' interests in Computer Science
- Senior Level – selective contest, much harder than junior

Competition Contents

- CCC Contents
  - CCC consists of two distinct papers: the Junior Division paper and the Senior Division paper.
  - Each paper consists of 5 questions.
  - The range of difficulty increases from the first question to the last question on each paper.

Junior Division Paper

Questions 1 and 2	Straightforward (e.g. basic loops and conditions)
Questions 3 and 4	More challenging (e.g. some combination of loops, conditions and counting)
Questions 5	Some advanced material (e.g. recursion, efficient sorting and algorithms)

Competition Contents

Senior Division Paper

Questions 1 and 2	Basic algorithms (e.g., sorting, searching)
Questions 3 and 4	More advanced algorithms (e.g., careful counting, some mathematical reasoning)
Question 5	International Olympiad of Information (IOI) level question

- The Competition in each Division is marked out of a total of 75. Prizes for Junior entries are limited to certificates and medals. Prizes for Senior entries include certificates and invitations to Stage 2.

Why computer competition

- Good logic thinking
- When applying for some departments in U Waterloo, you may need to provide CCC results
- Also recognized by other Canadian Universities, like U of T
- IOI medals: Waterloo Olympiad Scholarship
- CCO medals = Waterloo offer + scholarship
- Cash prize & one week free camp at U Waterloo
- Join University ACM team
- Intern/job opportunity in famous IT company
  - Graduated students now worked in Google, Microsoft, Facebook, etc.

Language

- For CCC, competitors are allowed to use virtually any programming language which is supported at their school.

- For CCO, competitors must use C/C++ or JAVA Competitors in both stages may use more than one language during the competition.

Competition format

- CCC Online Grader
  - http://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/computing.html
  - All students must use the Online Grader
  - Registration and use of the Online Grader is free at any time, regardless of any CCC registrations
- Junior and Senior problems both provided
- Can submit multiple times for each question
- Pick the highest mark of each question as final mark

IS CCC hard?

- YES
- If didn't take any training before, it's impossible to solve 4 senior questions in 3 hours.
- Even if junior questions, not easy to get perfect

CCC 2019 Averages

Problem	All Contestants	Non-Zero Scores	Problem	All Contestants	Non-Zero Scores
Junior 1	13.92	14.94	Senior 1	13.47	14.91
Junior 2	10.70	14.96	Senior 2	6.71	10.16
Junior 3	5.82	14.70	Senior 3	1.43	6.42
Junior 4	8.35	14.83	Senior 4	0.13	4.82
Junior 5	0.20	10.66	Senior 5	0.06	6.87

Bruce Students' Achievements

- 2021, **24 students** (37 total) invited to CCO, **3 gold, 8 silver, and 13 bronze.**
- 2020, **3 students** joined Canadian IOI team (only 4 in Canada), **1 gold and 2 silver**.
- 2020, **18 students** (24 total) invited to CCO, **4 gold, 8 silver, and 6 bronze.**
- 2019, **3 students** joined Canadian IOI team (only 4 in Canada).
- 2019, **19 students (26 total)** invited to CCO , **5 gold**, 7 silver, and 7 bronze
- 2018, **3 students** joined Canadian IOI team (only 4 in Canada)**.**
- 2018, **16 students (22 total)** invited to CCO , **3 gold**, 5 silver, and 8 bronze
- 2018, **3 students** joined Canadian IOI team (only 4 in Canada)**, 1 gold and 2 silver.**
- 2017, **21 students (29 total)** invited to CCO, **3 gold**, 4 silver, and 12 bronze
- 2017, **3 students** joined Canadian IOI team (only 4 in Canada), **2 gold medals.**
- 2016, **12 students** invited to CCO (only 25 invitations in total), **2 gold, 4 silver, 6 bronze medals**
- 2016, **2 students** joined Canadian IOI team (only 4 in Canada), **1 gold medals, 1 bronze medals.**
- 2015, 5 students invited to CCO, **2 gold, 2 silver, and 1 bronze medals**
- 2015, 2 students joined Canadian IOI team (only 4 in Canada).
- 2014, 4 students invited to CCO, **2 gold and 2 bronze medals**
- 2014, 2 students joined IOI team (only 4 in Canada)
- 2013, 4 students invited to CCO and **2 silver and 2 bronze medals**

CCO 2020 Results

Gold Medallists

First Name	Last Name	School	Location
(I)GEORGE	CHEN	Marc Garneau C.I.	North York, ON
ANDREW	DONG	Centennial C. and V.I.	Guelph, ON
(I)THOMAS	GUO	Phillips Exeter Academy	Exeter, NH, USA
(I)CHRISTOPHER	TREVISAN	William Lyon Mackenzie C.I.	North York, ON
(I)*ZIXIANG	ZHOU	London Central S.S.	London, ON

Silver Medallists

First Name	Last Name	School	Location
VICTOR	GAO		North York, ON
MICHAEL	LI	Marc Garneau C.I.	North York, ON
WILLIAM	LI	University of Toronto Schools	Toronto, ON
ERIC	PEI	Don Mills C.I.	North York, ON
ANDREW	TANG	Erindale S.S.	Mississauga, ON
KEVIN	WAN	Marc Garneau C.I.	North York, ON
JUNYI	WANG	William Lyon Mackenzie C.I.	North York, ON
HAOYU	WENG	E. S. Antoine Brossard	Brossard, QC
EVAN	ZHANG	William Lyon Mackenzie C.I.	North York, ON

Bronze Medallists

First Name	Last Name	School	Location
YI	DENG	William Lyon Mackenzie C.I.	North York, ON
KEENAN	GUGELER	Waterloo C.I.	Waterloo, ON
MAX	LI	William Lyon Mackenzie C.I.	North York, ON
SERENA	LIU	North Toronto C.I.	Toronto, ON
SIMON	OU	Bayview S.S.	Richmond Hill, ON
TIMOTHY	WANG	Crescent School	North York, ON
JOHNSON	WU	Langstaff S.S.	Richmond Hill, ON
ALEX TIANYI	XU	White Oaks S.S.	Oakville, ON
ANDREW	XUE	Earl Haig S.S.	North York, ON
RICHARD	ZHANG	Marc Garneau C.I.	North York, ON

Highlighted students are Bruce's students.

IOI Winners

Yikuan Li
ID: **FataleEagle**
IOI gold 2016

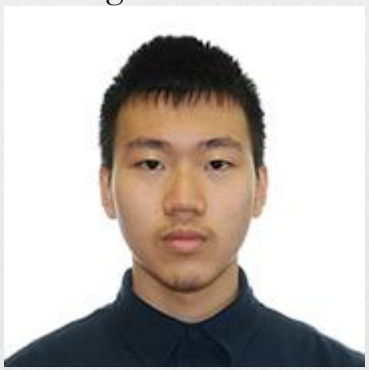
Jason Yuen
ID: **d**
IOI gold 2017

Brian Chau
ID: **imaxblue**
IOI gold 2017

Joey Yu
ID: **kobotor**
IOI gold 2018

Yixiao Zhang
ID: **Kuroba**
IOI bronze 2015

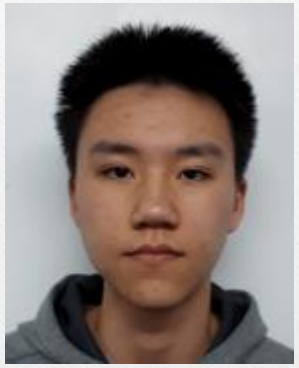
Jeffery Xiao
ID: **jeffreyxiao**
IOI bronze 2016



Victor Rong
ID: **r3mark**
IOI Silver 2018

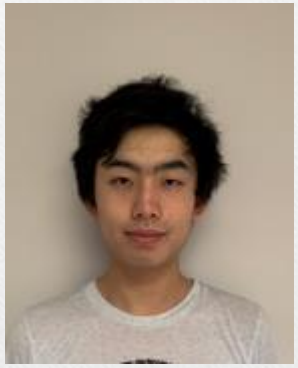
Ava Pun
ID: **AvaLovelace**
IOI Silver 2018

IOI Winners (Cont.)



George Chen
ID: **george_chen**
IOI silver 2020

Kevin Wan
ID: **KevinWan**
IOI 2019



Thomas Guo
ID: **thomas0115**
IOI gold 2020

Chris Trevisan
ID: **ChrisT**
IOI silver 2020, 2021

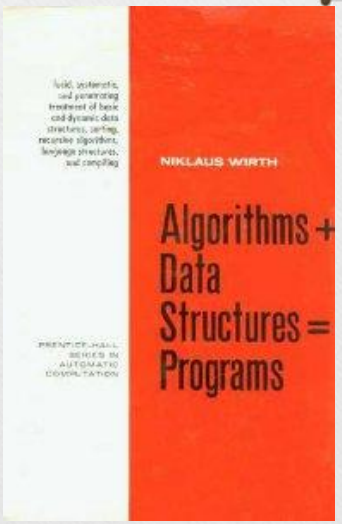
Allen Pei
ID: **Dormi**
IOI silver 2021

How to prepare

- Learn classical data structures and algorithms
- Practice questions
- Take online, regional, national and global contests

Is It just programming

- Absolutely NO
- Algorithms + Data structure = Programs
- LOGIC THINKING is more important
- CODING is just a tool



Online Judge

- DMOJ
  https://dmoj.ca/
- Why use online judge?
  - Time limit
  - Memory limit
  - Check multiple test cases
  - Easy to track your work

How to use online judge?

- Register an account (if you don't have one)
- Join Olympiads School organization on DMOJ https://dmoj.ca/organization/31-olympiads-school
- Find a problem
- Write your program
- Submit your solution
- Check results

Submit Your Account

- Submit your account to me, so that I can check if you solved the HW questions or not

Entry Test

- https://dmoj.ca/contest/oly21lvl2entry1
- Access Code: codingisfun

Thank You