CS201- Data Structures Week 01

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Course Description

- Data Structures is a core course in Computer Science curriculum.
- It is an essential building block for solving applied problems with computers.
- The course will introduce the fundamentals of data structures and will provide thorough understanding of how to systematically organize data inside a computer system.

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- The course discusses basic memory management for efficiently solving problems on both time and space requirements.
- A variety of data structures will be discussed theoretically, their efficient implementations and application cases will also be discussed.
- The student will learn abstraction, encapsulation and structures for efficiently processing information in a variety of scenarios.

Course Objectives

- To understand the design of fundamental data structures and algorithms for problem solving through computer system.
- To study the tradeoff choices in the design and implementation of data structures
- To provide a rigorous "hands-on" experience with implementing different data structures in a high-level programming language
- To analyze time/space tradeoff for different solutions to the same problem.

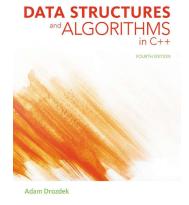
Learning Outcomes

- Student will be able to learn and understand basic/advanced data structures
- Student will be able to perform analysis of data structures choices for any real-world application.
- Student will learn the tradeoff with different choices of data structures
- Student will be able to write computer solutions for efficiently store, retrieve manipulate and update the data stored inside computers.

Grading Scheme

Programming Assignments	20%
Quizzes	10%
Midterm Exam	15%
Final Exam	40%
Class Project	10%
Class Participation	05%

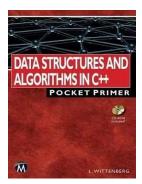
Textbook & References

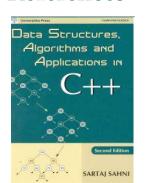


Leading Text in CS

 Strengthen your understanding of data structures and their algorithms for the foundation you need to successfully design, implement and maintain virtually any software system

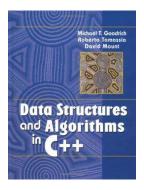
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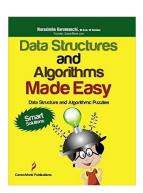






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Programming Assignments

- There will be 3 programming assignments, each assignment may contains 2-4 problems.
- These programming assignments will be on Hackerrank through invitation.
- The assignments are for individual, plagiarism will not be tolerated.
- You need to access the platform with your nu mail Ids.

Quizzes

- There will be 4-5 quizzes all surprise quizzes
- Best n-1 will be counted
- Weightage 10%

Midterm Exam

- Two midterm exams one hour each as per policy.
- Weight 7.5% each

Final Exam

- There will be a 3 hours exam as per policy.
- Weightage 40%

Class Participation

- Very important instrument for creating an impact.
- I appreciate questioning...
- Weightage 5%

Class Projects

- There will be a class project -You can have 2-3 members- members allow within sections.
- Weightage 10%
- The "Theme" for CS201- Data Structures class project is "Bioinformatics"
- We will have 3-4 BOF meeting during the course for the class projects.
- Class project call and schedule will be announced later.

Consultancy Hours

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Monday: 2-4 PM in my office – prior appointment required Thursday: 2-4 PM in my office – prior appointment required Friday: 8-9am at café informal (individual + groups)- this will not be regular, I will announce it on slate but it will be more often.

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Data vs. Information vs. Knowledge

- Data
 - □ Raw facts
 - Data in electronic form is easy to retrieve, manipulate, fused and remember.
 - Data is not always in a shape to facilitate information and knowledge
- Information
 - Interplay with data in context
- Knowledge
 - Some actionable information for ROI

Information vs. Knowledge vs. Wisdom

- Wisdom
 - Related to the interplay of knowledge and apply some deductive reasoning.

Abstract Data Types (ADT)

- ADTs are a theoretical concept in computer science.
- An abstract data type (ADT) is basically a logical description or a specification of components of the data and the operations that are allowed, that is independent of the implementation.

Definition – Data Structures

- Logical and formal abstract way to represent and store data in such a way that it will quickly available for processing within the application context.
- It is an organized collection of data which perform a set of operations effectively on the data. These set of operations are formally related to an idea of specific processing related to problem solving.

Definition – Algorithm

- An algorithm is a fancy to-do list for a computer. Algorithms take in zero or more inputs and give back one or more outputs.
- You explicitly need to tell a computer to perform each step that eventually transform some input into a desire output. It should be finite set of instruction.

Algorithm+ Data Structures = Program

- This was title of a very good book by Niklaus Wirth
- Half of the problem is selecting the right data structures and half of the problem is to select the algorithm.

Man Vs. Machine

- Computation -Processing
- Memory
- Abilities
 - Sequential vs. Parallel
 - Optimized vs. Satisfier
 - Algorithmic

Conclusion

- Data structures and algorithm are integral parts of problem solving through computer.
- Human and computer ways of solving problems are different.
- Data, Information and Knowledge are distinguishable concepts for representation.