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## Project One: ABC University Pseudocode/Evaluation

Trying to figure out which algorithm that is best for ABC University is going to require pseudocode from many different types of data structures which will hold all of this data. After this there will be a need to have a runtime analysis to see which option is more beneficial to their overall needs. The data structures that will be focused on are vectors, hash tables, and binary search trees. Each of these data structures will be evaluated and will show the runtime and memory use. Each pseudocode will load a file, parse the file, insert course data into the data structure and print the course data.

### Vector Pseudocode

//Dependencies

Import parsing libraries and headers

//Classes

class Course

private string **courseID**

private string **courseTitle**

private int **prereqCount**

private <vector> **prereqVector**

private <vector> **courseVector**

//Mutators

**setCourseID(string id)**

courseID = id

**setCourseTitle(string title)**

courseTitle = title

**setPrereqCount(string count)**

prereqCount = count

**setPrereqVector(vector reqlist)**

prereqVector = reqlist

**setCourseVector(object courseinfo)**

courseVector = courseinfo

//Accessors

**getCourseID()**

return courseID

**getCourseTitle()**

return courseTitle

**getPrereqCount()**

return prereqCount

**getPrereqVector()**

return prereqVector

//Validate prerequisites

**validatePrereq(string prereq)**

Bool is false

For each element is courseVector

    If elements courseID is equal to prereq

        Bool equals true

        Continue

    Else

        Bool equals false

        Print "No prerequisite found"

        Prompt user to press key to continue

//Display menu

**displayMenu()**

Print "[1] Load courses"

Print "[2] Search for course"

Print "[3] Print course schedule"

Print "[4] Create new course schedule"

Print "[9] Exit program"

//Find csv file

**getCsvPath()**

Request user input for string of file path

filePath = userInput

If no data is input

Default path is used

//Iterate through csv file

**lineParser(string filePath)**

Object curCourse

<Vector> String curVector

String firstItem

String secondItem

String thirdItem

Open file at String filePath

Loop iteration comma separated values

If line exists

Initialize firstItem with first value of line

Initialize secondItem with second value of line

Call curCourse object and setCourseID(firstLine)

Call curCourse object and setCourseTitle(secondLine)

If next line is not blank

Initialize thirdItem with third value of line

Call curCourse setPrereqCount(getPrereqCount() + 1)

Add thirdItem to curVector

Call curCourse object setPrereqVector(curVector)

Clear curVector

Call courseVector(curCourse)

Else

Move to next line

If no line exists

//Search list

**searchList(string id)**

For each element in courseVector

If elements courseID is equal to id

Call printCourse(element)

Else

Print "No such course found"

//Print Course

**printCourse(Course element)**

curObject = element

Print "Course ID: " << getCourseID(curObject) << end line

Print "Course Title: " << getCourseTitle(curObject) << end line

Print "Number of pre-requisites: " << getPrereqCount(curObject) << end line

Print "Pre-requisites: " << getPrereqVector(curObject) << end line

//Print all courses

**printAllCourses()**

For each element is courseVector

Print "Course ID: << getCourseID() << end line

Print "Course Title: " << getCourseTitle() << end line

Print "Number of pre-requisites: " << getPrereqCount() << end line

Print " Prerequisites: " << getPrereqVector() << end line

//Main

**Main()**

Initialize <vector> courseVector

Initialize int userChoice = 0;

Initialize string userInput = ""

Call DisplayMenu()

Assign userChoice with input

SWITCH userChoice

CASE = 1

Call lineParser(getCsvPath())

CASE = 2

Print "Enter Course ID: "

Assign userInput with input

Call searchList(userInput)

CASE = 3;

Call printAllCourses()

CASE = 9

Print "Good Bye"

EXIT PROGRAM

## Vector Evaluation:

The worst runtime would mainly run around insertion, searching, deletion and printing of the data in the vector data structure. This is proportionately linked to the number of elements in the set, therefore we can surmise that with this logic the runtime complexity will be  $O(n)$ . In order to insert a course we must parse the csv file line by line while searching each element. To accomplish this a nested while loop in the lineParser function will handle this. This means that for this to take place the runtime is  $O(n^2)$  because for  $N$  lines times  $N$  elements on each line being parsed is going to equal this runtime complexity. The searching operations are the worst case runtime of  $O(n)$  due to it being linear as once it matches the value the operation is done. Printing from the data structure will require at its worst case of  $O(n^2)$  as the operation will require it to search and print and prerequisites it may have. The space complexity of these functions are  $O(1)$  as the functions do not need to store any additional memory. Each of these functions utilize allocated memory from the vector and this vector data structure has a space complexity itself of  $O(n)$  as this is mainly dependent on the input size of the data.

Code	Line Cost	Iterations	Total Cost
All Courses	1	$n$	$n$
Course Info	1	$n$	$n$
Prerequisite	1	$n$	$n*n$
Print prereq info	1	$n$	$n*2$
Total Cost	4		$n*n$
Runtime			$4n*n$

## Hash Table Pseudocode

//Classes

### Class HashTable

Private

Course course

Node\* nextNode

Node()

key = UINT\_MAX

nextNode = null

Node(course, key)

this course = course

this key = key

vector<node>table

Public

HashTable()

HashTable(int size)

delHashtable //Destructor

insert(Course)

printAll()

Return void

//Display menu

### displayMenu()

Print “[1] Load courses”

Print “[2] Print Course List”

Print “[3] Print Course”

Print “[9] Exit program”

//Delete Hashtable

### delHashtable()

ERASE nodes vector from beginning

//Insert Course

### insert(Course)

string hashNum

int temp = 0

key = null

Node node

FOR (int i = 0; i < Course size; ++i)

IF i < 4

```

        temp = Course courseNum at i
        APPEND temp to hashNum
    ELSE
        APPEND Course courseNum at i
    key = ATOI hashNum by c_str()
    node = key
    IF node != null
        Node newNode = Node(course, key)
    ELSE
        IF node = UINT_MAX
            Node key = key
            node course = course
            node* nextNode = null
        ELSE
            WHILE node* nextNode != null
                node = nextNode
            node* nextNode = node(course, key)

```

//How the program opens the file, reads the data, parses each line and checks for errors

**readFile(fileName, HashTable hashTable)**

```

    Fstream file = fileName
    String line
    String courseData

    OPEN file
    IF file is open
        Continue
    ELSE
        Print "Error message"

    WHILE not at eof
        CREATE Course course
        ARRAY string type textLine
        WHILE textLine is good
            GETLINE from file by parsing
            APPEND to end of textLine
        FOR textLine
            IF string at index 0
                Course courseNum = string
            ELSE IF string at index 1

```

```

        course courseName to string
    ELSE
        IF string at index 3 = null
            Print "Error reading data"
            Return courses
        course coursePrereq to string
        insert(course) to hashTable
CLOSE file

//How to print out course information and prerequisites
printCourseInfo(HashTable)
    FOR (i = 0; i < nodes length; ++i)
        int prereqVector = course prereq size
        IF i != UINT_MAX
            Print courseNumber, courseName
            IF prereqVector > 0
                FOR (int prereq = 0; prereq < prereqVector; ++prereqVector)
                    Print course prereq
            ELSE
                Print "No prerequisites"
        Node node = node* nextNode

//Main
main()
    String fileName
    Int userChoice = 0
    HashTable courseTable
    Course course

    WHILE userChoice != 9
        Print displayMenu()
        userChoice = user input
        SWITCH userChoice
            CASE 1:
                CALL readFile(fileName, courseTable)
            CASE 2:
                CALL printCourseInfo(courseTable)
            CASE 3:
                CALL printCourseInfo(course)
            CASE 9:
                Print "Good Bye"

```



## Hash Table Evaluation:

The hash table is great for insertion as well as lookup times provided by the hash function. The hash table data structure utilizes a similar parsing method as the vector data structure; however, the insertion function makes this faster with a time complexity of  $O(1)$  on average. This is because “On average, a good hash function will achieve  $O(1)$  inserts, searches, and removes, but in the worst-case may require  $O(N)$ .” (Vahid). The worst runtime complexity for a hash table is  $O(n)$  which may occur if many elements of the input are hashed to the same bucket. A good hash function will avoid these issues and thus in turn the runtime complexity will be on average  $O(1)$ . Searching a hash table also has on average  $O(1)$  and  $O(n)$  worst case. To print a single entry the runtime complexity would be  $O(1)$  as the hash function computes the value and corresponds that to the key. However, to print the entire hash table the runtime complexity would be  $O(n^2)$  as the for loop and while loops will ensure each node is reached and each next node is pointed to afterwards. The space complexity for a hash table data structure does not require additional space since all the allocated memory to compute the key and return the value are already established.

Code	Line Cost	Iterations	Total Cost
All Courses	1	n	n
If course not UINT MAX	1	n	n
Print course info	1	n	$n*n$
For each prerequisite	1	$n*n$	$n*n$
Print prereq info	1	$n*n$	$n*n$
Create node set to next pointer	1	n	n
While node not nullptr	1	$n*n$	$n*n$
Print out the course table	1	$n*n$	$n*n$
Total Cost	8	$n*n$	$n*n$
Runtime			$8n*n$
			$O(n^2)$

## Binary Tree Pseudocode

Struct Course

String courseName  
String courseNumber  
Vector<String> Prereq

Struct Node

Course course  
Create key

IF(entry matches key)  
    Return node (course)  
IF(no entry matches)  
    Return course

Class Tree

Private:

Node\* root  
Void addNode(Node\* node, Course course)

Public:

BinarySearchTree()  
Void inOrder()  
Void insert(Course course)  
courseSearch(string courseNum)

**BinarySearchTree::BinarySearchTree**

Root = nullptr

Void BinarySearchTree::Insert(Course course)

IF(root = nullptr)  
    Root = newNode(course)  
ELSE  
    this->addNode(root, course)

**void BinarySearchTree::addNode(Node\* node, Course course)**

```
    IF(node -> bidID > 0)
        IF(node != nullptr)
            Node -> right = new Node(course)
        ELSE
            This -> addNode(node -> right, course)
```

**Course BinarySearchTree::Search(string courseNum)**

```
    Node* current = root
    WHILE(current != nullptr)
        IF (courseNum matches)
            Return current -> course
        IF (current node compare to courseNum > 0)
            Current = current -> left node
        ELSE
            Current = current -> right node
    Return course
```

**readFile(fileName, new BinarySearchTree)**

```
    Fstream file fileName
    String line
    Open file
    IF file is OPEN
        WHILE (getline(file))
            Course course
            ARRAY string textFromLine
            WHILE textFromLine is good
                APPEND line to textFromLine
            IF textFromLine length < 3
                course.courseNum = textFromLine[0]
                course.courseName = textFromLine[1]
                course.coursePrereq = null
            ELSE
                course.courseNum = textFromLine[0]
                course.courseName = textFromLine[1]
                course.coursePrereq = textFromLine[2]
            INSERT course into BinarySearchTree

    CLOSE file
```

**printInOrder(tree)**

```
IF node != null
CALL printInOrder(left node)
Print node courseNum, courseName
FOR (prereq in course.prereq)
    Print prereq
CALL printInOrder(right node)
```

**printCourseInfo(String courseNum)**

```
Course course.search(courseNum)
Print coursenum, courseName
FOR (each prereq in course.prereq)
    Print prereq
```

//Main

**main()**

```
STRING fileName = "file path"
INT userChoice = 0
BinarySearchTree tree
COURSE course
STRING courseNum
Tree = new BinarySearchTree

WHILE userChoice != null
    displayMenu()
    userChoice = user input
    SWITCH userChoice
        CASE 1:
            CALL readFile(fileName, tree)
        CASE 2:
            CALL printInOrder(tree)
        CASE 3:
            CIN courseNum
            CALL printCourse(courseNum)
        CASE 9:
            Print "Good Bye"
            EXIT PROGRAM
```

## Binary Search Tree Evaluation:

The binary search tree is fast for insertion, searching and printing. The time complexity for the binary search tree is on average  $O(\log N)$ . The binary search tree benefits from only making as many comparisons as the number of nodes that correlates with the largest depth of any node. The worst case time complexity is  $O(n)$  as all the nodes are on the same branch as the height of the tree relates to the amount of elements from the input. Searching for a result requires that the algorithm make only as many comparisons and the height of the tree. This will allow the tree to be balanced and result in faster results. When inserting, the algorithm searches for an empty position on average it will have runtime complexity of  $O(\log N)$ . Printing each node could have a worst case runtime complexity of  $O(n)$  since the node that is to be printed could have a prerequisite which would mean a loop will run to print all prerequisite courses. When printing the entire tree in alphanumeric order, the runtime is  $O(n^2)$  for each node which is recursively called and then printed with prerequisites.

Code	Line Cost	Iterations	Total Cost
IF node not nullptr	1	1	1
Recursive call to left pointer	1	n	n
Print course information	1	n	n
For each prerequisite	1	n	n
Print the prerequisite info	1	$n*n$	$n*n$
Recursive call to right pointer	1	n	n
Total Cost	6	$n*n$	$n*n$
Runtime			$1 + 5n * n$
			$O(n^2)$

## **Advantages and Disadvantages:**

Each of these data structures have their own advantages and disadvantages. A vector data structure is quite fast however a hash table or binary search tree are must more efficient. The other hand though, vector data structure is easy to implement with the code so this could be more appealing to some developers. The hash table is the fastest out of the remaining two data structures. The reason for this is because to insert, search or print a single node has an average runtime complexity of  $O(1)$ . The downside of a hash table is that to avoid collisions it will be difficult with the code and this could cause runtime complexity to increase. The way to solve this is to establish the key ahead of time. The last option being the binary search tree shows some promise as it is also fast for inserting, searching and printing data from the nodes.

## **Recommendation:**

With speed and efficiency in mind the hash table data structure would suit best. With the expected key being known has the average runtime complexity of  $O(1)$ . This will be the right choice for ABC University to improve their data processing strategy. A proper hash table and hash function will be absolutely effective. Parsing the file is not that different when comparing each data structure, however when it involves inserting data into the structure this is much more important. Thus, the logical choice for what data structure to use must be the hash table data structure.

## **Resources**

**Vahid, F., Lysecky, S., Wheatland, N., Siu, R., Lysecky, R., Edgcomb, A., & Yuen, J. (2019, February). CS 300: Data Structures and Algorithms. Zybooks.**