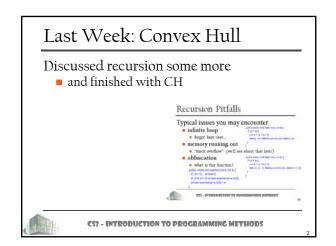
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Introduction to **Programming Methods**





Today's Show

Data structures you ought to know

- plethora out there
 - arrays, lists, stacks, queues, deques, hashtable, trees
 - [most exist in Java or C++ already]
- best choice is extremely problem-dependent
 - no free lunch
 - but often cheaper/better lunch based on usage



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Arrays You know

You know them well by now

- reserved memory space int items[];
- access by index
- pros
 - super simple (matrix-like); low memory overhead (just a block, no extra fat)...
- cons
 - need to know size early; ordered insertion in O(n); removal in O(n); indices can change anytime; no good for maintaining a "list" (ex: students in CS2...)

items = new int[MAX];

... items[0]item[i]..



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Dynamic Arrays

Special behavior when access out of bounds

- keep track of current size
 - for instance, with a private int variable currSize
- if access or insertion beyond currSize
 - create bigger array
 - good compromise: twice the size of the current one
 - copy the old array into the new one
 - garbage collection will take care of the rest in Java; not in C++
 - garpage collection will take care of the clean up after yourself in general
 - can be used for shrinkage too
- no change on insertion/deletion: still slow...

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Linked Lists

If you...

- want to add or delete elements efficiently
 - no resizing; O(1) cost
- but have no need for direct access

A linked list is a dynamic data structure

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