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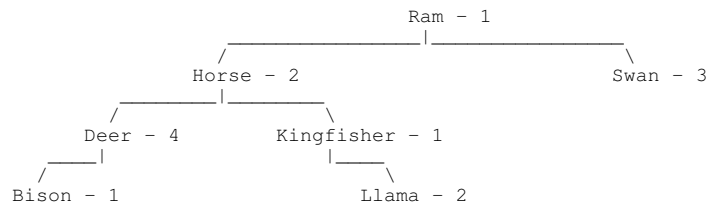
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Below are the descriptions for the two classes you have to write.

Your StringBST class must have the following interface (all the following members are public):

- Define two constructors for the StringBST class:
 - o The default constructor takes no parameters and initializes an empty binary search tree.
 - o The second constructor takes an array of strings and an integer specifying the size of the array as parameters and creates a binary search tree with strings inserted in the order in which they appear in the array.
- Define a destructor that destroys/deletes/recycles the heap-allocated data associated with the current binary search tree.
- An "isEmpty" function that takes no parameters and returns a boolean value that is true if this specific instance of the StringBST class is empty and false otherwise.
- A "clear" function that takes no parameters and has a void return type. It makes the current binary search tree into an empty binary search tree.
- A "size" function that takes no parameters and returns an integer value that is the number of strings in the binary search tree.
- A "print" function that takes no parameters and returns nothing. It prints the binary search tree in order. For example, consider a tree we might draw like this:



The tree above will print out **exactly** as follows (all on one line):

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[[[[[ Bison 1 []] Deer 4 []] Horse 2 [[ Kingfisher 1 [[ Llama 2 []]]] Ram 1 [
[] Swan 3 []]]]
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Notice that the print function prints the number of times each element was added to the tree after the element. Empty trees print out as []. A non-empty tree prints out as 4 items in square brackets separated by a single space: the left subtree, the word in the node, the number of times that word has been inserted into the tree, and then the right subtree.

You'll find this very useful for debugging.

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- A "add" function that takes an element (string) and adds it to the binary search tree in the correct location based on the behavior of binary search trees. Your tree should be able to handle adding duplicate elements. For example in the example tree above Horse, Swan, Deer, and Llama were all added multiple times (the number that follows them indicates how many times).
- A "remove" function that takes a target (string) as a parameter and returns a boolean. It will find the target and then proceed to remove one instance of it from the tree. The boolean returned reflects whether or not the function was able to find and remove the target. For example if we removed "Swan" from the example tree above, we would still have 2 instances of "Swan" in the resulting tree. However if we removed "Bison" from the tree we would no longer have any instances of "Bison" in the tree. If we removed "Bird" then the remove function should return "false", and NOT throw an exception.
- A "getMin" function that takes no parameters and returns a string. It returns the left most (smallest) string in the binary search tree. If the tree is empty it throws a C++ "runtime_error" exception with the message "getMin:empty_tree".
- A "getMax" function that takes no parameters and returns a string. It returns the right most (largest) string in the binary search tree. If the tree is empty it throws a C++ "runtime_error" exception with the message "getMax:empty_tree".
- A "removeMin" function that takes no parameters and returns nothing (not a boolean). It removes the left most (smallest) string in the binary search tree. Similarly to "remove", "removeMin" only removes one instance of the left most string.
- A "removeMax" function that takes no parameters and returns nothing (not a boolean). It removes the right most (largest) string in the binary search tree. Similarly to "remove", "removeMax" only removes one instance of the right most string.
- A "contains" function that takes a string as a parameter, and returns a boolean. It will search the binary search tree, and if it finds the query returns true, otherwise it will return false.

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* NOTE: ALL OF YOUR TREE FUNCTIONS MUST BE WRITTEN USING A RECURSIVE ALGORITHM (NO LOOPS!... EXCEPT IN THE SECOND CONSTRUCTOR).
*
* AS YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED, WE HAVE DEFINED THE PUBLIC FUNCTIONS SO MANY OF THEM CANNOT EFFECTIVELY BE WRITTEN RECURSIVELY. WRITE PRIVATE HELPER FUNCTIONS THAT UTILIZE A RECURSIVE ALGORITHM.
*
* THE NAMES OF YOUR FUNCTIONS/METHODS (SHOWN ABOVE IN QUOTES) AS WELL AS THE ORDER AND TYPES OF PARAMETERS AND RETURN TYPES SHOULD BE *EXACTLY* AS SPECIFIED ABOVE.
*
* THE ONLY PRIVATE DATA MEMBER THAT YOU CAN HAVE IN YOUR TREE IS A POINTER TO THE ROOT OF THE TREE.
*
* YOU MAY NOT HAVE ANY PUBLIC DATA MEMBERS.
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Your Alphabetizer class must have the following interface (all the following members are public):

- Define one constructor for the Alphabetizer class. The default constructor takes no parameters and initializes an the object.
- Define a destructor that destroys/deletes/recycles any heap-allocated data you may have used in the Alphabetizer.
- A "run" function that takes no parameters. This function will launch a process somewhat like the command loop you wrote in HW3, reading in commands from the standard input (cin). Here are the commands:
 - o a leading "f" or "r" which indicates whether the list of words that follows will be printed in forward alphabetical order or reverse. Note: a second "f" or "r" are not order commands but valid words to be added to the binary search tree (see next bullet point).
 - o a word causes the word to be added to the binary search tree.
 - o Upon reachin the end of file on cin, the function will proceed to print the list that was stored in correct alphabetized order or reverse order, whichever was requested.

The function should print the words in the order that the user selected, in the following format:

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[ cin, X : FirstWord, SecondWord, ... , LastWord ]
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Where the "cin" is the origin of the words (cin) and "X" is either "f" or "r" depending on the order which the words were printed. If a word appears multiple times in the original list it should be printed the same number of times in the final sorted list.

[UPDATED: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN RUN FUNCTION SPECIFICATION]

- A second "run" function that takes an input file name (string) and an order (string). This function will read in the list of words from the input file stream, and then print them in the order specified. The function should print the words in the order that the user selected, in the following format:

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[ Filename, X : FirstWord, SecondWord, ... , LastWord ]
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Where the "Filename" is the name of the origin file of the words and "X" is either "f" or "r" depending on the order which the words were printed. If a word appears multiple times in the original list it should be printed the same number of times in the final sorted list.

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* TYPES SHOULD BE *EXACTLY* AS SPECIFIED ABOVE. *
* *
* YOU MAY NOT HAVE ANY PUBLIC DATA MEMBERS. *
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You may add private methods. We particularly encourage the use of private member functions that help you produce a more modular solution. Using private helper functions also help in the better organization of your code and will help us understand what you have written.

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In addition to these two classes you will also need to write/implement a main() for your final submission (not testing). This main() will be in an eponymous file (main.cpp). It should handle the checks of the command line arguments and if all the checks pass it should call the specified run function in the Alphabetizer class, otherwise it should execute the specified error.

Implementation details

Implement the binary search tree using nodes and pointers. You may not use any STL classes: you must implment the data structures yourself.

The files "StringBST.h" and "Alphabetizer.h" will contain your class definitions only. The files "StringBST.cpp" and "Alphabetizer.cpp" will contain your implementations.

You saw how to throw an exception in the previous two homeworks. Your exceptions MUST be exactly as specified in the function descriptions above.

Create a one or more programs to test your classes.

DO NOT IMPLEMENT EVERTHING AT ONCE!

This may seem like a lot, but if you break it into pieces, it's perfectly manageable. Just do it one bit at a time.

You can start implementing the classes in either order, however we suggest that you implement the StringBST class first. The Alphabetizer class doesn't need a binary search until it starts to interpret and execute commands: You can write and debug the command reading logic without a binary search tree. Similarly, you can write and debug the binary search tree class without the Alphabetizer implemented.

First, just define a class, #include the .h file in a .cpp file, define an empty main function (just return 0), and compile. This tests whether your class definition is syntactically correct.

If you start with the binary search tree class (follow a similar pattern if you start with the Alphabetizer class):

Implement just the default constructor first. Add a single variable of type binary search tree to your test main function, and compile, link, and run.

Then you have some choices. You could add the destructor next, but certainly you should add a print function for debugging soon.

You will add one function, then write code in your test file that performs one or more tests for that function. Write a function, test a function, write a function, test function, ... This is called "unit testing."

Follow the same testing approach for every class you write!

For both classes, you should add functionality little by little.

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*****
* NOTE: YOU WILL BE SUBMITTING TESTING MAINS ALONG WITH YOUR *
* BINARY SEARCH TREE AND ALPHABETIZER IMPLEMENTATIONS *
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BSTTesting.cpp should contain testing functions for your StringBST class, and AlphaTesting.cpp should contain tests for your Alphabetizer class

You should use the introduction to file input and output and the example program that reads strings from a file that we provided you with in HW 3. Study the example, but don't use that code exactly: use the information and patterns it shows you to write your own command processing code.

If you need help, TAs will ask about your testing plan and ask to see what tests you have written. They will likely ask you to comment out the most recent (failing) tests and ask you to demonstrate your previous tests.

 README

With your code files you will also submit a README file. You can format your README however you like. However it should have the following sections:

- A. The title of the homework and the author's name (you)
 - B. The purpose of the program
 - C. Acknowledgements for any help you received
 - D. The files that you provided and a short description of what each file is and its purpose
 - E. How to compile and run your program
 - F. An outline of the data structures and algorithms that you used. Given that this is a data structures class, you need to always discuss the data structure that you used and justify why you used it. The algorithm overview may not be relevant depending on the assignment.
- For this assignment in addition to describing any algorithms that you think are interesting you are required to explain the algorithm of insert and remove.
- G. Details and an explanation of how you tested the various parts of your classes and the program as a whole. You may reference the testing files that you submitted to aid in your explanation.

Each of the sections should be clearly delineated and begin with a section heading that describes the content of the section.

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 Submitting Your Work

Be sure your files have header comments, and that those header comments include your name, the assignment, the date, the purpose of the particular file, and acknowledgements for any help you received.

The command is:

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provide comp15 hw4 BSTTesting.cpp AlphaTesting.cpp StringBST.h \
StringBST.cpp Alphabetizer.h Alphabetizer.cpp \
main.cpp README
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Note: There must not be an space after the '\\' and the newline!