ENSF 593/594
Data Structures – Arrays

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Outline

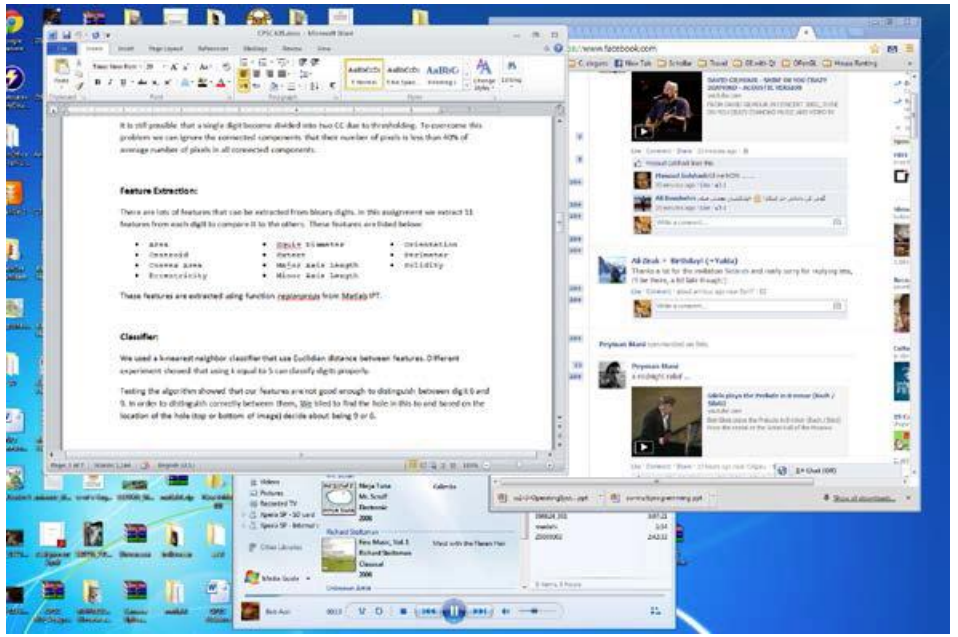
- List
- Arrays
  - Insertion
  - Deletion
- Vector

Goal

- In this lecture we will introduce you to lists and how to implement lists as arrays.

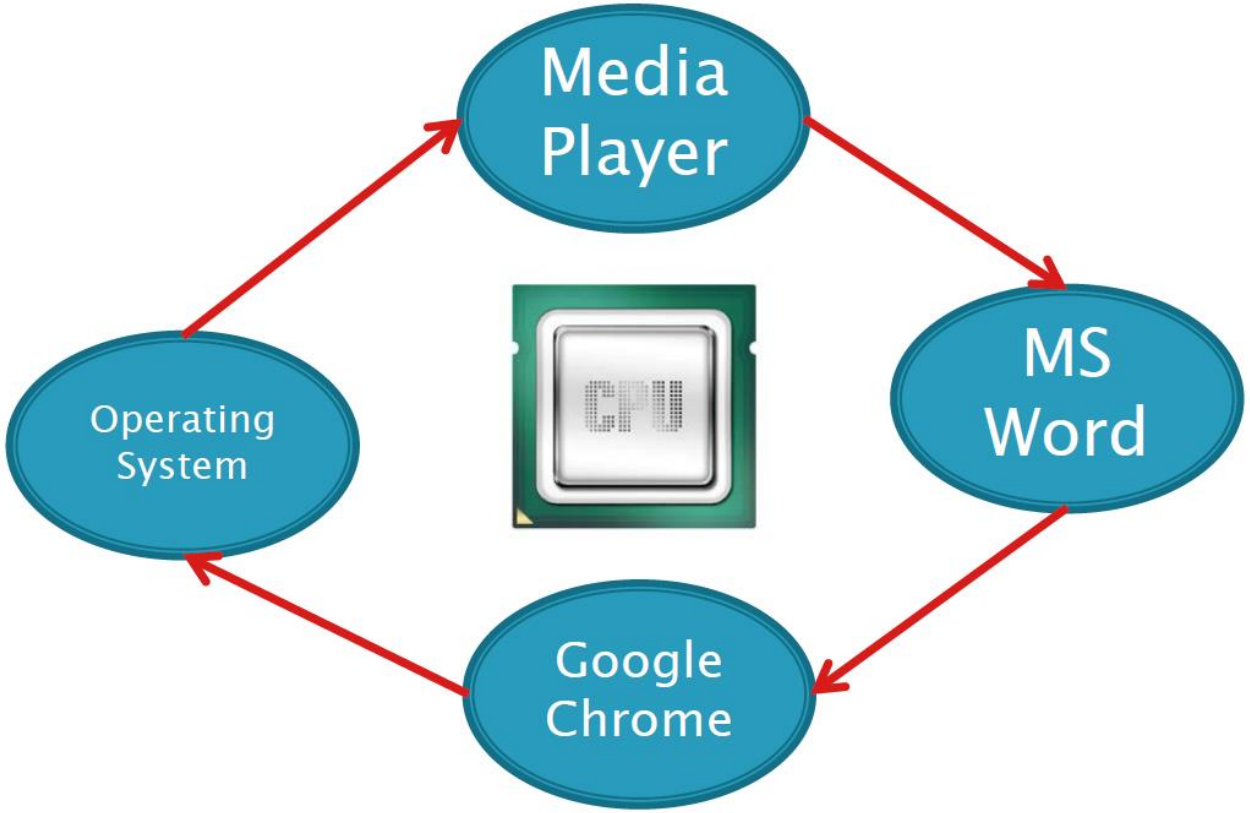
Multitasking in Operating System

- Your computer can only preform one task at a time, but how can you listen to musing with checking your Facebook notifications meanwhile writing your assignment at MS Word?



Multitasking in Operating System (Cont'd)

- Circular Link List



Lists

- Are classified as linear data structures
- May be one-dimensional, or multi-dimensional
- Each element of a list might consist of:
  - A single data item, or
  - A record or object (compound data)
- Lists may be ordered (sorted) or unordered

Lists (cont'd)

- A list is an Abstract Data Type (ADT) that supports these operations:
  - add(newEntry)
    - Adds an item to the end of the list
  - insert(newEntry, position)
    - Inserts an item into a list at the specified position
  - delete(position)
    - Deletes the item at the specified position
  - clear()
    - Deletes all items from the list

Lists (cont'd)

- getEntry(position)
  - Return the item at the specified position
    - May be done by value or by reference
- replaceEntry(position, newEntry)
  - Overwrite the item at the specified position with a new item
- getLength()
  - Returns the number of items currently in the list
- isEmpty()
  - Returns true if no items in the list, false otherwise
- isFull()
  - Returns true if the list is full, false otherwise

Lists (cont'd)

- display()
  - Prints out all items in the list
- contains(itemKey)
  - Returns true if the list contains the item, false otherwise
- search(itemKey)
  - Returns the item that matches the key (or nil if no match)

Lists (cont'd)

- Lists may be implemented in many ways
  - E.g. Arrays, linked lists
  - In RAM, or in secondary storage (file on disk)

Arrays

- Are also called *physically ordered lists*
- Definition: Are linear, random access data structures, whose elements are accessed by a unique identifier called an *index* or *subscript*. Elements are stored contiguously in RAM or in secondary storage.

Arrays (cont'd)

- Most modern programming languages directly support arrays
  - Java example: int[] array = new int[10];
- Structure:
  - Formal view:

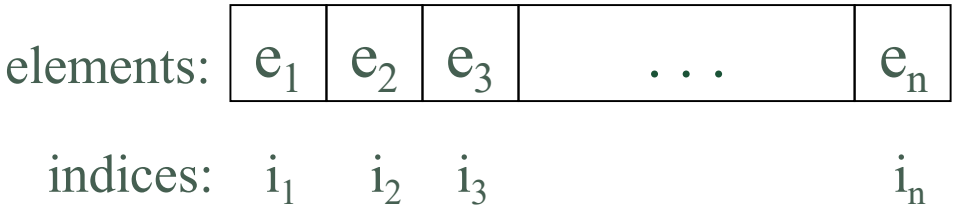
$$\text{Set of array elements } E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \ldots, e_n\}$$

$$\text{Mapping function } f: \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow$$

$$\text{Set of array indices } I = \{i_1, i_2, i_3, \ldots, i_n\}$$

Arrays (cont'd)

- Programming language view:



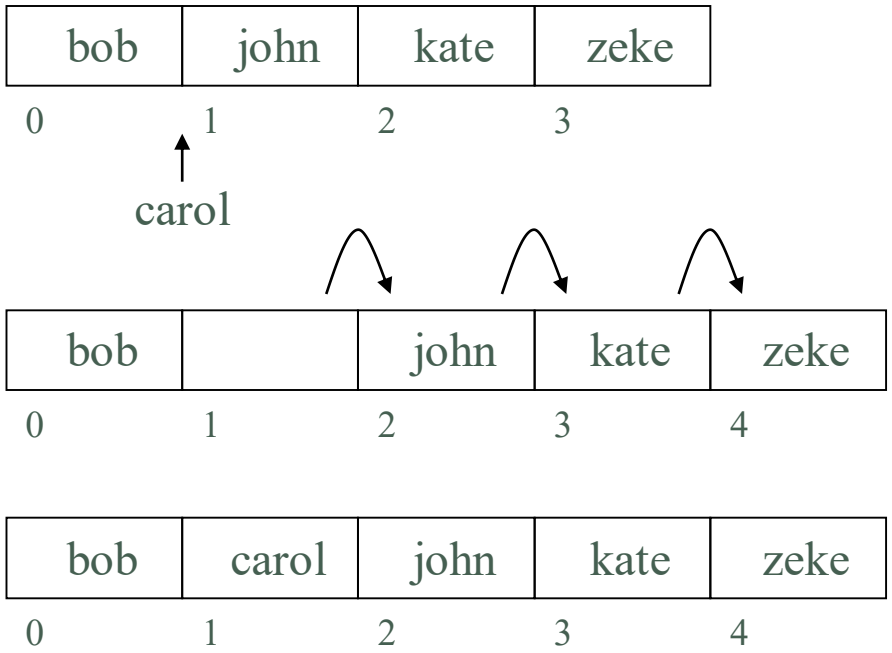
- Languages like C, C++, and Java require indices to start at 0
  - Others, like Pascal and FORTRAN are more flexible

Arrays (cont'd)

- Arrays are fixed in length:
  - At compile-time for most languages
  - At run-time for languages like Java
- Imposes a maximum size for a list
  - May run out of room as we add items
  - Wastes space if we use only part of the array

Arrays (cont'd)

- Inserting an item into an array may require shifting elements to make room for it



Arrays (cont'd)

- Pseudocode:

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insert(newEntry, position)
   for (i = n-1; i >= position; i--)
      array[i+1] = array[i]
   array[position] = newEntry
   n = n + 1
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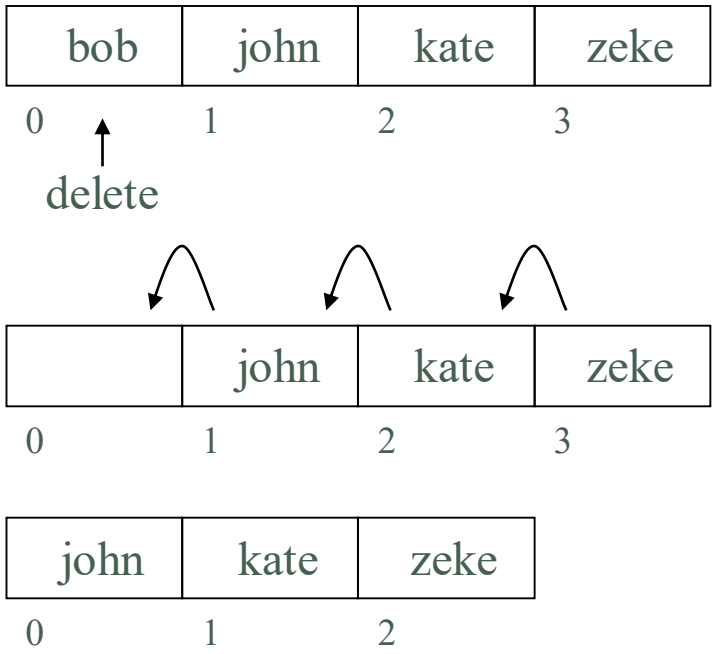
- Is $O(n)$ in the worst case (inserting at position 0)

Arrays (cont'd)

- Deleting an item may require shifting items to fill the gap



Arrays (cont'd)

- Pseudocode:

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delete(position)
    for (i = position; i < n-1; i++)
        array[i] = array[i+1]
    n = n - 1
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- Is $O(n)$ in the worst case (deleting at position 0)
- Accessing an item by position is $O(1)$
  - i.e. Getting or replacing entries is very quick

Arrays (cont'd)

- Must use sequential search on unordered arrays
- Can use sequential or binary search on ordered arrays
- A *vector* is an array that grows in size when it overflows (e.g. inserting into a full array)
  - A new array of size 2N is allocated
  - All elements from the old array are copied to the new array
  - The original reference is changed to point to the new array

Arrays (cont'd)

- In addition to ordinary arrays, Java provides the classes:
  - java.util.Vector
  - java.util.ArrayList

List Implemented As Arrays

- Advantages
  - Simple to use (often a built-in type)
  - Retrievals are quick if the index is known (*O(n)*)
- Disadvantages
  - Adding/removing elements may be awkward
  - Fixed size arrays either limits the size of the list or wastes space
  - Dynamic sized arrays requires copying

Summary

- Lists are linear data structure.
- Two common ways to implement lists are arrays and linked list.
- Array is a linear, random access data structure that stores in contiguously in memory.
- Arrays are fixed size in length.
- Insertion and deleting from arrays in O(n) in worse case
- Vectors can solve the problem of overflowing in arrays.

Review Questions

- What are two ways to implement lists?
- What is an array?
- What is the problem of Imposing a maximum size for a list?
- How can you insert an element to a specific location in an array and what is its complexity in worse, average, and best case?
- How can you delete an element from a specific location in an array and what is its complexity in worse, average, and best case?
- What is a vector and how does it fix the problem of overflowing?
- What are the advantage and disadvantage of using array to implement a list?