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CE1107/CZ1107: DATA STRUCTURES AND ALGORITHMS

Course Introduction

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ROADMAP (LECTURES)

Week	Monday (Online) 10.30-11.30	Wednesday (Online) 16.30-17.30
1	Introduction to Dynamic Data Structures and Algorithms	Linked Lists
2	Linked Lists	Linked Lists
3	Stacks and Queues	Stacks and Queues
4	Binary Trees	Binary Trees
5	Binary Trees	Binary Search Trees
6	Binary Search Trees	Revision

ROADMAP (LABS AND TUTORIALS AND LAB TESTS)

Week	Tutorial	Lab
1	No Tutorial	No Labs
2	No Tutorial	No Labs
3	Linked Lists	Linked Lists
4	Stack and Queues	Stack and Queues
5	No Tutorial	No Tutorial
6	Binary Tree and Binary Search Trees	Binary Trees
7	No Tutorial	Binary Search Trees

ROADMAP (ASSIGNMENTS)

Week	Assignment	Deadline (11.59 PM)
4	Linked Lists	05/2/2021
5	Stack and Queues	12/2/2021
6	Binary Tree	19/2/2021
7	Binary Search Trees	26/2/2021

ROADMAP (LAB TEST)

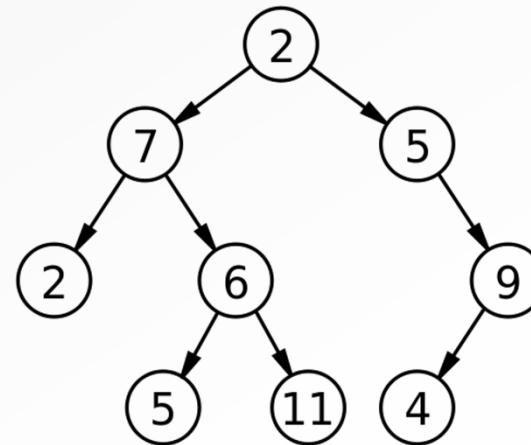
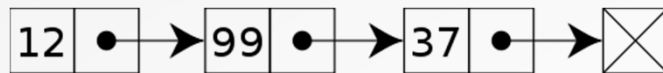
Week	Lab Test 1
Recess Week	Date and time (To be announced later)

SHORT VERSION OF THE NEXT FIVE WEEKS

- What will we be working with?
 - Structures
 - Pointers
 - Structures inside structures
 - Pointers to structures
 - Pointers inside structures
- Make sure you know
 - What pointers/structures are
 - How to declare and use pointers/structures

LINEAR VS. NON-LINEAR DATA STRUCTURES

- Start with linear data structures
 - Arranged sequentially, similar to an array
- Next, non-linear data structures
 - Not sequential, all sorts of layouts possible



THINGS YOU SHOULD DO

- Draw lots of pictures
 - Visualising how objects are laid out in memory helps with understanding
- Concept before code
 - Following pointers can be tricky if you don't have a mental model of the data structure
 - With the right model as a reference, you can implement the structure in any language
- Use the debugger
 - Once you start writing code, you'll do silly things with pointers and you need to be able to track down your mistakes