

Common Data Structures

Arrays

- Good when the data is a fixed size so no need to adjust the size of the array

Search

- $O(n)$ Worst Case
- If sorted then $O(\log n)$

Get

- $O(1)$ Worst Case

Append

- $O(n)$ Worst Case

Linked List

- Good for implementing queues or stacks because appending and removing from the head or tail is $O(1)$

Search

- $O(n)$ Worst Case

Get

- $O(n)$ Worst Case

Append

- $O(1)$ Worst Case

Hash Map

- Key-Value store good for storing keys that need to be mapped to a value and the keys need to be accessed quickly

Add/Lookup Key

- $O(1)$ Average Case, in an interview you can assume all hashmaps are $O(1)$ add and lookup time
- $O(n)$ Worst Case depending on hash function

Binary Trees

- Binary Trees are different than Binary Search Trees, Binary Trees are the superset of Binary Search Trees
- It does not need to maintain a particular order

Search

- $O(n)$ Worst Time

Add

- $O(\log n)$ Worst Time

Binary Search Trees

- Binary Search Trees need to maintain a particular order
- Useful for keeping sorted order

Search

- $O(\log n)$ Worst Time

Add

- $O(\log n)$ Worst Time

Graphs

Search

- $O(V + E)$ where V is the number of nodes and E is the number of edges (Worst Case)

Heap / Priority Queue

Insertion/Deletion/Pop

- $O(\log n)$ Worst Case