# Advent of Code

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# **Approach #1: Contest**



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Doing this for 25 days is physically & mentally exhausting!

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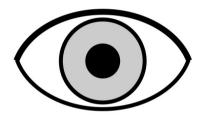


# **Approach #2: Sustainable**

- 1. do not rush
- 2. test your code
- 3. identify data structures
- 4. team up

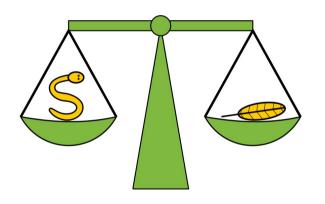
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#### Do not rush



Read the requirements very carefully.

https://adventofcode.com/2021/day/14

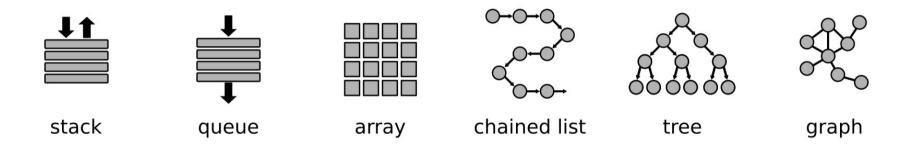


# **Test your code**

- Problem description contains data for Unit Tests
- add more examples with test parametrization
- easy problem: test toplevel function only
- difficult problem: test decompositions, too
- TDD is a great idea

(also see: Uncle Bob, Clean Code Talks, Youtube)

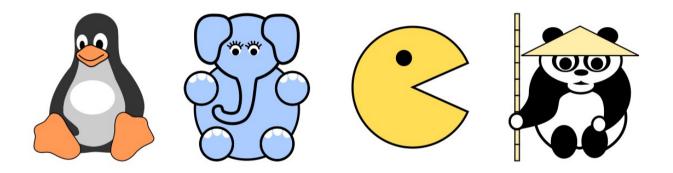
# **Identify data structures**



abstraction of data allows you to estimate complexity, choose an algorithm and, only after that, decide on the implementation.

(also see: Robert Sedgewick, Algorithms, Coursera)

### **Team Up!**



#### Things that worked:

Pair programming, daily calls, exchange ideas, review code together, having juniors seniors and web devs around



https://github.com/krother/advent\_of\_code

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