

# Chapter 3

## Linked Lists, Vectors & Analysis of their behavior

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# Today's Agenda

- Announcements
- Quiz results
- Some Linux fun
- Chapter 3 structures
  - Linked Lists vs. Vectors & time complexity
  - Software engineering discussion & the STL
  - Skipping stacks in class (you know this one!)
  - Queues (if we have time)

# Announcements

- I'll be shipping Homework #1 soon - it's a written thing, not coding
- Open labs are (so far):
  - T/Th @5:00-8:00 in Sloan 353's center room
- Google is here tomorrow & Wednesday
  - The schedule is on our Blackboard site
- VCEA Technical Career Fair
  - October 3rd, 10am-3pm in Beasley Coliseum
  - Definitely the best opportunity to get a tech internship
  - Ensure your resume is ready and you have good clothes!
  - Contact Sandi Brabb in the PPEL for hiring help/ideas: <https://vcea.wsu.edu/ppel/>

# Neat stuff!



USS Zumwalt



Zumwalt bridge/command center

REALLY neat stuff!



# What OS runs the latest destroyer's comps?

Hint: it's not Microsoft Windows

# We think it might be because of this incident: “Sunk by Windows NT”

While Microsoft continues to trumpet the success of its NT operating system over Unix-based systems, the US Navy is having second thoughts about putting NT at the helm. A system failure on the USS Yorktown last September temporarily paralyzed the cruiser, ...

"For about two-and-a-half hours, the ship was what we call 'dead in the water,'" said Commander John Singley of the Atlantic Fleet Surface Force.

<http://archive.wired.com/science/discoveries/news/1998/07/13987>

# A few points about the article

- “... problem appeared to be more political than technical”
- “... politics were played in the assigning of the contract -- there was not a discussion of engineers”
- “... when the software attempted to divide by zero, a buffer overrun occurred -- crashing the entire network and causing the ship to lose control of its propulsion system.”
- “... when reliability is of utmost importance, Unix-like systems are preferable” (report by Navy reviewers after the fact)



# What OS runs the latest destroyer? :-)

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Though, it *is* commanded by Captain Kirk



# Quiz #1 review

- When you state the Big-O complexity for an algorithm, what does that normally represent?
- What does the time complexity Big-Omega (Big- $\Omega$ ) for an algorithm represent?
- If  $T(N) = \log^2 N + 1.5N^3 + 2N + 1000$ , what is the Big-O of  $T(N)$ ?
- Given this set of nested for loops, what is the Big-O time you'd expect from the code?

```
for( i = 0; i < N; i++ )  
    for( j = 0; j < M; j++ )
```

# Last of quiz #1 review

- For a Bubblesort function that takes an array of N elements and sorts it, what is the space complexity of the function? `void bubbleSort(int array[], int n)`
- Which of these are features of the OS kernel running on most computers?



- ☐ Managing hardware
- ☐ Giving you a word processor
- ☐ Starting programs
- ☐ Providing a user interface
- ☐ Managing memory
- ☐ Being the shell
- ☐ Scheduling processors on the CPU

# Opportunity to ask about git & the assignments here

<https://git.eecs.wsu.edu>

git clone

git checkout [branchname]

editing files

git add

git commit

git push



# Diving into Chapter 3

- Abstract Data Types (ADTs)
  - Mathematical abstractions of behavior and storage for data
  - No specification for implementation in the concept
  - Lists, sets, graphs vs. integers, reals, booleans

# Common concept of ADTs

- Common operations:
  - Add
  - Remove
  - Size
  - Contains
  - Union
  - Find
- How are these translated for some common ADTs?
  - Stacks, queues, lists, vectors

# C++ (and the STL) allow for hiding implementation details

- Objects allow the hiding of implementation details

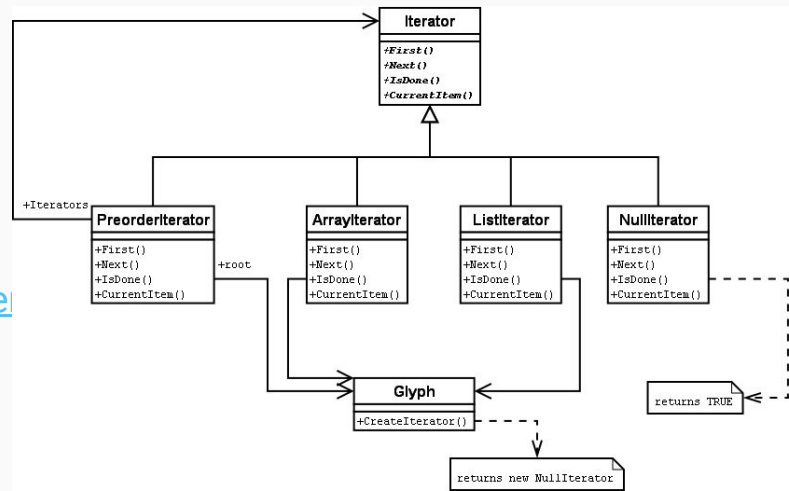
- Proper API design
- Proper coupling and cohesion

- An API is: Application Program Interface

- Externally exposed ways to manipulate an object
- Can be formally defined, and should be!
- See: UML and other modeling languages

- Unified Modeling Language

- [http://www.tutorialspoint.com/uml/uml\\_overview.htm](http://www.tutorialspoint.com/uml/uml_overview.htm)



# Coupling and Cohesion



excessive coupling



low coupling

- Software engineering philosophy for structural design
- Coupling:
  - How objects are tied to one another's behavior
  - Coupling is the manner and degree of interdependence between software modules
  - A measure of how closely connected two routines or modules are
  - The strength of the relationships between modules
  - It's a common desire to reduce coupling in your software design, hence ADTs in their own objects with simple APIs that do not expose implementation details nor data access



# Cohesion is normally the opposite of coupling (why it's not a single scale...?)

- When objects have high cohesion, they normally do one thing well
  - They have a single job and do not “reach into” other objects or modules, except via well defined APIs
  - Cohesion means that the module/object doesn't expose its own data to outsiders
  - Remember the whole public: and private: sections in your class definitions?
    - Yeah, that's to allow you to make a hidden API and data store
- A well designed object should be drop-in replaceable by another one with the same API and behavior implementation, even if the internal implementations are radically different: see databases for an example

# High cohesion and low coupling has many benefits, here's a couple of examples

- 1) Implementation by different groups
  - a) Just follow the spec, stick to the API, and your modules will integrate, right?
- 2) DoD is very interested in APIs and specifications because of contractors
- 3) NASA & other robust coding environments
  - a) Requires every module be done three times with different algorithms, all same result
  - b) Each implementation should be a drop-in replacement for the others
- 4) Code reuse is a goal of software engineering
  - a) It's also incredibly difficult to do and made more so by highly coupled code

# All of this is the basis of ADTs

- A good general concept with:
  - A good API based on the basic operations
  - High cohesion in the implementation with proper data hiding
  - Low coupling between modules
    - Which is why you can just create a `vector<T>` without knowing how it's built
    - `vector< int > list;`
    - `vector< vector< int > > matrix;`

# Vector operations

- How long to accomplish these? How is a vector implemented in STL?
  - add (end, start, insert)
  - delete (@location)... on average it takes?
  - printList
  - findKth
- What happens when the vector gets full?
  - I sense an  $n^2$  issue hiding under the surface!

# Linked list (singly)

- How long to accomplish these?
  - add (start, end, insert)
  - find(x)
  - findKth(k)
  - printList
  - remove(k)
- What kind of linked list is provided by the STL?

# STL vector vs. list

- Operations:
  - `int size()`
  - `void clear()`
  - `bool empty() (is_empty?)`
  - `void push_back( Object & x)`
  - `void pop_back( )`
  - `const Object & back( )`
  - `const Object & front( )`
- Only for list
  - `void push_front( const Object & x)`
  - `void pop_front( )`
- Only for vector:
  - `Object & operator[] ( int idx )` - no check!
  - `Object & at( int idx )` - safe
  - `int capacity( )`
  - `void reserve( int newCapacity )` - force size

# Iterators

- Used to issues commands to the middle of the list
  - Allows you to increment and decrement your way through the data
  - BUT! Doesn't allow you direct access to the implementation:
    - Good coupling and cohesion behavior
- `iterator begin()`
- `itr++` , `*itr` , `itr1==itr2` , `itr1 != itr2`
- `iterator insert(obj)` , `erase (pos)` , `erase(start, end)` -> can do a range
  - Erase works for both list and vector, but what's the cost for each?

# Example: delete every other item

- Remove every other item from your list of numbers:
  - 6, 5, 1, 4, 2 ----> 5, 4
- Runs in linear time for a list, but.... Quadratic time for a vector!  $N^2$

5 <del>X</del>	73	-2 <del>X</del>	10	3 <del>X</del>	7	
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- I ran into a discussion about how the CPU cache reduces this impact in some implementations, but we haven't talked much about the memory hierarchy yet. That'll come with B+ Trees.



# Implemented with a vector

```
template <typename Container>
void removeEveryOtherItem( Container & vec) {
    typename Container::iterator itr = lst.begin( );
    while( itr != vec.end( ) ) {
        itr = vec.erase( itr );
        if( itr != vec.end( ) )
            ++itr;
    }
}
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# Wait! That doesn't change anything in the implementation. Stop messing with us, Crandall!

- What actually matters is what we initialize and pass to the function.
- The resulting implementation detail behavior is entirely hidden from our algorithm:

`list<int> myData;`

vs.

`vector<int> myData;`

Both are passed just the same:  
`removeEveryOtherItem( myData );`

But one operates in linear time ( $N$ ), the other in quadratic ( $N^2$ )

# Chapter 3 continues, but we won't

- Implementation details of vector and list
  - We don't do that in class (boring to do as a group!)
  - You still should read through it and work through the algorithms in your heads
  - These “complex” types aren't that complex under the hood and you could implement them yourselves without a huge amount of work
- Show online documentation for STL types:
  - [Vector](#)
  - [Stack](#)
  - [Queue](#)
  - [List](#)

# If we still have time...

- Skipping stacks, you've done those
- Onto queues
  - Array based implementation
  - Linked list-based implementation
- To the whiteboard!
- Queueing theory - all kinds of fun stuff and HIGHLY valuable to companies
  - See: phone/cell, routers, FedEx/UPS, anyone with a call center, order handling
- Finish reading Chapter 3. We'll be doing Chapter 4 on Wednesday
  - Chapter 4 will take quite a while, so we're nearing the end of the sprint to the fun stuff

# GO TO THE HACKATHON

