

Data Structure is a collection of values  
 Algorithms are the steps/processes to manipulate these collection of values

What is a data structure

- collection of values
  - Values can have relationships among them & functions applied to them
- each is specialized for its one purpose
- \* Metaphorical to different type of storage containers
  - a drawer, refrigerator, backpack
  - each has its own specific uses

//Blockchain is also a data structure

Programming models to real-life scenarios  
 - organization is akin to data structures

To master data structures:

- 1) How to build one
- 2) How to use it

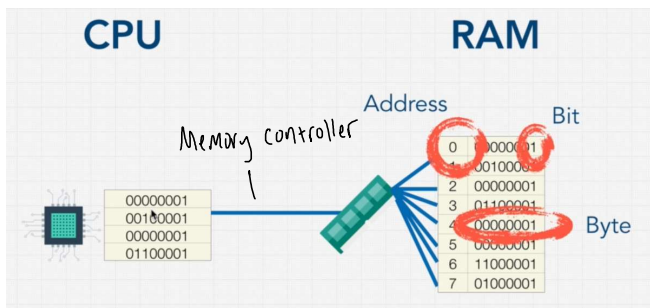
← more important, since DS. is pre-built

Why D.S. is important:

CPU  
 Computations

RAM  
 Temporary storage (fast)  
 [Variables, int a = 1]

Storage  
 Permanent storage (slow)



optimize bits  
 int vs double  
 32 vs 64

age | money  
 using double to store an age  
 is wasteful

The closer the memory, the faster the computer uses it.  
 • kind of like the CPU cache

- D.S. is an arrangement of data, you define the way you interact with this data and how it is arranged in RAM
  - Some D.S. in RAM are organized next to each other or far away
- \* Goal is to: minimize the operation needed for the CPU to manipulate the information (insert, delete, etc)