

# Serialize and Deserialize Binary Tree

Try to solve the Serialize and Deserialize Binary Tree problem.

We'll cover the following

- Statement
- Examples
- Understand the problem
- Figure it out!
- Try it yourself

## Statement

Serialize a given binary tree to a file and deserialize it back to a tree. Make sure that the original and the deserialized trees are identical.

- Serialize:** Write the tree to a file.
- Deserialize:** Read from a file and reconstruct the tree in memory.

Serialize the tree into a list of integers, and then, deserialize it back from the list to a tree. For simplicity's sake, there's no need to write the list to the files.

### Constraints:

- The number of nodes in the tree is in the range  $[0, 10^4]$ .
- $-1000 \leq \text{Node.value} \leq 1000$

## Examples

Example 1

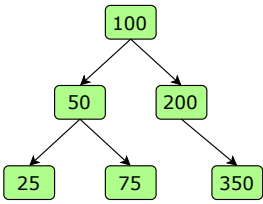
Input

Serialization

Serialized List

Deserializations

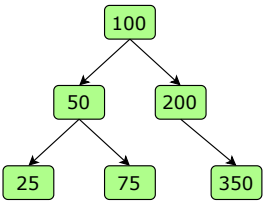
Output



Binary Tree

If you use Level Order Traversal  
100 50 200 25 75 350  
If you use Inorder Traversal  
25 50 75 100 200 350  
If you use Preorder Traversal  
100 50 25 75 200 350  
If you use Postorder Traversal  
25 75 50 350 200 100

Integer list



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Let's take a moment to make sure you've correctly understood the problem. The quiz below helps you check if you're solving the correct problem:

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What is the serialized output of this tree using level order traversal?

```
graph TD; 350 --> 75; 350 --> 200; 75 --> 25; 75 --> 100; 25 --> 50; 100 --> null; style null fill:none,stroke:none
```

A) [350, 75, 25, 50, 200, 100]

B) [350, 75, 25, 200, 50, 100]

C) [25, 50, 75, 100, 200, 350]

D) [50, 25, 100, 200, 75, 350]

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Figure it out!

We have a game for you to play. Rearrange the logical building blocks to develop a clearer understanding of how to solve this problem.

Drag and drop the cards to re-arrange them in the correct sequence

Perform a depth-first traversal and serialize individual nodes to the stream.

Also, serialize a marker to represent a NULL pointer that helps deserialize the tree.

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Deserialize the tree using  
preorder traversal.

During deserialization, create  
a new node for every non-  
marker node using preorder  
traversal.

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## Try it yourself

Implement your solution in `SerializeDeserialize.java` in the following coding playground.

Java



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```
1 // Definition of a binary tree node class
2 // class TreeNode<T> {
3 //     T data;
4 //     TreeNode<T> left;
5 //     TreeNode<T> right;
6
7 //     TreeNode(T data) {
8 //         this.data = data;
```

```
12 // }
13
14 import java.util.*;
15 import ds_v1.BinaryTree.TreeNode;
16
17 public class SerializeDeserialize{
18     public static List<String> serialize(TreeNode<Integer> root) {
19
20         // Replace this placeholder return statement with your code
21         List<String> stream = new ArrayList<>();
22         return stream;
23     }
24     public static TreeNode<Integer> deserialize(List<String> stream){
25
26         // Replace this placeholder return statement with your code
27         TreeNode<Integer> n = new TreeNode<Integer>(0);
28         return n;
```

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Test Cases Results

Case 1

Case 2

Case 3

Input #1

[100,50,200,25,75,350]

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