Picnic with Professors

12pm March 3rd & 17th @ HFH

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STACK C++ STL & TEMPLATES INTERVIEW PRACTICE

Problem Solving with Computers-II



Announcements

- Pa02 released, due 3/14 (Tuesday of Week 10)!
 - Implementing a BST with a movie data set
 - Graphing and analyzing running time!
 - Involves writing a report, explaining the trends in your data
 - Start early!
- Midterm grades released!
 - Max: 100% (13 students)
 - Median: 87%
 - Mean: 85%

Stack ADT

- Uses the Last In First Out (LIFO) principle
- Methods
- i. push()
- ii. pop()
- iii. top()
- iv. empty()

C++STL

- The C++ Standard Template Library is a handy set of three built-in components:
 - Containers: Data structures
 - Iterators: Standard way to search containers
 - Algorithms: These are what we ultimately use to solve problems

C++ STL container classes

```
array
                     vector
               forward list
                       list
                        set
                      stack
                      queue
            priority queue
multiset (non unique keys)
                      deque
             unordered set
                        map
             unordered map
                   multimap
                     bitset
```

Finding the Maximum of Two Integers

 Here's a small function that you might write to find the maximum of two integers.

```
int maximum(int a, int b)
{
   if (a > b)
     return a;
   else
     return b;
}
```

One Hundred Million Functions...

Suppose your program uses 100,000,000 different data types, and you need a maximum function for each...

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```

A Template Function for Maximum

When you write a template function, you choose a data type for the function to depend upon...

```
template <class Item>
Item maximum(Item a, Item b)
{
   if (a > b)
     return a;
   else
     return b;
}
```

LabO5 - BST with templates

```
BST, without templates:
class BSTNode {
public:
  BSTNode* left;
  BSTNode* right;
  BSTNode* parent;
  int const data;
  BSTNode (const int& d):
     data(d) {
    left = right
         = parent = nullptr;
```

BST, with templates:

```
template<class Data>
class BSTNode {
public:
  BSTNode<Data>* left;
  BSTNode<Data>* right;
  BSTNode<Data>* parent;
  Data const data;
  BSTNode (const Data & d):
     data(d) {
    left = right
         = parent = nullptr;
};
```

```
BST, with templates:
                                 How would you create a BSTNode object on
                                the runtime stack?
template<class Data>
class BSTNode {
                                  A. BSTNode n(10);
public:
                                  B. BSTNode<int> n;
  BSTNode<Data>* left;
                                  C. BSTNode<int> n(10);
  BSTNode<Data>* right;
                                  D. BSTNode<int> n = new BSTNode<int>(10);
  BSTNode<Data>* parent;
                                  E. More than one of these will work
  Data const data;
  BSTNode (const Data & d):
                                                              { } syntax OK too
     data(d) {
    left = right = parent = nullptr ;
```

```
BST, with templates:
                                  How would you create a pointer to
                                  BSTNode with integer data?
template<class Data>
class BSTNode {
                                   A. BSTNode* nodePtr;
public:
                                   B. BSTNode<int> nodePtr;
  BSTNode<Data>* left;
                                   C.BSTNode<int>* nodePtr;
  BSTNode<Data>* right;
  BSTNode<Data>* parent;
  Data const data;
  BSTNode (const Data & d):
     data(d) {
    left = right = parent = nullptr ;
```

```
BST, with templates:
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```
template<class Data>
class BSTNode {
public:
  BSTNode<Data>* left;
  BSTNode<Data>* right;
  BSTNode<Data>* parent;
  Data const data;
  BSTNode (const Data & d):
     data(d) {
    left = right = parent = nullptr ;
```

Write a line of code to create a new BSTNode object with int data on the heap and assign nodePtr to point to it.

```
template<typename Data>
class BST {
private:
  BSTNode<Data>* root; //Pointer to the root of this BS
public:
  /** Default constructor. Initialize an empty BST. */
  BST() : root(nullptr){ }
  void insertAsLeftChild(BSTNode<Data>* parent, const Data& item) {
     // Your code here
```

Working with a BST: Insert

```
//Assume this is inside the definition of the class
void insertAsLeftChild(BSTNode<Data>* parent, const Data& item)
  {
      // Your code here
}
```

Which line of code correctly inserts the data item into the BST as the left child of the parent parameter.

```
A.parent.left = item;
B.parent->left = item;
C.parent->left = BSTNode(item);
D.parent->left = new BSTNode<Data>(item);
E.parent->left = new Data(item);
```

Working with a BST: Insert

```
void insertAsLeftChild(BSTNode<Data>* parent, const Data& item) {
   parent->left = new BSTNode<Data>(item);
}
```

Is this function complete? (i.e. does it do everything it needs to correctly insert the node?)

- A. Yes. The function correctly inserts the data
- B. No. There is something missing.

What is difference between templates and typedefs?

```
template <class Item>
Item maximum(Item a, Item b)
{
   if (a > b)
      return a;
   else
      return b;
}
```

```
typedef int item;
item maximum(item a, item b)
{
   if (a > b)
     return a;
   else
     return b;
}
```

Template classes: Non-member functions

```
BST operator+(const BST& b1, const BST&b2);

template <class T>
BST<T> operator+(const BST<T>& b1, const BST<T>&b2);
```

Template classes: Member function definition

For the compiler a name used in a template declaration or definition and that is dependent on a template-parameter is assumed not to name a type *unless* its preceded by a typename

```
template<class T>
class BST{
    //Other code
    Node* getNodeFor(T value, Node* n) const;
};
```

Template classes: Including the implementation

```
//In bst.h
class BST{
//code
};
#include "bst.cpp"
```

How to Convert a Container Class to a Template

- 1. The template prefix precedes each function prototype or implementation.
- 2. Outside the class definition, place the word <Item> with the class name, such as bag<Item>.
- 3. Use the name Item instead of value_type.
- 4. Outside of member functions and the class definition itself, add the keyword typename before any use of one of the class's type names. For example:

```
typename bag<Item>::size_type
```

- 5. The implementation file name now ends with .template (instead of .cxx), and it is included in the header by an include directive.
- 6. Eliminate any using directives in the implementation file. Therefore, we must then write std:: in front of any Standard Library function such as std::copy.
- 7. Some compilers require any default argument to be in both the prototype and the function implementation.

Have you given a technical interview before?

A. Yes

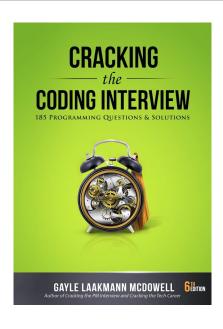
B. No

Tips for Technical Interviews

- 1. Listen carefully
- 2. Draw an example
- 3. State the brute force or a partially correct solution
 - then work to get at a better solution

4. Optimize:

- Make time-space tradeoffs to optimize runtime
- Precompute information: Reorganize the data e.g. by sorting
- 5. Solidify your understanding of your algo before diving into writing code.
- 6. Start coding!



Small group exercise

Write a ADT called minStack of numbers that provides the following

- push() // inserts an element to the "top" of the minStack
- pop() // removes the last element that was pushed on the stack
- top () // returns the last element that was pushed on the stack
- min() // returns the minimum value of the elements stored so far

