

# LAB 07

## RESOURCES

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- Discussion slides (./lab07slides.pdf) - Copy of the presentation given by the TA
- Nemo's Discussion on Data Structures  
([http://www.cise.ufl.edu/~nemo/cop3503/slides/Lecture+20\\_data\\_struct.pptx](http://www.cise.ufl.edu/~nemo/cop3503/slides/Lecture+20_data_struct.pptx))  
some information on Binary Search Trees, which you will be implementing
- main.cpp (./main.cpp) - I will be using this to grade your program today
- Sample output (./out.txt) - This is a sample run of a correctly working BST for reference

## IDEA

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This lab should help you get familiar with pointers and recursion. We will do this through the binary search tree (BST) data structure.

## IN-LAB ASSIGNMENT

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### Description

You will implement a BST class. Along with this, you will need to implement a Node class to represent each element of the tree. Your payload or data carried in each node is to be an integer. Your tree will support the following operations: insert (an element) into the tree, printing the elements in order, finding out if a given element is in the tree, and printing the tree rooted at a given element. All of these functions will need to be recursive (most like the Node class).

### Requirements/Deliverables

You will implement a standard BST. The tree will be made up of many Nodes, which you will also need to implement. Make the tree function as closely to the way described in you can. You will need to break up your implementation into .h and .cpp files as usual

**!!!!!! IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU NAME THESE CLASSES AND FUNCTION EXACTLY AS THEY APPEAR HERE !!!!!!**

The tree class should be called BST and needs to implement the following functions (these are prototypes):

1. `BST()`

This is the default constructor. It should initialize the root node to be nullptr.

2. `void insert(int)`

This function inserts a given value into the tree. **YOU MUST KEEP THE ORDER OF THE TREE.** You keep tree order by placing nodes less than the root to the left and nodes greater than the root to the right. If you are given a duplicate node, you can simply ignore it (don't add it to the tree). I will not give you duplicate nodes in my testing.

- For reference, the tree below was built by inserting nodes in this order: 2 -> 5 -> 4

3. `void print_inorder()`

This is an inorder traversal of your tree. It should print the nodes of the tree in sorted order. The format should be each value separated by a single space on one line. There should be a new line at the end. Below is an example

```

      2
     / \
    1   3
       \
        5
       /
      4

```

The result of the print function is:

```
1 2 3 4 5 \n
```

If the tree is empty, just print "Tree empty".

4. `bool find(int)`

This function returns true if the given value is in the tree, false otherwise.

5. `void print_from_value(int)`

This function searches for the value in the tree and prints the subtree rooted at the node using an inorder traversal. Taking the tree from above, calling this function passing 5 should print

```
4 5 \n
```

If the node is not in the tree, print a message saying "Node [whatever number was passed] not found".

You may want to add in additional functions to accomplish intermediate tasks. These functions are helper functions and should be *private*.

The class for the node should be called Node. I will not specify the functions that should be in the node class. *hint hint, the node functions should be the ones that are recursive, you will probably need functions very similar to those found in the BST class.* For instance, the `BST::print_inorder` function can be written as

```
void print_inorder(){
    if(root == nullptr){
        cout << "Tree empty" << endl;
        return;
    }
    root->print_inorder();
}
```

if you write the Node::print\_inorder function correctly.

## Submission

You will only need to submit a BST.h and a BST.cpp file containing your implementation of the assignment Lab 07 area of elearning. Just submit them as two separate attachments, no need to zip them up. *There should not be a main() in either of these files!!!* I will write my own main.cpp to test your BST class using the functions described. The test file I use to grade can be found [here \(./main.cpp\)](#). If you finish during lab time, I will come and check you off on this test program. Otherwise, you have until Sunday night to turn in the program (extended from the usual Friday because of 4th festivities).

## Hints

- You will probably want to write your own test harness main to test your program, you go instead of trying to go for the one used for grading directly.
- Make sure you are initializing your pointers correctly (to nullptr or otherwise).
- You will need to make use of the new keyword for this lab. Be wary of memory leaks.
- Don't forget about the debugger lesson from last (last last?) week. Use it early and often and you will get more and more proficient at it.

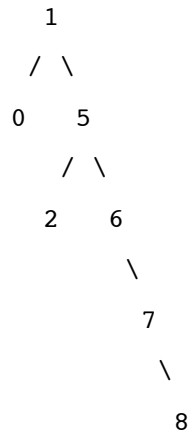
## Grading Distribution

- 5 points for passing the tests in the given main
- 5 points for the BST class
- 5 points for the Node class. Note that most of the recursion should be in this class.
- 5 points for good style

## Optional Enhancements

- This structure requires use of dynamic memory (each node needs to be created). This leads to a lot of memory leaks when the tree is deleted. Write a destructor to avoid these memory leaks.
- Write a pre and post order traversal of the tree. The one you have already written is in order traversal. It should be *very* easy to change this logic to make a pre or post order traversal. How do these traversals differ?
- Add in functionality to delete a node from the tree. This requires a decent amount of thought. How do you delete a leaf node? How do you delete a node that has only one child? How do you delete a node that has 2 children? Each of these cases requires different handling.
- There is a concept often applied to trees called *balancing*. A balanced tree is one in which nodes in each level have the maximum amount of children (so ideally, each node has 2 children). This avoids the tree degenerating into a linked list. First of all, why is this a bad thing? Secondly, how can you balance a tree? There are many ways. So keep the tree balanced as you add nodes, and some take an unbalanced tree and make it balanced. You can look up red/black trees or AVL trees for the former and the B+ tree or Stout-Warren algorithm is a good place to get started for the latter.

### Unbalanced Tree



### Same Tree But Balanced

