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Threaded BST and its Implementation

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Threaded Binary Search Tree

Motivation

- Iterative Inorder Traversal requires Explicit stack
- Costly
- Since we loose track of address as and when we navigate,
 Node addresses were stacked
- If this can be achieved through some other less expensive mechanism, we can eliminate the use of explicit stack
- Small structural modification carried on Binary tree will solve the above problem



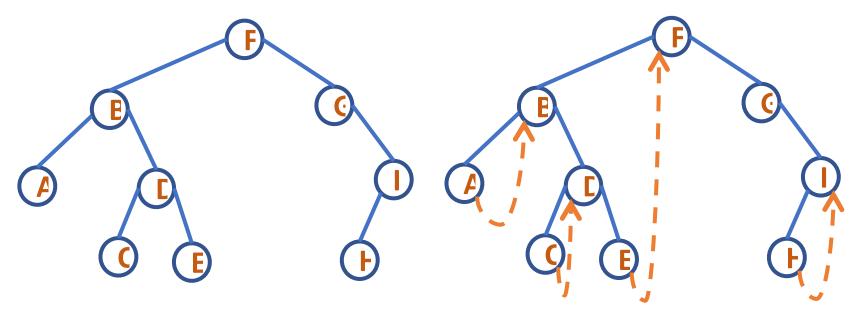
Threaded Binary Search Tree

- We can use the right pointer of a node to point to the inorder successor if in case it is not pointing to the child. Such a tree is called **Right-In Threaded** Binary Tree
- If we use the left pointer to store the inorder predecessor, the tree is called **Left-In Threaded** Binary Tree
- If we use both the pointers, the tree is called **In Threaded**Binary Tree



Threaded Binary Search Tree

Right-In Threaded Binary Tree





Right-In Threaded Binary Tree

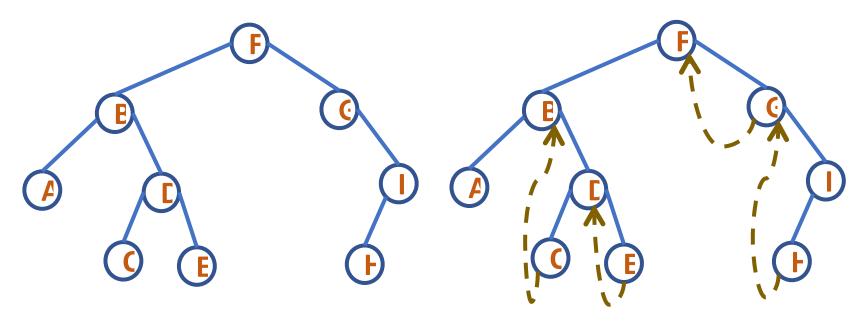
Nodes with Right Pointer NULL	A	С	E	Н	I
Inorder Successor	В	D	F	1	-



Inorder Traversal: A B C D E F G H I

Threaded Binary Search Tree

Left-In Threaded Binary Tree





Left-In Threaded Binary Tree

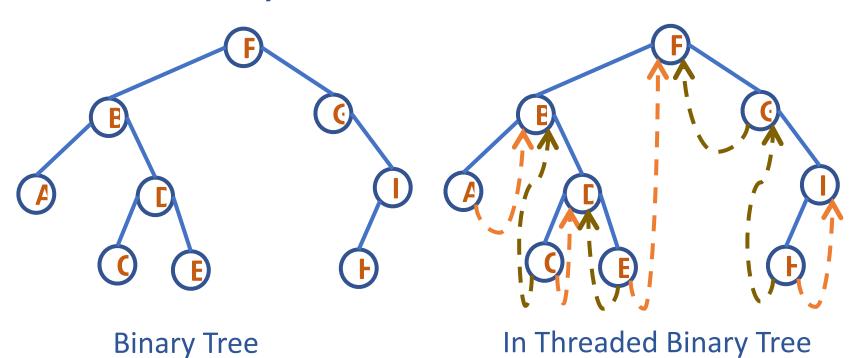
Nodes with Left Pointer NULL	A	С	E	G	Н
Inorder Predecessor	-	В	D	F	G



Inorder Traversal: A B C D E F G H I

Threaded Binary Search Tree

In Threaded Binary Tree





Threaded Binary Search Tree: Implementation

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Right In Threaded Binary Tree

```
typedef struct node
       int info;
       struct node *left; // pointer to left child
       struct node *right; // pointer to right child
       int rthread;
                    // rthread is TRUE if right is NULL
                     // or a non-NULL thread
}NODE;
```

Node Structure

info	left	right	rthread
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Threaded Binary Search Tree: Implementation



```
NODE* createNode(int e) -
                                                       right rthread
                                                   left
                                             info
                                            createNode(57)
      NODE* temp=malloc(sizeof(NODE)); 
                                             5-7
                                                  NULL NULL
                                    temp ->
      temp->info=e;
                                         Let Address of this node on Heap: 2000
      temp->left=NULL; -
      temp->right=NULL; -
      temp->rthread=1; -
      return temp; // Returns: 2000
```

Threaded Binary Search Tree: Implementation

Right In Threaded Binary Tree: 57, 25, 28

A node is created with rthread set to TRUE

insert 57

Address: 800



Node Structure

info	left	right	rthread
57	NULL	NULL	1



Threaded Binary Search Tree: Implementation

Right In Threaded Binary Tree: 57, 25, 28

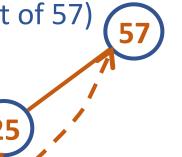
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• insert 57

Address: 800

• insert 25 (left of 57)

Address: 400



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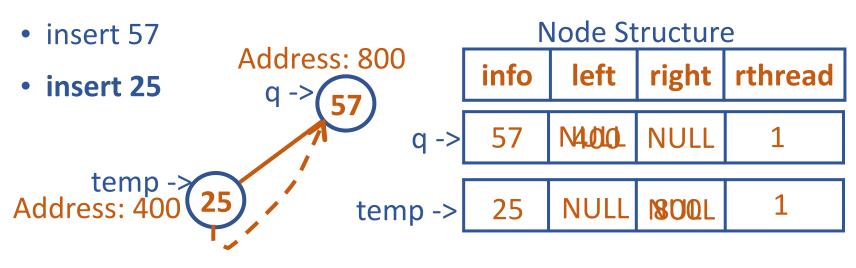
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25	NULL	1800 F	1



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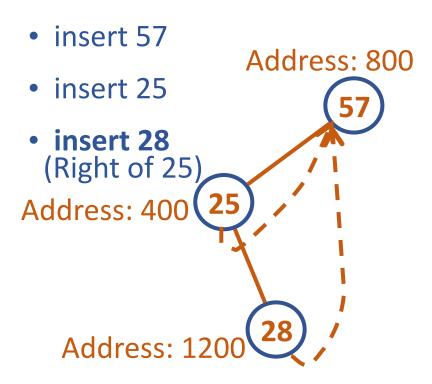




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Right In Threaded Binary Tree: 57, 25, 28

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info	left	right	rthread
57	400	NULL	1
25	NULL	12000	0
28	NULL	1800L	1



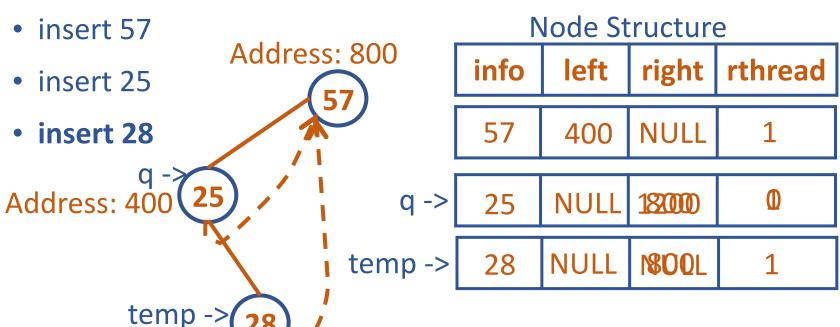
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Right In Threaded Binary Tree: 57, 25, 28

Address: 120

A node is created with rthread set to TRUE



```
void setRight(NODE* q,int e) {
    NODE* temp=createNode(e);

temp->right=q->right;
q->right=temp;
q->rthread=0;
}
```

Threaded Binary Search Tree: Inorder Traversal

```
void inOrder(NODE *root) {
 NODE *p=root; NODE *q;
 do{
     q=NULL;
     while(p!=NULL) { -> ×
                                  p -> NULL
       q=p; 👈
                                   q -> NULL
       p=p->left; 👈
     if(q!=NULL) {
       printf("%d ",q->info); ----
       p=q->right;
       while(q->rthread && p!=NULL) {
        q=p; 👈
        p=p->right;
```





rthread is TRUE for nodes with info: 22, 30, 57 Inorder Traversal:

22 25 28 30 57



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