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What People Said About Me

- 理論與實務平衡
- •"人好但不苟且"有原則
- •"點石成金"



What do you want to be?

- Introduce yourself in 15 seconds
- Your name
- Use a picture to describe what you would like to be in ten years?



- Class Room (Delta) 台達館 #104
 Tuesday10:10~12:00 and Thursday 10:10~11:00
- Alternate lecture review and online test
- Course Web Site: • Login to Ims.nthu.edu.tw
- Office Hours:
 - Every Thursday 13:20~15:10
 - 。Office:台達館#616



Course Objective

 Students can analyze and design basic data structures and implement a few basic algorithms for practical problem solving.

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- Estimated work load: in average 9 hours each week off class
- Suggest at least 4-hour preview and preparation time each week.

Prerequisite Course

• C and C++ Programming



Teaching Assistants Office Hours

• Check out LMS.

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Textbook

Fundamentals of Data Structures in C++, E. Horowitz, S. Sahni, and D. Mehta, 2nd ed., 2006.



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Topics Covered

Topics	Textbook
Intro. to C++ and Algorithm	Chapter I
C++ and Arrays	Chapter 2
Stacks and Queues	Chapter 3
Linked Lists	Chapter 4
Trees	Chapter 5
Graphs	Chapter 6
Sorting	Chapter 7
Hashing	Chapter 8
Advanced Topics	Ch. 9~12

Class Rules

- Be honest
 - $\,\circ\,$ Forced out if cheating
- No missing classes
 - $^{\circ}$ Dismissed if miss classes more than two times
 - Fixed seating
- Be on time
- No late project/homework submission

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Grading

- In-class exercises: 25%
- Online tests: 25%
- Term Projects: 50% (15+15+20)
- For fairness, graduate students will be evaluated in a higher standard.
- Final grade may subject to adjustment

Tuesday Group Exercises

- The semester is divided into three sessions.
 During each session, we will form groups of 5~6
- students. • Students should review teaching videos before class
- TAs will issue 10 exercises each week.
- In each class, we will randomly pick students to teach the class how to do these exercises.
- Each selected student will be graded for correctness and clarity, and his/her group members receive the same grade.
- All group members are encouraged to help each other.

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• Every Thursday, we will have an online test which will cover topics from previous week.

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Why Study Data Structures?



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What is Data Structure?

- A particular way of storing and organizing data in a computer so that it can be used efficiently.
- Different kinds of data structures are suited to different kinds of applications.
 - B-Tree for databases application
 - Hash table is used in compilers for looking up identifiers.

From wikipedia

An Illustrative Example

- A set of 8 numbers stored in an array and organized in an ascending order
 - I 3 5 8 9 I7 32 50
- Want to know if "10" is in the data set
- Intuitive method: check one by one sequentially in *n* steps
- Smart method: binary search in less than log(n) steps.

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What is Data Structure?

- Data structures is concerned with the representation and manipulation of data.
- Representation:
 - We organize data into a specialized structure such that it could be used *efficiently* and *effectively* later on.
- Manipulation: • Use algorithms to manipulate data!_



Why is Data Structure Important?

- Suppose you have to maintain a personal address book which contains 100 records of your friends
 Each record stores a name and an address.
- What will you do if you want to lookup the record of a particular friend, say James?
- You can go through each record in sequence until the target name is found!
- But what if you maintain an address book of a city (~10⁶)?
- And each record needs to append more information, e.g., Gender, TEL, Job, etc?

Why is Data Structure Important?

- Real problems occur when your problem size is getting BIG!
- You can divide the book into 10⁴ parts, hiring 10⁴ employees to do the lookup tasks!
- You can first **sort** the records in its name and gender, and then perform the lookup!
- How to organize the data such that it is suitable for searching?

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Why is Data Structure Important?

- Data structure is important because it dictates • The types of operations that can perform on the data
- How efficiently these operations can be carried out
- How dynamic we can be in dealing with the data
- For example, whether we can add additional data on the fly or if we need to know about all of the data up front
 The way you organize the data determines how
- you solve a problem
- And, the way you solve a problem determines how efficiently the problem can be solved

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Why is Data Structure Important?

- Data structures is fundamental to Computer Science.
- Data structures play a key role in other courses:
 - Algorithms, Compilers, Image Processing, Computer Graphics, Blockchain,... etc.

What Will We Learn?

- Techniques to design and implement large-scale computer programs
- Data abstraction and encapsulation, algorithm specification, performance analysis and measurement
- Basic data structures to represent data:
 Arrays, Stacks, Queues, Linked lists, Trees, and Graphs, ... etc
- Basic algorithms to manipulate above data structures:
 - Sorting, String matching, Minimum spanning trees, Matrix multiplication, and Shortest paths, ... etc.