04-630 Data Structures and Algorithms for Engineers

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Data Structures and Algorithms for Engineers

Lecture 28

- Correctness
 - Types of software defects
 - Syntactic, semantic, logical defects
 - Formal verification
 - Static tests
 - Reviews, walkthroughs, inspections
 - Reviewing algorithms and software
 - Dynamic testing
 - Unit tests
 - Test harness, stubs, drivers,
 - Integration testing
 - Regression testing
 - Verification and validation strategies

(The material on correctness was adapted from M. Rosso-Llopart's notes for Computer Science for Practicing Engineers)

Lecture 28

- Abstract Data Types and Object-oriented Programming
 - 00A
 - 00D
 - 00P
 - OOT
- Standard Template Library

Types of Software Defects

Specification

- defective requirements

System Design

- defects introduced during design of the system

Detailed Design

- defects introduced during code module design

Syntactic

– using "," instead of ";" or forgetting to match {}

Semantic

applying arithmetic operations to non- arithmetic values, order of arithmetic evaluation,... e.g. 5+6 * 2 when you mean (5+6)*2

Logical

 this is when the solution to the algorithmic problem is incorrect, usually for just some of the inputs

Types of Software Defects

- Syntactic defects are relatively easy to find and fix
- Semantic & logical defects are seen at "run time" in three general ways:
 - 1. In execution that terminates normally but with incorrect outputs
 - 2. An aborted execution
 - 3. An execution that does not terminate
- Quality attribute failure (security, performance, availability, maintainability, etc.) often the most difficult to repair

Detecting Defects

- Formal Verification
 - Rigorously showing that an algorithm is correct
 - Generally referred to as "formal methods" in computer science
- Static Testing
 - Reviews, walkthroughs or inspections of code
- Dynamic Testing
 - Executing programmed code with a given set of test cases and expected results

Structured reviews are a kind of static test that can be used to review designs, code, or algorithms

- algorithm reviews this is a review where the structure and flow of an algorithm is reviewed by a group of engineers
- code reviews this is a review where actual code is reviewed by a group of engineers for semantic correctness.

- Structured reviews or inspections
 - are used to check the correctness of algorithmic designs and implementations of a software product
 - aim to find software defects early in the development process to reduce the costs of finding and removing these defects
- The cost of finding and removing defects increases the longer they go undetected

- A review team is selected typically 3 to 5 reviewers (may or may not include the producer)
- The team receives the algorithm or source code and are given time to privately review the artifact
- A review meeting is scheduled and the review team convenes and roles are assigned:
 - moderator
 - time keeper
 - issue recorder (usually the producer)
- The moderator will lead the review of the code or algorithm a bit at a time
- The members of the review team (including the producer) may raise issues during the review
- The recorder documents the issues they are addressed later by the producer

- Algorithms should be in a form such as:
 - pseudo-code
 - flow charts
 - formal mathematics,... or some combination...
- When preparing review handouts, include
 - a general description of the algorithm (or algorithms)
 - purpose of the algorithm and its role in the system
 - preconditions and post conditions

- When reviewing the algorithm, each step should be read aloud by the moderator, then:
 - the reviewers should be given an opportunity to ask clarifying questions or raise issues
 - the producer will answer any questions and record any issues that arise during the review
- The way that the algorithm is traced through by the reviewers depends upon how the algorithm is documented.
- It is important that issues are captured and NOT SOLVED during the review

Dynamic Testing

Software testing is an empirical method for finding defects in software systems

- It is clearly the most widely used technique for detecting defects
- Usually involves running the program on several typical and atypical inputs, called test sets
- Certain kinds of dynamic test, under certain operational conditions can be automated

Dynamic Testing

There are many strategies for dynamic software test...

Black Box testing

treats the software as a "black box" without any knowledge of internal implementation; focus on specification as test driver

• White Box testing

when the tester has access to the internal data structures and algorithms and focuses on critical code sections to design tests

• Grey Box testing

testers have some insight into internal data structures and algorithms and may influence the design of tests

Dynamic Testing

Testing occurs at many levels:

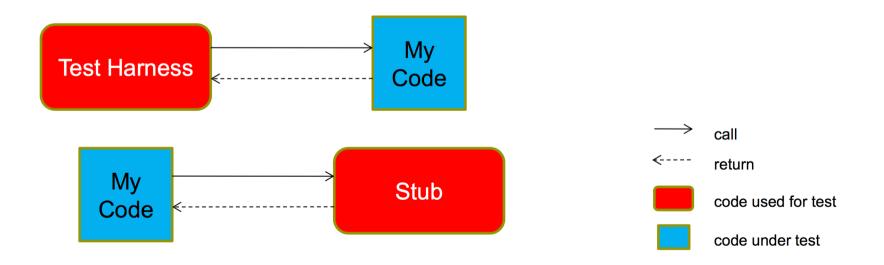
- Unit test this kind of testing involves testing small code modules
- Integration test this test involves checking interfaces
- System test this is test of the entire system
- Acceptance testing customer tests where acceptance of the product is contingent upon successfully completing agreed to tests
- Regression testing any type of software testing that seeks to uncover newly introduced defects in software (usually due to maintenance, upgrades, etc.) that was working properly

Unit Test

- In unit testing we isolate the testable software "chunks" from remainder of the code, and determine whether it behaves as expected
- Units are tested separately before integrating them into larger "chunks" and finally into a complete system
- The most common approach to unit testing requires test harnesses and stubs to be written

Test Harness and Stubs

- Test harnesses simulate the calling unit in order to test methods, functions, procedures
- Stubs simulate a called unit by returning dummy and/or "hardwired" data until the real methods, procedures, functions can be delivered



Test Harness and Stubs

- Test harnesses and stubs play a role in product quality
- Test harnesses and stubs may require significant attention and when there are stringent quality demands:
 - May require high level of design attention
 - Might need to be reviewed/inspected
 - Often require a lot of effort and time to develop

"To achieve the level of quality we need, we write as much test code [harnesses and stubs] as functional, production code – and we review it [the test code]!" Andy Park G3 Technologies

Test Harness and Stubs

- Advantages
 - A large percentage of operational defects can be identified prior to system integration
 - Unit tests reduce difficulties of discovering errors contained in larger, more complex chunks of the system or application
- Disadvantages
 - The development of test harnesses and stubs can represent a significant investment
 - because of this, unit testing is minimized or skipped because of schedule
 - not a good idea
 - Often leads to code, test, fix cycles rather than thoughtful design and analysis

Integration Test

- As we aggregate "units," we test the behaviour of the sub-system or the entire system
- Integration testing usually begins in a lab setting where we test the system (in whole or in part) under simulated and ideal conditions
- Integration testing will eventually include a deployment test, testing the system under real environmental conditions
- Integration testing identifies problems that occur when units are combined

Integration Test

• The advantages speak for themselves:

We must show that the system works!

- Poor practices include not ...
 - deliberately planning integration tests
 - testing the system under realistic conditions
 - stress testing the system
 - verifying that the system possesses the required systemic properties
 - budgeting time and schedule for integration tests

Regression Test

- Whenever system software is modified we conduct regression tests to verify we did not introduce defects
- The goal is to provide "sufficient" coverage without wasting time the real trick is determining what is "sufficient"
 - Spend as little resources as possible in regression test, without reducing the probability that we will find defects
- The regression test strategy we use will often be dictated by the quality needs of our project and product
- Issue is path coverage, how much is reasonable

Regression Test

Factors to consider:

- Design separate regression tests for each defect fixed or enhancement to the system
 - TDD Design the test first?
- Watch out for side effects of fixes and enhancements
- If two or more tests are similar, determine which is less effective and get rid of it

Regression Test

Factors to consider:

- Develop and maintain tests suites
 - Archive and reuse them
- Test critical systemic properties (performance, security, availability, ...)

General Issues with Dynamic Testing

- It's often impossible to test a program on all possible inputs
 - the input sets might be very large, or even infinite
- It can be impossible to test a system without placing life, limb, and material at significant risk
 - You can only really test the software when you fly it, drive it, ... That is a terrible time to find defects!
- Dynamic testing focuses on testing functionality, not systemic properties such as modifiability, maintainability, scalability, ...

General Issues with Dynamic Testing

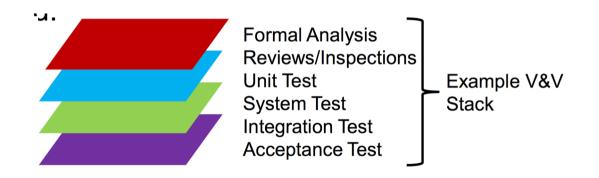
- "Testing can only be used to demonstrate the presence of errors in software, not their absence." Dijkstra
- Too often testing is conducted in an ad hoc way and is not planned. It can be difficult to
 - determine the level of coverage
 - know if the important things have been tested
- Testing \neq Quality you can't "test-in" quality
 - testing is not cheap
 - testing is the last resort
 - achieving quality software requires a quality strategy base on quality goals

Verification and Validation Strategies

- How much quality do you need and when do you need it?
 - Does it have to be perfect when it is delivered?
 - Can we deliver with "good-enough" quality and improve over time?
- Adopting an explicit V&V strategy and creating a plan to achieve quality goals is an essential part of project planning

Verification and Validation Strategies

• What we try to do when we devise a V&V strategy is select multiple layers of techniques to prevent and detect defects before they are deployed



• The combination of techniques you select will vary based on your quality goals

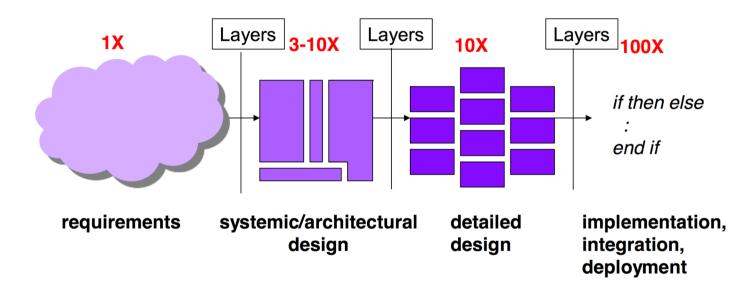
The Cost of Finding and Fixing Defects

- Data shows that the earlier a defect is found the cheaper it is to fix it
- The following table shows the average cost of fixing defect depending on when it was introduced and when it was found
- For example, a defect introduced in design, costs on average 25–100 times more to fix it once deployed

		Time Detected				
		Requirements	Design	Coding	Test	Deployment
Time Introduced	Requirements	1x	3x	5-10x	10x	10-100x
	Design	-	1x	10x	15x	25-100x
	Coding	-	-	1x	10x	10-25x

The Cost of Finding and Fixing Defects

Validation and verification cuts across the lifecycle ...



Explore the input domain

- Inputs that force all the errors
- Input messages
- Inputs that force default values
- Explore allowable inputs
- Overflow input buffers
- Test inputs that may interact, and test combinations of their values
- Repeat the same input numerous times

Explore the outputs

- try to force different outputs to be generated for each input
- try to force invalid outputs to be generated
- force properties of an output to change
- force the screen to refresh

Explore data constraints

- force a data structure to store too many or too few values
- find ways to violate internal data constraints

Explore feature interactions

- force invalid operator/operand combinations
- make a function call itself recursively
- force computation results to be too big or too small
- test features that share data

Explore the file system conditions

- file system full to capacity
- disk is busy or unavailable
- invalid file name
- invalid disk
- vary file permissions
- vary or corrupt file context

Conclusion

Simple Formal Verification Techniques Dynamic Testing Techniques Static Testing Techniques

These methods must be coupled with disciplined software practices and a broader verification and validation strategy to provide practical, cost effective, benefit

"you can't test quality into software"

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- OOA: Object-oriented Analysis (Booch method; Coad and Yourdon method)
- 00D: Object-oriented Design
- OOP: Object-oriented Programming
- OOT: Object-oriented Testing
- What is an object-oriented approach?

One definition:

It is the exploitation of class objects, with private data members and associated access functions

- Class
 - A class is a 'template' for the specification of a particular collection of entities (e.g. a widget in a Graphic User Interface)
 - More formally, 'a class is an OO concept that encapsulates the data and procedural abstractions that are required to describe the content and behaviour of some realworld entity'
- Attributes
 - Each class will have specific attributes associated with it (e.g. the position and size of the widget)
 - These attributes are queried using associated access functions (e.g. set_position)

- Object
 - An object is a specific instance (or instantiation) of a class (e.g. a button or an input dialogue box)
- Data Members
 - The object will have data members representing the class attributes (e.g. int x, y;)

- Access functions
 - The values of these data members are accessed using the access functions (e.g. set_position(x, y);)
 - These access functions are called methods (or services)
 - Since the methods tend to manipulate a limited number of attributes (i.e. data members) a given class tends to be cohesive.
 - Since communication occurs only through methods, a given class tends to be decoupled from other objects.

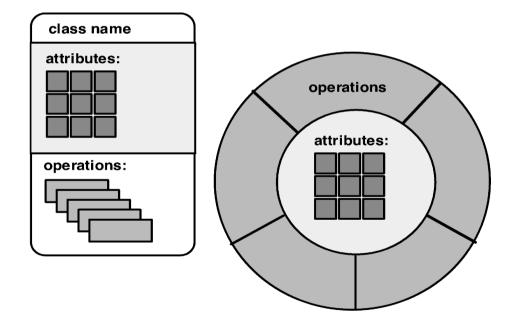
- Encapsulation
 - The object (and class) encapsulates the data members (attributes), methods (access functions) in one logical entity
- Data Hiding
 - It allows the implementation of the data members to be hidden
 - Why? Because the only way of getting access to them of seeing them is through the methods
 - This is called data hiding

- Abstraction
 - This separation, though data hiding, of physical implementation from logical access is called abstraction
- Messages
 - Objects communicate with each other by sending messages
 - This just means that a method from one class calls a method from another method and information is passed as arguments

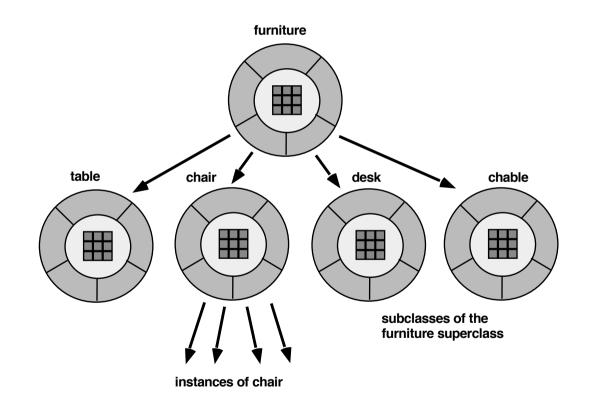
Aside: an Alternative definition of object-orientation (Ellis and Stroustrup)

'The use of derived classes and virtual functions is often called objectoriented programming'

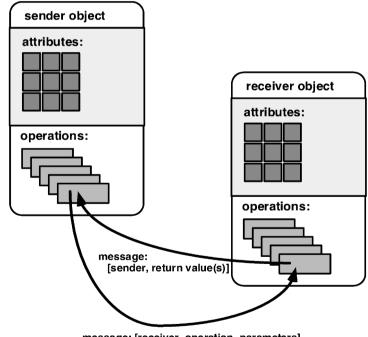
Two views of a class:



Class hierarchy:



Message passing between objects



message: [receiver, operation, parameters]

OOA: Object-Oriented Analysis

- Booch method
- Coad and Yourdon method
- Jacobson method
- Rambaugh method

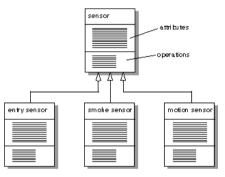
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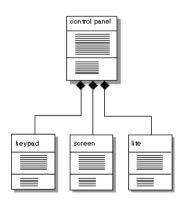
- 1. Obtain customer requirements
 - identify scenarios or use cases
 - build a requirements model
- 2. Select classes and objects using basic requirements
- 3. Identify attributes and operations for each object:
 - Class-Responsibility-Collaborator (CRC) Modelling

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- 4. Define structures and hierarchies that organize classes
 - Generalization-Specialization (Gen-Spec) structure ("is a")

Composite-Aggregate (Whole-Part) structure ("has a")

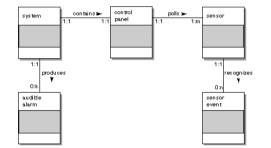




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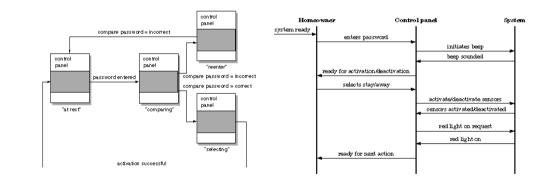
5. Build an object-relationship model



6. Build an object-behaviour model

State transition diagram

Event trace diagram



7. Review the OO analysis model against use cases / scenarios

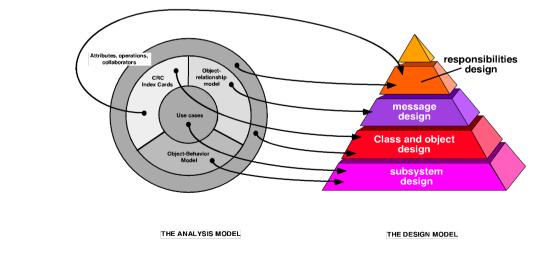
OOD: Object-Oriented Design

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- OOD is a part of an iterative cycle of analysis and design
- Several iterations of which may be required before one proceeds to the OOP stage

Analysis Model	Design Model
classes attributes methods relationships behavior	objects data structures algorithms messaging control

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Interface file

Construction of an optimal prefix code using the Huffman binary code tree algorithm

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Based on code by David Vernon written originally on 13/03/1997, revised 15/10/2014. This code has been rewritten to streamline the object-oriented design.

In this design, there are four classes:

Path a path from the root to a source alphabet symbol Map a code map comprising pairs of source alphabet symbol & prefix code Tree a code tree Forest a forest of code trees used to construct the optimal code tree

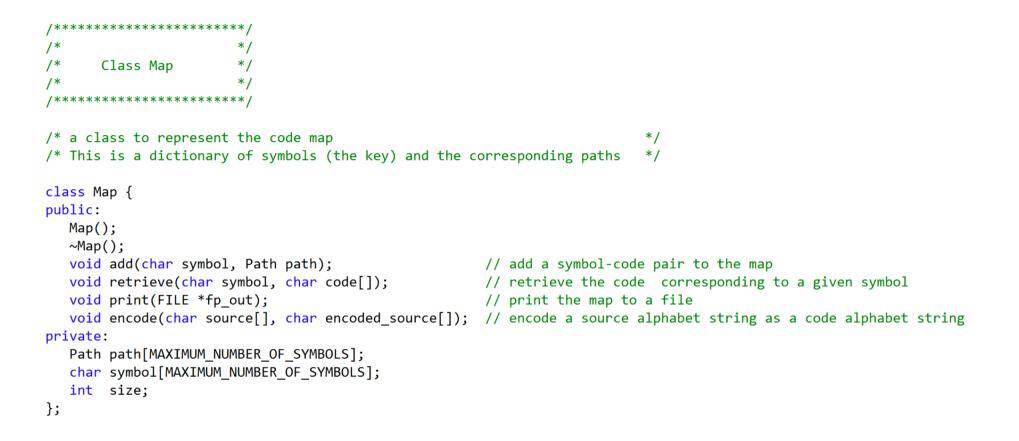
As a general principle, the public access methods do not expose the underlying hidden data structures i.e. they present an abstract interface to the data / object

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/*****	
/* */	
/* Class Path */	
/* */	
/******/	
/* a class to represent the path to a	leaf node in a hinary tree */
	-
<pre>/* a path comprises a sequence of elem (* 0 means take a left links 1 means take)</pre>	
<pre>/* 0 means take a left link; 1 means t</pre>	-
<pre>/* functions are provided to add an el</pre>	
/* and print the path to the screen.	*/
<pre>/* the maximum number of elements is a</pre>	defined by MAX_PATH_LENGTH */
Iclass Path {	
public:	
Path();	<pre>// constructor: create an empty path</pre>
~Path();	// destructor
<pre>void add_to_path(int direction);</pre>	// add a direction to the path
<pre>void remove_from_path();</pre>	<pre>// remove the last direction added to the path</pre>
<pre>void print_path(FILE *fp_out);</pre>	•
<pre>void to_string(char code[]);</pre>	<pre>// translate a path to a character string comprising 0s and 1s</pre>
private:	_
<pre>int path_components[MAX_PATH_LENGTH</pre>	l];
<pre>int path_length;</pre>	
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_};



/* a class to represent the binary code tree where leaf nodes represent the source alphabet symbols */

```
struct node
{
   char symbol;
                               // source alphabet symbol
  float probability;
                               // source alphabet probability
   node *pleft, *pright;
                                // links to left and right children nodes
};
class Tree {
public:
  Tree();
  ~Tree();
   void add(char symbol, float probability);
                                                        // add a symbol and its probability to the code tree
   void print(FILE *fp out) const;
                                                        // print a tree to a file
                                                        // delete a tree
   void delete tree();
   void join to tree(Tree &t);
                                                        // join two trees: one is an argument, the other is tree for which the method is called
   float root probability();
                                                        // return the probability of the symbol at the root
   bool empty tree() const;
                                                        // test for empty tree
   void compute map(Map &code map);
                                                        // store the leaf nodes & the path to the leaf nodes in a map
   void decode(char source[], char decoded source[]);
                                                        // decode an encoded message
private:
   node *root;
   void delete tree(node* &p);
   void add(char symbol, float probability, node* &p);
   void pr(const node *p, int nspace, FILE *fp out) const;
   node* get root();
   void cut off tree();
                                                                        // break the link to the root without deleting the tree
   void traverse leaf nodes(const node *p, Path &path, Map &code map); // add to a map the leaf nodes and the path to leaf nodes
   void decode(node *p, char source[], int &i, char decoded_source[], int &j);
```

```
/*
                      */
/*
      Class Forest
                      */
/*
                      */
class Forest {
public:
  Forest(int size);
  ~Forest();
  void initialize forest();
  void add_to_tree(int tree_number, char symbol, float probability);
  void print forest(FILE *fp out) const;
  void print tree(int tree number, FILE *fp out);
  void join trees(int tree 1, int tree 2);
  bool empty tree(int tree number);
  float root probability(int tree number);
  Map build map();
  void build code tree(int number of symbols, char symbols[], float probabilities[]);
  void decode(char source[], char decoded source[]);
private:
  Tree tree array[MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SYMBOLS];
  int forest size;
};
```

Standard Template Library STL

/* Example of use of STL for

stack
queue
priority queue
map (the underlying STL implementation is a red-black tree)
unordered_map (the underlying STL implementation is a hash table)

*/

#include "stdio.h"
#include "string.h"
#include <string.h>
#include <iostream>

#include <iterator>
#include <stack>
#include <queue>
#include <unordered_map>
#include <map>

using namespace std;

```
stack<int> s;
printf("stack\n");
printf("----\n");
s.push(1);
s.push(2);
s.push(3);
printf("%d \n",s.top()); // Note: top() accesses the element
                         // but you need pop() to remove it
s.pop();
printf("%d \n",s.top());
s.pop();
printf("%d \n",s.top());
s.pop();
if (s.empty())
 printf("stack is empty\n\n");
```

```
queue<int> q;
printf("queue\n");
printf("----\n");
q.push(3);
q.push(7);
q.push(1);
q.push(2);
printf("queue size: %d \n",q.size());
printf("%d \n",q.front());
q.pop();
printf("%d \n",q.front());
q.pop();
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q.pop();
printf("%d \n",q.front());
q.pop();
if (q.empty())
   printf("queue is empty\n\n");
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```
priority queue<int> pq;
printf("priority queue\n");
printf("-----\n");
pq.push(1);
pq.push(4);
pq.push(2);
pq.push(8);
pq.push(5);
pq.push(7);
printf("queue size: %d \n",pq.size());
printf("%d \n",pq.top());
pq.pop();
if (pq.empty())
   printf("priority queue is empty\n\n");
```

// unordered_map: the underlying STL implementation is a hash table

```
unordered_map<string, double>:: iterator itr2;
```

```
printf("unorded_map\n");
printf("-----\n");
// inserting values by using [] operator
umap["PI"] = 3.14;
umap["root2"] = 1.414;
umap["root3"] = 1.732;
umap["log10"] = 2.302;
umap["loge"] = 1.0;
```

```
// inserting value by insert function
```

umap.insert(make pair("e", 2.718));

```
key = "PI";
if (umap.find(key) == umap.end())
                                          // If key not found in map iterator to end is returned
   cout << key.c str() << " not found\n";</pre>
                                          // If key found then iterator to that key is returned
else
   cout << "Found " << key.c str() << "\n";</pre>
key = "lambda";
if (umap.find(key) == umap.end())
   cout << key.c str() << " not found\n";</pre>
else
   cout << "Found " << key.c_str() << endl;</pre>
 // iterating over all value of umap
 cout << "All elements : \n";</pre>
for (itr2 = umap.begin(); itr2 != umap.end(); itr2++) {
   // itr works as a pointer to pair<string, double>
   // type itr->first stores the key part and itr->second stroes the value part
   cout << itr2->first.c str() << " " << itr2->second << endl;</pre>
}
cout << endl;</pre>
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Adapted from https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/unordered map-in-cpp-stl/
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// map: the underlying STL implementation is a red-black tree

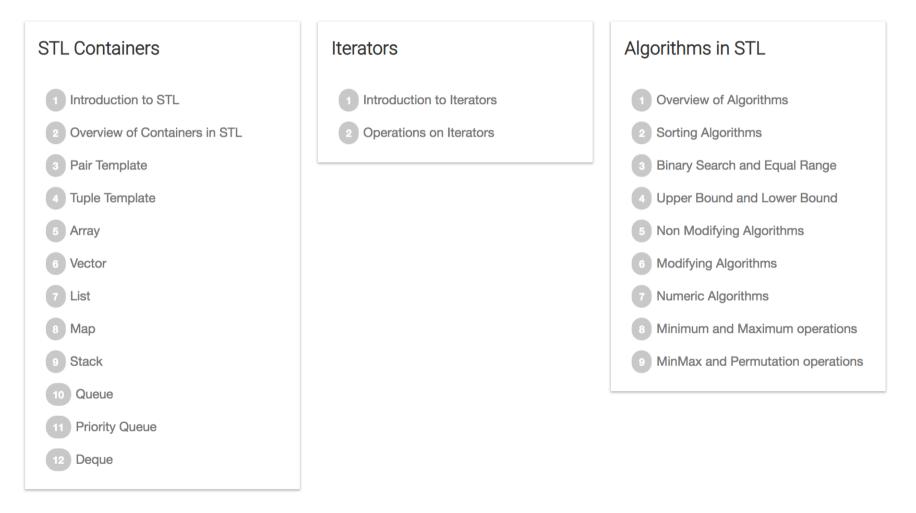
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map<string, double> myMap; // Declaring map to be of <string, double> type
                           // key will be of string type and mapped value will be of double type
map<string, double>:: iterator itr;
string key;
printf("map\n");
printf("---\n");
// inserting values by using [] operator
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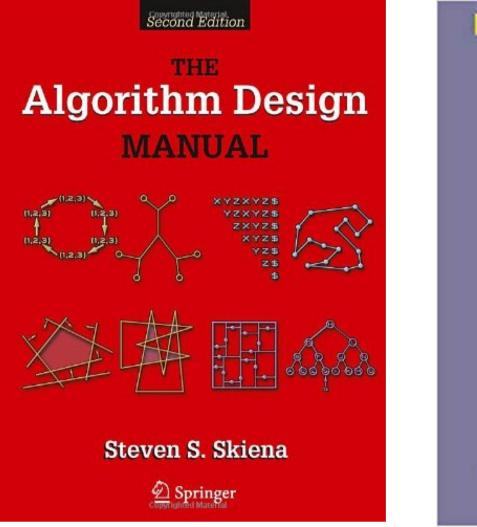
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/* this is required for the unordered map and the map classes */
/* so that they know how to compare the string keys
                                                                */
namespace std {
   template<>
   struct equal_to<string> {
        bool operator()(const string& a, const string& b) const {
           if (strcmp(a.c str(), b.c str()) == 0)
              return true;
           else
              return false;
        }
    };
}
namespace std {
   template<>
    struct less<string> {
        bool operator()(const string& a, const string& b) const {
           if (strcmp(a.c_str(), b.c_str()) < 0)</pre>
              return true;
           else
              return false;
        }
   };
}
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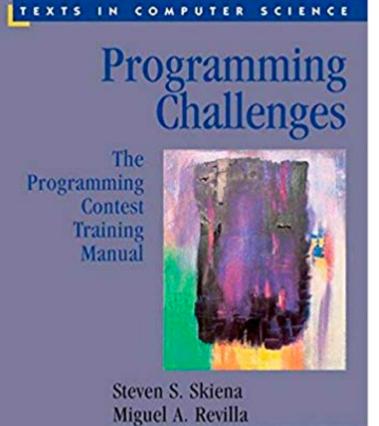
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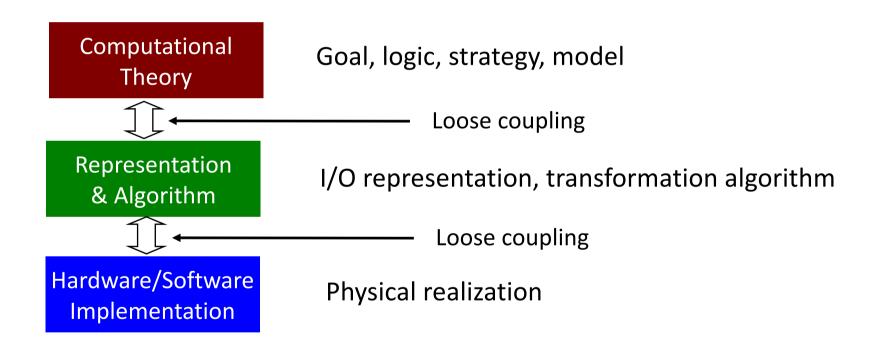




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