

CS200 Fall 2016 Data Structures and Algorithms



We live in the information age – fueled by computers.An unprecedented amount of information is freely available.How many of you have smart phones?What apps/information do you store, manage and use on a daily basis on that phone?

This course is about the fundamentals of how that information is stored, managed and used -- the theory and practice of representing and manipulating information

> "scíentía est potentía" (knowledge ís power)

Sir Francis Bacon or Thomas Hobbes

Class meetings



Lectures

- Concepts, programming assignment introduction, quizzes, tests.
- Recitations
 - Help with programming and written assignments, practice skills, reinforce/supplement material from lecture, a few programming quizzes.
 - Credit for attending and participating in recitations

Difference from CS160/161



- Data structures and algorithms oriented
 - Complexity and efficiency (Orders of Magnitude) come into play
- Larger program developed incrementally over a number of assignments
 - More freedom in how to structure your program

Grading

| Programming assignments | 20% |
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| Written assignments | 10% |
| Quizzes | 10% |
| Recitations | 10% |
| Midterm | 25% |
| Final | 25% |



More Grading Specifics



Exams:

- Make-ups or reschedules for extreme circumstances only inform us in advance!
- Written component in lecture on specified date
 - Closed book
- Preparation for exam:
 - lectures notes
 - recitations
 - quizzes
 - written home works





Be professional. Read the web site on this.

Let's talk about cheating

Cheating



- What is cheating? What is not?
 - Where would you find a definition?
- What is gained / lost when cheating?
- What are the consequences?
- When / how does it happen?
 - How can cheating be avoided?

Late Policy



- Programming and Written Assignments
 - □ By due date/time: full credit
 - □ Within 48 hours after the deadline: 10% penalty
 - □ After 48 hours: 0

Distractions in the classroom



Cell phones

- □ Turn off (first choice) or on vibrate
- If expecting an important call, sit close to the door and step out.

Laptops & Smart Phones

- □ Sit where you will not distract others (back rows)
- Do try to limit non-class related activities. Psychological evidence shows that we do not multi-task as well as we think we do.

Communication



• Check course website often:

http://www.cs.colostate.edu/~cs200

- Let's go check it out
- Canvas will be used minimally
 to post grades

Course Goals



- CS160: mostly procedural programming, using objects, logic
- CS161: objects, linear data structures, inheritance, induction, counting
 CS200
 - Logical view
 - Program = Algorithms + Data Structures
 - Understand their relationship and use them correctly, efficiently
 - Implementation
 - Program = Objects + Methods
 - Practice design and implementation of object-oriented programs in Java
 - Connect theory to programming concepts, complexity

Course Goals



- An understanding of a variety of common data structures
- A practical understanding of where they are applicable
- Understanding the complexity of programs
 - Time complexity: what is the Order of Magnitude time this algorithm takes given an input of size n
 - Space complexity: what is the Order of Magnitude space this algorithm takes given an input of size n

What does order of magnitude mean?

Programming Assignments



warm up: stacks

1: Implementing recursion using an explicit run time stack

expressions and assignments

2: Postfix expressions and evaluation

3: Infix expressions, parsing, representation, evaluation

4: Assignments, symbol tables

5: Analysis: dependences

Design for Change Principle



- Anticipate how systems will evolve and design to accommodate change.
 - Lack of attention to this principle can result in changes that make system unstructured and difficult to understand and maintain.
- How do we do this?
 - Decompose the solution into logically coherent parts, and make these their own classes.
 - In each class, have separate methods for logically coherent operations on the objects created by the class.