

Lab 11

Preview

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In this lab, you'll write some code that builds, and then traverses, binary trees. For simplicity, we'll write trees that only hold characters.

Tree nodes

First, create a struct `BinaryNode`, capable of representing any of the nodes in a binary tree. It will have three instance variables: a `char`, holding the value that is stored at a particular node, and two pointers to `BinaryNode` (one to the left child, if any, and one to the right child, if any).

By now you should be getting comfortable with writing your own structs and classes, so I won't recap those instructions here; look back at previous labs to help you remember how.

Examples

In a notebook, draw out the following three trees:

- `emptyTree`, which is simply set to `nullptr`
- `simple`, which points to a node containing 'Q' whose left child contains 'X' and right child contains 'Z' (and no further descendants)
- `tree5`, pointing to a node that is the root of a small tree that contains the five letters 'A' through 'E' and is relatively balanced (i.e. not just a line)

Near each tree, write out the C++ expression you will use to actually construct the corresponding tree. (You'll have these in a `.u` file as well, eventually, but putting them in your notebook makes it easier for me *and* you to refer back to them quickly.)