Lecture 15: Binary Trees

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This Week

- Lab:
 - Debugger: Inspect memory (including run-time stack and heap) to see what is happening in program.
- Assignment:
 - Postfix calculator
 - Do simplified version first that requires "enter" before operation.

Definition

- Def: A tree is either
 - empty or
 - consists of a node, called the root node, together with a collection of trees, called its subtrees. These trees are disjoint from each other and the root.



More Defs

- An *edge* connects a node to its subtrees.
- The roots of the subtrees of a node are said to be the *successors* or *descendants* of the node.
- Nodes without successors are called *leaves*. The others are called *interior nodes*.
- All nodes except root have unique predecessor.
- A collection of trees is called a *forest*.





Binary Trees in Java

- No implementation in standard Java libraries
- Structure5 has BinaryTree<E> class, but no interface (*though I added one!*).
- Like doubly-linked list:
 - value: E
 - parent, left, right: BinaryTree<E>



See BinaryTreeInterface.java

Tree Traversals

- Traversals:
 - Pre-Order: root, left subtree, right subtree
 - In-Order: left subtree, root, right subtree
 - Post-Order: left subtree, right subtree, root
- Most algorithms have two parts:
 - Build tree
 - Traverse tree, performing operations on nodes

Evaluate Expression Tree

- Evaluate left subtree, right subtree, perform operation at root.
- Generate stack-based code to evaluate: post-order



Animals Game

- Guess animal using only true-false questions.
- See demo program

Look at BinaryTree.java

Notice leaves are nodes w/null values