Collections, Part One

Announcements

- Assignment 1 (Welcome to C++!) due Monday, April 15 at 2:15PM.
 - Warm up with C++!
 - Play around with strings and recursion!
- Section assignments will be announced tomorrow. If you have not signed up for a section, visit the signup link tomorrow at 5PM:

http://cs198.stanford.edu/section

• Mac users – if you're getting an error about "minimum deployment target," we are looking into this and should get a fix posted to the course website soon. Our sincerest apologies!

Announcements

- Casual dinner for women studying CS this Wednesday, April 10 at 5:00PM at the Gates Patio.
- Everyone is welcome!
- RSVP through link sent out last Friday, or by visiting

http://bit.ly/casualcsdinner

One last C++ detail...

Reference Parameters

- In C++, *all* parameters are passed by value unless specified otherwise.
 - The parameter is initialized to a copy of the argument.
- You can pass a parameter by reference by annotating it with the & sign:

void removeSpaces(string& argument);
void reverse(string& argument);

Yay! Now on to new things!

Organizing Data

- In order to model and solve problems, we have to have a way of representing structured data.
- We need ways of representing concepts like
 - sequences of elements,
 - sets of elements,
 - associations between elements,
 - etc.

Collections

- A collection class (or container class) is a data type used to store and organize data in some form.
- Understanding and using collection classes is critical to good software engineering.
- This week is dedicated to exploring different collections and how to harness them appropriately.
- We'll discuss efficiency issues and implementations later on.

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int foo() { if $(x * (y + z[1]) < 137) \{ x = 1; \} }$

Interesting exercise: code this up:



Application: Evaluating Expressions

Evaluating Expressions

- Evaluating expressions is much trickier than it might seem due to issues of precedence.
 - 1 + 3 * 5 7 = 9
 - 4/2 + 2 = 4
 - 17 % 6 % 3 = 2
- How do we evaluate an expression?

The Challenge



Evaluating Expressions

- Two separate concerns in evaluating expressions:
 - **Scanning** the string and breaking it apart into its constituent components (*tokens*).
 - **Parsing** the tokens to determine what expression is encoded.
- For now, let's assume we have a scanner. How might we handle parsing?

The Shunting-Yard Algorithm2+3*5-6/2

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Multiplication has higher precedence than addition, so we will postpone the addition until after we've done the multiplication.

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The Shunting-Yard Algorithm 2 * 3 5 6 2 + 2 6 Subtraction has lower * 5 precedence than 3 multiplication, so we need to evaluate the multiply 2 before the subtract.

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Subtraction has equal precedence to addition. Since addition is left-associative, we evaluate the add before the subtract.



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Now that we've read all the tokens, we can finish evaluating all the expressions.



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The Shunting-Yard Algorithm

- Maintain a stack of operators and a stack of operands.
- For each token:
 - If it's a number, push it onto the operand stack.
 - If it's an operator:
 - Keep evaluating operands until the current operator has higher precedence than the most recent operator.
 - Push the operator onto the operator stack.
- Once all input is done, keep evaluating operators until no operators remain.
- The value on the operand stack is the overall result.

TokenScanner

- The **TokenScanner** class can be used to break apart a string into smaller pieces.
- Construct a TokenScanner to piece apart a string as follows:

```
TokenScanner scanner(str);
```

- Configure options (ignore comments, ignore spaces, add operators, etc.)
- Use the following loop to read tokens one at a time:

}

```
while (scanner.hasMoreTokens()) {
string token = scanner.nextToken();
/* ... process token ... */
```

• Check the documentation for more details; there are some really cool tricks you can do with the TokenScanner!

Extensions to Shunting-Yard

- How might you update the shunting-yard algorithm to:
 - Handle/report syntax errors in the input?
 - Support parentheses?
 - Support functions like sin, cos, and tan?
 - Support variables?
- For more information on scanning and parsing, take CS124 (*From Languages to Information*) or CS143 (*Compilers*).

Next Time

- Vector
 - A standard collection for sequences.
- Grid
 - A standard collection for 2D data.