

# Unordered Data Structures: Sets and Maps

What's an example of “unordered data” that you've encountered in your life?

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# Unordered Data



# Roadmap

C++ basics

User/client

vectors + grids

stacks + queues

sets + maps

Core  
Tools

testing

algorithmic  
analysis

recursive  
problem-solving

Object-Oriented  
Programming

Implementation

arrays

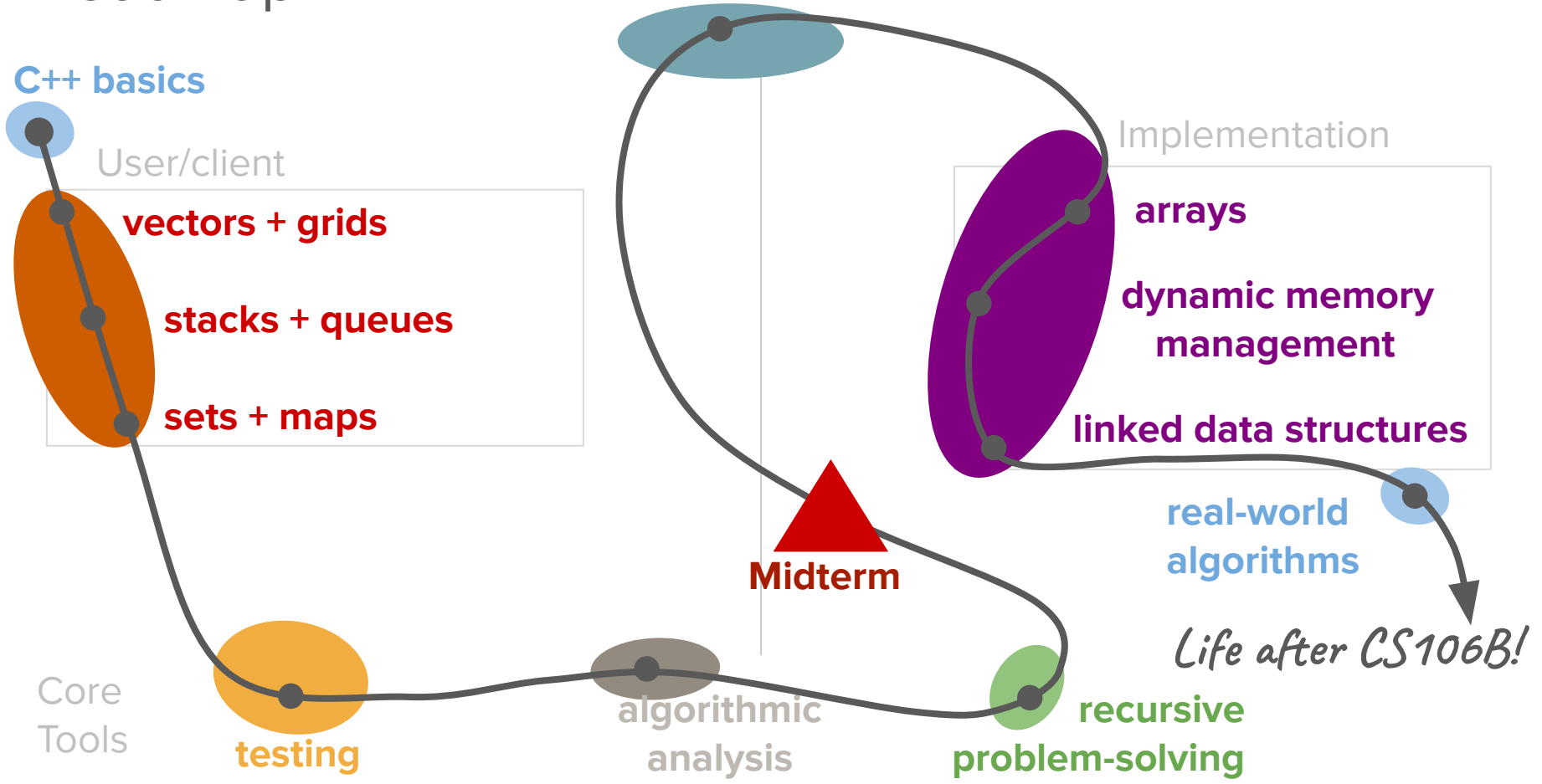
dynamic memory  
management

linked data structures

real-world  
algorithms

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Midterm



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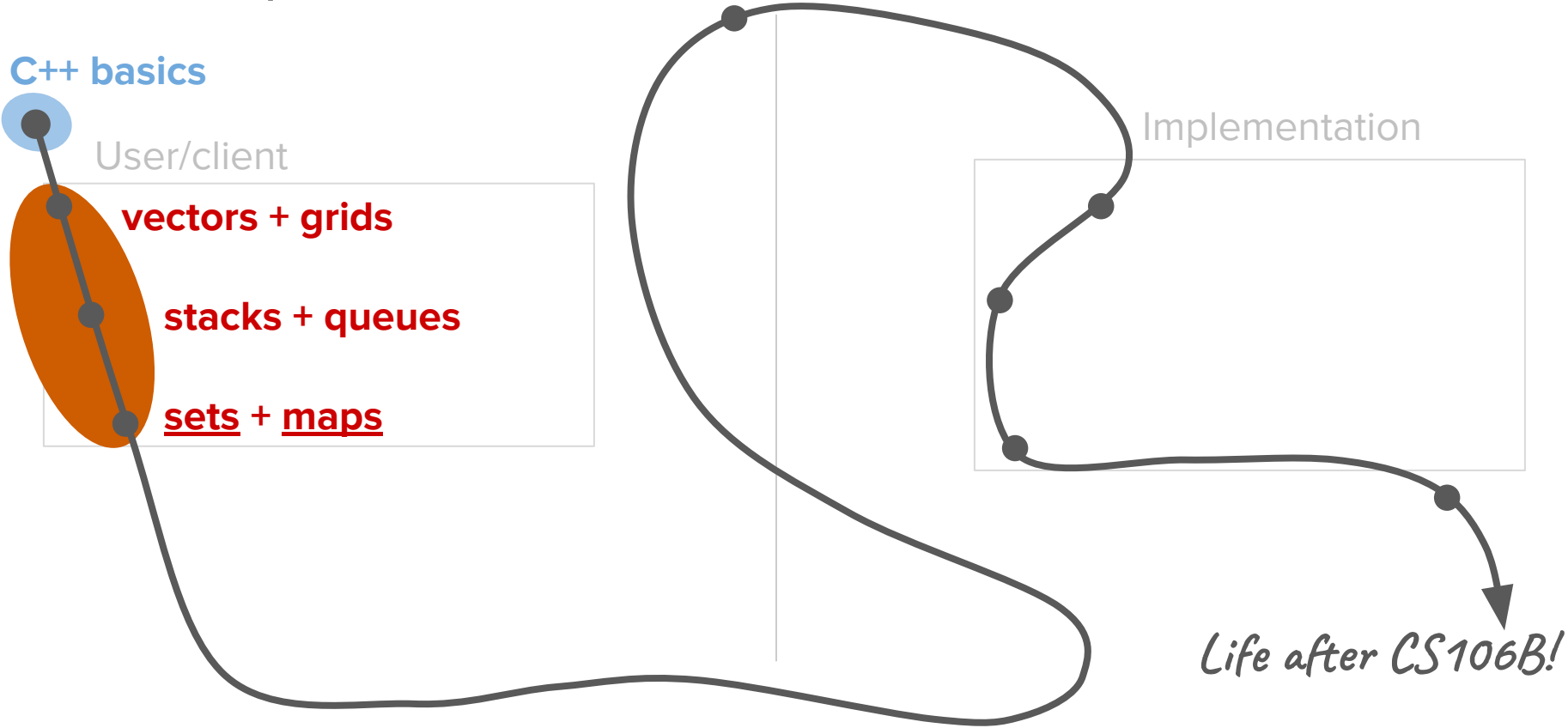
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The image shows the exterior of a The Container Store at night. The building has a light-colored, horizontally-paneled facade. The store's name, "The Container Store", is displayed in large, bold, blue letters with a white outline, mounted on the upper part of the wall. Below the sign is a long, narrow window strip. The main entrance area is visible at the bottom, featuring large glass windows and doors that are brightly lit from within, showing some interior displays. The sky above is a clear, dark blue.

**The Container Store**

# Today's question

When is it appropriate to  
use different types of  
**unordered** data structures?

# Today's topics

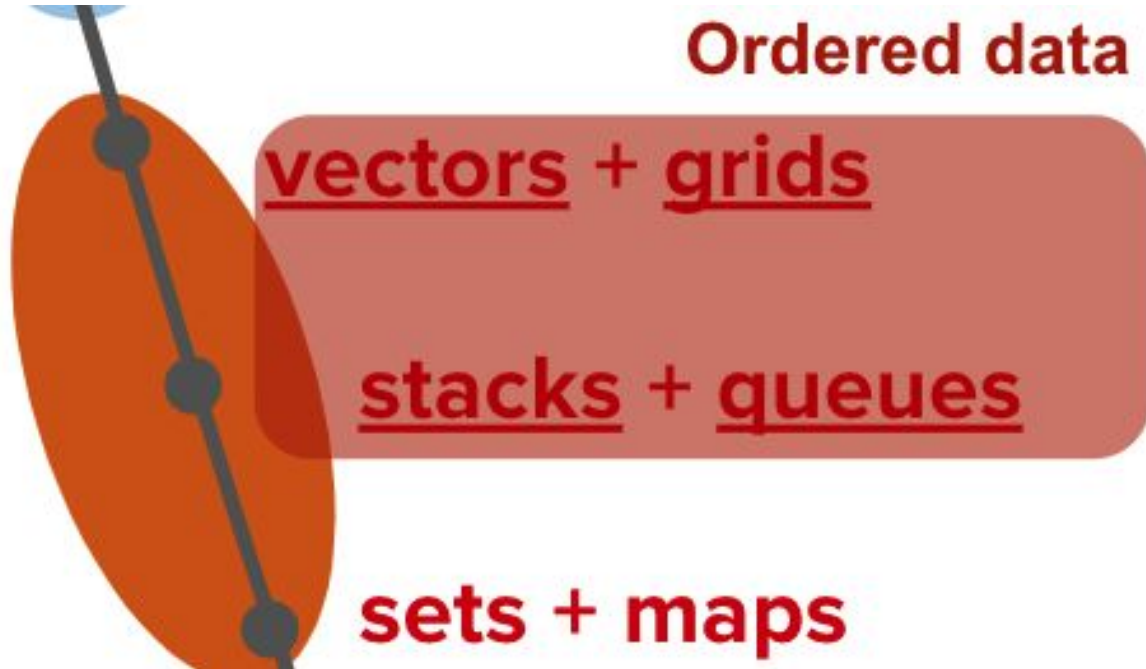
1. Review
2. Sets
3. Maps
4. (if time) Nested ADTs

# Review

(grids and queues and stacks, oh my!)



# The “container store”



# What is a grid?

- A 2D array, defined with a particular width and height
- Useful for spreadsheets, game boards, etc.
- Three ways to declare a grid
  - `Grid<type> gridName;`
  - `Grid<type> gridName(numRows, numCols);`
  - `Grid<type> gridName = {{r0c0, r0c1, r0c2}, {r1c0, r1c1, r1c2},...};`
- We could use a combination of Vectors to simulate a 2D matrix, but a Grid is easier!

a0	a1	a2
b0	b1	b2
c0	c1	c2

## *Definition*

### **struct**

A way to bundle different types of information in C++ – like creating a custom data structure.

# The **GridLocation** struct

- A pre-defined struct in the Stanford C++ libraries that makes it more convenient to store Grid locations
- To declare a struct, you can either assign each of its members separately or assign it when it's created:

```
GridLocation origin = {0, 0};
```

```
GridLocation origin;  
origin.row = 0;  
origin.col = 0;
```

```
struct GridLocation {  
    int row;  
    int col;  
}
```

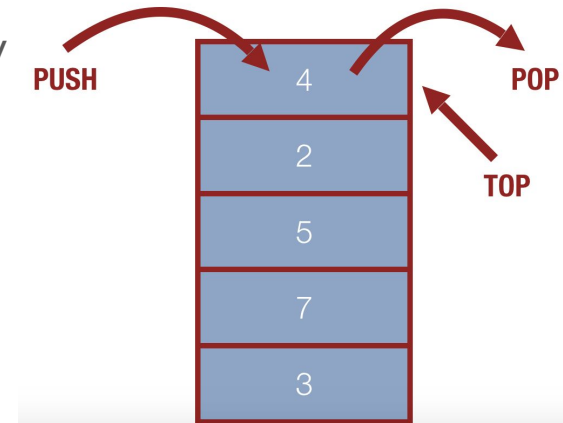
# What is a queue?

- Like a real queue/line!
- **F**irst person **I**n is the **F**irst person **O**ut (FIFO)
  - When you remove (dequeue) people from the queue, you remove them from the front of the line.
- Last person in is the last person served
  - When you insert (enqueue) people into a queue, you insert them at the back (the end of the line).



# What is a stack?

- Modeled like an actual stack (of pancakes)
- Only the top element in a stack is accessible.
  - The **L**ast item **I**n is the **F**irst one **O**ut. (LIFO)
- The push, pop, and top operations are the only operations allowed by the stack ADT.



## Ordered ADTs with accessible indices

Types:

- Vectors (1D)
- Grids (2D)

Traits:

- Easily able to search through all elements
- Can use the indices as a way of structuring the data

## Ordered ADTs where you can't access elements by index

Types:

- Queues (FIFO)
- Stacks (LIFO)

Traits:

- Constrains the way you can insert and access data
- More efficient for solving specific LIFO/FIFO problems

What ADT should we  
use?



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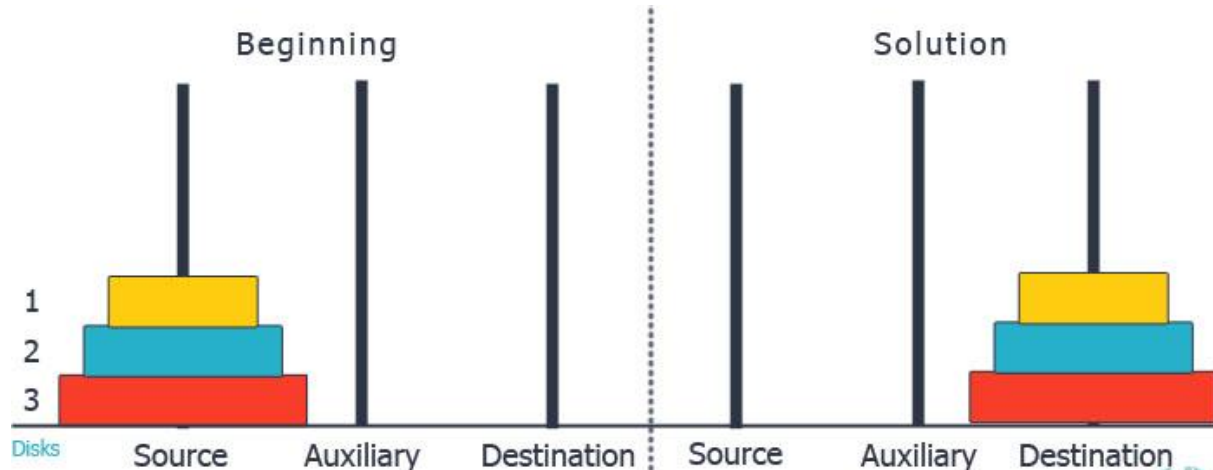
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Using data structures:  
**Towers of Hanoi**

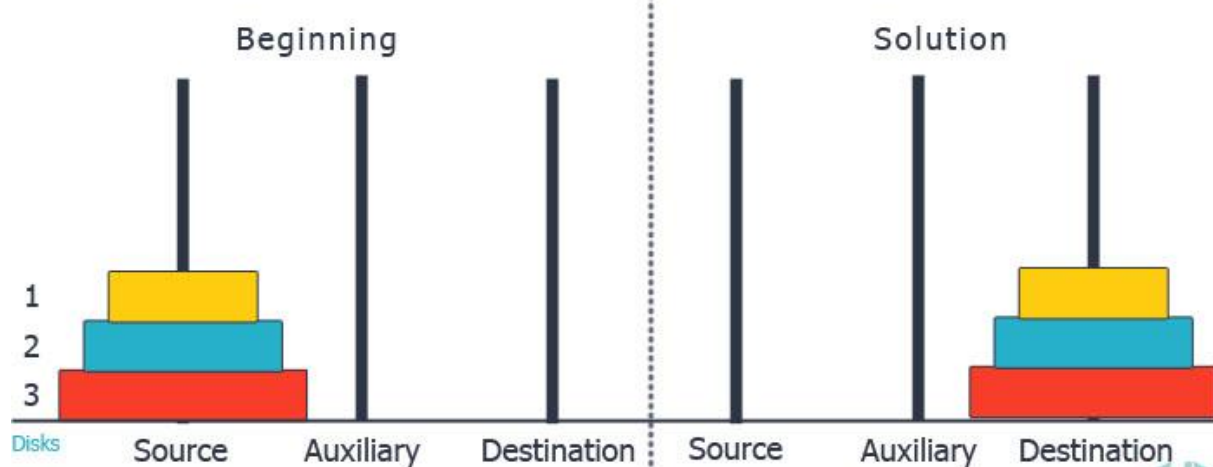
# Towers of Hanoi

- Setup:
  - Three “towers”
  - N disks of decreasing sizes (below: N = 3)
- Goal: Move the disk stack from the first peg to the last peg



# Towers of Hanoi

- Rules:
  - Can only move one disk at a time
  - You cannot place a larger disk on top of a smaller disk



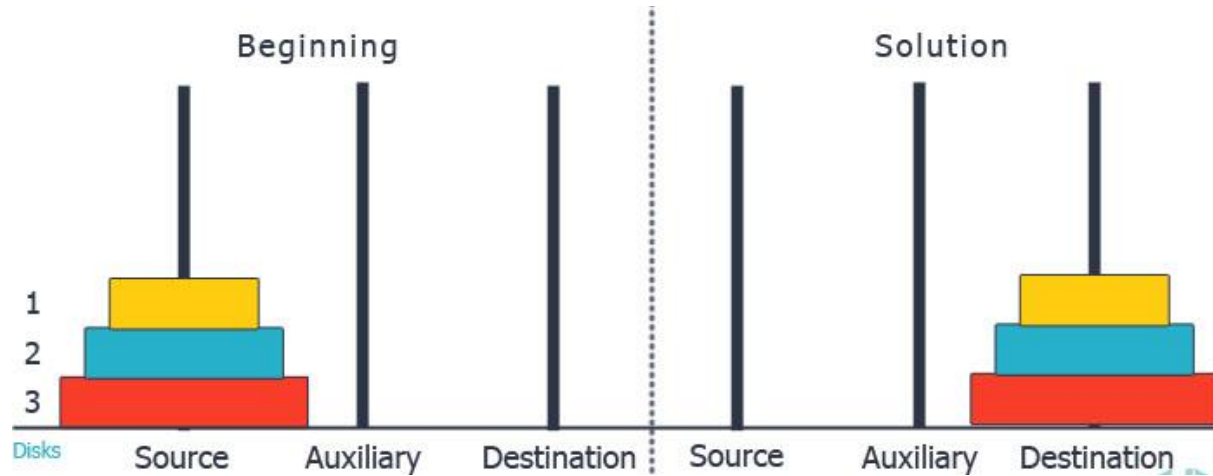


# Attendance ticket:

<https://tinyurl.com/cs106btowers>

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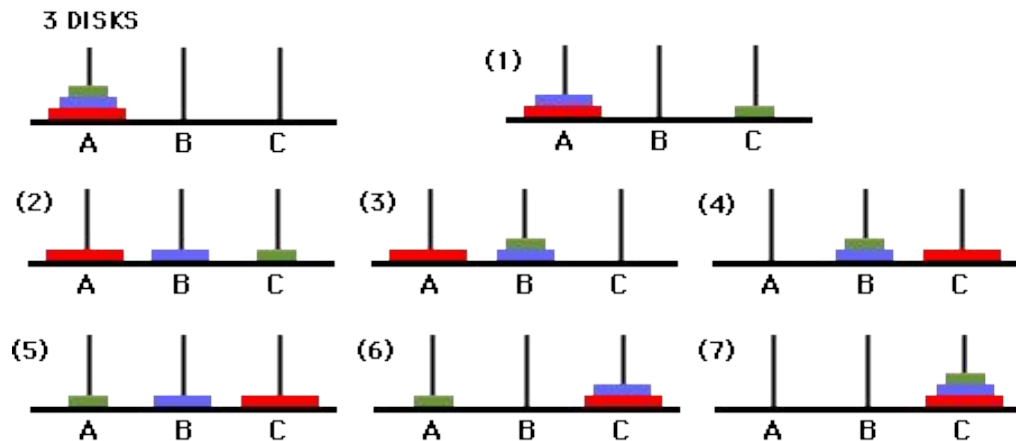


```
Stack <int> source = {3, 2, 1};
```

```
Stack <int> auxiliary;
```

```
Stack <int> destination; // this should become {3, 2, 1}
```

# Pseudocode



(1) Move disk 1 to destination

(2) Move disk 2 to auxiliary

(3) Move disk 1 to auxiliary

(4) Move disk 3 to destination

(5) Move disk 1 to source

(6) Move disk 2 to destination

(7) Move disk 1 to destination

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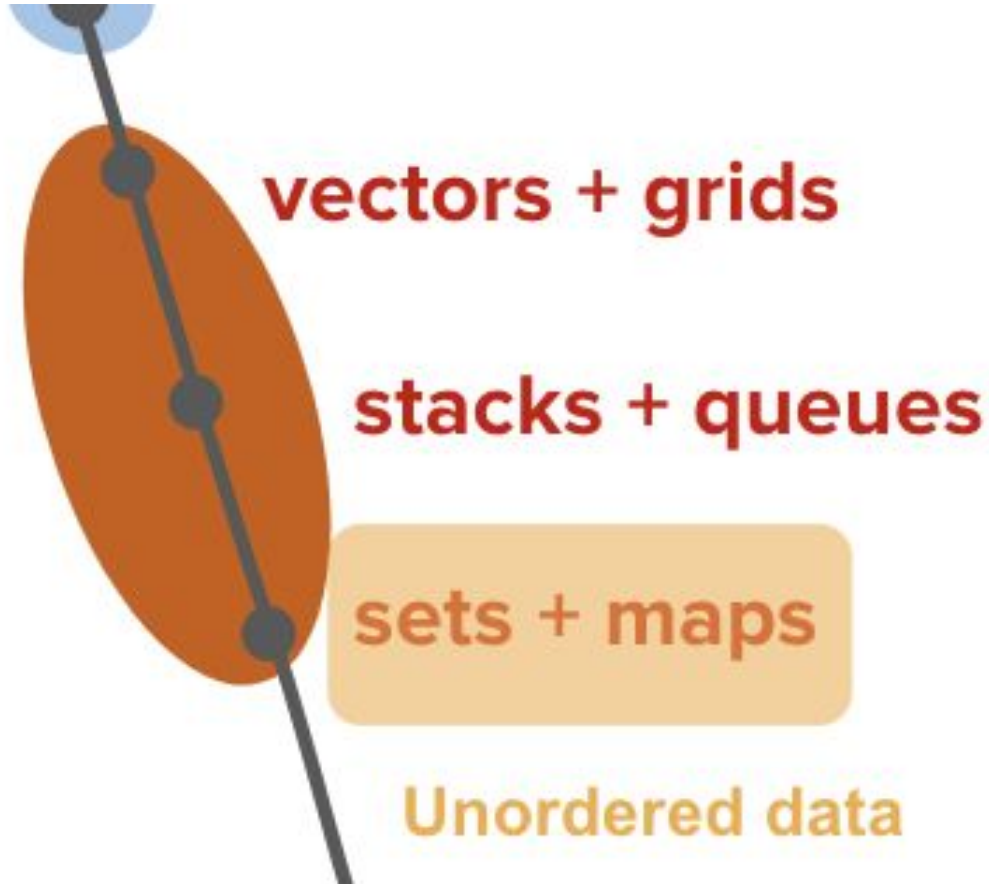
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*Challenge for home: How would you generalize  
your solution to  $N$  disks instead of just 3?*

Why do we use  
unordered ADTs?

# The “container store”



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*When we say “unordered” vs. “ordered,” we’re referring specifically to **numerical** orderings.*

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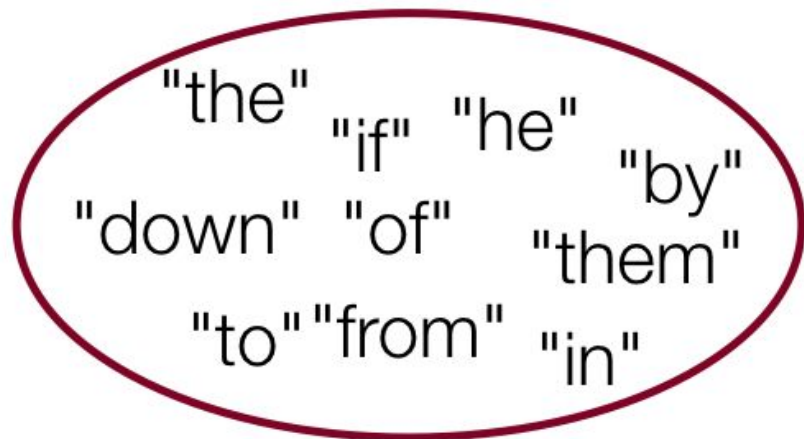
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*Sometimes numerical indices/ordering is not the most efficient way to store information!*

# Sets

# What is a set?

- A set is a collection of elements with no duplicates.
- Sets are faster than ordered data structures like vectors – since there are no duplicates, it's faster for them to find things.
  - (Later in the quarter we'll learn about the details of the underlying implementation that makes this abstraction efficient.)
  - We'll formally define “faster” tomorrow.
- Sets don't have indices!



# Set methods

- Sets have (at least) the following operations (and they are *fast*):
  - **add(value)**: adds a value to a set, and ignores if the set already contains the value
  - **contains(value)**: returns **true** if the set contains the value, **false** otherwise.
  - **remove(value)**: removes the value from the set. Does nothing if the value is not in the set.
  - **size()**: returns the number of elements in the set
  - **isEmpty()**: returns **true** if the set is empty, **false** otherwise
- For the exhaustive list, check out the [Stanford libraries documentation](#).

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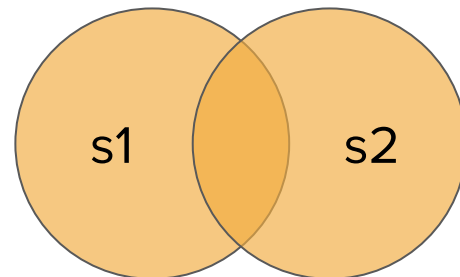
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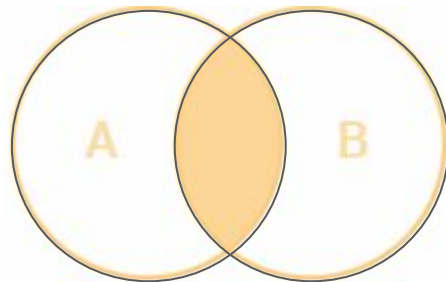
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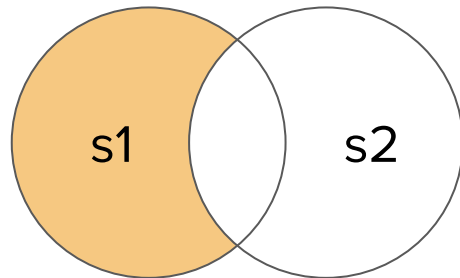
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returns the *difference* of  **$s1$**  and  **$s2$**  (the elements in  **$s1$**  but not in  **$s2$** )



# Common Set patterns and pitfalls

- Use for each loops to iterate over sets

```
for (type currElem : set) {  
    // process elements one at a time  
}
```

- You cannot use anything that attempts to index into the set (e.g. `for (int i = 0; ..)` or `set[i]`)

# Unique words program

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# Announcements



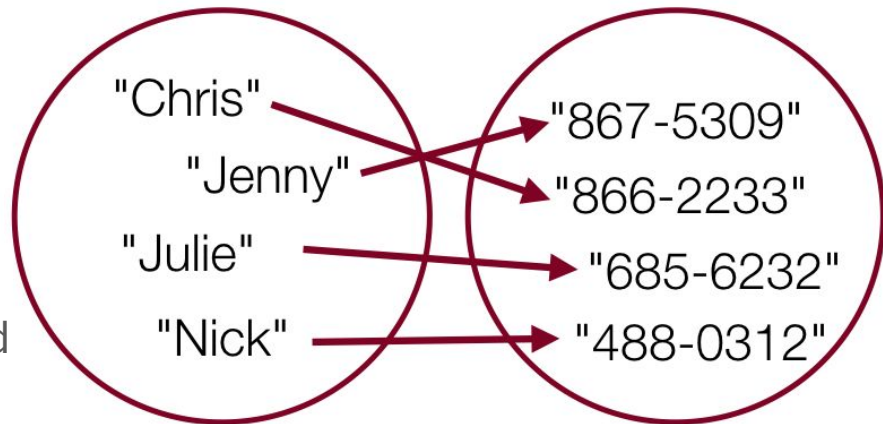
# Announcements

- Assignment 1 is due Friday at 11:59pm PDT.
- Assignment 2 will be out by the end-of-the-day on Thursday and will be due next Thursday at 11:59pm PDT.
  - We're still finalizing YEAH timing and will announce that tomorrow.
- No lecture on Monday! But we will be releasing a shorter required video over the weekend to help you get started with nested ADTs for A2 instead.
- Jenny will be covering my group OH today since I'm not in person.

# Maps

# What is a map?

- A map is a collection of key/value pairs, and the key is used to quickly find the value.
- Other terms you may hear for a map are dictionary (Python) or associative array.
- A map is an alternative to an ordered data structure, where the “indices” no longer need to be integers.



# Map methods

- The following functions are part of the **Map** class:
  - **m.clear()** : removes all key/value pairs from the map
  - **m.containsKey(key)** : returns **true** if the map contains a value for the given key
  - **m[key]**  
**m.get(key)** : returns the value associated with key in this map. If **key** is not found, returns the default value for ValueType.
  - **m.isEmpty()** : returns **true** if the map contains no key/value pairs (size 0)
  - **m.keys()** : returns a **Vector** copy of all keys in the map
  - **m[key] = value**  
**m.put(key, value)** : adds a mapping from the given key to the given value; if the key already exists, **replaces** its value with the given one
  - **m.remove(key)** : removes any existing mapping for the given **key** (ignored if the **key** doesn't exist in the map)
  - **m.size()** : returns the number of key/value pairs in the map
  - **m.values()** : returns a **Vector** copy of all the values in the map
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// maps from string keys to Vector<double> values
```

```
Map<string, Vector<double>> accounts;
```



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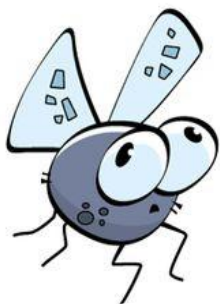
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*But don't remove keys within the loop as you're iterating!*

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*Okay to edit map within this loop because  
.values()/keys() makes a Vector copy of the values/keys.*

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```
Map<string, int> freqMap;
while (true) {
    string text = getLine("Enter some text: ");
    cout << "Times seen: " << freqMap[text] << endl;
    freqMap[text]++;
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*This auto-inserts the key `text` into the map if it doesn't already exist!*

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*Note: auto-insertion only happens with the `[]` operator, not the `.get()` function*

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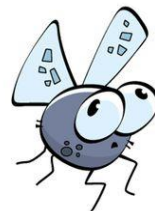
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```
Map<string, int> playerPointsMap;  
...  
// use containsKey function, no auto-insert  
if (playerPointsMap.containsKey(key)) { // correct way  
    cout << key << " already exists" << endl;  
}
```

# Unique words program (extended)

[live coding]

ADT summary...

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*Useful when numerical ordering of data isn't optimal*

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**ADTs Takeaway: Matching structure with purpose results in better efficiency!**

*Unordered ADTs do not have numerical ordering of data*

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 *Quick lookup by animal name*


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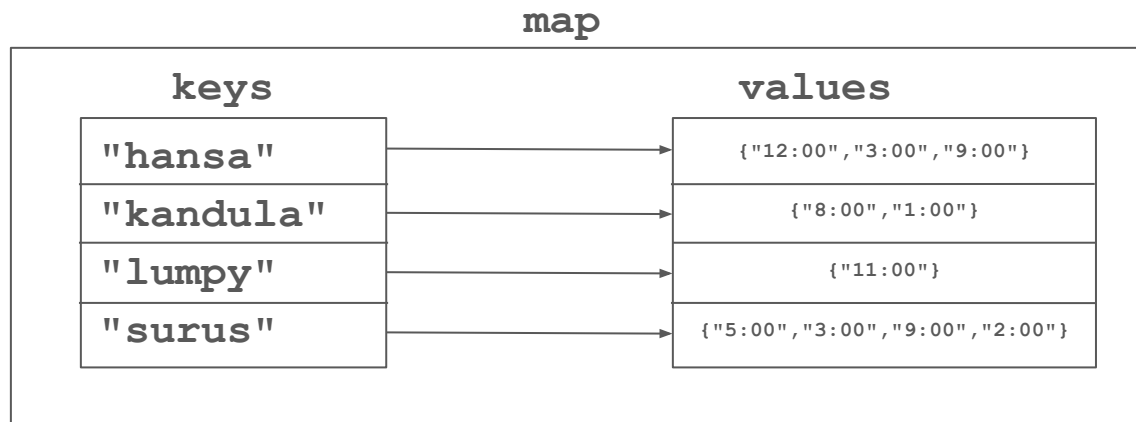
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*Store multiple, ordered feeding times  
per animal*

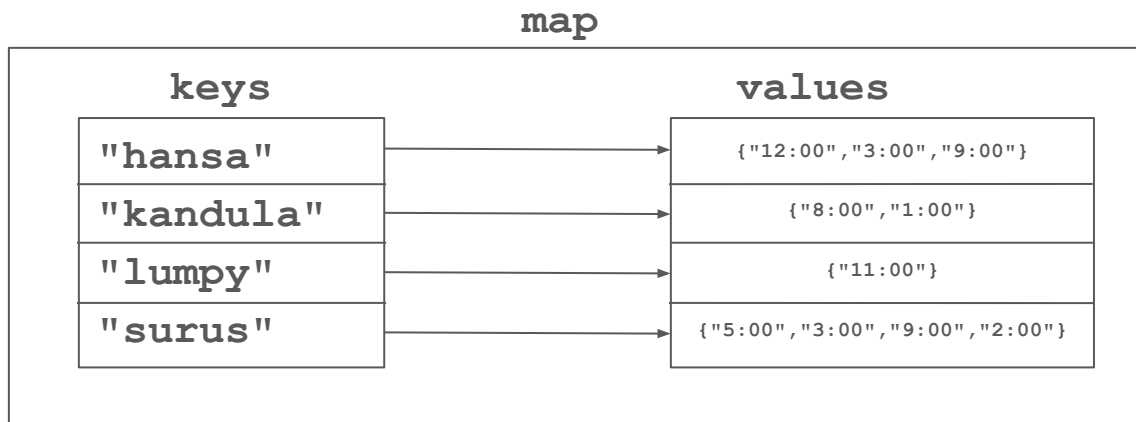




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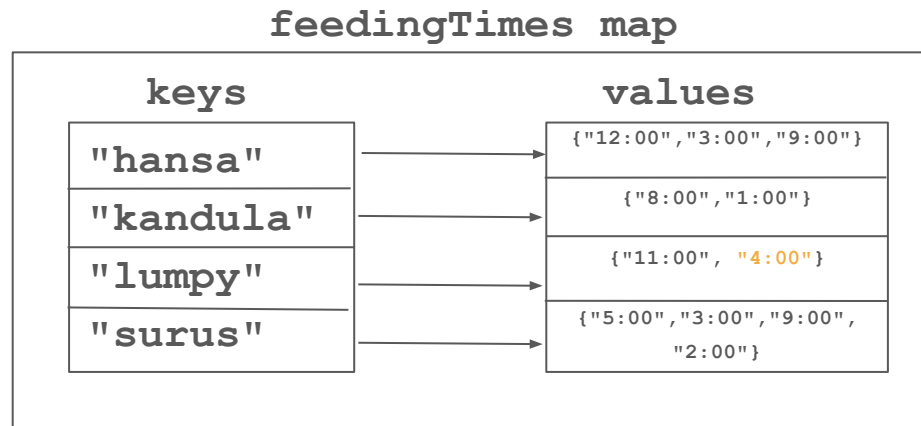
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*How do we use modify the internal values of this map?*

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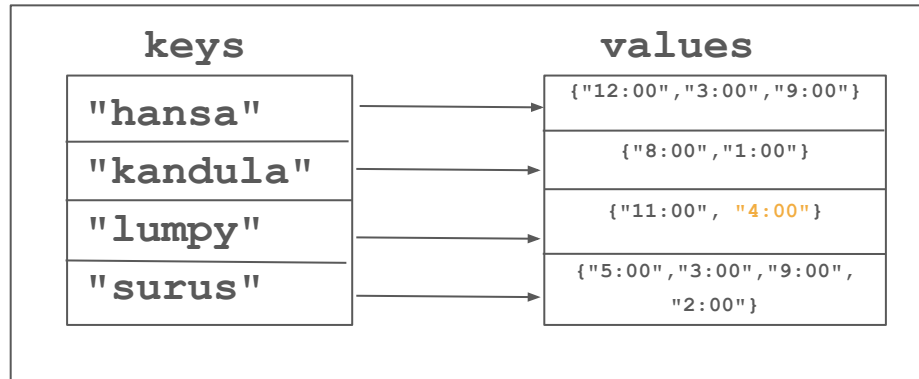
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feedingTimes map



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- 2.
- 3.



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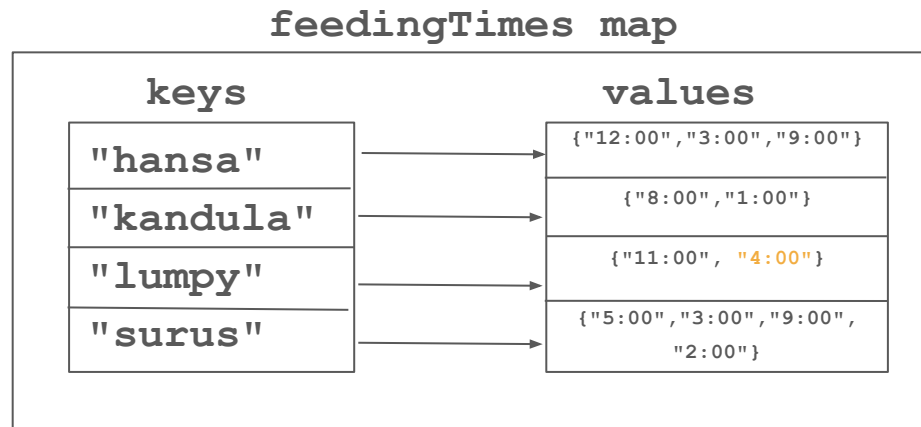
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// makes and modifies a copy, not the actual map value:  
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- If you choose to store the internal data structure in an intermediate variable, you must do an explicit reassignment to get your changes to persist.

```
// would store the modified `times` copy in the map  
feedingTimes["lumpy"] = times;
```

# Nested ADTs Summary

- Powerful
  - Can express highly structured and complex data
  - Used in many real-world systems
- Tricky
  - With increased complexity comes increased cognitive load in differentiating the information stored at each level of the nesting.
  - Specifically in C++, working with nested data structures can be tricky due the use of references and copies. Follow the correct paradigms to stay on track!

## One final note... **const** reference

- Passing a large object (e.g. a million-element Vector) by value makes a copy, which is inefficient in time and space.
- Passing parameters by reference avoids making a copy, but creates risk that a function may modify a piece of data that you don't want it to edit.
- Solution: **const** reference!
  - The “by reference” part avoids a copy.
  - The “const” (constant) part means that the function can't change that argument.

```
void proofreadLongEssay(const string& essay) {  
    /* can read, but not change, the essay. */  
}
```

The image shows the exterior of a The Container Store at night. The building has a light-colored, horizontally-paneled facade. The store's name, "The Container Store", is displayed in large, blue, illuminated letters on the upper part of the wall. Below the sign is a long, narrow window strip. The main entrance area features large glass windows and doors, through which the interior of the store is visible, showing various storage products. The sky is a deep blue, suggesting dusk or night.

**The Container Store**

What's next?

# Roadmap

## Object-Oriented Programming

C++ basics

User/client

vectors + grids

stacks + queues

sets + maps

Implementation

arrays

dynamic memory management

linked data structures

Diagnostic

real-world algorithms

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Core Tools

testing

algorithmic analysis

recursive problem-solving

# Big O and Algorithmic Analysis

