

CSSE 230 Day 9

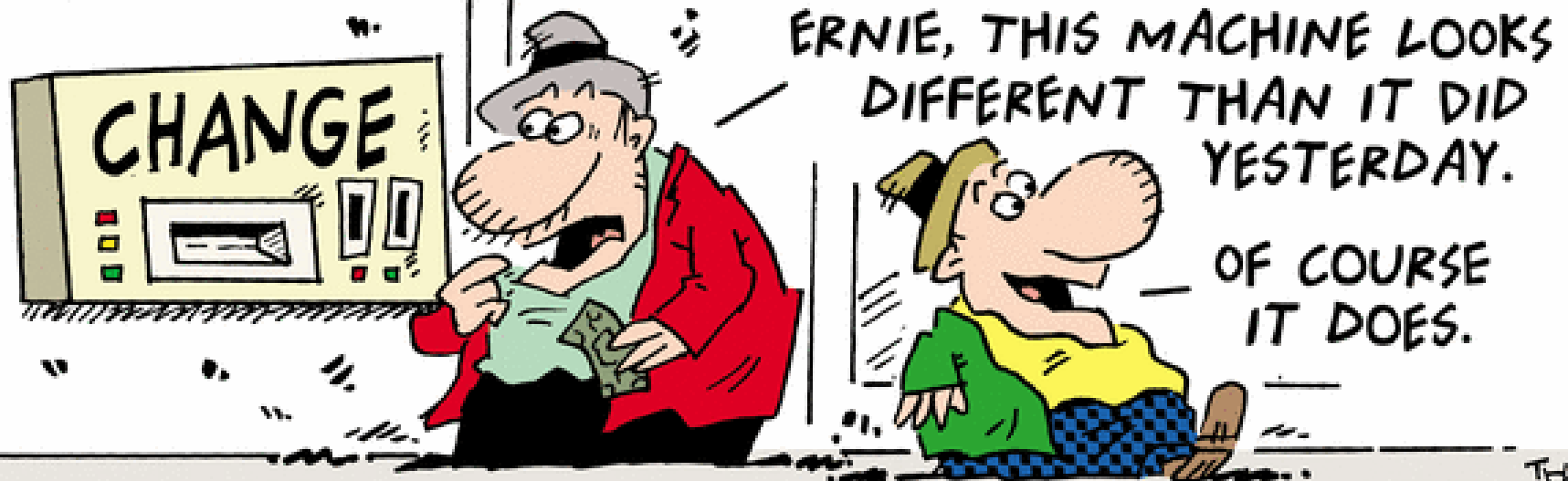
Binary Search Tree intro
BST with order properties

Check out BSTNullNode project
from SVN

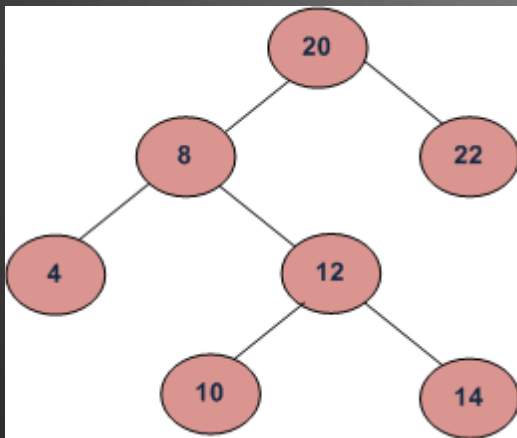
Announcements

- ▶ Partner Evaluation done?
- ▶ Displayable Partner Preference survey

Questions?



Binary Search Trees



Binary Trees that store elements in increasing order

A Binary Search Tree (BST) allows easy and fast lookup of its items because it keeps them ordered

Draw a "birthday BST"

- ▶ A BST is a Binary Tree T with these properties:
 1. Elements are Comparable, and non-null
 2. No duplicate elements
 3. All elements in T 's left subtree are less than the root element
 4. All elements in T 's right subtree are greater than the root element
 5. Both subtrees are BSTs
- ▶ **Advantage:** Lookup of items is $O(\text{height}(T))$
- ▶ What does the inorder traversal of a BST yield?

BST insert, contains, and delete are different than in a regular binary tree

```
public class BinarySearchTree<T extends Comparable<T>> {  
  
    private BinaryNode root;  
  
    public BinarySearchTree() {  
        this.root = null; // or NULL_NODE;  
    }  
  
    // insert obj. If already there, return false  
    public boolean insert(T obj)  
  
    // Does this tree contain obj?  
    public boolean contains(T obj)  
  
    // delete obj. If not there, return false  
    public void delete(T obj)
```

