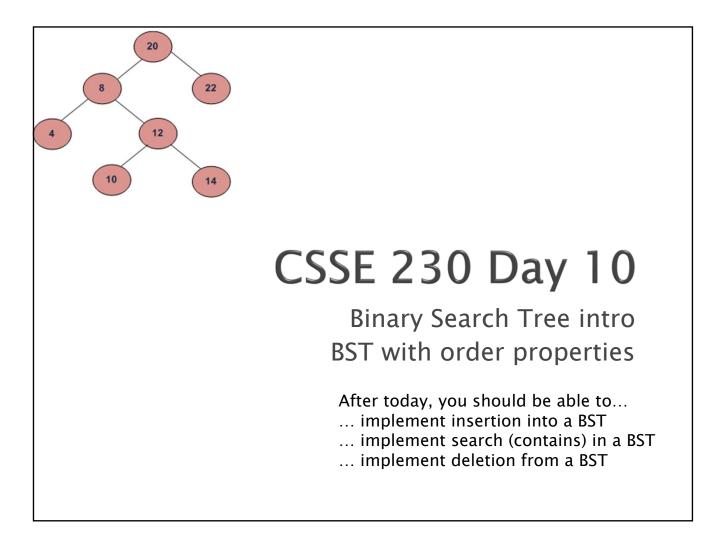
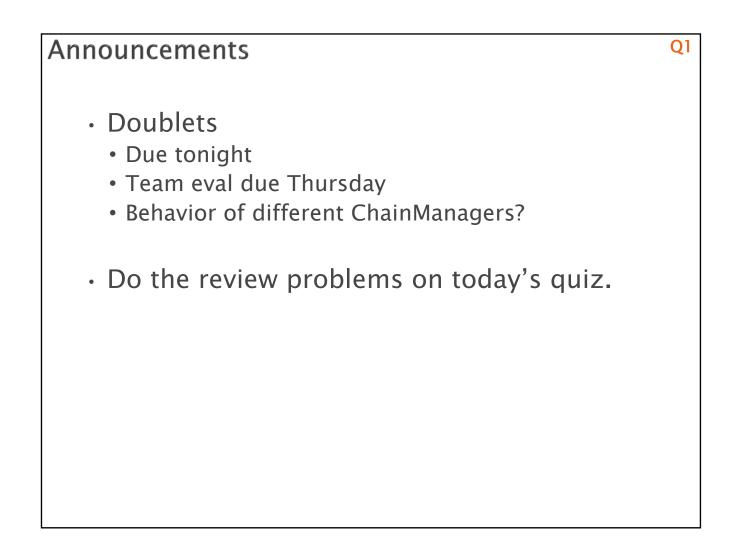
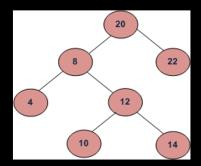
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Binary Search Trees



Binary Trees that store elements so that an they appear in increasing order in an in-order traversal

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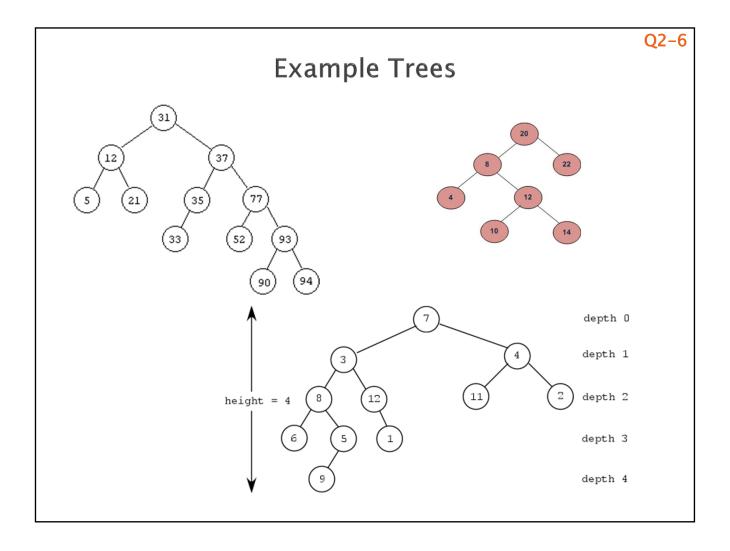
A Binary Search Tree (BST) allows easy and fast lookup of its items because it keeps them ordered

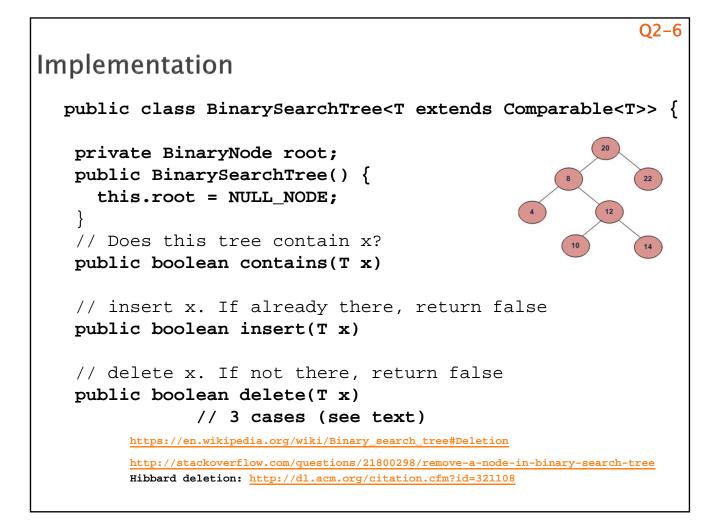
Draw a "birthday BST"

- A BST is a Binary Tree T with these properties:
 - 1. Elements are Comparable, and non-null
 - 2. No duplicate elements (we implement TreeSet)
 - 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

BST insert, contains, and delete need to maintain BST properties

- Search (contains) is now easier, and *possibly* more efficient
 - Why?
 - What can we say about running time of contains()?
- · How to insert a new item?
- · How to delete an item?
- Running times?





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Implementation issues, part 1 (notes from spec)
 The recursive BinaryNode insert() and delete() in the textbook return BinaryNodes. We want our BinaryNode.insert operation to return a reference to a BinaryNode and also a Boolean. So how do the BinaryNode methods return Booleans?
 Could let the Boolean be a BinarySearchTree field. But this field acts like a global variable to the recurseive BinaryNode insert() delete() metods. But could encapsulate better.
 Can the helper method return 2 things? Create a simple composite class to hold both a boolean and a BinaryNode.
 Can you pass a parameter to the helper method and mutate it? Parameters are call-by-value, so primitives can't be mutated. Pass a simple BooleanContainer object so you can mutate the boolean inside.

