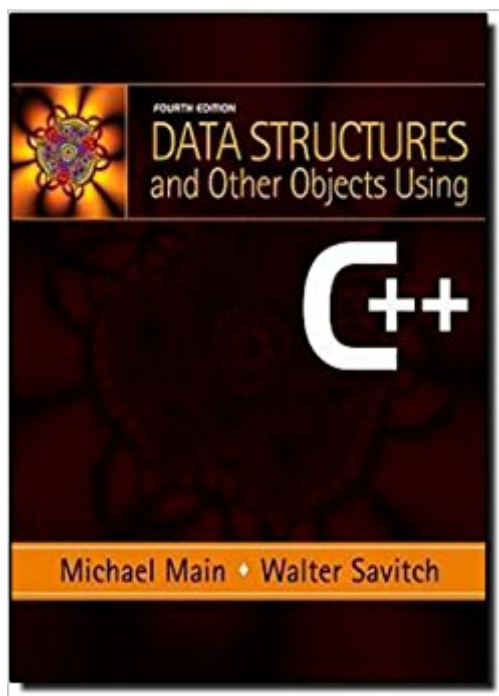


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Data Structures and Other Objects Using C++ takes a gentle approach to the data structures course in C++. Providing an early, self-contained review of object-oriented programming and C++, this text gives students a firm grasp of key concepts and allows those experienced in another language to adjust easily. Flexible by design, professors have the option of emphasizing object-oriented programming, covering recursion and sorting early, or accelerating the pace of the course. Finally, a solid foundation in building and using abstract data types is also provided, along with an assortment of advanced topics such as B-trees for project building and graphs.

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I really like this textbook. I will often skip to the middle of a chapter to understand a specific concept without reading the whole chapter and I can often manage to understand the material just fine. But, if I take the time to read the beginning of the chapter, it is always easy to understand, which I really like. If I just get frustrated trying to understand a topic, I know I can go to the beginning of the chapter and read through and I will understand it fine. However, I gave this book 4 stars for two reasons. One, it suggests you use a coding practice where when you need to include implementation in a header file, Michael Main says you should make a new file called 'filename.template' like 'table1.template'. This has given me more headaches than help. The only "advantage" of this is that you can "bend the rules" and make an implementation file separate from your header file when it is not usually possible. But it is unnecessary and problematic for some compilers. I think it should be nixed in the next edition. Also, the second con is: COLOR! Please put some color in the text next time. C++ is dry enough. If it was broken up with some color, it would be much easier to digest. However, like I said, this is mostly really well written and easy to understand, and not intimidating. I really liked the text.

The writer doesn't explain each single line of codes. For some of the codes, the writer just gives a piece of idea, and then we need to use that "piece" to create a whole project. The exercises are

extremely challenged, so you have to spend few hours on that. The official website can't even open or find. No solutions and no explanations for exercises, so you have to be good at the basic C++ stuff. The book defiantly is not for beginners or someone who just barely passed a class.

The book is new and the content is identical to the US version. The US version is printed in color, though it's not really necessary, and this one is in grayscale. The cover looks entirely different and they numbered every page before the first chapter so if you are looking for a page based on the US version, just add 30 and you'll find the exact same page in this, the Chinese version. Everything is in English except for on the front and back cover and the first page in the book.

I chose this text for a second course in programming, and it was not very good. The programs in the text usually illustrated several new concepts, not just one, leading to student confusion on the goal of the program. The style of the programs was also problematic, as the author uses many non-member functions that could easily be member functions if the classes were organized differently. Not wrong, but confusing to the very inexperienced learners. As a third course, this might be OK, but having to explain both templates, operator overloading AND friend functions to students reading a program overloads their circuits. The programs are well documented, which is a plus, and except for the non-member functions, the structure of them is not too bad. Bottom line: not for the second semester of programming, maybe OK for the third (but I haven't any evidence yet).

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A little long-winded, but a great companion for my data structures course at university.

Required text book in one of my Computer Science classes.

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