## Trees, Part 2 <br> More about trees; binary trees



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## Rooted trees

One node may have special status. We call that the root node. If the tree has a root node we call it a rooted tree.


## Rooted trees

Once we have a root, we can speak of nodes being parents and children.


## Rooted trees

The root node has a special property: it has no parents.


## Rooted trees

Nodes one level below the root node are called the children of the root. For each of these nodes, $B, C, D$ and $E$, the node $A$ is called the parent.


## Rooted trees

A node may have more than one child, but each node (apart from the root) has only one parent.


## Rooted trees

## $B$ has two children, $F$ and $G$.



## Rooted trees

C has no children.


## Rooted trees

The parent of $P$ is J .


## Rooted trees

Notice that the nodes with no children are precisely the leaves!


## Rooted trees

The interior nodes are precisely those with at least one child.


## Rooted trees

We may speak of ancestors and descendants. Apart from the root itself all nodes in the tree are descended from the root. The root is the ancestor of all.


## Rooted trees

These are the descendants of $E$.


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These are the ancestors of K .


## Rooted trees

$E$ is the least (or first) common ancestor of $N$ and $P$.


## Subtrees

We may refer to a node and its descendants as a subtree.


## Subtrees

Here is the subtree rooted at B.


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## Subtrees

Sometimes, when we don't care about detail we just show subtrees as triangles. Here is a tree with four subtrees.


## Binary trees

Many of the trees we'll work with are binary trees.
What is a binary tree?
Definition: A binary tree is a tree in which each parent can have at most two children.

## Binary trees

The example we've been using so far is not a binary tree.


## Binary trees

Here's an example of a binary tree.


## Binary trees

A full binary tree is a binary tree in which each node has either two children or none at all.


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A complete binary tree is a tree in which each level is full, with the possible exception of the last.


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Can a perfect tree have an odd number of nodes? YES. In fact, it must!

## Ordered and unordered trees

Some trees are ordered and some are unordered. This tree is ordered.


## Ordered and unordered trees

This tree is unordered.


## More to follow...



