

# Warm-Up: What's an AST?

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Based on a true story.

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Say you have a valid string of simple arithmetic that contains no unary operators (like  $3!$  or  $-4$ ) and no parenthesis:

$$3 + 9 \times 8 \div 5 \wedge 6$$

You may assume that all numbers and operators in this string consist of exactly one character. Devise an algorithm that turns this string into a tree (as shown below), respecting the order of operations  $[\wedge, \times, \div, +, -]$ .

