

# Stack Using Linked List

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## 1. Node Structure

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Node:
    val : integer
    next : pointer to Node
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## 2. Check if Stack is Empty

**Algorithm** `is_empty(stack_top)` **Input:** Pointer to top node  
**Output:** Boolean (true if empty, false otherwise)

```
1. If stack_top == NULL:
    Return true
2. Else:
    Return false
```

**Time Complexity:**  $O(1)$

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## 3. Create Node

**Algorithm** `create_node()` **Input:** None  
**Output:** Pointer to new Node

```
1. Allocate memory for a new node, call it 'current'
2. If allocation fails:
    Print "Memory is full" and exit
3. Read value 'val' from user
4. Set current->val = val
5. Set current->next = NULL
6. Return current
```

**Time Complexity:**  $O(1)$

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## 4. Push / Insert

**Algorithm** `insert(stack_top)` **Input:** Pointer to top node  
**Output:** Updated top node

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1. temp = create_node()
2. temp->next = stack_top
3. stack_top = temp
4. Return stack_top
```

**Time Complexity:**  $O(1)$

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## 5. Display Stack (Iterative)

**Algorithm** `display(stack_top)` **Input:** Pointer to top node

**Output:** Print all elements

```
1. If stack_top == NULL:
    Print "Stack is empty" and return
2. temp = stack_top
3. While temp != NULL:
    Print temp->val
    temp = temp->next
```

**Time Complexity:**  $O(n)$

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## 6. Display Stack (Recursive)

**Algorithm** `rec_display(stack_top)`

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1. If stack_top == NULL:
    Return
2. Print stack_top->val
3. Call rec_display(stack_top->next)
```

**Time Complexity:**  $O(n)$

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## 7. Pop / Delete Top Element

**Algorithm** `pop(stack_top)` **Input:** Pointer to top node

**Output:** Updated top node

```
1. If stack_top == NULL:
    Print "Stack is empty" and return stack_top
2. temp = stack_top
3. stack_top = stack_top->next
```

4. Free temp
5. Return stack\_top

**Time Complexity:**  $O(1)$

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## 8. Peek Top Element

**Algorithm** `peek(stack_top)` **Input:** Pointer to top node

**Output:** Value at top or INT\_MIN if empty

1. If `stack_top == NULL`:  
    Print "Stack is empty"  
    Return INT\_MIN
2. Return `stack_top->val`

**Time Complexity:**  $O(1)$

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## 9. Main Menu Algorithm

1. Initialize `top = NULL`
2. Loop infinitely:
  - a. Print menu:
    - 1) Insert
    - 2) Display
    - 3) POP
    - 4) PEEK
    - 5) Exit
  - b. Read choice 'cho' from user
  - c. Switch cho:
    - Case 1: `top = insert(top)`
    - Case 2: `display(top)`
    - Case 3: `top = pop(top)`
    - Case 4: Print `peek(top)`
    - Case 5: Exit program
    - Default: Print "Please enter correct input"

**Time Complexity Summary**

Operation	Complexity
insert	$O(1)$
pop	$O(1)$
peek	$O(1)$

Operation	Complexity
display	$O(n)$
rec_display	$O(n)$