

Theme: word processor. Granularity at the word level.

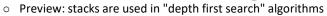
Stacks

• New items go on "top"

• Items are removed from the "top"

• Classic analogy: stack of plates

• Stacks are used in many search algorithms



• Stacks can be implemented using either vectors or linked lists

Vector: array (contiguous set of memory addresses)

o Linked list: list of non-contiguous data.



- When implementing a stack, we have a decision:
 - Where is the "top" of the stack?
- Vector



• Linked list



- Pseudocode for vector-based stack with "top" being element 0
 - "Push"
 - o for(int i = size; i > 0; i--)
 - stack[i] = stack[i-1]
 - o stack[0] = new item



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- "Pop"
 - o result = stack[0]
 - o for(int i = 0; i < size 1; i++)
 - stack[i] = stack[i+1]
- Pseudocode for vector-based stack with "top" being last element
 - "Push"
 - o stack[size] = new_item
 - o size++
 - "Pop"
 - o result = stack[size 1]
 - o size--
- Pseudocode for linked list stack with "top" being first element
 - "Push"
 - o box = new box(new_item)
 - o box->next = _front
 - o front = box
 - "Pop"
 - o result = _front->value
 - o old_front = _front
 - o _front = _front->next
 - o delete old front
- Pseudocode for LL with stack "top" being last element
 - Assumption: no "end" pointer
 - "Push"
 - o current = _front
 - o while current->next != nullptr:
 - Current = current->next
 - o box = new box(new_item)
 - Ourrent->next = box
 - "Pop"
 - o current = front
 - Prev = current
 - O While current->next != nullptr:
 - Prev = current
 - Current = current->next
 - O Value = current->value
 - Delete current
 - Prev->next = nullptr 3 -
 - If we have an "end" pointer, code looks nearly identical to code for when "top" is front