

PA2 Problem 2: Stack

Assignment	Write a Stack class in the package ku.util . This class implements the stack datatype.
What to Submit	Commit your project to Bitbucket as project name PA2 . Both problem 1 (ArrayIterator) and this problem (Stack) are part of the same project. Share the project with the TAs.

The Java API has a Stack interface, but some of the method names are *inconsistent* with other collections, and it has a search method which doesn't make sense for a Stack. So, we will define our own Stack type.

1. Stack class

1.1 Define a Stack class in the package **ku.util**, with the methods shown below. The Stack class has a type parameter (**T**) so that it can be used to hold any kind of data we want.

The Stack methods are

int capacity()	the maximum number of elements that this Stack can hold. Return -1 if unknown or infinite.
boolean isEmpty()	true if stack is empty.
boolean isFull()	true if stack is full.
T peek()	return the item on the top of the stack, without removing it. If the stack is empty, return null .
T pop()	return the item on the top of the stack, and remove it from the stack. Throws: <code>EmptyStackException</code> if stack is empty.
void push(T obj)	push a new item onto the top of the stack. If the stack is already full, this method does nothing... its the programmer's responsibility to check <code>isFull()</code> before trying to push something onto stack. The parameter (obj) must not be null. Throws: <code>IllegalArgumentException</code> if parameter is null.
int size()	return the number of items in the stack. Returns 0 if the stack is empty.

We want the stack to be able to hold elements of any kind, so define the class with a type parameter (**T**), like this:

```
public class Stack<T> {  
    private T[] items; // items on the stack
```

1.2 Write a public constructor that specifies the capacity of the stack:

Stack(int capacity)	create a new stack with the given capacity. Capacity must be positive.
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1.3 Implement the stack using an array for storage.

To create an array of references using a type parameter (**T**), use code like this:

```
items = (T[]) new Object[capacity];
```

1.4 Write good Javadoc comments for the class and every method!

The first sentence of each Javadoc comment should be a complete sentence. Try to write sentences that describe what the class or method does. Look at the Javadoc for JDK's Stack class for examples.

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1.5 Test your Stack. A JUnit test class named `StackTest.java` will be posted in the "week4" folder to help testing, but you should also test your own code.

Example using BlueJ Interactive Mode

```
> import ku.util.*;
> Stack<String> stack = new Stack<String>(2); // pretty small
> stack.isEmpty()
true
> stack.size()
0
> stack.push("cake");
> stack.push("ice cream");
> stack.size( )
2
> stack.isFull( )
true
> stack.push("yogurt");      // discarded - stack is already full
> stack.pop( )
"ice cream"
> stack.size( )
1
> stack.peek( )
"cake"
> stack.pop( )
"cake"
> stack.pop( )
java.util.EmptyStackException thrown
> stack.peek( )
null
```