

STACK

A stack is a data structure that follows the **Last In, First Out** (LIFO) principle, meaning that the last element added to the stack will be the first one to be removed.

The basic operations that can be performed on a stack:

1. **Push:** Add an element to the top of the stack.
2. **Pop:** Remove the top element from the stack.
3. **Peek (or Top):** Look at the top element without removing and inserting it.
4. **isEmpty:** Checks if the stack has no elements.

Stacks have many applications in programming, such as:

- Evaluating postfix expressions
- Implementing recursive functions
- Parsing syntax in compilers
- Managing memory allocation
- Implementing undo/redo functionality

Implementation of stack:

- **Array based stacks:** Uses a fixed-size or dynamic array to store elements. Operations such as push, pop, and peek are performed using array indices.

- **Linked list based stacks:** Uses a linked list where each node contains an element and a reference to the next node. This approach allows for dynamic sizing.

- **Dynamic stacks:** Unlike a fixed-size stack, which has a predetermined maximum size, a dynamic stack can expand and contract based on the number of elements it contains.

- **Structure and pointers stacks:** In this implementation, each node in the linked list represents an element in the stack. Each node contains the data and a pointer to the next node in the stack. The stack itself is managed with a pointer to the top node.

1.EXAMPLE FOR PUSH OPERATION :

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define MAX 10
int stack[MAX];
int top = -1;
void push(int value)
{
    if (top == MAX - 1)
    {
        printf("Stack Overflow! Cannot push %d onto the stack.\n", value);
    }
    else
    {
        top++;
        stack[top] = value;
        printf("%d pushed onto the stack.\n", value);
    }
}
void display()
{
    if (top == -1) {
        printf("Stack is empty.\n");
    } else {
        printf("Stack elements are:\n");
        for (int i = top; i >= 0; i--) {
            printf("%d\n", stack[i]);
        }
    }
}
int main() {
    push(10);
    push(20);
    push(30);
    push(40);
    push(50);
    display();
    return 0;
}
```

OUTPUT:

10 pushed onto the stack.

20 pushed onto the stack.

30 pushed onto the stack.

40 pushed onto the stack.

50 pushed onto the stack.

Stack elements are:

50

40

30

20

10

2.EXAMPLE FOR POP OPERATION:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define MAX 10
int stack[MAX];
int top = -1;
void push(int value) {
    if (top == MAX - 1) {
        printf("Stack Overflow! Cannot push %d onto the stack.\n", value);
    } else {
        top++;
        stack[top] = value;
        printf("%d pushed onto the stack.\n", value);
    }
}
int pop() {
    if (top == -1) {
        printf("Stack Underflow! Cannot pop from the stack.\n");
        return -1; // Returning -1 to indicate error
    } else {
        int poppedValue = stack[top];
        top--;
        printf("%d popped from the stack.\n", poppedValue);
        return poppedValue;
    }
}
void display() {
```

```

    if (top == -1) {
        printf("Stack is empty.\n");
    } else {
        printf("Stack elements are:\n");
        for (int i = top; i >= 0; i--) {
            printf("%d\n", stack[i]);
        }
    }
}

int main() {
    push(10);
    push(20);
    push(30);
    push(40);
    push(50);
    printf("\nCurrent Stack:\n");
    display();
    printf("\nPopping elements:\n");
    pop();
    pop();
    printf("\nStack after popping elements:\n");
    display();
    return 0;
}

```

OUTPUT:

```

10 pushed onto the stack.
20 pushed onto the stack.
30 pushed onto the stack.
40 pushed onto the stack.
50 pushed onto the stack.
Current Stack:
Stack elements are:
50
40
30
20
10
Popping elements:

```

50 popped from the stack.
40 popped from the stack.
Stack after popping elements:
Stack elements are:
30
20
10

3.EXAMPLE FOR PEEK OPERATION:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define MAX 10
char stack[MAX];
int top = -1;
void push(char value) {
    if (top == MAX - 1) {
        printf("Stack Overflow! Cannot push '%c' onto the stack.\n", value);
    } else {
        top++;
        stack[top] = value;
        printf("'%' pushed onto the stack.\n", value);
    }
}
char peek() {
    if (top == -1) {
        printf("Stack is empty! Cannot peek.\n");
        return '\0';
    } else {
        return stack[top];
    }
}
void display() {
    if (top == -1) {
        printf("Stack is empty.\n");
    } else {
        printf("Stack elements are:\n");
        for (int i = top; i >= 0; i--) {
            printf("%c\n", stack[i]);
        }
    }
}
```

```
}
```

```
int main() {  
    push('A');  
    push('B');  
    push('C');  
    push('D');  
    push('E');  
    printf("\nCurrent Stack:\n");  
    display();  
    printf("\nPeek at the top element: '%c'\n", peek());  
    return 0;  
}
```

OUTPUT:

'A' pushed onto the stack.

'B' pushed onto the stack.

'C' pushed onto the stack.

'D' pushed onto the stack.

'E' pushed onto the stack.

Current Stack:

Stack elements are:

E

D

C

B

A

Peek at the top element: 'E'.

1.STACK WITH ARRAY

Advantages:

- Simple to implement.
- Allows random access to elements (though not commonly used for stacks).

Disadvantages:

- Fixed size in basic implementation (unless using dynamic resizing).

Example :

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<limits.h>
#define MAX_SIZE 20
int arr[MAX_SIZE];
int top=-1;
void push(int val)
{
    if(top==MAX_SIZE-1)
    {
        printf("stack is full\n");
        return 0;
    }
    arr[++top]=val;
}
int pop()
{
    if(top== -1)
    {
        printf("stack is empty\n");
        return INT_MIN;
    }
    return arr[top--];
}
int peek()
{
    if(top== -1)
    {
        printf("stack is empty\n");
        return INT_MIN;
    }
}
int main()
{
    push(10);
    push(20);
    push(30);
    push(40);
    push(50);
```

```

printf("after pushing 5 elements:\n");
printf("top element: %d\n",peek());
printf("popped element: %d\n",pop());
printf("popped element: %d\n",pop());
printf("after popping 2 elements:\n");
printf("top element is %d\n",peek());
return 0;
}

```

OUTPUT

```

after pushing 5 elements:
top element: 50
popped element: 50
popped element: 40
after popping 2 elements:
top element is 30

```

2.STACK WITH STRUCTURE AND POINTER.

Advantages

1. **Dynamic Size:**if refers to defining data structure,whose size can change at run time.
2. **Efficient Memory Use:**Memory is allocated only when needed.there's no need to allocate a large block of memory upfront.
3. **Simple Insertions and Deletions:**Both “push” and “pop” operations are $O(1)$ operations because they involve only updating pointers and do not require shifting elements.

Disadvantages

1. **Memory Overhead:** Each node requires extra memory for the pointer in addition to the data.
2. **Pointer Management:** Requires careful handling of pointers to avoid memory leaks and dangling pointers. Every “malloc” should be paired with a free, and pointer updates need to be managed carefully.
3. **Cache Performance:** Due to non-contiguous memory allocation, linked lists may suffer from poor cache locality compared to arrays. This can lead to slower access times compared to array-based implementations

Example :

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<limits.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
#define MAX_SIZE 20
struct Stack
{
int *arr;
int top;
int size;
};
void initStack(struct Stack *stack, int size)
{
stack->arr=(int *)malloc(size * sizeof(int)) ;
stack->top = -1;
stack->size = size;
}
void push(struct Stack *stack, int val){
if(stack->top == stack->size - 1)
{
printf("stack is full\n") ;
return;
}
stack->arr[++stack->top] = val;
}
int pop(struct Stack *stack)
{
if(stack->top == -1)
{
printf("stack is empty\n") ;
return INT_MIN;
}
```

```

}
return stack->arr[stack->top--];
}
int peek(struct Stack *stack)
{
if(stack->top == -1)
{
printf("stack is empty\n") ;
return INT_MIN;
}
return stack->arr[stack->top--];
}
void freeStack(struct Stack*stack)
{
free(stack->arr);
}
int main()
{
struct Stack stack1, stack2;
initStack(&stack1,MAX_SIZE) ;
initStack(&stack2,MAX_SIZE) ;
push(&stack1, 10) ;
push(&stack1, 20) ;
push(&stack1, 30) ;
push(&stack1, 40) ;
push(&stack1, 50) ;
push(&stack2, 100) ;
push(&stack2, 200) ;
push(&stack2, 300) ;
printf("popped from stack 1: %d\n", pop(&stack1)) ;
printf("popped from stack 2: %d\n", pop(&stack2)) ;
printf("top of stack 2: %d\n", peek(&stack2)) ;
freeStack(&stack1) ;
freeStack(&stack2) ;
return 0;
}

```

OUTPUT:

popped from stack 1: 50
popped from stack 2: 300
top of stack 2: 200

2.STACK WITH LINKED LIST:

Advantages:

- Dynamic size.
- No need to manage capacity explicitly.

Disadvantages:

- Overhead of storing pointers.

Example :

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
#include<limits.h>

struct node{
int data;
struct node *next;
};

struct node *createnode(int data){
    struct node *newnode=(struct node*)malloc(sizeof(struct node));
    if(!newnode){
        printf("memory allocation failed");
        return NULL;
    }
    newnode->data=data;
    newnode->next=NULL;
    return newnode;
}

void push(struct node **top,int data)
{
    struct node *newnode=createnode(data);//create a node
    //create a node
    if(!newnode){
```

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    return;
}
newnode->next=*top;
*top=newnode;
printf("%d pushed to stack\n",data);
}
int pop(struct node **top)
{
    if(*top==NULL){
        printf("stack is empty\n");
        return INT_MIN;
    }
    struct node *temp=*top;
    int poppedvalue=temp->data;
    *top=temp->next;
    free(temp);
    return poppedvalue;
}
int beginning(struct node *top){
    if(top==NULL){
        printf("stack is empty\n");
        return INT_MIN;
    }
    struct node *current = top;
    while(current->next!=NULL){
        current=current->next;
    }
    return current->data;
}
int main()
{
    struct node *top=NULL;
    push(&top,10);
    push(&top,20);
    push(&top,30);
    push(&top,40);
    push(&top,50);
    printf("popped element is %d\n",pop(&top));
}

```

```
printf("bottom element is %d\n", beginning(top));  
printf("popped element is %d\n",pop(&top));  
printf("popped element is %d\n",pop(&top));  
printf("top element is %d\n", beginning(top));  
return 0;  
}
```

OUTPUT:

```
50 pushed to stack  
40 pushed to stack  
30 pushed to stack  
20 pushed to stack  
10 pushed to stack  
popped from stack: 10  
popped from stack: 20  
top of stack: 30
```