

CSCI124/MCS9124 Applied Programming Autumn 2015

Lab 10 (1 mark)

Due at 11:59pm on Thurs 21st May.

Aim:

To practice writing a generic class with exceptions.

Task:

In the lecture on collection classes, we looked at writing our own array class and at a deque class.

In this lab, you will write your own stack class. Although you could write a stack using a linked list (push onto the head and pop from the head) we are going to write one based on array.

Here is a definition for the Stack class

```
class Stack
{
    public:
        Stack(int size=20);
        Stack(Stack& from);
        ~Stack();

        void push(T val);
        T pop();

        bool isFull();
        bool isEmpty();

    private:
        int n;
        int top;
        T* data;
};
```

It is written in a generic manner, so T can be pretty much any type. You can change the typedef before the definition to set the type of stack, so if you want a stack of characters you can write `typedef char T;`

Your primary task is to write the implementation for the class Stack.

First, look at the private data for the class:

The size of the data array is stored in the integer `n`.

The integer `top` will hold the index of the topmost element of the stack, so if the stack holds 3 items, the top item will be at index 2. Consider a suitable value for `top` when the stack is empty.

The pointer data will be a dynamic array, of size `n`, representing the stack itself.

You will need to implement:

- a constructor, which allocates an array of the given size and sets appropriate values for `n` and `top`.
- a copy constructor, which allocates the array and creates an exact copy of an existing stack.
- a destructor, which simply deletes the data array
- a `push` method, which puts the given value on the end of the array and increments `top`; if the stack is full it should throw an `out_of_range` exception.
- a `pop` method, which returns the top value and decrements `top`; if the stack is empty it should throw an `out_of_range` exception
- methods `isFull` and `isEmpty` which return true if the stack is full, or is empty respectively

You should also write a simple driver to test the functionality of your stack class. Remember to also test that the correct exceptions are thrown.

Submission:

You are to submit your three files (`stack.h` `stack.cpp` and `main.cpp`) using the submit program:

```
$ submit -c csci124 -a lab10 -u <username> <files>
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