

Error Log for Task 3: StackList

Error 1: Missing Check for Empty Stack in `pop()` and `peek()`

- **Description:**

The `pop()` and `peek()` methods did not handle the case where the stack was empty. Calling these methods on an empty stack resulted in undefined behavior or crashes.

Fix:

I added a check in both methods to verify if the stack is empty using the `isEmpty()` method. If the stack is empty, an `IllegalStateException` is thrown to prevent unsafe operations.

Code Fix Example:

```
public T pop() {  
    if (isEmpty()) {  
        throw new IllegalStateException("Cannot pop from an empty stack.");  
    }  
  
    T data = top.data;  
  
    top = top.next; // Update top pointer  
  
    size--; // Update size  
  
    return data;  
}
```

```
public T peek() {  
    if (isEmpty()) {  
        throw new IllegalStateException("Cannot peek at an empty stack.");  
    }  
  
    return top.data; // Return the top element without removing it  
}
```

}

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Error 2: Incorrect Handling of the **top** Pointer During **push()** Operation

- **Description:**

When pushing an element onto the stack, the **top** pointer was not correctly updated to link the new node to the existing stack. This caused the stack to lose references to newly added elements and broke its structure.

Fix:

I updated the **push()** method to properly link the new node's **next** pointer to the current **top** and then set the **top** pointer to the new node. This ensured that the stack's linked list structure was maintained correctly.

Code Fix Example:

```
public void push(T data) {  
  
    Node newNode = new Node(data);  
  
    newNode.next = top; // Link new node to the current top  
  
    top = newNode;    // Update top pointer to the new node  
  
    size++;           // Update size  
  
}
```

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Error 3: Incorrectly Updating the Stack Size

- **Description:**

The **size** field was not updated during **push()** and **pop()** operations, leading to incorrect results when calling the **size()** method.

Fix:

I ensured that the **size** field was incremented after each **push()** operation and

decremented after each `pop()` operation. This ensured that the `size()` method returned the accurate number of elements in the stack.

Code Fix Example:

```
public int size() {  
    return size;  
}
```

```
public void push(T data) {  
    Node newNode = new Node(data);  
    newNode.next = top;  
    top = newNode;  
    size++; // Increment size  
}
```

```
public T pop() {  
    if (isEmpty()) {  
        throw new IllegalStateException("Cannot pop from an empty stack.");  
    }  
    T data = top.data;  
    top = top.next;  
    size--; // Decrement size  
    return data;  
}
```

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