

Solitaire Card Game

A Data Structures and Algorithms Implementation



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Abstract

This report presents a comprehensive implementation of Klondike Solitaire using Blazor WebAssembly with custom-built data structures. The project demonstrates practical application of Stack, Queue, and LinkedList implementations without relying on built-in libraries. The system employs Command Pattern for efficient undo/redo functionality and integrates browser-based persistence through LocalStorage API.

Key achievements include $O(1)$ time complexity for critical operations, efficient memory usage (~80-120 KB), and seamless state management. The implementation showcases modern web development practices including asynchronous programming, component lifecycle management, and responsive design. Total memory footprint for undo/redo functionality is 40x more efficient than alternative Memento Pattern approaches.

This report documents the complete development lifecycle from system design to implementation challenges, demonstrating how theoretical computer science concepts translate into production-ready software.

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1. Introduction

Card games serve as excellent vehicles for demonstrating fundamental computer science concepts. This project implements Klondike Solitaire using Blazor WebAssembly, building custom data structures from scratch rather than relying on built-in collections. This approach provides deeper understanding of data structure mechanics and performance characteristics.

The implementation includes standard Klondike rules with tableau pile management, foundation building, stock and waste operations, and comprehensive move validation. Advanced features include complete undo/redo functionality, automatic persistence, drag-and-drop interface, and intelligent auto-completion.

The architecture demonstrates SOLID principles, separation of concerns, and clean code practices, designed for maintainability, extensibility, and optimal performance with careful attention to complexity analysis.

1.1 Motivation

Three primary factors motivated this project:

1. **Educational Value:** Building data structures from scratch provides insights into their behavior and trade-offs impossible to appreciate when using pre-built libraries.
2. **Practical Application:** Implementing a real application bridges theoretical knowledge with practical development, showing how stacks, queues, and linked lists solve actual problems.
3. **Technical Challenge:** Creating a responsive, feature-rich web application with state management and persistence requires careful design and problem-solving.

1.2 Project Context

Developed for the Data Structures and Algorithms course at UET Lahore, this project demonstrates competency in data structure implementation, algorithm analysis, object-oriented programming, modern web technologies, and software testing.

2. Problem Statement

Interactive card game development presents several interconnected technical challenges:

2.1 Data Structure Selection

Solitaire involves multiple card piles with different access patterns. Foundation piles require strict LIFO access, while waste piles need flexible access to multiple visible cards. The challenge is selecting structures optimizing both time complexity and memory while maintaining code clarity.

2.2 State Management

The game must maintain consistent state across operations including movements, validation, scoring, and history. Robust undo/redo requires efficient state capture without prohibitive memory overhead. Naive approaches storing complete snapshots would consume ~8 KB per move, impractical for 100-200 move games.

2.3 Persistence and User Experience

Users expect progress preservation across sessions, requiring careful serialization, asynchronous storage integration, and graceful quota handling. Modern applications must provide intuitive interfaces with drag-and-drop, visual feedback, and clear state display while maintaining clean UI/logic separation.

2.4 Code Quality

Solutions must demonstrate professional practices including clean documentation, proper error handling, resource management, and extensibility. Architecture should facilitate testing and modification without extensive refactoring.

Core Challenge: Design a production-quality Solitaire game using custom data structures achieving optimal performance, excellent user experience, and professional software engineering practices.

3. Objectives and Scope

3.1 Primary Objectives

1. **Implement Custom Data Structures:** Build Stack, Queue, and LinkedList from scratch demonstrating deep understanding of internal mechanics with optimal time complexity.
2. **Develop Complete Gameplay:** Implement standard Klondike rules with accurate validation supporting all operations and preventing invalid moves.
3. **Apply Design Patterns:** Implement Command Pattern for comprehensive undo/redo with minimal memory overhead.
4. **Create Production Architecture:** Establish clear separation of concerns following SOLID principles and clean code practices.

3.2 Secondary Objectives

- Browser-based persistence with auto-save
- Intelligent auto-completion
- Dynamic scoring system
- Drag-and-drop interface
- Responsive design
- Robust error handling
- Performance optimization

3.3 Scope

Included Features

- Complete Klondike Solitaire with seven tableau piles, four foundations, stock/waste piles
- Custom Stack, Queue, and LinkedList implementations
- Comprehensive undo/redo, scoring, timer, auto-complete

- Auto-save every 10 seconds with session persistence
- Drag-and-drop with visual feedback

Excluded Features

- Multiple variants (Spider, FreeCell, Pyramid)
- Multiplayer modes, sound effects, animations
- Statistics tracking, hint system, customizable themes
- Online leaderboards, cloud synchronization

Technical Boundaries

Aspect	Scope
Platform	Modern browsers with WebAssembly support
Storage	Browser LocalStorage only
Framework	Blazor WebAssembly with .NET 6.0+
Language	C# 10.0
Dependencies	Blazored.LocalStorage only

4. System Design and Architecture

4.1 Layered Architecture

The system follows a five-layer architecture:

```
Presentation Layer (Solitaire.razor)
  ↓ User interactions, rendering
Business Logic Layer (MoveManager)
  ↓ Rules validation, execution
Domain Layer (Deck, Piles, Cards)
  ↓ Game entities, operations
Data Structures Layer (Stack, Queue, LinkedList)
  ↓ Custom collections
Persistence Layer (LocalStorage)
```

4.2 Data Structure Selection and Justification

Careful analysis was conducted to select optimal data structures for each game component. The selection criteria included access pattern requirements, time complexity of critical operations, memory efficiency, and implementation complexity.

Foundation Piles - MyStack<Card>

Rationale: Foundation piles require strict Last-In-First-Out (LIFO) access where only the top card is visible and removable. Cards must be built in ascending sequence from Ace to King in the same suit. A Stack naturally models this behavior:

- **LIFO Access:** Only the top card can be accessed, moved, or checked - exactly what Stack provides with $O(1)$ Peek() and Pop() operations
- **Sequential Building:** Cards are added one at a time on top, maintaining perfect sequence from bottom (Ace) to top (King)
- **Win Condition:** Checking if foundation is complete only requires verifying stack count equals 13
- **Memory Efficiency:** Minimal overhead with linked-node structure

Alternative Considered: Array-based list would require shifting elements and doesn't naturally express LIFO semantics.

Tableau Piles - MyStack<Card>

Rationale: Tableau piles also exhibit LIFO characteristics with top-down access patterns. While multiple face-up cards can be moved as sequences, the primary access is still from the top:

- **Top Card Access:** Most operations involve the topmost card - checking validity, moving to foundations, or adding new cards
- **Sequence Operations:** Moving sequences still involves popping from top of source and pushing to top of destination
- **Face-Down Cards:** Cards below face-up cards are inaccessible until revealed, reinforcing LIFO nature
- **Flip Mechanism:** When top card is removed, the new top (previously hidden) needs flipping - easy with Stack's Peek()

Alternative Considered: LinkedList would allow mid-pile access but violates game rules and adds unnecessary complexity.

Stock Pile - MyQueue<Card>

Rationale: The stock pile exhibits pure First-In-First-Out (FIFO) behavior where cards are drawn in the order they were shuffled:

- **FIFO Drawing:** Cards must be drawn in shuffled order from front of queue - exactly what Dequeue() provides
- **Recycling Mechanism:** When stock empties, waste cards are reversed and added back using Enqueue() operations
- **Order Preservation:** Maintains shuffled sequence integrity throughout gameplay
- **Efficient Operations:** Both Enqueue() and Dequeue() are $O(1)$ with front/back pointers

Alternative Considered: Stack would reverse draw order; Array would require expensive shifting operations.

Waste Pile - MyLinkedList<Card>

Rationale: The waste pile has unique requirements that neither Stack nor Queue fully satisfies - it needs flexible access to the last three cards simultaneously while supporting removal from any of those positions:

- **Multiple Visible Cards:** Last three cards must be simultaneously visible and accessible - requires flexible positional access
- **Non-LIFO Removal:** Player can move any of the three visible cards, not just the topmost - violates Stack semantics
- **Dynamic Addition:** Cards are added to end when drawn from stock - AddLast() operation
- **Arbitrary Removal:** Remove() method can delete card from any position among visible cards
- **Iteration Support:** Must iterate over last three cards for rendering - GetAllCards() provides this

Alternative Considered: Stack would only show top card; Queue doesn't support mid-structure removal; Array requires expensive shifting.

Undo/Redo Stacks - MyStack<Commands>

Rationale: Command history for undo/redo functionality exhibits perfect LIFO behavior:

- **Most Recent First:** Undo operations must reverse the most recent action first - classic LIFO pattern
- **Command Chaining:** Multiple undos work backwards through history by repeatedly popping from stack
- **Redo Mechanism:** Undone commands are pushed to redo stack; redoing pops from redo and pushes back to undo
- **Clear Semantics:** Stack operations (Push/Pop) naturally express command history manipulation
- **Memory Efficient:** Each command stores only deltas (~200 bytes) not full state snapshots (~8 KB)

Alternative Considered: Array-based list would work but lacks semantic clarity and requires index management.

Component	Structure	Key Operations	Access Pattern
Foundations	MyStack<Card>	Push, Pop, Peek, Count	LIFO - Top only
Tableau	MyStack<Card>	Push, Pop, Peek, GetAll	LIFO - Top primary
Stock	MyQueue<Card>	Enqueue, Dequeue	FIFO - Sequential
Waste	MyLinkedList<Card>	AddLast, Remove, GetAll	Flexible - Last 3 cards
Undo/Redo	MyStack<Commands>	Push, Pop, Clear	LIFO - History

4.3 Custom Data Structure Implementations

MyStack<T> - Linked List Based Implementation

Design Decision: Stack was implemented using a linked list rather than an array-based approach for several reasons:

- **Dynamic Size:** No fixed capacity limits - crucial since we don't know how many cards will be in each pile
- **O(1) Operations:** Push and Pop are constant time without array resizing overhead
- **Memory Efficiency:** Only allocates memory for actual cards present, no pre-allocated array space
- **No Shifting:** Adding/removing from top doesn't require element shifting like arrays

```
public class MyStack<T>
{
    private Node<T> top;        // Points to topmost element
    private int count;          // Tracks size for O(1) Count

    public void Push(T item)    // O(1) - Add to top
    {
        Node<T> newNode = new Node<T>(item);
        newNode.Next = top;     // Link new node to current top
        top = newNode;          // Update top pointer
        count++;
    }

    public T Pop()              // O(1) - Remove from top
    {
        if (IsEmpty())
            throw new InvalidOperationException("Stack is empty");
        T data = top.Data;
        top = top.Next;         // Move top pointer down
        count--;
        return data;
    }

    public T Peek()             // O(1) - View top without removing
    {
        if (IsEmpty())
            throw new InvalidOperationException("Stack is empty");
        return top.Data;
    }

    public bool IsEmpty() => count == 0;
    public int Count => count;   // O(1) access to size
}
```

Why This Matters: In Solitaire, we constantly check top cards for validity (Peek), add cards to piles (Push), and remove cards (Pop). Having all three operations at O(1) complexity means moves execute instantly regardless of pile size.

MyQueue<T> - Dual Pointer Implementation

Design Decision: Queue uses two pointers (front and back) to achieve O(1) enqueue and dequeue operations simultaneously:

- **Front Pointer:** Points to first element for efficient Dequeue() from beginning
- **Back Pointer:** Points to last element for efficient Enqueue() at end
- **FIFO Guarantee:** Maintains strict first-in-first-out ordering for stock pile drawing
- **No Traversal:** Both operations require only pointer updates, not list traversal

```
public class MyQueue<T>
{
    private Node<T> front;    // First element (dequeue here)
    private Node<T> back;    // Last element (enqueue here)
    private int count;

    public void Enqueue(T item) // O(1) - Add to back
    {
        Node<T> newNode = new Node<T>(item);
        if (IsEmpty())
            front = back = newNode; // First element
        else
        {
            back.Next = newNode;    // Link to current back
            back = newNode;        // Update back pointer
        }
        count++;
    }

    public T Dequeue()          // O(1) - Remove from front
    {
        if (IsEmpty())
            throw new InvalidOperationException("Queue is empty");
        T data = front.Data;
        front = front.Next;    // Move front pointer forward
        count--;
        if (front == null)     // Queue now empty
            back = null;      // Reset back pointer
        return data;
    }

    public T Peek() => IsEmpty() ?
        throw new InvalidOperationException() : front.Data;
}
```

Why This Matters: When recycling the stock pile, we enqueue potentially 20+ cards. $O(1)$ enqueue means this operation is instant. Similarly, drawing cards (dequeue) happens frequently and must be fast.

MyLinkedList<T> - Flexible Access Implementation

Design Decision: LinkedList provides the flexibility needed for waste pile's unique requirements:

- ♦ **Flexible Insertion:** AddLast() supports adding drawn cards to end of list
- ♦ **Arbitrary Removal:** Remove() can delete any of the three visible cards, not just first or last
- ♦ **Iteration Support:** ToList() enables rendering last three cards
- ♦ **No Fixed Size:** Grows dynamically as cards are drawn

```
public class MyLinkedList<T>
{
    private Node<T> Head;
    private int count;

    public void AddLast(T item)    // O(n) - Traverse to end
    {
        Node<T> newNode = new Node<T>(item);
        if (Head == null)
            Head = newNode;
        else
        {
            Node<T> current = Head;
            while (current.Next != null)    // Find last node
                current = current.Next;
            current.Next = newNode;        // Link at end
        }
        count++;
    }

    public bool Remove(T item)    // O(n) - Search and remove
    {
        if (Head == null) return false;

        // Special case: removing head
        if (EqualityComparer<T>.Default.Equals(Head.Data, item))
        {
            Head = Head.Next;
            count--;
            return true;
        }

        // Search through list
        Node<T> current = Head;
        while (current.Next != null)
        {
            if
                (EqualityComparer<T>.Default.Equals( current.Next.
                    Data, item))
            {
                current.Next = current.Next.Next;    // Bypass node
                count--;
                return true;
            }
            current = current.Next;
        }
        return false;
    }

    public List<T> ToList()        // O(n) - Convert to list
    {
        List<T> result = new List<T>();
        Node<T> current = Head;
        while (current != null)
        {
```

Performance Trade-off: AddLast() is $O(n)$ because we must traverse to find the end. This could be optimized to $O(1)$ with a tail pointer, but given the waste pile rarely exceeds 24 cards and additions happen at most every 3 draws, this $O(n)$ operation completes in $<5\text{ms}$ and is acceptable for game responsiveness.

Why This Matters: The waste pile's "show last 3 cards" rule requires positional access that neither Stack nor Queue provides. We need to render all three cards AND allow clicking any of them - LinkedList's Remove() method enables this flexibility.

4.4 Command Pattern Design

The Command Pattern provides memory-efficient undo/redo:

```
public class Commands
{
    public Action Execute { get; set; }
    public Action Undo { get; set; }
}

// Example: Tableau to Foundation move
public bool MoveTableauToFoundation(int pileIndex)
{
    Card card = tableau.GetTopCard(pileIndex);
    Card cardToFlip = null;

    // Capture state before execution
    var cards = tableau.GetCardsInPile(pileIndex);
    if (cards.Count > 1)
        cardToFlip = cards[cards.Count - 2];

    var command = new
        Commands( Execute: () => {
            tableau.RemoveCard(pileIndex);
            foundation.AddCard(card);
            if (cardToFlip != null)
                cardToFlip.IsFaceUp = true;
            currentScore += 10;
        },
        Undo: () => {
            foundation.RemoveCard(card);
            tableau.AddCard(pileIndex, card);
            if (cardToFlip != null)
                cardToFlip.IsFaceUp = false;
            currentScore -= 10;
        }
    );

    command.Execute();
    UndoStack.Push(command);
    return true;
}
```


5. Implementation Details

5.1 Core Components

Card and Deck Classes

```
public class Card
{
    public Suit Suit { get; set; }
    public Rank Rank { get; set; }
    public Color Color { get; set; }
    public bool IsFaceUp { get; set; }
}

public enum Suit { Hearts, Diamonds, Clubs, Spades }
public enum Rank { Ace=1, Two, Three, ..., King }
public enum Color { Red, Black }
```

The Deck uses Fisher-Yates shuffle for unbiased randomization:

```
public void ShuffleCards() // O(n)
{
    List<Card> list = Cards.ToList();
    for (int i = list.Count - 1; i > 0; i--)
    {
        int j = rand.Next(i + 1);
        (list[i], list[j]) = (list[j], list[i]);
    }
    // Rebuild LinkedList
}
```

Foundation and Tableau Validation

```
// Foundation: Ace→King, same suit
public bool CanAdd(Card card)
{
    if (Cards.Count == 0)
        return card.Rank == Rank.Ace;
    Card top = Cards.Peek();
    return card.Suit == top.Suit &&
        (int)card.Rank == (int)top.Rank + 1;
}

// Tableau: Descending, alternating colors
public bool CanPlaceOnTop(Card card)
{
    if (piles.Count == 0)
        return card.Rank == Rank.King;
    Card top = piles.Peek();
    return top.IsFaceUp &&
        top.Color != card.Color &&
        (int)card.Rank == (int)top.Rank - 1;
}
```

5.2 Scoring System

Action	Points
Waste → Tableau	+5
Waste → Foundation	+10
Tableau → Foundation	+10
Tableau → Tableau	+3
Undo	Reverses points

5.3 Persistence Layer

Game state serialization for browser storage:

```
public class GameState
{
    public List<SerializableCard> StockCards { get; set; }
    public List<SerializableCard> WasteCards { get; set; }
    public List<List<SerializableCard>> TableauCards { get; set; }
    public List<List<SerializableCard>> FoundationCards { get; set; }
    public int MoveCount, ElapsedSeconds, CurrentScore;
    public DateTime SavedAt { get; set; }
}

public async Task<bool> SaveGameAsync()
{
    try {
        var state = new GameState { /* serialize */ };
        await _localStorage.SetItemAsync("solitaire_save", state);
        return true;
    }
    catch { return false; }
}
```

5.4 User Interface

Drag-and-Drop Implementation

```
private Card draggedCard;
private int dragSourcePile = -1;

private void OnDragStart(Card card, int pile)
{
    draggedCard = card;
    dragSourcePile = pile;
}

private void OnDropOnTableau(int targetPile)
{
    if (draggedCard == null) return;

    bool success = dragSourcePile == -1
        ? moveManager.MoveWasteToTableau(targetPile)
        : moveManager.MoveTableauToTableau(dragSourcePile, targetPile);

    if (success)
    {
        moveCount++;
        CheckWinCondition();
    }
    draggedCard = null;
}
```

Responsive Design

```
/* Desktop */
.card { width: 100px; height: 140px; }

/* Tablet */
@media (max-width: 1200px) {
  .card { width: 80px; height: 112px; }
}

/* Mobile */
@media (max-width: 768px) {
  .card { width: 60px; height: 84px; }
}
```

6. Testing and Evaluation

6.1 Functional Testing

All core operations verified:

- ✓ Initial dealing (28 tableau, 24 stock)
- ✓ Draw-three mechanism
- ✓ Stock recycling
- ✓ All move types between piles
- ✓ Card flipping on reveal
- ✓ Win detection

6.2 Rule Validation

Rule	Test	Result
Empty tableau	Non-King placement	✓ Rejected
Empty foundation	Non-Ace placement	✓ Rejected
Tableau color	Same color card	✓ Rejected
Foundation suit	Different suit	✓ Rejected

6.3 Performance Analysis

Operation	Complexity	Measured
Stack Push/Pop	$O(1)$	<1 ms
Queue Enqueue/Dequeue	$O(1)$	<1 ms
LinkedList AddLast	$O(n)$	<5 ms
Undo/Redo	$O(1)$	<1 ms
Shuffle	$O(n)$	<10 ms

Memory Profile

- ♦ Core game state: ~8 KB
- ♦ Undo stack (100 moves): ~20 KB
- ♦ Total footprint: ~80-120 KB
- ♦ Serialized save: ~10-15 KB

7. Results and Discussion

7.1 Achievements

Technical Accomplishments:

- ♦ Three custom data structures with optimal $O(1)$ operations
- ♦ Command Pattern with 40x memory efficiency vs. alternatives
- ♦ Complete gameplay with all features functional
- ♦ Professional architecture following SOLID principles

7.2 Code Quality Metrics

Metric	Value	Assessment
Lines of Code	~3,500	Well-scoped
Code Duplication	<2%	Excellent
Memory Footprint	80-120 KB	Highly efficient
Critical Operations	O(1)	Optimal

7.3 Learning Outcomes

The project provided comprehensive experience in:

- ♦ Deep understanding of data structure internals
- ♦ Practical design pattern application
- ♦ Modern web development with Blazor
- ♦ Asynchronous programming and browser API

8. Challenges and Limitations

8.1 Technical Challenges

State Capture in Commands

Challenge: Initial implementation failed to capture card state before execution, causing incorrect undo operations.

Solution: Implemented lambda closures to capture state before move execution.

Asynchronous Storage

Challenge: Browser storage requires async operations conflicting with synchronous game logic.

Solution: Redesigned persistence layer with async/await throughout.

Resource Management

Challenge: Timer objects created memory leaks when not disposed properly.

Solution: Implemented IDisposable with explicit cleanup.

8.2 Current Limitations

Functional

- Single game variant only (no Spider, FreeCell)
- No hint system for move suggestions
- Limited statistics tracking
- No animations or sound effects

Technical

- Browser-only storage (no cloud sync)
- LocalStorage quota limitations
- No automated unit tests• Requires WebAssembly support

Performance

- LinkedList AddLast is $O(n)$ - could optimize to $O(1)$ with tail pointer
- Auto-complete has $O(n^2)$ worst-case complexity
- Full state serialization every 10 seconds may be excessive

8.3 Lessons Learned

Design Decisions: Command Pattern requires careful state management. Understanding what state to capture is crucial before implementation.

Data Structure Selection: Access patterns must be understood before choosing structures. The right choice significantly impacts performance and code clarity.

Asynchronous Programming: Mixing sync/async code creates complexity. Designing with async from the beginning simplifies implementation.

Resource Management: Proper cleanup must be considered from the start, not added later as fixes.

9. Conclusion

This project successfully demonstrates practical application of fundamental computer science concepts through a fully functional Solitaire game. By building custom data structures and employing professional software engineering practices, it bridges theoretical knowledge with real-world development.

9.1 Summary of Achievements

The project accomplished all objectives and delivered a production-ready application:

- **Custom Data Structures:** Successfully implemented Stack, Queue, and LinkedList demonstrating deep understanding of internal mechanics and optimal performance
- **Design Pattern Application:** Effectively utilized Command Pattern providing comprehensive undo/redo with 40x better memory efficiency than alternatives
- **Complete Implementation:** Delivered fully functional Klondike Solitaire with accurate rules, intuitive interface, and modern web standards
- **Advanced Features:** Integrated persistence, auto-save, drag-and-drop, and intelligent auto-completion
- **Performance Optimization:** Achieved $O(1)$ complexity for critical operations with minimal memory footprint (~80-120 KB)
- **Clean Architecture:** Followed SOLID principles with clear separation of concerns across all layers

9.2 Technical Contributions

The project makes several notable contributions in educational software development:

1. **Practical Data Structure Implementation:** Provides working examples with real-world context, helping understand why and when to use each structure
2. **Design Pattern Demonstration:** Illustrates practical benefits of Command Pattern in state management with concrete trade-off analysis
3. **Modern Web Integration:** Demonstrates how traditional CS concepts integrate with contemporary technologies like Blazor WebAssembly

4. **Best Practices:** Exemplifies professional coding standards including proper error handling, resource management, and architectural design

9.3 Educational Value

This project serves as an excellent learning vehicle for Data Structures and Algorithms courses. It demonstrates that theoretical concepts have direct practical applications and that understanding fundamentals enables building sophisticated applications.

Building data structures from scratch provided insights impossible to gain from using pre-built libraries. Understanding pointer manipulation, memory management, and performance trade-offs at a fundamental level creates a solid foundation for advanced development.

The project illustrates that software engineering extends beyond writing working code. Clean architecture, separation of concerns, and thoughtful design enable maintainability and extensibility—crucial qualities for professional development.

9.4 Future Enhancements

Several areas warrant further investigation:

- **Performance Optimization:** Implement tail pointers in LinkedList for $O(1)$ AddLast operations
- **Alternative Structures:** Explore circular buffers or double-ended queues for specific operations
- **AI/Hint System:** Develop algorithms for move suggestions and solvability analysis
- **Automated Testing:** Create comprehensive unit test suite with xUnit framework
- **Additional Variants:** Implement Spider Solitaire or FreeCell

9.5 Final Remarks

Building this Solitaire game from first principles provided invaluable hands-on experience with data structures, design patterns, and modern web development. The project required careful consideration of algorithm efficiency, memory management, and user experience—skills fundamental to professional software engineering.

The most significant insight gained was understanding how theoretical computer science concepts directly translate to solving real-world problems. Knowing when to use a Stack

versus Queue versus LinkedList is not merely academic—it has tangible impacts on code clarity, performance, and maintainability.

This project demonstrates that mastering fundamentals creates a solid foundation for tackling complex software engineering challenges. The ability to analyze complexity, select appropriate data structures, and apply design patterns thoughtfully are essential skills distinguishing competent programmers from exceptional software engineers.

Project Impact: This implementation successfully demonstrates that deep understanding of computer science fundamentals, combined with modern development practices, enables creation of production-quality applications. The project serves as evidence of comprehensive learning in data structures, algorithms, and software engineering principles taught at UET Lahore.

Appendix A: System Requirements

Development Environment

Component	Requirement
IDE	Visual Studio 2022 or VS Code
Framework	.NET 6.0 SDK or higher
Language	C# 10.0
Browser	Chrome 90+, Firefox 88+, Edge 90+, Safari 14+

Runtime Requirements

- Modern browser with WebAssembly support
- JavaScript enabled
- LocalStorage enabled (not in private/incognito mode)
- Minimum 5 MB available storage
- Minimum screen resolution: 1024x768

Deployment

- Deployed on “https://nadir-solitaire-game.netlify.app”
- HTTPS recommended for service worker features
- MIME type configuration for .wasm files

Appendix B: Complexity Analysis Summary

Data Structure Operations

Structure	Operation	Time	Space
MyStack	Push	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
	Pop	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
	Peek	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
MyQueue	Enqueue	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
	Dequeue	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
	Peek	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
MyLinkedList	AddLast	$O(n)$	$O(1)$
	Remove	$O(n)$	$O(1)$
	Find	$O(n)$	$O(1)$

Game Operations

Operation	Time Complexity	Justification
Move Card	$O(1)$	Stack/Queue operations
Undo/Redo	$O(1)$	Stack pop and execute
Validate Move	$O(1)$	Simple comparisons
Check Win	$O(1)$	Check 4 pile counts
Shuffle Deck	$O(n)$	Fisher-Yates algorithm
Auto-Complete	$O(n^2)$	Repeated pile checking
Serialize State	$O(n)$	Process all 52 cards

Space Complexity

- **Card Storage:** $O(1)$ - Fixed 52 cards
- **Pile Structures:** $O(1)$ - Fixed number of piles
- **Undo Stack:** $O(m)$ - Where m is number of moves
- **Total Space:** $O(m)$ - Dominated by undo/redo history

Appendix C: Project Statistics

Code Metrics

Category	Count
Total Files	15
Total Lines of Code	~3,500
C# Code Lines	~2,800
CSS Lines	~400
HTML/Razor Lines	~300
Classes	12
Methods	85+
Custom Data Structures	3

Feature Counts

Feature	Count
Move Types Supported	8
Validation Rules	12+
UI Components	10+
Game States Tracked	6
Undo/Redo Actions	All moves

