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Numerical Analysis of High-Performance Computing

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**Lecture 12: Stacks & Queues and
Best Practices in Scientific Computing**

1. Review of Linked Lists
2. Stacks & Queues
3. Best practices in Scientific Computing

Review of Linked Lists

Linked lists

\$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture11/codes/linked_list/node.h:

```
1  #ifndef __NODE_H__
2  #define __NODE_H__
3
4  typedef struct node node;
5  struct node
6  {
7      int position;
8      int value;
9      node* next;
10 };
11
12 // Functions associated with struct node
13 int GetNumberOfNodes();
14 void GenerateList(node** head, const int num);
15 void Print(const int forward, const node* head);
16 void PrintList(const node* head);
17 void ReversePrintList(const node* head);
18 int GetKey();
19 void SearchList(const node* head, const int key);
20 void DeleteList(node** head);
21
22 #endif
```

Linked Lists

\$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture11/codes/linked_list/main.c:

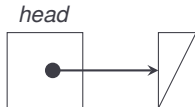
```
1  int main()
2  {
3      // Declare the head node in my list
4      node* head = NULL;
5
6      // Set number of nodes and generate a new list
7      const int num_nodes = GetNumberOfNodes();
8      GenerateList(&head, num_nodes);
9
10     // Print list to screen
11     Print(1, head); // foward print
12     Print(0, head); // reverse print
13
14     // Ask for a key, then search list
15     if(num_nodes > 0)
16     {
17         const int key = GetKey();
18         SearchList(head, key);
19     }
20
21     // Delete list (free up memory)
22     DeleteList(&head);
23 }
```

Linked Lists

Example: Add 3 nodes to the initially empty list. First node has a value of **3**, second node has a value of **11**, and third node has a value of **7**.

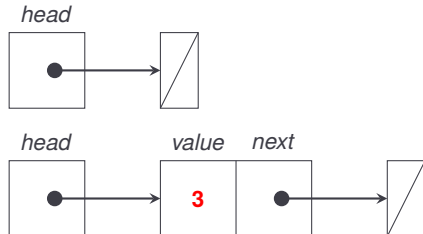
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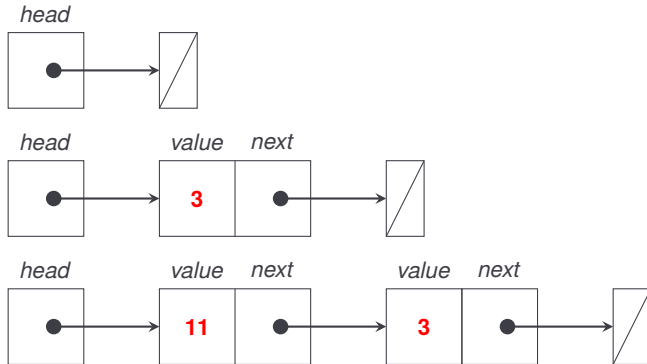
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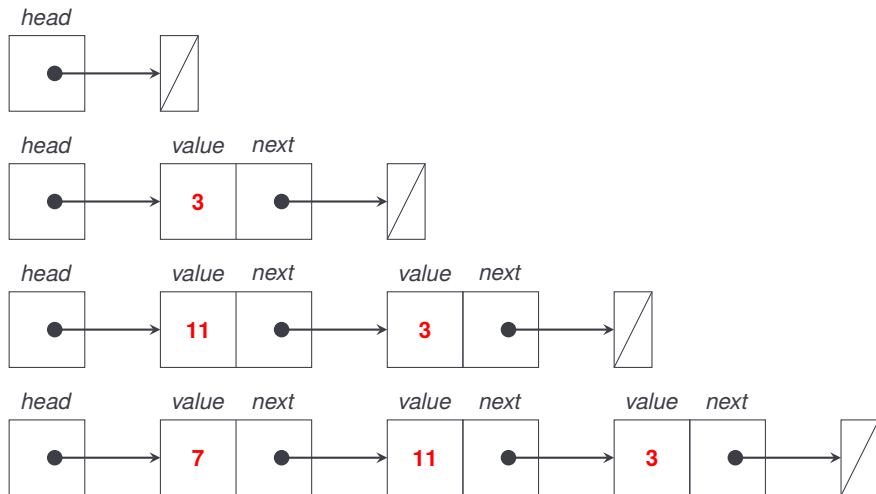
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Linked lists

\$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture11/codes/linked_list/GenerateList.c:

```
1 void GenerateList(node** head, const int num_nodes)
2 {
3     node* temp; srand( time(NULL) );
4
5     for (int i=0; i<num_nodes; i++)
6     {
7         temp = (node*)malloc(sizeof(node));
8         temp->value = rand()%num_nodes; temp->position = 0;
9         printf("%4i",temp->value);
10
11         if (*head == NULL)
12         {
13             *head = temp;
14             (*head)->next = NULL;
15         }
16         else
17         {
18             temp->next = *head;
19             *head = temp;
20         }
21     }
```

Linked lists

`$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture11/codes/linked_list/GenerateList.c:`

```
1     printf("\n");
2
3     node* ptr = *head; int pos = 1;
4     while(ptr!=NULL)
5     {
6         ptr->position = pos;
7         pos = pos+1;
8         ptr = ptr->next;
9     }
10 }
```

Linked lists

\$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture11/codes/linked_list/Print.c:

```
1 void Print(const int forward, const node* head)
2 {
3     if (head==NULL)
4     { printf(" List is empty.\n\n"); return; }
5     printf("\n");
6     printf(" ----- \n");
7     printf(" |Pos:|Val:|      Address:      |      Next:      | \n");
8     printf(" ----- \n");
9     switch(forward)
10    {
11        case 0:
12            ReversePrintList(head);
13            break;
14        case 1:
15            PrintList(head);
16            break;
17        default:
18            printf("\n Error: forward must be 0 or 1.\n");
19            printf(" forward = %i\n",forward); exit(1);
20    }
21    printf(" ----- \n");
22 }
```

Linked lists

\$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture11/codes/linked_list/Print.c:

```
1 void PrintLine(const int pos, const int val,
2               const node* head, const node* next)
3 { printf(" |%3i |%3i |%15p |%15p |\n", pos, val, head, next); }
4
5 void PrintList(const node* head)
6 {
7     PrintLine(head->position, head->value, head, head->next);
8     if (head->next == NULL)
9     { return; }
10    PrintList(head->next);
11 }
12
13 void ReversePrintList(const node* head)
14 {
15     if (head->next == NULL)
16     {
17         PrintLine(head->position, head->value, head, head->next);
18         return;
19     }
20    ReversePrintList(head->next);
21    PrintLine(head->position, head->value, head, head->next);
22 }
```

Linked lists

\$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture11/codes/linked_list/GetKey.c:

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2
3  int GetKey()
4  {
5      int key;
6      printf("\n Enter key to search: ");
7      scanf("%i", &key);
8
9      return key;
10 }
```

Linked lists

\$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture11/codes/linked_list/SearchList.c:

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <stdlib.h>
3  #include "node.h"
4
5  void SearchList(const node* head,
6                  const int key)
7
8  {
9      if (head->value==key)
10     {
11         printf(" Key found at Position: %i\n",
12               head->position);
13     }
14
15     if (head->next==NULL)
16     {
17         printf("\n"); return;
18     }
19
20     SearchList(head->next, key);
21 }
```


Linked lists

`$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture11/codes/linked_list/DeleteList.c:`

```
1  #include <stdlib.h>
2  #include "node.h"
3
4  void DeleteList(node** head)
5  {
6      node* temp;
7      while (*head != NULL)
8      {
9          temp = *head;
10         *head = (*head)->next;
11         free(temp);
12     }
13 }
```

Linked lists

\$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture11/codes/linked_list/Makefile:

```
1  # $ISUHPC/lectures/lecture11/codes/linked_list/Makefile
2  CC = gcc
3  FFLAGS = -O3 -Wall
4  LFFLAG =
5  OBJECTS = main.o \
6  GetNumberOfNodes.o \
7  GenerateList.o \
8  Print.o \
9  GetKey.o \
10 SearchList.o \
11 DeleteList.o
12
13 .PHONY: clean help
14
15 main.exe: $(OBJECTS)
16     $(CC) $(LFLAGS) $(OBJECTS) -o main.exe
17
18 %.o: %.c
19     $(CC) $(FFLAGS) -c $<
20
21 clean:
22     rm -f $(OBJECTS) main.exe
```

Linked lists

\$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture11/codes/linked_list/Makefile:

```
1  help:
2      @echo "Valid targets:"
3      @echo "    main.exe"
4      @echo "    main.o"
5      @echo "    GetNumberOfNodes.o"
6      @echo "    GenerateList.o"
7      @echo "    Print.o"
8      @echo "    GetKey.o"
9      @echo "    SearchList.o"
10     @echo "    DeleteList.o"
11     @echo "    clean:  removes *.o and *.exe files"
```

\$ make

gcc -O3 -Wall -c main.c

gcc -O3 -Wall -c GetNumberOfNodes.c

gcc -O3 -Wall -c GenerateList.c

gcc -O3 -Wall -c Print.c

gcc -O3 -Wall -c GetKey.c

gcc -O3 -Wall -c SearchList.c

gcc -O3 -Wall -c DeleteList.c

gcc main.o GetNumberOfNodes.o GenerateList.o Print.o GetKey.o
SearchList.o DeleteList.o -o main.exe

Linked lists

```
$ main.exe
```

```
Enter the number of nodes: 10
```

```
0  9  4  9  1  3  5  9  0  2
```

Pos:	Val:	Address:		Next:

1	2	0x7ffe20404d30		0x7ffe20404d20
2	0	0x7ffe20404d20		0x7ffe20404d10
3	9	0x7ffe20404d10		0x7ffe20404d00
4	5	0x7ffe20404d00		0x7ffe20404cf0
5	3	0x7ffe20404cf0		0x7ffe20404ce0
6	1	0x7ffe20404ce0		0x7ffe20404cd0
7	9	0x7ffe20404cd0		0x7ffe20404cc0
8	4	0x7ffe20404cc0		0x7ffe20404cb0
9	9	0x7ffe20404cb0		0x7ffe20404ca0
10	0	0x7ffe20404ca0		0x00

Linked lists

Pos:	Val:	Address:			Next:		

10	0	0x7ffe20404ca0			0x0		
9	9	0x7ffe20404cb0			0x7ffe20404ca0		
8	4	0x7ffe20404cc0			0x7ffe20404cb0		
7	9	0x7ffe20404cd0			0x7ffe20404cc0		
6	1	0x7ffe20404ce0			0x7ffe20404cd0		
5	3	0x7ffe20404cf0			0x7ffe20404ce0		
4	5	0x7ffe20404d00			0x7ffe20404cf0		
3	9	0x7ffe20404d10			0x7ffe20404d00		
2	0	0x7ffe20404d20			0x7ffe20404d10		
1	2	0x7ffe20404d30			0x7ffe20404d20		

Enter key to search: 9

Key found at Position: 3

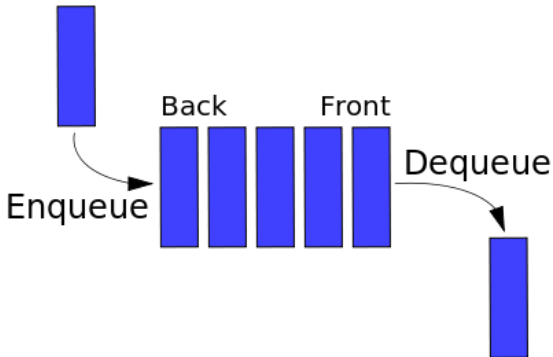
Key found at Position: 7

Key found at Position: 9

Stacks & Queues

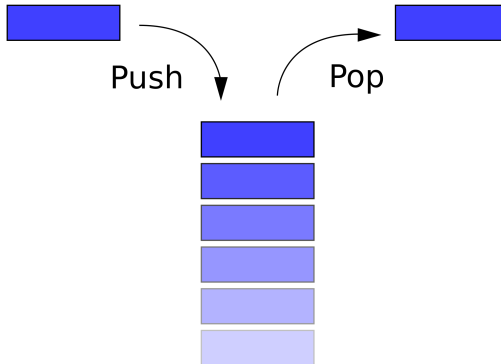
Queue

A queue or FIFO (first in, first out) is an abstract data type that serves as a collection of elements, with two principal operations: **push** (or **enqueue**), which adds an element to the end of the queue, and **pop** (or **dequeue**), which removes the first element at the front of the queue.



Stack

A stack or LIFO (last in, first out) is an abstract data type that serves as a collection of elements, with two principal operations: **push**, which adds an element to the collection, and **pop**, which removes the last element that was added.



\$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture12/codes/stack/main.c:

```
1  #include <stdlib.h>
2  #include "node.h"
3
4  int main()
5  {
6      node* top = NULL;
7
8      int option=0;
9      while(option!=6)
10     {
11         ExecuteOption(option,&top);
12         option = QueryOption();
13     }
14
15     DeleteStack(&top);
16     return 0;
17 }
```

\$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture12/codes/stack/DisplayOptions.c:

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2
3  void DisplayOptions()
4  {
5      printf("\n 0 - List Options");
6      printf("\n 1 - Push (a single node)");
7      printf("\n 2 - Pop (the top node)");
8      printf("\n 3 - Peek (at the top node)");
9      printf("\n 4 - Display (the entire stack)");
10     printf("\n 5 - Get stack size");
11     printf("\n 6 - Exit");
12     printf("\n");
13 }
```

\$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture12/codes/stack/Option.c:

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <stdlib.h>
3  #include "node.h"
4
5  int QueryOption()
6  {
7      int option;
8      printf(" ENTER CHOICE : ");
9      scanf("%i", &option);
10     return option;
11 }
12
13 void ExecuteOption(const int option, node** top)
14 {
15     int value;
16     switch(option)
17     {
18         case 0: // Display available options
19             DisplayOptions();
20             break;
```

Stacks

\$ISUHP/lectures/lecture12/codes/stack/Option.c:

```
1      case 1: // Enter a new value then push new node to stack
2          printf(" Enter value : ");
3          scanf("%i", &value);
4          Push(value,top);
5          break;
6      case 2: // Pop top value off of stack
7          if (*top!=NULL)
8          {
9              Pop(top,&value);
10             printf(" Pop value = %i\n",value);
11         }
12         else
13         { printf(" Stack is empty.\n"); }
14         break;
15     case 3: // Peek at top value on stack
16         if((*top)!=NULL)
17         {
18             value = Peek(*top);
19             printf(" Top value is %i\n",value);
20         }
21         else
22         { printf(" Stack is empty.\n"); }
23         break;
```

\$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture12/codes/stack/Option.c:

```
1      case 4: // Display the entire stack
2          DisplayStack(*top);
3          break;
4      case 5: // Print stack size
5          GetStackSize(*top,&value);
6          printf(" Stack size is %i\n",value);
7          break;
8      case 6: // Do nothing here, but this causes code to end
9          break;
10     default:
11         printf("Error: incorrect option. Try again.\n");
12         break;
13     }
14 }
```

Stacks

\$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture12/codes/stack/Push.c:

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <stdlib.h>
3  #include "node.h"
4
5  void Push(const int input, node** top)
6  {
7      if (*top == NULL)
8      {
9          *top =(node*)malloc(sizeof(struct node));
10         (*top)->next = NULL;
11         (*top)->value = input;
12         (*top)->position = 1;
13     }
14     else
15     {
16         node* temp;
17         temp =(node*)malloc(sizeof(struct node));
18         temp->next = *top;
19         temp->value = input;
20         temp->position = 1;
21         *top = temp;
```

\$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture12/codes/stack/Push.c:

```
1
2     node* ptr = (*top)->next;
3     while (ptr!=NULL)
4     {
5         ptr->position = ptr->position+1;
6         ptr = ptr->next;
7     }
8 }
9 }
```

Stacks

\$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture12/codes/stack/Pop.c:

```
1 void Pop(node** top, int* output)
2 {
3     node* temp = *top;
4
5     if (temp==NULL)
6     { return; }
7     else
8     { temp = temp->next; }
9     *output = (*top)->value;
10    free(*top);
11    *top = temp;
12
13    node* ptr = *top;
14    while (ptr!=NULL)
15    {
16        ptr->position = ptr->position-1;
17        ptr = ptr->next;
18    }
19 }
```


\$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture12/codes/stack/Peek.c:

```
1  #include "node.h"
2
3  int Peek(node* top)
4  {
5      return top->value;
6  }
```

Stacks

\$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture12/codes/stack/DisplayStack.c:

```
1 void DisplayStack(node* top)
2 {
3     if (top==NULL)
4     { printf(" Stack is empty.\n"); return; }
5
6     printf(" ----- \n");
7     printf(" |Pos:|Val:|      Address:      |      Next:      | \n");
8     printf(" ----- \n");
9     PrintNode(top);
10    printf(" ----- \n");
11 }
12
13 void PrintNode(node* top)
14 {
15     printf(" |%3i |%3i |%15p |%15p | \n",
16           top->position, top->value, top, top->next);
17     if (top->next == NULL)
18     { return; }
19     PrintNode(top->next);
20 }
```

\$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture12/codes/stack/GetStackSize.c:

```
1  #include <stdlib.h>
2  #include "node.h"
3
4  void GetStackSize(node* top, int* stack_size)
5  {
6      if (top==NULL)
7          { *stack_size = 0; return; }
8
9      if (top->next == NULL)
10         { *stack_size = top->position; return; }
11         GetStackSize(top->next, stack_size);
12 }
```

\$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture12/codes/stack/DeleteStack.c:

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <stdlib.h>
3  #include "node.h"
4
5  void DeleteStack(node** top)
6  {
7      node* temp;
8      while (*top!=NULL)
9      {
10         temp = *top;
11         *top = (*top)->next;
12         free(temp);
13     }
14
15     printf("\n Goodbye!\n\n");
16 }
```

Stacks

\$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture12/codes/stack/Makefile:

```
1  # $ISUHPC/lectures/lecture12/codes/stack/Makefile
2  CC = gcc
3  FFLAGS = -O3 -Wall
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5  OBJECTS = main.o \
6  Option.o \
7  DisplayOptions.o \
8  Push.o \
9  Pop.o \
10 Peek.o \
11 DisplayStack.o \
12 GetStackSize.o \
13 DeleteStack.o
14
15 .PHONY: clean help
16
17 main.exe: $(OBJECTS)
18     $(CC) $(LFLAGS) $(OBJECTS) -o main.exe
19
20 %.o: %.c
21     $(CC) $(FFLAGS) -c $<
```

Stacks

\$ISUHPC/lectures/lecture12/codes/stack/Makefile:

```
1 clean:
2     rm -f $(OBJECTS) main.exe
```

```
$ make
gcc -O3 -Wall -c main.c
gcc -O3 -Wall -c Option.c
gcc -O3 -Wall -c DisplayOptions.c
gcc -O3 -Wall -c Push.c
gcc -O3 -Wall -c Pop.c
gcc -O3 -Wall -c Peek.c
gcc -O3 -Wall -c DisplayStack.c
gcc -O3 -Wall -c GetStackSize.c
gcc -O3 -Wall -c DeleteStack.c
gcc main.o Option.o DisplayOptions.o Push.o Pop.o
Peek.o DisplayStack.o GetStackSize.o DeleteStack.o
-o main.exe
```

Best practices in Scientific Computing

Best practices

Reference:

G. Wilson, D.A. Aruliah, C.T. Brown, et al., *Best Practices in Scientific Computing*, <http://arxiv.org/abs/1210.0530>.

1. Write programs for people, not computers

Instead of

```
def rectangle_area(x1,y1,x2,y2):  
    ... do something ...
```

Write

```
def rectangle_area(point1,point2):  
    ... do something ...
```

Corollary: Give variable meaningful names that make the code easier to understand

2. Let the computer handle repetitive tasks

Science often involves repetition of computational tasks such as processing large numbers of data files in the same way or regenerating figures each time new data is added to an existing analysis. Computers were invented to do these kinds of repetitive tasks but, even today, many scientists type the same commands in over and over again or click the same buttons repeatedly. In addition to wasting time, sooner or later even the most careful researcher will lose focus while doing this and make mistakes.

Solution: write (and save) scripts that execute repetitive tasks.

Makefiles are ideal for this.

3. Make incremental changes

Unlike traditional commercial software developers, but very much like developers in open source projects or startups, scientific programmers usually don't get their requirements from customers, and their requirements are rarely frozen. In fact, scientists often can't know what their programs should do next until the current version has produced some results. This challenges design approaches that rely on specifying requirements in advance.

Solution: use version control systems such as Git and push changes frequently.

Set small short term goals and submit frequent changes. Uses branches if necessary to make changes that are more experimental.

4. Don't repeat yourself (or others)

Anything that is repeated in two or more places is more difficult to maintain. Every time a change or correction is made, multiple locations must be updated, which increases the chance of errors and inconsistencies. To avoid this, programmers follow the DRY Principle, for "don't repeat yourself", which applies to both data and code.

Solution: use **header files** that contain definitions that are used in multiple places.

Solution: if code is repeated more than once, put in a **function**. Then have different parts of the code call this function.

5. Plan for mistakes

Mistakes are inevitable, so verifying and maintaining the validity of code over time is immensely challenging. The first line of defense is defensive programming. Experienced programmers add assertions to programs to check their operation, because experience has taught them that everyone (including their future self) makes mistakes. An assertion is simply a statement that something holds true at a particular point in a program; as the example below shows, assertions can be used to ensure that inputs are valid, outputs are consistent, and so on

```
def sqrt_newton(x):  
    """  
    This is Newton's method for  
    solving  $f(s) = s^2 - x = 0$   
    """  
  
    assert(x>=0)
```



Don Knuth (1938–)

*Premature optimization is the
root of all evil*

6. Optimize software only after it works correctly

Today's computers and software are so complex that even experts find it hard to predict which parts of any particular program will be performance bottlenecks. The most productive way to make code fast is therefore to make it work correctly, then determine whether it's actually worth speeding it up.

Solution: after writing a correct code, use a **profiler** to determine the bottlenecks in your code. We will use **gprof** to do this.

Best practices

7. Document design and purpose, not mechanics

The following comment is not useful:

```
i = i + 1 # Increment the variable 'i' by one.
```

The following comment is more useful:

```
def sqrt_newton(x):  
    """  
    INPUT: x (a non-negative real number)  
    OUTPUT: x (a non-negative real number) that  
            is an approximation to the square root of x  
  
    This method uses Newton's method for  
    solving  $f(s) = s^2 - x = 0$ .  
    """
```

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    """
```

8. Collaborate

In the same way that having manuscripts reviewed by other scientists can reduce errors and make research easier to understand, reviews of source code can eliminate bugs and improve readability.

Lab assignment: Stack

Develop a program with **Stack** (application to Bisection method), update Git, submit both source codes and screenshots.