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 A stack can be easily implemented through the linked list. In the Implementation by a linked list, the stack contains a top pointer. which is "head" of the stack. The pushing and popping of items happens at the head of the list.

```
Structure of the stack
struct node
{
  int data;
  struct node *next;
}
struct node *top
top=NULL;
```

```
data next data next data next top
```

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Note:

- Items of the stack represented as the linked list.
- Each item is a node
- Top is a pointer that points to the first node (top of the stack)
- Top is initially NULL (Empty stack)
- Insertion and deletion happens at the front of the list
- stack size is not limited.

Operations on the stack

- Push: Inserting an element at the front of the list
- Pop: delete an element from the front of the list
- Display: displaying the list



```
//implements the push operation
void push(int x, struct node **top)
     struct node *temp;
     temp=(struct node*)malloc(sizeof(struct node));
     temp->data=x;
     temp->next=*top; // insert in front of the list
      *top=temp; // make top points to the new top node
```



```
//implements the pop operation
//returns top element, -1 if stack is empty
int pop(struct node **top)
     int x;
     struct node *q;
     if(*top==NULL)
      printf("Empty Stack\n");
       return -1;
```



```
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```

```
else

{
    q=*top;
    x=q->data; // get the top element
    *top=q->next; // make top point to the next top
    free(q); // free the memory of the node
    return(x);
}
```



//implements the display operation

```
void display(struct node *top)
    if(top==NULL)
      printf("Empty Stack\n");
    else
      while(top!=NULL)
       printf("%d->",top->data);
       top=top->next;
```

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```
Another representation of structure of stack
struct node
int data;
struct node *next;
struct stack
 struct node *top;
struct stack s;
s.top=NULL;
```



```
//implements the push operation
void push(int x, struct stack * s)
//s is pointer to structure stack
     struct node *temp;
     temp=(struct node*)malloc(sizeof(struct node));
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Write an Algorithm to print a string in the reverse order

```
//prints the text in a reverse order
reverse(t)
{
  i=0;
  //push all the characters on to the stack
  while(t[i]!='\0')
  {
    push(s,t[i]);
    i=i+1;
  }
```

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pop all the characters from the stack until the stack is empty

```
while(!empty(s))
{
    x= pop(s);
    print(x)
  }
}
```



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THANK YOU

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