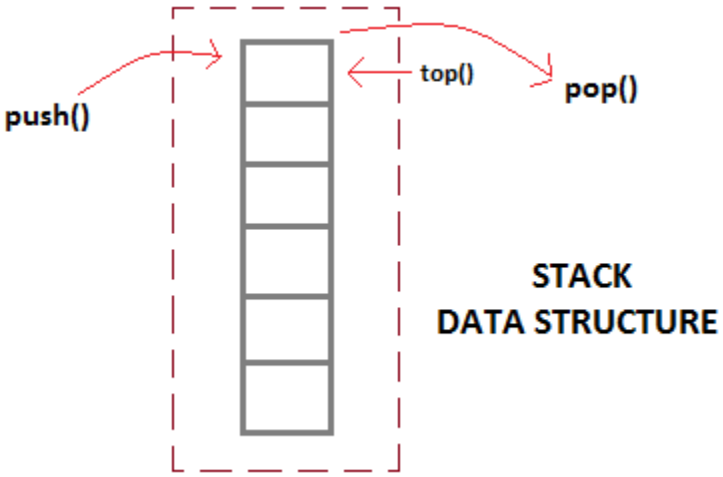
STACKS

Stack is an abstract data type with a bounded(predefined) capacity. It is a simple data structure that allows adding and removing elements in a particular order. Every time an element is added, it goes on the **top** of the stack and the only element that can be removed is the element that is at the top of the stack, just like a pile of objects.



Basic features of Stack:

1. Stack is an **ordered list** of **similar data type**.
2. Stack is a **LIFO**(Last in First out) structure or we can say **FILO**(First in Last out).
3. push() function is used to insert new elements into the Stack and pop() function is used to remove an element from the stack. Both insertion and removal are allowed at only one end of Stack called **Top**.
4. Stack is said to be in **Overflow** state when it is completely full and is said to be in **Underflow** state if it is completely empty.

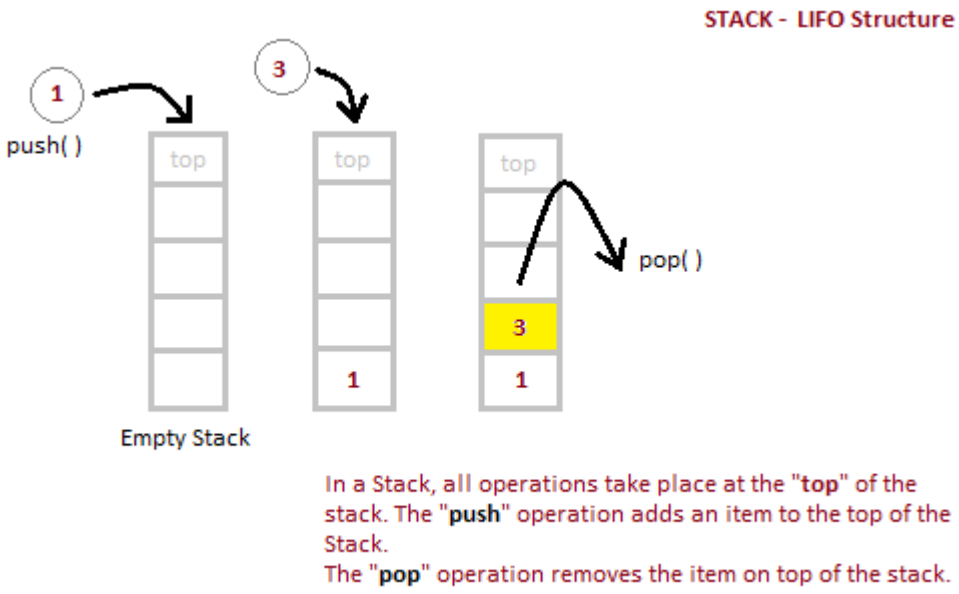
Mainly the following three basic operations are performed in the stack:

- **Push:** Adds an item in the stack. If the stack is full, then it is said to be an Overflow condition.

- **Pop:** Removes an item from the stack. The items are popped in the reversed order in which they are pushed. If the stack is empty, then it is said to be an Underflow condition.
- **Peek or Top:** Returns top element of stack.
- **isEmpty:** Returns true if stack is empty, else false.

Implementation of Stack Data Structure

Stack can be easily implemented using an Array or a Linked List. Arrays are quick, but are limited in size and Linked List requires overhead to allocate, link, unlink, and deallocate, but is not limited in size. Here we will implement Stack using array.



Algorithm for PUSH operation:

1. Check if the stack is **full** or not.
2. If the stack is full, then print error of overflow and exit the program.
3. If the stack is not full, then increment the top and add the element.

```
if(top>=n-1)

{

printf("\n\tSTACK is over flow");

}

else

{

printf(" Enter a value to be pushed:");

scanf("%d",&x);

top++;

stack[top]=x;

}
```

Algorithm for POP operation:

1. Check if the stack is empty or not.
2. If the stack is empty, then print error of underflow and exit the program.
3. If the stack is not empty, then print the element at the top and decrement the top.

```
if(top<=-1)
    {
        printf("\n\t Stack is under flow");
    }
    else
    {
        printf("\n\t The popped elements is %d",stack[top]);
        top--;
    }
```

Algorithm for Display operation:

1. Check if the top is greater than or equal to zero.if it is true then use loop to print the elements .
2. If the stack top is less than zero , then print stack is empty

```
if(top>=0)
    {
        printf("\n The elements in STACK \n");
        for(i=top; i>=0; i--)
            printf("\n%d",stack[i]);
        printf("\n Press Next Choice");
    }
    else
    {
        printf("\n The STACK is empty");
    }
```

Applications of Stack

The simplest application of a stack is to reverse a word. You push a given word to stack - letter by letter - and then pop letters from the stack.

There are other uses also like:

1. Parsing
2. Expression Conversion(Infix to Postfix, Postfix to Prefix etc)

Stack implementation using linked list:

```c
/*
 * C Program to Implement a Stack using Linked List
 */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

struct node
{
    int info;
    struct node *next;
}*top,*top1,*temp;

int topelement();
void push(int data);
void pop();
void empty();
void display();
void destroy();
void stack_count();
void create();

int count = 0;

void main()
{
    int no, ch, e;

    printf("\n 1 - Push");
    printf("\n 2 - Pop");
    printf("\n 3 - Top");
    printf("\n 4 - Empty");
    printf("\n 5 - Exit");
    printf("\n 6 - Dipslay");
    printf("\n 7 - Stack Count");
    printf("\n 8 - Destroy stack");

    create();

    while (1)
    {
        printf("\n Enter choice : ");
        scanf("%d", &ch);

        switch (ch)
        {
        case 1:
            printf("Enter data : ");
            scanf("%d", &no);
            push(no);
            break;
        case 2:
            pop();
            break;
        case 3:
            if (top == NULL)
                printf("No elements in stack");
            else
            {
```

```
                e = topelement();
                printf("\n Top element : %d", e);
            }
            break;
        case 4:
            empty();
            break;
        case 5:
            exit(0);
        case 6:
            display();
            break;
        case 7:
            stack_count();
            break;
        case 8:
            destroy();
            break;
        default :
            printf(" Wrong choice, Please enter correct choice  ");
            break;
        }
    }
}

/* Create empty stack */
void create()
{
    top = NULL;
}

/* Count stack elements */
void stack_count()
{
    printf("\n No. of elements in stack : %d", count);
}

/* Push data into stack */
void push(int data)
{
    if (top == NULL)
    {
        top =(struct node *)malloc(1*sizeof(struct node));
        top->next = NULL;
        top->info = data;
    }
    else
    {
        temp =(struct node *)malloc(1*sizeof(struct node));
        temp->next = top;
        temp->info = data;
        top = temp;
    }
    count++;
}

/* Display stack elements */
void display()
{
    top1 = top;
```

```
    if (top1 == NULL)
    {
        printf("Stack is empty");
        return;
    }

    while (top1 != NULL)
    {
        printf("%d ", top1->info);
        top1 = top1->ptr;
    }
 }

/* Pop Operation on stack */
void pop()
{
    top1 = top;

    if (top1 == NULL)
    {
        printf("\n Error : Trying to pop from empty stack");
        return;
    }
    else
        top1 = top1->next;
    printf("\n Popped value : %d", top->info);
    free(top);
    top = top1;
    count--;
}

/* Return top element */
int topelement()
{
    return(top->info);
}

/* Check if stack is empty or not */
void empty()
{
    if (top == NULL)
        printf("\n Stack is empty");
    else
        printf("\n Stack is not empty with %d elements", count);
}

/* Destroy entire stack */
void destroy()
{
    top1 = top;

    while (top1 != NULL)
    {
        top1 = top->ptr;
        free(top);
        top = top1;
        top1 = top1->ptr;
    }
    free(top1);
    top = NULL;
```

```
    printf("\n All stack elements destroyed");
    count = 0;
}
```