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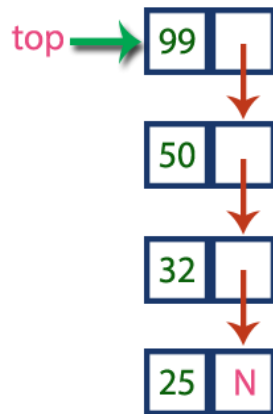
Aim: Implement Stack ADT using Linked list

Objective:

Stack can be implemented using linked list for dynamic allocation. Linked list implementation gives flexibility and better performance to the stack.

Theory:

A stack implemented using an array has a limitation in that it can only handle a fixed number of data values, and this size must be defined at the outset. This limitation makes it unsuitable for cases where the data size is unknown. On the other hand, a stack implemented using a linked list is more flexible and can accommodate an unlimited number of data values, making it suitable for variable-sized data. In a linked list-based stack, each new element becomes the 'top' element, and removal is achieved by updating 'top' to point to the previous node, effectively popping the element. The first element's "next" field should always be NULL to indicate the end of the list.



Stack Operations using Linked List

To implement a stack using a linked list, we need to set the following things before implementing actual operations.

Step 1 - Include all the header files which are used in the program. And declare all the user defined functions.

Step 2 - Define a 'Node' structure with two members data and next.

Step 3 - Define a Node pointer 'top' and set it to NULL.

Step 4 - Implement the main method by displaying Menu with list of operations and make suitable function calls in the main method.

push(value) - Inserting an element into the Stack

Step 1 - Create a newNode with given value.

Step 2 - Check whether stack is Empty ($\text{top} == \text{NULL}$)

Step 3 - If it is Empty, then set $\text{newNode} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{NULL}$.

Step 4 - If it is Not Empty, then set $\text{newNode} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{top}$.

Step 5 - Finally, set $\text{top} = \text{newNode}$.

pop() - Deleting an Element from a Stack

Step 1 - Check whether the stack is Empty ($\text{top} == \text{NULL}$).

Step 2 - If it is Empty, then display "Stack is Empty!!!"

Step 3 - If it is Not Empty, then define a Node pointer 'temp' and set it to 'top'.

Step 4 - Then set $\text{top} = \text{top} \rightarrow \text{next}$.

Step 5 - Finally, delete 'temp'. (free(temp)).

display() - Displaying stack of elements

Step 1 - Check whether stack is Empty (top == NULL).

Step 2 - If it is Empty, then display 'Stack is Empty!!!' and terminate the function.

Step 3 - If it is Not Empty, then define a Node pointer 'temp' and initialize with top.

Step 4 - Display 'temp → data --->' and move it to the next node. Repeat the same until temp reaches to the first node in the stack. (temp → next != NULL).

Step 5 - Finally! Display 'temp → data ---> NULL'.

Code:

Output:

Conclusion:

Write in detail about an application where stack is implemented as linked list?