

Implementing Data Structures (4 Problems)

Problem1: Building Linked lists

Summary:

This program develops a **linked list class** like the one provided in the C++ STL. The **public interface** provides a template class of basic functions that's your linked list supports any data type. In addition, it has an **iterator class** as an **inner class** in order to **access the data** stored in the list.

Example:

```
list<int> myList;  
myList.push_back(1);  
myList.push_back(2);  
myList.push_back(3);  
list<int>::iterator it = myList.begin();  
it++;  
cout<< *it;
```

// The usage of the scope operator in the declaration of the iterator is because the iterator class is defined as an inner class inside the list class.

List Public Interface:

The list class has the following public interface:

- **list()** – default constructor.
- **list(type value, int initial_size)**
- **~list()** – a destructor to clear the list and leave no memory leaks.
- **int size()** – returns the current number of elements in the list.
- **void insert(type value, iterator position)** – adds an element at position specified by the iterator.
- **iterator erase(iterator position)** – erases the element specified by the iterator and return an iterator to the next element, throws exception if position points **after the last element, dummy node**.
- **list<type>& operator = (list<type> another_list)** – overloads the assignment operator to **deep copy** a list into another list and return the current list by reference.
- **iterator begin()** – returns an iterator pointing to **the first element**.
- **iterator end()** – returns an iterator pointing **after the last element**.

Iterator Class:

- **void operator ++ ()** – overloads the operator ++, advances the iterator one position towards the end of the list, throws exception if it is currently pointing **after the last element** as STL .end() do.
- **void operator -- ()** – overloads the operator --, moves the iterator one position toward the beginning of the list, throws exception if it is currently pointing to the first element of the list.
- **type& operator * ()** – overloads the **dereference operator** to return the value this node
- **bool operator == (const iterator &)** – overloads the equality comparison operator, should return true if the passed operator points to the same node.

The problem is built using C++, Visual Studio.

Problem2: Stacks

Summary:

This program develops a **Stack class** like the one provided in the C++ STL by using the array list implementation as an underlying data structure. The **stack class** is a template class.

Stack Public Interface:

- **stack()** – default constructor.
- **stack(type value, int initial_size)**
- **~stack()** – a destructor to clear the stack and leave no memory leaks.
- **type& top()** – returns the top element by reference.
- **void pop()** – removes the top element.
- **void push(type value)** – adds an element to the top of the stack.
- **int size()** – returns the number of elements in the stack.

The problem is built using C++, Visual Studio.

Problem3: Queues

Summary:

This program develops a **Queue class** like the one provided in the C++ STL by using the array list implementation as an underlying data structure. The **Queue class** is a template class.

Queue Public Interface:

- `queue()` – default constructor.
- `queue(type value, int initial_size)` – constructs a queue having 'initial_size' elements whose values are of type 'value'.
- `~queue()` – a destructor to clear the queue and leave no memory leaks.
- `type& front()` – returns the first element by reference.
- `void pop()` – removes the first element.
- `void push(type value)` – adds an element to the back of the queue.
- `int size()` – returns the number of elements in the queue.

The problem is built using C++, Visual Studio.

Problem4: Stacks using STL Queue

Summary:

This program develops a **Queue** by using C++ STL queue as an underlying data structure. It provides the only following functions:

- `int top()` – returns the top element.
- `void pop()` – removes the top element.
- `void push(int value)` – adds an element to the top of the stack.

The problem is built using C++, Visual Studio.