

9 Stack with characters

Modify the stack example so that it stores characters instead of integers. Next, add a `main` function that asks the user to enter a series of parentheses and/or braces, then indicates whether or not they're properly nested:

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Enter parentheses and/or braces: (()){}{()})
Parentheses/braces are nested properly
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Hint: As the program reads characters, have it **push** each left parenthesis or left brace. When it reads a right parenthesis or brace, have it **pop** the stack and check that the item popped is a matching parenthesis or brace. (If not, the parentheses/braces aren't nested properly.) When the program reads the new-line character, have it check whether the stack is empty; if so, the parentheses/braces are matched. If the stack **isn't** empty (or if `stack_underflow` is ever called), the parentheses/braces aren't matched. If `stack_overflow` is called, have the program print the message **Stack overflow** and terminate immediately.

Solution

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/* **** */
// stack.c
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/* **** */

#include <stdbool.h>    /* C99 only */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

#define STACK_SIZE 100

/* external variables */
char contents[STACK_SIZE];
int top = 0;
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/* prototypes */
void make_empty(void);
bool is_empty(void);
bool is_full(void);
void push(char ch);
char pop(void);
void stack_overflow(void);
void stack_underflow(void);

int main(void)
{
    bool properly_nested = true;
    char ch;

    printf("Enter parentheses and/or braces: ");
    while (properly_nested && (ch = getchar()) != '\n')
        if (ch == '(' || ch == '{')
            push(ch);
        else if (ch == ')')
            properly_nested = !is_empty() && pop() == '(';
        else if (ch == '}')
            properly_nested = !is_empty() && pop() == '{';

    if (properly_nested && is_empty())
        printf("Parentheses/braces are nested properly\n");
    else
        printf("Parentheses/braces are NOT nested properly\n");

    return 0;
}

void make_empty(void)
{
    top = 0;
}

bool is_empty(void)
{
    return top == 0;
}

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bool is_full(void)
{
    return top == STACK_SIZE;
}

void push(char ch)
{
    if (is_full())
        stack_overflow();
    else
        contents[top++] = ch;
}

char pop(void)
{
    if (is_empty())
        stack_underflow();
    else
        return contents[--top];

    return '\0'; /* prevents compiler warning due to stack_underflow() call */
}

void stack_overflow(void)
{
    printf("Stack overflow\n");
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
}

void stack_underflow(void)
{
    printf("Stack underflow\n");
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
}

```