

Stacks

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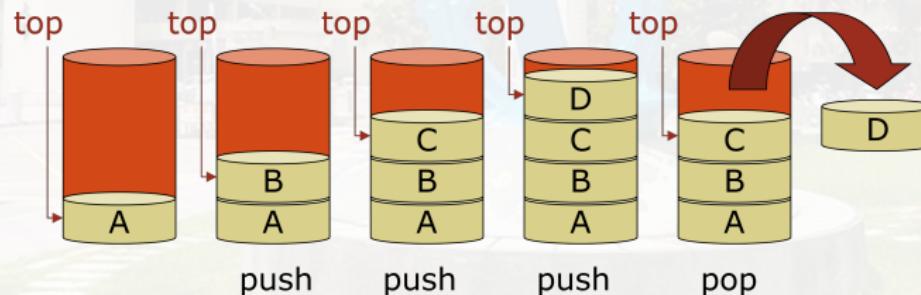
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- A stack is an ordered list in which **insertions** and deletions are made at the end “top”.
 - insertions: push/add
 - deletions: pop/remove
- Last-In-First-Out (LIFO).



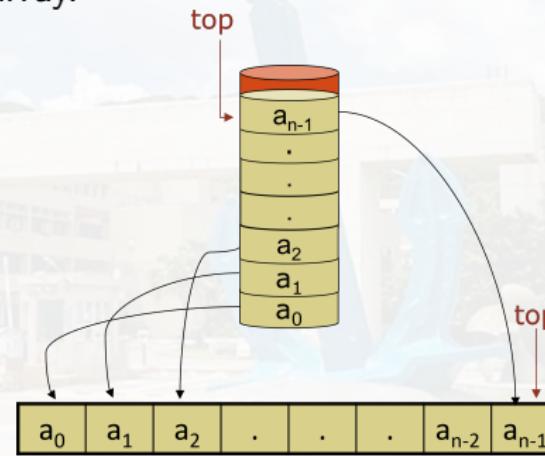
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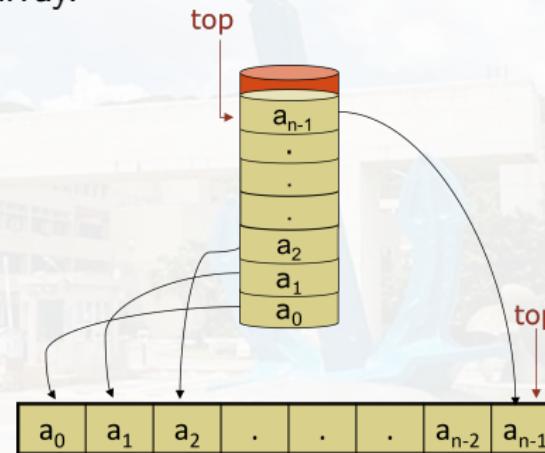
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- An example in C++ (another way: using a linked list; will be introduced in the future).

Functions for Stacks

- Create a stack.
 - Create an empty stack with maximum size MAX_STACK_SIZE.

```
#define MAX_STACK_SIZE 101

typedef struct {
    int key; // can be of other types...
    /* other fields? */
} element;

element stack[MAX_STACK_SIZE];
int top = -1; // initially no element
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push

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void push(element item) {
    // add an item to the global stack
    if (top >= MAX_STACK_SIZE - 1) {
        stackFull();
    }
    stack[++top] = item;
}

void stackFull() {
    fprintf(stderr, "Stack is FULL!!!");
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
}
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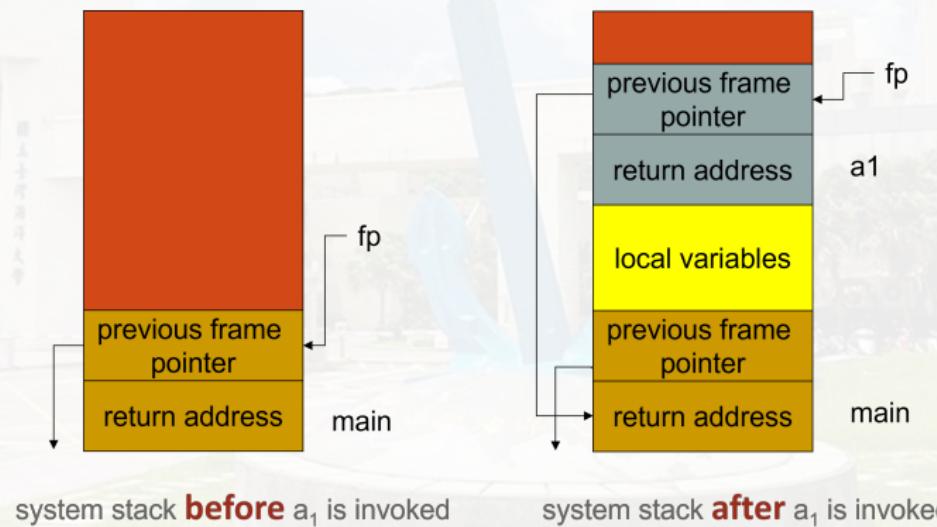
pop

```
element pop() { // no argument is required!
    // return the top element from the stack
    if (top == - 1) {
        return stackEmpty(); // return an error key
    }
    return stack[top--];
}

element stackEmpty() {
    element errKey; // depending the struct of element
    errKey.key = -99;
    fprintf(stderr, "Stack is EMPTY!!");
    return errorKey;
}
```

Supplementary: System Stack

- Stack frame of a function call



Discussions