

kintsugi-stack-dsa-cpp

"Data Structures and Algorithms (DSA) should be viewed as essential tools, akin to the finely tuned parts of a Formula 1 car. The act of problem-solving with DSA serves as a crucial platform to exhibit both intelligence and creative thinking. The coding challenges themselves are simply various permutations of external factors; like the weather, track, wind, and rain in an F1 race. Ultimately, what dictates success in both domains; coding and Formula 1; is the mastery of planning, strategizing, maintaining flow, and ensuring precise code orchestration." - Siddhant Bali

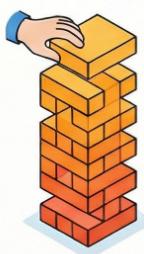
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A Developer's Guide to Data Structures & Algorithms

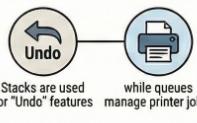
Fundamental Data Structures: The Building Blocks

Stack:

Last-In, First-Out (LIFO)



Real-World Use Cases



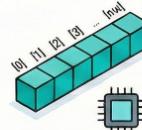
Queue:

First-In, First-Out (FIFO)



Arrays vs. Linked Lists

Array

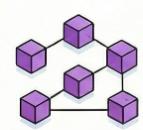


Accessing an Element:
Fast - $O(1)$

Adding/Removing an Element:
Slow (requires shifting) - $O(n)$

Memory Usage:
Contiguous
(better cache use)

Linked List



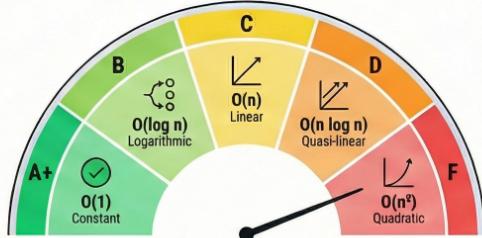
Accessing an Element:
Slow - $O(n)$

Adding/Removing an Element:
Fast (no shifting) - $O(1)$

Memory Usage:
Scattered
(requires extra memory)

Measuring Algorithm Efficiency: Understanding Big O

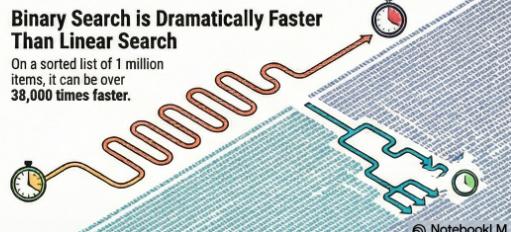
Performance Grades on Large Datasets



What is Big O Notation? It answers the question: "How does my code slow down as data grows?" Complexities range from excellent ($O(1)$) to extremely poor ($O(n^3)$).

Binary Search is Dramatically Faster Than Linear Search

On a sorted list of 1 million items, it can be over 38,000 times faster.



NotebookLM

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