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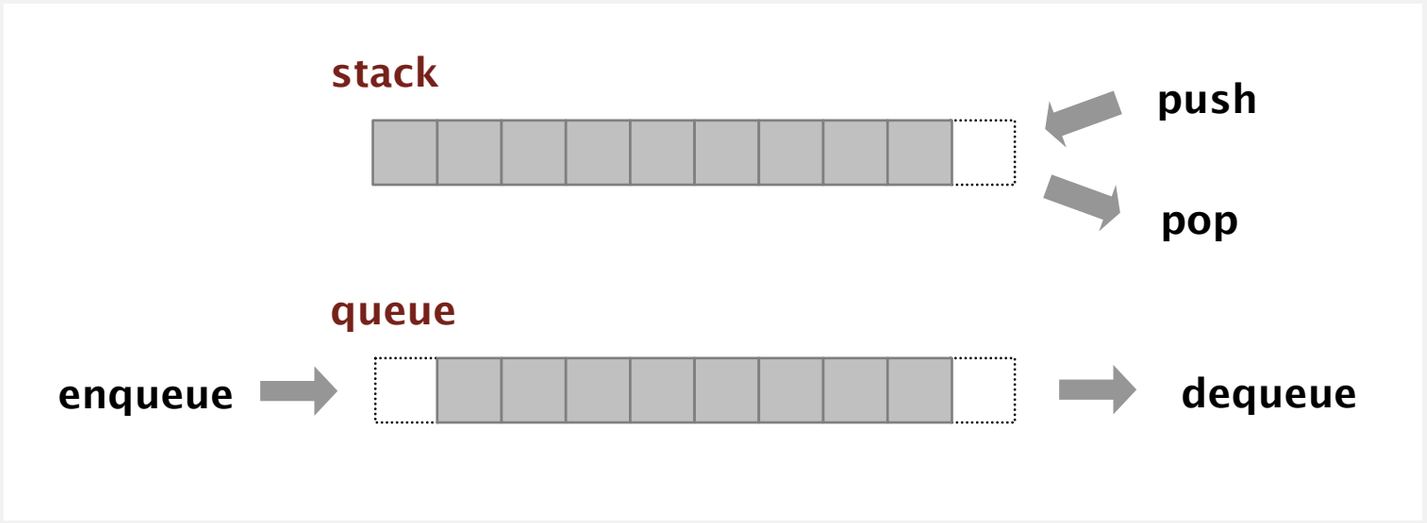
1.3 BAGS, QUEUES, AND STACKS

- *stacks*
- *resizing arrays*
- *queues*
- *generics*
- *iterators*
- *applications*

Stacks and queues

Fundamental data types.

- Value: collection of objects.
- Operations: insert, remove, iterate, test if empty.
- Intent is clear when we insert.
- Which item do we remove?



Stack. Examine the item most recently added. ← LIFO = "last in first out"

Queue. Examine the item least recently added. ← FIFO = "first in first out"

Client, implementation, interface

Separate interface and implementation.

Ex: stack, queue, bag, priority queue, symbol table, union-find, ...

Benefits.

- Client can't know details of implementation ⇒
  client has many implementation from which to choose.
- Implementation can't know details of client needs ⇒
  many clients can re-use the same implementation.
- Design: creates modular, reusable libraries.
- Performance: use optimized implementation where it matters.

Client: program using operations defined in interface.

Implementation: actual code implementing operations.

Interface: description of data type, basic operations.

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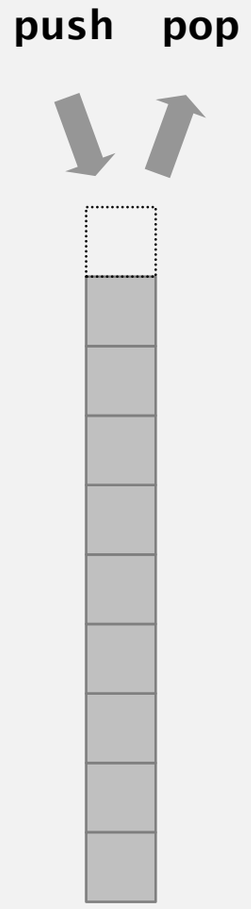
Stack API

Warmup API. Stack of strings data type.

public class StackOfStrings	
StackOfStrings()	*create an empty stack*
void push(String item)	*insert a new string onto stack*
String pop()	*remove and return the string most recently added*
boolean isEmpty()	*is the stack empty?*
int size()	*number of strings on the stack*

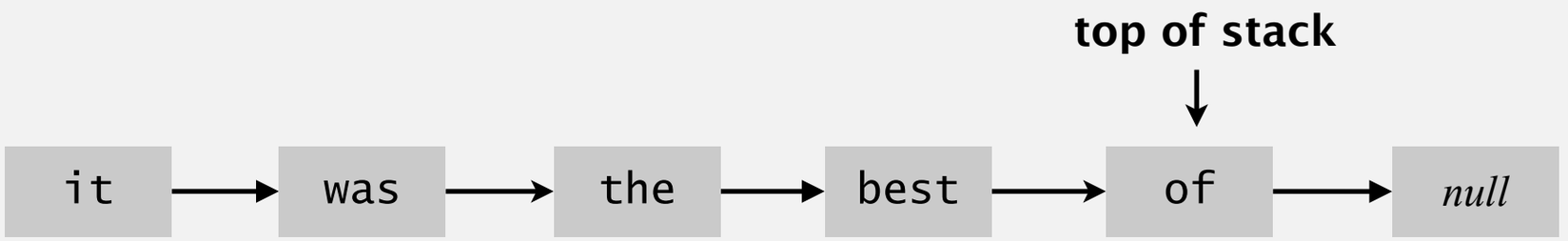


Warmup client. Reverse sequence of strings from standard input.

How to implement a stack with a linked list?

A. Can't be done efficiently with a singly-linked list.

B.



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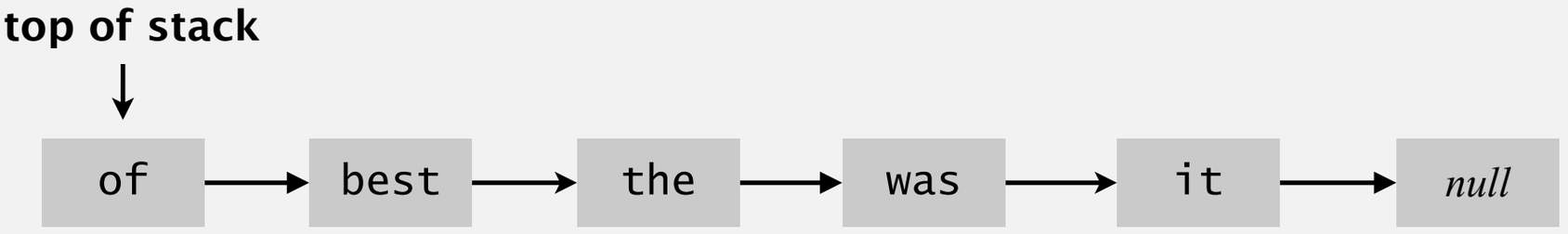
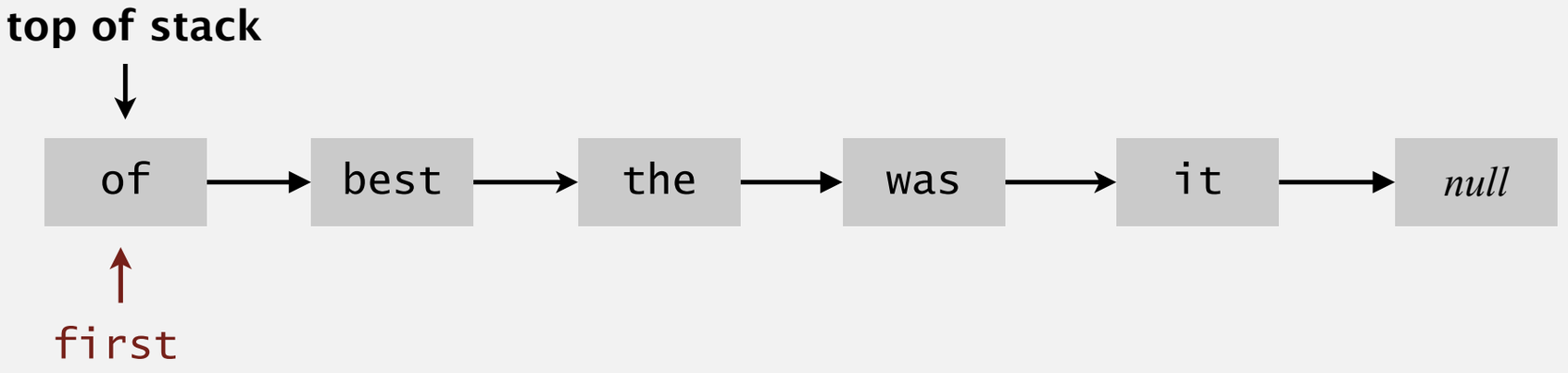


Stack: linked-list implementation

- Maintain pointer `first` to first node in a singly-linked list.
- Push new item before `first`.
- Pop item from `first`.



Stack pop: linked-list implementation

inner class

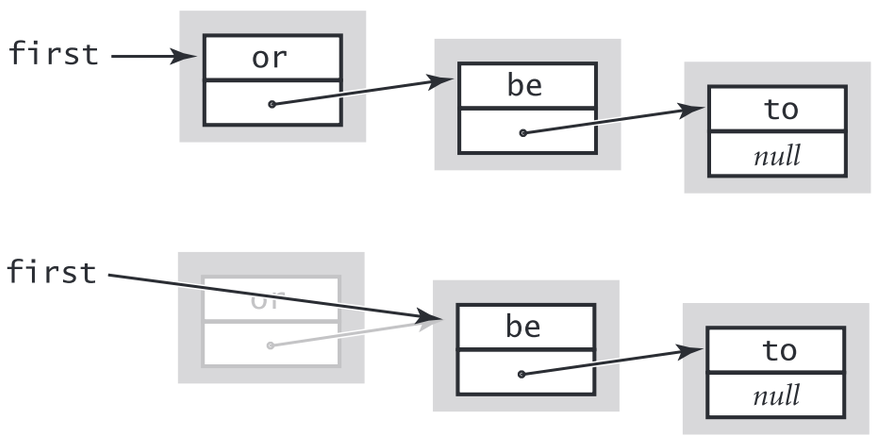
```
private class Node
{
   String item;
   Node next;
}
```

save item to return

```
String item = first.item;
```

delete first node

```
first = first.next;
```



return saved item

```
return item;
```

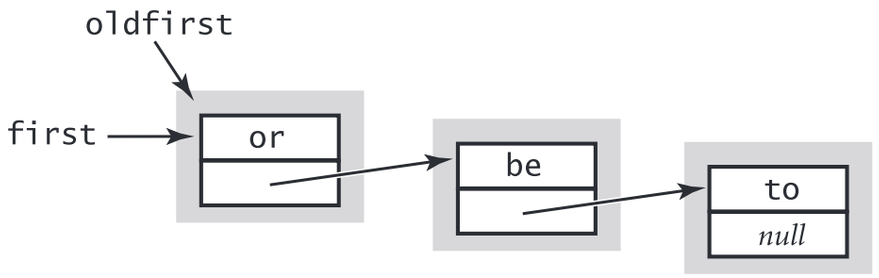
Stack push: linked-list implementation

inner class

```
private class Node
{
   String item;
   Node next;
}
```

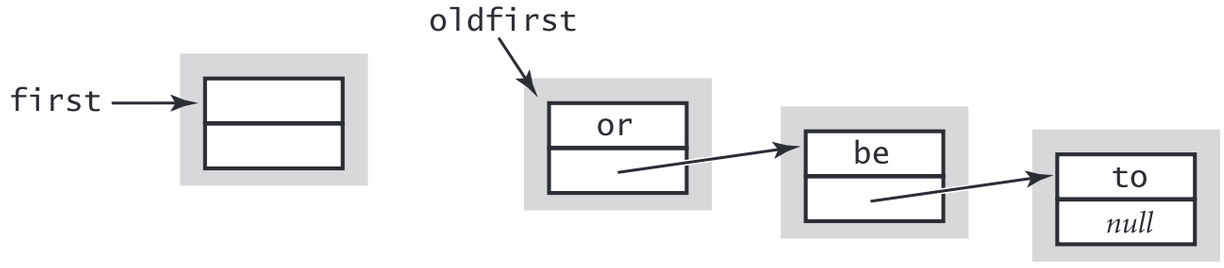
save a link to the list

```
Node oldfirst = first;
```



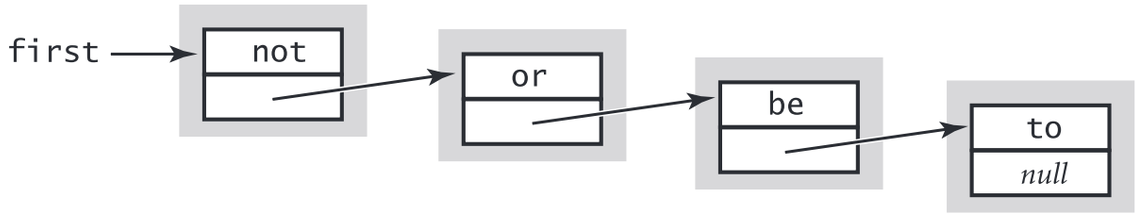
create a new node for the beginning

```
first = new Node();
```



set the instance variables in the new node

```
first.item = "not";
first.next = oldfirst;
```



Stack: linked-list implementation in Java

```
public class LinkedStackOfStrings
{
   private Node first = null;

   private class Node
   {
      String item;
      Node next;
   }

   public boolean isEmpty()
   {  return first == null;  }

   public void push(String item)
   {
      Node oldfirst = first;
      first = new Node();
      first.item = item;
      first.next = oldfirst;
   }

   public String pop()
   {
      String item = first.item;
      first = first.next;
      return item;
   }
}
```

private inner class
(access modifiers for instance variables don't matter)

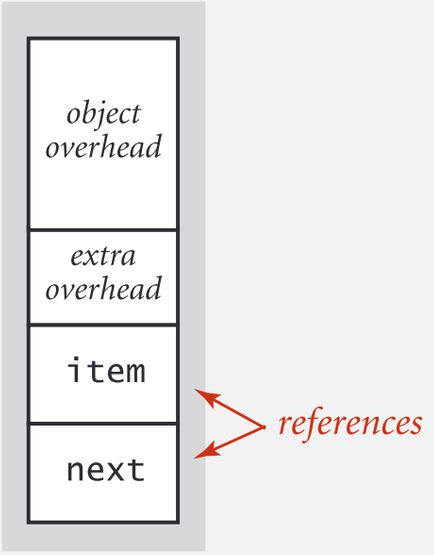
Stack: linked-list implementation performance

Proposition. Every operation takes constant time in the worst case.

Proposition. A stack with N items uses $\sim 40\,N$ bytes.

inner class

```
private class Node
{
   String item;
   Node next;
}
```



16 bytes (object overhead)

8 bytes (inner class extra overhead)

8 bytes (reference to String)

8 bytes (reference to Node)

40 bytes per stack node

Remark. This accounts for the memory for the stack
(but not the memory for strings themselves, which the client owns).

How to implement a fixed-capacity stack with an array?

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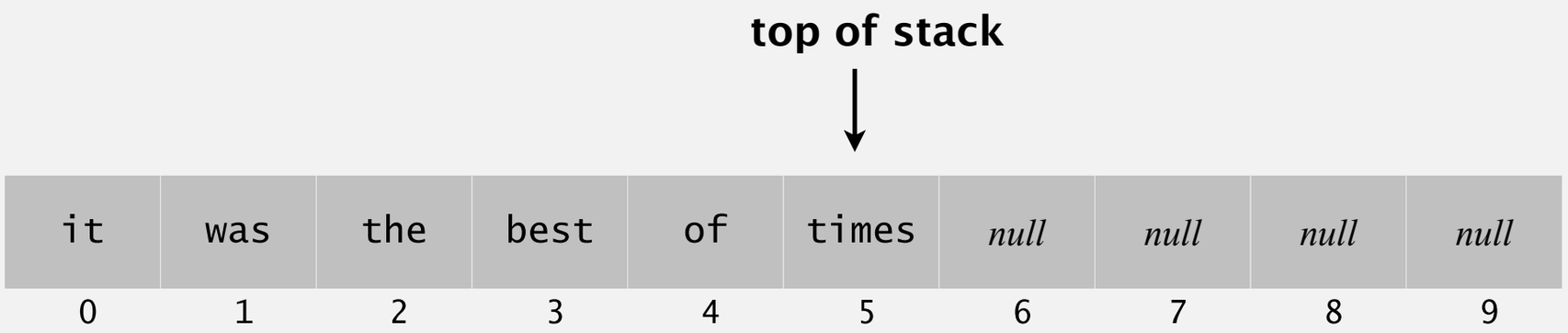

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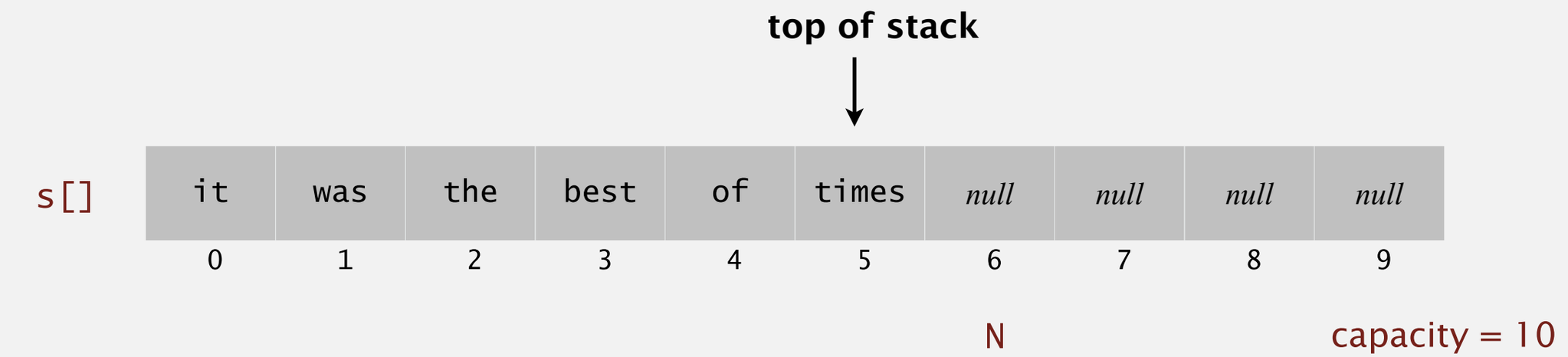
Fixed-capacity stack: array implementation

- Use array `s[]` to store `N` items on stack.
- `push()`: add new item at `s[N]`.
- `pop()`: remove item from `s[N-1]`.



Defect. Stack overflows when `N` exceeds capacity. [stay tuned]

Fixed-capacity stack: array implementation

```
public class FixedCapacityStackOfStrings
{
   private String[] s;
   private int N = 0;

   public FixedCapacityStackOfStrings(int capacity)
   {  s = new String[capacity];  }

   public boolean isEmpty()
   {  return N == 0;  }

   public void push(String item)
   {  s[N++] = item;  }

   public String pop()
   {  return s[--N];  }
}
```

a cheat
(stay tuned)

use to index into array;
then increment N

decrement N;
then use to index into array

Stack considerations

Overflow and underflow.

- Underflow: throw exception if pop from an empty stack.
- Overflow: use resizing array for array implementation. [stay tuned]

Null items. We allow null items to be inserted.

Loitering. Holding a reference to an object when it is no longer needed.

```
public String pop()
{  return s[--N];  }
```

loitering

```
public String pop()
{
   String item = s[--N];
   s[N] = null;
   return item;
}
```

this version avoids "loitering":
garbage collector can reclaim memory for
an object only if no outstanding references