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## 1.3 STACKS AND QUEUES

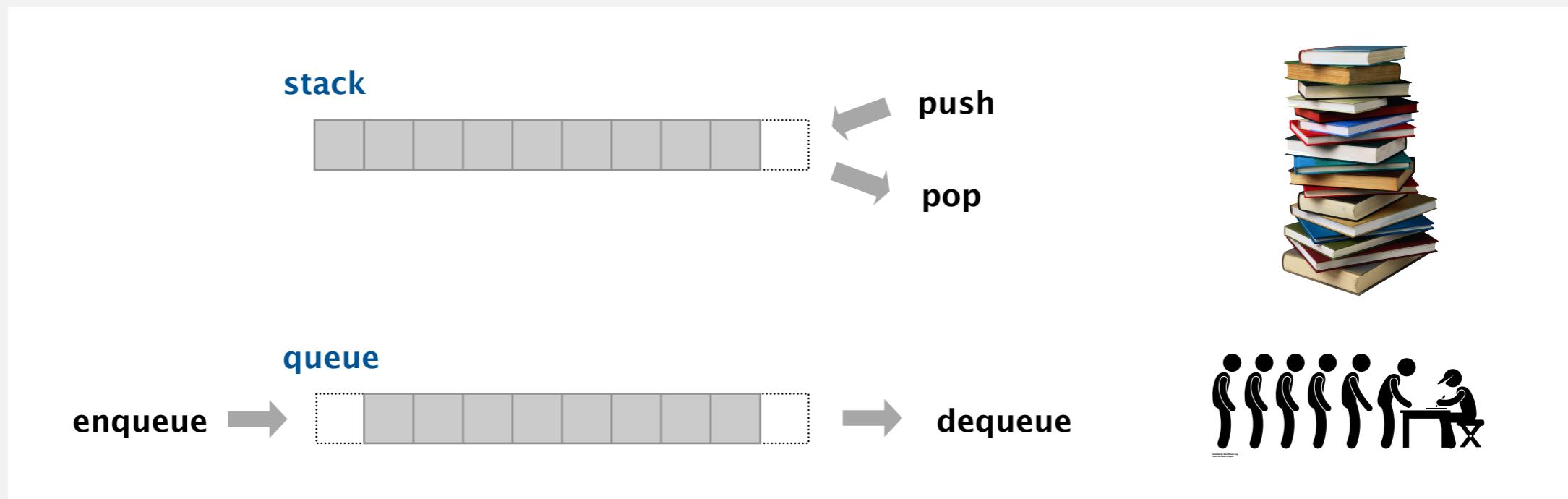
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- ▶ *stacks*
- ▶ *resizing arrays*
- ▶ *queues*
- ▶ *generics*
- ▶ *iterators* ← **see precept**
- ▶ *applications*

# Stacks and queues

## Fundamental data types.

- Value: **collection** of objects.
- Operations: **add**, **remove**, **iterate**, **test if empty**.
- Intent is clear when we add.
- 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”

# Programming assignment 2

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Deque. Remove either **most recently** or **least recently** added item.

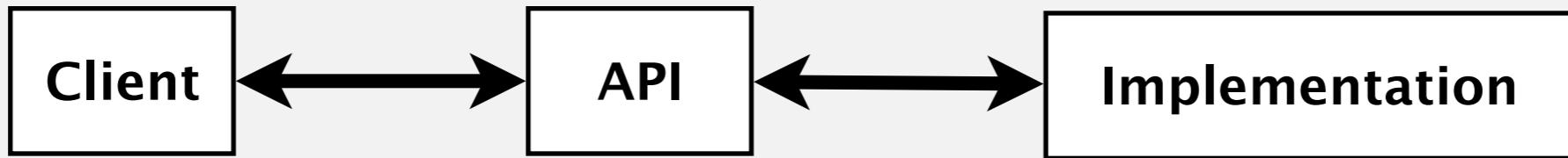
Randomized queue. Remove a **random** item.



# Client, implementation, API

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Separate client and implementation via API.



**API:** operations that characterize the behavior of a data type.

**Client:** program that uses the API operations.

**Implementation:** code that implements the API operations.

## Benefits.

- **Design:** create modular, reusable libraries.
- **Performance:** substitute faster implementations.

**Ex.** Stack, queue, bag, priority queue, symbol table, union–find, ....

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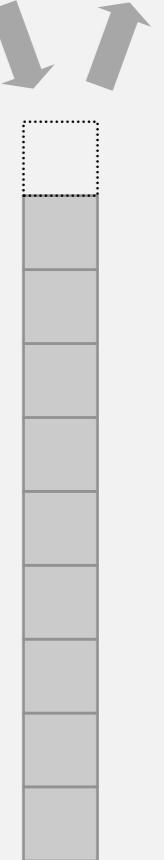
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# Stack API

Warmup API. Stack of strings data type.

		push    pop
<code>public class StackOfStrings</code>		
	<code>StackOfStrings()</code>	<i>create an empty stack</i>
	<code>void push(String item)</code>	<i>add a new string to stack</i>
	<code>String pop()</code>	<i>remove and return the string most recently added</i>
	<code>boolean isEmpty()</code>	<i>is the stack empty?</i>
	<code>int size()</code>	<i>number of strings on the stack</i>



Performance requirements. All operations take constant time.

Warmup client. Reverse sequence of strings from standard input.



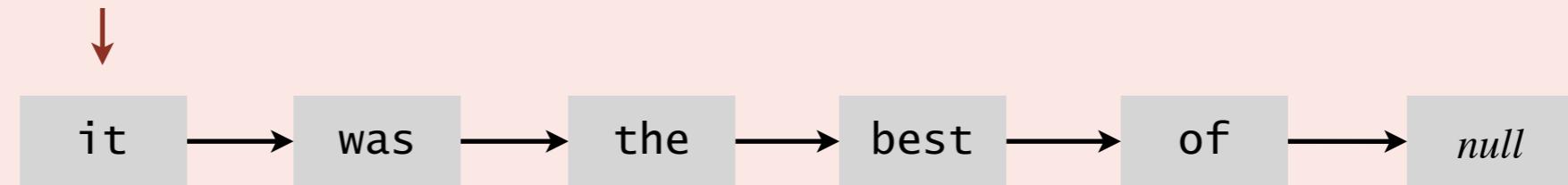
## How much do you remember about linked lists in Java?

- A. *I've never implemented linked lists in Java before.*
- B. *You mean like the Node data type that stores items and references to nodes?*
- C. *I could write Java code to implement a stack with a singly linked list.*
- D. *That's a trick question. Java doesn't support linked data structures.*

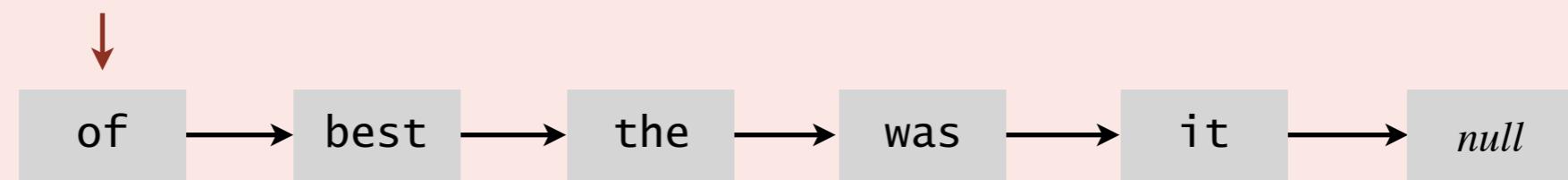


## How to implement a stack with a singly linked list?

A. least recently added



B. most recently added



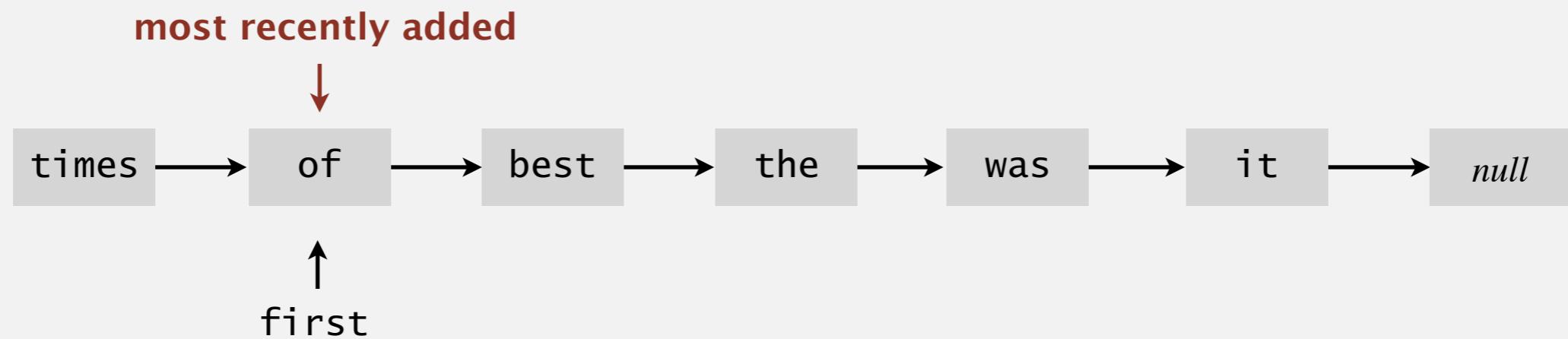
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D. Neither A nor B.

# Stack: linked-list implementation

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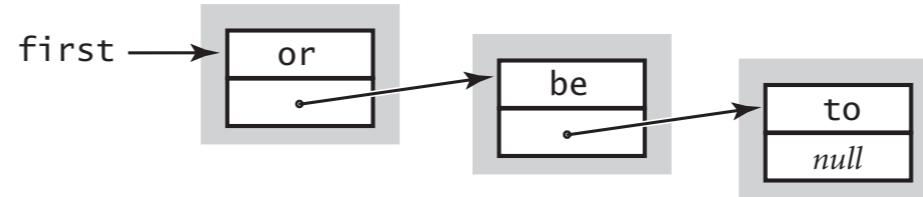
- Maintain pointer `first` to first node in a singly linked list.
- Push new item before `first`.
- Pop item from `first`.



# Stack pop: linked-list implementation

## inner class

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

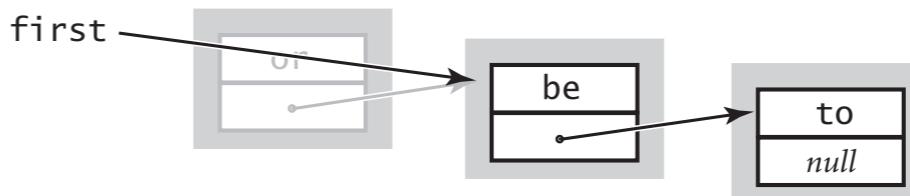


**save item to return**

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

**delete first node**

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



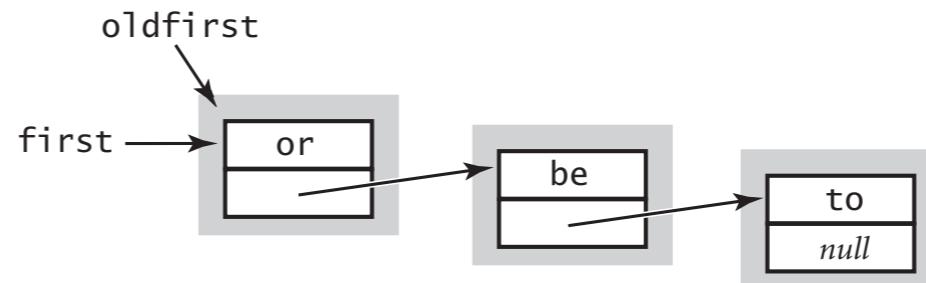
**return saved item**

```
return item;
```

# Stack push: linked-list implementation

save a link to the list

```
Node oldfirst = first;
```

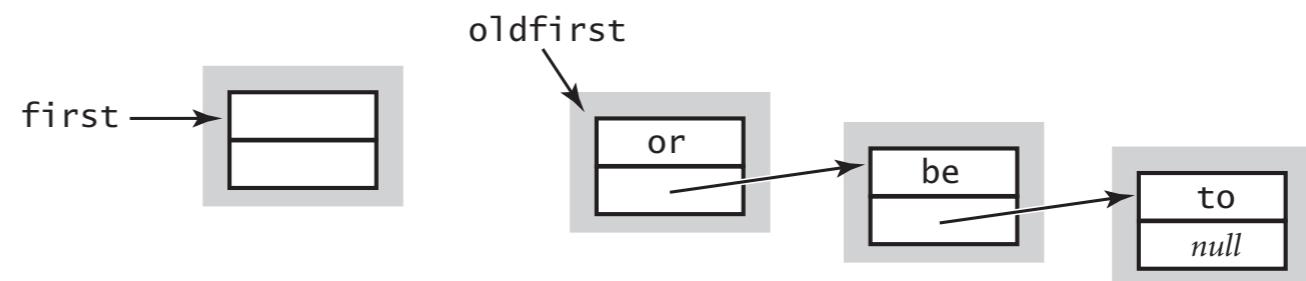


inner class

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

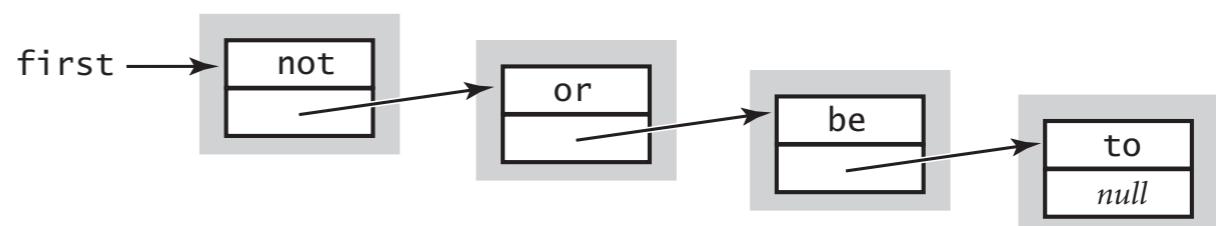
create a new node for the beginning

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



set the instance variables in the new node

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



# Stack: linked-list implementation

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

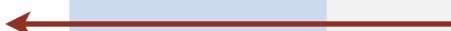
    private class Node
    {
        private String item;
        private Node next;
    }

    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 of such a class 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  $\sim 40n$  bytes.

inner class

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

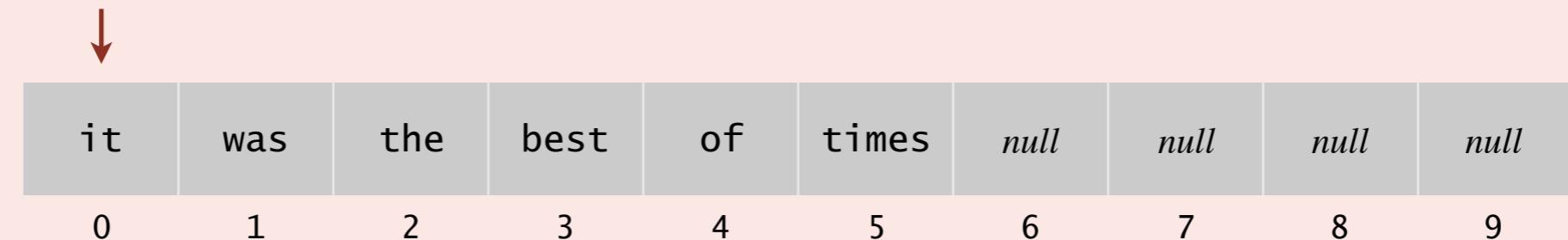


Remark. This counts the memory for the stack  
(but not the memory for the strings themselves, which the client owns).

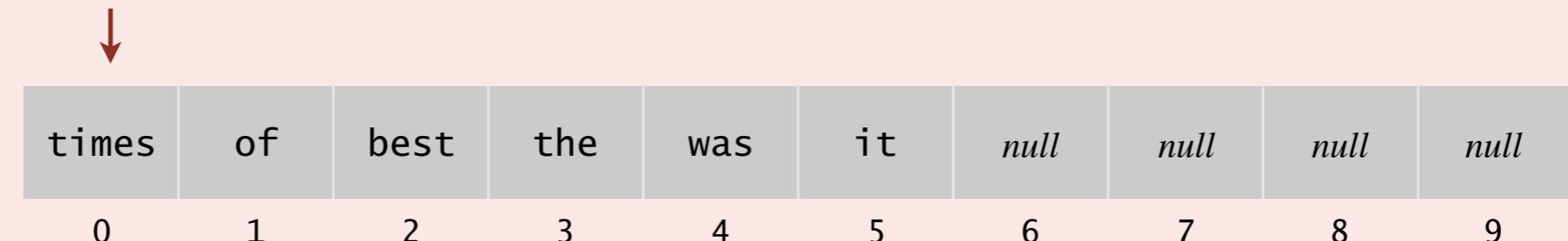


## How to implement a fixed-capacity stack with an array?

A. least recently added



B. most recently added



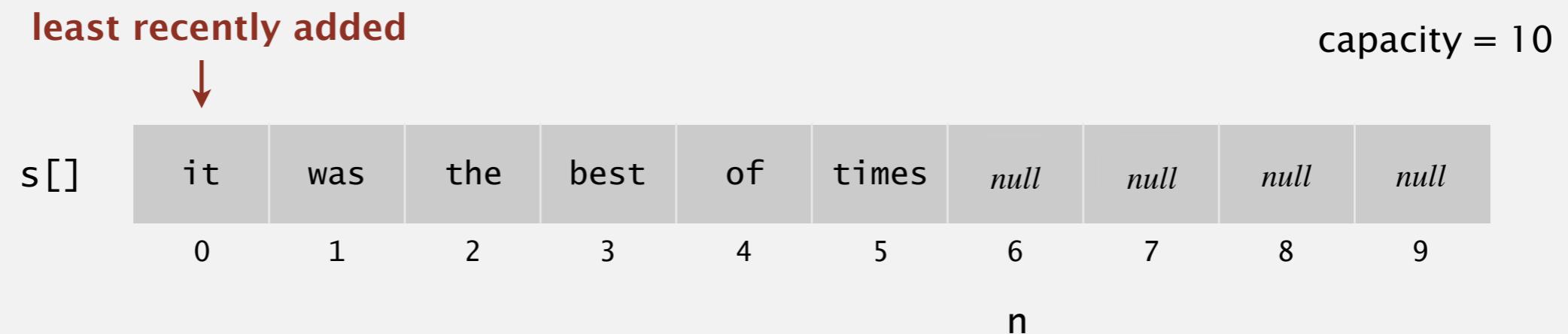
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# Fixed-capacity stack: array implementation

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- Use array  $s[]$  to store  $n$  items on stack.
- $\text{push}()$ : add new item at  $s[n]$ .
- $\text{pop}()$ : 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;
```

a cheat  
(stay tuned)

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

```
public boolean isEmpty()
{   return n == 0; }
```

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

use as index into array;  
then increment n

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

```
}
```

decrement n;  
then use as index into array

# Stack considerations

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## 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 added.

**Duplicate items.** We allow an item to be added more than once.

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

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

loitering

common bug  
in Java

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

no loitering

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# Stack: resizing-array implementation

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**Problem.** Requiring client to provide capacity does not implement API!

**Q.** How to grow and shrink array?

**First try.**

- `push()`: increase size of array  $s[]$  by 1.
- `pop()`: decrease size of array  $s[]$  by 1.

**Too expensive.**

- Need to copy all items to a new array, for each operation.
- Array accesses to add first  $n$  items =  $n + (2 + 4 + \dots + 2(n - 1)) \sim n^2$ .

infeasible for large  $n$

1 array access per push       $2(k-1)$  array accesses to expand to size  $k$   
(ignoring cost to create new array)

**Challenge.** Ensure that array resizing happens infrequently.

# Stack: resizing-array implementation

Q. How to grow array?

A. If array is full, create a new array of **twice** the size, and copy items.

```
public ResizingArrayStackOfStrings()
{   s = new String[1]; }

public void push(String item)
{
    if (n == s.length) resize(2 * s.length);
    s[n++] = item;
}

private void resize(int capacity)
{
    String[] copy = new String[capacity];
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
        copy[i] = s[i];
    s = copy;
}
```

“repeated doubling”

Array accesses to add first  $n = 2^i$  items.  $n + (2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + n) \sim 3n$ .

↑  
1 array access  
per push

↑  
 $k$  array accesses to double to size  $k$   
(ignoring cost to create new array)

feasible for large  $n$

# Stack: resizing-array implementation

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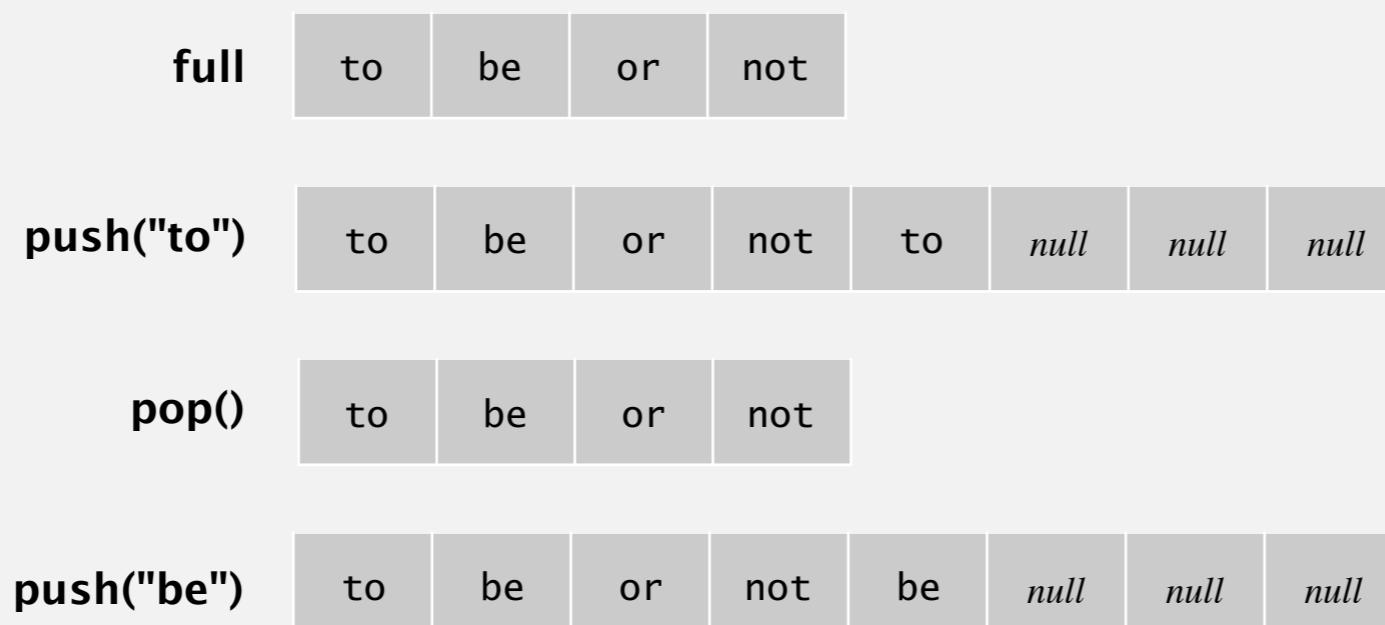
Q. How to shrink array?

First try.

- `push()`: double size of array `s[]` when array is full.
- `pop()`: halve size of array `s[]` when array is **one-half full**.

Too expensive in worst case.

- Consider push–pop–push–pop–... sequence when array is full.
- Each operation takes time proportional to  $n$ .



# Stack: resizing-array implementation

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Q. How to shrink array?

Efficient solution.

- `push()`: double size of array `s[]` when array is full.
- `pop()`: halve size of array `s[]` when array is **one-quarter full**.

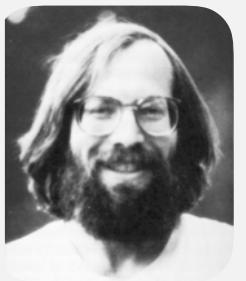
```
public String pop()
{
    String item = s[--n];
    s[n] = null;
    if (n > 0 && n == s.length/4) resize(s.length/2);
    return item;
}
```

Invariant. Array is between 25% and 100% full.

# Stack resizing-array implementation: performance

**Proposition.** Starting from an empty stack, any sequence of  $m$  push and pop operations takes time proportional to  $m$ .

**Amortized analysis.** Starting from an empty data structure, **average** running time per operation over a **worst-case** sequence of operations.



	worst	amortized
construct	1	1
push()	$n$	1
pop()	$n$	1
size()	1	1

order of growth of running time  
for resizing array stack with  $n$  items

## Stack resizing-array implementation: memory usage

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**Proposition.** A `ResizingArrayStackOfStrings` uses between  $\sim 8n$  and  $\sim 32n$  bytes of memory for a stack with  $n$  items.

- $\sim 8n$  when full.
- $\sim 32n$  when one-quarter full.

```
public class ResizingArrayStackOfStrings
{
    private String[] s; ← 8 bytes × array length
    private int n = 0;

    :
}
```

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

# Stack implementations: resizing array vs. linked list

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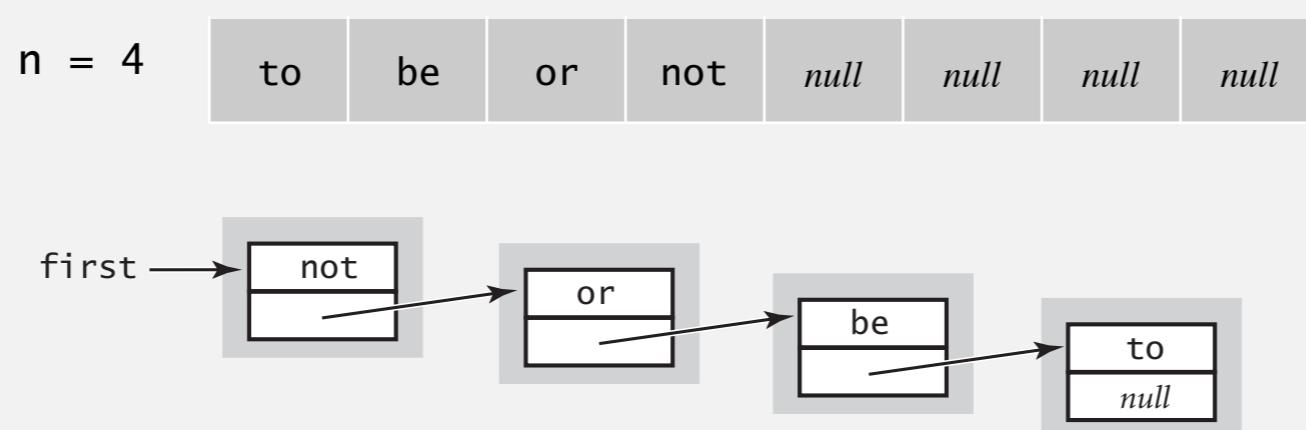
**Tradeoffs.** Can implement a stack with either resizing array or linked list; client can use interchangeably. Which one is better?

## Linked-list implementation.

- Every operation takes constant time in the **worst case**.
- Uses extra time and space to deal with the links.

## Resizing-array implementation.

- Every operation takes constant **amortized** time.
- Less wasted space; better use of cache.



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# Queue API

Warmup API. Queue of strings data type.

enqueue

```
public class QueueOfStrings
```

```
    QueueOfStrings()
```

*create an empty queue*

```
    void enqueue(String item)
```

*add a new string to queue*

```
    String dequeue()
```

*remove and return the string  
least recently added*

```
    boolean isEmpty()
```

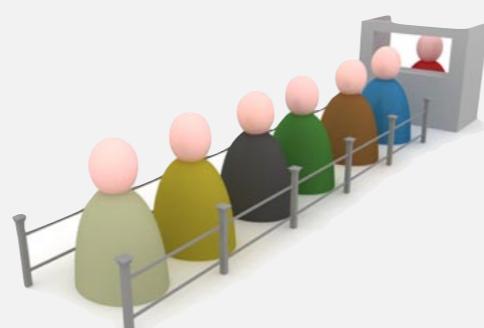
*is the queue empty?*

```
    int size()
```

*number of strings on the queue*



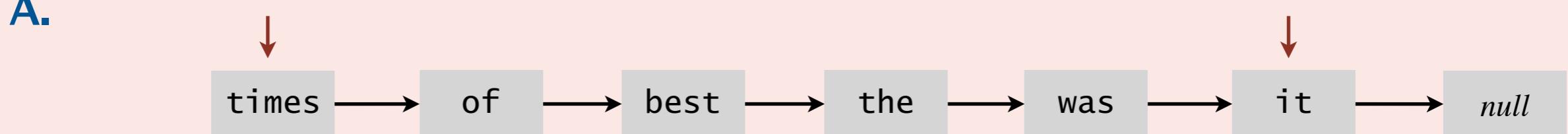
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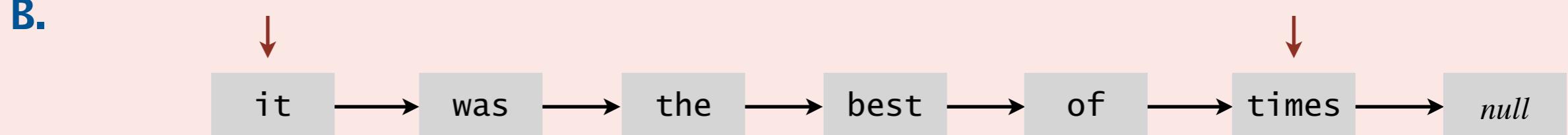
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A. most recently added



least recently added

B. least recently added



most recently added

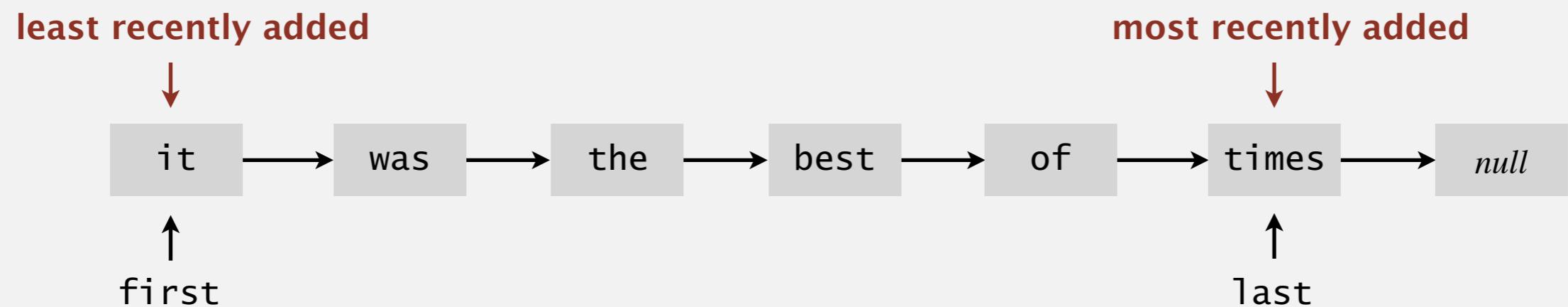
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# Queue: linked-list implementation

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- Maintain one pointer `first` to first node in a singly linked list.
- Maintain another pointer `last` to last node.
- Dequeue from `first`.
- Enqueue after `last`.



# Queue dequeue: linked-list implementation

## inner class

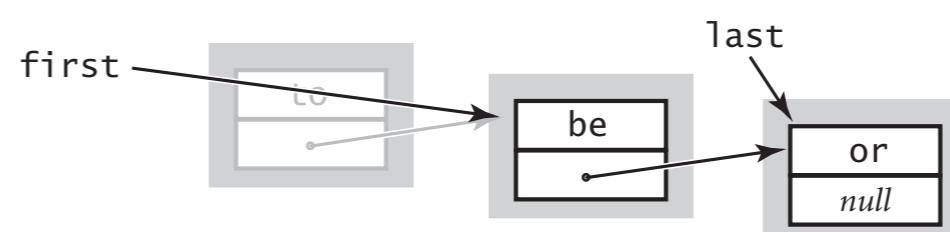
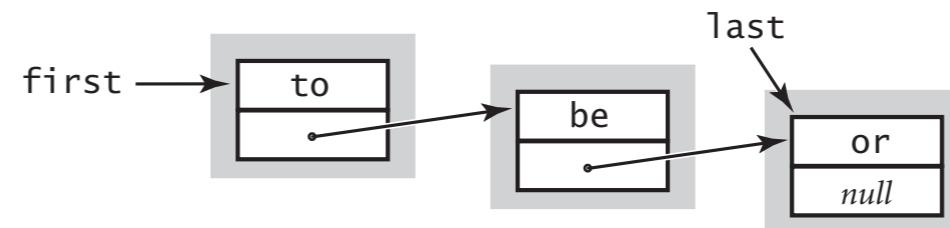
```
private class Node  
{  
    String item;  
    Node next;  
}
```

save item to return

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

delete first node

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



return saved item

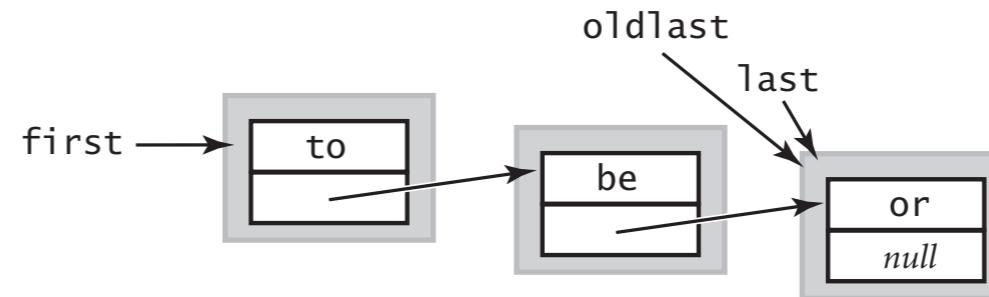
```
return item;
```

Remark. Identical code to linked-list stack pop().

# Queue enqueue: linked-list implementation

save a link to the last node

```
Node oldlast = last;
```

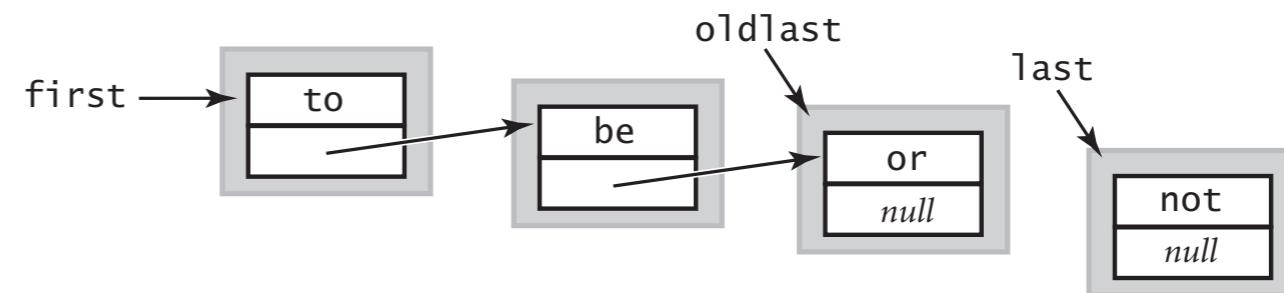


inner class

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

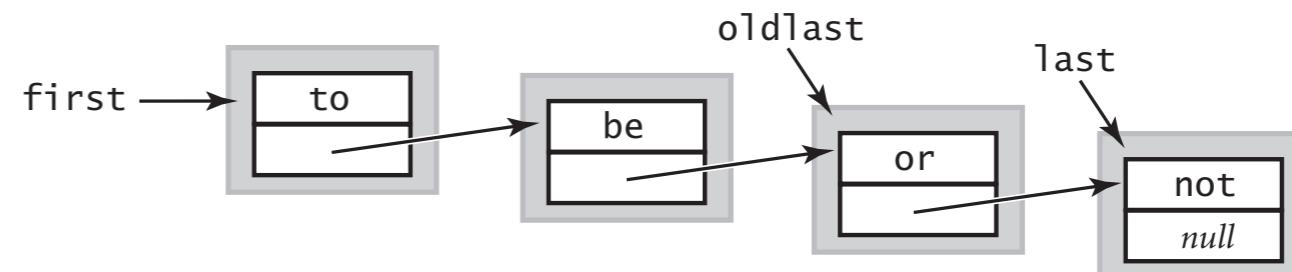
create a new node for the end

```
last = new Node();  
last.item = "not";
```



link the new node to the end of the list

```
oldlast.next = last;
```



# Queue: linked-list implementation

```
public class LinkedQueueOfStrings
{
    private Node first, last;

    private class Node
    { /* same as in LinkedStackOfStrings */ }

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

    public void enqueue(String item)
    {
        Node oldlast = last;
        last = new Node();
        last.item = item;
        last.next = null;
        if (isEmpty()) first = last;
        else          oldlast.next = last;
    }

    public String dequeue()
    {
        String item = first.item;
        first     = first.next;
        if (isEmpty()) last = null;
        return item;
    }
}
```

corner cases to deal  
with empty queue



## How to implement a fixed-capacity queue with an array?

A. least recently added



it	was	the	best	of	times	null	null	null	null
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

B.

most recently added



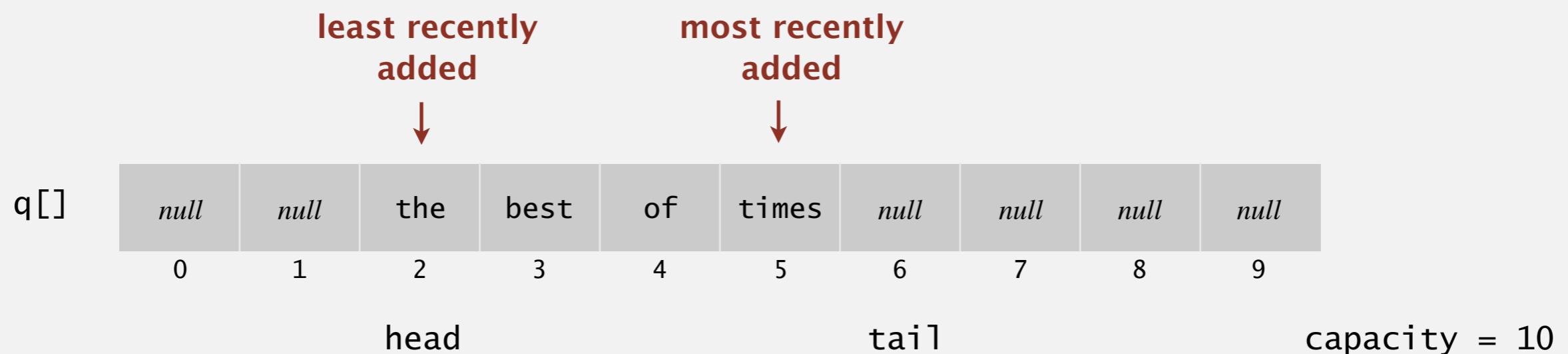
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0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

C. Both A and B.

D. Neither A nor B.

# Queue: resizing-array implementation

- Use array  $q[]$  to store items in queue.
  - $\text{enqueue}()$ : add new item at  $q[\text{tail}]$ .
  - $\text{dequeue}()$ : remove item from  $q[\text{head}]$ .
  - Update  $\text{head}$  and  $\text{tail}$  modulo the capacity.



## Q. How to resize?

# QUEUE WITH TWO STACKS



**Problem.** Implement a queue with two stacks so that:

- Each queue op uses a constant amortized number of stack ops.
- At most constant extra memory (besides two stacks).

**Applications.**

- Job interview.
- Implement an immutable or persistent queue.
- Implement a queue in a (purely) functional programming language.



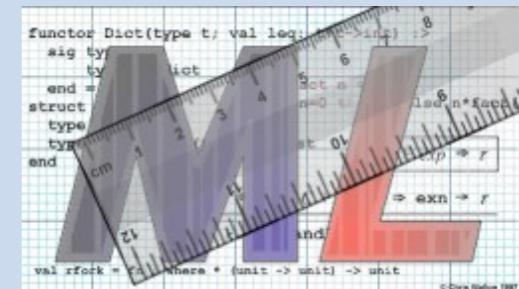
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# Parameterized stack

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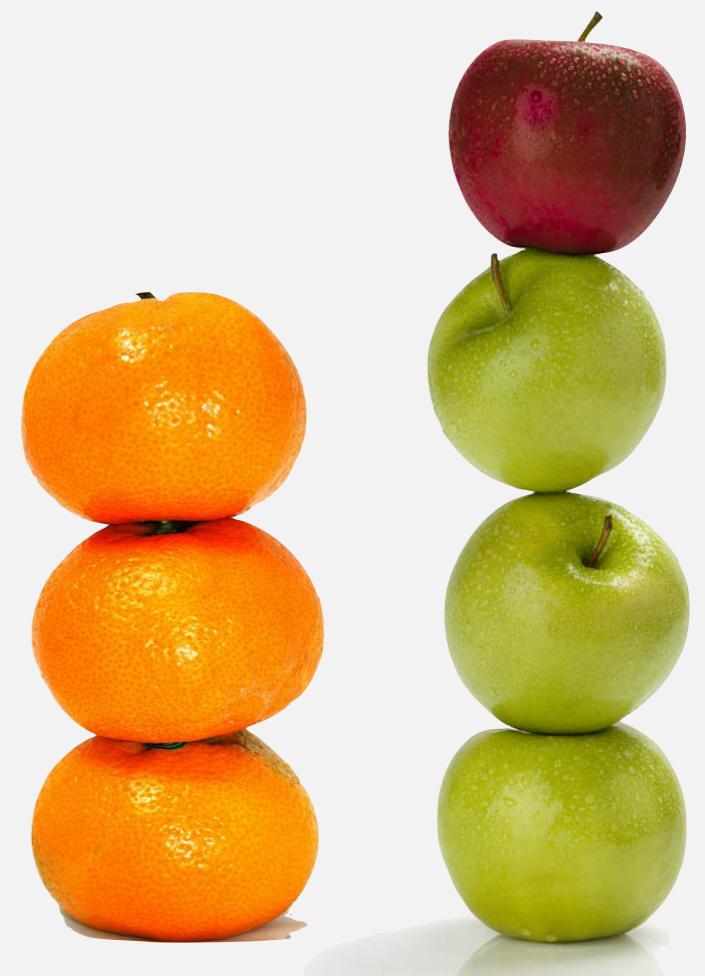
We implemented: StackOfStrings.

We also want: StackOfURLs, StackOfInts, StackOfApples, StackOfOranges, ....

Solution in Java: generics.

type parameter  
(use syntax both to specify type and to call constructor)

```
Stack<Apple> stack = new Stack<Apple>();  
Apple apple = new Apple();  
Orange orange = new Orange();  
stack.push(apple);  
stack.push(orange); ← compile-time error  
...
```



# Generic stack: linked-list implementation

```
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;
    }
}
```

stack of strings (linked list)

```
public class Stack<Item>
{
    private Node first = null;

    private class Node
    {
        Item item;
        Node next;
    }

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

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

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

generic stack (linked list)

generic type name

# Generic stack: array implementation

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

    public ..StackOfStrings(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];   }
}
```

stack of strings (fixed-length array)

```
public class FixedCapacityStack<Item>
{
    private Item[] s;
    private int n = 0;

    public FixedCapacityStack(int capacity)
    {   s = new Item[capacity];   }

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

    public void push(Item item)
    {   s[n++] = item;   }

    public Item pop()
    {   return s[--n];   }
}
```

generic stack (fixed-length array) ?

@#\$\*! generic array creation not allowed in Java

# Generic stack: array implementation

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

    public ..StackOfStrings(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];   }
}
```

stack of strings (fixed-length array)

```
public class FixedCapacityStack<Item>
{
    private Item[] s;
    private int n = 0;

    public FixedCapacityStack(int capacity)
    {   s = (Item[]) new Object[capacity];   }

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

    public void push(Item item)
    {   s[n++] = item;   }

    public Item pop()
    {   return s[--n];   }
}
```

generic stack (fixed-length array)

the ugly cast

# Unchecked cast

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```
% javac -Xlint:unchecked FixedCapacityStack.java
FixedCapacityStack.java:26: warning: [unchecked] unchecked cast
      s = (Item[]) new Object[capacity];
                           ^
required: Item[]
found:    Object[]
where Item is a type-variable:
  Item extends Object declared in class FixedCapacityStack
1 warning
```

Q. Why does Java require a cast (or reflection)?

Short answer. Backward compatibility.

Long answer. Need to learn about **type erasure** and **covariant arrays**.





**Which of the following is the correct way to declare and initialize an empty stack of integers?**

- A. Stack stack = new Stack<int>();
- B. Stack<int> stack = new Stack();
- C. Stack<int> stack = new Stack<int>();
- D. *None of the above.*

# Generic data types: autoboxing and unboxing

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Q. What to do about primitive types?

Wrapper type.

- Each primitive type has a **wrapper** object type.
- Ex: Integer is wrapper type for int.

Autoboxing. Automatic cast from primitive type to wrapper type.

Unboxing. Automatic cast from wrapper type to primitive type.

```
Stack<Integer> stack = new Stack<Integer>();  
stack.push(17);           // stack.push(Integer.valueOf(17));  
int a = stack.pop();     // int a = stack.pop().intValue();
```

Bottom line. Client code can use generic stack for **any** type of data.  
(but substantial overhead for primitive types)

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## 1.3 STACKS AND QUEUES

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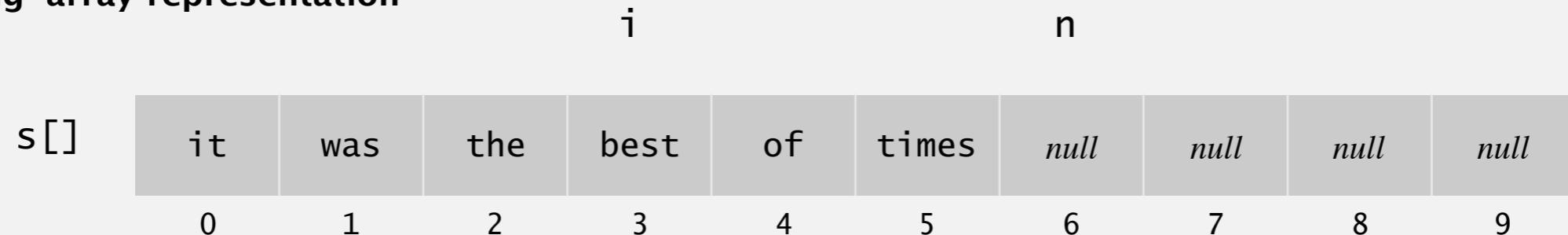
skipped in class  
(see precept)

# Iteration

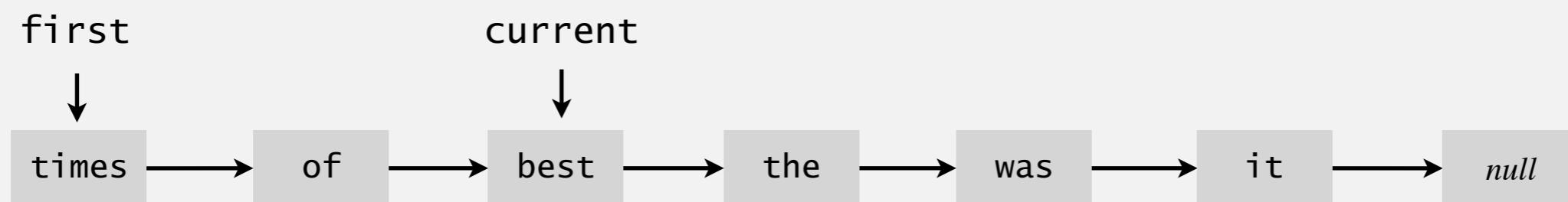
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**Design challenge.** Support iteration over stack items by client, without revealing the internal representation of the stack.

**resizing-array representation**



**linked-list representation**



**Java solution.** Use a **foreach** loop.

# Foreach loop

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Java provides elegant syntax for iteration over collections.

## “foreach” loop (shorthand)

```
Stack<String> stack;  
...  
  
for (String s : stack)  
    ...
```

## equivalent code (longhand)

```
Stack<String> stack;  
...  
  
Iterator<String> i = stack.iterator();  
while (i.hasNext())  
{  
    String s = i.next();  
    ...  
}
```

To make user-defined collection support foreach loop:

- Data type must have a method named `iterator()`.
- The `iterator()` method returns an object that has two core methods.
  - the `hasNext()` method returns `false` when there are no more items
  - the `next()` method returns the next item in the collection

# Iterators

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To support foreach loops, Java provides two interfaces.

- Iterator interface: next() and hasNext() methods.
- Iterable interface: iterator() method that returns an Iterator.
- Both should be used with generics.

## java.util.Iterator interface

```
public interface Iterator<Item>
{
    boolean hasNext();
    Item next();
    void remove(); ← optional; use
                    at your own risk
}
```

## java.lang.Iterable interface

```
public interface Iterable<Item>
{
    Iterator<Item> iterator();
}
```

## Type safety.

- Implementation must use these interfaces to support foreach loop.
- Client program won't compile unless implementation do.

# Stack iterator: linked-list implementation

```
import java.util.Iterator;

public class Stack<Item> implements Iterable<Item>
{
    ...

    public Iterator<Item> iterator() { return new ListIterator(); }

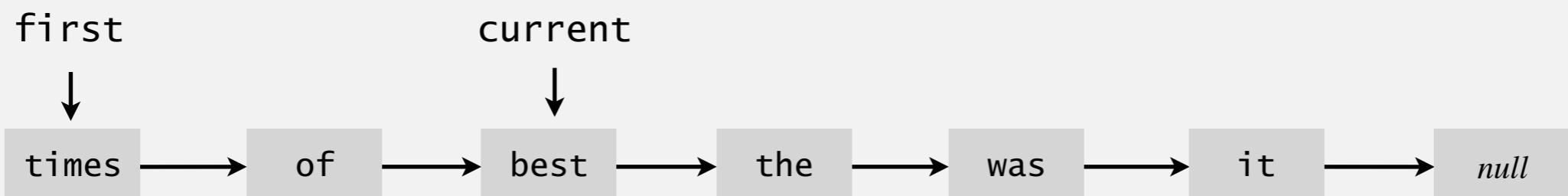
    private class ListIterator implements Iterator<Item>
    {
        private Node current = first;

        public boolean hasNext() { return current != null; }

        public void remove()      { /* not supported */ }

        public Item next()
        {
            Item item = current.item;
            current = current.next;
            return item;
        }
    }
}
```

throw UnsupportedOperationException  
throw NoSuchElementException  
if no more items in iteration



# Stack iterator: array implementation

```
import java.util.Iterator;

public class Stack<Item> implements Iterable<Item>
{
    ...

    public Iterator<Item> iterator()
    { return new ReverseArrayIterator(); }

    private class ReverseArrayIterator implements Iterator<Item>
    {
        private int i = n;

        public boolean hasNext() { return i > 0; }
        public void remove()    { /* not supported */ }
        public Item next()      { return s[--i]; }
    }
}
```

	i	n
s[]	it was the best of times null null null null	
	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	

# ITERATION: CONCURRENT MODIFICATION



Q. What if client modifies the data structure while iterating?

A. A **fail-fast iterator** throws a `java.util.ConcurrentModificationException`.

## concurrent modification

```
for (String s : stack)  
    stack.push(s);
```

Q. How to detect concurrent modification?

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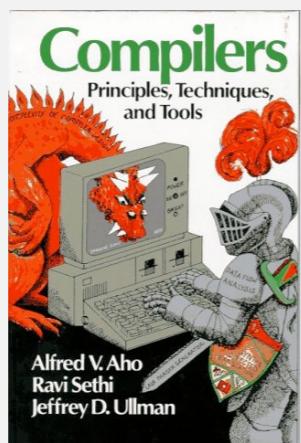
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# Stack applications

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- Java virtual machine.
- Parsing in a compiler.
- Undo in a word processor.
- Back button in a Web browser.
- PostScript language for printers.
- Implementing function calls in a compiler.
- ...



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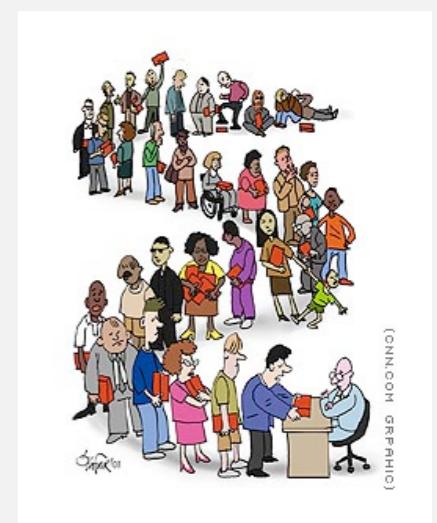
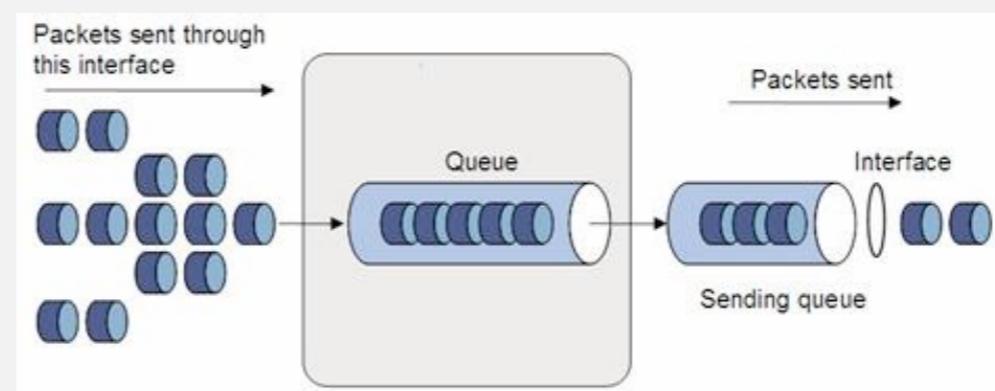
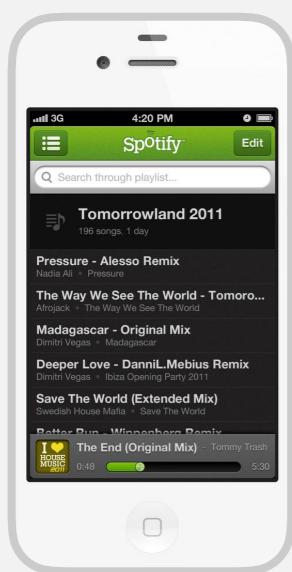
# Queue applications

## Familiar applications.

- Spotify playlist.
- Data buffers (iPod, TiVo, sound card, streaming video, ...).
- Asynchronous data transfer (file IO, pipes, sockets, ...).
- Dispensing requests on a shared resource (printer, processor, ...).

## Simulations of the real world.

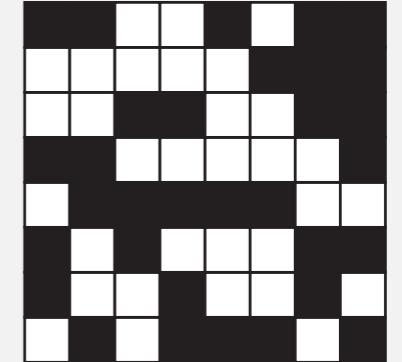
- Traffic analysis.
- Waiting times of customers at call center.
- Determining number of cashiers to have at a supermarket.



# War story (from Assignment 1)

Generate random open sites in an  $n$ -by- $n$  percolation system.

- Jenny: pick  $(row, col)$  at random; if already open, repeat.  
Takes  $\sim c_1 n^2$  seconds.
- Kenny: create a `java.util.ArrayList` of  $n^2$  closed sites.  
Pick an index at random and delete.  
Takes  $\sim c_2 n^4$  seconds.



Lesson. Don't use a library until you understand its API!  
This course. Can't use a library until we've implemented it in class.