

Various implementations of stacks

TODO: ADD pros and cons

In this section we will compare showcase some different stack implementations.

Notes

These stack implementations vary from each other in certain different ways:

- The interface provided. While all implementations provide the same 3 methods, the way they must be called differs from one to the next.
- What Javascript techniques they use to make things happen.

(A) Using Local Object

These implementations all use an array `arr` to hold the stack values.

This is the implementation we saw previously, here it is reproduced with a slight variation to avoid code duplication:

```
function makeStack() {
  var arr = [];
  var stack = {
    push: function push(e1) {
      arr.push(e1);
      return stack;
    },
    pop: function pop() {
      if (stack.isEmpty()) {
        throw new Error("Attempt to pop from empty stack");
      } else {
        return arr.pop();
      }
    },
    function isEmpty() {
      return arr.length === 0;
    }
  };
  return stack;
}
// Usage
var s1 = makeStack();
s1.push(2).push(5).push(1);
```

Notice that we give a name to the object containing the 3 methods.

(B) Using local functions

```

function makeStack() {
  var arr = [];
  function push(el) {
    arr.push(el);
    return stack;
  };
  function pop() {
    if (isEmpty()) {
      throw new Error("Attempt to pop from empty stack");
    } else {
      return arr.pop();
    }
  };
  function isEmpty() {
    return arr.length === 0;
  };
  return {
    push: push,
    pop: pop,
    isEmpty: isEmpty
  };
}
// Usage
var s1 = makeStack();
s1.push(2).push(5).push(1);

```

(C) Using Object.create

```

var makeStack = (function() {
  var proto = {
    push: function push(el) {
      this.arr.push(el);
      return this;
    },
    pop: function pop() {
      if (this.isEmpty()) {
        throw new Error("Attempt to pop from empty stack");
      } else {
        return this.array.pop();
      }
    },
    isEmpty: function isEmpty() {
      return this.arr.length === 0;
    }
  };
  return function makeStack() {
    var o = Object.create(proto);
    o.arr = [];
    return o;
  };
})(); // Immediate function invocation
// Usage
var s1 = makeStack();
s1.push(2).push(5).push(1);

```

(D) Using constructor

```
function Stack() {
    this.arr = [];
}
Stack.prototype = {
    push: function push(e1) {
        this.arr.push(e1);
        return this;
    },
    pop: function pop() {
        if (this.isEmpty()) {
            throw new Error("Attempt to pop from empty stack");
        } else {
            return this.array.pop();
        }
    },
    isEmpty: function isEmpty() {
        return this.arr.length === 0;
    }
};
// Usage
var s1 = new Stack();
s1.push(2).push(5).push(1);
```