

Lesson 34 - Collections IV

Stack<T>

A **stack** is a **Last In, First Out (LIFO)** collection of elements where the last element that goes into the stack will be the first element that comes out.

Inserting an element onto a stack is called **pushing**. Deleting an element from a stack is called **popping**. Pushing and popping can be performed only at the top of the stack.

Stacks can be used to create undo-redo functionalities, parsing expressions (infix to postfix/prefix conversion), and much more.

The C# generic collection **Stack<T>** class requires all elements to be of the same type **T**.

Stack<T> properties include:

Count - Returns the number of elements in the stack.

Stack<T> methods include:

Peek() - Returns the element at the top of the stack without removing it.

Pop() - Returns the element at the top of the stack and removes it from the stack.

Push(T t) - Inserts an element t at the top of the stack.

```
Stack<int> st = new();

st.Push(60);
st.Push(70);
st.Push(10);

StackPrinter(st);

Console.WriteLine($"Peek: {st.Peek()}");
StackPrinter(st);

Console.WriteLine($"Count: {st.Pop()}");
StackPrinter(st);

static void StackPrinter(Stack<int> stack, string name="Stack")
{
```

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    Console.WriteLine($"{name}: ");
    foreach (var item in stack)
        Console.Write(item + " ");
    Console.WriteLine($"Count: {stack.Count}");
}

```

Here are additional `Stack<T>` methods:

`Clear()` - Removes all the elements from the stack.

`Contains(T t)` - Returns true when the element `t` is present in the stack.

`ToArray()` - Copies the stack into a new array.

List<T>

A `list` is similar to an array, but the elements in a list can be inserted and removed **dynamically**. The C# generic collection `List<T>` class requires all elements be of the same type `T`.

`List<T>` properties and methods include:

- `Count` A property that gets the number of elements contained in the list.
- `Item[int i]` Gets or sets the element in the list at the index `i`. `Item` is the indexer and is not required when accessing an element. You only need to use the brackets `[]` and the index value inside the brackets.
- `Add(T t)` Adds an element `t` to the end of the list.
- `RemoveAt(int index)` Removes the element at the specified position (index) from the list.
- `Sort()` Sorts elements in the list.

```

List<int> li = new();

li.Add(60);
li.Add(70);
li.Add(10);
li.RemoveAt(1);

ListPrinter(li);

li.Sort();
ListPrinter(li, "Sorted");

static void ListPrinter(List<int> list, string name="List")
{
    Console.WriteLine($"{name}: ");
    foreach (var item in list)
        Console.Write(item + " ");
}

```

Additional `List<T>` properties and methods are listed below. Try them out by adding them to the `List<T>` example code above.

`Capacity` - A property that gets the number of elements the list can hold before needing to be resized.

`Clear()` - Removes all the elements from the list.

`TrimExcess()` - Sets the capacity to the actual number of elements in the list. This is useful when trying to reduce memory overhead.

`AddRange(IEnumerable coll)` - Adds the elements of collection `coll` with elements of the same type as `List<T>` to the end of the list. `IEnumerable` is the collections interface that supports simple iteration over the collection.

`Insert(int i, T t)` - Inserts an element `t` at a specific index `i` in the list.

`InsertRange(int i, IEnumerable coll)` - Inserts the elements of a collection `coll` at a specified index `i` in the list. `IEnumerable` is the collections interface that supports simple iteration over the collection.

`Remove(T t)` - Removes the first occurrence of the object `t` from the list.

`RemoveRange(int i, int count)` - Removes a specified number of elements `count` from the list starting at a specified index `i`.

`Contains(T t)` - Returns true if the specified element `t` is present in the list.

`IndexOf(T t)` - Returns the index of the first occurrence of the element `t` in the list.

`Reverse()` - Reverses the order of the elements in the list.

`ToArray()` - Copies the elements of the list into a new array.