

Data Structures

Linked-list-based Stack

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Using Linked list

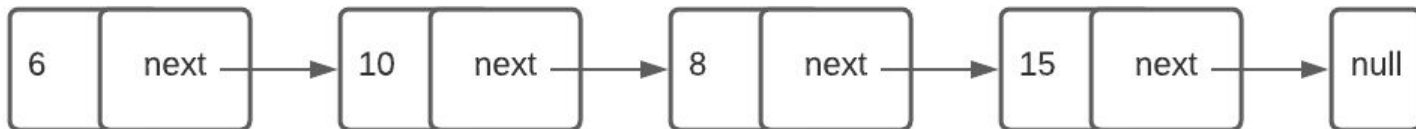
- Similar to the array implementation, we can push in the stack elements: 15, 8, 10, 6
- Which one is enough? SLL or DLL?
- How can we implement it?

Building Stack

- We can use a **single node** for **the head**, which creates reversed elements
 - Here we added in the order:
 - 15, 8, 10, 6
 - Review homework
- The nice thing, this fits with stack, which reverse elements!

```
class Stack:
    def __init__(self):
        self.head = None
        self.length = 0

    def push(self, value):
        # By design: always new node = head
        # Great match with stack!
        item = Node(value)
        item.next = self.head
        self.head = item
        self.length += 1
```



Remaining Functions

```
def pop(self):  
    assert self.head, 'No items!'  
  
    node = self.head  
    self.head = self.head.next  
    self.length -= 1  
  
    return node.data  
  
def peek(self):  
    assert self.head, 'No items!'  
    return self.head.data  
  
def isEmpty(self):  
    return self.length == 0  
  
def size(self):  
    return self.length
```

Array vs Linked-list for stack

- Compare the time/memory order of both data structures
- What are the advantages of each type?
- Compare and contrast the efficiency of different functions (and possible additional functionalities) for both the array and linked list based stack classes

“Acquire knowledge and impart it to the people.”

“Seek knowledge from the Cradle to the Grave.”