

# Linked Lists, Stacks and Queues

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Lists

Linked Lists,  
Stacks and Queues



**These are lists but  
without index-based  
look-up**

Dictionaries

Sets

# Module Overview



## LinkedList<T>

- List with fast adding/removing elements

## ■ LinkedListNode<T>

- Required to store items in a linked list

## ■ Stack<T>

- First-in last-out list

## ■ Queue<T>

- Remove items in the same order as added (first-in first-out)

```
using System.Collections.Generic;
```



# LinkedList<T>

**Purpose:** Collection that's quick at adding/removing elements

Collections so far:

collection

Memory

Elements  
in one  
memory block

1<sup>st</sup> item  
2<sup>nd</sup> item  
3<sup>rd</sup> item  
4<sup>th</sup> item  
5<sup>th</sup> item  
6<sup>th</sup> item

Adding/removing  
an item here  
means  
moving everything  
beyond this



## Memory

Elements  
can be anywhere

Don't need to move  
anything!



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```
myVar = collection[3];
```



Where is it?

collection

Memory



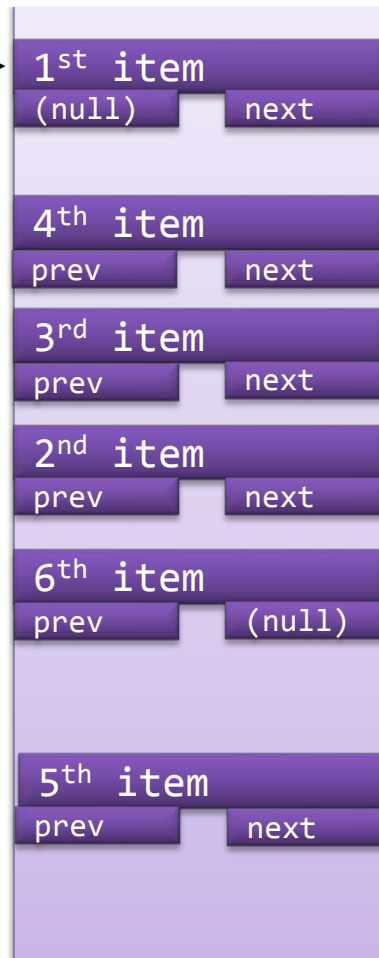
Can't jump to an element





collection

## Memory



This is a  
doubly  
linked list



Insert this:



### Actual US Presidents:

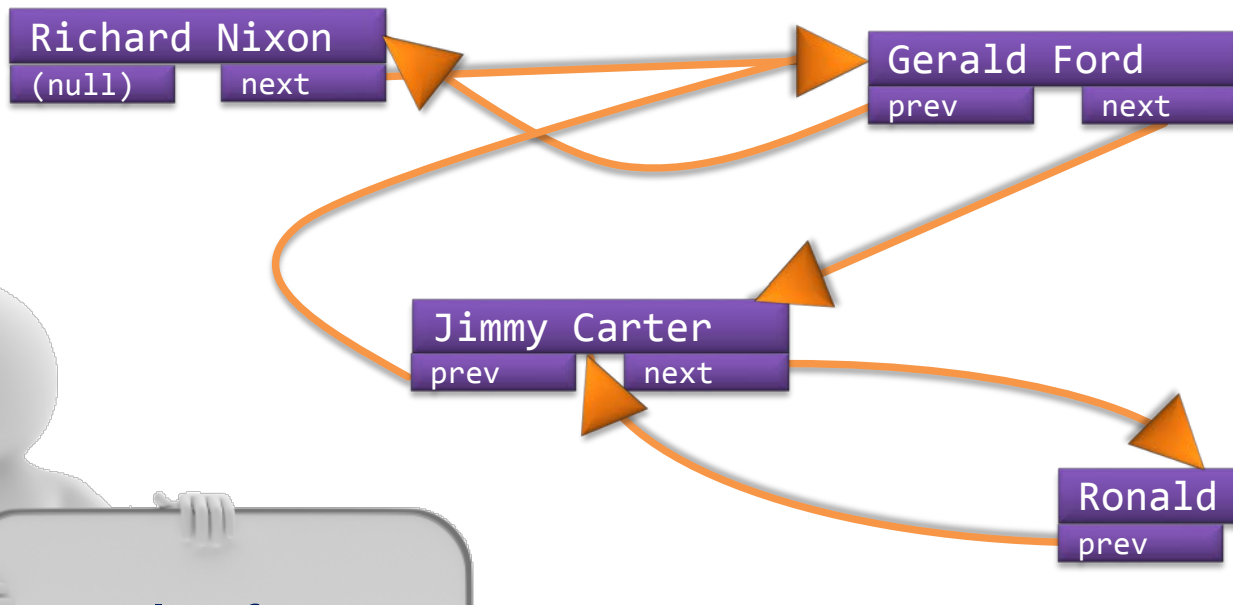
1969 Richard Nixon

1974 Gerald Ford

1977 Jimmy Carter

1981 Ronald Reagan

**Insert this:**



**Only a few  
operations to insert  
an item**

**Removing an element  
is the reverse of  
adding one**

# Linked Lists



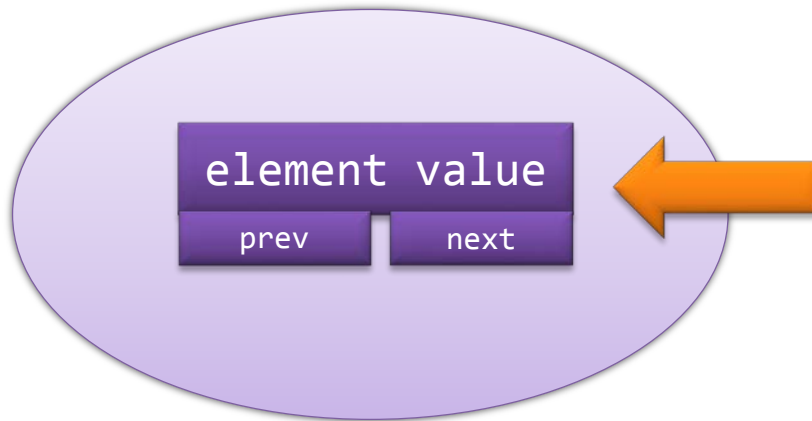
**Adding/removing  
elements is FAST!**

**Good at enumerating**

**No index-based access  
to elements**

**Use lots of memory**

# LinkedListNode<T>



Extra info with  
each element

`LinkedList<T>`



`LinkedListNode<T>`

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`LinkedList<T>`  
is a collection of  
`LinkedListNode`  
`<T>` not of `T`

```
class LinkedListNode<T>
```

Reference type

Generic type

```
LinkedList<T>
```

```
LinkedListNode<T>
```

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LinkedListNode<T>
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LinkedListNode<T>
```

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# Code Demo

# Stack<T>

## Example: The Call Stack

New items added at top

Items can only be removed from top

Call Stack

Name	Lang
Sjr.GotmHelper.Logic.dll!Sjr.Civ.GotmHelper.Logic.DataModel.SelectedGameViewModel.OnDisplayModeChanged() Line 71	C#
Sjr.GotmHelper.Logic.dll!Sjr.Civ.GotmHelper.Logic.DataModel.SelectedGameViewModel.RefreshDisplayMode() Line 66	C#
GotmHelper.Ui.WinForms.exe!Sjr.GotmHelper.Ui.WinForms.Controls.SingleGame.UcShowGame.ShowCityMap() Line 215	C#
GotmHelper.Ui.WinForms.exe!Sjr.GotmHelper.Ui.WinForms.Controls.SingleGame.UcShowGame.ShowCityMapAndSelectGame()	C#
GotmHelper.Ui.WinForms.exe!Sjr.GotmHelper.Ui.WinForms.Controls.SingleGame.UcShowGame.HandleErrors(System.Action ac)	C#
GotmHelper.Ui.WinForms.exe!Sjr.GotmHelper.Ui.WinForms.Controls.SingleGame.UcShowGame.btnShowCaps_Click(object sen)	C#
System.Windows.Forms.dll!System.Windows.Forms.Control.OnClick(System.EventArgs e)	Unkr
System.Windows.Forms.dll!System.Windows.Forms.Button.OnClick(System.EventArgs e)	Unkr
System.Windows.Forms.dll!System.Windows.Forms.Button.OnMouseUp(System.Windows.Forms.MouseEventArgs mevent)	Unkr
System.Windows.Forms.dll!System.Windows.Forms.Control.WmMouseUp(ref System.Windows.Forms.Message m, System.Wir	Unkr
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Parallel Stacks Call Stack Breakpoints Command Window Immediate Window Output Error List

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Solution 'CivUtils' (7 proj  
C# Civ4.GameWorld  
C# Civ4.Gotm  
C# Civ4.XmlBuilderApp  
C# GotmHelper.Logic  
Properties  
References  
Assets  
Controllers  
Credentials  
DataModel  
C# AppData.cs  
C# AppInitializer.c  
C# GamesDataLoa  
C# SelectedGameV  
GotmGame  
SelectedGar  
DrawInstructions  
FileStatuses  
MapGeneration  
PlotToScreen  
PregameAnnounc  
C# PregameTextG  
Server  
Settings  
ViewModels  
C# AboutHelper.cs  
app.config  
C# BonusStatSorter.cs  
C# CityLocationsOpti  
C# CityPlacement.cs  
C# CityPlacementSet  
C# Enums.cs  
C# ForumTextGenerat  
GotmHelperSetting

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# Stack<T>

Last-in First-out collection

Items can only be  
added or removed  
here



Last item

...

...

...

2<sup>nd</sup> item

1<sup>st</sup> item

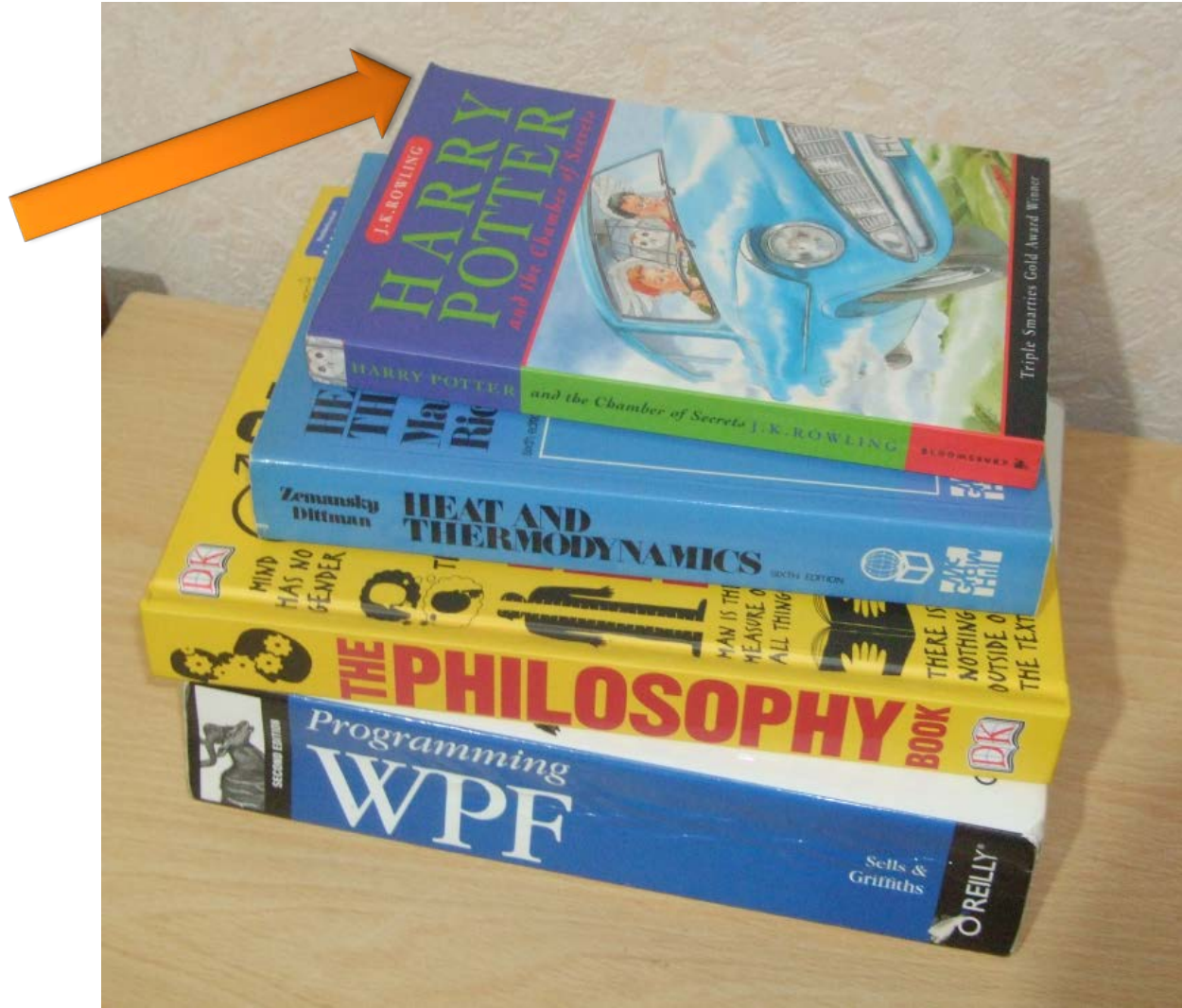
Push an item

Pop an item

# Stack<T>

## Example: Pile of books

Books can only be added or removed here



# Code Demo

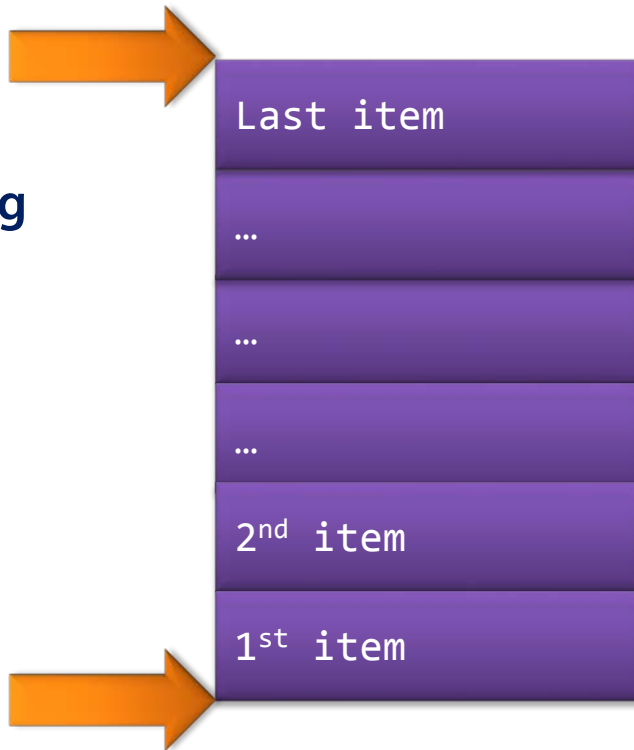
# Queue<T>

**First-in First-out collection**

Items can only be  
added here

Very useful for storing  
tasks to be done

Unlike a stack – can only  
remove items here



**Enqueue an item**

**Dequeue an item**

# Code Demo

# Summary



## `LinkedList<T>`

- Very efficient adding and removing elements

## ■ `LinkedListNode<T>`

- Required for adding items to a linked list

## ■ `Stack<T>`

- Last-in first-out list

## ■ `Queue<T>`

- Removes items in order (first-in first-out)

