

1.3 BAGS, QUEUES, AND STACKS

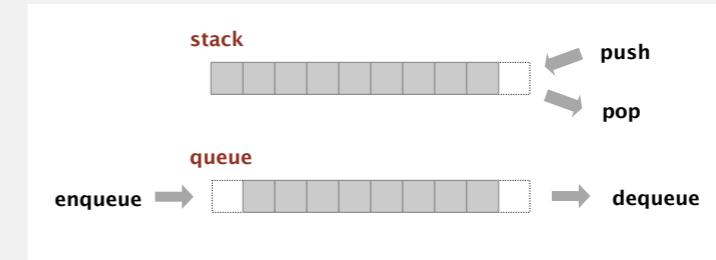
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Stacks and queues

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"

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Client, implementation, interface

Separate interface and implementation.

Ex: stack, queue, bag, priority queue, symbol table, union-find,

Benefits.

- Client cannot know details of implementation ⇒ client has many implementation from which to choose.
- Implementation cannot know details of client needs ⇒ many clients can re-use the same implementation.
- **Design:** creates modular, reusable libraries.
- **Performance:** substitute optimized implementation when it matters.

Client: program using operations defined in interface.

Implementation: actual code implementing operations.

Interface: description of data type, basic operations.

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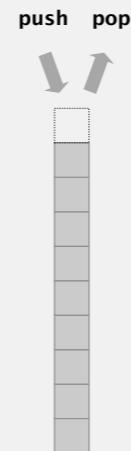
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Stack API

Warmup API. Stack of strings data type.

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

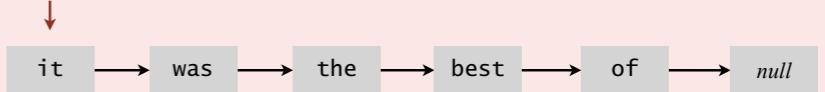


Warmup client. Reverse sequence of strings from standard input.

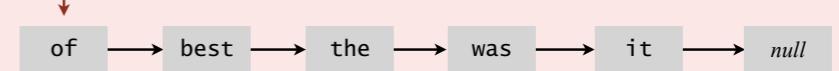
Stacks quiz 1

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

- A. least recently added



- B. most recently added

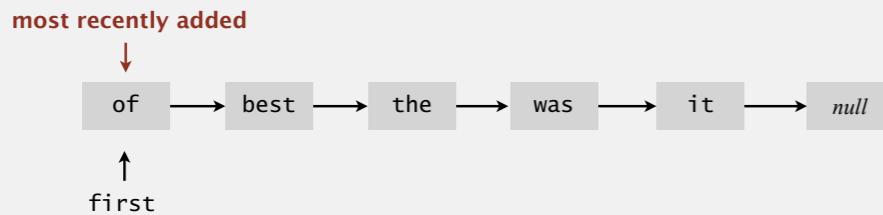


- C. None of the above.

- D. I don't know.

Stack: linked-list implementation

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

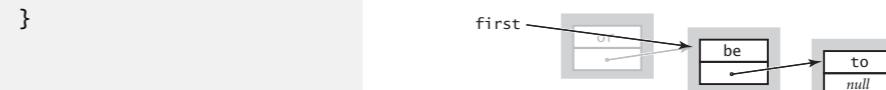


Stack pop: linked-list implementation

save item to return
String item = first.item;

delete first node

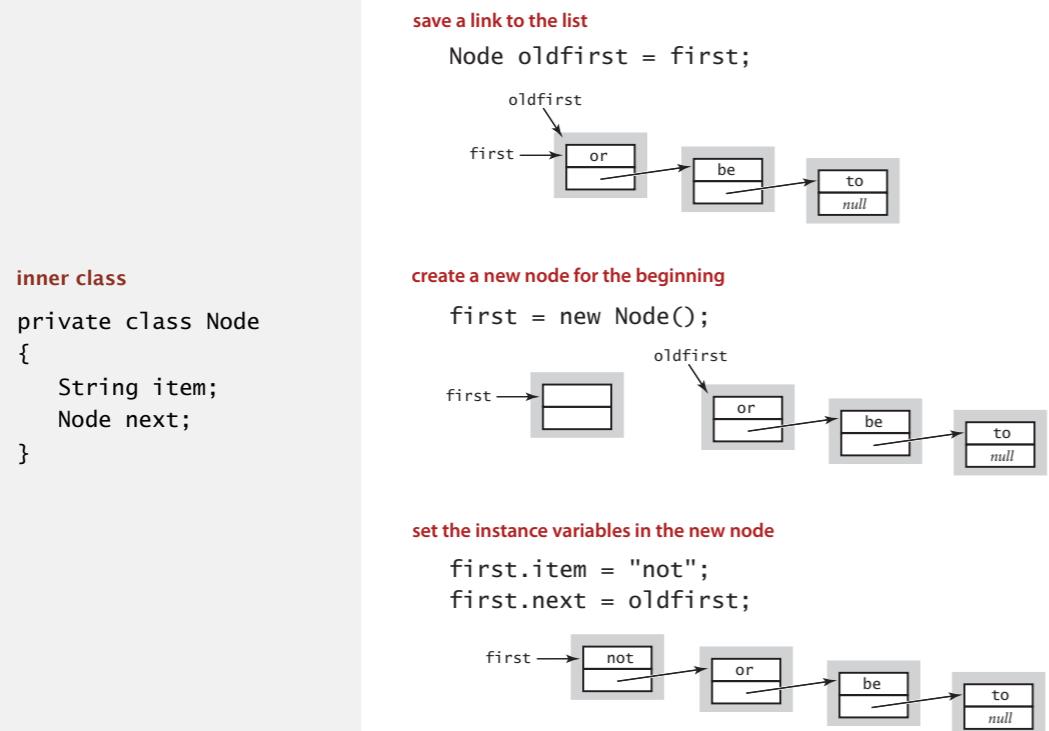
first = first.next;



return saved item

return item;

Stack push: linked-list implementation



Stack: linked-list implementation in Java

```
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;
    }

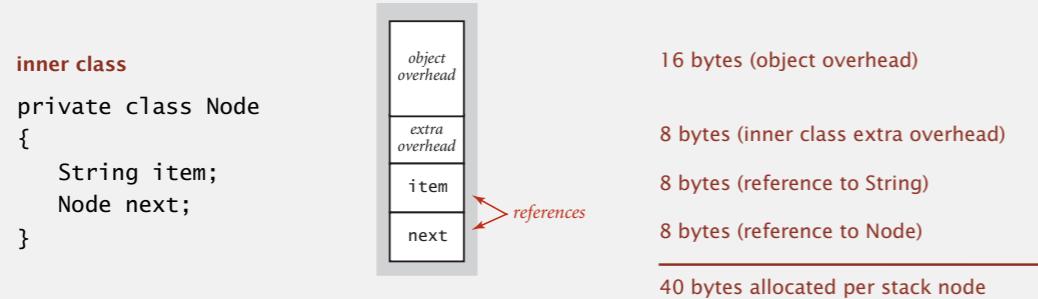
    public String pop()
    {
        String item = first.item;
        first = first.next;
        return item;
    }
}
```

private inner class
(access modifiers for instance
variables 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.



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

Stacks quiz 2

How to implement a fixed-capacity stack 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

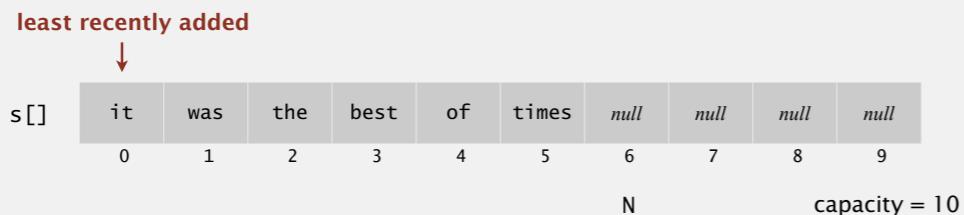
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C. None of the above.

D. I don't know.

Fixed-capacity stack: array implementation

- Use array `s[]` to store N items on stack.
- `push()`: add new item at `s[N]`.
- `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;

    public FixedCapacityStackOfStrings(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]; }
}
```

a cheat
(stay tuned)

use to index into array;
then increment N

decrement N ;
then use to index into array

Stack considerations

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

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

this version avoids "loitering":
garbage collector can reclaim memory for
an object only if no remaining references

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Stack: resizing-array implementation

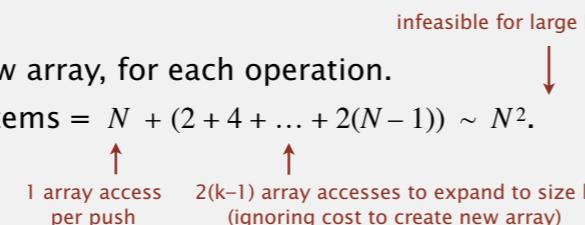
Problem. Requiring client to provide capacity does not implement API!

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 = $N + (2 + 4 + \dots + 2(N-1)) \sim N^2$.


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;
}
```

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



Stack: resizing-array implementation

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 .

full	to	be	or	not			
push("to")	to	be	or	not	to	null	null
pop()	to	be	or	not			
push("be")	to	be	or	not	be	null	null

Stack: resizing-array implementation

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

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

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

	typical	worst	amortized
construct	1	1	1
push	1	N	1
pop	1	N	1
size	1	1	1

**order of growth of running time
for resizing array stack with N items**

doubling and
halving operations

Stack resizing-array implementation: memory usage

Proposition. A `ResizingArrayStackOfStrings` uses $\sim 8N$ to $\sim 32N$ 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 size
    private int N = 0;
    ...
}
```

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

Stack implementations: resizing array vs. linked list

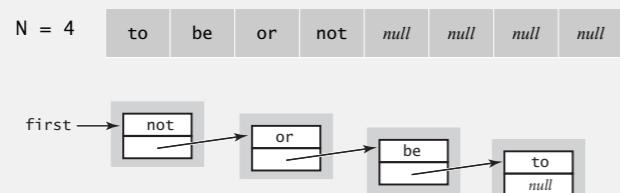
Tradeoffs. Can implement a stack with either resizing array or linked list; client can use interchangeably. Which one is better?

Linked-list implementation.

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

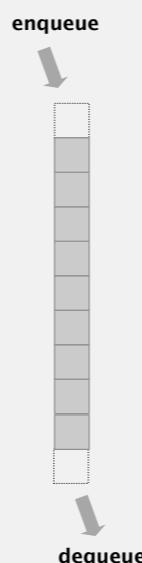
Resizing-array implementation.

- Every operation takes constant **amortized** time.
- Less wasted space.



Queue API

```
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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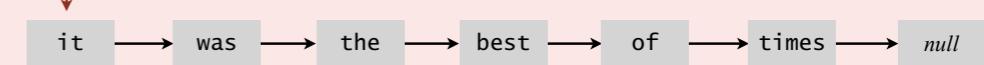
Queues quiz 1

How to implement a queue with a singly-linked linked list?

- A. most recently added



- B. least recently added



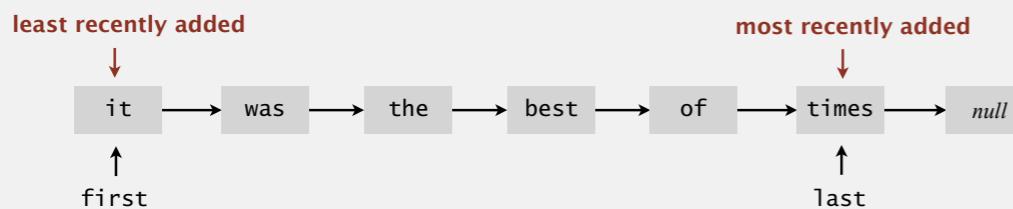
- C. None of the above.

- D. I don't know.

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Queue: linked-list implementation

- 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`.



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Queue dequeue: linked-list implementation

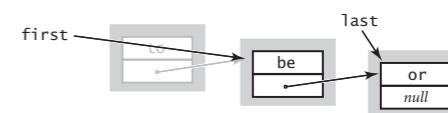
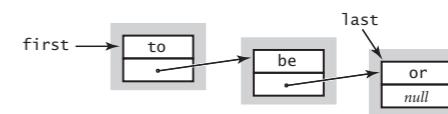
save item to return
String item = first.item;

delete first node

first = first.next;

inner class

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

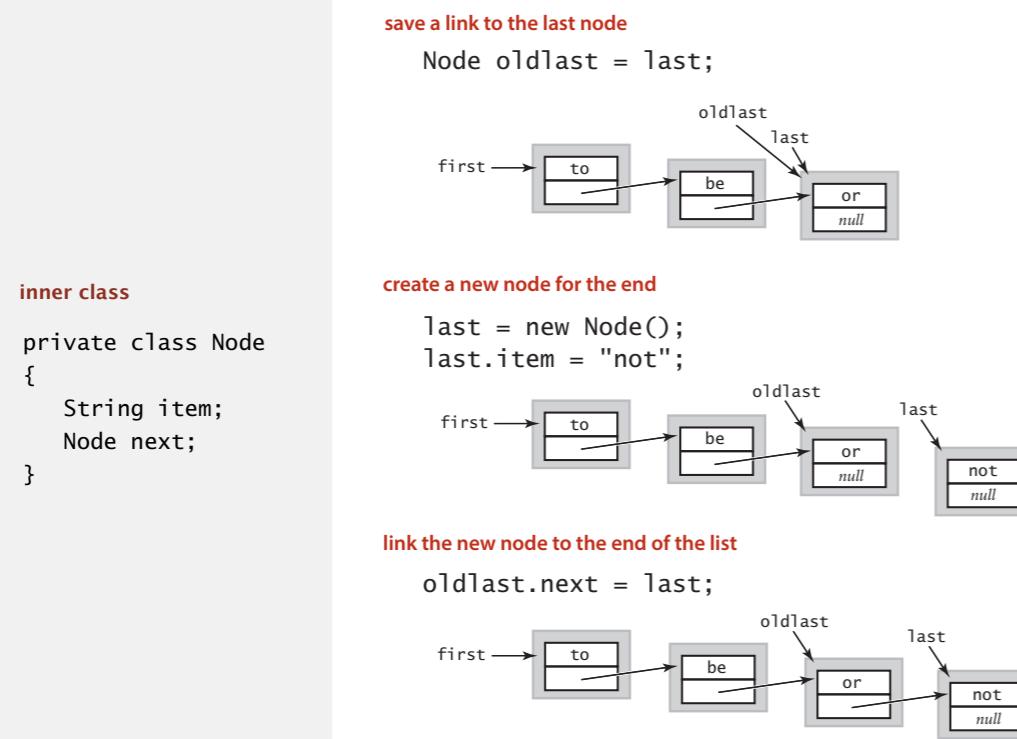


return saved item
return item;

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

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Queue enqueue: linked-list implementation



Queue: linked-list implementation in Java

```
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;
    }
}
```

special cases for empty queue

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Queues quiz 2

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

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0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

B.

most recently added

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

C. None of the above.

D. I don't know.

Queue: resizing-array implementation

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



Q. How to resize?

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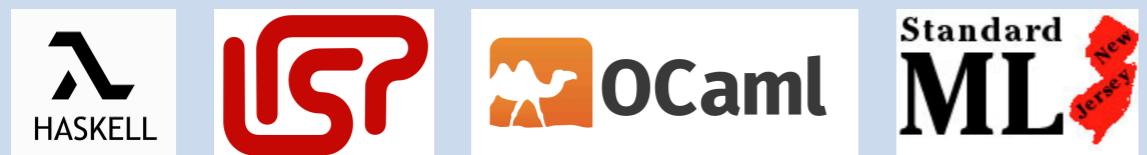
QUEUE WITH TWO STACKS

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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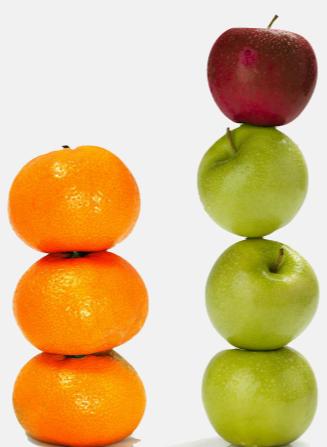
Parameterized stack

We implemented: StackOfStrings.

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

Solution in Java: generics.

```
type parameter  
(use 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  
...
```



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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;  
    }  
}
```

```
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;  
    }  
}
```

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Generic stack: array implementation

the way it should be

```
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]; }
}

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 array creation not allowed in Java

Generic stack: array implementation

the way it is

```
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]; }
}

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]; }
}
```

the ugly cast

Unchecked cast

```
% javac FixedCapacityStack.java
Note: FixedCapacityStack.java uses unchecked or unsafe operations.
Note: Recompile with -Xlint:unchecked for details.

% javac -Xlint:unchecked FixedCapacityStack.java
FixedCapacityStack.java:26: warning: [unchecked] unchecked cast
found   : java.lang.Object[]
required: Item[]
        a = (Item[]) new Object[capacity];
                           ^
1 warning
```

Q. Why does Java make me cast (or use reflection)?

Short answer. Backward compatibility.

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



Generic data types: autoboxing

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 between a primitive type and its wrapper.

```
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.

Stacks quiz 5

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

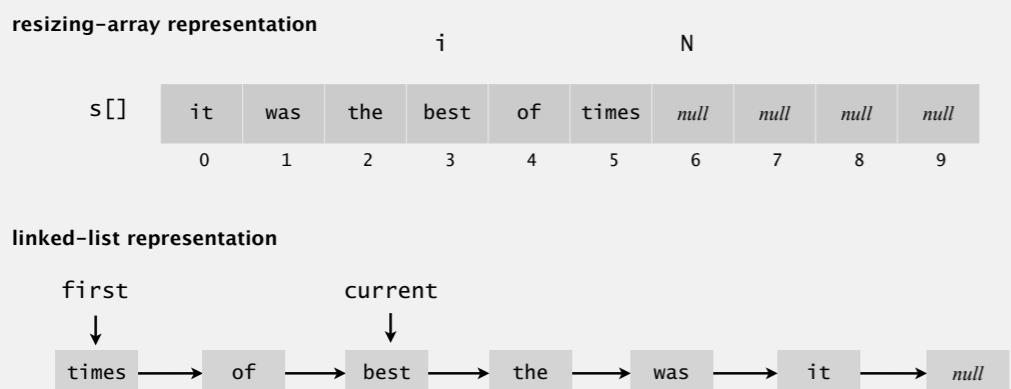
- A. Stack<Character> stack = new Stack();
- B. Stack stack = new Stack<Character>();
- C. Stack<Character> stack = new Stack<Character>();
- D. Stack<char> stack = new Stack<char>();
- E. None of the above.

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Iteration

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



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

Foreach loop

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

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Iterators

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.

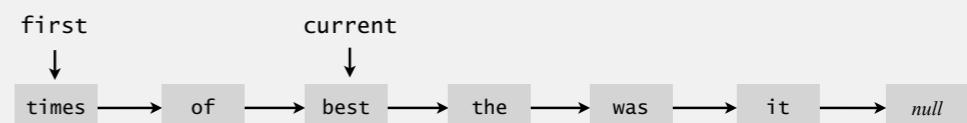
- Data type must use these interfaces to support foreach loop.
- Client program won't compile if implementation doesn't.

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;
        }
    }
}
```



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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]; }
    }
}
```

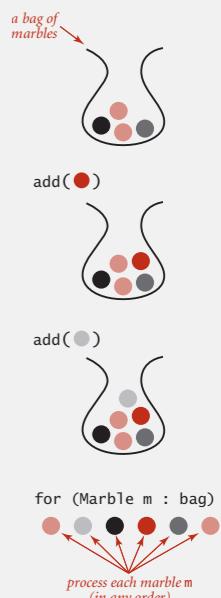
	i	N
s[]	it	was
	0	1
	the	best
	2	3
	of	of
	5	4
	times	times
	6	5
	null	null
	7	6
	null	null
	8	7
	null	null
	9	8

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Bag API

Main application. Adding items to a collection and iterating (when order doesn't matter).

```
public class Bag<Item> implements Iterable<Item>
{
    Bag()
    void add(Item x)
    int size()
    Iterator<Item> iterator()
}
```



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Implementation. Stack (without pop) or queue (without dequeue).



Java collections library

List interface. `java.util.List` is API for a sequence of items.

<code>public interface List<Item> extends Iterable<Item></code>		
<code> List()</code>	<i>create an empty list</i>	
<code> boolean isEmpty()</code>	<i>is the list empty?</i>	
<code> int size()</code>	<i>number of items</i>	
<code> void add(Item item)</code>	<i>add item to the end</i>	
<code> Item get(int index)</code>	<i>return item at given index</i>	
<code> Item remove(int index)</code>	<i>return and delete item at given index</i>	
<code> boolean contains(Item item)</code>	<i>does the list contain the given item?</i>	
<code> Iterator<Item> iterator()</code>	<i>iterator over all items in the list</i>	
<code> :</code>		

Implementations. `java.util.ArrayList` uses a resizing array;
`java.util.LinkedList` uses doubly-linked list. ← Caveat: only some operations are efficient.

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Java collections library

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Java 1.3 bug report (June 27, 2001)

The iterator method on `java.util.Stack` iterates through a Stack from the bottom up. One would think that it should iterate as if it were popping off the top of the Stack.

status (closed, will not fix)

It was an incorrect design decision to have `Stack` extend `Vector` ("is-a" rather than "has-a"). We sympathize with the submitter but cannot fix this because of compatibility.

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`java.util.Queue`. An interface, not an implementation of a queue.

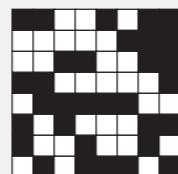
Best practices. Use our implementations of `Stack` and `Queue`.

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War story (from Assignment 1)

Generate random open sites in an N -by- N percolation system.

- Jenny: pick (i, j) 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.

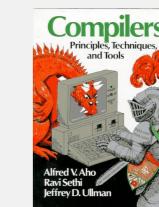


Lesson. Don't use a library until you understand its API!

This course. Cannot use a library until we've implemented it in class.

Stack applications

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



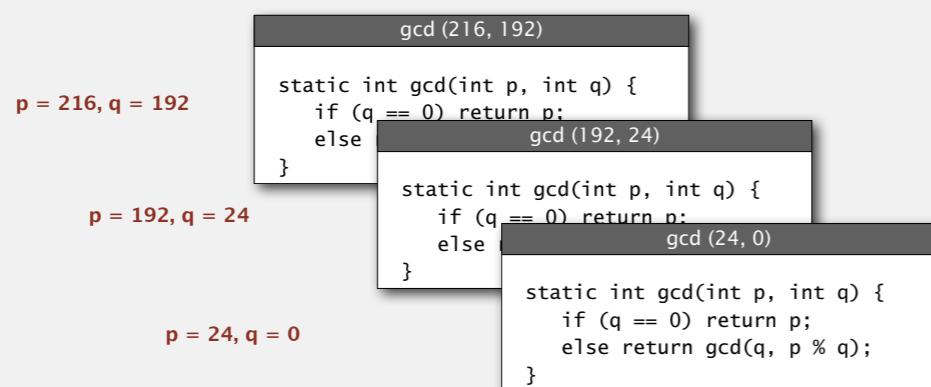
Function calls

How a compiler implements a function.

- Function call: **push** local environment and return address.
- Return: **pop** return address and local environment.

Recursive function. Function that calls itself.

Note. Can always use an explicit stack to remove recursion.



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Arithmetic expression evaluation

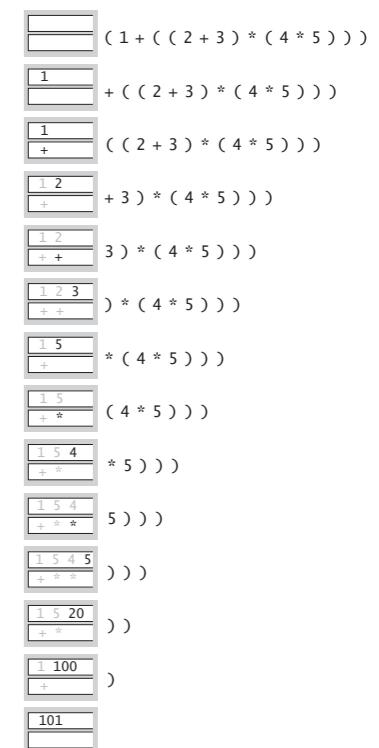
Goal. Evaluate infix expressions.

$(1 + ((2 + 3) * (4 * 5)))$

operand

operator

value stack
operator stack



Two-stack algorithm. [E. W. Dijkstra]

- Value: push onto the value stack.
- Operator: push onto the operator stack.
- Left parenthesis: ignore.
- Right parenthesis: pop operator and two values; push the result of applying that operator to those values onto the operand stack.

Context. An interpreter!

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Dijkstra's two-stack algorithm demo



Arithmetic expression evaluation

```
public class Evaluate
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Stack<String> ops = new Stack<String>();
        Stack<Double> vals = new Stack<Double>();
        while (!StdIn.isEmpty())
        {
            String s = StdIn.readString();
            if (s.equals("(")) /* noop */;
            else if (s.equals("+")) ops.push(s);
            else if (s.equals("*")) ops.push(s);
            else if (s.equals(")"))
            {
                String op = ops.pop();
                if (op.equals("+")) vals.push(vals.pop() + vals.pop());
                else if (op.equals("*")) vals.push(vals.pop() * vals.pop());
            }
            else vals.push(Double.parseDouble(s));
        }
        StdOut.println(vals.pop());
    }
}
```

% java Evaluate
(1 + ((2 + 3) * (4 * 5)))
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Java code for arithmetic expression evaluation using two stacks. The code reads tokens from standard input, pushes them onto stacks based on their type (values or operators), and then performs the necessary operations to calculate the result.

Correctness

Q. Why correct?

A. When algorithm encounters an operator surrounded by two values within parentheses, it leaves the result on the value stack.

```
( 1 + ( ( 2 + 3 ) * ( 4 * 5 ) ) )
```

as if the original input were:

```
( 1 + ( 5 * ( 4 * 5 ) ) )
```

Repeating the argument:

```
( 1 + ( 5 * 20 ) )
( 1 + 100 )
101
```

Extensions. More ops, precedence order, associativity.

Stack-based programming languages

Observation 1. Dijkstra's two-stack algorithm computes the same value if the operator occurs **after** the two values.

```
( 1 ( ( 2 3 + ) ( 4 5 * ) * ) + )
```

Observation 2. All of the parentheses are redundant!

```
1 2 3 + 4 5 * * +
```



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Bottom line. Postfix or "reverse Polish" notation.

Applications. Postscript, Forth, calculators, Java virtual machine, ...