

CSE 143

Computer Programming II

Stacks & Queues



Why do Computer Scientists
Come up with their own
definitions for common words?

List, Tree, Type, Class, Bug,
Escape

To make a list of the
types of bugs escaping
up the tree. Classy.

- Can we include implementation details in the inside comments?
Yes, but not in the method headers.
- When do I use static methods? **If you want to write a method that doesn't use a particular instance of the class, it should be static**

```
1 // This method doesn't use a particular instance; it is a property
2 // that all the instances share
3 public static int numberOfArrayListsCreated() {}
4
5 // This is a property of a particular instance. For example,
6 // the max of [1,2,3] is 3, but the max of [1, 1, 1] is 1.
7 public int max() {}
```

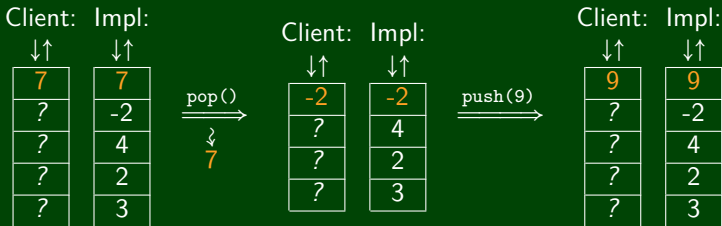
- Are we going to be given index cards every day?
Pretty much. Yes, I'm aware of the trees.
- What if I'm completely lost in lecture? **Come to office hours; I'm happy to explain the entire lecture again. Also, raise your hand for clarifications!**
- I didn't have enough space to answer all the questions that were asked. Feel free to come up afterwards/at office hours to get the other questions answered.

TODO

Stack

A **stack** is a collection which orders the elements last-in-first-out (“LIFO”). Note that, unlike lists, stacks **do not have indices**.

- Elements are stored internally in order of insertion.
- Clients can ask for the top element (**pop/peek**).
- Clients can ask for the size.
- Clients can add to the top of the stack (**push**).
- Clients **may only see the top element of the stack**



A stack seems like what you get if you take a list and **remove** methods.

Well... yes... .

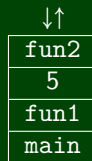
- This prevents the client from doing something they shouldn't.
- This ensures that all valid operations are fast.
 - `add(idx, val):` $\mathcal{O}(n)$
 - `remove(idx):` $\mathcal{O}(n)$
 - `push(val):` $\mathcal{O}(1)$
 - `pop():` $\mathcal{O}(1)$
- Having Fewer operations makes stacks easy to reason about.

- Your programs use stacks to run:

(pop = return, method call = push)!

```
1 public static fun1() {
2     fun2(5);
3 }
4 public static fun2(int i) {
5     return 2*i; //At this point!
6 }
7 public static void main(String[] args) {
8     System.out.println(fun1());
9 }
```

Execution:



- Compilers parse expressions using stacks
- Stacks help convert between infix ($3 + 2$) and postfix ($3 2 +$). (This is important, because postfix notation uses fewer characters.)
- Many programs use “undo stacks” to keep track of user operations.

<code>Stack<E>()</code>	Constructs a new stack with elements of type E
<code>push(val)</code>	Places val on top of the stack
<code>pop()</code>	Removes top value from the stack and returns it; throws <code>EmptyStackException</code> if stack is empty
<code>peek()</code>	Returns top value from the stack without removing it; throws <code>EmptyStackException</code> if stack is empty
<code>size()</code>	Returns the number of elements in the stack
<code>isEmpty()</code>	Returns true if the stack has no elements

In Java, `Stack` has other methods. **YOU MAY NOT USE THEM.** The Java `Stack` class allows you to call methods that are not part of standard stacks; they are also inefficient.



Consider the code we ended with for ReverseFile from the first lecture:

Print out words in reverse, then WORDS IN REVERSE

```
1 ArrayList<String> words = new ArrayList<String>();
2
3 Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("words.txt"));
4 while (input.hasNext()) {
5     String word = input.next();
6     words.add(word);
7 }
8
9 for (int i = words.size() - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
10     System.out.println(words.get(i));
11 }
12 for (int i = words.size() - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
13     System.out.println(words.get(i).toUpperCase());
14 }
```

We used an ArrayList, but then we printed in reverse order. A Stack would work better!

This is the equivalent code using Stacks instead:

Doing it with Stacks

```
1 Stack<String> words = new Stack<String>();
2
3 Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("words.txt"));
4
5 while (input.hasNext()) {
6     String word = input.next();
7     words.push(word);
8 }
9
10 Stack<String> copy = new Stack<String>();
11 while (!words.isEmpty()) {
12     copy.push(words.pop());
13     System.out.println(words.peek());
14 }
15
16 while (!copy.isEmpty()) {
17     System.out.println(copy.pop().toUpperCase());
18 }
```

You may NOT use `get` on a stack!

```
1 Stack<Integer> s = new Stack<Integer>();  
2 for (int i = 0; i < s.size(); i++) {  
3     System.out.println(s.get(i));  
4 }
```

`get`, `set`, etc. are **not valid stack operations**.

Instead, use a `while` loop

```
1 Stack<Integer> s = new Stack<Integer>();  
2 while (!s.isEmpty()) {  
3     System.out.println(s.pop());  
4 }
```

Note that as we discovered, the `while` loop **destroys the stack**.

Abstract Data Type

An **abstract data type** is a description of what a collection of data **can do**. We usually specify these with **interfaces**.

List ADT

In Java, a **List** can add, remove, size, get, set.

List Implementations

An **ArrayList** is a particular type of List. Because it is a list, we promise it can do everything a List can. A **LinkedList** is another type of List.

Even though we don't know how it works, we know it can do everything a List can, **because it's a List**.

This is INVALID CODE

```
1 List<String> list = new List<String>(); // BAD : WON'T COMPILE
```

List is a description of methods. It doesn't specify **how they work**.

This Code Is Redundant

```
1 ArrayList<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();
2 list.add(5);
3 list.add(6);
4
5 for (int i = 0; i < list.size(); i++) {
6     System.out.println(list.get(i));
7 }
8
9 LinkedList<Integer> list = new LinkedList<Integer>();
10 list.add(5);
11 list.add(6);
12
13 for (int i = 0; i < list.size(); i++) {
14     System.out.println(list.get(i));
15 }
```

We can't condense it any more when written this way, because `ArrayList` and `LinkedList` are totally different things.

Instead, we can use the `List` interface and swap out different implementations of lists:

This Uses Interfaces Correctly!

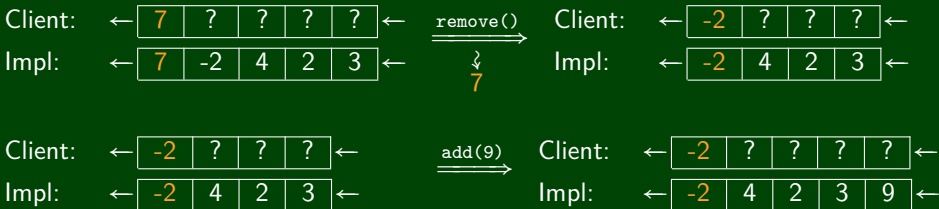
```
1 List<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();
2           // = new LinkedList<Integer>();
3           // We can choose which implementation
4           // And the code below will work the
5           // same way for both of them!
6 list.add(5);
7 list.add(6);
8
9 for (int i = 0; i < list.size(); i++) {
10     System.out.println(list.get(i));
11 }
```

The other benefit is that the code doesn't change based on which implementation we (or a client!) want to use!

Queue

A **queue** is a collection which orders the elements first-in-first-out (“FIFO”). Note that, unlike lists, queues **do not have indices**.

- Elements are stored internally in order of insertion.
- Clients can ask for the first element (**remove/peek**).
- Clients can ask for the size.
- Clients can add to the back of the queue (**add**).
- Clients **may only see the first element of the queue**.



- Queue of print jobs to send to the printer
- Queue of programs / processes to be run
- Queue of keys pressed and not yet handled
- Queue of network data packets to send
- Queue of button/keyboard/etc. events in Java
- Modeling any sort of line
- Queuing Theory (subfield of CS about complex behavior of queues)

Queue is an interface. So, you create a new Queue with:

```
Queue<Integer> queue = new LinkedList<Integer>();
```

<code>add(val)</code>	Adds val to the back of the queue
<code>remove()</code>	Removes the first value from the queue; throws a <code>NoSuchElementException</code> if the queue is empty
<code>peek()</code>	Returns the first value in the queue without removing it; returns <code>null</code> if the queue is empty
<code>size()</code>	Returns the number of elements in the queue
<code>isEmpty()</code>	Returns true if the queue has no elements



War is played with a standard 52 card deck.

- 1 The deck is shuffled.
- 2 The deck is completely dealt out among players.
- 3 Both players place down a card.
- 4 If the cards have equal value, go back to step 3. Otherwise, the player with the higher card appends all the cards to her deck.
- 5 Play continues until someone runs out of cards.

Let's Write Code for War!