

Introduction to the C programming language

From C to C++: Stack and Queue

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Abstract data types

- An important concept in programming is the *Abstract Data Type* (ADT)
- An abstract data type is a user-defined type, that can be used similarly to built-in data types
- An ADT defines
 - What kind of values the data type can assume (*domain*)
 - What operations we can perform on the data type
- How the data and the operations are implemented is *hidden* to the user, and it is part of the implementation

ADT in C

- ADT are a general concept that can be supported in any language, including Assembler, Basic, C
- Example of ADT in C

```
struct point {  
    double x, y;  
    int z;  
};  
  
void point_read(ifstream &in, point *p);  
void point_save(ofstream &out, point *p);  
void point_print(point *p);
```

- The structure defines the *domain* (i.e. how the data is composed by three components)
The three functions define the *operations* we can do on the data
- It is not very nice to program ADT in C, because there is little support from the language. ADT are well supported in *Object Oriented* (OO) languages

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this function is part of the class, i.e. it can access all private data of the class

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Access a *public member* of class Point on the object p. In this specific case, invoked the function print() of class Point on object p.

This is a compilation error: `x` is a private member of `Point` and cannot be accessed from the other parts of the program.

Implementation

- Implementation usually goes into a separate class
point.cpp

point.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
#include "point.hpp"

Point::Point() : x(0), y(0), z(0)
{}

Point::Point(double x1, double y1) :
    x(x1), y(y1), z(0)
{}

void Point::print()
{
    cout << "(" << x << ", " << y << ")";
}
```

point.cpp

```
void Point::read(istream &in)
{
    in >> x >> y >> z;
}

void Point::save(ofstream &out)
{
    out << x << " " << y << " "
        << z << endl;
}

double Point::get_x()
{
    return x;
}
```

- Notice how we specify the functions, and how we access the member variables (i.e. variables defined inside the class).

Dynamic memory allocation

C language

```
int *p = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
int *a = (int *)malloc(10*sizeof(int));
...
free(p);
free(a);
```

C++ language

```
int *p = new int(0);
int *a = new [10] int;
...

delete p;
delete a;
```

- C++ uses the special keyword `new`, and a more automatic syntax (you can specify the type, and there is no need to specify the size)

Is that all?

- C++ is a complex language, and we have just seen a few very basic concepts
- We have no time to present C++ in details. However, these very basic things should be necessary to start reasoning on data structures
- We will see more features as we go on.

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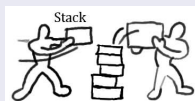
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Stack

- A stack is a very simple data structure.
- A stack can hold a set of uniform data, like an array (for example, integers)
- Data is ordered according to the LIFO (Last-In-First-Out) strategy

Two main operations are defined on the data structure:

- Push: a new data is inserted in the stack
- Pop: data is extracted from the stack



Usually, we can also read the element at the top of the stack with a Top operation

Stack interface

- Let's start by defining a stack of integers of fixed size
 - Initially, we will allow only a maximum number of elements in the stack

stack.hpp

```
#ifndef __STACK_HPP__
#define __STACK_HPP__

class Stack {
    int array[10];
    int top;
public:
    Stack();
    void push(int elem);
    int pop();
    int query();
    void print();
};

#endif
```

Stack implementation

- Here is the implementation

stack.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
#include "stack.hpp"

using namespace std;

Stack::Stack() : top(0)
{
}

void Stack::push(int elem)
{
    if (top < 10) array[top++] = elem;
    else cerr << "Stack is full, push operation failed" << endl;
}

int Stack::pop()
{
    if (top > 0) return array[--top];
    else cerr << "Stack::pop() : is empty" << endl;
}
```

Stack implementation - 2

stack.cpp

```
int Stack::query()
{
    if (top > 0) return array[top-1];
    else cerr << "Stack::query() : is empty" << endl;
}

void Stack::print()
{
    int i;
    cout << "[";
    for (i=0; i<top; i++) cout << array[i] << ",";
    cout << "]" << endl;
}
```


Stack: unlimited size

- Let's remove the limitation on the size
 - We want a stack that enlarges itself dynamically

stackdyn.hpp

```
#ifndef __STACKDYN_HPP__
#define __STACKDYN_HPP__

class Stack {
    int *array;
    int cursize;
    int top;
public:
    Stack();
    ~Stack();
    void push(int elem);
    int pop();
    int query();
    void print();
};

#endif
```

Destructor

- The function `~Stack()` is called destructor
- It is automatically called when an object of type `stack` is destroyed
- As we will see in the implementation, in our case we need to deallocate the memory allocated by `new` with a corresponding `delete`.

Constructor and Destructor in stackdyn

stackdyn.cpp

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 #include "stackdyn.hpp"
3
4 using namespace std;
5
6 #define INC_SIZE 5
7
8 Stack::Stack() : top(0), cursize(INC_SIZE)
9 {
10     array = new int[INC_SIZE];
11 }
12
13 Stack::~Stack()
14 {
15     delete array;
16 }
```

Dynamic size stack implementation

stackdyn.cpp

```

19 void Stack::push(int elem)
20 {
21     if (top >= cursize) {
22         int i;
23         int *temp = new int[cursize + INC_SIZE];
24         for (i=0; i<top; i++) temp[i] = array[i];
25         delete array;
26         array = temp;
27         cursize += INC_SIZE;
28     }
29     array[top++] = elem;
30 }
31
32 int Stack::pop()
33 {
34     if (top > 0) return array[--top];
35     else cerr << "Stack::pop() : is empty" << endl;
36 }

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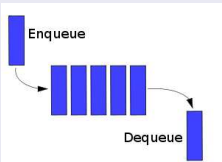
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Queue

- Let us now implement a queue of integers
- The policy for inserting / extracting elements is FIFO (First-In-First-Out)

Two operations:

- enqueue inserts a new element in the queue
- dequeue extracts an element from the queue



Circular array

- Let's start again from a fixed size array

queue.hpp

```
#ifndef __QUEUE_HPP__
#define __QUEUE_HPP__

class Queue {
    int array[10];
    int head;
    int tail;
    int num;
public:
    Queue();
    void enqueue(int elem);
    int dequeue();
    void print();
};

#endif
```

Queue implementation

queue.cpp

```
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  #include <iostream>
3
  using namespace std;
5
  Queue::Queue() : head(0), tail(0), num(0)
7  {
  }
9
  void Queue::enqueue(int elem)
11 {
    if (num < 10) {
13         array[head] = elem;
        head = (head + 1) % 10;
15         num++;
    }
17     else cerr << "Queue::enqueue() : queue is full" << endl;
  }
```

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queue.cpp

```

21 int Queue::dequeue()
22 {
23     int ret = 0;
24     if (num > 0) {
25         ret = array[tail];
26         tail = (tail + 1) % 10;
27         num--;
28     }
29     else cerr << "Queue::dequeue() : queue is empty" << endl;
30
31     return ret;
32 }

```

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```
33 void Queue::print()
34 {
35     int i;
36     cout << "[";
37     for (i=0; i<num; i++) cout << array[(tail + i)%10] << ",";
38     cout << "]" << endl;
39 }
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