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# COMP1511 - Programming Fundamentals

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# What did we cover yesterday?

## Projects with Multiple Files

- Using and Compiling Multiple Files

## Abstract Data Types - Queues

- Providing functionality and hiding the implementation
- typedef and how to use it
- A Queue as an example of an Abstract Data Type - rules with no set underlying structure

# What are we covering today?

## Finishing our Queue Implementation

- Destroying and Freeing
- Returning the number of items

## Another Abstract Data Type

- Stacks
- Implementing with other data structures

# Recap - Abstract Data Types

## Making our own types with specific uses

- Declare our functionality in a Header (\*.h) file
- Hide our Implementation in a \*.c file
  
- The Header declares the type and the functions
- All the implementation is left out of the header
  
- The C file defines the underlying implementation

# Finishing our Queue

## A few leftovers

- We're not cleaning our memory properly yet
- So we need a function that frees an entire queue
  
- Also, a function that returns how many items are in the queue
- This makes it easier for someone to use without risking errors

# Our queue.h Header File

```
// queue type hides the struct that it is
// implemented as
typedef struct queueInternals *Queue;

// functions to create and destroy queues
Queue queueCreate(void);
void queueFree(Queue q);

// Add and remove items from queues
// Removing the item returns the item for use
void queueAdd(Queue q, int item);
int queueRemove(Queue q);

// Check on the size of the queue
int queueSize(Queue q);
```

# queueFree()

Free all the memory in the linked list that we're using

- Loop through the list
- free() each node as we go

```
// Destroy and Free the entire queue
void queueFree(Queue q) {
    while (q->head != NULL) {
        struct queueNode *current = q->head;
        q->head = q->head->next;
        free(current);
    }
}
```

# Testing for memory leaks

Let's use `dcc --leakcheck`

```
int main(void) {  
    Queue iceQueue = queueCreate();  
    queueAdd(iceQueue, 1);  
    queueAdd(iceQueue, 2);  
    queueAdd(iceQueue, 3);  
  
    queueFree(iceQueue);  
}
```

- What happens when we run with memory leak checking?
- Remember that all memory allocated with `malloc()` must be freed!

# queueFree() Improved

Remember to free all the memory allocations!

```
// Destroy and Free the entire queue
void queueFree(Queue q) {
    while (q->head != NULL) {
        struct queueNode *current = q->head;
        q->head = q->head->next;
        free(current);
    }
    free(q);
}
```

# Number of items in the Queue

Our last function is queueSize()

- Loop through the list until the end
- Count how many elements are in it

```
// Return the number of items in the queue
int queueSize(Queue q) {
    struct queueNode *iterator = q->head;
    int counter = 0;
    while(iterator != NULL) {
        counter++;
        iterator = iterator->next;
    }
    return counter;
}
```

# Can we be trickier?

Maybe we don't want to loop through the whole list every time?

- We have a queueInternals struct that can store information
- How about we store the size there?

```
// Queue internals holds a pointer to the start of a linked list
struct queueInternals {
    struct queueNode *head;
    struct queueNode *tail;
    int size;
};
```

- Then, whenever we add or remove a node, we add or subtract 1 from this variable

# Completing our Queue

To go along with our size variable . . .

- queueCreate will set the size to 0
- queueAdd will add 1
- queueRemove will subtract 1

In our testing main(), we can now show this working with a loop:

```
while(queueSize(iceQueue) > 0) {  
    printf("Person %d just got their ice cream!\n", queueRemove(iceQueue));  
    printf("There are %d people in the queue.\n", queueSize(iceQueue));  
}
```

# More thoughts on the Queue

## Whatever includes the queue only sees the header

- When we're using ADTs we don't know (or need to know) the implementation
- What if this queue had been implemented using an array?

## Challenge

- Implement queue.c using an array instead of a Linked List
- There are several different ways to make that work!

# Break Time

## Where to find further information about programming?

- There are a lot of online resources that can help with programming
- Teaching yourself can help to go beyond course content
- Stack Overflow is a question and answer site
  - It can sometimes be useful but sometimes be confusing or argumentative
- There are several free online courses that will teach you different languages
  - Too many to list!
- Experimentation will always teach you something!

# Stacks - another Abstract Data Type

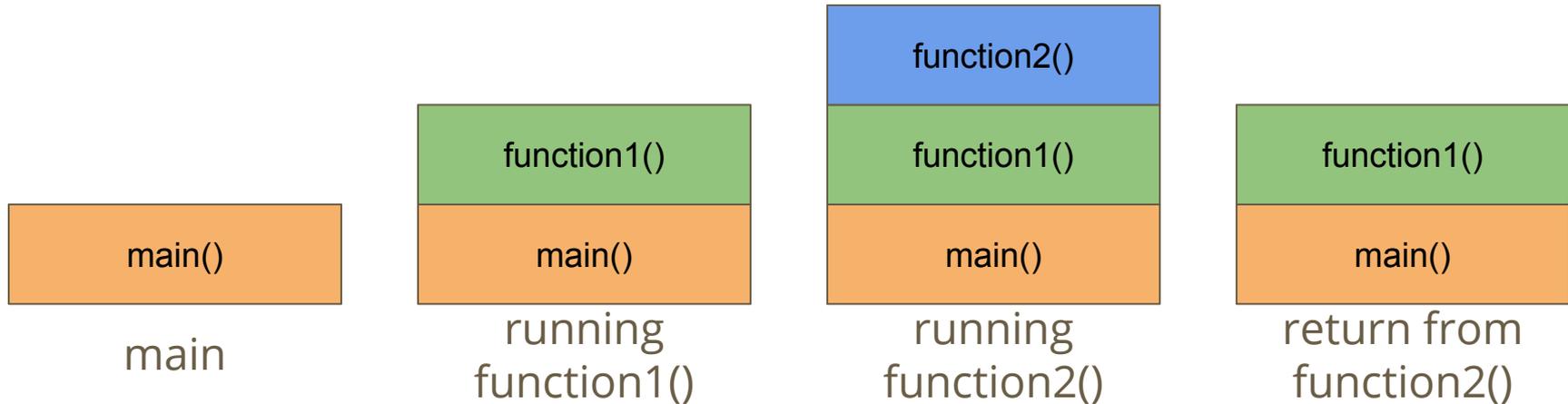
**A stack is a very common data structure in programming**

- It is a "Last in first out" structure
- You can put something on top of a stack
- You can take something off the top of a stack
- You can't access anything underneath

# This is actually how functions work!

The currently running code is on the top of the stack

- main() calls function1() - only function1() is accessible
- function1() calls function2() - only function2() is accessible
- control returns to function1() when function2() returns



# What kind of functions does a stack need?

## Functionality to put in a header file

- create
- free
- push (add to the top of the stack)
- pop (remove from the top of the stack)
- top (show the top without removing it)
- size

We'll only have time for some of these today

# A Stack Header

Looks eerily familiar to Queue ...

```
// stack type hides the struct that it is implemented as
typedef struct stackInternals *stack;

// functions to create and destroy stacks
stack stackCreate(void);
void stackFree(stack s);

// Push and Pop items from stacks
// Removing the item returns the item for use
void stackPush(stack s, int item);
int stackPop(stack s);

// Check on the size of the queue
int stackSize(stack s);
```

# Implementation

## What is our internal data structure going to be?

- We could use a linked list again
- We could use an array
- Whichever it is, it should be invisible to whoever includes the stack.h file
  
- For this example, let's use an array (just for a change)
- Our data will be stored in an array with a large maximum size
- We'll keep track of where the top is with an int



# stack.c

```
// Struct representing the stack using an array
struct stackInternals {
    int stack[MAX_STACK_SIZE];
    int top;
};

// create a new stack
stack stackCreate() {
    stack s = malloc(sizeof(struct stackInternals));
    if (s == NULL) {
        printf("Cannot allocate memory for a stack.\n");
        exit(1);
    }
    s->top = 0;
    return s;
}
```

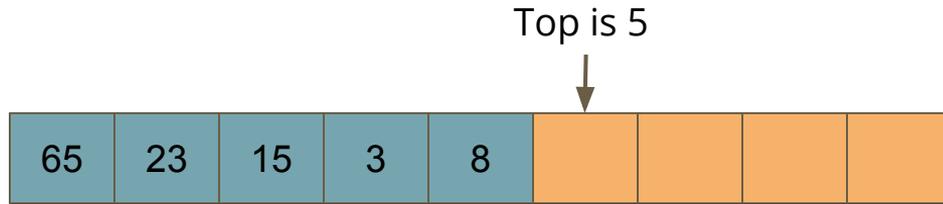
# Push and Pop

**These should only interact with the top of the stack**

- **Push** should add an element after the end of the stack
- It should then move the top index to that new element
  
- **Pop** should return the element on the top of the stack
- It should then move the top index down one

# Push

Push a new element "82" onto the stack



The stack starts like this



82 is added at top's index



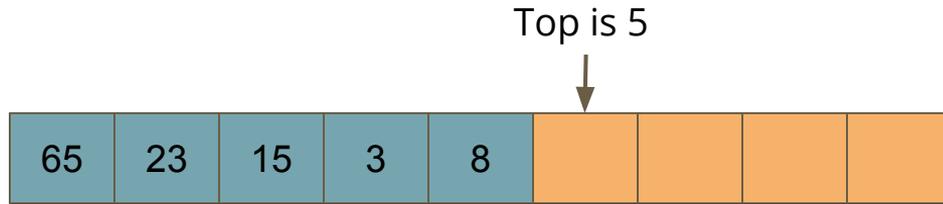
Top then moves up one

# Push code

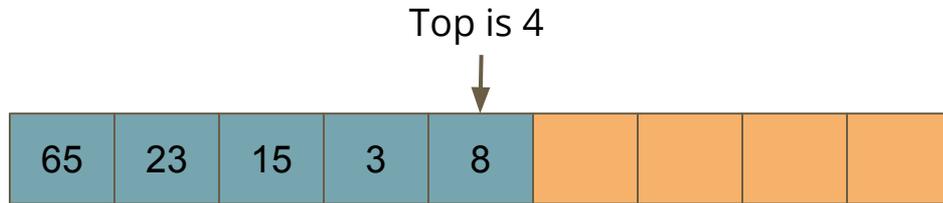
```
// Add an element to the top of the stack
void stackPush(stack s, int item) {
    // check to see if we've used up all our memory
    if(s->top == MAX_STACK_SIZE) {
        printf("Maximum stack size reached, cannot push.\n");
        exit(1);
    }
    s->stackData[s->top] = item;
    s->top++;
}
```

# Pop

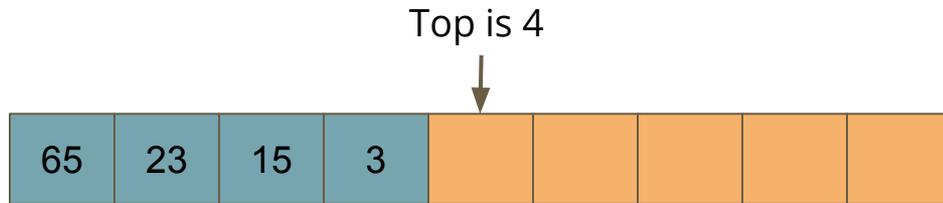
Pop removes the top element from the stack



The stack starts like this



Top moves down one



Read the element at top and return it

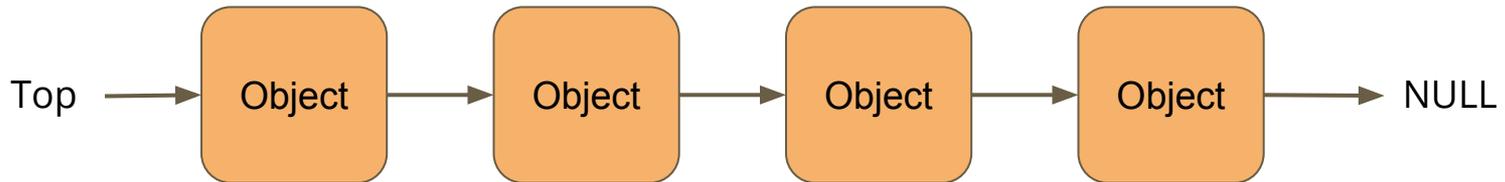
# Pop code

```
// Remove an element from the top of the stack
int stackPop(stack s) {
    // check to see if the stack is empty
    if(s->top <= 0) {
        printf("Stack is empty, cannot pop.\n");
        exit(1);
    }
    s->top--;
    return s->stackData[s->top];
}
```

# What if this were a linked list?

Implementation should be invisible to the including code

- Let's try to implement the same functions with a linked list
- We'll add elements to the end
- We'll also remove elements from the same end



# Linked List Implementation

```
struct stackInternals {
    struct node *top;
};
struct node {
    struct node *next;
    int data;
};

stack stackCreate() {
    stack s = malloc(sizeof(struct stackInternals));
    if (s == NULL) {
        printf("Cannot allocate memory for a stack.\n");
        exit(1);
    }
    s->top = NULL;
    return s;
}
```

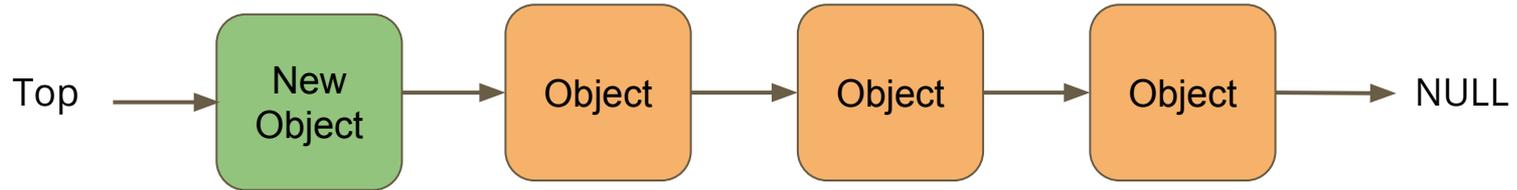
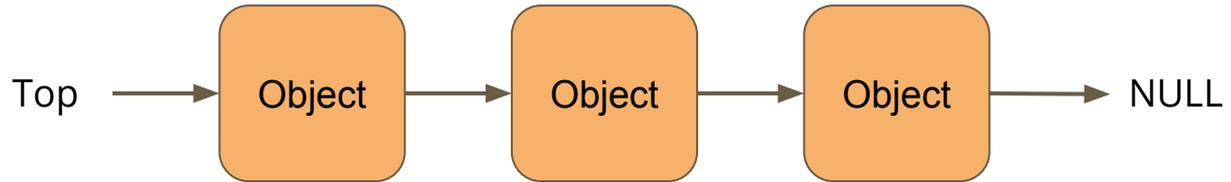
# Push and Pop with a Linked List

All of our changes will apply to the top of the list

- **Push** adds an element to the top of the list
- Top will then point at that element
  
- **Pop** removes the top element of the list and returns it
- Top will then point at the next element

# Push

Add a node to the top of the list

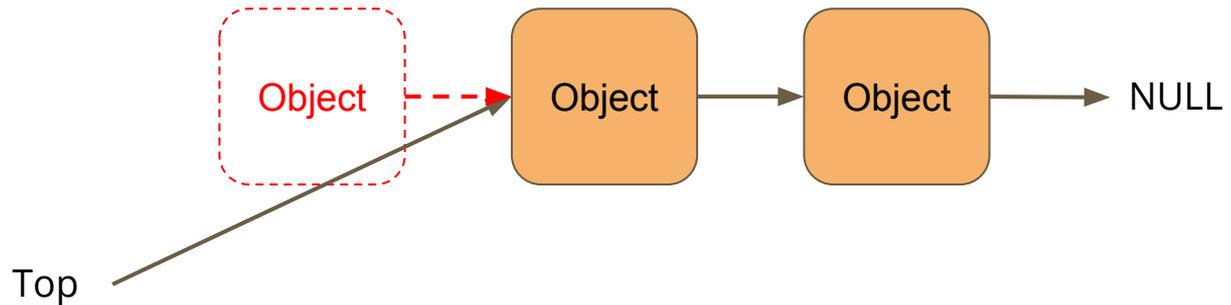
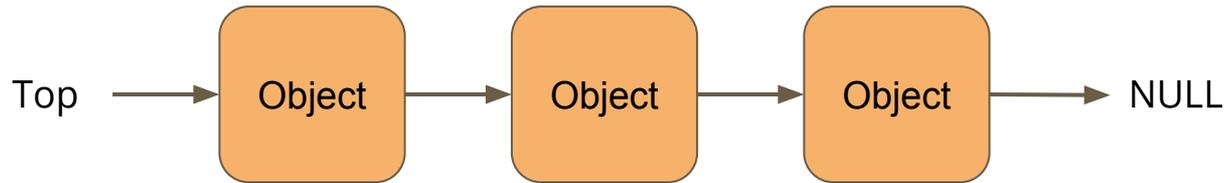


# Push Code

```
// Add an element on top of the stack
void stackPush(stack s, int item) {
    struct node *n = malloc(sizeof (struct node));
    if (n == NULL) {
        printf("Cannot allocate memory for a node.\n");
        exit(1);
    }
    n->data = item;
    n->next = s->top;
    s->top = n;
}
```

# Pop

Remove the node from the top of the list



# Pop code

```
// Remove the top element from the stack
int stackPop(stack s) {
    if(s->top == NULL) {
        printf("Stack is empty, cannot pop.\n");
        exit(1);
    }
    // keep a pointer to the node so we can free it
    struct node *n = s->top;
    int item = n->data;
    s->top = s->top->next;
    free(n);
    return item;
}
```

# Hidden Implementations

## Neither Implementation needs to change the Header

- The main function doesn't know the difference!
- The structures and implementations are hidden from the header file and the rest of the code that uses it
- If we want or need to, we can change the underlying implementation without affecting the main code

# What did we learn today?

## Abstract Data Types

- Complete implementation of the Queue using a Linked List
- Partial implementation of a Stack using an Array
- Showing that we can also implement the Stack using a Linked List
- Hidden implementations mean they can change if we want!

## We're finished for new content for COMP1511

- Next week's lectures will be a recap and strategies for the exam