

Assignment 2

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A stack is an important data-structure used in many applications such as compilers, communication protocols, interpreters, etc. A stack S stores data items and is defined by the following operations:

Iseempty(S)

- equal to true, if S is empty
- equal to false, if S contains at least one element

Push(S, data)

- stores a given data element at the top of S .

Pop(S)

- if S is empty it will return a special null-data element
- if S is not empty it returns the data element at the top of S , while deleting the data element from the top of S .

Top(S)

- if S is empty, it will return a special null-data element
- if S is not empty, it returns the data element at the top of S .

In this assignment you are asked to implement a stack S that stores strictly positive integers. A user should be able to issue commands at the command line that have the following forms and results:

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| 'e' | the program will respond with 'S is empty', or 'S is not empty', if the stack S is empty, not empty, respectively. |
| 'P <number>' | where <number> is a strictly positive integer, resulting in the <number> being pushed on the stack S . |
| 'p' | if the stack is not empty, the program pops the top element from the stack S and reports its value, otherwise it reports 'Error S is empty'. |
| 't' | if the stack is not empty, the program reports the value of the element at the top of the stack S , otherwise it reports 'Error S is empty'. |
| 'q' | the program stops. |