

A+ Computer Science

STACKS

**What
is a
stack?**

What is a stack?

A stack is a group of items all of the same type where items are added to the top of the stack and removed from the top.

Stacks work in a LIFO manner.

What is a stack?

```
Stack<Integer> stack;  
stack = new Stack<Integer>();
```

stack will only store
Integer values.

What is a stack?

```
stack.push(15);
```

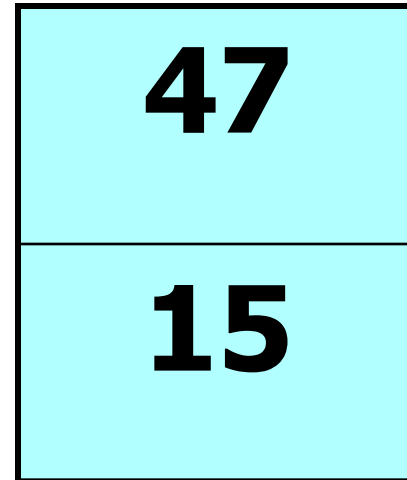
**push adds an item
to the stack.**

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What is a stack?

```
stack.push(47);
```

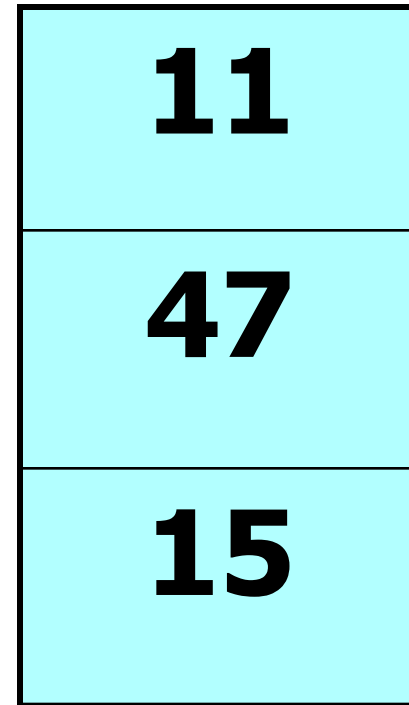
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What is a stack?

```
stack.push(11);
```

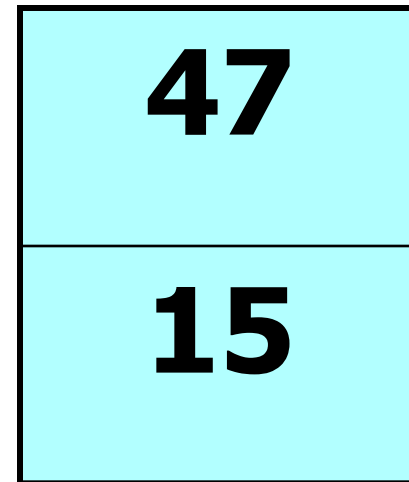
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Stack methods

Stack

frequently used methods

Name	Use
<code>push(x)</code>	adds item x to the stack
<code>add(x)</code>	adds item x to the stack
<code>pop()</code>	removes and returns an item
<code>peek()</code>	returns the top item with no remove
<code>size()</code>	returns the # of items in the stack
<code>isEmpty()</code>	checks to see if the stack is empty

```
import java.util.Stack;
```

push() method

```
Stack<Integer> s;  
s = new Stack<Integer>();  
s.push(88);  
s.push(23);  
s.push(11);  
out.println(s);
```

OUTPUT

[88, 23, 11]

stackpush.java

pop() method

```
Stack<Integer> s;  
s = new Stack<Integer>();  
s.push(88);  
s.push(23);  
s.push(11);  
s.pop();  
out.println(s);
```

OUTPUT

[88, 23]

stockpop.java

push/pop method

```
Stack<Integer> s;  
s = new Stack<Integer>();  
s.push(88);  
s.push(23);  
s.push(11);  
s.pop();  
s.pop();  
out.println(s);
```

OUTPUT

[88]

stackpushpop.java

peek() method

```
Stack<Integer> s;  
s = new Stack<Integer>();  
s.push(88);  
s.push(23);  
s.push(11);  
out.println(s.peek());  
out.println(s);
```

OUTPUT

11

[88, 23, 11]

stackpeek.java

isEmpty() method

```
Stack<Integer> s;  
s = new Stack<Integer>();  
s.push(88);  
s.push(23);  
s.push(11);  
while(!s.isEmpty())  
{  
    out.println(s.pop());  
}
```

OUTPUT

11
23
88

stackisempty.java

Stack Algorithms

Expression Tester

Expressions are made up of values and symbols. Many symbols come in pairs.

()
{ }

A stack can be used to match up opening and closing symbols.

Expression Tester

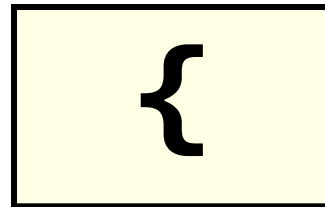
(()) is a valid expression

{ (}) is an invalid expression

**Open and closing symbol pairs
have to occur in the proper sequence.**

Expression Tester

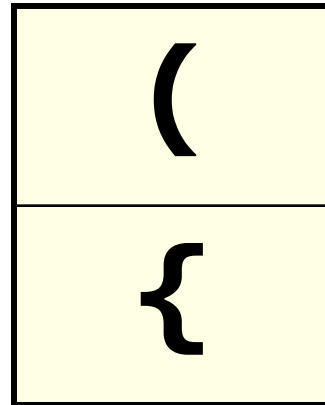
{ () }



Push { onto the stack.

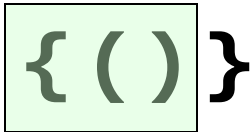
Expression Tester

{ () }

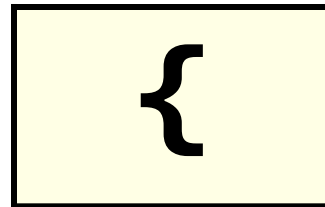


Push (onto the stack.

Expression Tester



{ () }



{

A close) was encountered. Pop the top symbol off the stack and see if it matches.

Expression Tester

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}

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Expression Tester

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All symbols have been processed. All symbols matched up and the stack is empty. The expression is valid.

Stack Algorithms

Postfix Solver

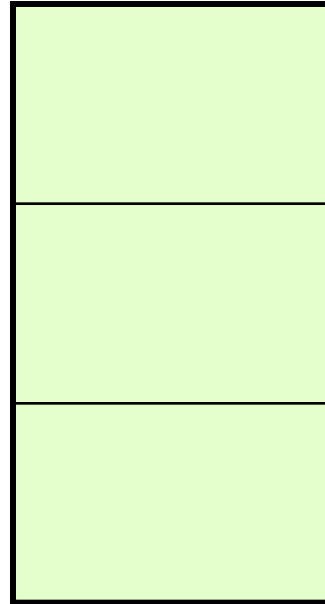
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Stacks work great for solving many types of expressions. Postfix expressions are well suited for solutions using stacks.

Postfix Solver

1 6 + 7 4 - *



You would never need more than one stack!

Postfix Solver

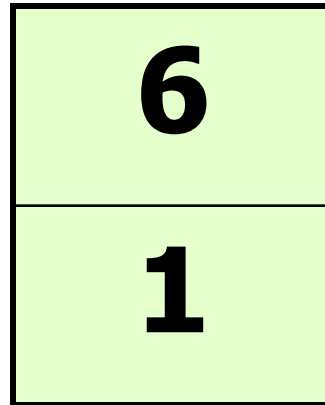
1 6 + 7 4 - *

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Get the 1. 1 is a digit and is pushed on the stack.

Postfix Solver

1 6 + 7 4 - *



Next, get the 6. 6 is a digit and is pushed on the stack.

Postfix Solver

1 6 + 7 4 - *

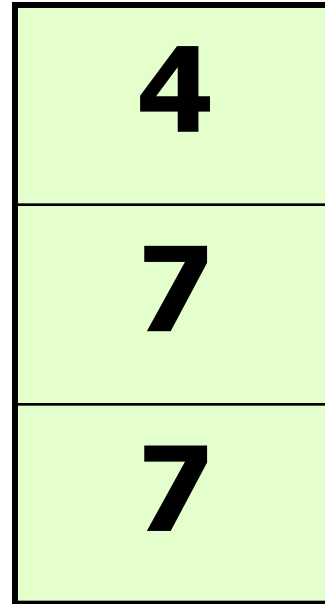
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Get the +. + is an operator.

Pop 2 digits off the stack. Push 1 + 6 onto the stack.

Postfix Solver

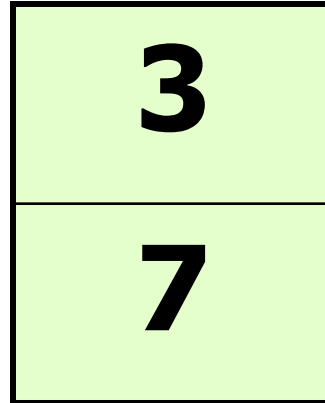
1 6 + 7 4 - *



Get 7 and 4 and push both on the stack.

Postfix Solver

1 6 + 7 4 - *



Get the -. Pop 2 digits. Push 7 – 4 onto the stack.

Postfix Solver

1 6 + 7 4 - *

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Get the *. Pop 2 digits and push the result.

Work on Programs!

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Some Code!

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