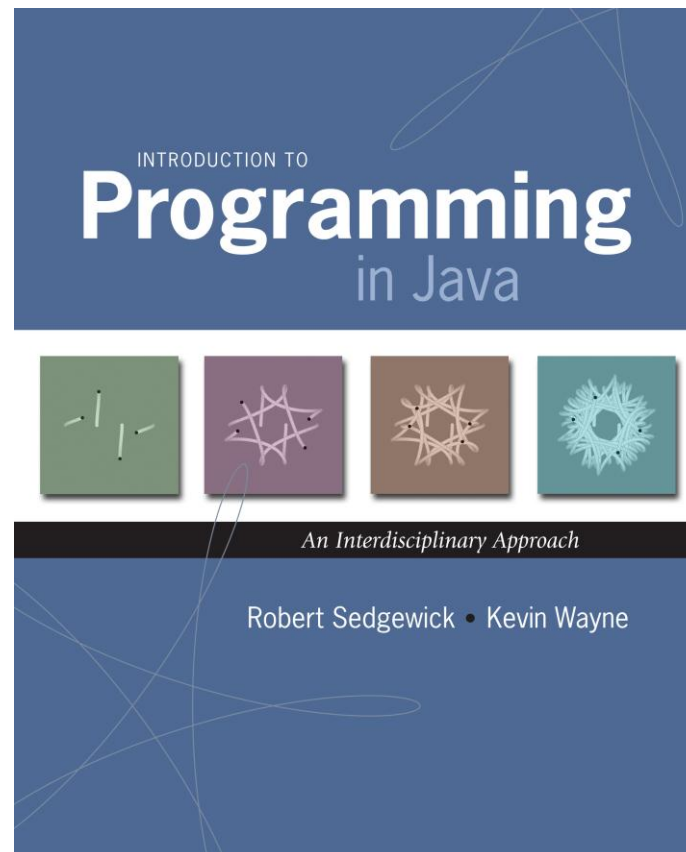


4.3 Stacks, Queues, and Linked Lists



Data Types and Data Structures

Data types. Set of values and operations on those values.

- Some are built into the Java language: `int`, `double[]`, `String`, ...
- Most are not: `Complex`, `Picture`, `Stack`, `Queue`, `ST`, `Graph`, ...

Data structures.

- Represent data or relationships among data.
- Some are built into Java language: arrays.
- Most are not: linked list, circular list, tree, sparse array, graph, ...

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Collections

Fundamental data types.

- Set of operations (**add**, **remove**, **test if empty**) on generic data.
- Intent is clear when we insert.
- Which item do we remove?

Stack. [LIFO = last in first out]

- Remove the item most recently added.
- Ex: Pez, cafeteria trays, Web surfing.



http://www.gatreasures.com/index.php?main_page=page&id=7

Queue. [FIFO = first in, first out]

- Remove the item least recently added.
- Ex: Guitar Hero (RingBuffer)



<http://www.zdnet.com/apple-fans-queue-for-ipads-uk-launch-3040089083/>

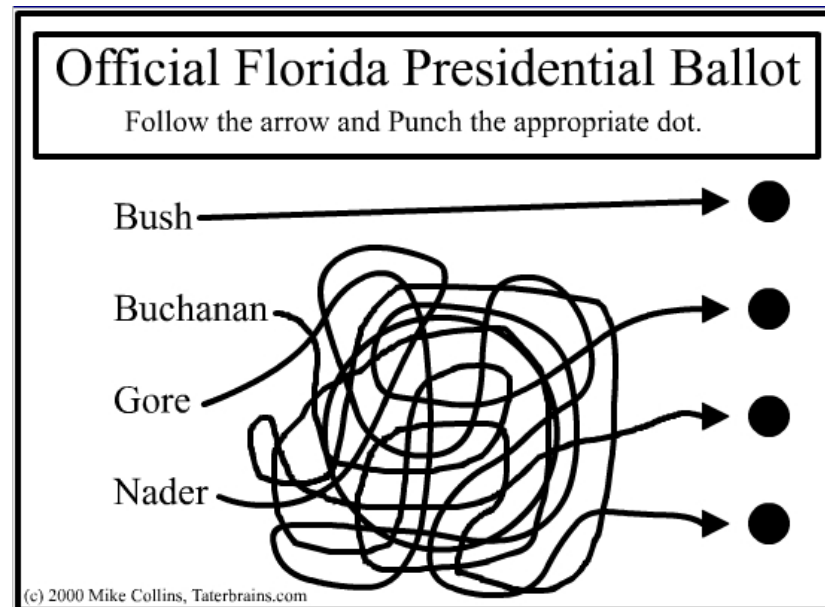
Symbol table.

- Remove the item with a given key.
- Ex: Phone book.



<http://www.otreva.com/web-design-scranton-phonebook-vs-internet-marketing/>

Linked Lists



Sequential vs. Linked Allocation

Sequential allocation. Put items one after another.

- TOY: consecutive memory cells.
- Java: array of objects.

Linked allocation. Include in each object a **link** to the next one.

- TOY: link is memory address of next item.
- Java: link is reference to next item.

Key distinctions.

- Array: random access, fixed size.
- Linked list: sequential access, variable size.

get i^{th} item

get next item

addr	value
B0	"Alice"
B1	"Bob"
B2	"Carol"
B3	-
B4	-
B5	-
B6	-
B7	-
B8	-
B9	-
BA	-
BB	-

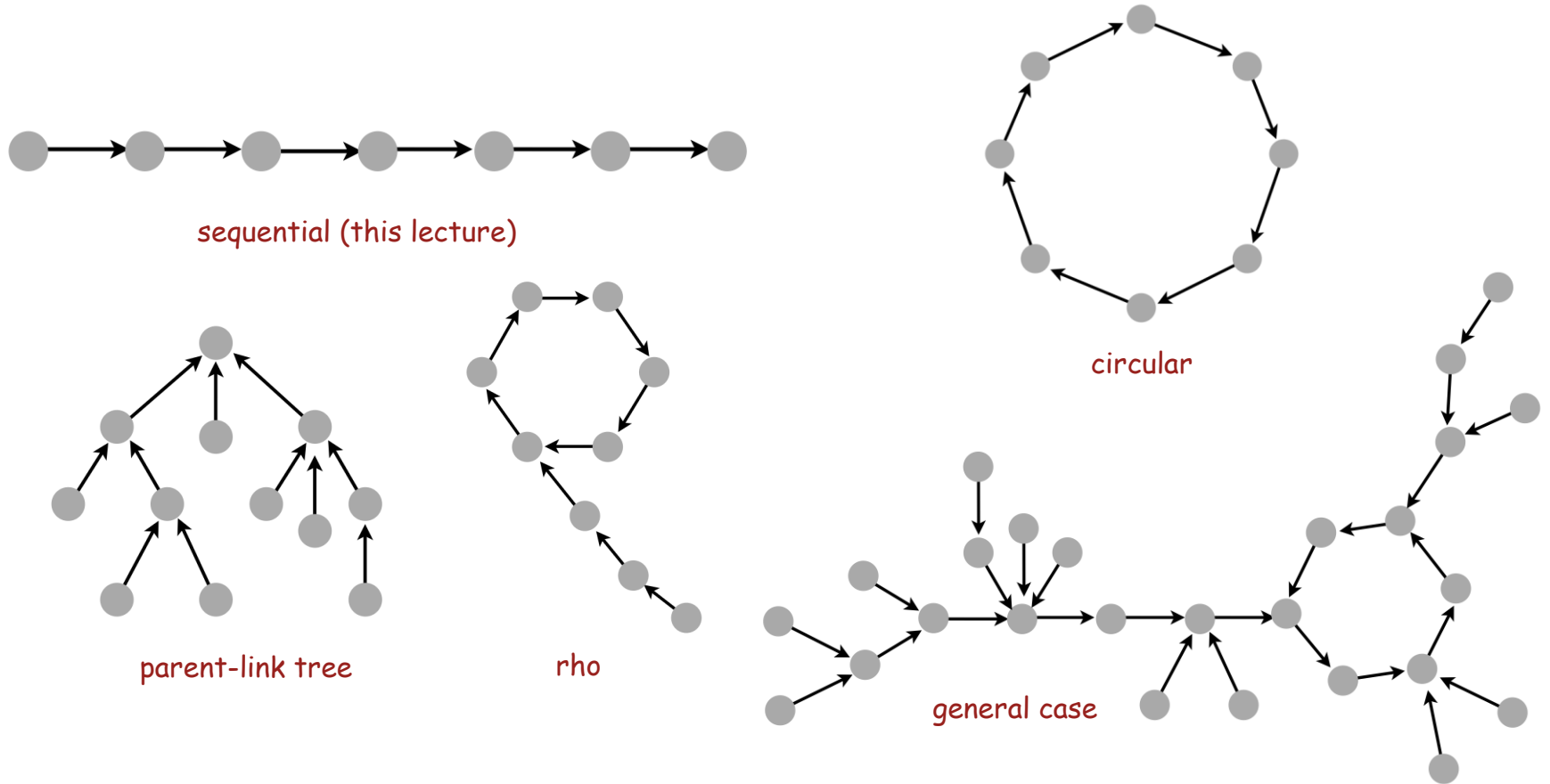
array
(B0)

addr	value
C0	"Carol"
C1	null
C2	-
C3	-
C4	"Alice"
C5	CA
C6	-
C7	-
C8	-
C9	-
CA	"Bob"
CB	C0

linked list
(C4)

Singly-Linked Data Structures

From the point of view of a particular object:
all of these structures look the same. 



Multiply-linked data structures. Many more possibilities.

Linked Lists

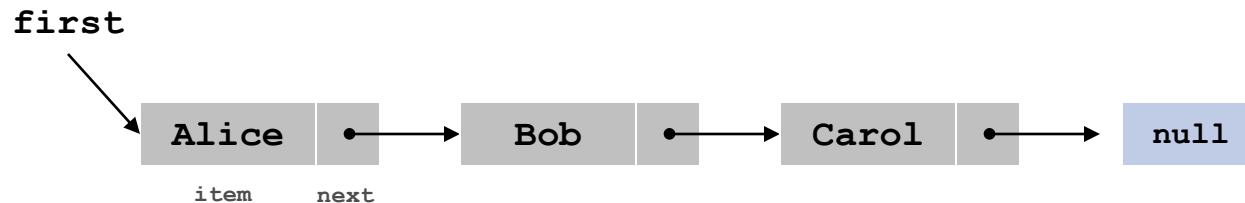
Linked list.

- A recursive data structure.
- An item plus a pointer to another linked list (or empty list).
- Unwind recursion: linked list is a sequence of items.

Node data type.

- A reference to a string.
- A reference to another Node.

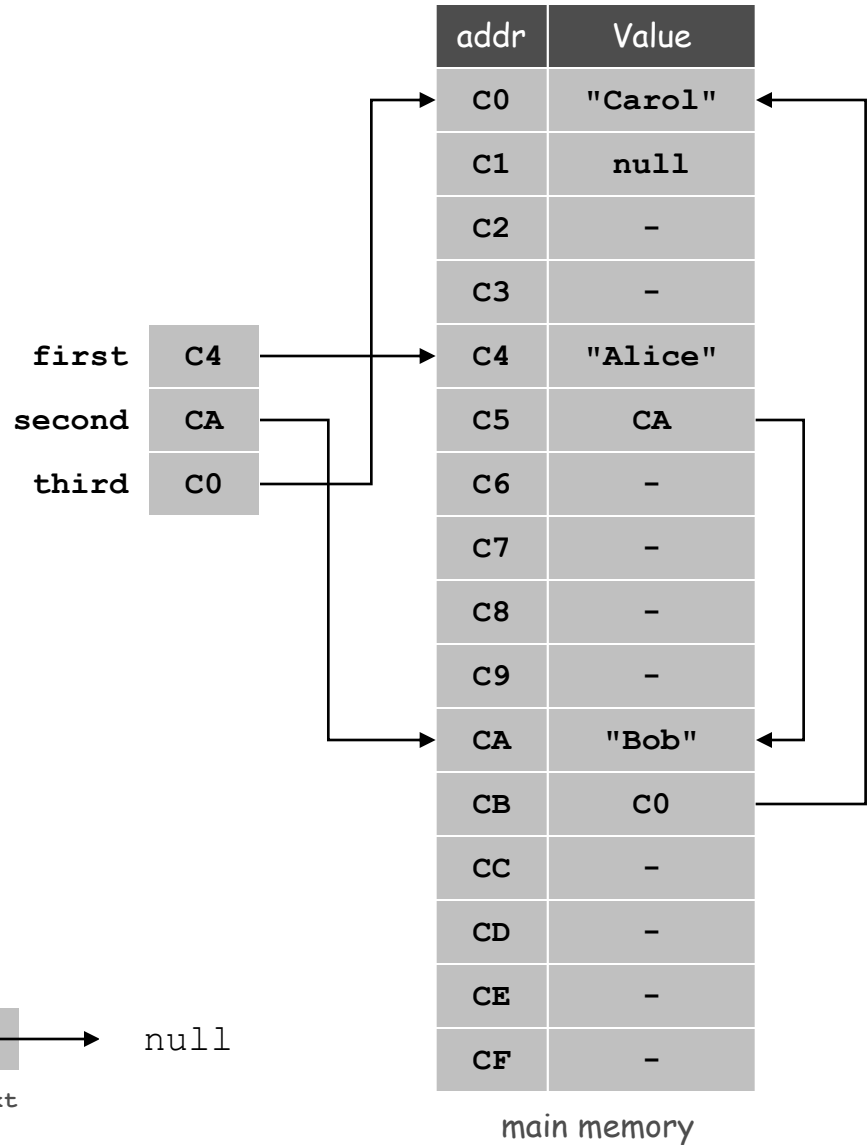
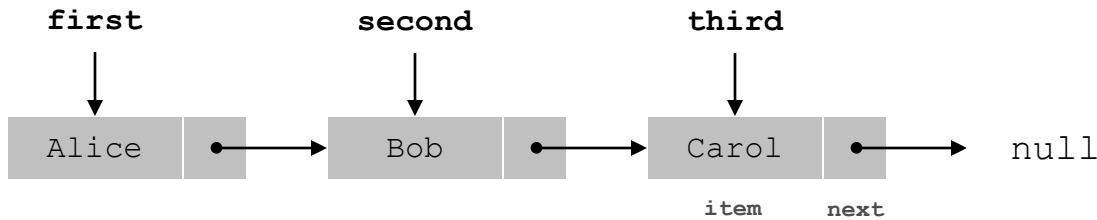
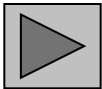
```
public class Node {  
    public String item;  
    public Node next;  
}
```



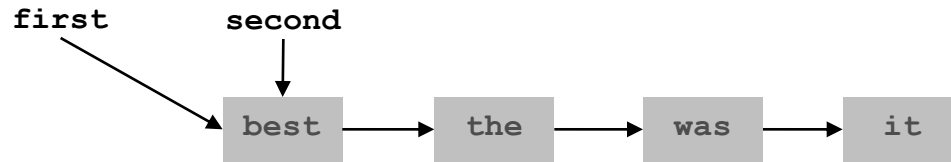
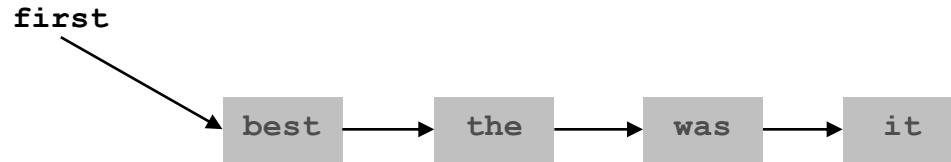
special pointer value `null`
terminates list

Building a Linked List

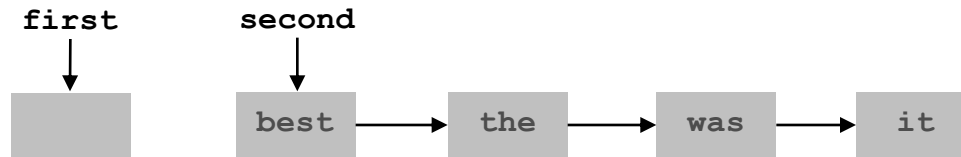
```
Node third = new Node();  
third.item = "Carol";  
third.next = null;  
  
Node second = new Node();  
second.item = "Bob";  
second.next = third;  
  
Node first = new Node();  
first.item = "Alice";  
first.next = second;
```



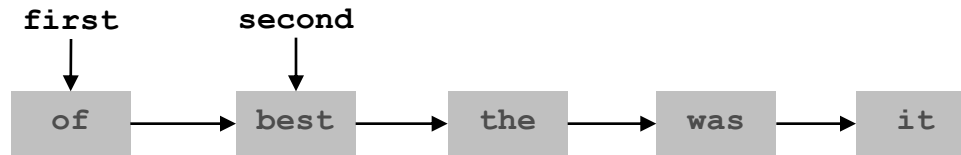
Stack Push (Insert at Front): Linked List Implementation



```
Node second = first;
```

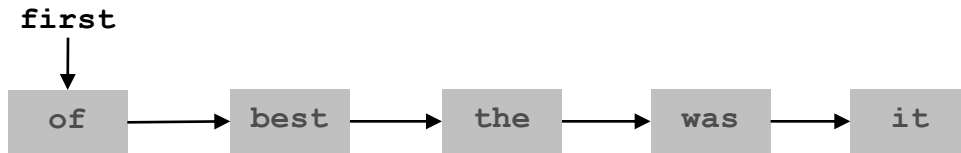


```
first = new Node();
```

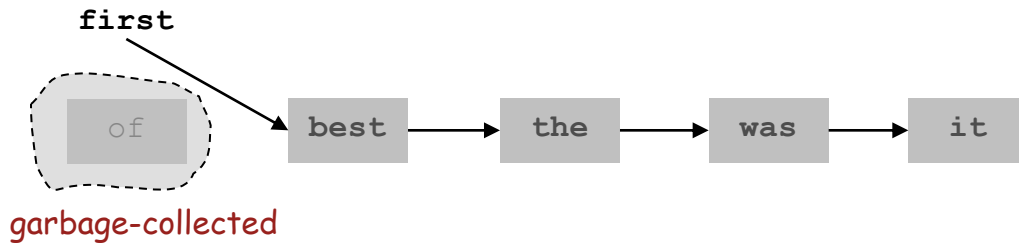


```
first.item = "of";  
first.next = second;
```

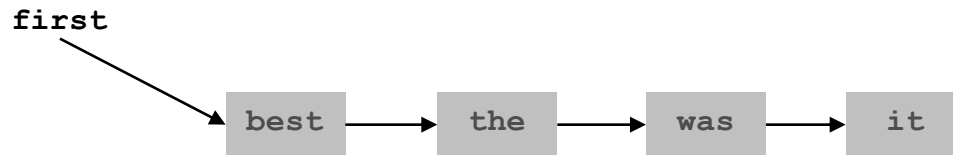
Stack Pop (Remove from Front): Linked List Implementation



```
String item = first.item;
```



```
first = first.next;
```



```
return item;
```

Stack: Linked List Implementation

```
public class LinkedStackOfStrings {  
    private Node first = null;
```

```
    private class Node {  
        private String item;  
        private Node next;  
    }  
    "inner class"
```

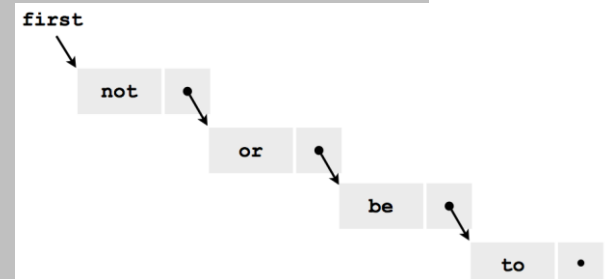
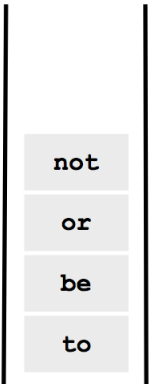
```
    public boolean isEmpty() { return first == null; }
```

```
    public void push(String item) {  
        Node second = first;  
        first = new Node();  
        first.item = item;  
        first.next = second;  
    }
```

```
    public String pop() {  
        String item = first.item;  
        first = first.next;  
        return item;  
    }
```

```
}
```

stack and linked list contents
after 4th push operation



Stack Data Structures: Tradeoffs

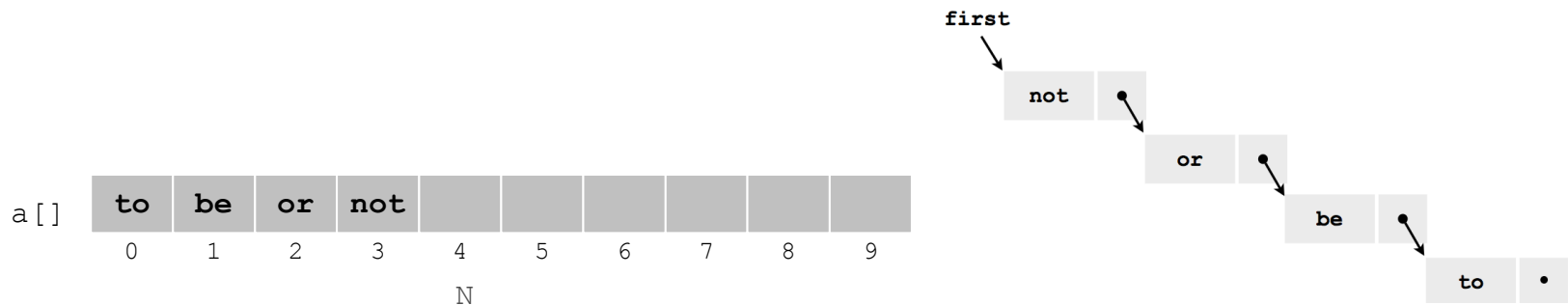
Two data structures to implement stack data type.

Array.

- Every push/pop operation take constant time.
- **But...** must fix maximum capacity of stack ahead of time.

Linked list.

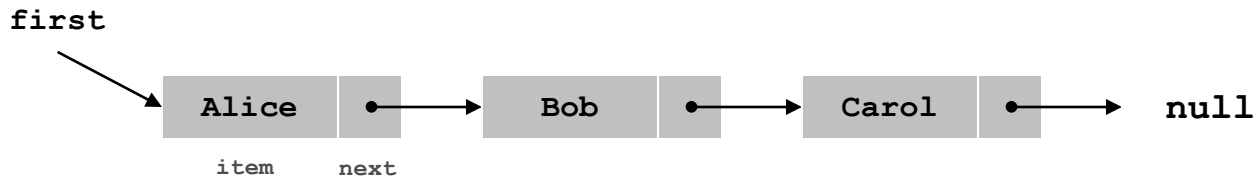
- Every push/pop operation takes constant time.
- Memory is proportional to number of items on stack.
- **But...** uses extra space and time to deal with references.



List Processing Challenge 1

Q. What does the following code fragment do?

```
for (Node x = first; x != null; x = x.next) {  
    StdOut.println(x.item);  
}
```



List Processing Challenge 2

Q. What does the following code fragment do?

```
Node last = new Node();
last.item = StdIn.readString();
last.next = null;
Node first = last;
while (!StdIn.isEmpty()) {
    last.next = new Node();
    last = last.next;
    last.item = StdIn.readString();
    last.next = null;
}
```

