Palindrome: A palindrome is a string that reads the same whether read forwards or backwards. The same sequence of characters are produced when reading a palindrome left-to-right or right-to-left.

Stack: A stack is an Abstract Data Type that store objects in Last-In-First-Out (LIFO) order. The last object put onto a stack is the first object retrieved from a stack.

Example: Plates dispensed in a cafeteria.
1. First, plate 1 is put on the stack.
2. Then, plate 2 is placed on top of the stack. Access to plate 1 is not possible without first removing plate 2. Only the plate on top of the stack is accessible.
3. Put plates 3 and 4 on the stack. Now only plate 4 can be retrieved.

The last plate on the stack is the first plate to be retrieved. The last plate in the stack is the first plate out of the stack.

Note that the plates are in reverse order. If I wanted to determine that an identifier was a palindrome, I might want to put the characters of the identifier in reverse order.

Insight: A stack can be used to reverse the order of the characters in an identifier.

Palindrome checker algorithm: draft 1
1. Read an identifier. The identifier is a candidate to be a palindrome.
2. Store the characters of the candidate on a stack.
3. Extract the characters of the original candidate that was read in step one. Extract the characters, one at a time, reading from left to right.
4. Compare the characters extracted in step 3 with characters popped from the stack.
5. If all the characters match then the candidate is a palindrome.
6. If one or more characters do not match then the candidate is not a palindrome.
7. Stop when the stack is empty and the last character is extracted from the original candidate-identifier.
Example 1: Candidate is a palindrome

1. Read an identifier. The identifier is a candidate to be a palindrome. Peruse the candidate-identifier "mom" in the figure below.

2. Store the characters of the candidate on a stack.

   stack

   tos → m character in position 1

   tos → o character in position 2

   tos → m character in position 1

**Figure 1.** Pushing the characters of "mom" on the stack

3. Extract the characters of the original candidate that was read in step one. Extract the characters, one at a time, reading from left to right.

4. Compare the characters extracted in step 3 with characters popped from the stack.

5. If all the characters match then the candidate is a palindrome.

6. If one or more characters do not match then the candidate is not a palindrome.

7. Stop when the stack is empty and the last character is extracted from the original candidate-identifier.

   stack

   tos → m character in position 1

   tos → o character in position 2

   tos → m character in position 1

**Figure 2.** Comparing the characters of the string "mom" with the characters of "mom" on the stack
Example 1: Candidate is not a palindrome
1. Read an identifier. The identifier is a candidate to be a palindrome. Peruse the candidate-identifier "tilt" in the figure below.

```
0 1 2 3 4
||| |
| t | i | l | t |
```

**Figure 3. Candidate-identifier "tilt"**

2. Store the characters of the candidate on a stack.

```
stack

t 3
1 2
1 1
1 0
```

**Figure 4. Candidate-identifier "tilt" on a stack**

3. Extract the characters of the original candidate that was read in step one. Extract the characters, one at a time, reading from left to right.

4. Compare the characters extracted in step 3 with characters popped from the stack.

5. If all the characters match then the candidate is a palindrome.

6. If one or more characters do not match then the candidate is not a palindrome.

7. Stop when the stack is empty and the last character is extracted from the original candidate-identifier.

```
0 1 2 3 4
||| |
| t | i | l | t |
```

**Figure 5. Matching the characters in the candidate with the characters in the stack**
1. Create a program **p02** that processes command line arguments

```cpp
#include <iostream.h>
#include <fstream.h>

int main
{
    process command line arguments
    open stream ifs;
    open stream ofs;
    close stream ifs;
    close stream ofs;
    return 0;
}
```

2. Enhance program **p02** to read the identifiers in stream ifs.

```cpp
#include <iostream.h>
#include <fstream.h>

void palindromemgr (istream& ifs, ostream& ofs)
{
    read an identifier
    while the read operation was successful do
        print the identifier
        read an identifier
    }
}

int main
{
    process command line arguments
    open stream ifs;
    open stream ofs;
    palindromemgr (ifs,ofs);
    close stream ifs;
    close stream ofs;
    return 0;
}
```

3. Add logic to determine if the identifier is a palindrome.

```cpp
#include <stdio.h>

int ispalindrome(char* id)
{
    return 1;
}

void palindromemgr (istream& ifs, ostream& ofs)
{
    read an identifier
    while the read operation was successful do
        write the identifier
        if ispalindrome (identifier)
            write('is a palindrome')
        else
            write('is not a palindrome')
        read an identifier
    }
}

int main
{
    process command line arguments
    open stream ifs;
    open stream ofs;
    palindromemgr (ifs,ofs);
    close stream ifs;
    close stream ofs;
    return 0;
}
```

4. Find out what a palindrome is.

**Palindrome:** A palindrome is a string that reads the same whether read forwards or backwards. The same sequence of characters is produced when reading a palindrome left-to-right or right-to-left.

Examples:

4.1. *mom* is a palindrome
4.2. *dad* is a palindrome
4.3. *totot* is a palindrome
4.4. *tom* is not a palindrome
4.5. *priscilla* is not a palindrome
File: stack02.h
#ifndef stack02_h
#define stack02_h 1
class stack {
  int tos;
  int* s;
public:
  stack(int sz=100);
  ~stack();
  void push(int v);
  int pop(void);
  int full(void);
  int empty(void);
};
#endif

File: stack02.C
#include "stack02.h"
struct stackerror {
  stackerror(...);
};
stackerror::stackerror(...);
stack::stack(int sz) {...}
stack::~stack() {...}
void stack::push(int v) {...}
int stack::pop(void) {...}
int stack::full(void) {...}
int stack::empty(void) {...}