

Exercise 5: Task Management System

Scenario:

You are developing a task management system where tasks need to be added, deleted, and traversed efficiently.

Steps:

1. **Understand Linked Lists:**
 - Explain the different types of linked lists (Singly Linked List, Doubly Linked List).
2. **Setup:**
 - Create a class **Task** with attributes like **taskId**, **taskName**, and **status**.
3. **Implementation:**
 - Implement a singly linked list to manage tasks.
 - Implement methods to **add**, **search**, **traverse**, and **delete** tasks in the linked list.
4. **Analysis:**
 - Analyze the time complexity of each operation.
 - Discuss the advantages of linked lists over arrays for dynamic data.

→ Step 1: Understand Linked Lists

Types of Linked Lists:

1. **Singly Linked List**
 - Each node points to the next node only.
 - Memory efficient and simple to implement.
2. **Doubly Linked List**
 - Each node has two pointers: one to the next node and one to the previous node.
 - Allows traversal in both directions but uses more memory.

Why Use Linked Lists?

- **Dynamic size:** Grows/shrinks as needed.
- **Efficient insertions/deletions** at the beginning or middle (no shifting).
- Ideal for applications like task managers where tasks can be frequently added or removed.

Step 2: Setup Task Class

```
public class Task {  
  
    int taskId;  
  
    String taskName;
```

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String status;

public Task(int taskId, String taskName, String status) {

    this.taskId = taskId;

    this.taskName = taskName;

    this.status = status;

}

public String toString() {

    return "Task[ID=" + taskId + ", Name=" + taskName + ", Status=" + status + "];"

}

}

```

Step 3: Implementation with Singly Linked List

Node Class

```

class Node {

    Task task;

    Node next;

    public Node(Task task) {

        this.task = task;

        this.next = null;

    }

}

```

Task Manager using Linked List

```

public class TaskManager {

    private Node head;

    // Add a task at the end

    public void addTask(Task task) {

        Node newNode = new Node(task);

        if (head == null) {

            head = newNode;

        } else {

            Node current = head;

            while (current.next != null)

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        current = current.next;
        current.next = newNode;
    }
}

// Search a task by ID
public Task searchTask(int taskId) {
    Node current = head;
    while (current != null) {
        if (current.task.taskId == taskId)
            return current.task;
        current = current.next;
    }
    return null;
}

// Traverse and display tasks
public void displayTasks() {
    Node current = head;
    while (current != null) {
        System.out.println(current.task);
        current = current.next;
    }
}

// Delete a task by ID
public void deleteTask(int taskId) {
    if (head == null) return;
    if (head.task.taskId == taskId) {
        head = head.next;
        return;
    }
    Node current = head;
    while (current.next != null && current.next.task.taskId != taskId)

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        current = current.next;

        if (current.next != null)
            current.next = current.next.next;
    }
}

```

✅ Main Method to Test

```

public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        TaskManager manager = new TaskManager();
        manager.addTask(new Task(1, "Design UI", "Pending"));
        manager.addTask(new Task(2, "Implement Backend", "In Progress"));
        manager.addTask(new Task(3, "Testing", "Pending"));

        System.out.println("All Tasks:");
        manager.displayTasks();

        System.out.println("\nSearch Task ID 2:");
        System.out.println(manager.searchTask(2));

        System.out.println("\nDelete Task ID 2:");
        manager.deleteTask(2);

        System.out.println("\nAll Tasks After Deletion:");
        manager.displayTasks();
    }
}

```

Step 4: Time Complexity Analysis

Operation Time Complexity Explanation

Add	$O(n)$	Traverse to end to add
Search	$O(n)$	Traverse through all nodes
Traverse	$O(n)$	Visit each node
Delete	$O(n)$	Need to find the node before deletion

Linked Lists vs Arrays

Feature	Arrays	Linked Lists
Size	Fixed	Dynamic
Insertion/Deletion	$O(n)$ (shifting)	$O(1)$ at head/tail
Search	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Random Access	$O(1)$	$O(n)$
Memory	Compact	More (pointers used)

OUTPUT:

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Run  Main
"\"C:\Program Files\Eclipse Adoptium\jdk-17.0.12-hotspot\bin\java.exe\" \"-javaagent:C:\Program Files\JetBrains\IntelliJ IDEA Community Edition 2024.3.3\lib\idea_rt
.jar=49243:C:\Program Files\JetBrains\IntelliJ IDEA Community Edition 2024.3.3\bin\" -Dfile.encoding=UTF-8 -classpath \"C:\Users\Marini
H\IdeaProjects\FIVE\out\production\FIVE\" Main
All Tasks:
Task[ID=1, Name=Design UI, Status=Pending]
Task[ID=2, Name=Implement Backend, Status=In Progress]
Task[ID=3, Name=Testing, Status=Pending]

Search Task ID 2:
Task[ID=2, Name=Implement Backend, Status=In Progress]

Delete Task ID 2:

All Tasks After Deletion:
Task[ID=1, Name=Design UI, Status=Pending]
Task[ID=3, Name=Testing, Status=Pending]

Process finished with exit code 0

```