

# List

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- A **list** is a linear data structure with homogeneous components (called **list items** or **list elements**) that can only be accessed sequentially, one after the other.
- We say the first item in the list is at the **head** or **front** of the list, and the last item in the list is at the **tail** of the list.

# To implement the List ADT

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**The programmer must**

- 1) choose a concrete data representation for the list, and**
- 2) implement the list operations.**

# How to implement a list?

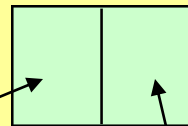
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- Use a **built-in array** stored in contiguous memory locations, implementing operations by using [ ] and moving list items around in the array, as needed for insertions and deletions.
- Use a **linked list** (to avoid excessive data movement from insertions and deletions) not necessarily stored in contiguous memory locations, but rather on the heap or free store.

# A Linked List

- A linked list is a **collection of nodes**.
- The nodes are **structs (or class objects)**.
- Each node contains at least one member (field) that gives the location of the next node in the list.

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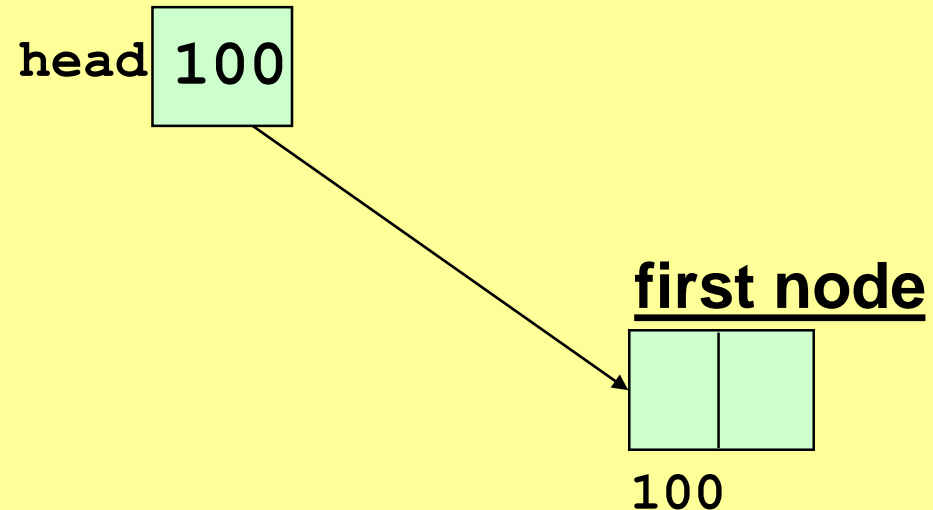


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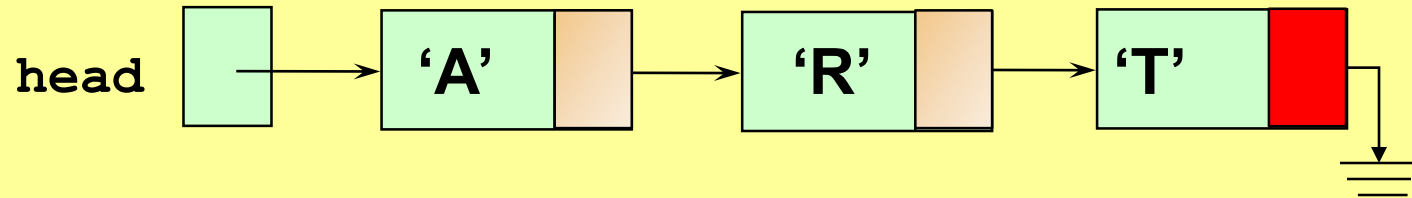
- A linked list is a **collection of nodes and**  
**an external pointer to the very first node.**

```
struct node *head;
```



# Singly Linked List

- In a singly linked list, each node contains only one link member.



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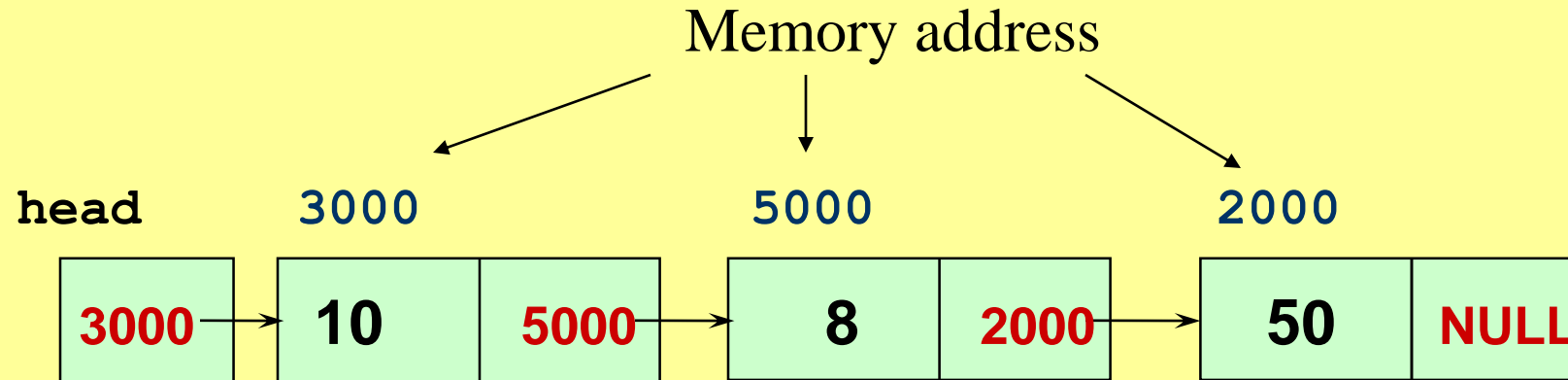
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- Link Member

**Grounded Link List**

The last node link member contains NULL

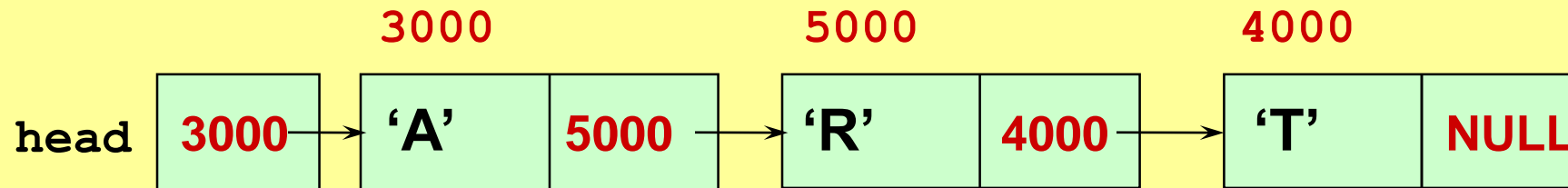
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# Declarations for a Singly Linked List

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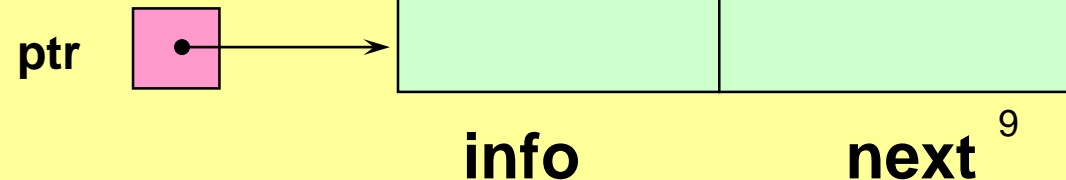
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struct Node {  
    char      info;  
    struct Node *next;  
};
```

```
typedef struct Node ND;
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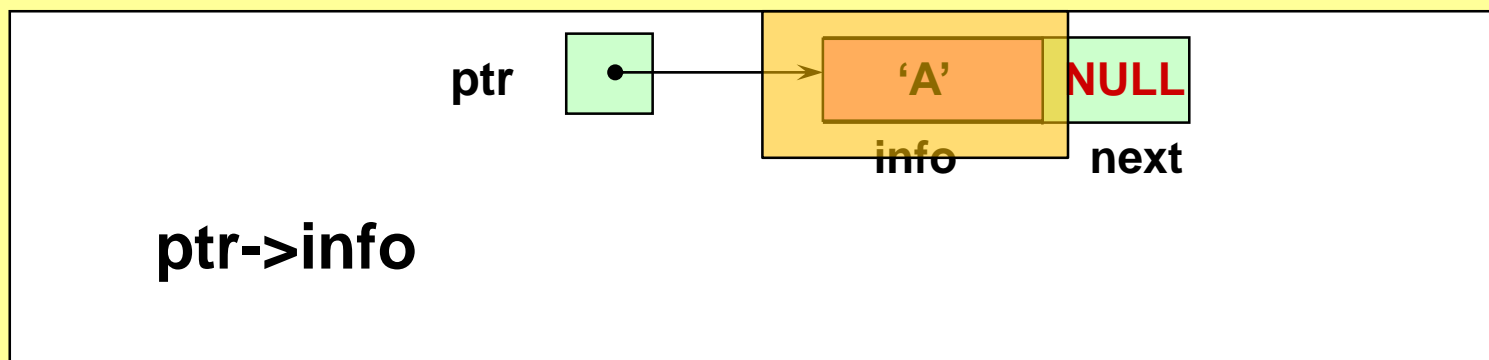
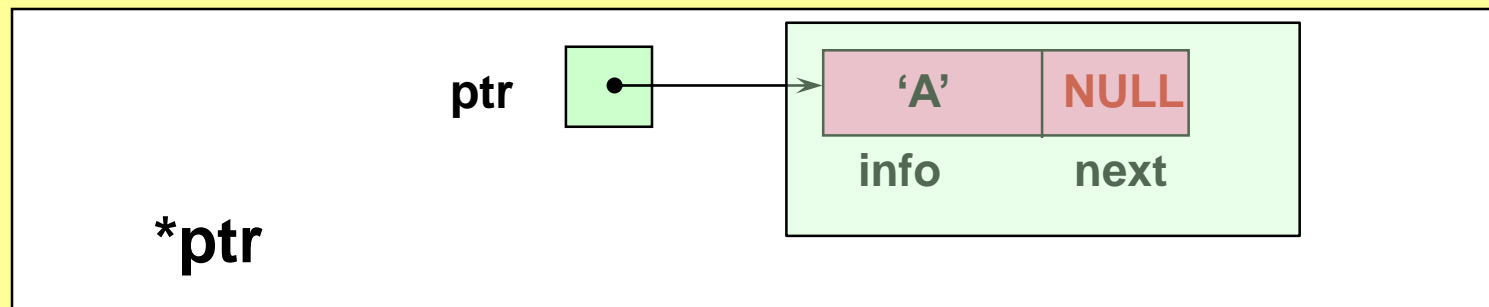
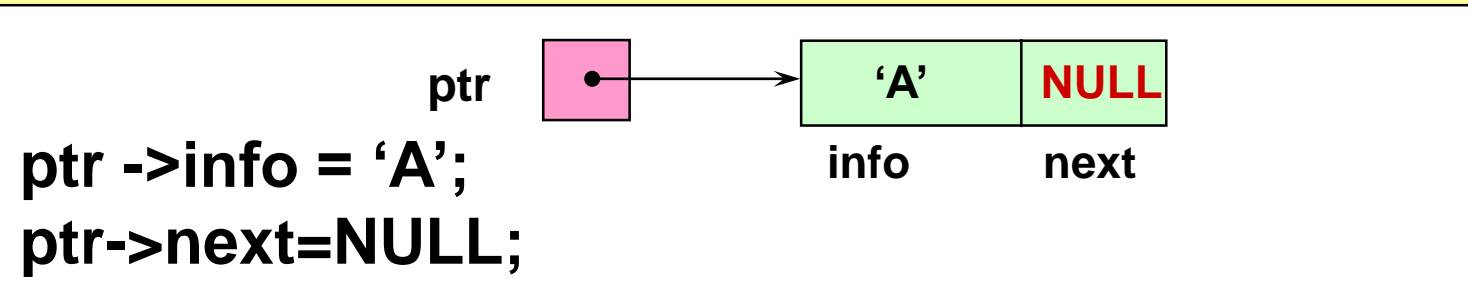
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ND *head; }  
ND *ptr;  } Pointer variables of type structure Node
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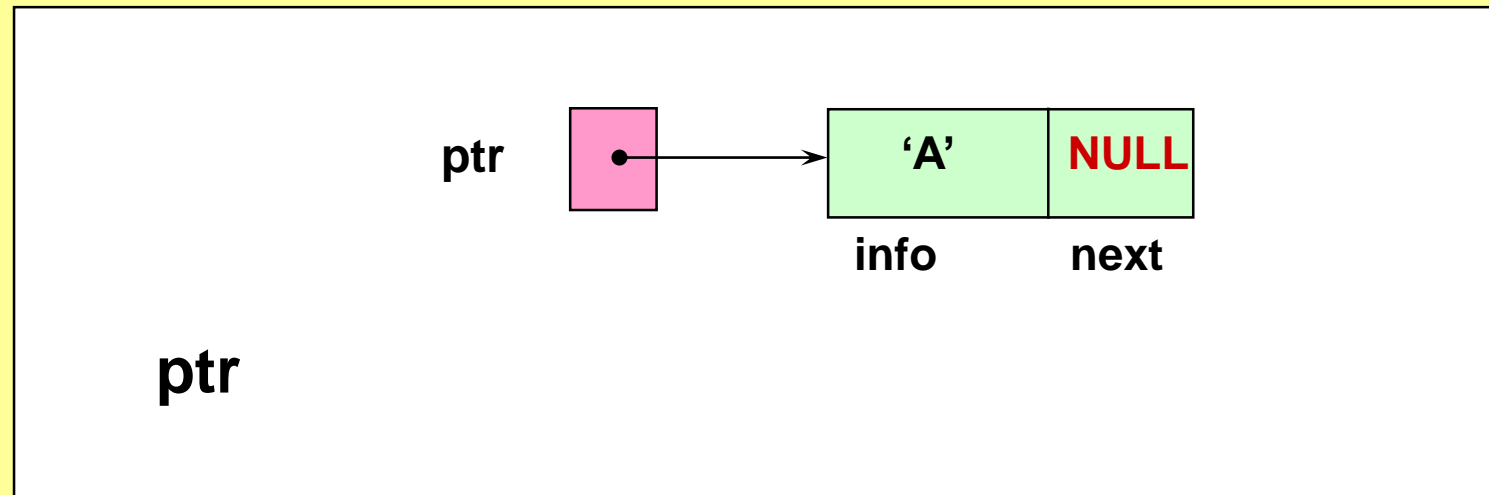
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ptr = (ND *) malloc (sizeof(ND));
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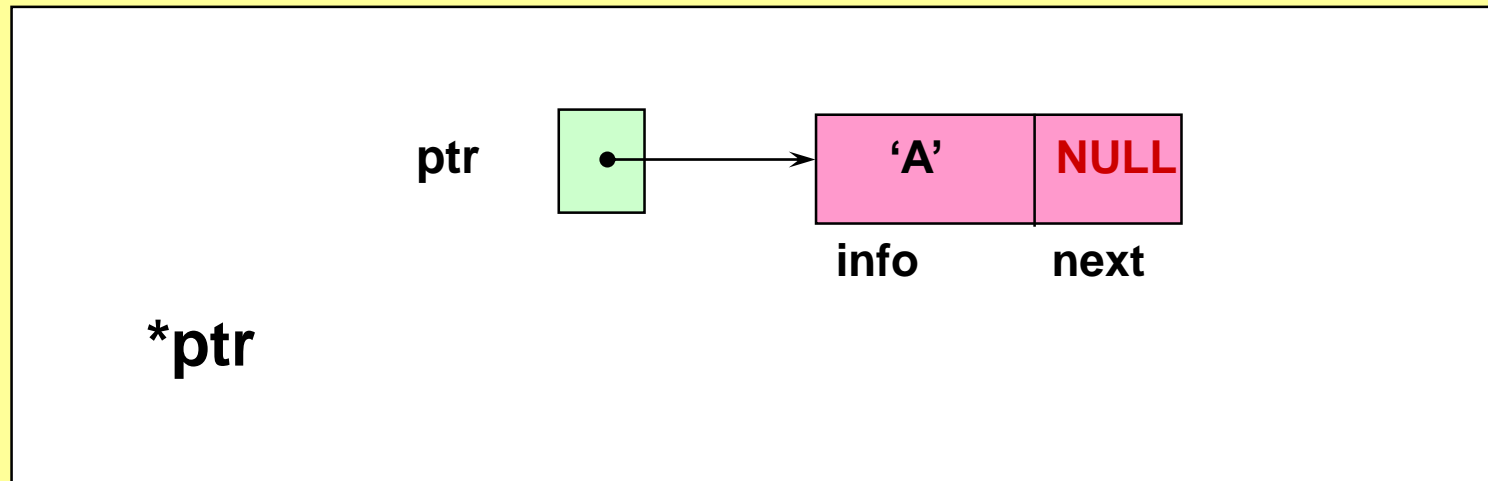
# Pointer Dereferencing and Member Selection



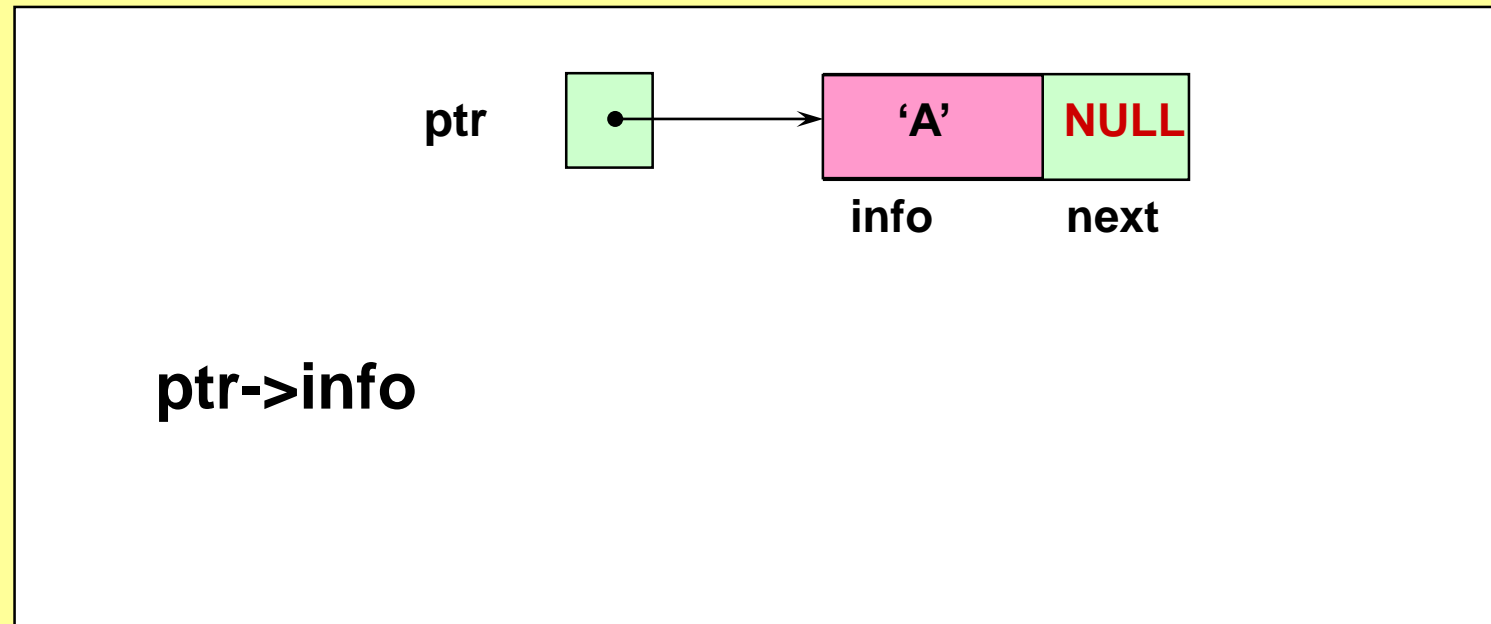
# ptr is a pointer to a node



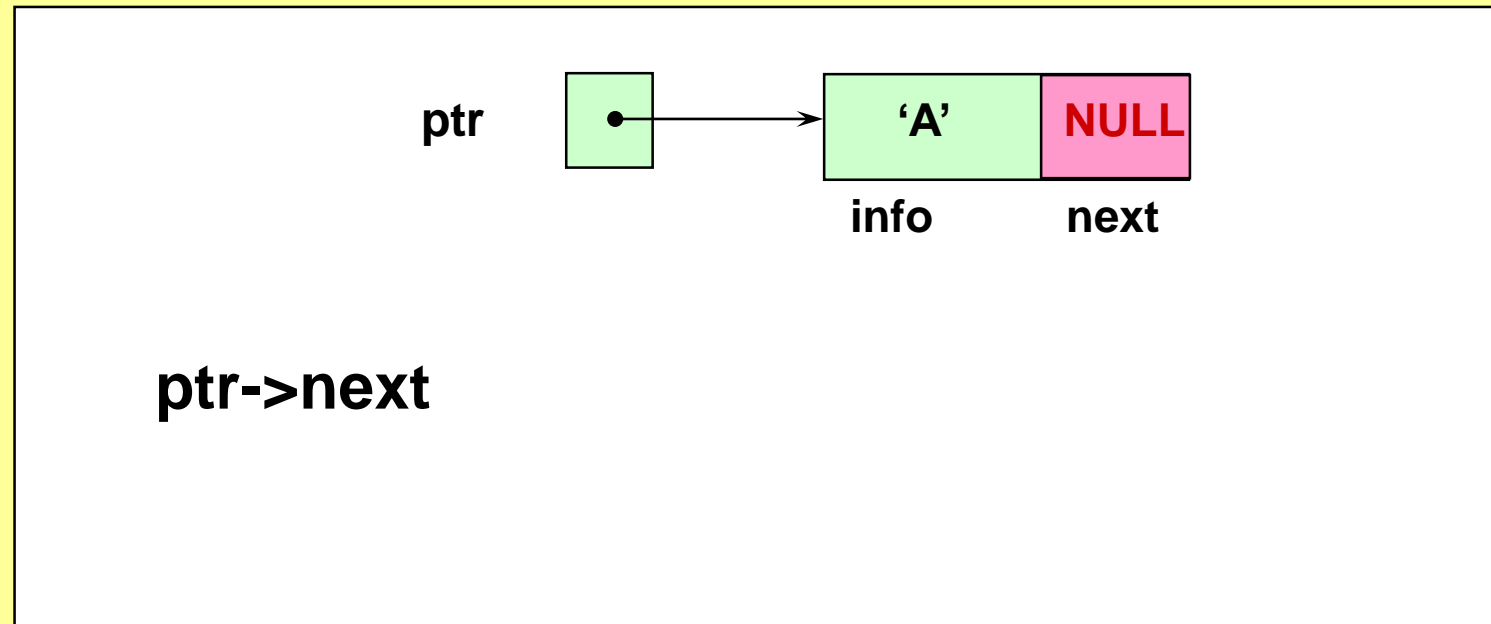
**\*ptr is the node  
pointed to by ptr**



# `ptr->info` is a node member



# `ptr->next` is a node member



# Operations on Linked Lists

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- Insertion: Adding a new node to a linked list involves adjusting the pointers of the existing nodes to maintain the proper sequence. **Insertion can be performed at the beginning, end, or any position within the list**
- Deletion: Removing a node from a linked list requires adjusting the pointers of the neighboring nodes to bridge the gap left by the deleted node. **Deletion can be performed at the beginning, end, or any position within the list.**
- Searching: Searching for a specific value in a linked list involves traversing the list from the head node until the value is found or the end of the list is reached.

# Linked Lists

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## Advantages of Linked Lists

- **Dynamic Size:** Linked lists can grow or shrink dynamically, as memory allocation is done at runtime.
- **Insertion and Deletion:** Adding or removing elements from a linked list is efficient, especially for large lists.
- **Flexibility:** Linked lists can be easily reorganized and modified without requiring a contiguous block of memory.

## Disadvantages of Linked Lists

- **Random Access:** Unlike arrays, linked lists do not allow direct access to elements by index. Traversal is required to reach a specific node.
- **Extra Memory:** Linked lists require additional memory for storing the pointers, compared to arrays.



# Types of linked lists

- There are Four main types of linked lists in C:
  1. Singly Linked Lists.
    - Example: Stack, queue, linked list implementation of a dynamic array
  2. Doubly Linked Lists.
    - Example: LRU cache, undo/redo history, doubly linked list implementation of a binary tree
  3. Circular Linked Lists
    - Example: Circular buffer, circular queue, circular linked list implementation of a hash table.
  4. Header Linked List
    - The header linked lists are frequently used to maintain the polynomials in memory. The *header node* is used to represent the *zero polynomial*.
    - E.g:  $F(x) = 5x^5 - 3x^3 + 2x^2 + x^1 + 10x^0$

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## 1. Singly Linked Lists (Grounded).

- Singly linked lists in C are the simplest type of linked list.
- Each node in a singly linked list contains a data field and a pointer to the next node in the list.
- The last node in the list points to null, indicating the end of the list.
- Example: Stack, queue, linked list implementation of a dynamic array

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## 2. Doubly Linked Lists.

- Doubly linked lists in C are more complex to implement than singly linked lists, but they are more efficient for certain operations, such as insertion, deletion, and traversal in both directions.
- Each node in a doubly linked list contains a data field, a pointer to the next node in the list, and a pointer to the previous node in the list.
- Example: LRU cache, undo/redo history, doubly linked list implementation of a binary tree

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## 3. Circular Linked Lists

- Circular linked lists are the most complex type of linked list to implement, but they can be very efficient for certain operations, such as traversal and queueing.
- In a circular linked list, the last node in the list points back to the first node in the list, forming a loop.
- Example: Circular buffer, circular queue, circular linked list implementation of a hash table.

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## 4. Header Linked List

- A header linked list is a type of linked list that uses a special header node to represent the beginning of the list.
- A **header node** is a special node that is found at the beginning of the list.
- For example, suppose there is an application in which the number of items in a list is often calculated. Usually, a list is always traversed to find the length of the list. However, if the current length is maintained in an additional header node that information can be easily obtained.

# Types of Header Linked List

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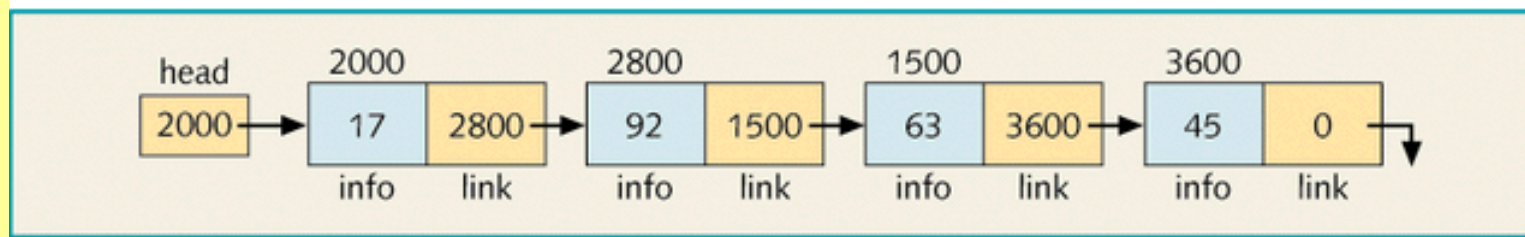
- **Grounded Header Linked List:**
  - It is a list whose last node contains the NULL pointer.
  - In the header linked list the start pointer always points to the header node. `start -> next = NULL` indicates that the grounded header linked list is empty.
  - The operations that are possible on this type of linked list are Insertion, Deletion, and Traversing.

# Types of Header Linked List

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- Circular Header Linked List
  - A list in which last node points back to the header node is called circular linked list.
  - The chains do not indicate first or last nodes. In this case, external pointers provide a frame of reference because last node of a circular linked list does not contain the NULL pointer.
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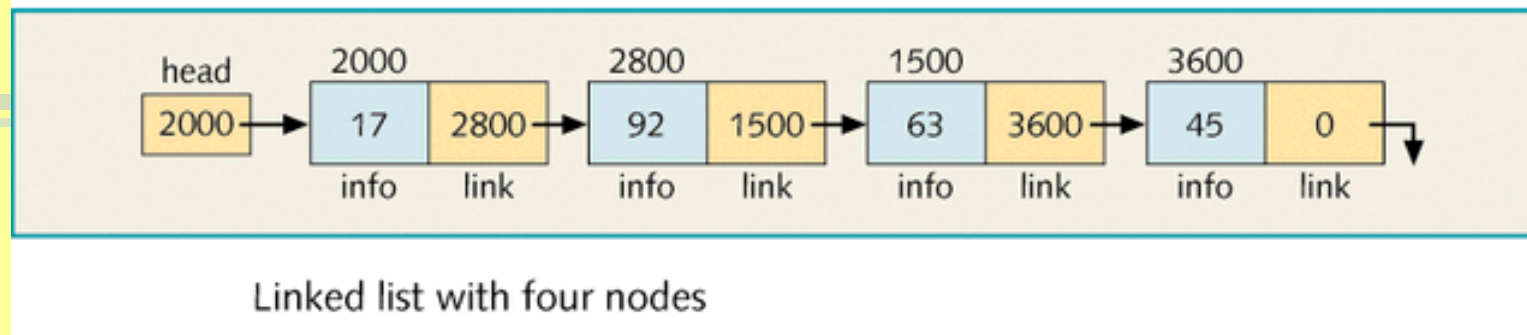
# Linked List Properties



Linked list with four nodes

- This linked list has four nodes
- The address of the first node is stored in the pointer head
- Each node has two components: a component, info, to store the info and another component, link, to store the address of the next node

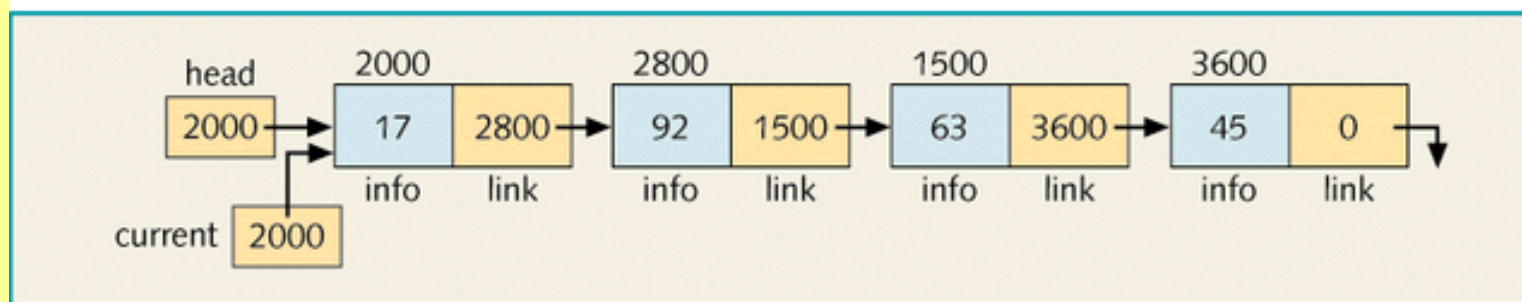




	Value	
head	2000	
head->info	17	Because head is 2000 and the info of the node at location 2000 is 17
head->link	2800	
head->link->info	92	Because head->link is 2800 and the info of the node at location 2800 is 92

# Linked List Traversing

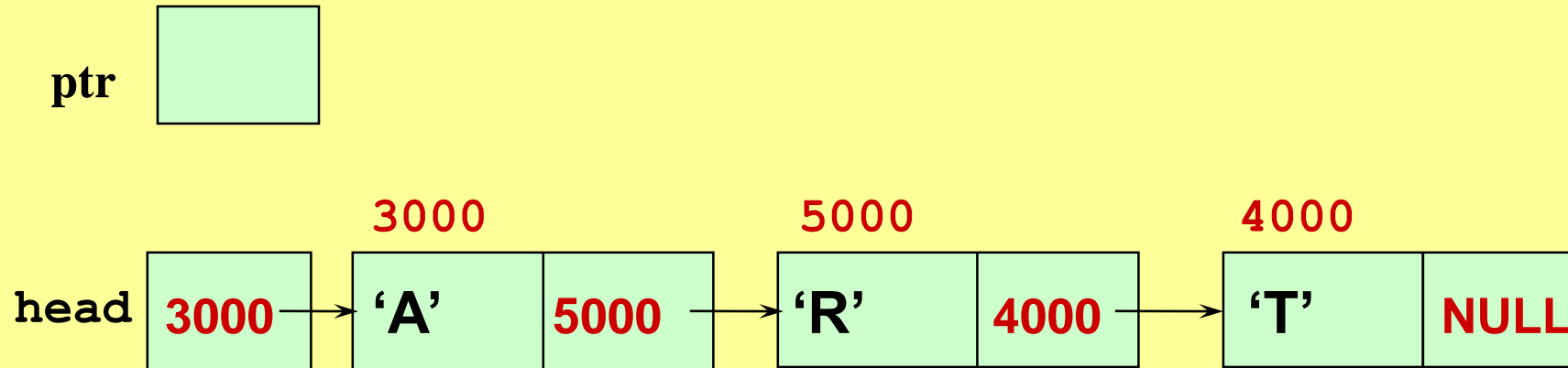
- `current = head;`



Linked list after `current = head;` executes

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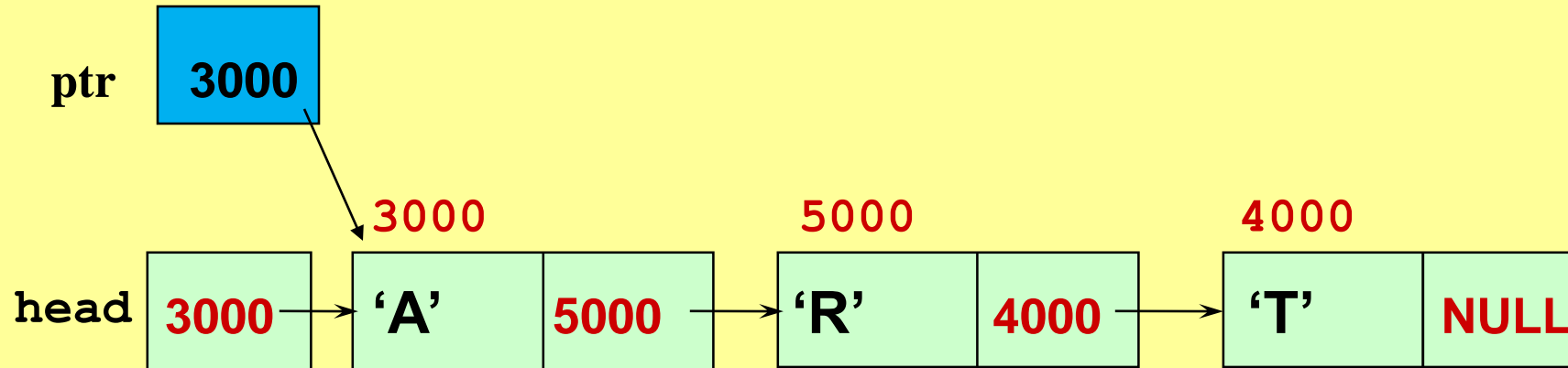
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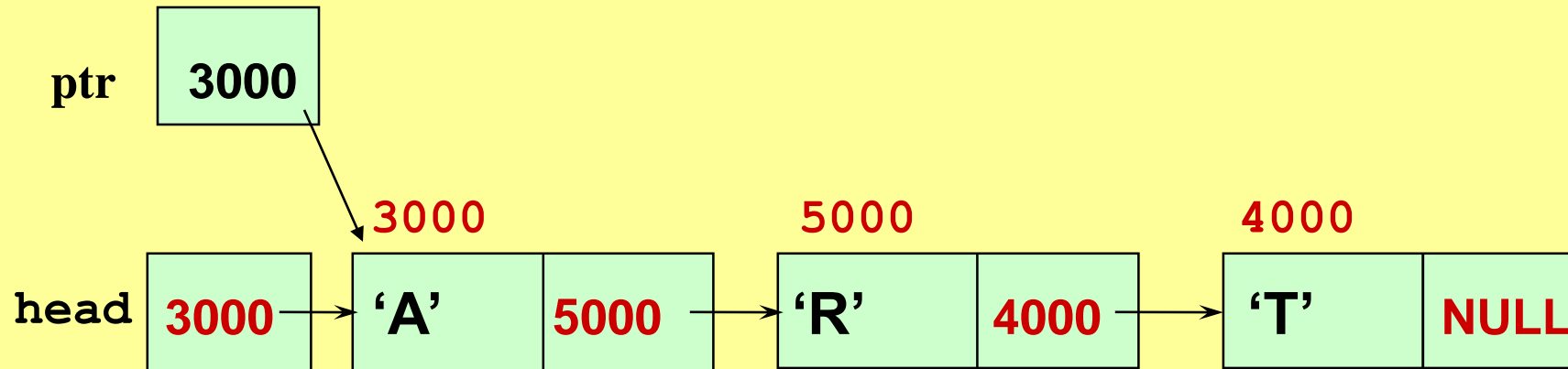


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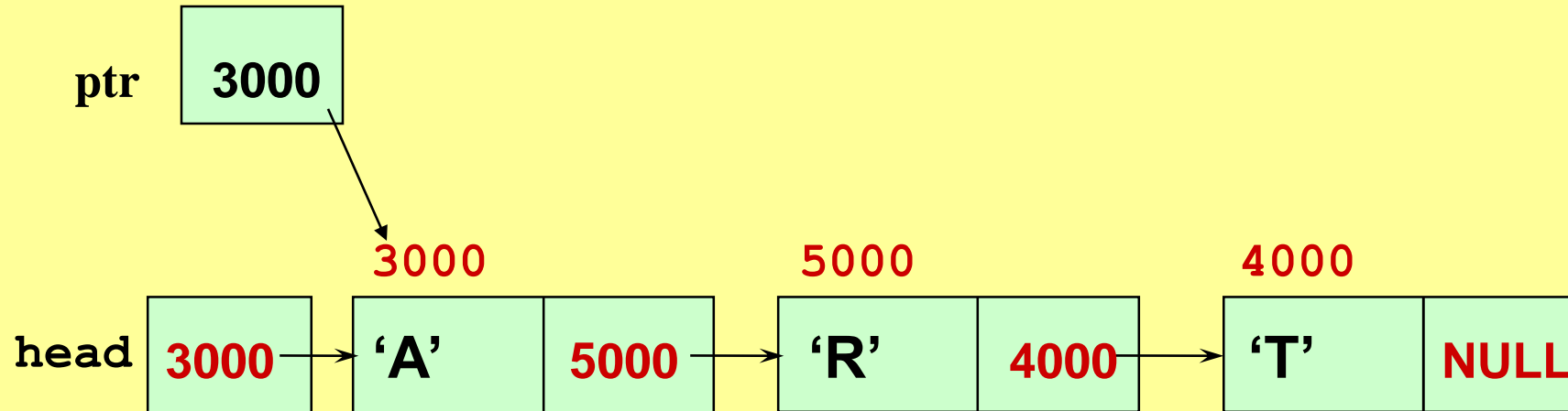
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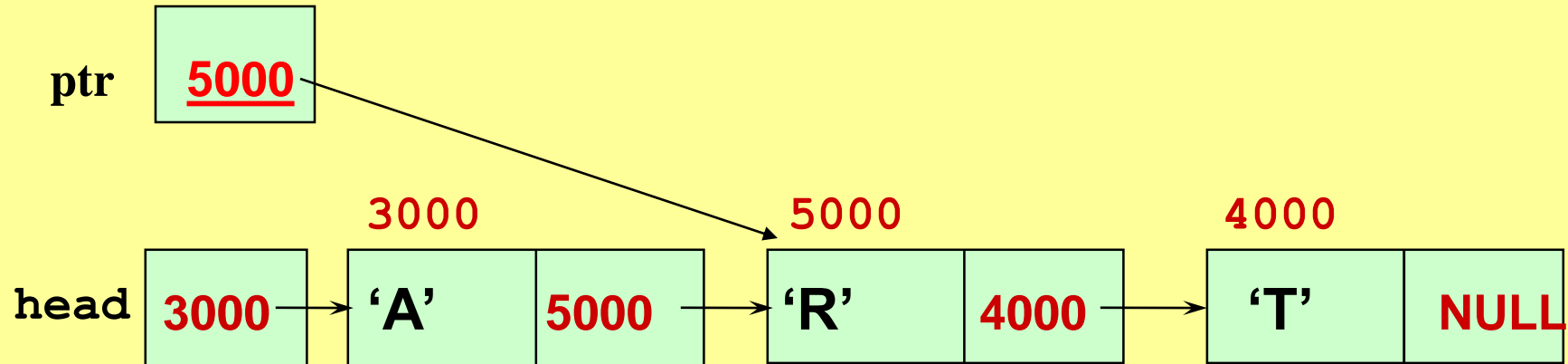
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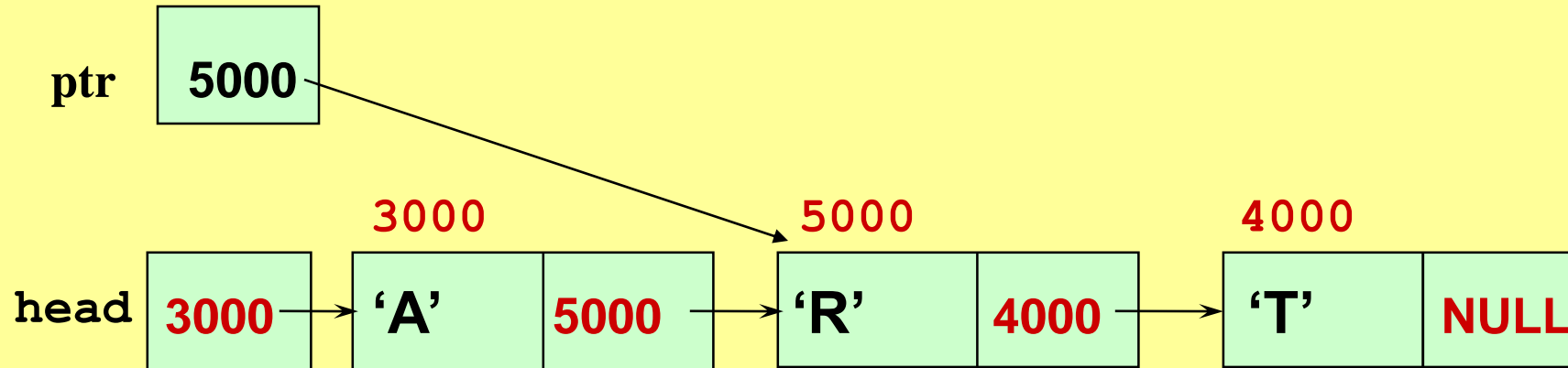
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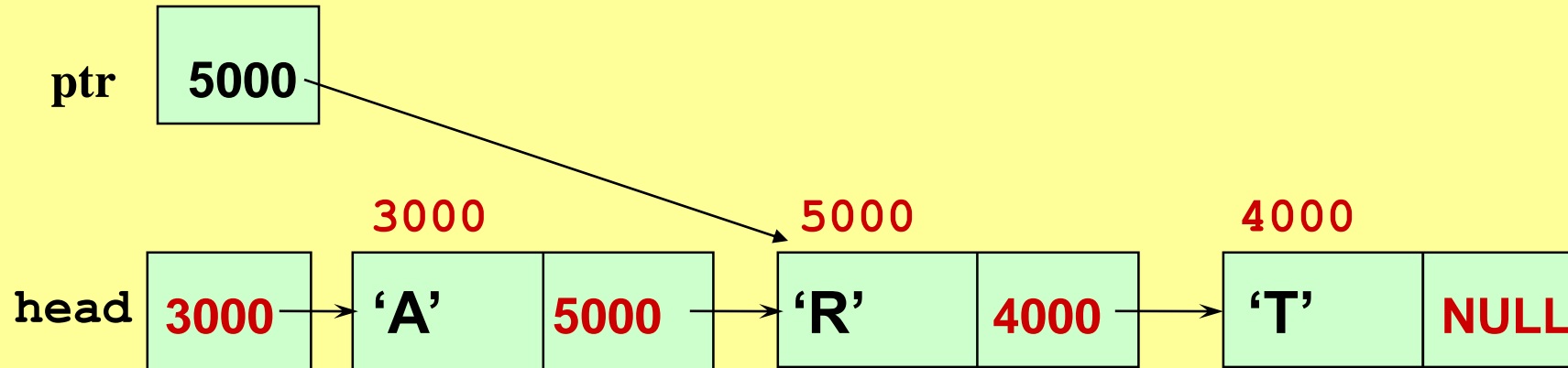
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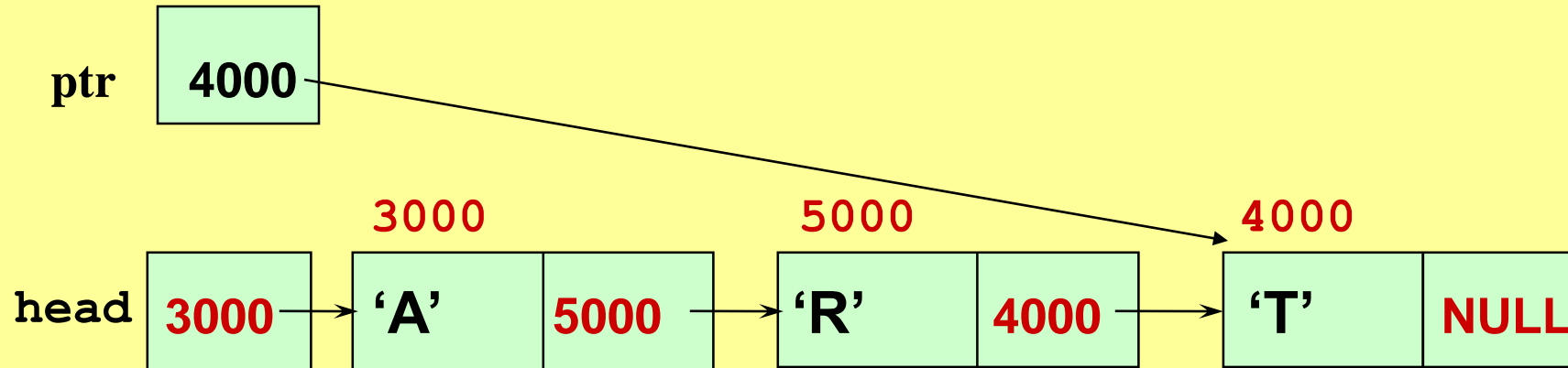
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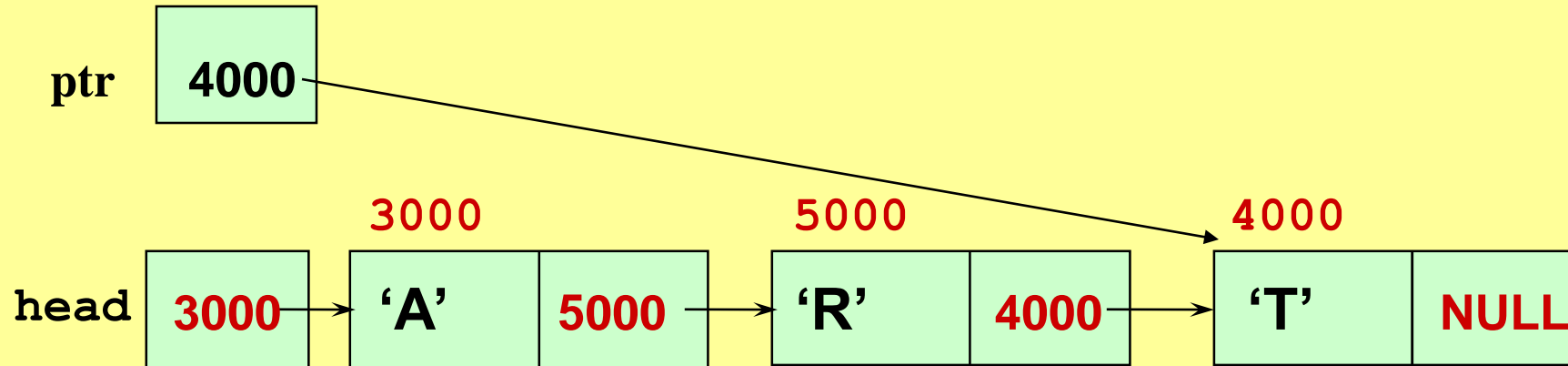
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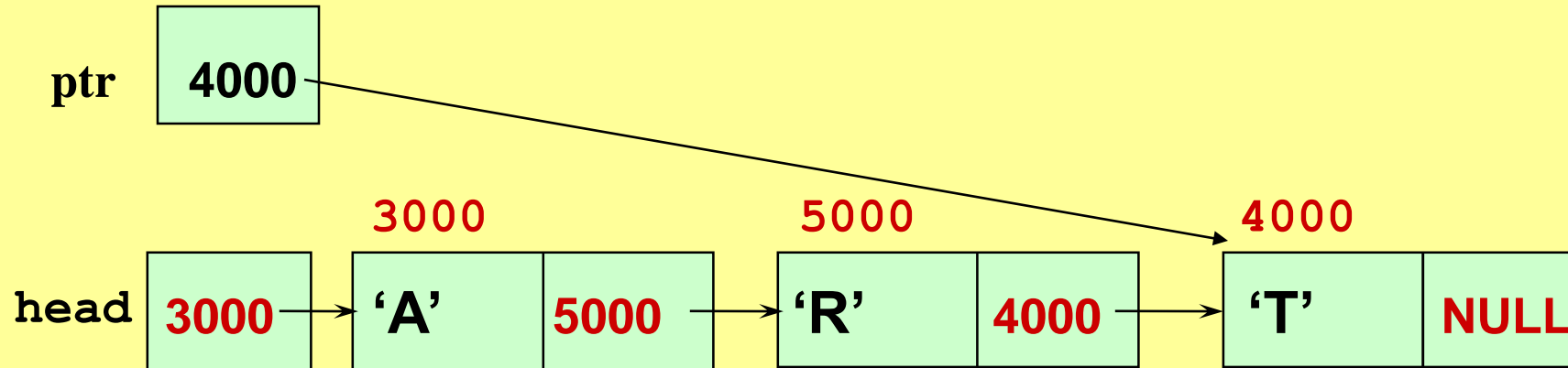
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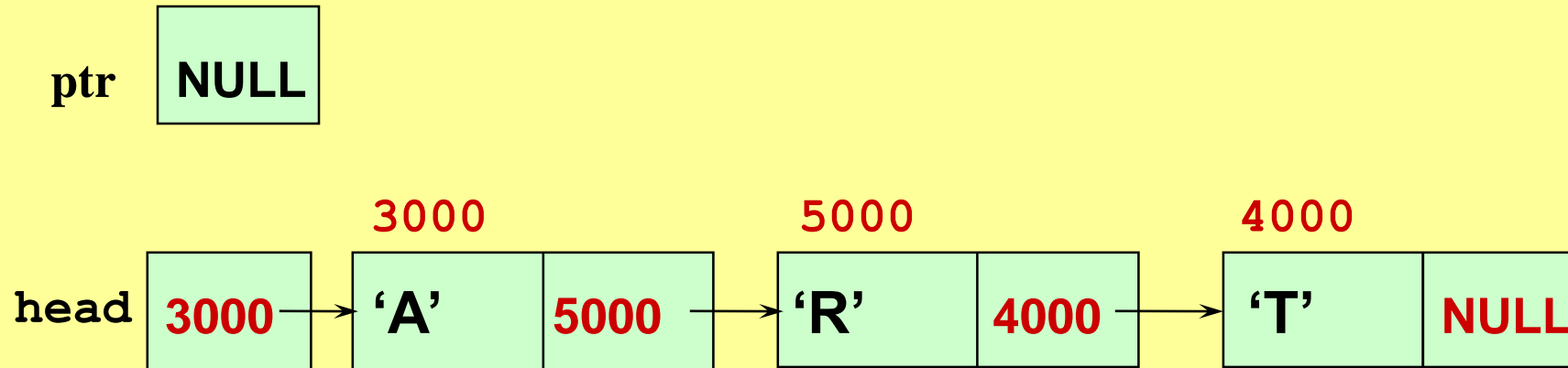
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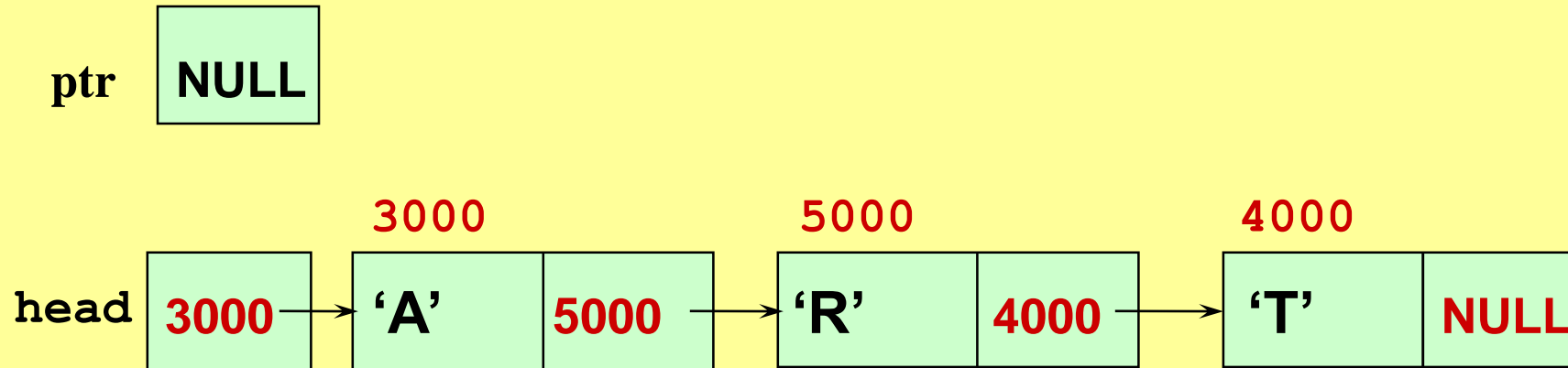
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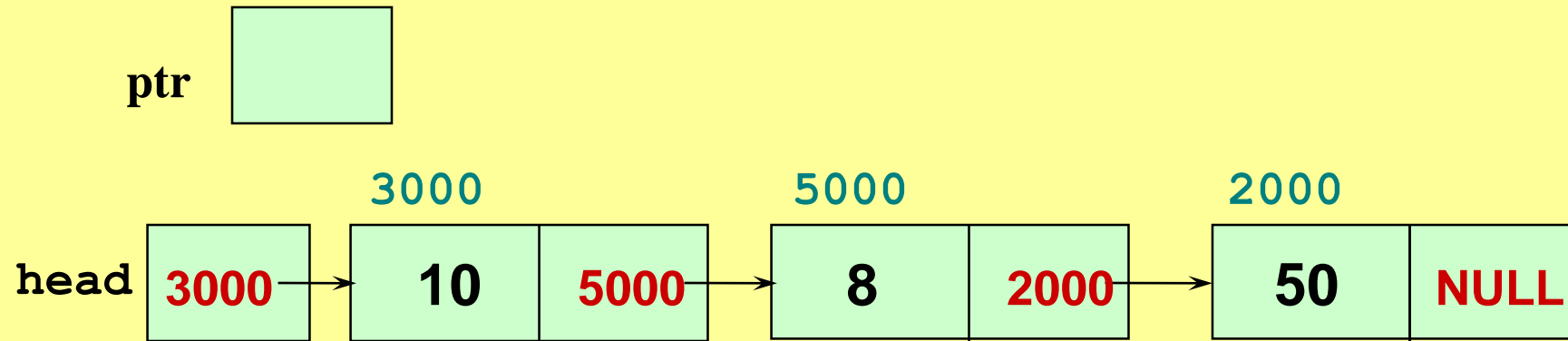
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# Declarations for a Linked List

```
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// Variable DECLARATIONS
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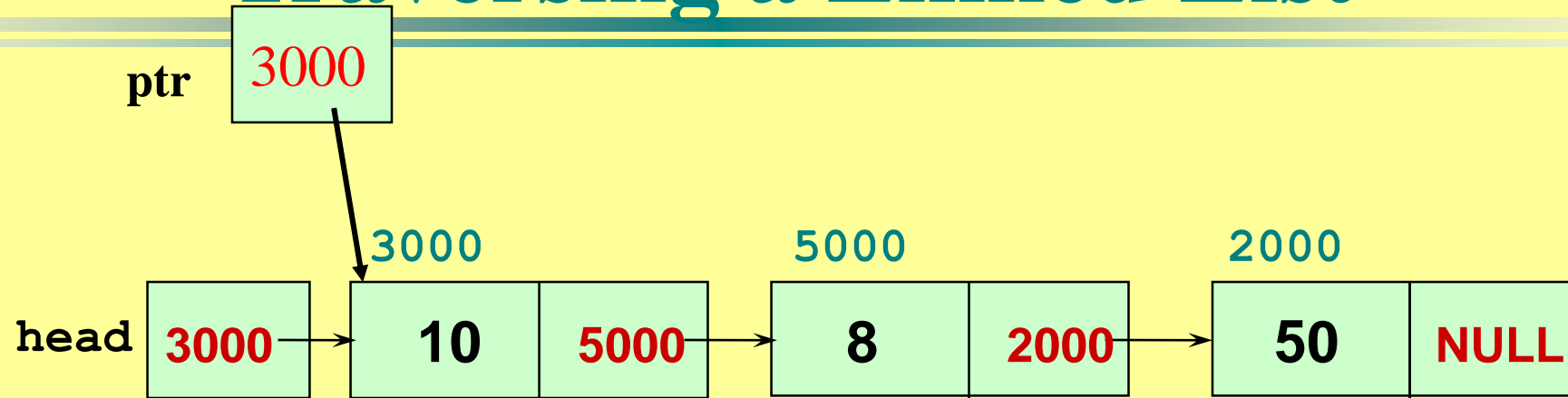


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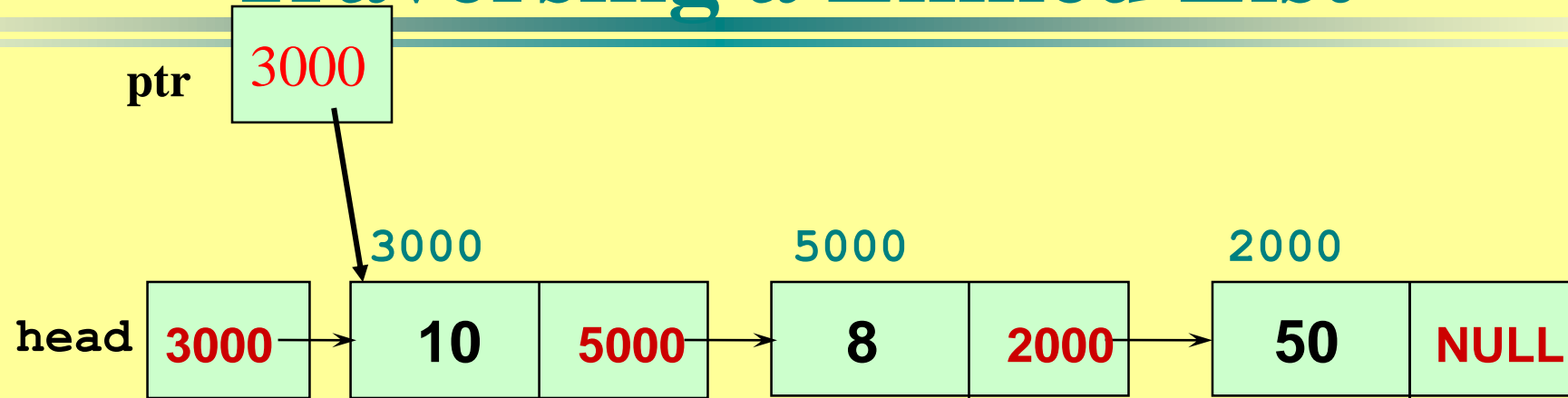
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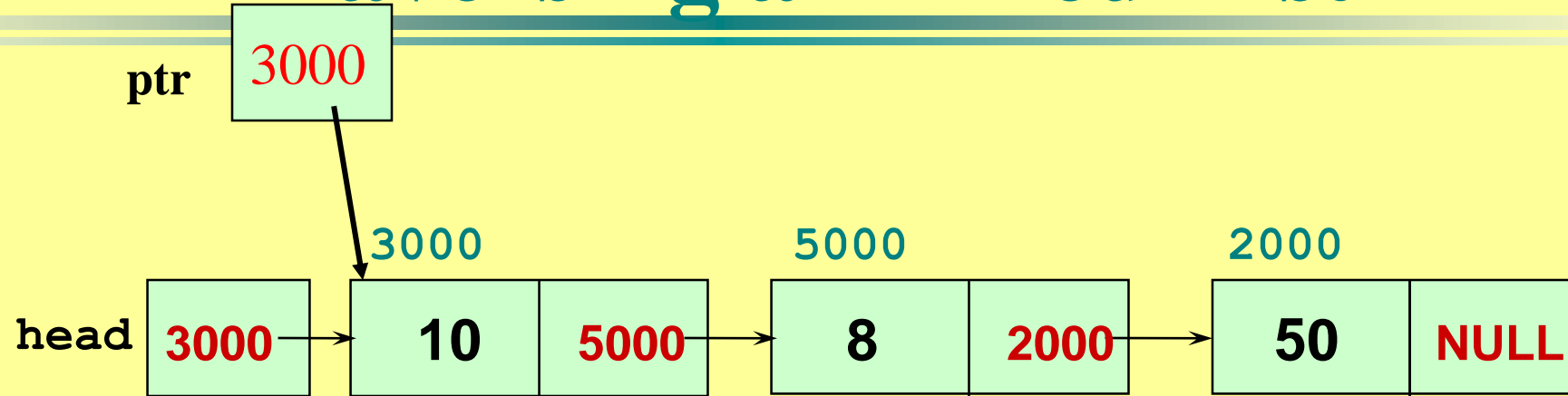
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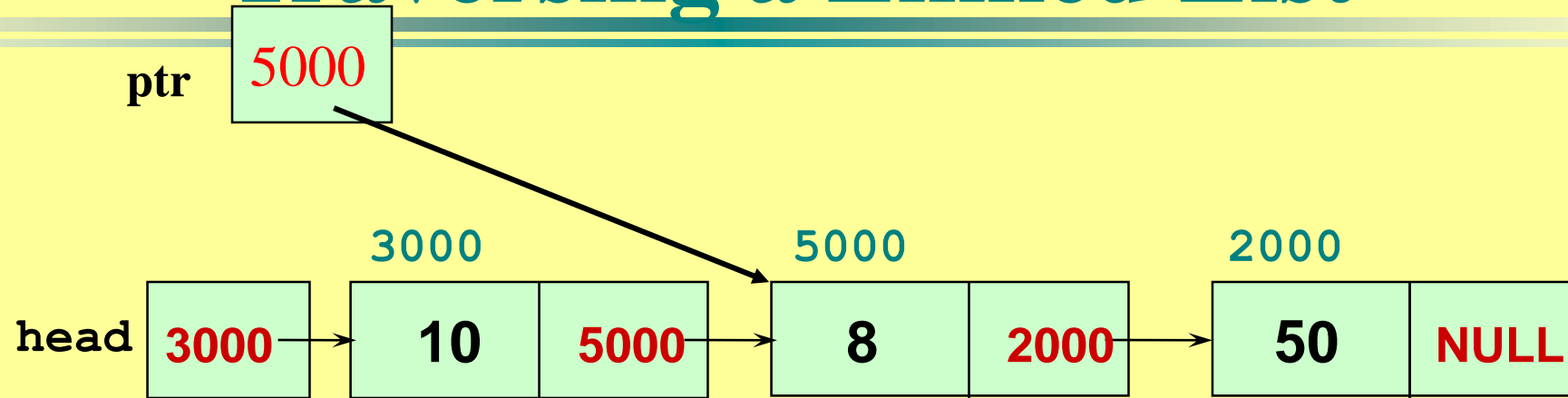
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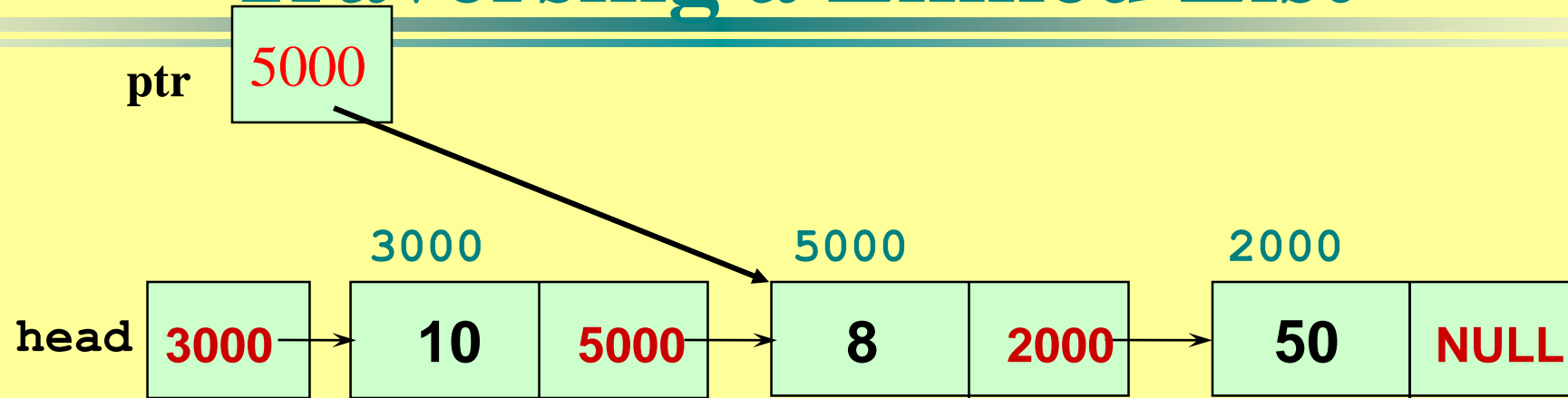
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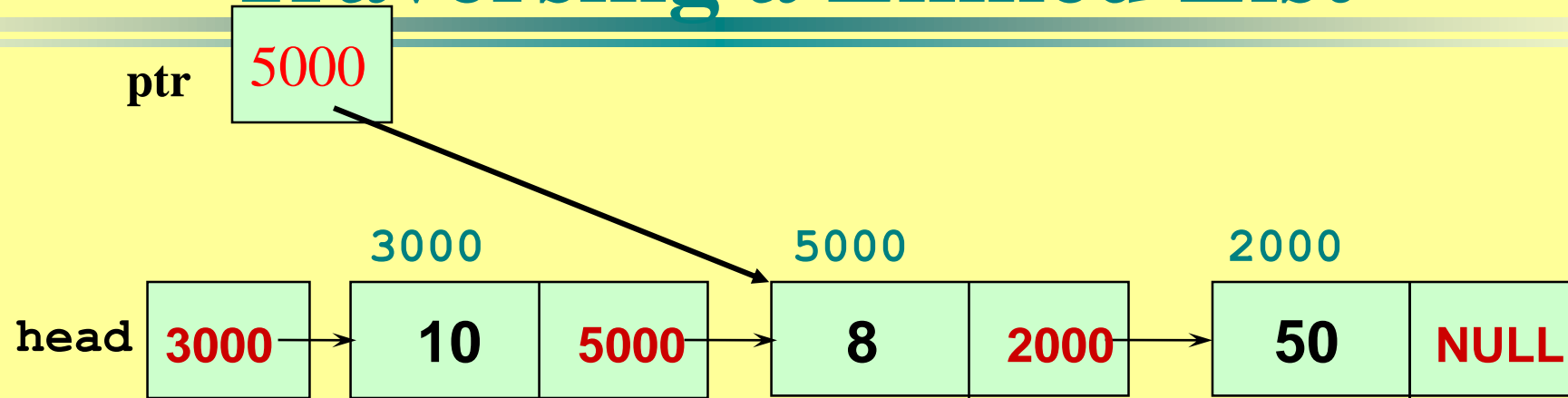
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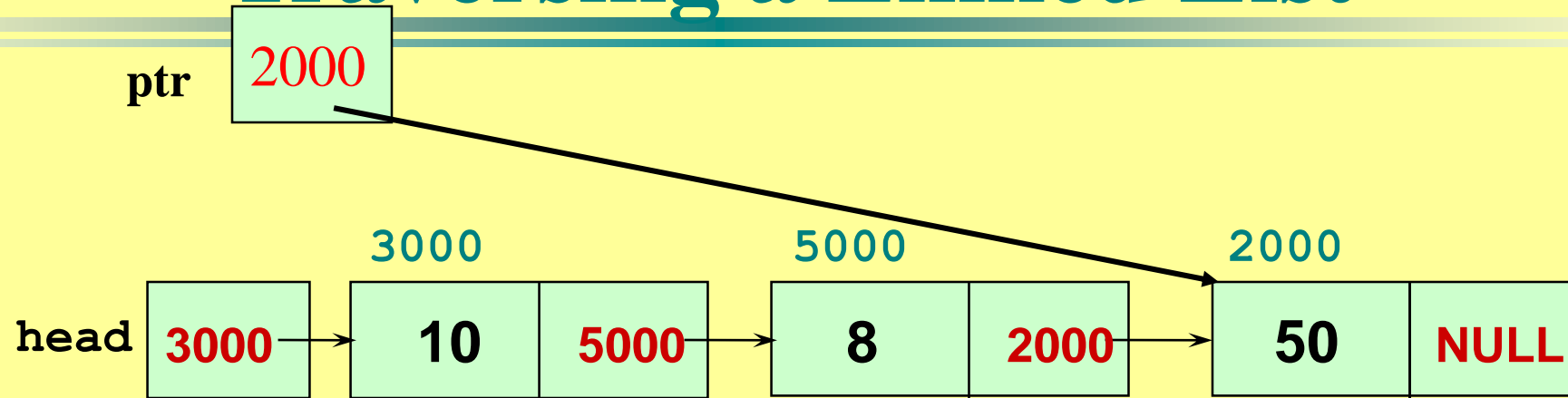
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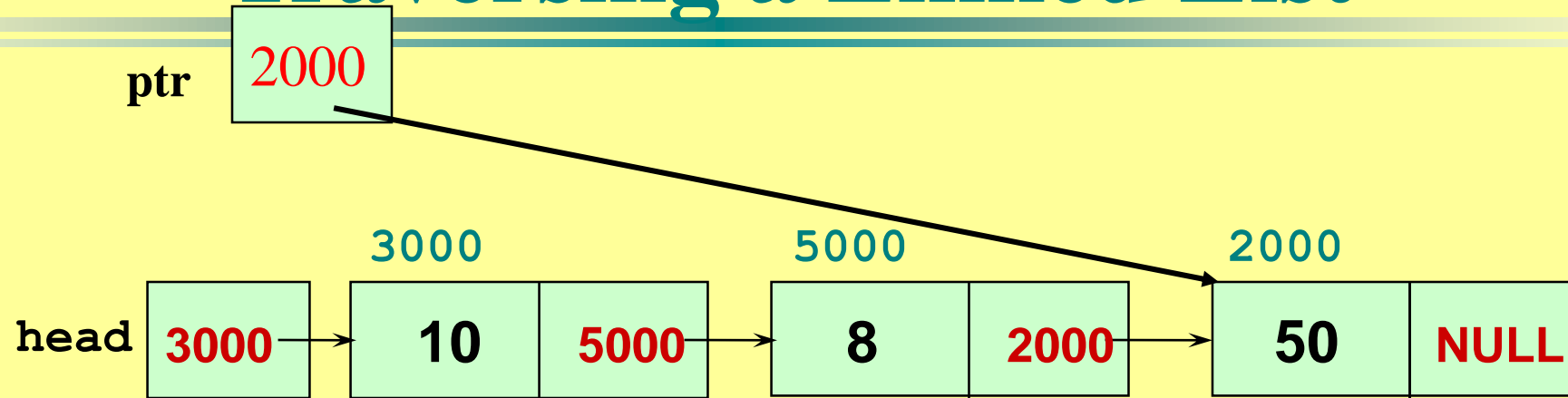
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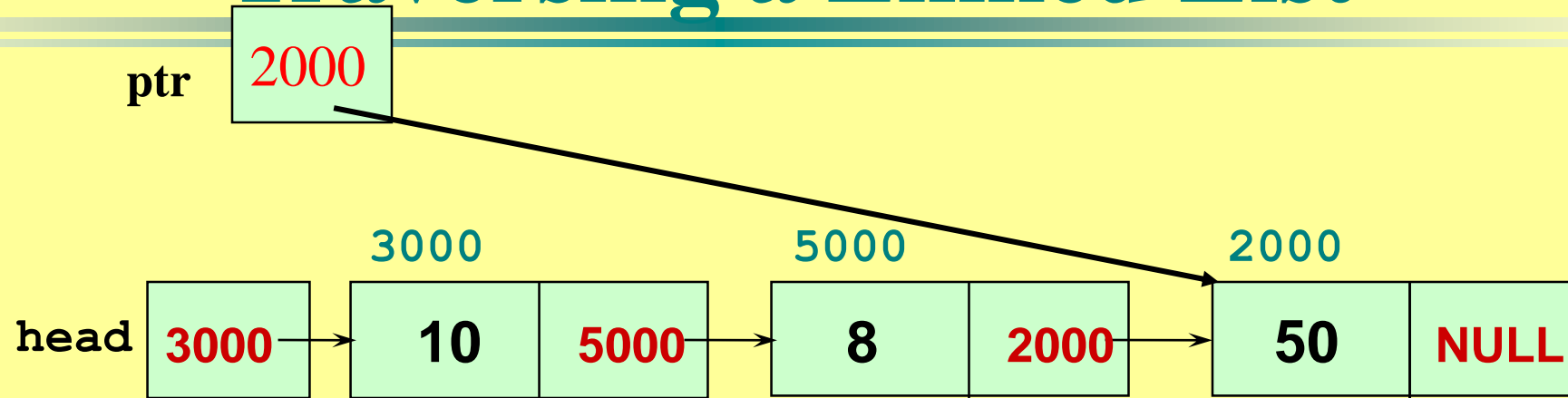


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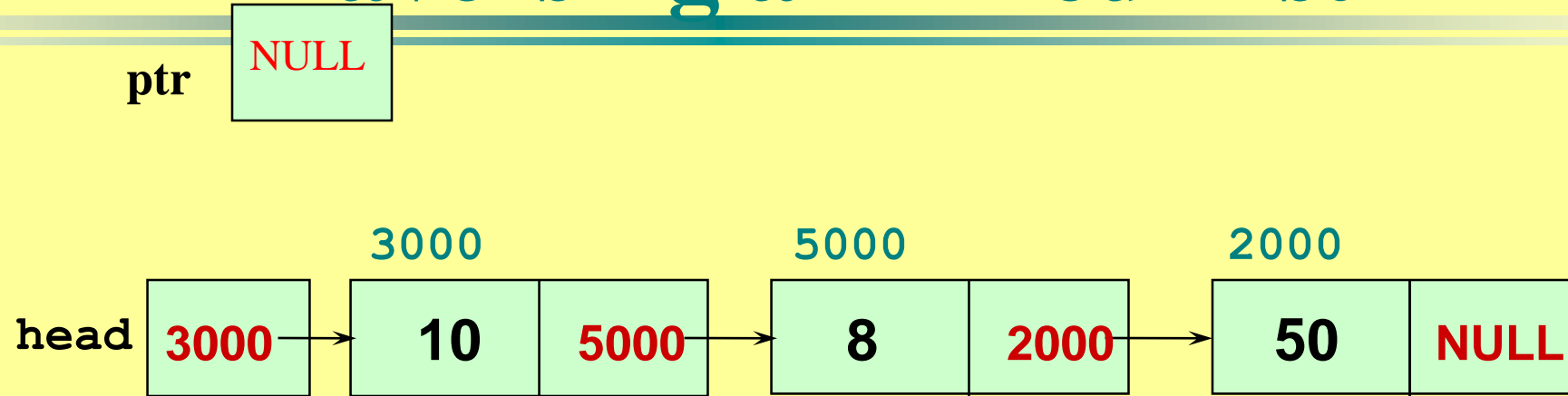
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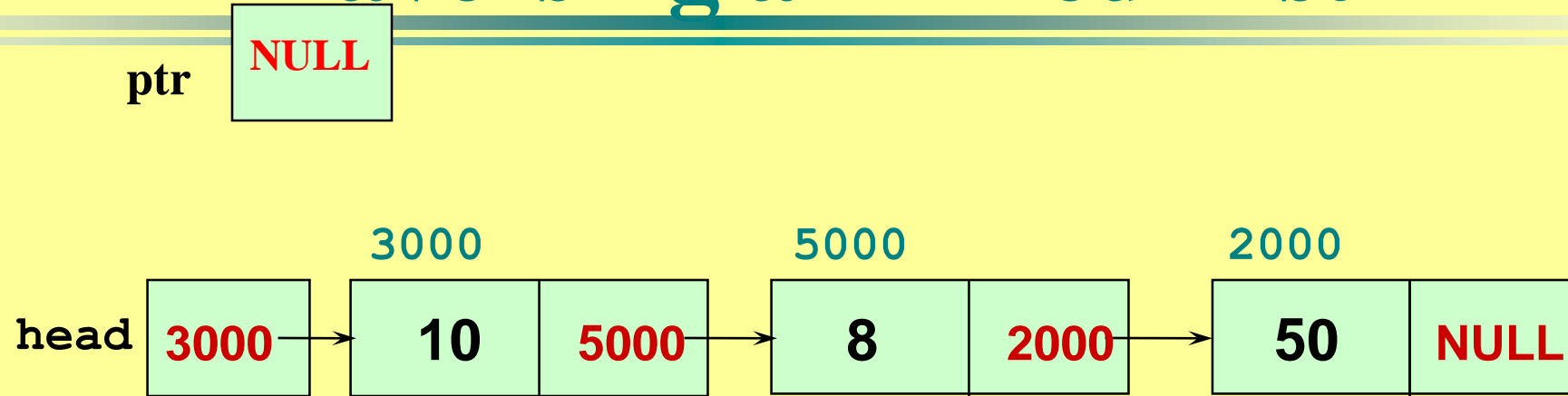
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# Creating new node / list

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If memory is available new node will be **allocated using malloc(), and it returns an address of the memory allocated to pointer.**

**The dynamically allocated object exists until the free operation destroys it.**

# Inserting a Node at the Front of a List

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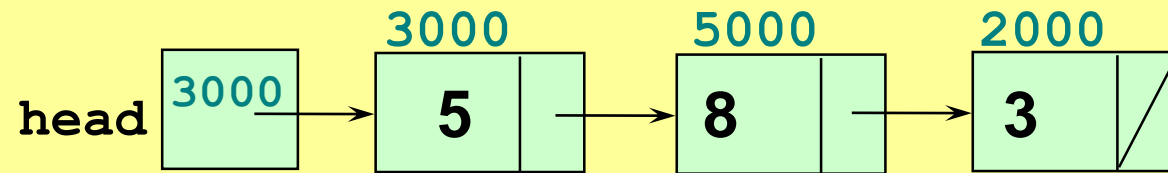
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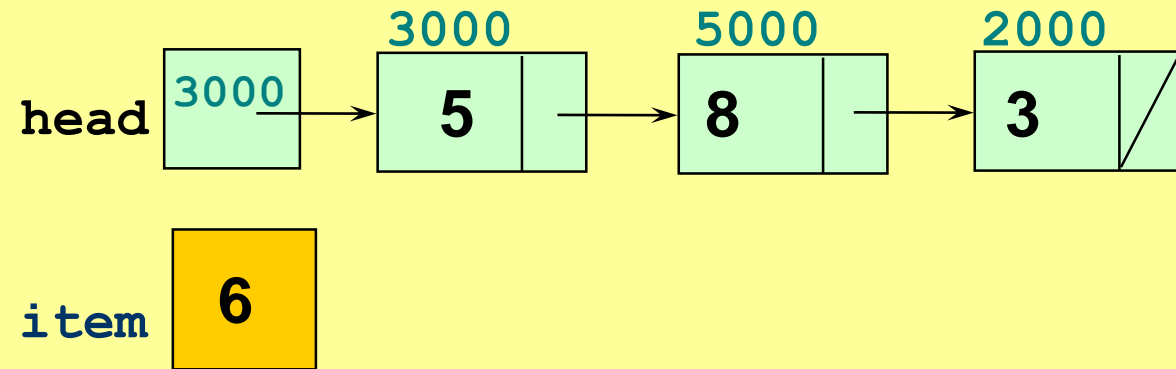
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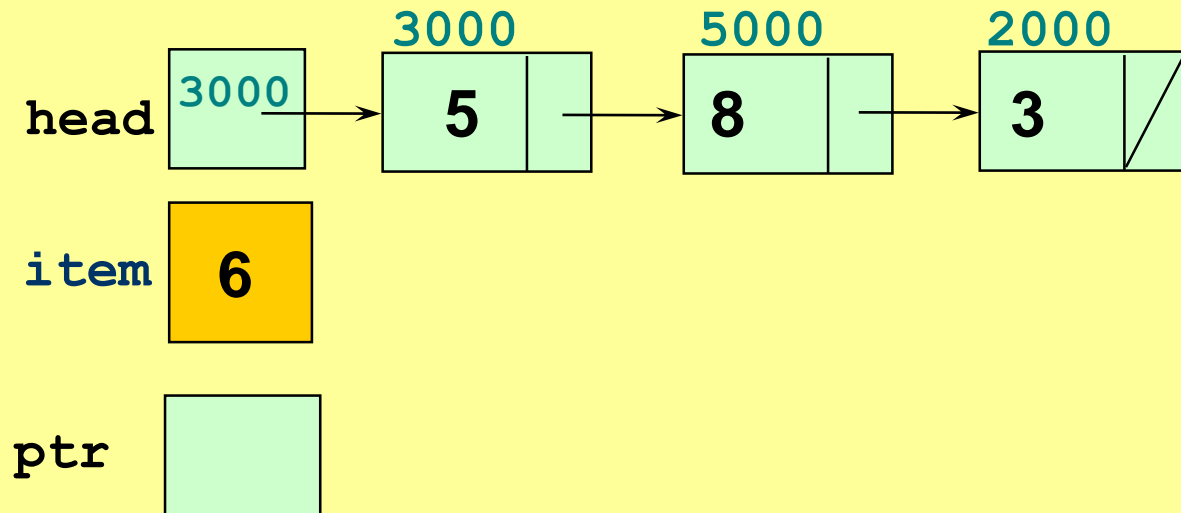
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ptr = (struct NodeType *)malloc(sizeof(struct NodeType));
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ptr ->info = item;
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ptr ->next = head;
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head = ptr;
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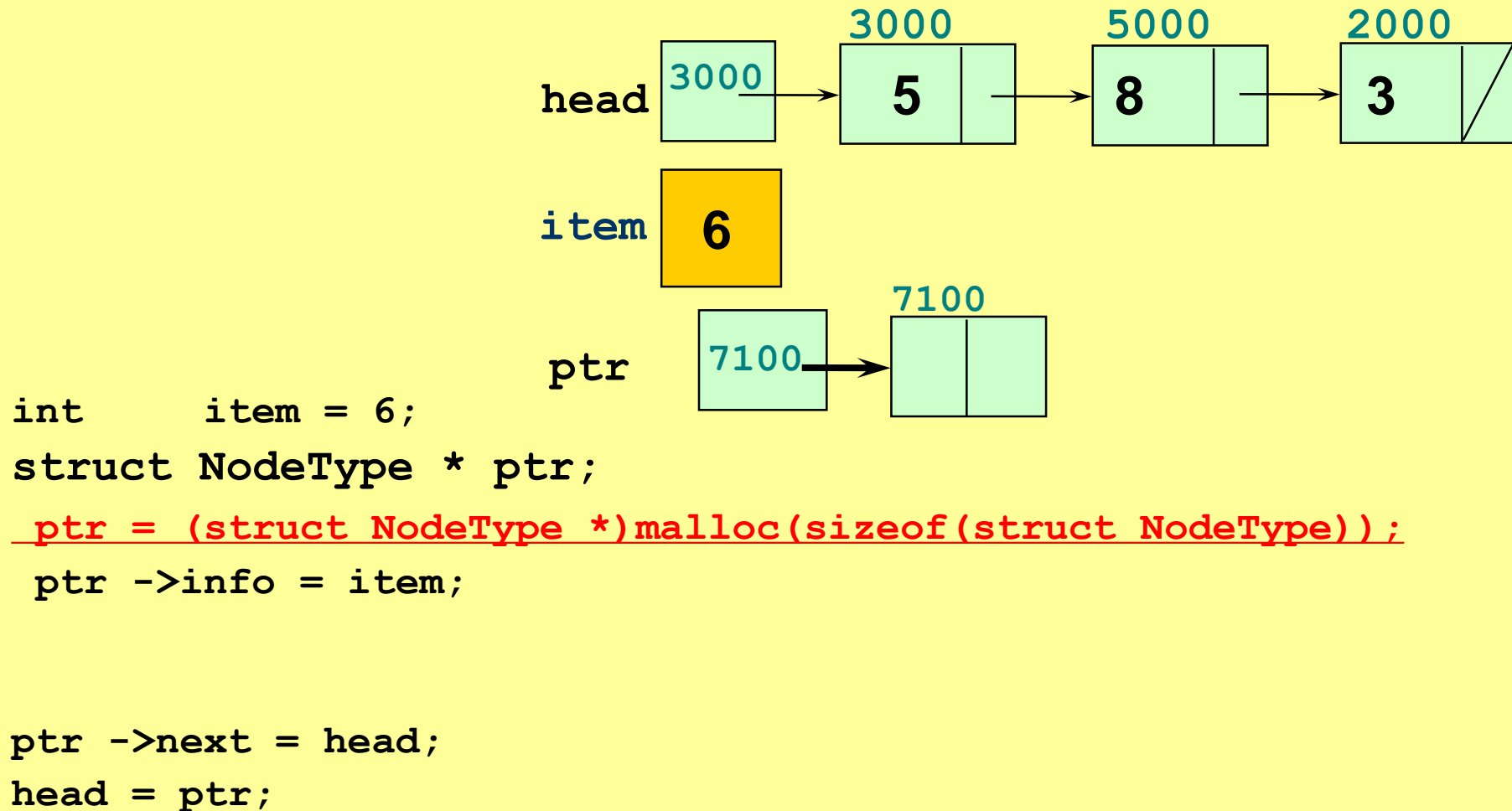


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struct NodeType * _ptr;  
ptr = (struct NodeType *)malloc(sizeof(struct NodeType));  
ptr ->info = item;
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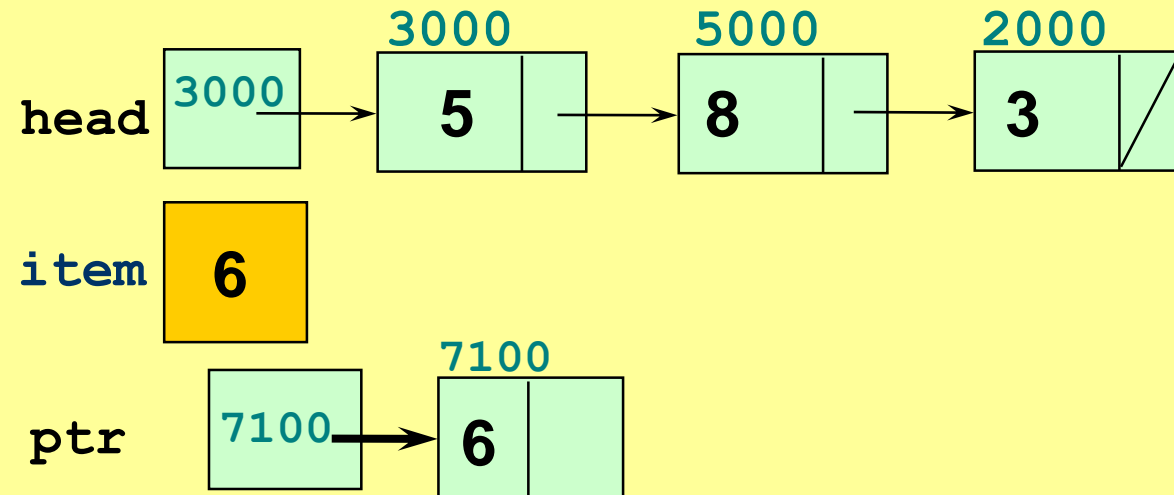
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ptr ->next = head;  
head = ptr;
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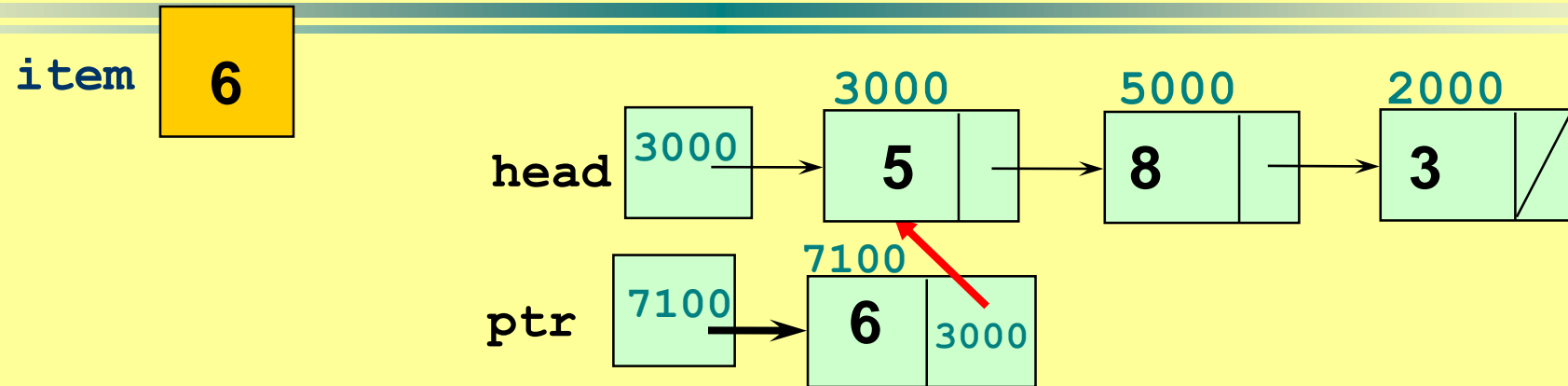
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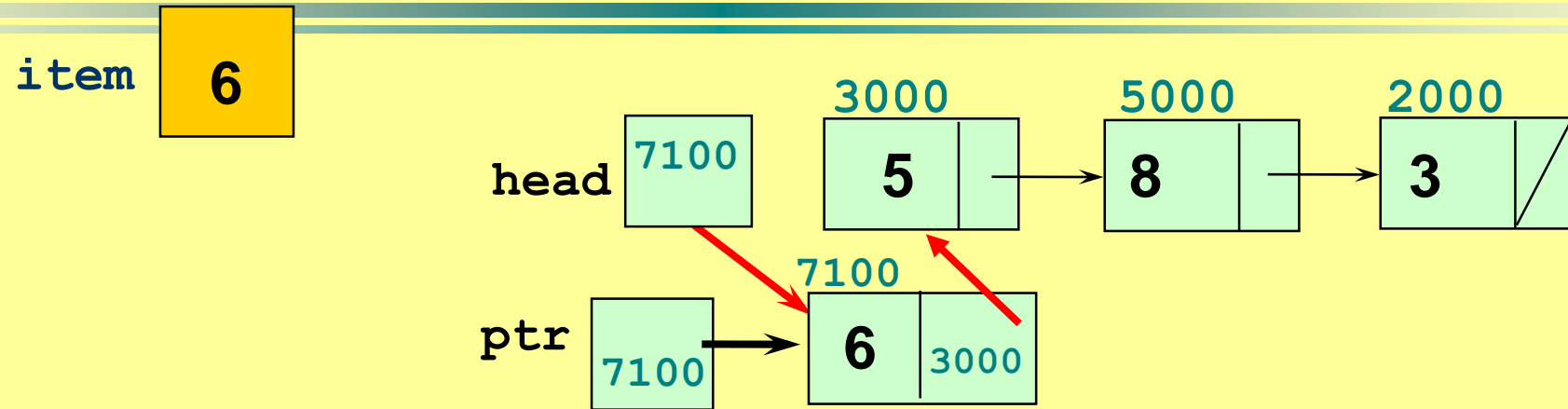
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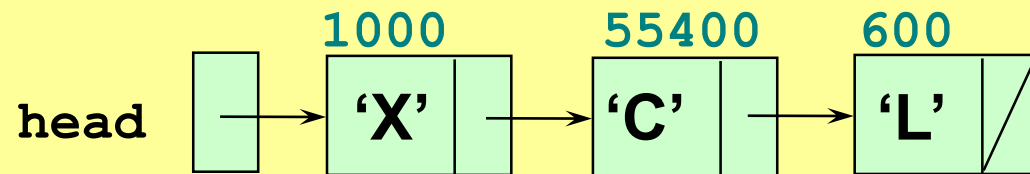
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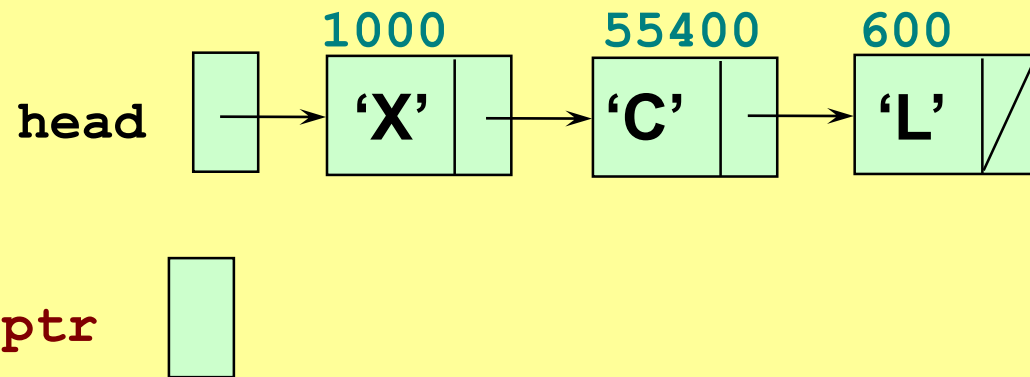
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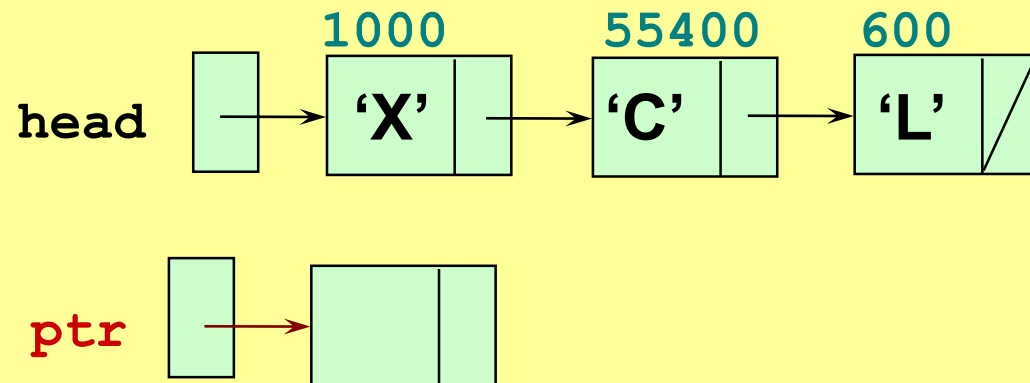


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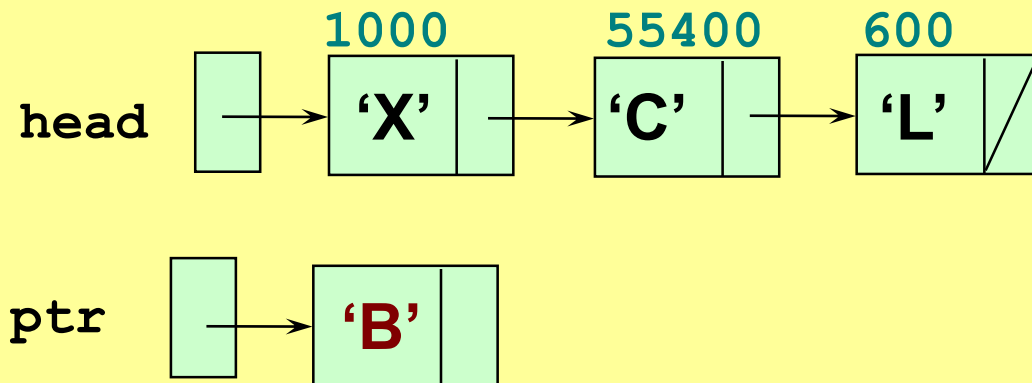


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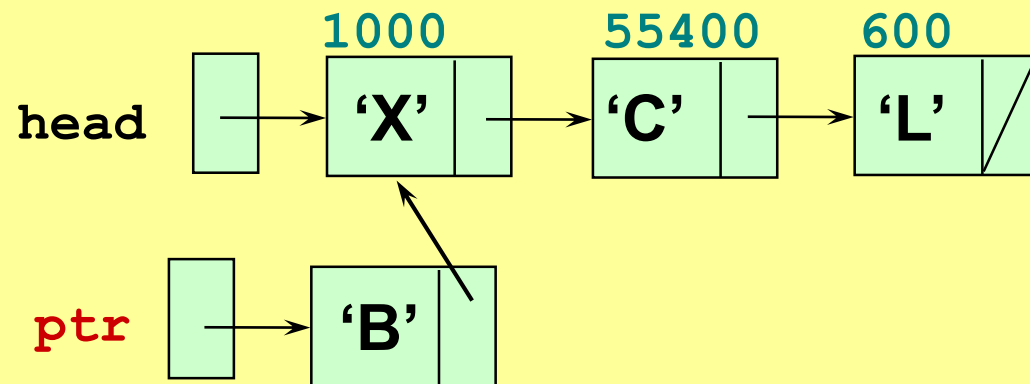


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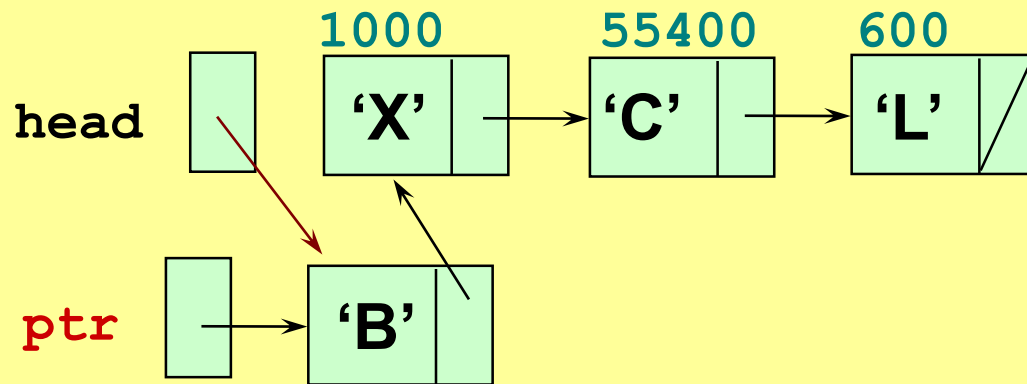


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# **Program to create a Linked List by inserting each node at the front of the list**

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# Step 1: declare the structure

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```
struct node
{
    int data;
    struct node *next;
};
```

# Step 2: declare the pointer variables of type structure

```
struct node
{
    int data;
    struct node *next;
};
```

*/\* Declare and Initialize head pointer \*/*

**struct node \*head = NULL;** // To indicate the list is empty

## Step 3: Write the function to create list by inserting new node at beginning

```
struct node
{
    int data;
    struct node *next;
};

/* Declare and Initialize node pointers */
struct node *head = NULL; // To indicate the list is empty
```

//creates a list by adding node at beginning

**void create\_insertbeg()**

{

**struct node\* temp;**

    //creating new node

    temp = (struct node\*)malloc(sizeof(struct node));

    //Store values in new node

    printf("Enter node data: ");

    scanf("%d", &temp->data);

    temp->next = NULL;

    if(head==NULL) { //check if the list is empty

        head = temp;

    }

    else{

        temp->next = head;

        head = temp;

    }

}

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    temp->next = NULL;

    if(head==NULL) { //check if the list is empty

        head = temp;

    }

    else{

**temp->next = head;**

**head = temp;**

    }

}



```
//creates a list by adding node at beginning
void create_insertbeg()
{
    struct node* temp;
    //creating new node
    temp = (struct node*)malloc(sizeof(struct node));
    //Store value in new node's data part
    printf("Enter node data: ");
    scanf("%d", &temp->data);
    temp->next = NULL;
    if(head==NULL) { //check if the list is empty
        head = temp;
    }
    else{
        temp->next = head;
        head = temp;
    }
}
```

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    scanf("%d", &temp->data);
    //Initialize new node's link/next part to NULL
    temp->next = NULL;
    if(head==NULL) { //check if the list is empty
        head = temp;
    }
    else{
        temp->next = head;
        head = temp;
    }
}
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    //Store value in new node's data part
    printf("Enter node data: ");
    scanf("%d", &temp->data);
    //Initialize new node's link/next part to NULL
    temp->next = NULL;
    //Connect the new node with list
    if(head==NULL) { //check if the list is empty
        head = temp;
    }
    else{
        temp->next = head;
        head = temp;
    }
}
```

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    temp->next = NULL;
    //Connect the new node with list
    if(head==NULL) { //check if the list is empty
        head = temp;
    }
    else{
        temp->next = head;
        head = temp;
    }
}

```

Complexity = ?

## Step 4: Write the function to display list

```
// print the linked list value
void printLinkedList() {
    struct node *p=head;
    while (p != NULL) {
        printf("%d ", p->value);
        p = p->next;
    }
}

if(p == NULL)
{
    printf("\nEmpty List\n");
}
```

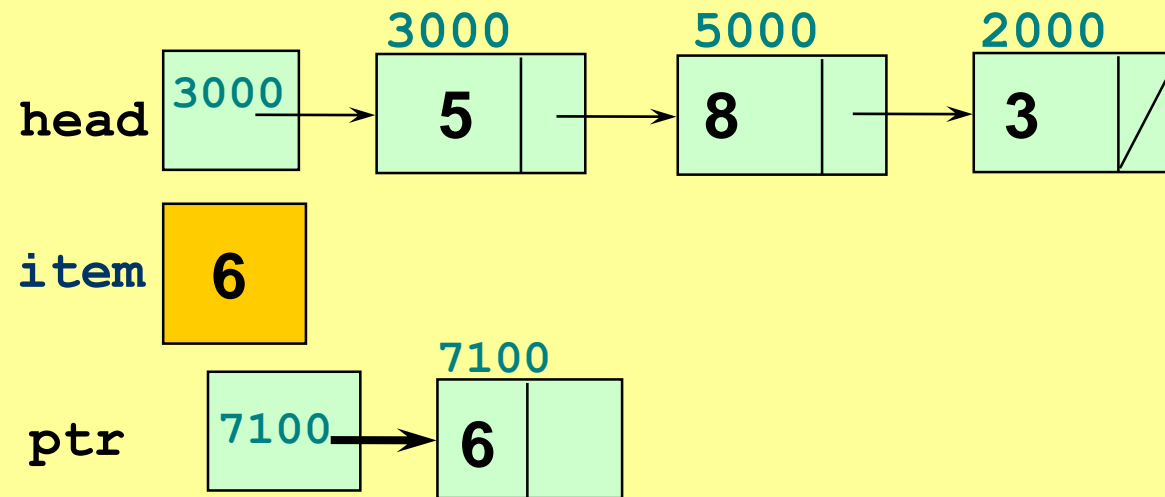
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    else{
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            p = p->next;
        }
    }
}
```

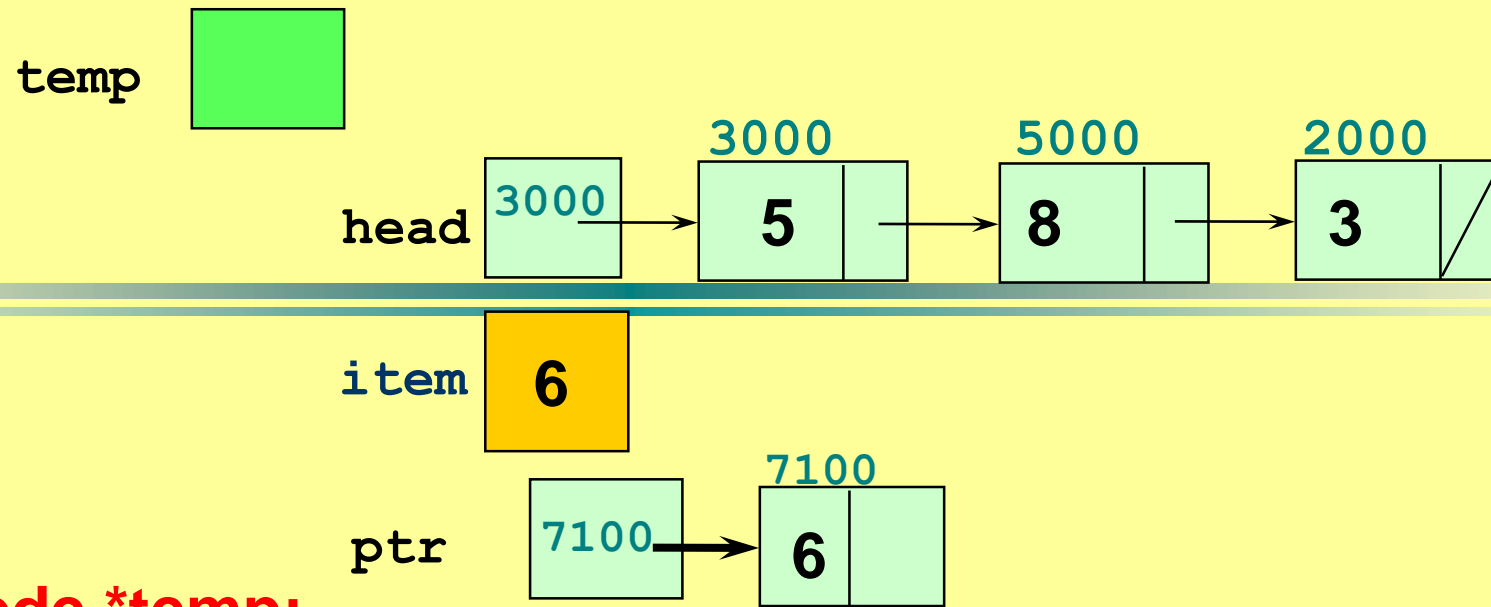
# Step 5: Write the main function and call the create and display functions

```
main()
{
int ch;
do {
    create_insertbeg();
    printf("Enter 1 to continue, 0 to Stop");
    scanf("%d",&ch);
}while(ch==1);
printLinkedlist() ;
}
```

# Write the function to create list by inserting new node at END

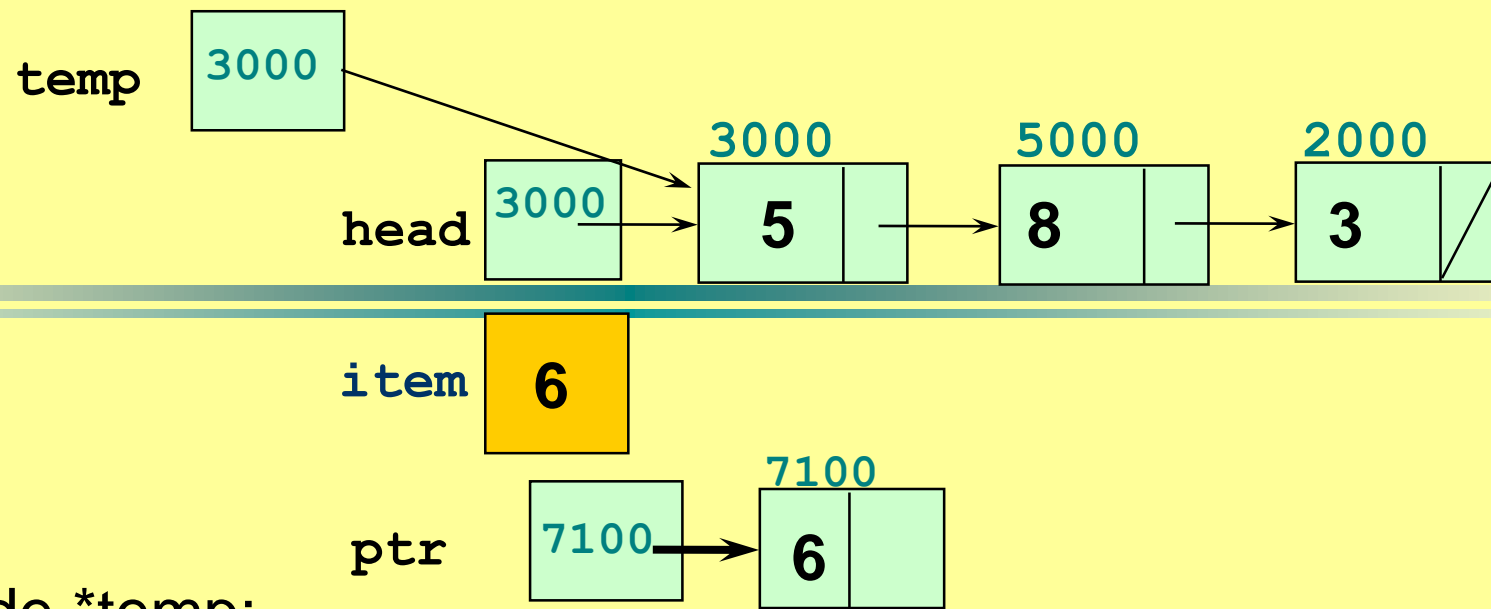






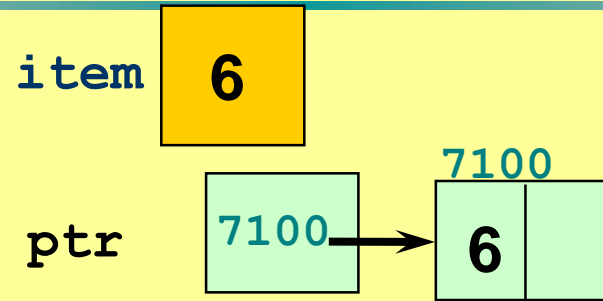
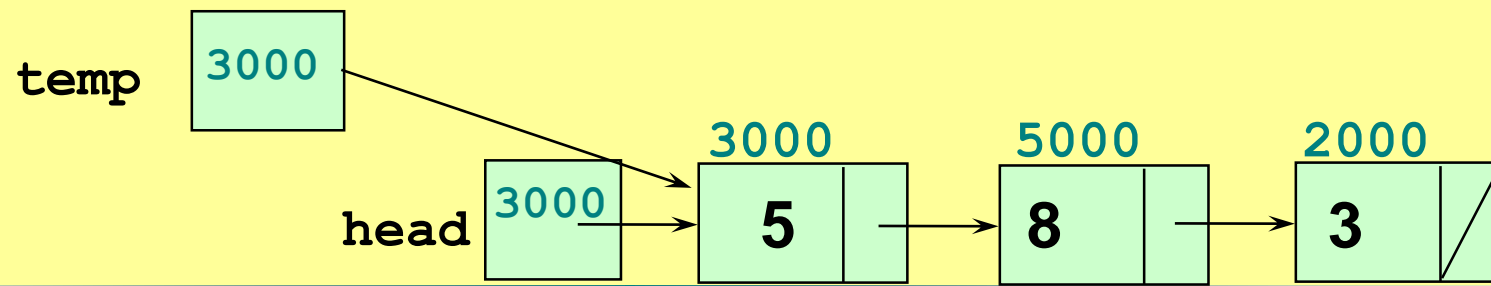
```
struct node *temp;  
temp = head;  
while (temp -> next != NULL)  
{  
    temp = temp -> next;  
}
```

```
temp->next = ptr;
```



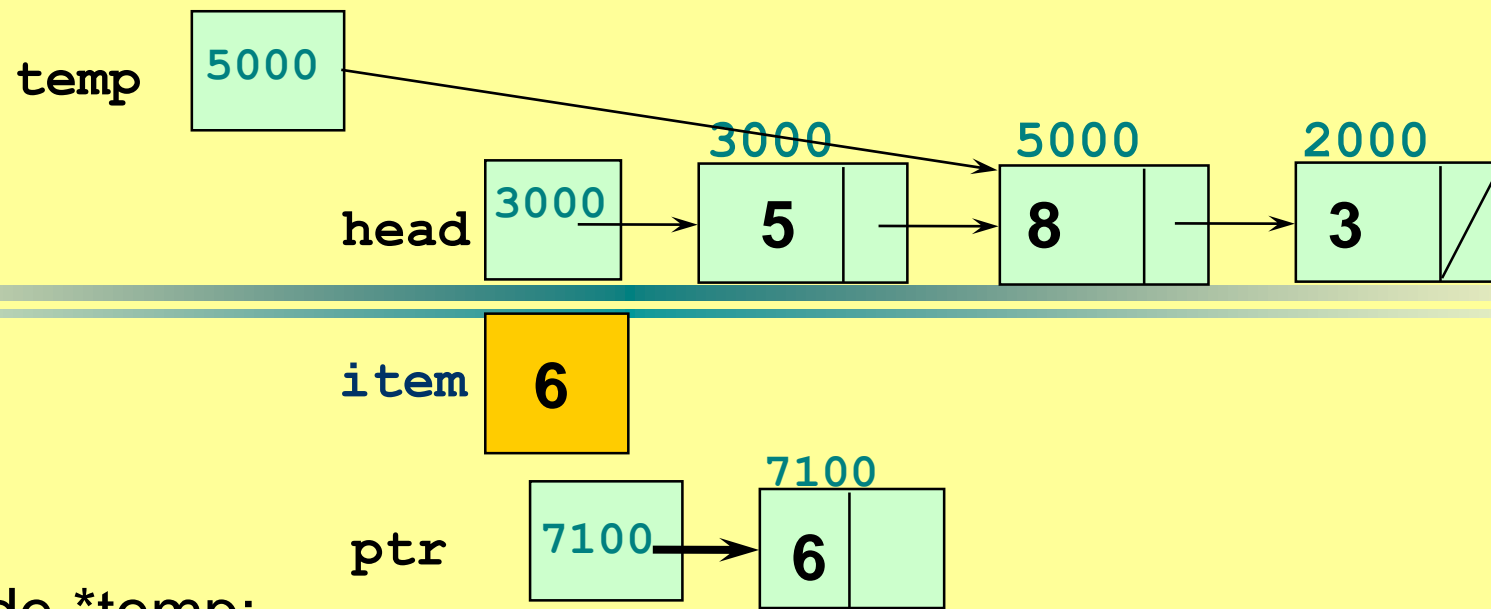
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temp = head;  
while (temp -> next != NULL)  
{  
    temp = temp -> next;  
}
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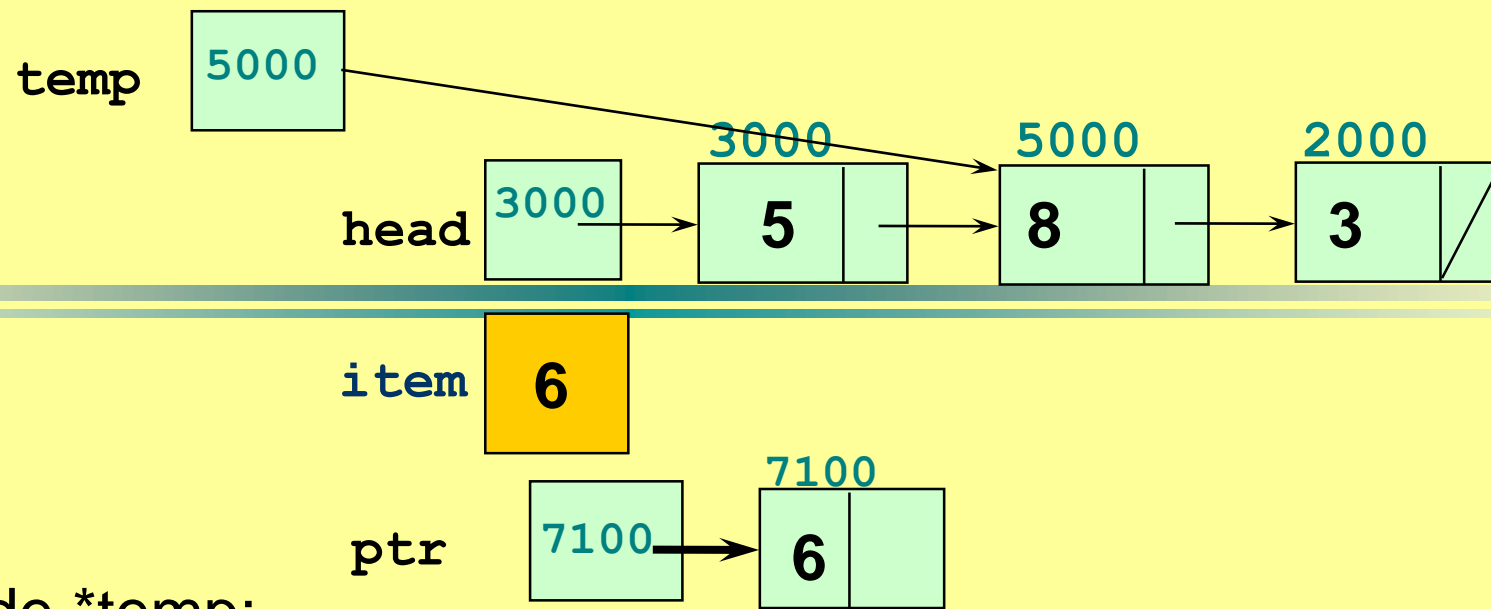
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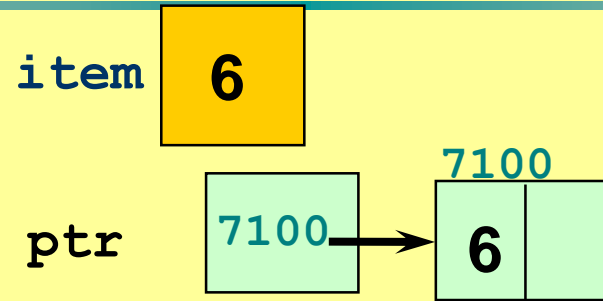
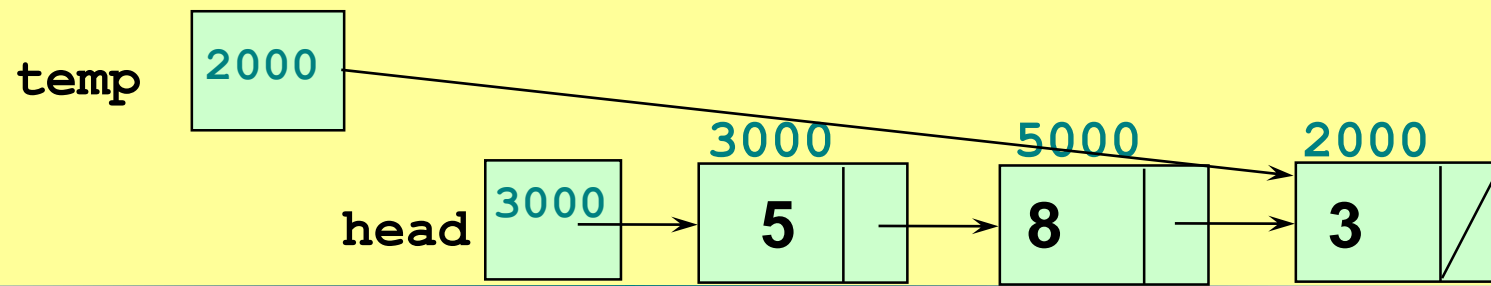
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}
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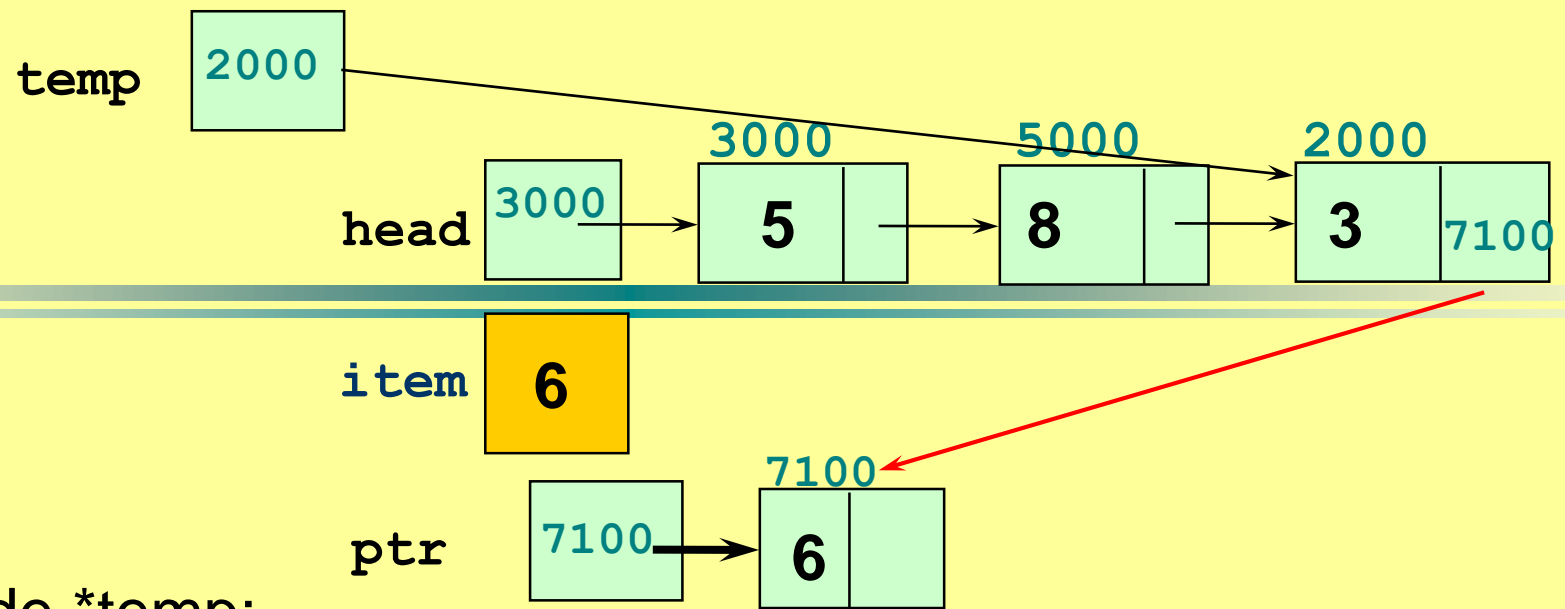
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temp = head;  
while (temp -> next != NULL)  
{  
    temp = temp -> next;  
}
```

```
temp->next = ptr;
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temp->next = ptr;
```



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struct node *temp;  
temp = head;  
while (temp -> next != NULL)  
{  
    temp = temp -> next;  
}
```

**temp->next = ptr;**

```
void lastinsert()
{
    struct node *ptr,*temp;

    ptr = (struct node*)malloc(sizeof(struct node));
    printf("\nEnter value");
    scanf("%d",&ptr->data);
    ptr -> next = NULL;
```

```
if(head == NULL) //List is empty
{
    head = ptr;
}
else
{
    temp = head;
    while (temp -> next != NULL)
    {
        temp = temp -> next;
    }

    temp->next = ptr;
}
}
```



# Insert a New Node after a Given Node in Linked List

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# How to Insert a New Node after a Given Node in Linked List

- **Approach:**
- To insert a node after a **given node** in a Linked List, we need to:
- Check if the given node exists or not (Traverse the list).
- If it do not exists,
  - terminate the process.
- If the **given node** exists,
  - Create a new node
  - Store the original next pointer of **given node** to the next pointer of new node
  - Change the next pointer of **given node** to the new node

