

# Merge Two Sorted Linked List [LeetCode](#)

Write a C++ program to merge two sorted linked lists.

## Approach 1: Iterative approach to merge two sorted linked lists

- Initialize pointers to keep track of the merged list and the previous node.
- Traverse both linked lists simultaneously, comparing their values.
- Connect the smaller value node to the merged list, updating the merged list and the previous node pointers.
- Continue this process until both lists are exhausted.
- Finally, append any remaining nodes from both lists to the merged list.

**Time Complexity:**  $O(m + n)$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are the lengths of the two linked lists.

**Space Complexity:**  $O(1)$ , as only a constant amount of additional space is used.

## Approach 2: Recursive approach to merge two sorted linked lists

- Base cases: If one of the lists is empty, return the other list.
- Compare the values of the current nodes in the two lists.
- Recursively merge the rest of the lists and connect the nodes accordingly.
- Return the merged list.

**Time Complexity:**  $O(m + n)$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are the lengths of the two linked lists.

**Space Complexity:**  $O(m + n)$ , as the recursive call stack can grow to accommodate both lists' lengths.