

# Data Structure and Algorithms

# Lab Report

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# Experiment # 5 Link list-Basic Deletion at desired position

#### Objective

The objective of this session is to insertion, traversal and deletion at desired position in link list using C++.

#### Software Tool

1. Dev C++

## 1 Theory

This section discusses how to insert an item into, and delete an item from, a linked list. Consider the following definition of a node. (For simplicity, we assume that the info type is int.

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struct nodeType
{
int info nodeType* link;
};
We will use the following variable nodeType
```

## **INSERTION:-**

Algorithms which insert nodes into the linked list come up in various situations. We discuss three of them here. The first one inserts a node at the beginning of the list, the second one inserts a node after a node with a given location, and the third one inserts a node into the sorted list.

Inserting at the Beginning of the List:- Suppose our linked list is not necessarily sorted and there is no reason to insert a new node in any special place in the list. Then the easiest place to insert the node is at the beginning of the list. An algorithm that does so follows.

#### Algorithm:-

INSFIRST(INFO,LINK,START,AVAIL,ITEM)

This algorithm inserts ITEM as the first node in the list.

- 1.[OVERFLOW?] If AVAIL=NULL then write OVERFLOW and Exit.
- 2. [Remove first node from AVAIL list.] Set NEW=AVAIL and AVAIL=LINK[AVAIL]

3.Set INFO[NEW]=ITEM [Copies new data into new node]

4.Set LINK[NEW]=START [New node now points to the original first node]

5. Set START=NEW [Change START so it points to the new node ] 6. Exit.

#### Inserting after a Given Node:- Algorithm:-

INSLOC(INFO,;INK,START,AVAIL,LOC,ITEM)

This algorithm inserts ITEM so that item follows the node with location LOC or inserts ITEM as a first node when LOC=NULL.

1.[OVERFLOW?] If AVAIL=NULL then write OVERFLOW and Exit.

2.[Remove First Node from the AVAIL list].

Set NEW=AVAIL and AVAIL=LINK[AVAIL].

3.Set INFO[NEW] =ITEM. [Copies new data into new node.]

4.If LOC=NULL then [Inserts as first node] Set

LINK[NEW]=START and START=NEW.

else [Insert after node with location LOC]

Set LINK[NEW]=LINK[LOC] and LINK[LOC]=NEW. [End of If Structure] 5.Exit.

#### Inserting into a Sorted Linked List:-

Suppose ITEM is to be inserted into a sorted linked list. Then ITEM must be inserted between nodes A and B so that

The following is the procedure which finds the location LOC of node A that is which finds the location LOC of the last node in the list whose value is less than ITEM. Traverse the list using pointer variables PTR and comparing ITEM with INFO[PTR] at every node. While traversing keep track of the location of the preceding node by using a pointer variable SAVE. Thus SAVE and PTR are updated by assignments.

#### Algorithm:- FINDA(INFO, LINK START, ITEM,LOC)

This procedure finds the location LOC of the last node in a sorted list such that INFO[LOC]; ITEM or set LOC = NULL.

1.[List Empty?] If START = NULL then set LOC= NULL and Return.

- 2.[Special Case?] If ITEM;INFO[START] then Set LOC =NULL and Return.
- $3.Set\ SAVE = START\ and\ PTR = LINK[START]\ [Initialize\ Pointers]$
- 4.Repeat Step 5 and 6 while PTR NULL.
- 5. If ITEM; INFO[PTR] then Set LOC =SAVE and Return. [End of If Structure]
- 6. Set SAVE = PTR and PTR= LINK[PTR] [Update Pointers] [End of Step 4 Loop]
- 7.Set LOC=SAVE.

8.Exit.

Now we have all the components to present an algorithm which inserts ITEM into a linked list. The simplicity of the algorithm comes from using the previous two procedures.

Algorithm:- INSERT(INFO, LINK, START, AVAIL, ITEM)

This algorithm inserts ITEM into a sorted linked list.

- 1.Call FINDA(INFO, LINK, START, AVAIL, ITEM)
- 2.Call INSLOC(INFO, LINK, START, AVAIL, LOC, ITEM). 3.Exit.

Consider the linked list shown in Figure 1.



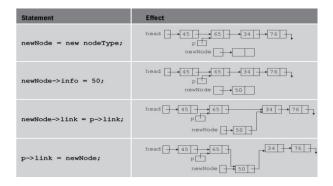
Figure: 1

Suppose that p points to the node with info 65, and a new node with info 50 is to be created and inserted after p. Consider the following statements: newNode=new nodeType; //create new Node newNode- $\iota$ info=50; //store 50 in the newnode newNode- $\iota$ link=p- $\iota$ link;

p-¿link=newNode;

Table 1 shows the effect of these statements.

Table 1: Inserting a node in a linked list



Note that the sequence of statements to insert the node, that is, newNode-¿link = p-¿link;

p-jlink = newNode;

is very important because to insert newNode in the list we use only one pointer, p, to adjust the links of the nodes of the linked list. Suppose that we reverse the sequence of the statements and execute the statements in the following order:

 $p-\xi link = newNode;$  $newNode-\xi link = p-\xi link;$ 

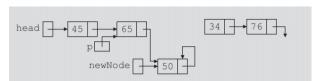


Figure: 2

Figure: List after the execution of the statement p-¿link = newNode;followed by the execution of the statement newNode-¿link = p-¿link;

From Figure, it is clear that newNode points back to itself and the remainder of the list is lost.

## 2 Lab Task

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Write a C++ code using functions for the following operations.

1. Creating a linked List.

2. Traversing a Linked List.

3. Inserting the node at the start of the list.

4. Inserting a node after a given node.

5. Inserting a node in a sorted list.

Create a complete menu for the above options and also create option for reusing it.
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### 2.1 Program:

```
#include<iostream>
 using namespace std;
 struct node
 {
                        int number;
                       node *next;
 };
 struct Box
                        void insertAsFirstElement(node *&head, node *&last, int number);
                        void insert(node *&head, node *&last,int number);
                       void remove(node *&head, node *&last);
                        void showList(node *current);
 };
 bool isEmpty(node *head) {
                        return head == NULL;
 }
char menu() {
                       char choice;
                        cout << "Menu" << "1. \bot Add\_an \bot item . \\ \  \  \, n" << "2. \bot Remove\_an \bot item . \\ \  \  \, n" << "3. \bot Show \bot there is a substitution of the country of th
                         cin >> choice;
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return choice;
}
void insertAsFirstElement(node *&head, node *&last,int number) {
    node *temp = new node;
    temp \rightarrow number = number;
    temp->next = NULL;
    head = temp;
    last = temp;
}
void insert(node *&head, node *&last,int number) {
     if (isEmpty(head))
       insertAsFirstElement(head, last, number);
    else {
         node *temp = new node;
         temp \rightarrow number = number;
         temp \rightarrow next = NULL;
         last \rightarrow next = temp;
         last = temp;
    }
}
void remove(node *&head, node *&last,int number) {
    cin>>number;
    node *temp = new node;
     if (isEmpty(head))
         cout << "this _ list _ is _ already _empty.\n";
    else if (head == last) {
         delete head;
         head = NULL;
         last = NULL;
    } else {
         for(int i = 0; 1 < number - 2; i++)
              /*node *temp = head;
              head = head \rightarrow next;
              delete temp; */
              node *temp = head;
         head = head \rightarrow next;
         temp= temp->next;
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```
node* temp2 = temp->next;
         temp \rightarrow next = temp2 \rightarrow next;
         delete temp2;
}
void showList(node *current) {
    if(isEmpty(current))
         cout << "The_list_is_empty\n";
    else {
         cout << "The_list_contains:\n";
         while (current != NULL) {
             cout << current->number << endl;</pre>
             current = current -> next;
        }
    }
}
int main() {
    node *head = NULL;
    node *last = NULL;
    char choice;
    int number;
    do{
         choice = menu();
         switch (choice) {
         case '1':
             cout << "please_enter_a_number:_";</pre>
             cin >> number;
             insert (head, last, number);
             break;
         case '2':
             remove(head, last, number);
             break;
         case '3':
             showList(head);
             break;
         default:
             cout << "System_exit\n";
         }
```

```
}while (choice != '4');
return 0;
}
```

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Menu1. Add an item.
2. Remove an item.
3. Show the list.
Exit
```

Output

# 3 Conclusion

If node to be deleted is root, simply delete it. To delete a middle node, we must have pointer to the node previous to the node to be deleted. So if positions is not zero, we run a loop position-1 times and get pointer to the previous node.