LINKED LISTS

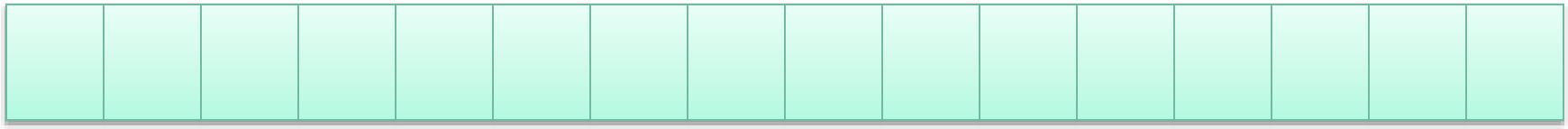
Singly Linked lists

Doubly linked lists

Circular linked lists

Issues with Arrays

- Array is no doubt a very useful data structure that provide fast access to elements

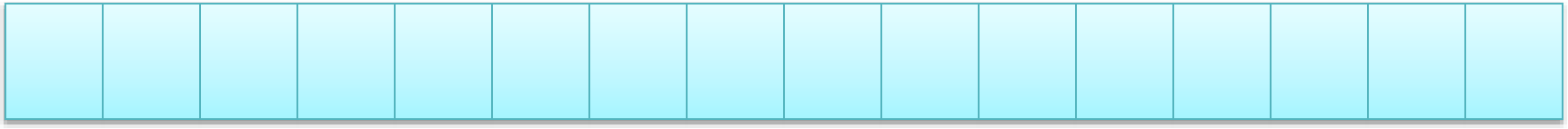


- But it has its limitation
  - Array is allocated contiguous memory, so insertion and deletion is a nightmare
    - Takes O(N) time for each Operation
  - What if Array size **grow** ?
    - In some case size has to be known at compilation time
    - We can declare dynamic arrays at runtime

This limitation can be overcome by using *linked structures.*

Why Linked List?

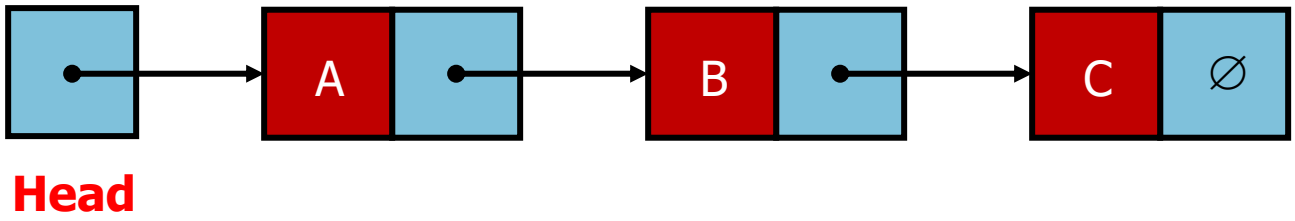
- Array is not useful
  - In case insertion and deletion is very common and
  - If the data has to be processed in a sequential order.



- If data is hardly processed randomly then
  - we can eliminate the need for contiguous memory
  - And store data elements at different places in the heap
  - Devise some mechanism to move from one element to the next.

Arrays → Linked Lists

- So all we need is
  - a **starting point** and
  - a **link from one element to the next**.
    - is accomplished by storing the address



This gives the notion of **logical adjacency** as opposed to **physical adjacency**.

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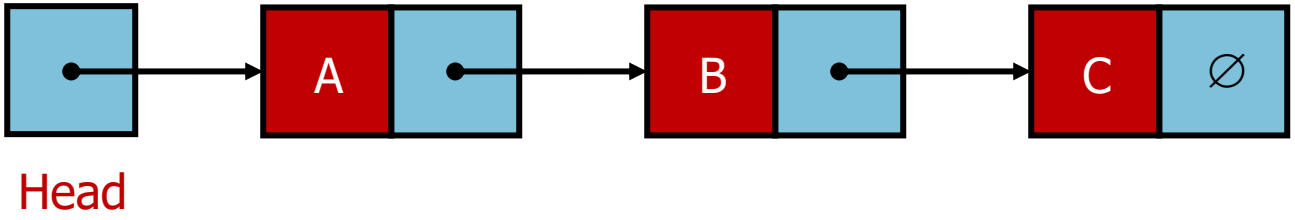
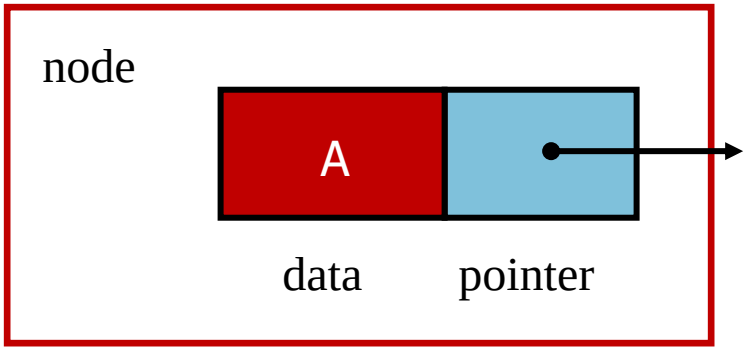


- A *linked list* is a series of connected *nodes*
- Each node contains at least
  - A piece of data (any type)
  - Pointer to the next node in the list
- *Head*: pointer to the first node
- The last node points to `NULL`

We can only travel in the direction of the link.



NODE Class

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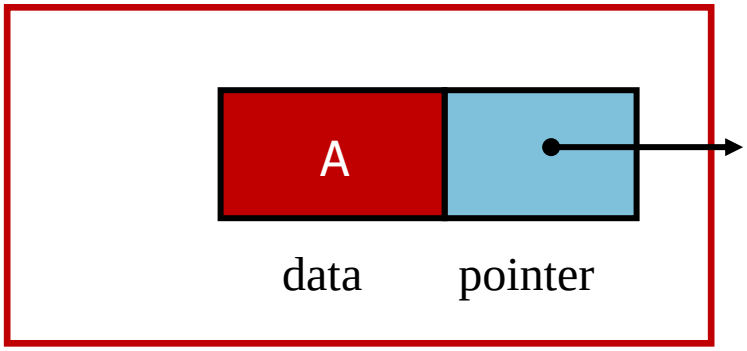
Node struct



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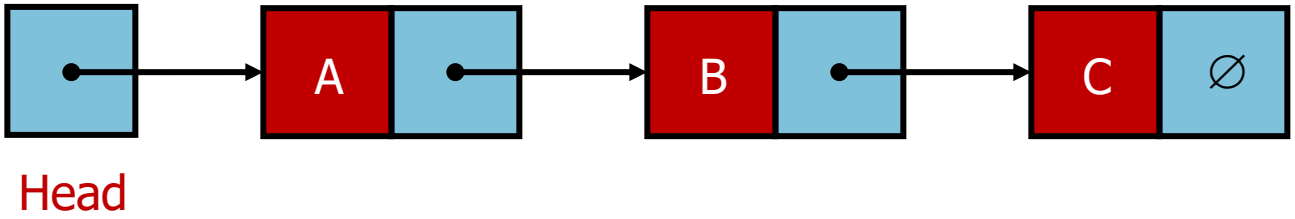
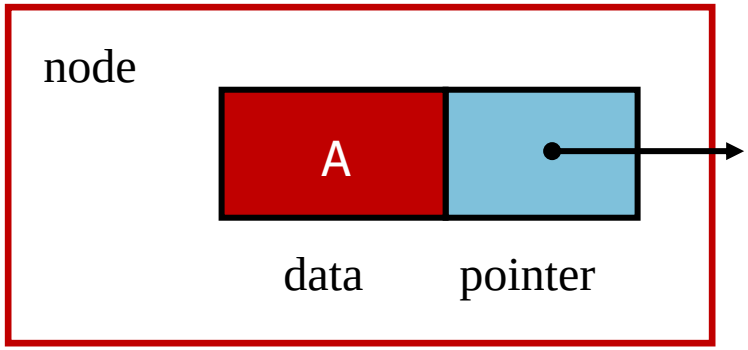
List class



NODE Class

- We need two things: **Node** and **List**
- Declare `Node` struct for the nodes
  - `data`: **`int`**-type data in this example
  - `next`: a pointer to the next node in the list

```
struct Node {
public:
   int data;
   Node *next;
};
```



NODE Class

- We use two classes: **Node** and **List**

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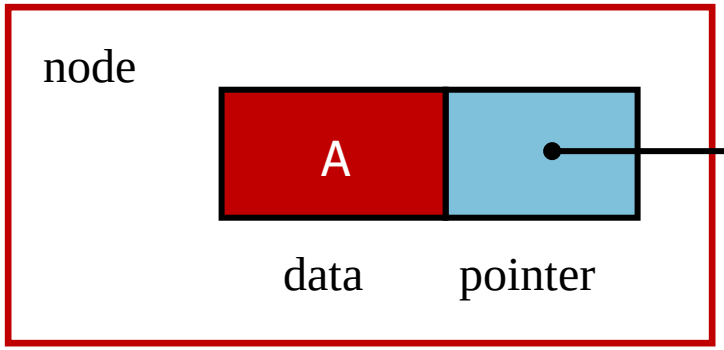
struct Node {
public:
    int data;
    Node *next;
};
```

Issues ?

1. Missing Constructor
   - Next should be set to **NULL**
2. Do we need a node class for each kind of data item ? Any Easy way out ...???
   - **Templates**
- Data is public ...anyone can access
- If a func return a pointer to any list node then in main we can access list node data and nextptr
  - **Use friend class** concept
  - Nested class concept
  - Getter and setter concept

A **friend class** is a class that can access the private and protected members of a class in which it is declared as **friend**. This is needed when we want to allow a particular class to access the private and protected members of a class.

Node Class

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struct Node {
public:
    int data;
    Node *next;
};
```

```
struct Node {
public:
    Node() { next = NULL; }
    Node(type val, Node<type> * nptr = 0) {
            data = val;
            next = nptr;
    }

    type data;
    Node * next;

};
```

NESTED CLASS

Nested Classes

- A nested class is a class which is declared in another enclosing class.

```
class outer {
private:
    class inner {
        public:
        private:

    };

public:

};
```

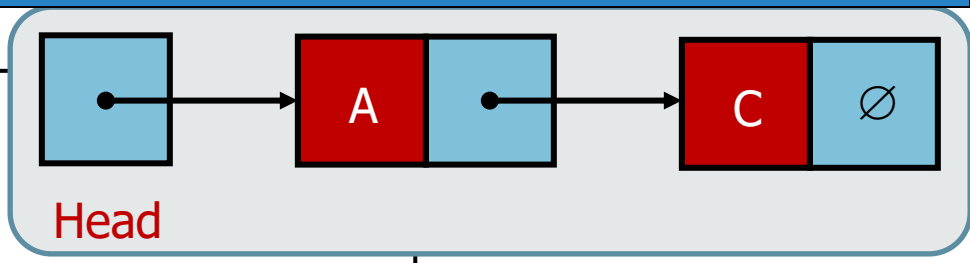
A nested class is a member and has the same access rights as any other member.

- The nested class ***can access public and private members*** of outer class *(if it create an object of outer class in it)*

The members of an enclosing class have no special access to members of a nested class.

- The outer class **can only access public methods** of inner class

List Class




```
template<class type>
class List {
public:
    List() { head = 0; };
    ~List() ;
private:
    struct Node {
        public:
        Node() { next = NULL; }
        Node(type val, Node * nptr = 0) {
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        }
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        Node * next;
    };

   Node * head;
};
```

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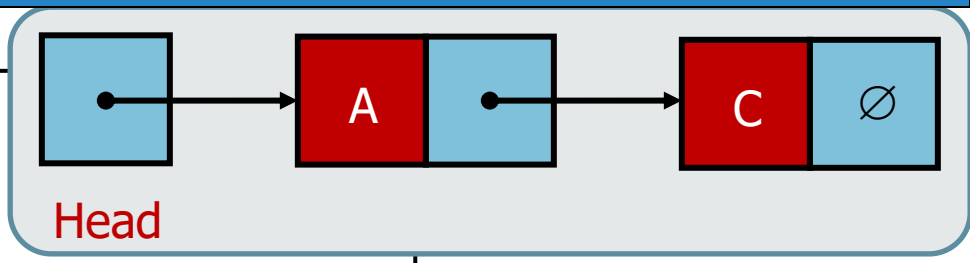


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Operations on `List` Class

- `List` contains **`head:`** a pointer to the first node in the list.
  Since the list is empty initially, `head` is set to `NULL`

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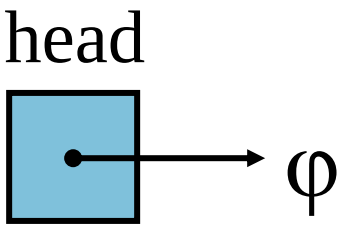
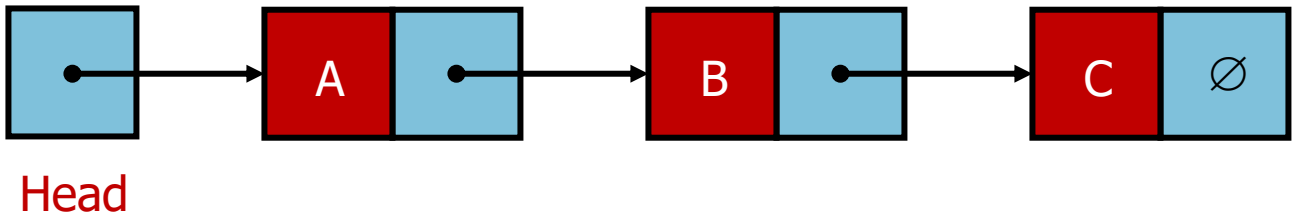
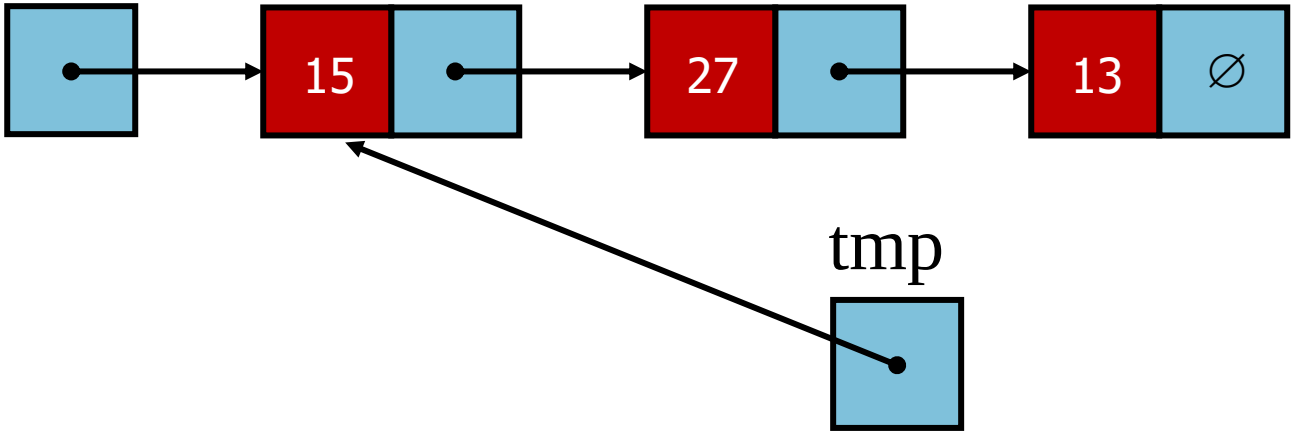


Is Empty

```
bool IsEmpty() {
    return head == 0;
}
```



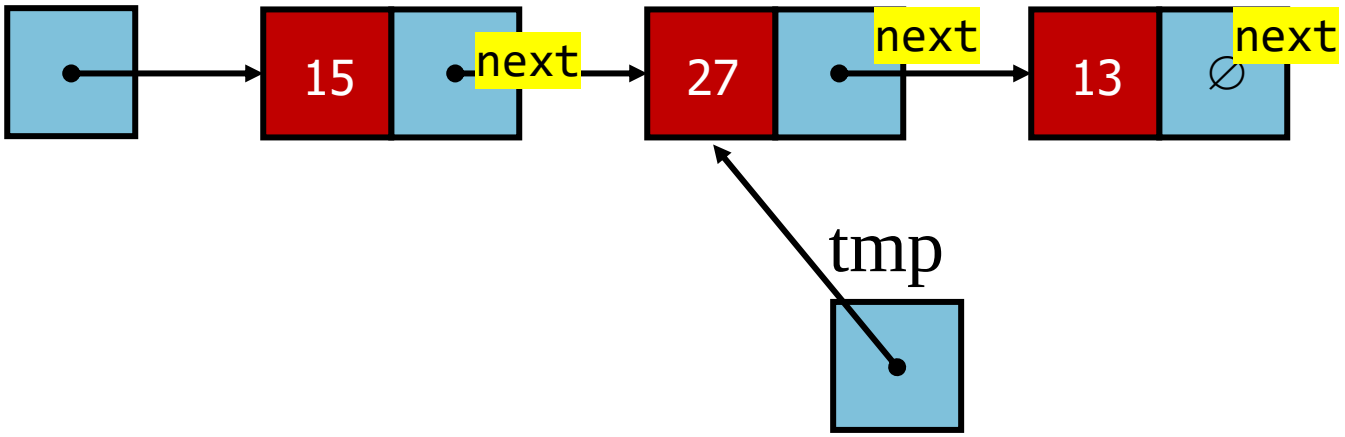
Find a data value in the List




```
template<class type>
bool List<type>::Find(type val) {
    Node * tmp = head;
    while (tmp != NULL && tmp->data != val)
        tmp = tmp->next;

    return tmp != NULL;
}
```

Find a node (data value) in List

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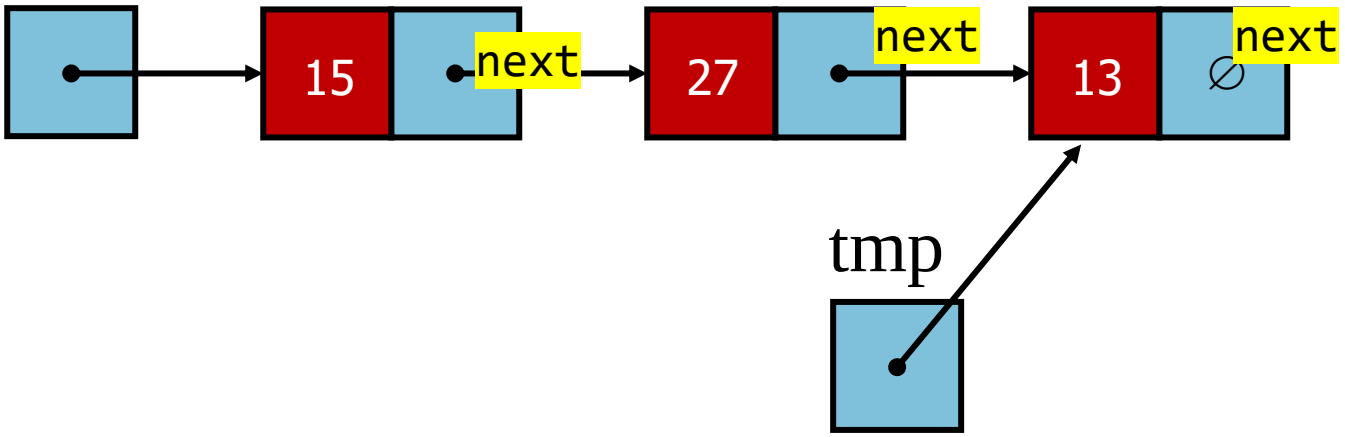


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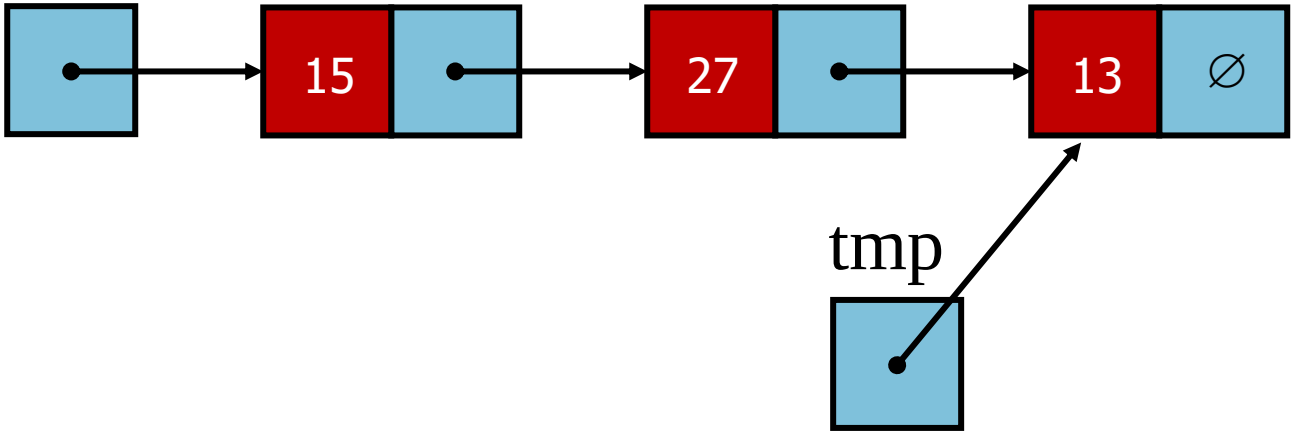


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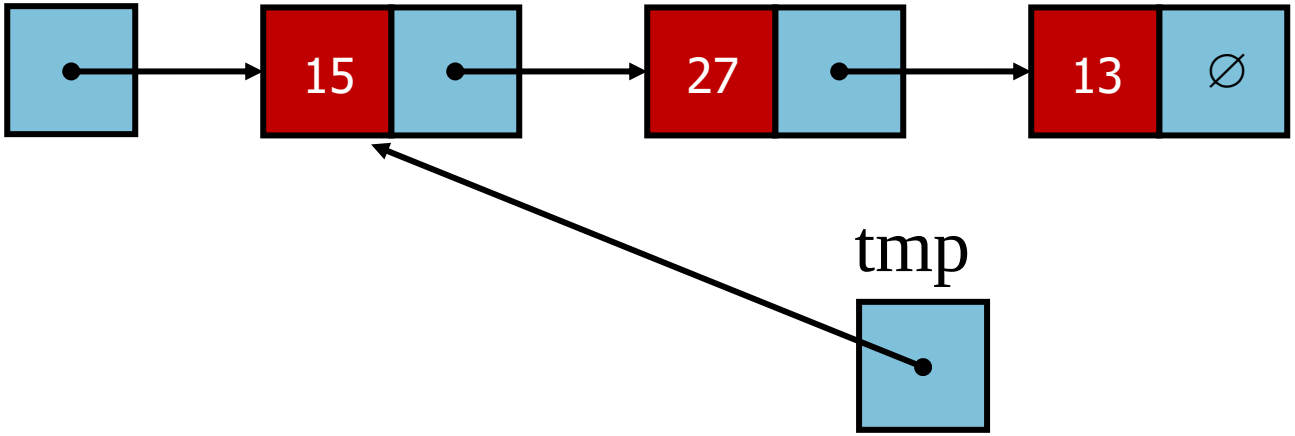
Takes $O(1)$ time in the best case and $O(n)$ in the worst and average cases

Print SL List



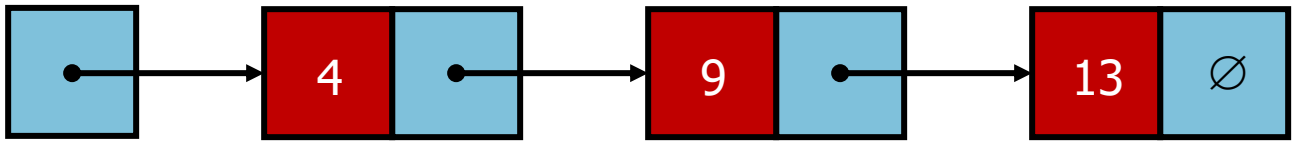

```
template<class type>
void List<type>::print() {
    Node * tmp;
    for (tmp = head; tmp != 0; tmp = tmp->next)
        cout << tmp->data << "  ";
    cout << endl;
}
```

Takes $O(n)$ time

SL List AddNode

Let's implement some basic operations in class **List**

- **Add Node**
- **Where to** add Node
  - Start of the list
  - End of the list
  - Some where in the middle …after some particular data value (or in sorted list)
- **Which is most efficient ?**
- We provide all the options let user decide which to use



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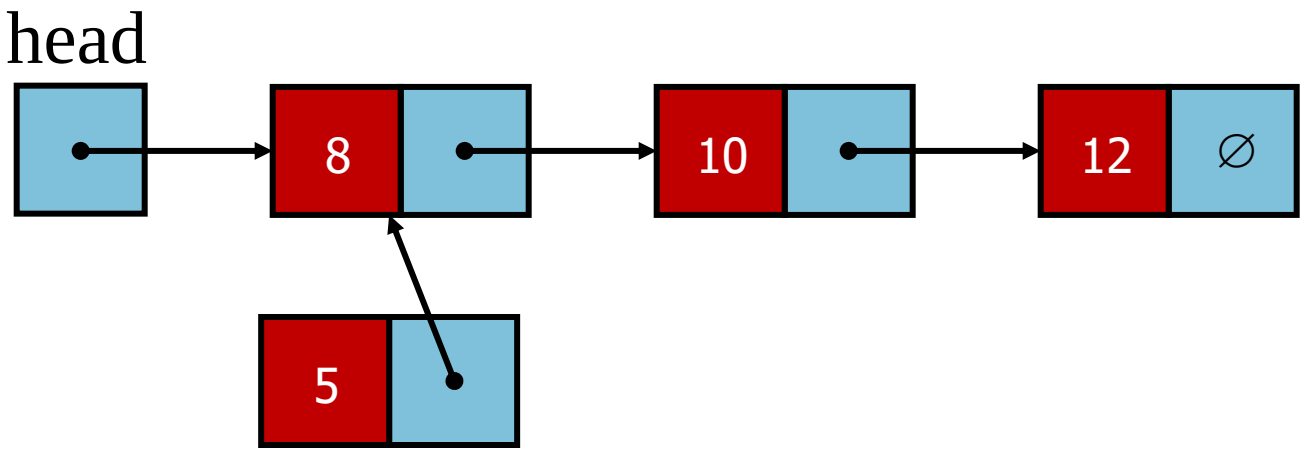
AddNode at start



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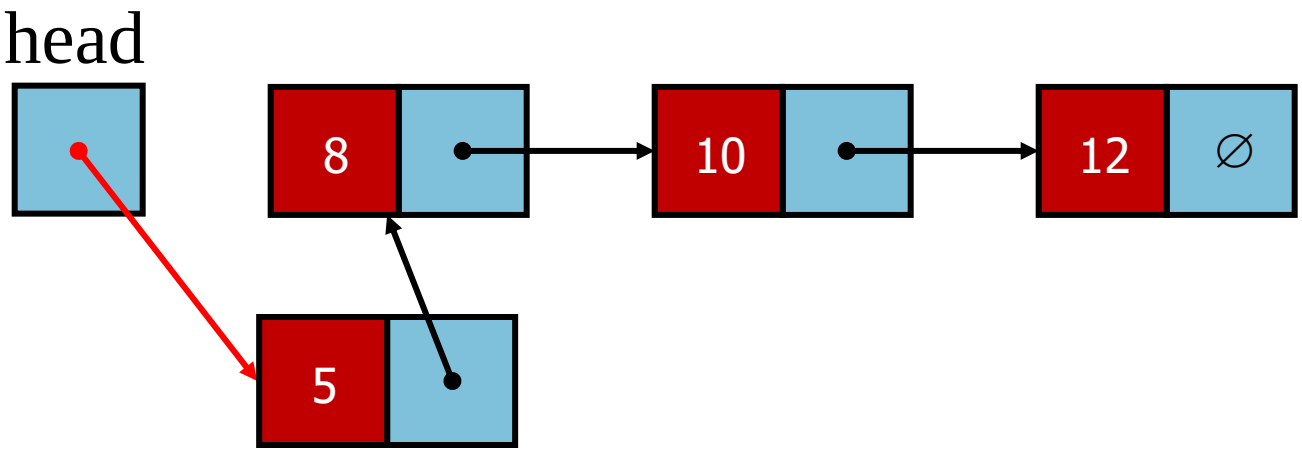

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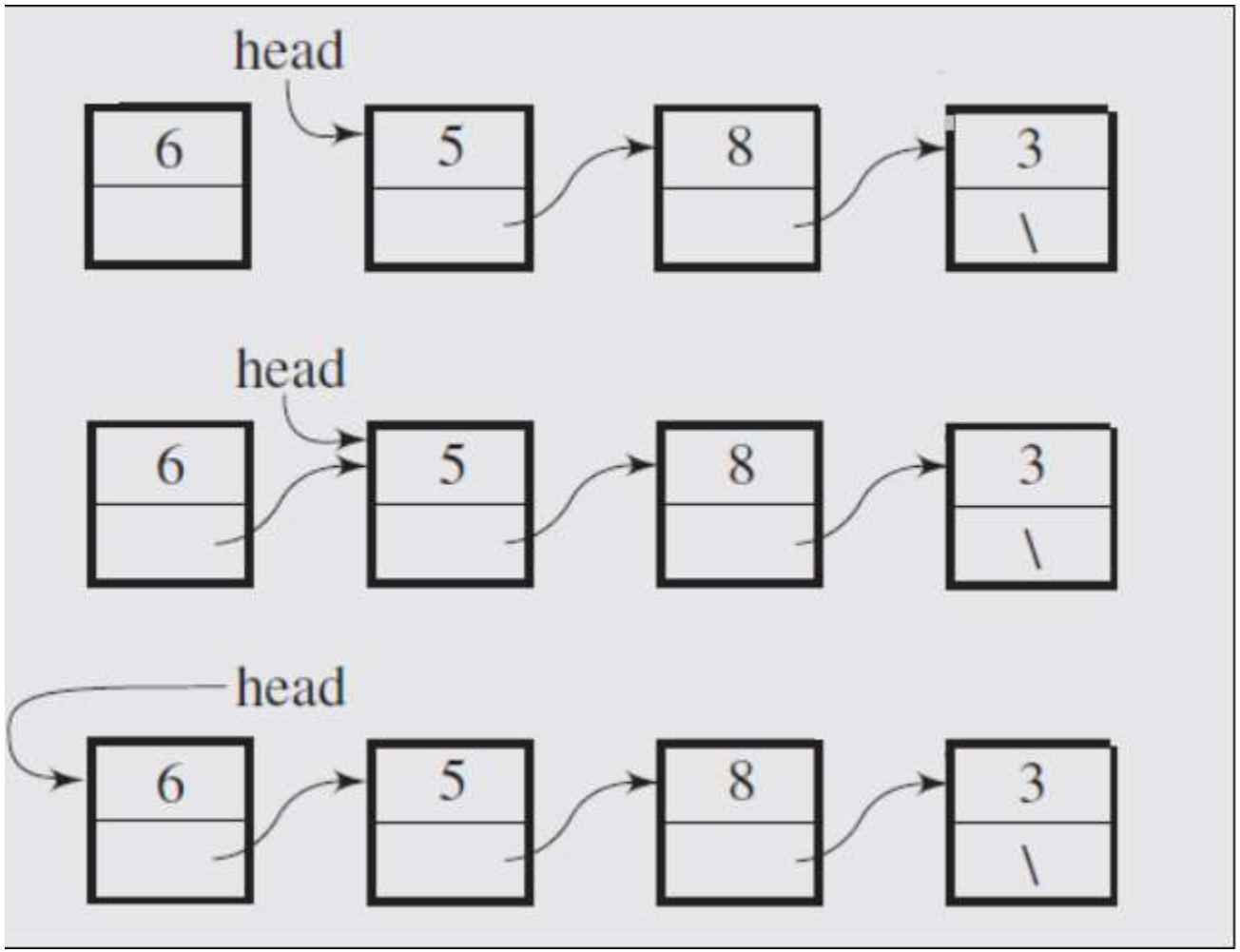

AddNode at start

```
template<class type>
void List<type>::addtoHead(type val)
{
    head = new Node(val, head);
}
```

TIME COMPLEXITY ?

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public:
    Node() { next = NULL; }
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        next = nptr;
     }
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