

## Lecture 5

- Dynamic data structures: singly-linked lists [13.1.1]  
(*Enkellänkade listor*) – *Lab2*

## Info

- Lab lists have been digitalized
  - [http://www.itn.liu.se/~aidvi/courses/12/TNG033/Labs/Lab\\_groups.pdf](http://www.itn.liu.se/~aidvi/courses/12/TNG033/Labs/Lab_groups.pdf)
- Dugga 1 -- posted through Lisam
  - Friday, 12:00 - Monday, 12:00
  - Instructions posted on the course web site before Friday
  - One source file ( **.cpp** ) for each exercise
  - Covers Fö 1 – Fö 5 + Lesson 1 + Lab 1
  - Correct output is not enough for **G**
    - Must show can use the concepts introduced in the course
  - Must follow the submission instructions
- Lesson 1 -- Wednesday
  - MT2a+MT2b, 10-12, K21, Aida Nordman
  - ED3, 10-12, TP44, Ehsan Miandji
  - Lesson 8-10 is cancelled!!

## Allocation/Deallocation of Memory

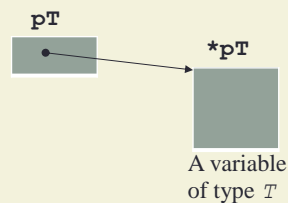
- To **allocate memory**
  - Reserve memory space for a variable
- To **deallocate memory**
  - Release memory space reserved for a variable
    - Released space can later be used for another variable
- Memory for variables can be allocated
  - **automatically**                      -- deallocated automatically
  - **explicitly (dynamically)**        -- deallocated by explicit C++ instructions

Specific C++ instructions are added to the program by the programmer to reserve (free) memory

## Memory Allocation: **new**

Declarations of functions used to manage dynamic storage in C++

```
#include <new>
T *pT = new T;
*pT = ...;
```



1. Allocate memory space for a variable of type  $T$
2. Return the memory address of the first byte of the allocated memory, i.e. a pointer

**Note:** There's no way to access the allocated memory, but through the pointer



- Sequences with variable length
  1. Ask the user how many (**howMany**) items to be stored in an array
  2. Allocate dynamically the memory for the array
    - Reserve space for an array with **howMany** slots

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## Memory Allocation: **new**

```
#include <new>
int howMany;
cout << "How many items: ";
cin >> howMany;
T *array = new T[howMany];
```

Allocate space for an  
array of Ts

array

Read values and store them into the array

```
for(int i = 0; i < howMany; i++)
  cin >> array[i];
//cin >> *(array+i)
```

Memory

reserved memory

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## Memory Deallocation: **delete**

```
#include <new>
```

```
T *pT = new T;
```

```
...;
```

```
//*pT is no longer needed
```

```
delete pT;
```

Deallocate the memory  
pointed by pointer **pT**

```
#include <new>
```

```
int howMany;
```

```
cout << "How many items: ";
```

```
cin >> howMany;
```

```
T *array = new T[howMany];
```

```
...
```

```
//*array is no longer needed
```

```
delete [] array;
```

Deallocate the memory for the  
array pointed by pointer **array**

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## Dynamic Data Structures

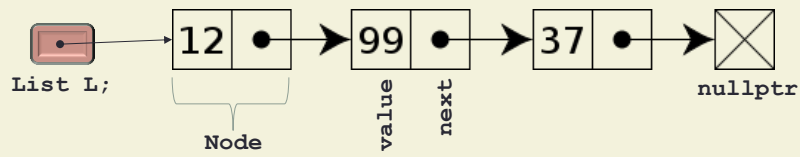
- Can grow and shrink depending on how many elements are stored
  - No need to ask in advance to the user how many items
  - New items can be added and removed one at time
- Use dynamic memory allocation
- *Lab 2* (**List** with classes)
- Basics for the **Standard Template Library (STL)**
- Used in future course **Data Structures, TND004**

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## Singly-linked lists



```
struct Node
{
    int value;
    Node* next;
};
typedef Node* List;
```

Pointer to the first  
node of a list

Empty List L



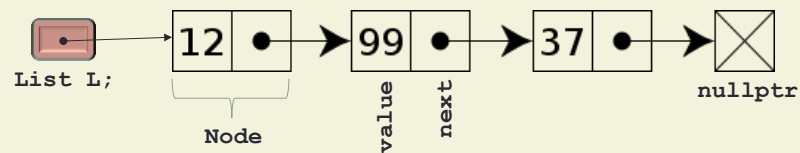
```
List L = nullptr;
//Node* L = nullptr;
```

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## Singly-linked lists



Which operations should be available?

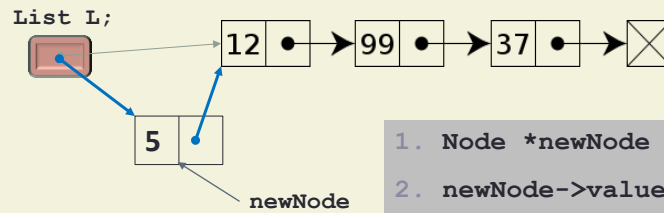
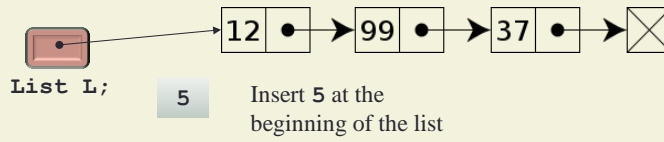
- **Insert** a new node
- **Remove** a node
- **Search** for a node

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## Insert a node as first node



Do not swap lines 3. and 4.

```
1. Node *newNode = new Node;
2. newNode->value = 5;
3. newNode->next = L;
4. L = newNode;
```

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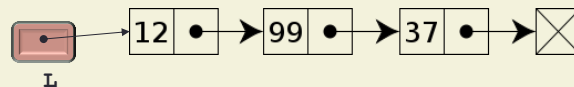
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## Creating the list

```
void insert(List& l, int n)
{
    Node *newNode = new Node;
    newNode->value = n;
    newNode->next = l;
    l = newNode;
}
```

Insert a new node with value `n` in the beginning of the list

Why `List& l`?  
Why not `List l`?



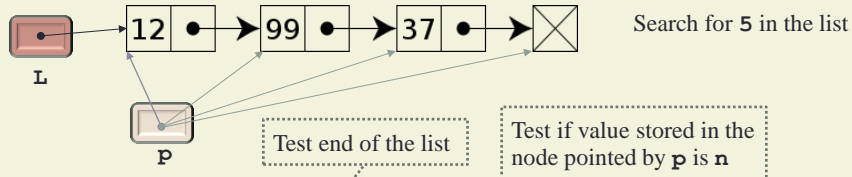
```
List L = nullptr; //empty list
insert(L, 37);
insert(L, 99);
insert(L, 12);
```

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## Search a value $n$



```
Node *p = L;
while( (p != nullptr) && (p->value != n) )
    p = p->next;
if (!p) //if (p == nullptr)
    cout << "Not found!!";
else //p points to the node storing n
{
    ...;
}
```

**Important:** do not swap the tests

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## Testing if a pointer is **nullptr**

```
if (p != nullptr)
{
    //do something with pointer p
}
```



**nullptr** is automatically converted to **false**  
Any other pointer is converted to **true**

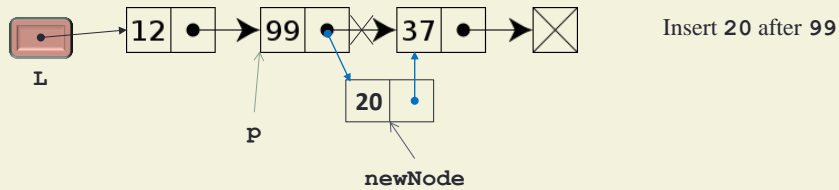
```
if (p)
{
    //do something with pointer p
}
```

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## Insert after a node



```

1. Node *newNode = new Node;
2. newNode->value = 20;
3. newNode->next = node->next;
4. p->next = newNode;

```

Lines 3 and 4 cannot be swapped

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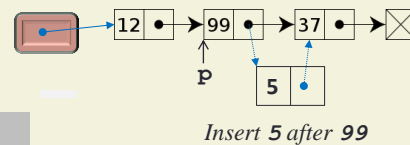
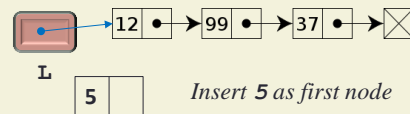
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## Insertion (*revisited*)

```

1. Node *newNode = new Node;
2. newNode->value = 5;
3. newNode->next = L;
4. L = newNode;

```



```

1. Node *newNode = new Node;
2. newNode->value = 37;
3. newNode->next = p->next;
4. p->next = newNode;

```

Inserting in the beginning of the list or inserting after another node requires different code

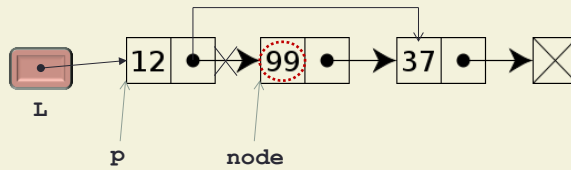
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## Remove a node



Remove 99

```
1. //Make p point to the node before
   //the one to be removed
2. Node *node = p->next; //node to remove
3. p->next = node->next;
4. delete node; //deallocate
```

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## Remove (*revisited*)

```
1. //Make p point to the node before
   //the one to be removed
2. Node *node = p->next; //node to remove
3. p->next = node->next;
4. delete node; //deallocate
```

If node to be removed  
is not the first node

Remove first node

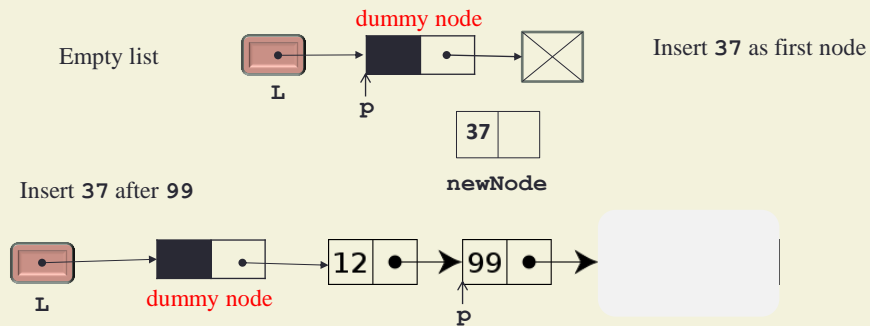
```
if ( !L && L->value == n )
{
    Node* node = L; //point to first node
    L = L->next;
    delete node; //delete first node
}
```

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## Lists with dummy nodes



```
//insert 37
1. Node *newNode = new Node;
2. newNode->value = 37;
3. newNode->next = p->next;
4. p->next = newNode;
```

Dummy node avoids the special case of insertion (removal) in the beginning of the list, i.e. as first node

Every node has a node before it

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## Home work

Study **carefully** the code in the folders

- **List1**: dummy nodes not used in the list's implementation
- **List2**: dummy nodes used in the list's implementation
- Compare implementation of function **remove**

Preparation for Lab 2 -- uses classes

Read sec. 13.1.1

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## Next ...

- Fö 6
  - References versus pointers [sec. 5.5.1]
  - Pointers to functions [sec. 5.4.7]
- Lesson 1 -- Wednesday
  - Do all exercises
  - If you do not try the exercises then there's no point to be at the lesson
  - Preparation for lab 2
- Lab 2 = singly linked list + classes