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# Introduction



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#### Lecture topics

- We now begin discussing specific, useful data structures
- These are already well known and understood
- Perfect for learning how a data structure is designed
- We begin with lists



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# **Problem discussion**



#### Problem discussion

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- So far we have been dealing with a single date in every variable
- For example, integer 0 in variable i
- Sometimes we need to store multiple things in the same variable



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### Examples

- All players
- All the employees of the company
- All the trucks on the road
- All the aliens in the spaceship
- All the alien spaceships in the fleet
- **.**..



# With variables?

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```
truck1 = Truck(...)
truck2 = Truck(...)
...
truck10 = Truck(...)
```

```
Examples
```



## With variables?

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```
truck1 = Truck(...)
truck2 = Truck(...)
...
truck10 = Truck(...)
```

### Examples

- Does this work?
- What if we have more or less than 10 trucks?



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# General idea



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- To solve this problem, we want to have all the data in a single variable
- The variable contains thus an **unknown** number of values
  - Might be empty
  - Might have only one element
  - Might have hundreds of elements
  - ...



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- To solve the issue, we will define an open-ended data structure
- The list is built as a linear chain of nodes
- In the simplest implementation, each node has
  - a value
  - a reference to the next elements
- We never really know how many elements we have in the list until we follow all the references through
- A special case is the empty list, which has no element and no reference to the next elements



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- Consider a list with elements 3, 7, and 4
- We need four nodes (the last is empty), all referencing the next



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- A list of values is built as either of:
  - An empty list Empty
  - A non-empty list containing the current value v and the rest of the list vtail Node(v,tail)
- A list with three integers would be?



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- A list with three integers would be?
   Node(1,Node(2,Node(3,Empty)))
- A list with two integers would be?



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- A list with three integers would be?
   Node(1,Node(2,Node(3,Empty)))
- A list with two integers would be?
   Node(1,Node(2,Empty))
- An empty list would be?



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  - An empty list Empty
  - A non-empty list containing the current value v and the rest of the list vtail Node(v,tail)
- A list with three integers would be?
   Node(1,Node(2,Node(3,Empty)))
- A list with two integers would be?
   Node(1,Node(2,Empty))
- An empty list would be? Empty



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- A list of values offers us three pieces of information:
  - A boolean IsEmpty indicating whether or not the list is empty
  - The value Value of the current element of the list in case it is not empty
  - The rest Tail of the list in case it is not empty
- Given a list x
  - We can check if it is empty with?



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- Given a list x
  - We can check if it is empty with? x.IsEmpty
  - We can read print its first value with?



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- A list of values offers us three pieces of information:
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- Given a list x
  - We can check if it is empty with? x.IsEmpty
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  - We can print its second value with?



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  - A boolean IsEmpty indicating whether or not the list is empty
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- Given a list x
  - We can check if it is empty with? x.IsEmpty
  - We can read print its first value with? x. Value
  - We can print its second value with? x.Tail.Value
  - We can print its third value with?



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  - A boolean IsEmpty indicating whether or not the list is empty
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  - The rest Tail of the list in case it is **not empty**
- Given a list x
  - We can check if it is empty with? x.IsEmpty
  - We can read print its first value with? x. Value
  - We can print its second value with? x.Tail.Value
    - We can print its third value with? x.Tail.Tail.Value
  - ...



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# **Technical details**



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### Introduction

- How is this done in Python?
- We shall build two data structures that, together, make up arbitrary lists
- We begin with the blueprints

# The blueprint (THIS IS NOT CODE!)

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```
Abstraction Empty =
   IsEmpty, which is always true

Abstraction Node =
   IsEmpty, which is always false
   Value, which contains the data of this element of the list
   Tail, which contains the remaining nodes of the list
```

#### Introduction

# The blueprint (THIS IS NOT CODE!)

Value, which contains the data of this element of the list Tail, which contains the remaining nodes of the list

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```
Abstraction Empty =
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#### Introduction

• How do we translate this to Python?

# The blueprint (THIS IS NOT CODE!)

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Abstraction Empty = IsEmpty, which is always true

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IsEmpty, which is always false
Value, which contains the data

Value, which contains the data of this element of the list Tail, which contains the remaining nodes of the list

#### Introduction

- How do we translate this to Python?
- Each abstraction becomes a class
- Each field is assigned under \_\_init\_\_ to self



### The actual code

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```
class Empty:
    def __init__(self):
        self.IsEmpty = True
Empty = Empty()

class Node:
    def __init__(self, value, tail):
        self.IsEmpty = False
        self.Value = value
        self.Tail = tail
```

Note: we are switching to Python 3!



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### Examples of list usage

- We now wish to build a list with our data structures
- We will build a list based on the input of the user
- User specifies how many, and which elements must go in the list

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```
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```
1 = Empty
count = int(input("How_many_elements?"))
for i in range(0, count):
    v = int(input("Insert_the_next_element"))
1 = Node(v, 1)
```

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```

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```
S PC I count i v
5 ref(0) 5 0 80085
```

```
\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{H} & \boxed{ 0 \\ \boxed{ \left[ \ \mathsf{IsEmpty} \mapsto \mathsf{True} \ \right] } \end{array} }
```

```
| 1 = Empty
| count = int(input("Howumanyuelements?"))
| for i in range(0, count):
| v = int(input("Insertutheunextuelement"))
| 1 = Node(v, 1)
```

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```
S PC | count | v | 5 | ref(0) | 5 | 0 | 80085
```

```
\begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{H} & \hline & \mathsf{0} \\ \hline & [\mathsf{IsEmpty} \mapsto \mathsf{True}\ ] \end{array}
```

```
l = Empty
count = int(input("How_many_elements?"))
for i in range(0, count):
    v = int(input("Insert_the_next_element"))
    l = Node(v, 1)
```

```
S PC I count i v
3 ref(1) 5 0 80085
```

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```
S PC I count i v
5 ref(1) 5 1 8078
```

```
 \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 1 \\ \dots & [ \text{ IsEmpty} \mapsto \text{False; Value} \mapsto 80085; \text{ Tail} \mapsto \text{ref}(0) ] \\ \end{array}
```

```
1 = Empty
count = int(input("How_many_elements?"))
for i in range(0, count):
    v = int(input("Insert_the_next_element"))
1 = Node(v, 1)
```

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```
l = Empty
count = int(input("How_many_elements?"))
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    l = Node(v, 1)
```

```
S PC I count i v
5 ref(1) 5 1 8078
```

```
H 0 1 2 2 ... ... [IsEmpty \mapsto False; Value \mapsto 8078; Tail \mapsto ref(1)]
```



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### Examples of list usage

- We now wish to use the list we just built
- Specifically, we will print all its elements
- How many elements does it have?



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### Examples of list usage

- We now wish to use the list we just built
- Specifically, we will print all its elements
- How many elements does it have?
- Unknown: it is specified by the user!

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```
S PC I ref(2)
```

н	0	1	2
	[ I → T ]	$[I \mapsto F; V \mapsto 2; T \mapsto ref(0)]$	$[ I \mapsto F; V \mapsto 3; T \mapsto ref(1) ]$

```
x = 1
while not(x.IsEmpty):
   print(x.Value)
   x = x.Tail
```

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```
S PC I ref(2)
```

```
x = 1
while not(x.IsEmpty):
   print(x.Value)
   x = x.Tail
```

```
\begin{array}{c|cccc} S & \begin{array}{c|cccc} PC & I & x \\ \hline 2 & ref(2) & ref(2) \end{array}
```

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c	PC	I	X
3	2	ref(2)	ref(2)

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"	[ I → T ]	$[I \mapsto F; V \mapsto 2; T \mapsto ref(0)]$	$[I \mapsto F; V \mapsto 3; T \mapsto ref(1)]$	

```
x = 1
while not(x.IsEmpty):
   print(x.Value)
   x = x.Tail
```

What gets printed?

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```
x = 1
while not(x.IsEmpty):
   print(x.Value)
   x = x.Tail
```

What gets printed? H[S[x]][Value] = H[2][Value] = 3

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```
\begin{array}{c|ccccc} S & \begin{array}{c|cccc} PC & I & \times \\ \hline 2 & ref(2) & ref(2) \end{array}
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```
x = 1
while not(x.IsEmpty):
   print(x.Value)
   x = x.Tail
```

Where is x.Tail?

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x = 1
while not(x.IsEmpty):
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```

Where is x.Tail? H[S[x]][Tail] = H[2][Tail] = ref(1)

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```
x = 1
while not(x.IsEmpty):
   print(x.Value)
   x = x.Tail
```

#### Where is x.Tail? H[S[x]][Tail] = H[2][Tail] = ref(1)

```
\mathsf{H} \qquad \boxed{ \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline \left[ \mathsf{I} \mapsto \mathsf{T} \right] & \left[ \mathsf{I} \mapsto \mathsf{F}; \mathsf{V} \mapsto 2; \mathsf{T} \mapsto \mathsf{ref}(0) \right] & \left[ \mathsf{I} \mapsto \mathsf{F}; \mathsf{V} \mapsto 3; \mathsf{T} \mapsto \mathsf{ref}(1) \right] }
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while not(x.IsEmpty):
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Where is x.Tail?

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x = 1
while not(x.IsEmpty):
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   x = x.Tail
```

Where is x.Tail? H[S[x]][Tail] = H[1][Tail] = ref(0)

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```
x = 1
while not(x.IsEmpty):
   print(x.Value)
   x = x Tail
```

#### Where is x.Tail? H[S[x]][Tail] = H[1][Tail] = ref(0)

```
\mathsf{H} \qquad \boxed{ \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline \left[ \mathsf{I} \mapsto \mathsf{T} \right] & \left[ \mathsf{I} \mapsto \mathsf{F}; \mathsf{V} \mapsto 2; \mathsf{T} \mapsto \mathsf{ref}(0) \right] & \left[ \mathsf{I} \mapsto \mathsf{F}; \mathsf{V} \mapsto 3; \mathsf{T} \mapsto \mathsf{ref}(1) \right] \\ \end{array} }
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```
x = 1
while not(x.IsEmpty):
   print(x.Value)
   x = x.Tail
```

#### What is the value of x.lsEmpty?



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```
\begin{array}{c|cccc} S & \begin{array}{c|cccc} PC & I & x \\ \hline 2 & ref(2) & ref(0) \end{array}
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x = 1
while not(x.IsEmpty):
   print(x.Value)
   x = x.Tail
```

What is the value of x.lsEmpty? H[S[x]][IsEmpty] = H[0][IsEmpty] = True

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x = 1
while not(x.IsEmpty):
   print(x.Value)
   x = x.Tail
```

# What is the value of x.lsEmpty? H[S[x]][IsEmpty] = H[0][IsEmpty] = True

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- Read a list from the user input
- Remove all odd numbers
- A "volunteer" runs the steps on paper with the memory model



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- Read a list from the user input
- Sum all its values
- A "volunteer" runs the steps on paper with the memory model



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- Read a list from the user input
- Reverse it
- A "volunteer" runs the steps on paper with the memory model



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- Read two lists from the user input
- Append the second to the first (concatenate them)
- A "volunteer" runs the steps on paper with the memory model



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#### Lecture topics

- What we solved today was the issue of representing multiple data inside a single variable
- We used a simple data structure, the list
- We showed how we can consume (use) the list through looping

#### This is it!

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homework Conclusion The best of luck, and thanks for the attention!