

1. Singly Linked List
Each node has two parts:

Data — the value (e.g., a name, a number)

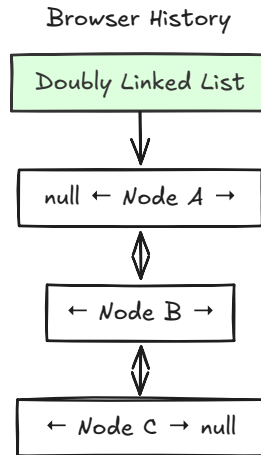
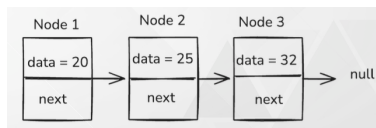
Next — a pointer to the next node

+ Key Points:
One-way direction only

Starts from the head and goes till null

Simple and memory efficient

Example:
Think of a playlist where you can only skip to the next song. You can't go back, only forward.



2. Doubly Linked List
Each node has three parts:

Prev — pointer to the previous node

Data

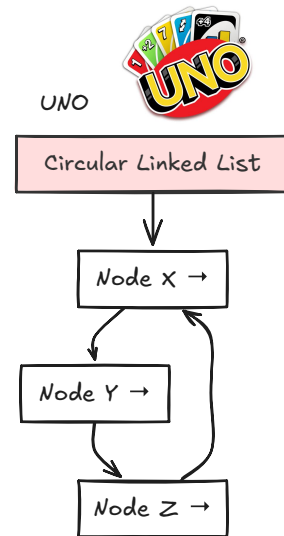
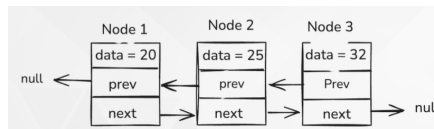
Next — pointer to the next node

+ Key Points:
You can move forward and backward

Needs more memory to store two pointers

Great for back-and-forth navigation

Example:
A web browser history. You can go back to the last page or forward to the next one.



3. Circular Linked List
This one forms a loop — the last node doesn't point to null, it points back to the first node.

There are:

Singly Circular Linked Lists (one-directional)

Doubly Circular Linked Lists (two-directional)

+ Key Points:
No true "end" — you can loop endlessly

Great for round-robin scheduling

Example:
A music playlist on repeat. After the last song, it goes back to the first automatically.

