

# Linked List

## Definition

- An ordered collection of homogeneous data items
- Where elements can be added anywhere and removed from anywhere

Category	Array	Linked List
Data structure	Contiguous block of memory	Nodes with pointers
Dynamically size	Fixed size unless manually resized	Easily grows or shrinks
Insertion/Deletions	Inefficient for frequent insertions/removals.	Efficient for insertions/removals.
Memory Allocation	May lead to fragmentation	Reduces fragmentation
Use Case	Fast access with known size	No fixed size, frequent insertion/removals

## Types

### 1) Single linked List

→ Can be traversed only in one direction

#### → Sorted LL

- Elements are inserted in sorted order
- Deletion as per requirements.

#### → Unsorted LL

- Elements are inserted & deleted as per user requirements.

## → Implementation

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1) Algo LLType CreateLinkedList()

{

createNode(head);

head = NULL;

}

2) LLType Insert(LLType head, Node Type NewNode)

{ // Unsorted (int key)

if (head == NULL)

NewNode → Next = NULL;

head = NewNode;

Else {

Case 1: insertion before head

NewNode → Next = head;

head = NewNode;

Case 2: insertion after the last

Struct Node Type \*temp;

temp = head

while (temp → next != NULL)

temp = temp → next;

temp → next = NewNode;

Case 3: insertion before some node (key)

Struct Node Type \*temp;

temp = head; prev = NULL;

while (temp → data != key & temp != NULL)

prev = temp; temp = temp → next;



if (temp == NULL) "Key not Found"

else

NewNode → next = temp;

prev → next = temp;

Case 4: Insertion after some node (key)

Struct NodeType \*temp

temp = head; ~~prev = NULL;~~

while (temp → data != key & temp != NULL)

temp != NULL)

temp = temp → next;

if (temp == NULL) "Key not Found"

else

NewNode → next = temp → next;

temp → next = NewNode;

}

→ // sorted

{

if (LL == NULL) // first element

LL = NewNode; exit(0);

temp = LL, prev = NULL;

while (NewNode → data > temp → data) &&

temp != NULL)

{ prev = temp;

temp = temp → next;

}

if (temp == NULL) // end

prev → next = NewNode;

if (temp == LL && NewNode → data < temp → data)

```
{ NewNode → next = temp; }

```

```
LL = NewNode;

```

```
}

```

```
else

```

```
NewNode → next = temp;

```

```
prev → next = NewNode;

```

```
}

```

3) Algo to Delete (LL Type Head, ET ele)  
& d (int key)

```
if (Head == NULL)

```

```
Print "Underflow";

```

```
exit;

```

```
else

```

```
{

```

1) search for element

2) does not exist

3) in Unsorted List

4) in sorted List

```
}

```

```
}

```

Deletion

```
{

```

```
if (Head == NULL)

```

```
{ Print "Underflow"; exit(f); }

```

```
else { // search

```

```
Temp = Head, Prev = NULL;

```

```
while (Temp → data != key)

```

```
prev = Temp; Temp = Temp → Next;

```

```
id (Temp → data != key) // not found
{ "Error"; Exit(0); }
else id (Temp → data == key && prev == NULL)
Head = Head → next; // first element
else id (Temp → data == key && Temp → next
== NULL) // only element in LL
Head = NULL
else
prev → next = Temp → next
}
return Temp;
}
```



## 2) Circular Linked List

→ Last node is connected to first node

→ It supports traversing from the end of the list to the beginning by making the last node point back to the head of the list

### → Implementation

Refer (1)

2) LL Type Insert {LL Type head, Node Type NewNode}

```
{
```

```
if (head == NULL) // top
```

```
Head = NewNode;
```

```
Head → next = Head;
```

```
else
```

```
NewNode → Next = Head → next;
```

```
Head → next = NewNode;
```

```
}
```

```
// middle
```

```
{
```

```
createNode(temp) = Head;
```

```
while (temp → element != valueKey && current != Head)
```

```
{
```

```
current = current → next;
```

```
if (current → element == key) {
```

```
NewNode → next = current → next
```

```
current → next = NewNode;
```

```
}
```

```
//end
```

```
{
```

```
createNode(temp) = Head;
```

```
while(temp->next != head) {
```

```
current = current->next;
```

```
current->next = NewNode;
```

```
NewNode->next = head;
```

```
}
```

3) Algo ET Delete (CLL Type Head, ET ele)

```
//top
```

```
int key)
```

```
if (head == NULL)
```

```
"Underflow"
```

```
if (head->next == head)
```

```
temp = head;
```

```
head = NULL;
```

```
else
```

```
Temp = head->next;
```

```
head->next = temp->next;
```

```
return (temp->data)
```

```
}
```

```
//end
```

```
{ //END
```

```
Temp = head; Prev = NULL;
```

```
while (temp->next != head) {
```

```
Prev = Temp;
```

```
Temp = Temp->next;
```

```
}
```

```
if (Prev == NULL)
```

```
{ //middle
```

```
Temp = head; Prev = NULL;
```

```
while (Temp->element != key && Temp->next != NULL)
```

```
{ Prev = Temp;
```

```
Temp = Temp->next;
```

```
}
```

```
if (Temp->element == key) {
```

```
Prev->next = Temp->next;
```

```
return (Temp->data);
```

```
}
```



### 3) Doubly Linked List

→ Can be traversed in both ~~questio~~ directions

→ Implementation

```
struct Node {
```

```
    int data;
```

```
    Node* next;
```

```
    Node* prev;
```

```
};
```

```
Node* head, List1, List2;
```

1) ~~Search~~

```
temp = head;
```

```
while (NewNode->data > temp->data &&
        temp->next != NULL)
```

```
temp = temp->next;
```

2) Insertion

Create Node (New Node)

A) First Node

```
if (Head == NULL)
```

```
    Head = NewNode;
```

B) At end

```
if (NewNode->data > temp->data && temp->next
    == NULL)
```

```
{ NewNode->prev = temp;
```

```
temp->next = NewNode;
```

```
}
```

C) Before head Node

```
if (NewNode->data < temp->data && temp == head)
```

```
{ NewNode->next = temp;
```

```
temp->prev = NewNode;
```

```
head = NewNode;
```

```
}
```

### D) In between

```
{
```

```
NewNode->next = temp;
```

```
NewNode->prev = temp->prev;
```

```
temp->prev->next = NewNode;
```

```
temp->prev = NewNode;
```

```
}
```

### 3) Deletion

#### 1) if (Head == NULL)

"Underflow"

// search

temp = head

while(temp != NULL && temp->data < key)

temp = temp->next;

// unsuccessful search

if (temp->data > key || (temp->next == NULL && temp->data < key))

"Error"

#### 2) Only Node

if (temp->data == key && temp == head && temp->next == NULL)

{ Head = NULL;

return (temp); }

#### 3) Last Node

if (temp->data == key && temp->next == NULL)

```
temp->prev->next = NULL;
return(temp);
```

}

#### 4) General

```
temp->next->prev = temp->prev;
```

```
temp->prev->next = temp->next;
```

}

#### 5) First node

```
if (temp == head && temp->data == key)
```

```
{ head = head->next;
```

```
temp->next->prev = NULL;
```

```
return(temp);
```

}



### Advantage

- Overflow can never occur unless memory actually ~~is~~ full.
- Insertions & deletions are easier than for contiguous (array) lists.
- With large records, moving pointers is easier and faster than moving the items themselves.

### Disadvantage

- Pointers require extra space.
- Linked Lists do not allow random access.
- Time must be spent traversing & changing the pointers.
- Programming is trickier with pointer.