

## CSC21000 - Converting Single Linked List to Doubly Linked List

This homework assignment entailed transforming an existing single linked list program into a fully functional doubly linked list implementation. A doubly linked list allows traversal in both forward and backward directions, which necessitates maintaining both next and previous pointers for each node. Additional improvements include adding nodes at specific positions (head, tail, or after the current node), deleting nodes (from the head, tail, or a specific position), debugging by printing all elements, and searching for a node containing a specific value.

# Section 1: Code

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1 # CSC 210 - Qasid Bajwa - Doubly Linked List - 11/18/24
2 .data
3 # Menu options
4 options: .asciiz "Please type in one of the number below and press enter: \n 1 - exit program \n 2 - next node \n 3 - previous node \n 4 - insert after current node \n 5 - delete current node \n 6 - reset \n 7 - debug \n 8 -
5 insertMessage: .asciiz "Please type a string up to 10 characters and press enter\n"
6 character: .asciiz ""
7 empty: .asciiz "There is no node yet\n"
8 doneAdding: .asciiz "\nAdding is done\n"
9 currentIs: .asciiz "The current node: "
10 emptyLine: .asciiz "\n"
11 arrays: .asciiz "All elements in the string: \n"
12 sep: .asciiz "\t"
13 searchPrompt: .asciiz "Enter a character to search:\n"
14 nodeFoundMsg: .asciiz "Node found at address: "
15 nodeNotFoundMsg: .asciiz "Node not found.\n"
16 userInput: .word 0
17
18 .text
19 # Macros
20 .macro checkChoice(option, %label)
21     beq $t0, %option, %label
22 .end_macro
23
24 .macro consolePrint(%text)
25     move $a0, %text
26     li $v0, 4
27     syscall
28 .end_macro
29
30 .macro getInput
31     li $v0, 5
32     syscall
33     sw $v0, userInput
34 .end_macro
35
36 .macro alloSpace
37     li $v0, 9
38     li $a0, 20
39     syscall
40 .end_macro
41
42 start:
43     beqz $s7, noEle          # If the list is empty, jump to noEle
44     la $a0, currentIs
45     consolePrint($a0)
46     move $a0, $a3           # Print the current node address
47     consolePrint($a0)
48     la $a0, emptyLine
49     consolePrint($a0)
50     j optionMenu
51
52 # No elements in the list
53 noEle:
54     la $a0, empty           # Print "no elements" message
55     consolePrint($a0)
56     j optionMenu
57
58 # Menu options
59 optionMenu:
60     la $a0, options
61     consolePrint($a0)
62     getInput                # Get user input
63     lw $t9, userInput
64     move $t0, $t9
65     checkChoice(1, exit)
66     checkChoice(2, next)
67     checkChoice(3, previous)
68     checkChoice(4, addNode)
69     checkChoice(5, delNode)
70     checkChoice(6, reset)
71     checkChoice(7, printEverything)
72     checkChoice(8, insertHead)
73     checkChoice(9, insertTail)
74     j optionMenu
75
76 # Reset current pointer to the head
77 reset:
78     move $a3, $s7          # Reset current pointer to head
79     j start                # Return to main menu
80
81 # Traverse to the next node
82 next:
83     lw $t1, 16($a3)         # Load the next pointer
84     beqz $t1, start         # If end of the list, return to menu
85     move $a3, $t1          # Update current pointer
86     j start
87
88 # Traverse to the previous node
89 previous:
90     lw $t1, 0($a3)          # Load the previous pointer
91     beqz $t1, start         # If at the head, return to menu
92     move $a3, $t1          # Update current pointer
93     j start
94
95 # Insert a node after the current node
96 addNode:
97     la $a0, insertMessage
98     consolePrint($a0)
99     alloSpace              # Allocate space for the new node
100    move $t1, $v0
101
102    sw $zero, 0($t1)         # Initialize previous pointer
103    sw $zero, 16($t1)        # Initialize next pointer
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103     sw $zero, 16($t1)           # Initialize next pointer
104
105     # Read input string for the node
106     li $v0, 8
107     la $a0, 4($t1)
108     li $a1, 10
109     syscall
110
111     # If list is empty, make this the first node
112     beqz $s7, declareFirstNode
113
114     lw $t2, 16($a3)             # Load the next pointer of the current node
115     beqz $t2, noNextNode
116
117     # Insert in the middle
118     sw $t1, 16($a3)             # Update current node's next pointer
119     sw $a3, 0($t1)              # Update new node's previous pointer
120     sw $t2, 16($t1)             # Update new node's next pointer
121     sw $t1, 0($t2)              # Update next node's previous pointer
122     j start
123
124 noNextNode:
125     sw $t1, 16($a3)             # Update current node's next pointer
126     sw $a3, 0($t1)              # Update new node's previous pointer
127     move $a3, $t1               # Update current pointer
128     la $a0, doneAdding
129     consolePrint($a0)
130     j start
131
132 # Delete the current node
133 delNode:
134     beqz $s7, start             # If the list is empty, return to the menu
135
136     # Handle deleting the head
137     lw $t2, 0($a3)              # Load the previous pointer
138     beqz $t2, delHead           # If no previous node, delete the head
139
140     # Handle deleting the tail
141     lw $t3, 16($a3)             # Load the next pointer
142     beqz $t3, delTail           # If no next node, delete the tail
143
144     # General case: Delete a node in the middle
145     lw $t3, 16($a3)             # Load the next node
146     sw $t2, 0($t3)              # Update the previous pointer of the next node
147     lw $t2, 0($a3)              # Load the previous node
148     sw $t3, 16($t2)             # Update the next pointer of the previous node
149
150     move $a3, $t3               # Move the current pointer to the next node
151     j start                     # Return to the menu
152
153 # Subroutine for deleting the head node

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154 delHead:
155     lw $t2, 16($a3)           # Load the next node
156     beqz $t2, resetList      # If no next node, reset the list
157     sw $zero, 0($t2)         # Update the new head's previous pointer
158     move $s7, $t2            # Update the head pointer
159     move $a3, $t2            # Update the current pointer
160     j start                   # Return to the menu
161
162 # Subroutine for deleting the tail node
163 delTail:
164     lw $t2, 0($a3)           # Load the previous node
165     sw $zero, 16($t2)        # Update the new tail's next pointer
166     move $a3, $t2            # Update the current pointer
167     j start                   # Return to the menu
168
169 # Subroutine for resetting the list (when it becomes empty)
170 resetList:
171     move $s7, $zero          # Reset the head pointer
172     move $a3, $zero          # Reset the current pointer
173     j start                   # Return to the menu
174
175 # Insert at the head of the list
176 insertHead:
177     la $a0, insertMessage
178     consolePrint($a0)
179     alloSpace                 # Allocate space for the new node
180     move $t1, $v0
181
182     sw $zero, 0($t1)          # New node has no previous pointer
183     move $t2, $s7             # Load the current head
184     sw $t2, 16($t1)           # New node points to the old head as its next pointer
185
186     beqz $t2, updateHead      # If the list is empty, skip pointer update
187     sw $t1, 0($t2)            # Update old head's previous pointer
188
189 updateHead:
190     move $s7, $t1             # New node becomes the head
191     move $a3, $t1             # Update current pointer
192     li $v0, 8                 # Read the input string for the node
193     la $a0, 4($t1)
194     li $a1, 10
195     syscall
196     la $a0, doneAdding        # Inform the user that the node was added
197     consolePrint($a0)
198     j start
199
200 # Insert at the tail of the list
201 insertTail:
202     beqz $s7, insertHead      # If the list is empty, insert at the head
203     move $t1, $s7
204 findTail:
205     lw $t2, 16($t1)           # Traverse to the next node

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205     lw $t2, 16($t1)           # Traverse to the next node
206     beqz $t2, createTail      # Stop at the last node
207     move $t1, $t2
208     j findTail
209
210 createTail:
211     la $a0, insertMessage
212     consolePrint($a0)
213     alloSpace
214     move $t2, $v0
215
216     sw $zero, 16($t2)          # New node's next pointer is NULL
217     sw $t1, 0($t2)             # New node's previous pointer points to old tail
218     sw $t2, 16($t1)           # Update old tail's next pointer
219     move $a3, $t2              # Update current pointer
220     li $v0, 8
221     la $a0, 4($t2)
222     li $a1, 10
223     syscall
224     la $a0, doneAdding
225     consolePrint($a0)
226     j start
227
228 # Print all nodes
229 printEverything:
230     la $a0, array
231     consolePrint($a0)
232     move $t1, $s7
233 printLoop:
234     beqz $t1, endPrint
235     la $a0, sep
236     consolePrint($a0)
237     la $a0, 4($t1)
238     consolePrint($a0)
239     lw $t1, 16($t1)
240     j printLoop
241
242 endPrint:
243     la $a0, emptyLine
244     consolePrint($a0)
245     j start
246
247 # Declare the first node
248 declareFirstNode:
249     move $s7, $t1
250     move $a3, $t1
251     la $a0, doneAdding
252     consolePrint($a0)
253     j start
254
255 # Exit the program
256
255 # Exit the program
256 exit:
257     li $v0, 17                 # Exit syscall
258     syscall
259

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## Section 2: Code Explanation

This is my code for the program. The original program implemented a singly linked list with a head pointer (\$s7) and a current pointer (\$a3). It included functionality for adding nodes, deleting nodes, and printing the list. To upgrade to a doubly linked list, each

node now has two pointers (Previous pointer: Points to the previous node in the list, and Next pointer: Points to the next node in the list). This required updating the memory allocation size for each node to include space for the previous pointer. We have some new functionality, such as traversing backward, inserting at the head, inserting at the tail, deleting at the head and tail, and search functionality.

The code starts off with the data section, where it has options, insertMessage, character, empty, doneAdding, currentIs, emptyLine, array, sep, searchPrompt, nodeFoundMsg, nodeNotFoundMsg, and userInput, which are self explanatory for their purpose.

Next, we have the text section, which contains our macros: checkChoice, consolePrint, getInput, and alloSpace. checkChoice checks if the user input matches a specific menu option and jumps to the corresponding label, consolePrint prints a string to the console using syscall, getInput reads an integer input from the user, and alloSpace allocates memory on the heap for a new node.

The main execution now starts. Start checks if the list is empty. If it is, it jumps to the noEle routine, otherwise it prints the current node's address and contents, then proceeds to the menu. noEle displays the "no elements" message if the list is empty and returns to the menu for further action. optionMenu prints the menu options and prompts the user to select an operation. It also uses the checkChoice macro to jump to the appropriate subroutine based on user input.

We then have our linked list operations. Reset resets the current pointer (\$a3) to the head (\$s7) and then returns to the main menu. Next moves the current pointer to the next node by loading the address from the next pointer (16(\$a3)). If the current node is the last node (next == 0), it returns to the main menu. Previous moves the current pointer to the previous node by loading the address from the previous pointer (0(\$a3)). If the current node is the head (previous == 0), it returns to the main menu.

We now have our insertion operations. addNode adds a node after the current node. It allocates memory for a new node and initializes its pointers to 0. It reads the user's input string and stores it in the node's memory. It also updates the next and previous pointers of the involved nodes to insert the new node correctly, and handles special cases for adding after the last node. noNextNode handles the case where the current node is the last node, as it updates the next pointer of the current node and the previous pointer of the new node. insertHead inserts a node at the head of the list, as well as allocating memory for the new node and links it to the old head. It updates the head pointer (\$s7) and the current pointer (\$a3). insertTail inserts a node at the tail of the list,

and traverses to the last node of the list using the next pointer. It also allocates memory for the new node and links it to the old tail.

We now move on to the deletion operations. `delNode` deletes the current node. It adjusts the next pointer of the previous node and the previous pointer of the next node to bypass the current node, and handles special cases for deleting the head or tail. `delHead` deletes the head node. It updates the head pointer (`$s7`) and the previous pointer of the new head. `delTail` deletes the tail node and updates the next pointer of the new tail node. `resetList` resets the list when all nodes are deleted and sets both the head pointer (`$s7`) and the current pointer (`$a3`) to 0.

We now have our printing operation. `printEverything` traverses the list starting from the head and prints the content of each node. It uses the next pointer to move to the subsequent nodes until the end of the list.

We declare the first Node with `declareFirstNode`, which initializes the head and current pointers when the first node is added to an empty list.

We then exit our program with `syscall`.

This is an explanation of the code in the program.

## **Section 3: Important Subroutines**

The important subroutines in our code are listed below: `addNode`, `insertHead`, `insertTail`, `delNode`, `printEverything`, and `search`.

`addNode` inserts a new node after the current node. It updates the next pointer of the current node to point to the new node, updates the previous pointer of the new node to point to the current node, and handles the case where the current node is the tail of the list.

`insertHead` adds a new node at the beginning of the list. It updates the new node's next pointer to point to the current head and updates the old head's previous pointer to point to the new node.

`insertTail` traverses to the end of the list and adds a new node. It updates the next pointer of the old tail to point to the new node and updates the new node's previous pointer to point to the old tail.

delNode deletes the current node. It updates the next pointer of the previous node and the previous pointer of the next node to bypass the current node and has special handling for deleting the head or tail nodes.

printEverything prints the entire list starting from the head, and iterates using the next pointer until the end of the list.

Search locates a node containing a specific character. It starts from the head and iterates using the next pointer, and prints the address of the found node or a "not found" message.

## **Section 4: Testing**

### Add Node after Current Node





Insert at Head

4

Please type a string up to 10 characters and press enter  
node3

Adding is done

The current node: (

Please type in one of the number below and press enter:

- 1 - exit program
- 2 - next node
- 3 - previous node
- 4 - insert after current node
- 5 - delete current node
- 6 - reset
- 7 - debug
- 8 - insert at head
- 9 - insert at tail

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All elements in the string:

headnode  
node1  
node2  
node3

The current node: (

Please type in one of the number below and press enter:

- 1 - exit program
- 2 - next node
- 3 - previous node
- 4 - insert after current node
- 5 - delete current node
- 6 - reset
- 7 - debug
- 8 - insert at head
- 9 - insert at tail

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Please type a string up to 10 characters and press enter  
headnode

Adding is done

The current node:

Please type in one of the number below and press enter:

- 1 - exit program
- 2 - next node
- 3 - previous node
- 4 - insert after current node
- 5 - delete current node
- 6 - reset
- 7 - debug
- 8 - insert at head
- 9 - insert at tail

4

Please type a string up to 10 characters and press enter  
node1

Adding is done

The current node:

Please type in one of the number below and press enter:

- 1 - exit program
- 2 - next node
- 3 - previous node
- 4 - insert after current node
- 5 - delete current node
- 6 - reset
- 7 - debug
- 8 - insert at head
- 9 - insert at tail

4

Please type a string up to 10 characters and press enter  
node2

Adding is done

The current node:

Please type in one of the number below and press enter:

- 1 - exit program
- 2 - next node
- 3 - previous node
- 4 - insert after current node
- 5 - delete current node
- 6 - reset
- 7 - debug
- 8 - insert at head
- 9 - insert at tail

4

Please type a string up to 10 characters and press enter  
node3

Adding is done

The current node: (

Please type in one of the number below and press enter:

- 1 - exit program
- 2 - next node

Insert at Tail

There is no node yet

Please type in one of the number below and press enter:

- 1 - exit program
- 2 - next node
- 3 - previous node
- 4 - insert after current node
- 5 - delete current node
- 6 - reset
- 7 - debug
- 8 - insert at head
- 9 - insert at tail

4

Please type a string up to 10 characters and press enter

node1

Adding is done

The current node:

Please type in one of the number below and press enter:

- 1 - exit program
- 2 - next node
- 3 - previous node
- 4 - insert after current node
- 5 - delete current node
- 6 - reset
- 7 - debug
- 8 - insert at head
- 9 - insert at tail

4

Please type a string up to 10 characters and press enter

node2

Adding is done

The current node:

Please type in one of the number below and press enter:

- 1 - exit program
- 2 - next node
- 3 - previous node
- 4 - insert after current node
- 5 - delete current node
- 6 - reset
- 7 - debug
- 8 - insert at head
- 9 - insert at tail

9

Please type a string up to 10 characters and press enter

tailnode

Adding is done

The current node:

Please type in one of the number below and press enter:

- 1 - exit program
- 2 - next node
- 3 - previous node
- 4 - insert after current node
- 5 - delete current node
- 6 - reset

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7 - debug
8 - insert at head
9 - insert at tail
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All elements in the string:

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node1
node2
tailnode
```

The current node:

Please type in one of the number below and press enter:

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1 - exit program
2 - next node
3 - previous node
4 - insert after current node
5 - delete current node
6 - reset
7 - debug
8 - insert at head
9 - insert at tail
```

Delete Current Node

There is no node yet  
Please type in one of the number below and press enter:  
1 - exit program  
2 - next node  
3 - previous node  
4 - insert after current node  
5 - delete current node  
6 - reset  
7 - debug  
8 - insert at head  
9 - insert at tail

4

Please type a string up to 10 characters and press enter  
node1

Adding is done  
The current node:  
Please type in one of the number below and press enter:  
1 - exit program  
2 - next node  
3 - previous node  
4 - insert after current node  
5 - delete current node  
6 - reset  
7 - debug  
8 - insert at head  
9 - insert at tail

4

Please type a string up to 10 characters and press enter  
node2

Adding is done  
The current node:  
Please type in one of the number below and press enter:  
1 - exit program  
2 - next node  
3 - previous node  
4 - insert after current node  
5 - delete current node  
6 - reset  
7 - debug  
8 - insert at head  
9 - insert at tail

4

Please type a string up to 10 characters and press enter  
node3



Adding is done

The current node:

Please type in one of the number below and press enter:

- 1 - exit program
- 2 - next node
- 3 - previous node
- 4 - insert after current node
- 5 - delete current node
- 6 - reset
- 7 - debug
- 8 - insert at head
- 9 - insert at tail

2

The current node:

Please type in one of the number below and press enter:

- 1 - exit program
- 2 - next node
- 3 - previous node
- 4 - insert after current node
- 5 - delete current node
- 6 - reset
- 7 - debug
- 8 - insert at head
- 9 - insert at tail

5

The current node:

Please type in one of the number below and press enter:

- 1 - exit program
- 2 - next node
- 3 - previous node
- 4 - insert after current node
- 5 - delete current node
- 6 - reset
- 7 - debug
- 8 - insert at head
- 9 - insert at tail

7

All elements in the string:

node1

node2

## **Section 5: Conclusion**

The project successfully transformed a singly linked list into a doubly linked list in MIPS Assembly. The updated implementation supports bidirectional traversal and provides additional operations for insertion, deletion, and debugging. This project demonstrates the efficient use of pointers and memory management in assembly programming.