

Reverse

In this lesson, you will learn how to reverse a doubly linked list.

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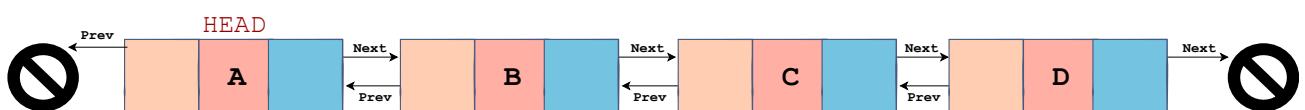
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In this lesson, we consider how to reverse the nodes in a doubly linked list. Once we cover the concept of how to perform this action, we follow through with a Python implementation.

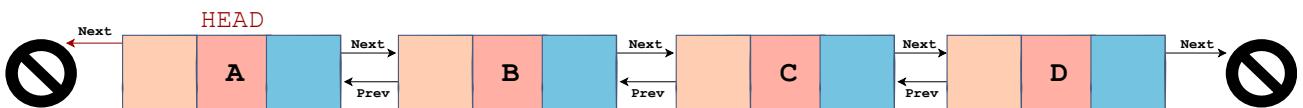
Algorithm

To reverse a doubly linked list, we need to switch the next and the previous pointers of every node. Also, we need to switch the last node with the head node of the linked list. Check out the illustration below for more clarity:

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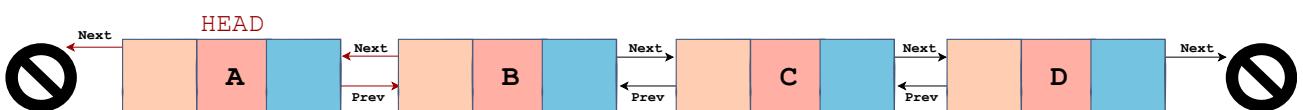


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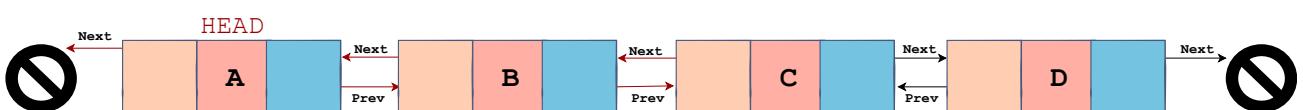
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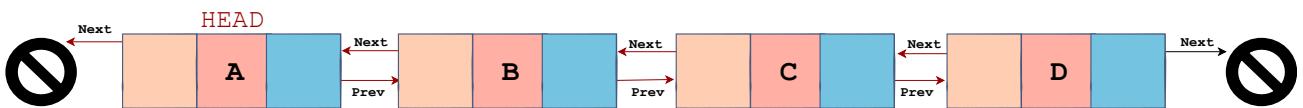
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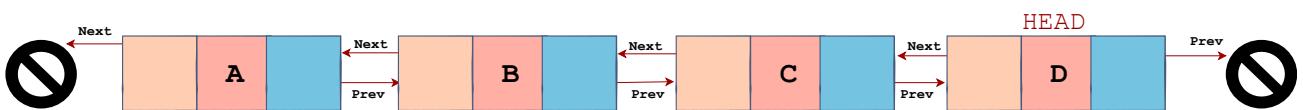
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As we traverse the linked list, we swap the previous pointer with the next pointer and eventually, we make the last node of the original linked list the head node of the reversed linked list.

Implementation

Now let's go ahead and see how this algorithm is implemented in Python:

```
def reverse(self):
    tmp = None
    cur = self.head
    while cur:
        tmp = cur.prev
```



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cur.prev = cur.next
cur.next = tmp
cur = cur.prev

if tmp:
    self.head = tmp.prev

```

reverse(self)

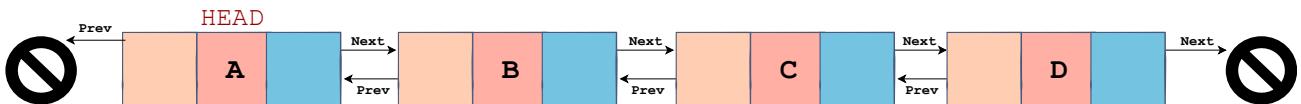
Explanation

On **lines 2-3**, `tmp` and `cur` is set to `None` and `self.head`, respectively. In the `while` loop on **line 4**, which terminates when `cur` equals `None`, we swap the next and the previous pointers of `cur`. To swap, we first save the value of `cur.prev` in a temporary variable, `tmp`, on **line 5**. Next, we update `cur.prev` to `cur.next` on **line 6** while `cur.next` is set to `tmp` on **line 7**. `tmp` has the value of `cur.prev` stored before the update on **line 6**. This is pretty much the standard way of swapping the values of two variables in programming.

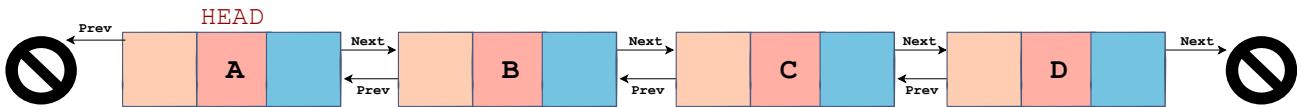
Now as the swap has taken place, instead of updating `cur` to `cur.next`, we update `cur` to `cur.prev` to iterate to the next node in the original linked list (**line 8**). When the `while` loop terminates, we are almost done with the reversal except for setting the new head of the reverse linked list. Hence, on **lines 9-10**, we check if `tmp` is not `None` and if it is not, we set `self.head` to `tmp.prev` where `tmp.prev` is the last node in the linked list.

Now the above code is tough to visualize, so we have some illustrations for you to go through and visualize what's happening.

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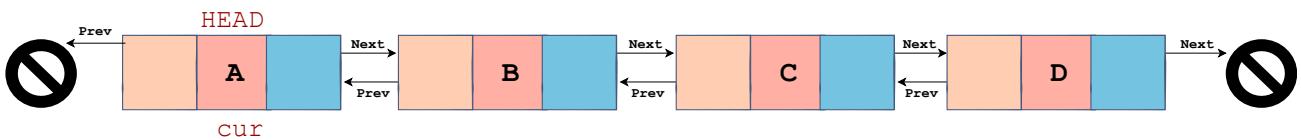


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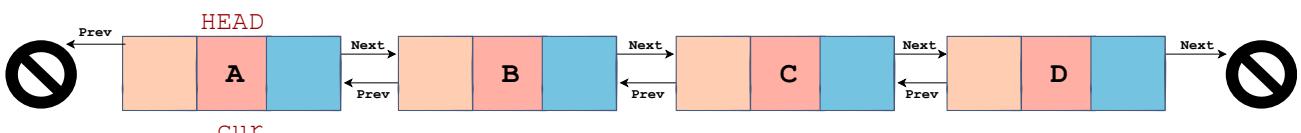


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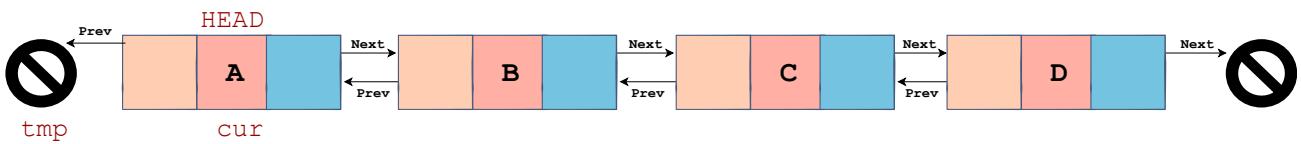


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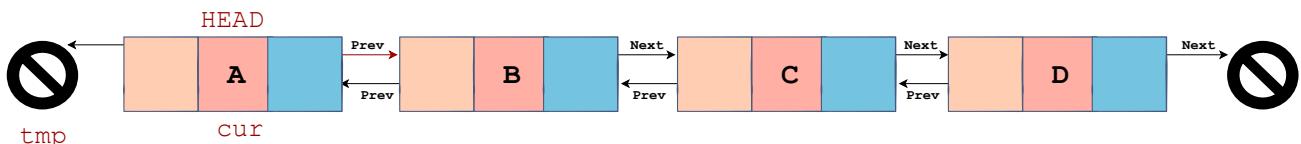
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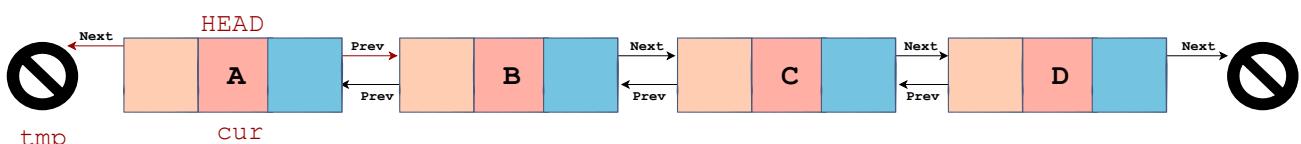
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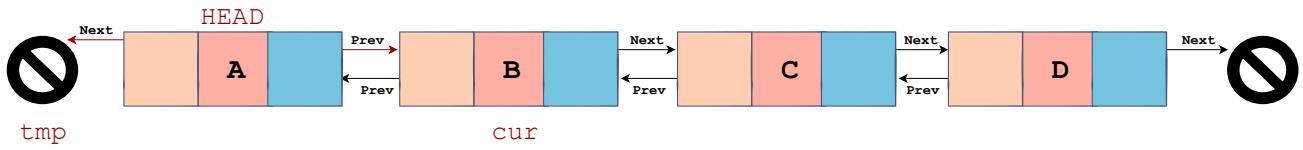
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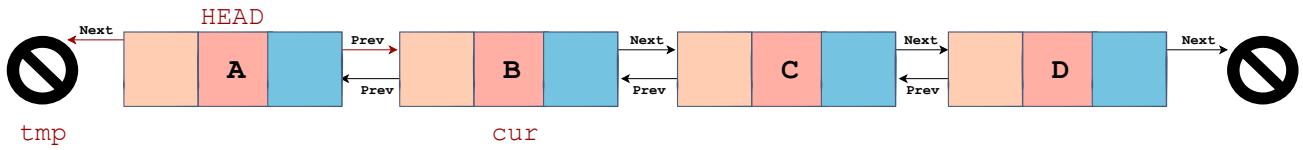
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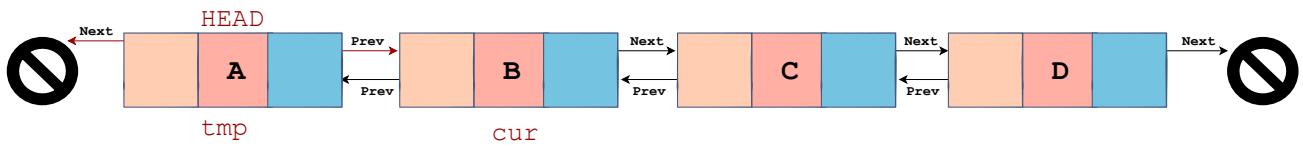
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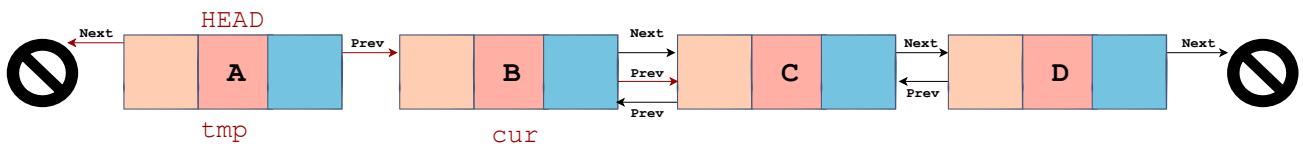
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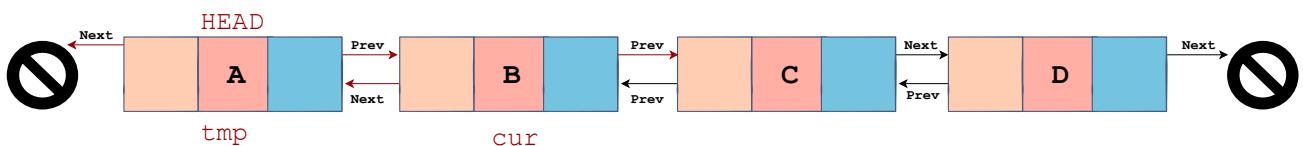
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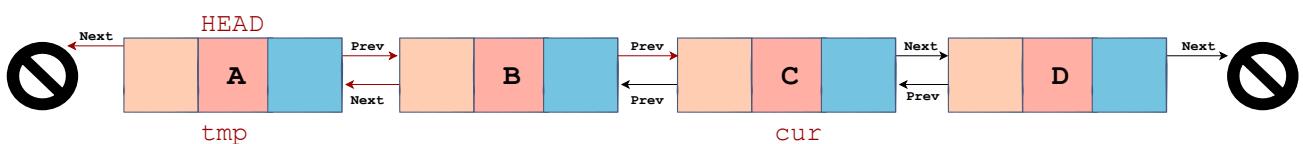
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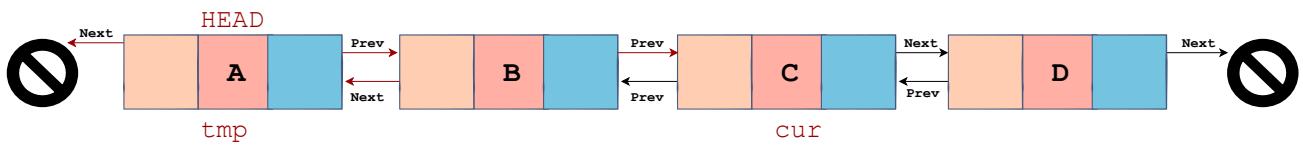
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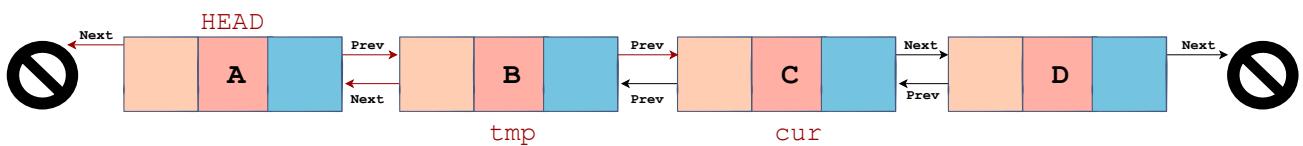


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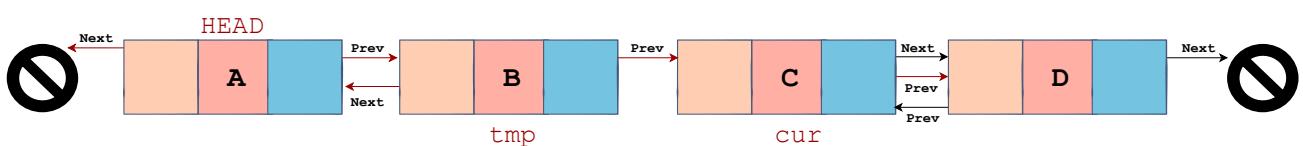


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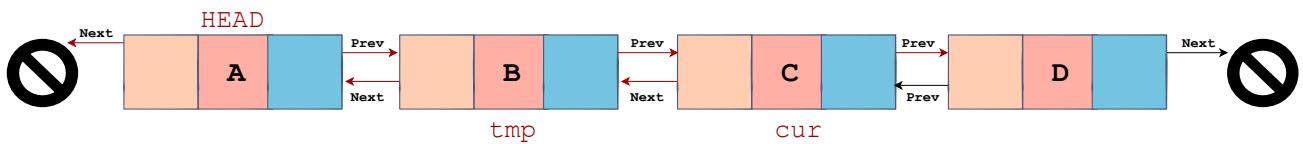


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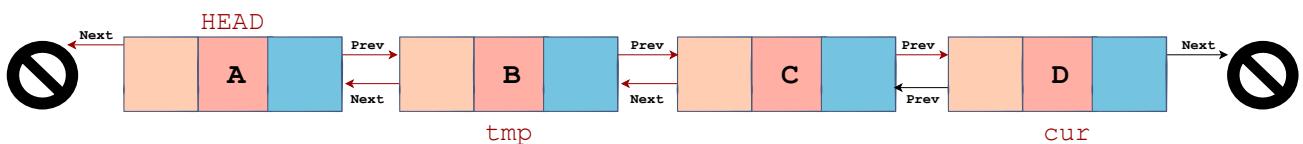
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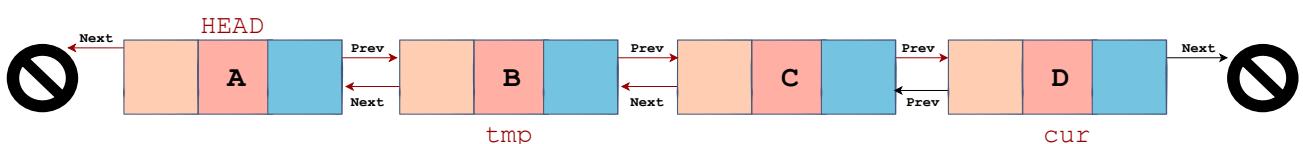
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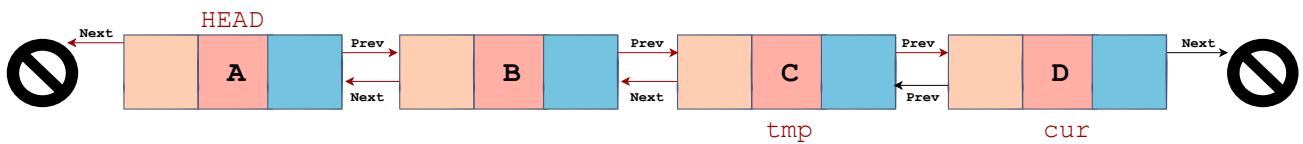
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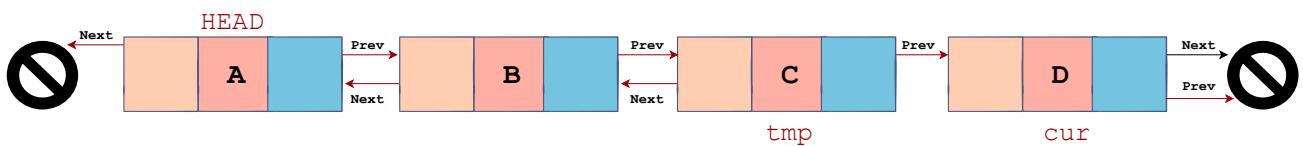


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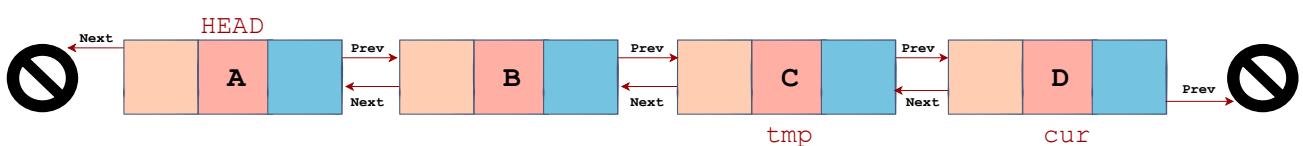


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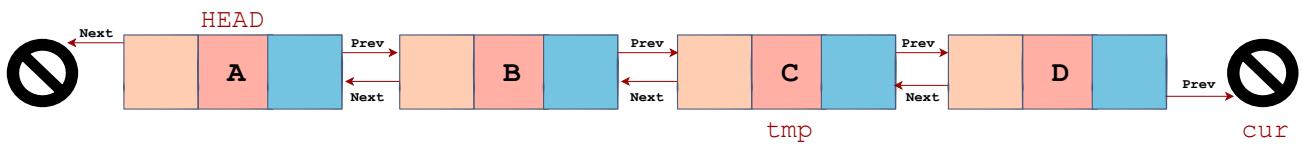


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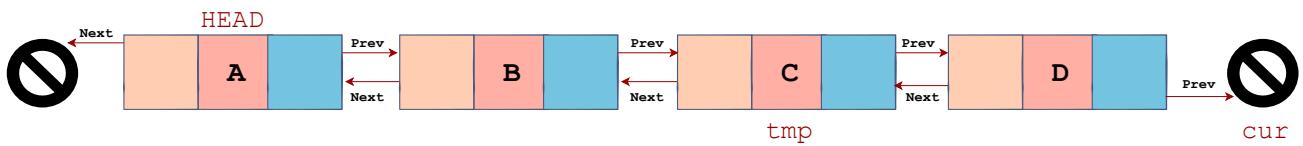
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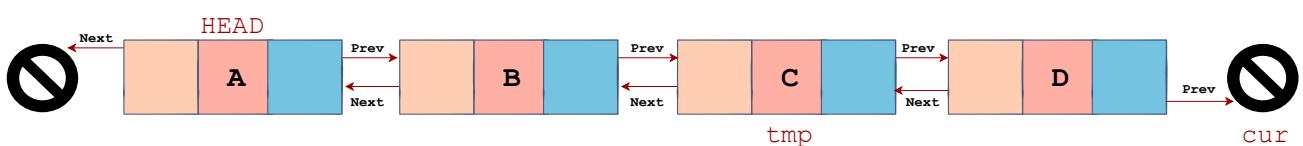
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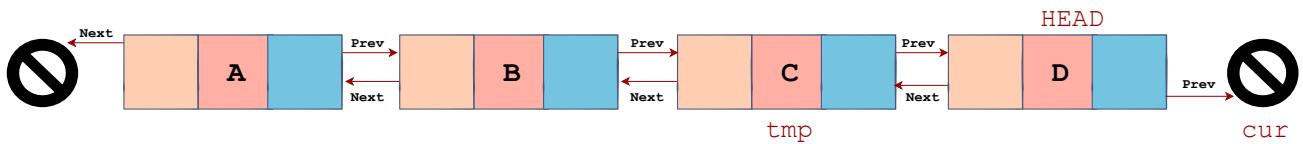
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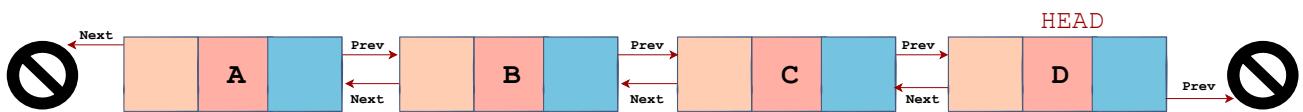
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In the code widget below, we reverse a doubly-linked list. Go ahead and modify the test cases with your own, so you get hands-on practice with our implementation.

```
class Node:  
    def __init__(self, data):  
        self.data = data  
        self.next = None  
        self.prev = None  
  
class DoublyLinkedList:  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.head = None
```



```
def append(self, data):
    if self.head is None:
        new_node = Node(data)
        new_node.prev = None
        self.head = new_node
    else:
        new_node = Node(data)
        cur = self.head
        while cur.next:
            cur = cur.next
        cur.next = new_node
        new_node.prev = cur
        new_node.next = None

def prepend(self, data):
    if self.head is None:
        new_node = Node(data)
        new_node.prev = None
        self.head = new_node
    else:
        new_node = Node(data)
        self.head.prev = new_node
        new_node.next = self.head
        self.head = new_node
        new_node.prev = None

def print_list(self):
    cur = self.head
    while cur:
        print(cur.data)
        cur = cur.next

def add_after_node(self, key, data):
    cur = self.head
    while cur:
        if cur.next is None and cur.data == key:
            self.append(data)
            return
        elif cur.data == key:
            new_node = Node(data)
            nxt = cur.next
            cur.next = new_node
            new_node.next = nxt
            new_node.prev = cur
            nxt.prev = new_node
            return
        cur = cur.next

def add_before_node(self, key, data):
    cur = self.head
    while cur:
        if cur.prev is None and cur.data == key:
            self.prepend(data)
            return
        elif cur.data == key:
            new_node = Node(data)
            prev = cur.prev
            prev.next = new_node
            cur.prev = new_node
            new_node.next = cur
            new_node.prev = prev
            return
        cur = cur.next
```

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cur = cur.next

def delete(self, key):
    cur = self.head
    while cur:
        if cur.data == key and cur == self.head:
            # Case 1:
            if not cur.next:
                cur = None
                self.head = None
                return

        # Case 2:
        else:
            nxt = cur.next
            cur.next = None
            nxt.prev = None
            cur = None
            self.head = nxt
            return

    elif cur.data == key:
        # Case 3:
        if cur.next:
            nxt = cur.next
            prev = cur.prev
            prev.next = nxt
            nxt.prev = prev
            cur.next = None
            cur.prev = None
            cur = None
            return

        # Case 4:
    else:
        prev = cur.prev
        prev.next = None
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dllist = DoublyLinkedList()
dllist.append(1)
dllist.append(2)
dllist.append(3)
dllist.append(4)
dllist.reverse()
dllist.print_list()
```



I hope everything has been clear up until now. Now it's time for some challenges! See you in the next lesson.