

# Singly Linked List Implementation

In this lecture we will implement a basic Singly Linked List.

Remember, in a singly linked list, we have an ordered list of items as individual Nodes that have pointers to other Nodes.

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In [1]: class Node(object):  
  
    def __init__(self, value):  
  
        self.value = value  
        self.nextnode = None
```

Now we can build out Linked List with the collection of nodes:

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In [2]: a = Node(1)  
        b = Node(2)  
        c = Node(3)
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In [3]: a.nextnode = b
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In [4]: b.nextnode = c
```

In a Linked List the first node is called the **head** and the last node is called the **tail**. Let's discuss the pros and cons of Linked Lists:

## Pros

- Linked Lists have constant-time insertions and deletions in any position, in comparison, arrays require  $O(n)$  time to do the same thing.
- Linked lists can continue to expand without having to specify their size ahead of time (remember our lectures on Array sizing from the Array Sequence section of the course!)

## Cons

- To access an element in a linked list, you need to take  $O(k)$  time to go from the head of the list to the  $k$ th element. In contrast, arrays have constant time operations to access elements in an array.

## Good Job!

That's it for the implementation (pretty simple right?). Up next we will learn about Doubly Linked Lists!