LinkedLists

The List Abstract Data Type

- List: "ordered" sequence of data known as elements
- Ordered: each element has a position in the list (like in an array from 0 to the length of the list -1)
- Ordered in this context does not mean that the list elements are sorted by value
- A list is said to be empty when it contains no elements
- The number of elements currently stored is called the length of the list
- The beginning of the list is called the head, the end of the list is called the tail

Defining the List ADT

This list will contain String object

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public interface List { // List of String class ADT
// Remove all contents from the list, so it is once again empty
public void clear();
// Insert "it" at the position index in this list.
// throws IndexOutOfBoundsException - if the index is out of range (index < 0 || index > length)
public boolean insert(int index, String it);
// Append "it" at the end of the list
public boolean append(String it);
// Removes and return the element at the specified position in this list
// throws IndexOutOfBoundsException - if the index is out of range (index < 0 || index >= length)
public String remove(int index);
// Returns the element at the specified position in this list
// throws IndexOutOfBoundsException - if the index is out of range (index < 0 || index >= length)
public String get(int index);
// Returns true if this list contains the specified element. The empty String otherwise
public boolean contains(String o);
// Returns the length / number of elements in this list
public int size();
// Returns true if this list is empty
public boolean isEmpty();
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- Implementation of the List ADT
- Uses Linked Nodes to store data
- Node class is hidden inside the LinkedList class.
 - The node class is implemented inside the LinkedList class
 - The Node class is the inner class and LinkedList is the wrapper class
 - The wrapper class has access to the data fields and methods of the inner class
 - The node class is declared as "private"

Note: An inner class is exactly like classes implemented in their own files.

LinkedList implementation

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