

Merge Two Sorted Lists

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My logic would be

$O(n)$ approach which compares two lists by the position of the pointers

Compare pointers, and move pointer across until the list is exhausted and append whatever remains

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        dummy = ListNode(-1)
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current = dummy

if not list1:
    return list2
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    return list1

while list1 and list2:
    if list1.val < list2.val:
        current.next = list1
        list1 = list1.next

    else:
        current.next = list2
        list2 = list2.next
    current = current.next

if list1:
    current.next = list1

else:
    current.next = list2

return dummy.next

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As for the dummy logic, we initialise dummy to be the results linked list

- first assign dummy head to be our current value
- as we progress through the values, we refer to the next number in line
- when all is finished, we return the 2nd number to the head of the dummy list