

## Move last element to front of a given Linked List

Write a C function that moves last element to front in a given Singly Linked List. For example, if the given Linked List is 1->2->3->4->5, then the function should change the list to 5->1->2->3->4.

Algorithm:

Traverse the list till last node. Use two pointers: one to store the address of last node and other for address of second last node. After the end of loop do following operations.

- i) Make second last as last (secLast->next = NULL).
- ii) Set next of last as head (last->next = \*head\_ref).
- iii) Make last as head ( \*head\_ref = last)

## C/C++

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/* C Program to move last element to front in a given linked list */
#include<stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>

/* A linked list node */
struct node
{
    int data;
    struct node *next;
};

/* We are using a double pointer head_ref here because we change
   head of the linked list inside this function.*/
void moveToFront(struct node **head_ref)
{
    /* If linked list is empty, or it contains only one node,
       then nothing needs to be done, simply return */
    if (*head_ref == NULL || (*head_ref)->next == NULL)
        return;

    /* Initialize second last and last pointers */
    struct node *secLast = NULL;
    struct node *last = *head_ref;

    /*After this loop secLast contains address of second last
    node and last contains address of last node in Linked List */
    while (last->next != NULL)
    {
        secLast = last;
        last = last->next;
    }

    /* Set the next of second last as NULL */
    secLast->next = NULL;

    /* Set next of last as head node */
    last->next = *head_ref;

    /* Change the head pointer to point to last node now */
    *head_ref = last;
}

/* UTILITY FUNCTIONS */
/* Function to add a node at the beginning of Linked List */
void push(struct node** head_ref, int new_data)
{
    /* allocate node */
    struct node* new_node =
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        (struct node*) malloc(sizeof(struct node));

    /* put in the data */
    new_node->data = new_data;

    /* link the old list off the new node */
    new_node->next = (*head_ref);

    /* move the head to point to the new node */
    (*head_ref) = new_node;
}

/* Function to print nodes in a given linked list */
void printList(struct node *node)
{
    while(node != NULL)
    {
        printf("%d ", node->data);
        node = node->next;
    }
}

/* Driver program to test above function */
int main()
{
    struct node *start = NULL;

    /* The constructed linked list is:
    1->2->3->4->5 */
    push(&start, 5);
    push(&start, 4);
    push(&start, 3);
    push(&start, 2);
    push(&start, 1);

    printf("\n Linked list before moving last to front\n");
    printList(start);

    moveToFront(&start);

    printf("\n Linked list after removing last to front\n");
    printList(start);

    return 0;
}

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## Java

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/* Java Program to move last element to front in a given linked list */
class LinkedList
{
    Node head; // head of list

    /* Linked list Node*/
    class Node
    {
        int data;
        Node next;
        Node(int d) {data = d; next = null; }
    }

    void moveToFront()
    {
        /* If linked list is empty or it contains only
        one node then simply return. */
        if(head == null || head.next == null)
            return;

        /* Initialize second last and last pointers */

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Node secLast = null;
Node last = head;

/* After this loop secLast contains address of
   second last node and last contains address of
   last node in Linked List */
while (last.next != null)
{
    secLast = last;
    last = last.next;
}

/* Set the next of second last as null */
secLast.next = null;

/* Set the next of last as head */
last.next = head;

/* Change head to point to last node. */
head = last;
}

/* Utility functions */

/* Inserts a new Node at front of the list. */
public void push(int new_data)
{
    /* 1 & 2: Allocate the Node &
       Put in the data*/
    Node new_node = new Node(new_data);

    /* 3. Make next of new Node as head */
    new_node.next = head;

    /* 4. Move the head to point to new Node */
    head = new_node;
}

/* Function to print linked list */
void printList()
{
    Node temp = head;
    while(temp != null)
    {
        System.out.print(temp.data+" ");
        temp = temp.next;
    }
    System.out.println();
}

/* Drier program to test above functions */
public static void main(String args[])
{
    LinkedList llist = new LinkedList();
    /* Constructed Linked List is 1->2->3->4->5->null */
    llist.push(5);
    llist.push(4);
    llist.push(3);
    llist.push(2);
    llist.push(1);

    System.out.println("Linked List before moving last to front ");
    llist.printList();

    llist.moveToFront();

    System.out.println("Linked List after moving last to front ");
    llist.printList();
}
}
/* This code is contributed by Rajat Mishra */

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Output:

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Linked list before moving last to front
1 2 3 4 5
Linked list after removing last to front
5 1 2 3
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Time Complexity:  $O(n)$  where  $n$  is the number of nodes in the given Linked List.