



Reverse a LinkedList (easy)

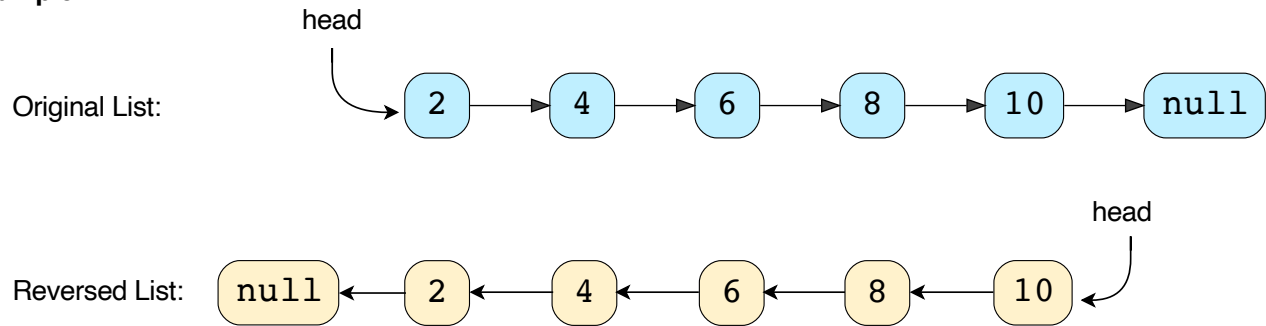
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Problem Statement

Given the head of a Singly LinkedList, reverse the LinkedList. Write a function to return the new head of the reversed LinkedList.

Example:

Try it yourself

Try solving this question here:



Java



Python3



JS



C++

```
1 class ListNode {
2     int value = 0;
3     ListNode next;
4
5     ListNode(int value) {
6         this.value = value;
7     }
8 }
9
10 class ReverseLinkedList {
11
12     public static ListNode reverse(ListNode head) {
13         // TODO: Write your code here
14
15         ListNode prev = null;
16         ListNode dummyHead = head;
17         ListNode next = null;
18
19         while(dummyHead!=null){
```



```
20     next = dummyHead.next;
21     dummyHead.next = prev;
22     prev = dummyHead;
23     dummyHead=next;
24 }
25
26 return prev;
27 }
28
```

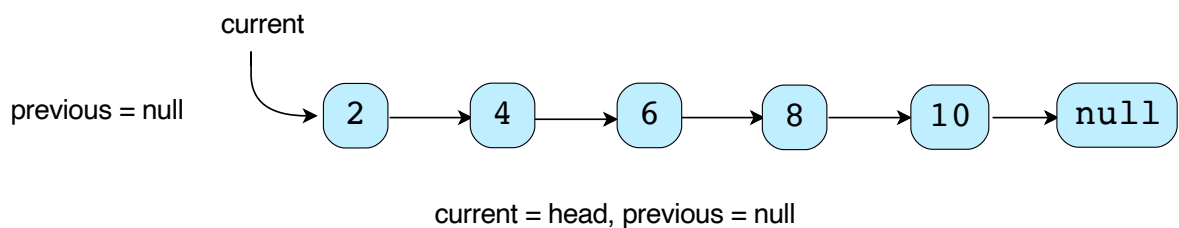
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Solution

To reverse a LinkedList, we need to reverse one node at a time. We will start with a variable `current` which will initially point to the head of the LinkedList and a variable `previous` which will point to the previous node that we have processed; initially `previous` will point to `null`.

In a stepwise manner, we will reverse the `current` node by pointing it to the `previous` before moving on to the next node. Also, we will update the `previous` to always point to the previous node that we have processed. Here is the visual representation of our algorithm:



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Code

Here is what our algorithm will look like:



```
class ListNode {
    int value = 0;
    ListNode next;

    ListNode(int value) {
        this.value = value;
    }
}

class ReverseLinkedList {

    public static ListNode reverse(ListNode head) {
        ListNode current = head; // current node that we will be processing
        ListNode previous = null; // previous node that we have processed
        ListNode next = null; // will be used to temporarily store the next node

        while (current != null) {
            next = current.next; // temporarily store the next node
            current.next = previous; // reverse the current node
            previous = current; // before we move to the next node, point previous to
            current = next; // move on the next node
        }
        // after the loop current will be pointing to 'null' and 'previous' will be
        return previous;
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        ListNode head = new ListNode(2);
        head.next = new ListNode(4);
        head.next.next = new ListNode(6);
        head.next.next.next = new ListNode(8);
        head.next.next.next.next = new ListNode(10);

        ListNode result = ReverseLinkedList.reverse(head);
        System.out.print("Nodes of the reversed LinkedList are: ");
        while (result != null) {
            System.out.print(result.value + " ");
            result = result.next;
        }
    }
}
```

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Time complexity

The time complexity of our algorithm will be $O(N)$ where 'N' is the total number of nodes in the LinkedList.

Space complexity

We only used constant space, therefore, the space complexity of our algorithm is $O(1)$.

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