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Linked Lists



What is ADT?

An abstract data type (**ADT**) is an object with a generic description independent of implementation details.

This description includes a specification of the components from which the object is made and also the behavioral details of the object.



The List ADT

Let us now define a new ADT which is very useful for programming.

We call this ADT the ordered list.

It is a list of elements, say characters, in which elements are ordered, i.e., there is a zeroth element, a first element, a second element, and so on, and in which repetitions of elements are allowed.

Functions on the List ADT

```
L = init();
     Initialize L to an empty list.
L = insert(L,ch,pos);
     Insert the character ch at position pos in the list L and return the modified list. Report
        error if pos is not a valid position in L.
delete(L,pos);
     Delete the character at position pos in the list L. Report error if pos is not a valid
        position in L.
isPresent(L,ch);
     Check if the character ch is present in the list L. If no match is found, return -1, else
        return the index of the leftmost match.
getElement(L,pos);
     Return the character at position pos in the list L. Report error if pos is not a valid
        position in L.
print(L);
     Print the list elements from start to end.
```

Some functions on the List ADT

```
#include<stdio.h>
#define MAXLEN 100
  typedef struct {
   int len;
   char element[MAXLEN];
 } olist;
olist init()
   olist L;
   L.len = 0:
   return L:
void print(olist L)
   int i;
   for(i = 0; i < L.len; ++i) printf("%c", L.element[i]);
```

```
olist insert(olist L, char ch, int pos)
    int i;
    if ((pos < 0) || (pos > L.len)) {
      fprintf(stderr, "insert: Invalid index %d\n", pos);
      return L:
    if (L.len == MAXLEN) {
      fprintf(stderr, "insert: List already full\n");
      return L:
    for (i = L.len; i > pos; --i)
    L.element[i] = L.element[i-1];
    L.element[pos] = ch;
    ++L.len:
    return L:
```



The main function

```
main()
olist L;
L=init();
L=insert(L,'a',0);
print(L);
printf("\n");
L=insert(L,'b',0);
print(L);
printf("\n");
L=insert(L,'c',2);
print(L);
printf("\n");
```

- a
- ba
- bac



The delete procedure

```
olist delete(olist L, int pos)
    int i;
    if ((pos < 0) || (pos >= L.len)) {
      fprintf(stderr, "delete: Invalid index %d\n", pos);
      return L;
    for (i = pos; i \leq L.len - 2; ++i)
     L.element[i] = L.element[i+1];
    --L.len;
    return L;
```



Lists with Linked Lists (using pointers)



Self Referential Structures

```
typedef struct node {
  int data;
  struct node *next;
} node:
node *head, *p;
int i;
head = (node *)malloc(sizeof(node)); /* Create the first node */
head->data = 3; /* Set data for the first node */
p = head; /* Next p will navigate down the list */
for (i=1; i <=3; ++i)
{ p->next = (node *)malloc(sizeof(node)); /* Allocate the next node */
 p = p->next; /* Advance p by one node */
 p->data = 2*i+3; /* Set data */
p->next = NULL; /* Terminate the list by NULL */
```



Finer Points

An important thing to notice here is that we are always allocating memory to p->next and not to p itself. For example, first consider the allocation of head and subsequently an allocation of p assigned to head->next.

```
head = (node *)malloc(sizeof(node));
  p = head->next;
  p = (node *)malloc(sizeof(node));
```



Finer Points

- After the first assignment of p, both this pointer and the next pointer of *head point to the same location.
- However, they continue to remain *different pointers*. Therefore, the subsequent memory allocation of p changes p, whereas head->next remains unaffected.
- For maintaining the list structure we, on the other hand, want head->next to be allocated memory.
- So allocating the running pointer p is an error. One should allocate p->next with p assigned to head (not to head->next).
- Now p and head point to the same node and, therefore, both p->next and head->next refer to the same pointer -- the one to which we like to allocate memory in the subsequent step.
- This example illustrates that the first node is to be treated separately from subsequent nodes.
 - This is the reason why we often maintain a *dummy node* at the head and start the actual data list from the next node.

A Modular Implementation of Linked List using Pointers

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<malloc.h>
```

```
typedef struct list{
    char value;
    struct list *next;
}node;
```

typedef node* olist;



The init function

```
olist init()
olist L;
L=(olist)malloc(sizeof(node));
L->value='\0';
L->next=NULL;
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return(L);
                                               NULL
```



The print function

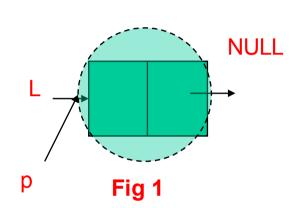
```
void print(olist L)
node *p;
p=L->next;
while(p!=NULL)
                                                       NULL
                   Dummy Node
  printf("%c",p->value);
  p=p->next;
printf("\n");
```

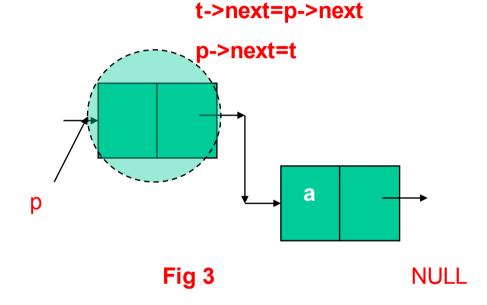
The insert function

```
olist insert(olist L, char ch, int pos)
                                      while(i<pos){
                                         p=p->next;
                                         if(p==NULL){
int i;
                                          fprintf(stderr,"insert: invalid index\n");
node *p;
                                          return(L);
node *t;
                                         j++;
if(pos<0)
                                        t=(node *)malloc(sizeof(node));
                                        t->value=ch;
  fprintf(stderr,"insert: Error in
   index\n");
                                        t->next=p->next;
                                        p->next=t;
  return(L);
                                        return(L);
 p=L;
 i=0;
```

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Inserting into an empty list (pos=0)





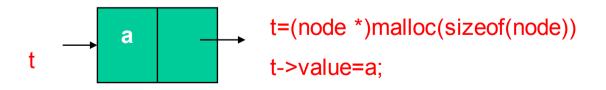


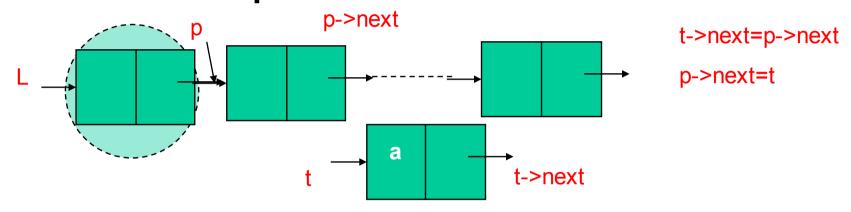
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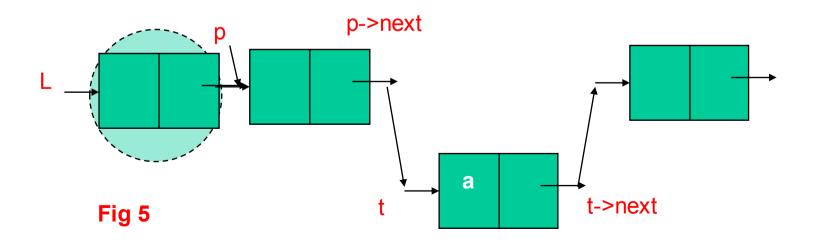
Inserting into an existing list with 2 nodes at pos=1

We need to insert at this position **NULL** Fig 1 i=0 p=p->next i=1 p->next **NULL** a a Fig 2 t->next Fig 3

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Inserting into an existing list with 2 nodes at pos=1







The delete function

```
while(i<pos)
olist delete(olist L, int pos)
                                            p=p->next;
                                              if(p->next==NULL)
int i=0;
node *p;
                                               fprintf(stderr,"delete: invalid index\n");
                                               return(L);
if(pos<0){
  fprintf(stderr,"delete: invalid
                                            j++;
   index\n");
  return(L);
                                           p->next=p->next->next;
                                           return(L);
p=L;
i=0;
                                p->next
                                                    p->next->next
```



The main function

```
main()
{
  olist L;
  L=init();
  print(L);
  insert(L,'a',0);
  print(L);
  insert(L,'b',1);
  print(L);
  insert(L,'c',1);
  print(L);
```

```
delete(L,3);
  print(L);
  delete(L,2);
  print(L);
  delete(L,0);
  print(L);
}
```



a

ab

acb

delete: invalid index

acb

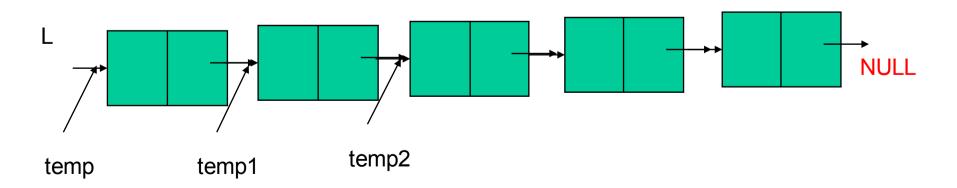
ac

C



```
void reverse(olist L){
node *temp;
node *temp1; node *temp2;
temp=L;temp1=temp->next;
temp2=temp1->next;
temp->next->next=NULL;
```

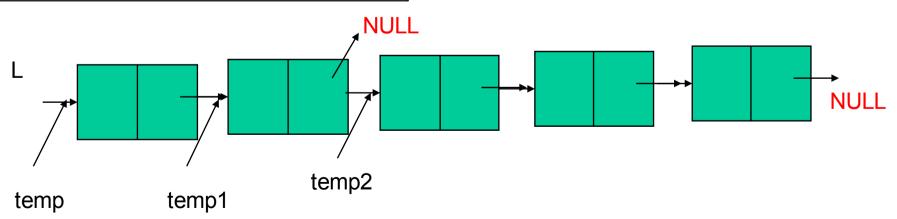
```
while(temp2!=NULL) {
    temp=temp1;
    temp1=temp2;
    temp2=temp1->next;
    temp1->next=temp; }
L->next=temp1;
}
```





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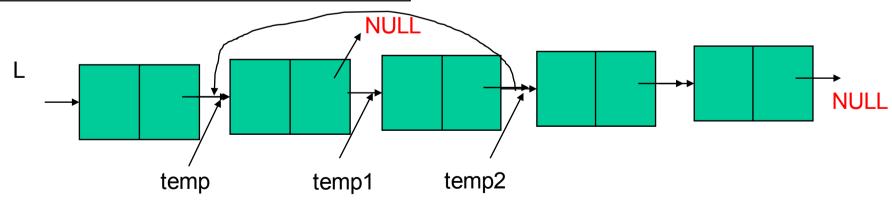
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while(temp2!=NULL) {
    temp=temp1;
    temp1=temp2;
    temp2=temp1->next;
    temp1->next=temp; }
L->next=temp1;
}
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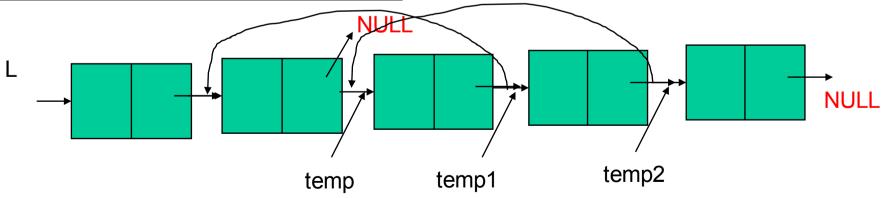
```
while(temp2!=NULL) {
    temp=temp1;
    temp1=temp2;
    temp2=temp1->next;
    temp1->next=temp; }
L->next=temp1;
}
```





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node *temp;
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temp=L;temp1=temp->next;
temp2=temp1->next;
temp->next->next=NULL;
```

```
while(temp2!=NULL) {
    temp=temp1;
    temp1=temp2;
    temp2=temp1->next;
    temp1->next=temp; }
L->next=temp1;
}
```





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void reverse(olist L){
                               while(temp2!=NULL) {
                                  temp=temp1;
node *temp;
                                  temp1=temp2;
node *temp1; node *temp2;
                                  temp2=temp1->next;
temp=L;temp1=temp->next;
                                  temp1->next=temp;}
temp2=temp1->next;
                               L->next=temp1;
temp->next->next=NULL;
                                                          NULL
                                                       temp2
                                           temp1
                               temp
```



```
void reverse(olist L){
                               while(temp2!=NULL) {
                                  temp=temp1;
node *temp;
                                  temp1=temp2;
node *temp1; node *temp2;
                                  temp2=temp1->next;
temp=L;temp1=temp->next;
                                  temp1->next=temp;}
temp2=temp1->next;
                               L->next=temp1;
temp->next->next=NULL;
                                                          NULL
                                                       temp2
                                           temp1
                               temp
```