

Create a List

Practice Exercise

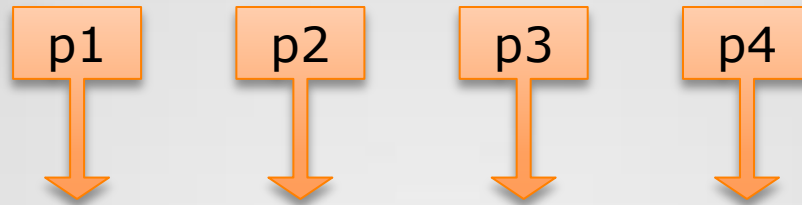
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For this practice exercise, assume that

- All the functions are members of the **Node** class, as in the slides.
- The overloaded constructor sets the member variable **data** in the node to character '**x**'.

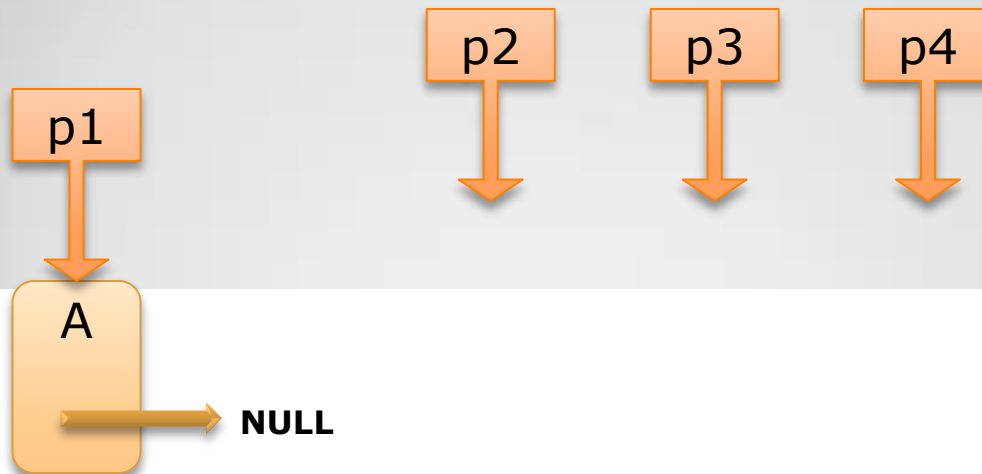
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Node *p1, *p2, *p3, *p4;
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Node *p1, *p2, *p3, *p4;    // Create four pointers that will point  
                           // to objects of the class Node.
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p1 = new Node('A', NULL);
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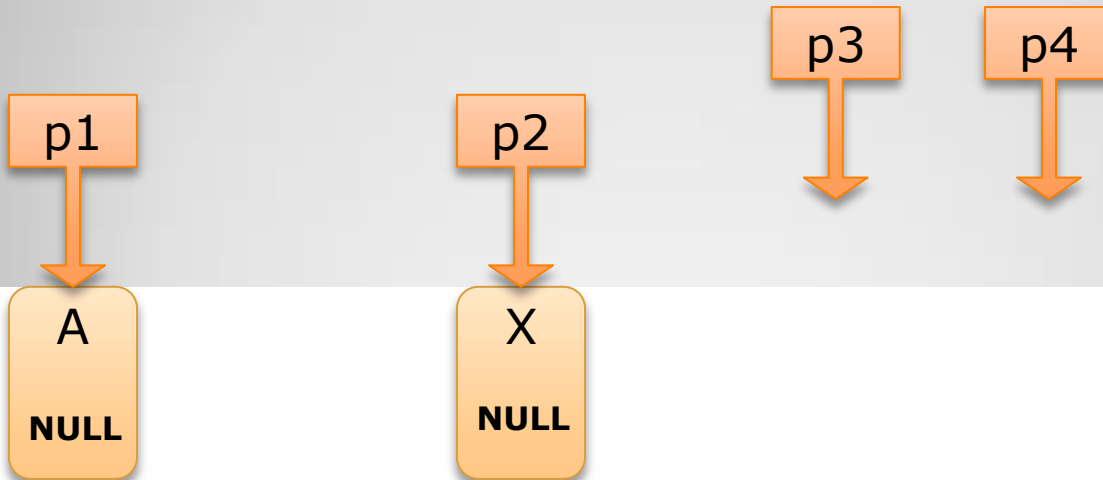
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p1 = new Node('A', NULL); // Using the overloaded constructor,  
                          // create a complete new node and  
                          // set p1 to point to it.
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p2 = new Node;
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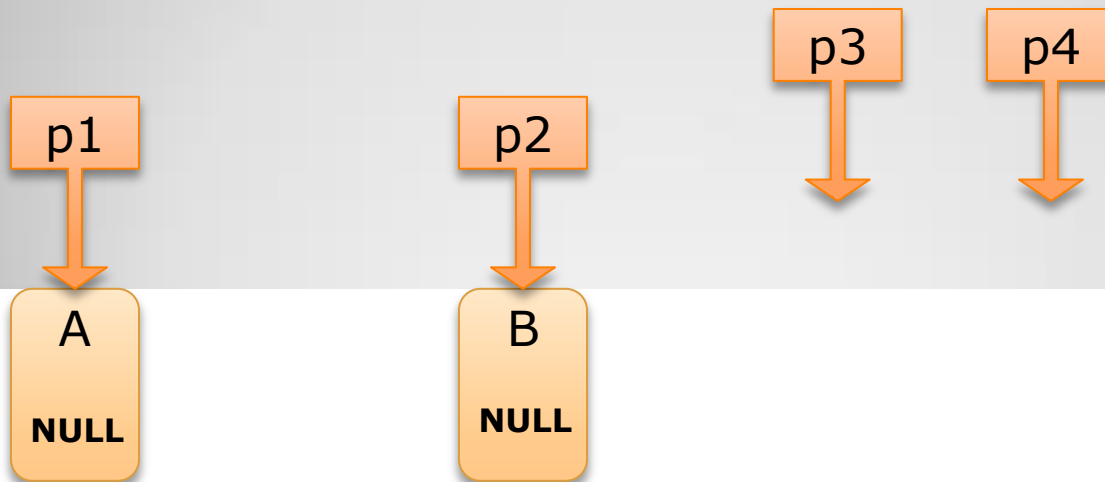
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p2 = new Node;
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// Create another new node and set p2 to point to it.  
// The statement calls the default constructor of the  
// class Node, which sets the data to 'X' and the  
// pointer to NULL.
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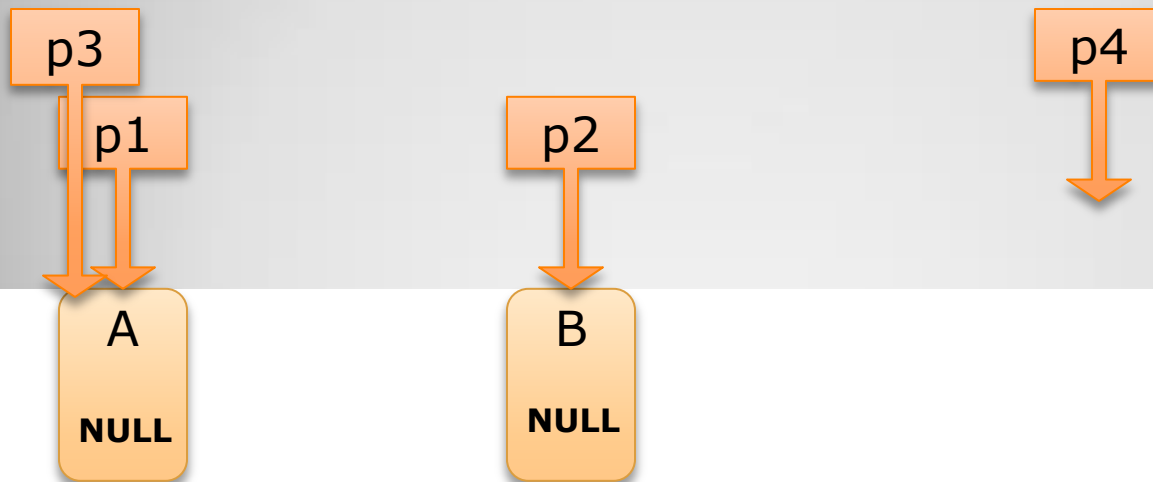

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p2->setData( 'B' );
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`p2->setData('B');` // Stores char 'B' in the node that p2 is pointing to.



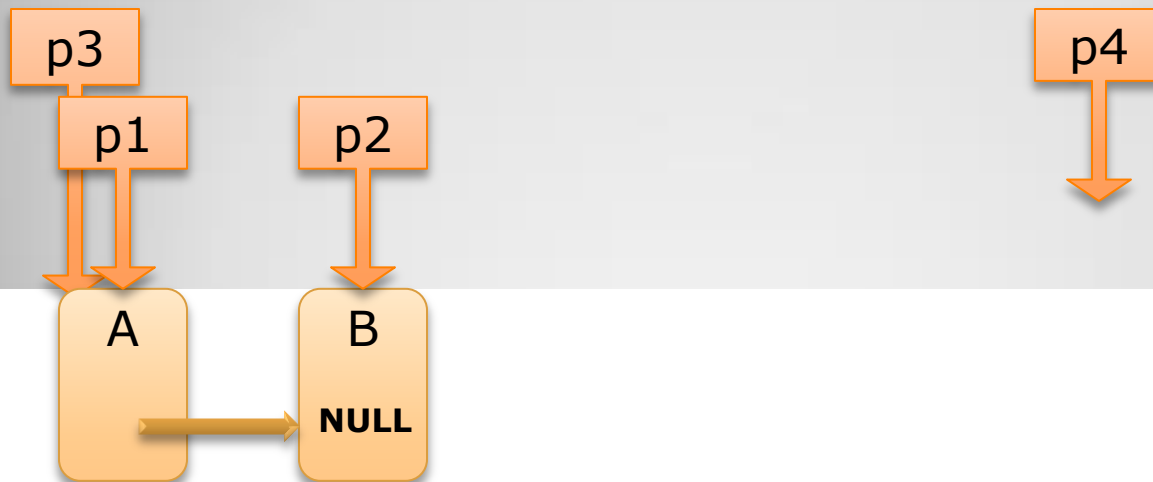
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p3 = p1;
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p3 = p1; // Stores in pointer p3 the same address that it is stored in  
        // pointer p1. Pointer p3 will now point to the same node  
        // p1 is pointing to.
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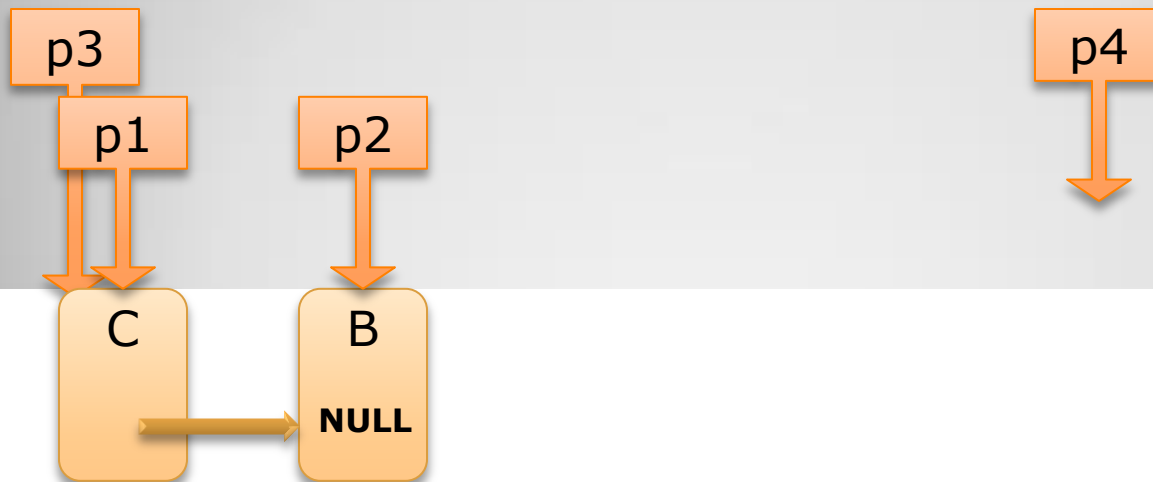
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p1->setPtrToNext(p2) ;
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p1->setPtrToNext(p2); // Sets the pointer in the node pointed by p1  
// to point to the node pointed by p2.
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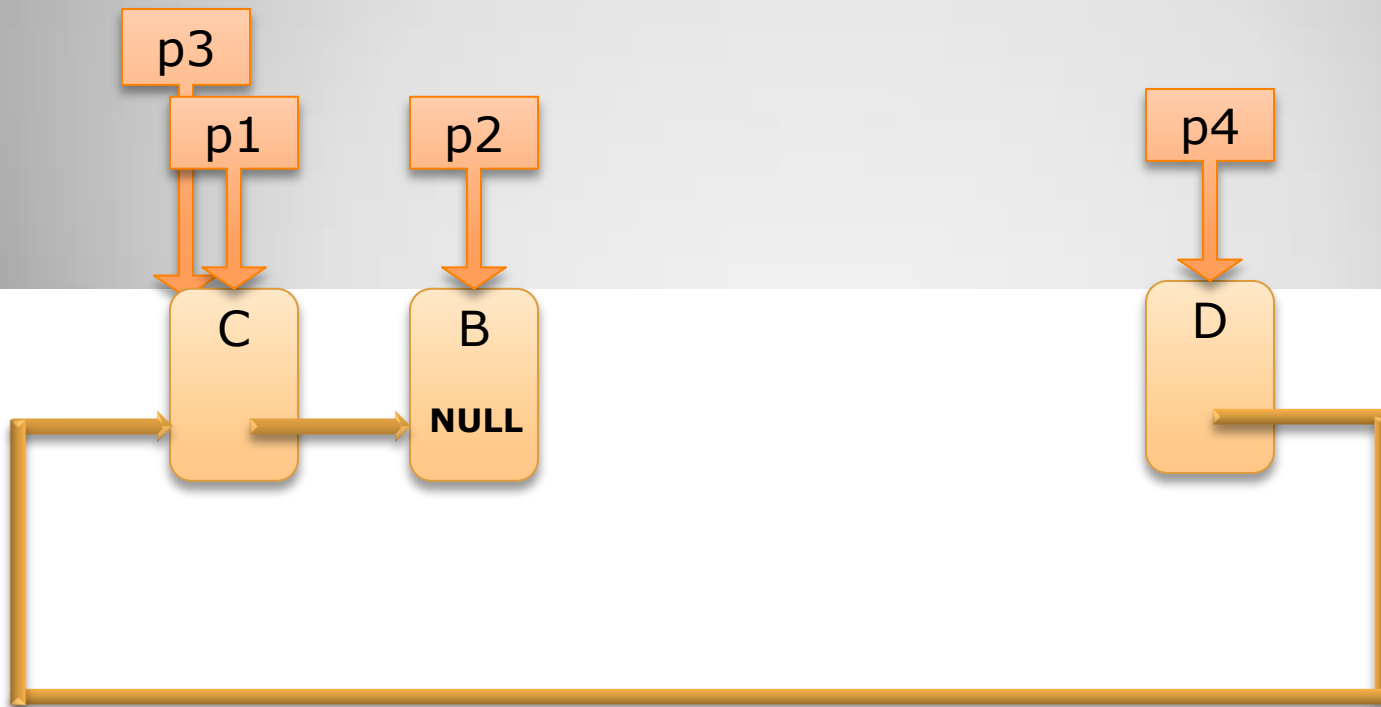
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p3->setData('C');
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p3->setData('C'); // Overwrites the data store in the node pointed  
// by p3. The same result can be obtained if we  
// used the statement p1->setData('C');
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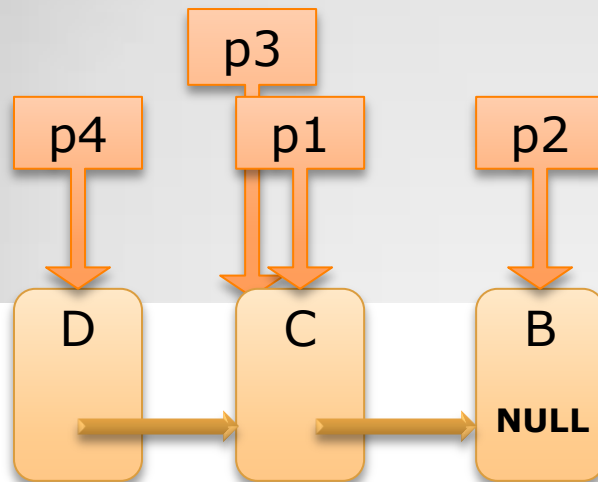

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p4 = new Node('D', p1);
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p4 = new Node('D', p1); // Creates a new node. Pointer p4 will point  
                        // to the new node. The node stores the  
                        // character 'D' and points to the node  
                        // that p1 is pointing to.
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// Re-arrange.

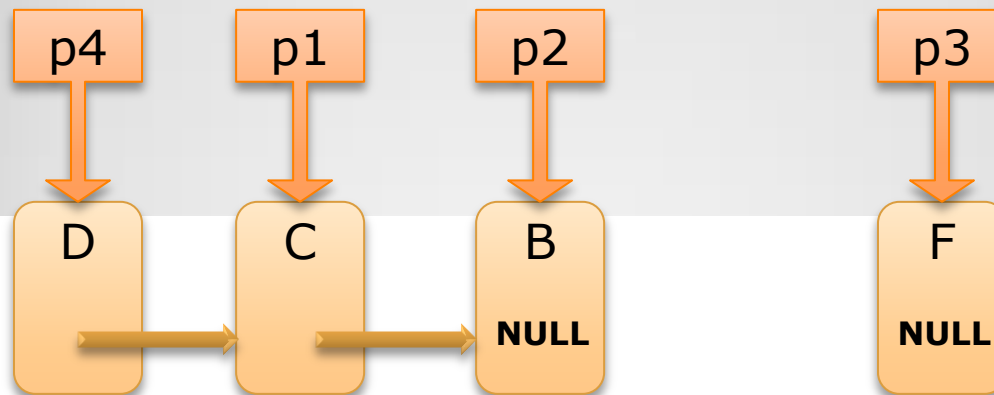
// Re-arrange.



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p3 = new Node('F', NULL);
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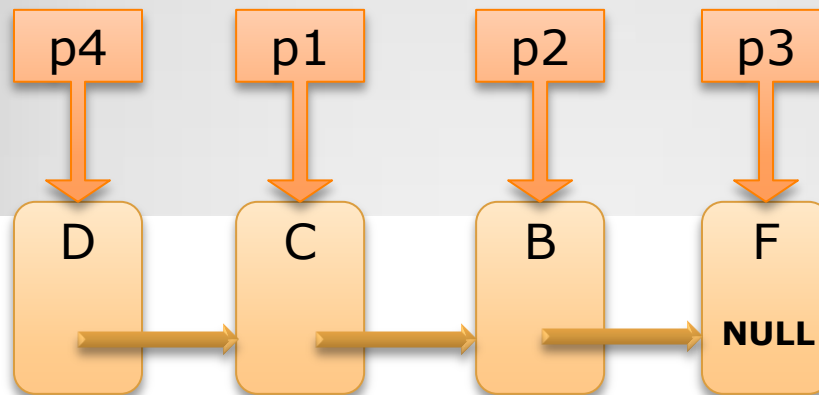
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p3 = new Node('F', NULL);
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*//Creates a new node. Pointer p3 will
// point to the new node. The node
// stores the character 'F' and the
// pointer is set to NULL.*



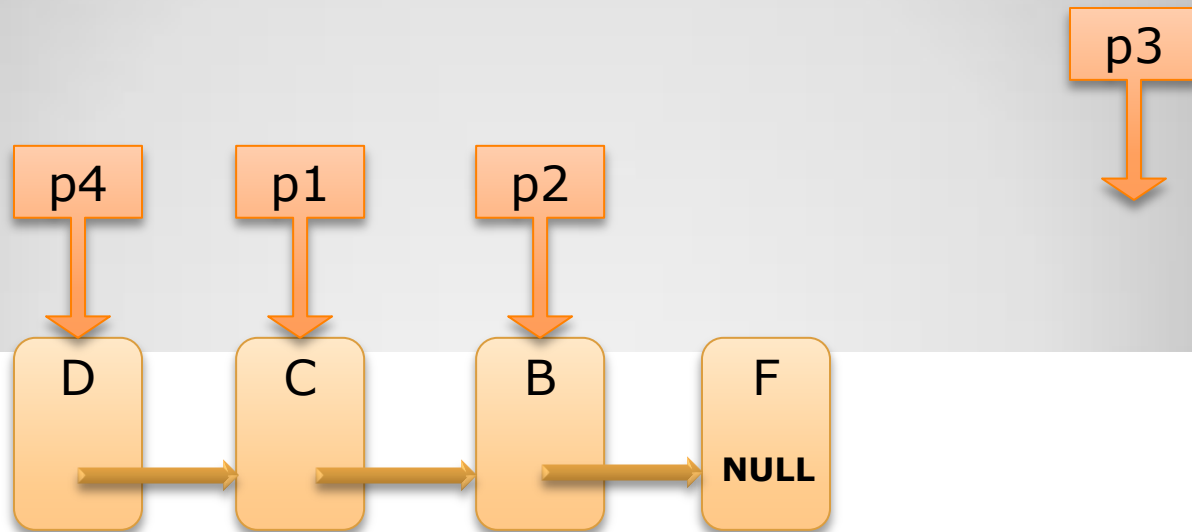
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p2->setPtrToNext(p3) ;
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p2->setPtrToNext(p3); // Sets the pointer in the node pointed by p2  
// to point to the node pointed by p3.
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```
p3 = NULL;
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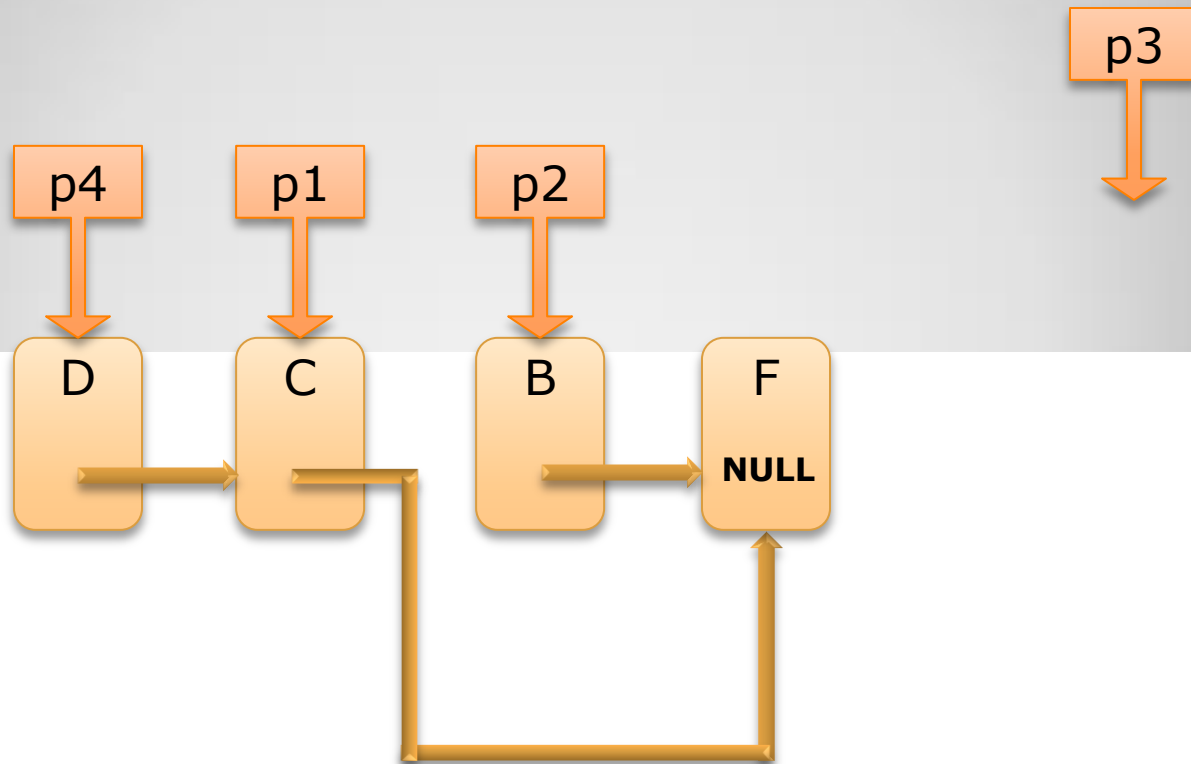
`p3 = NULL;` // *Pointer p3 does not point to any node anymore.*



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p1->setPtrToNext(p2->getPtrToNext());
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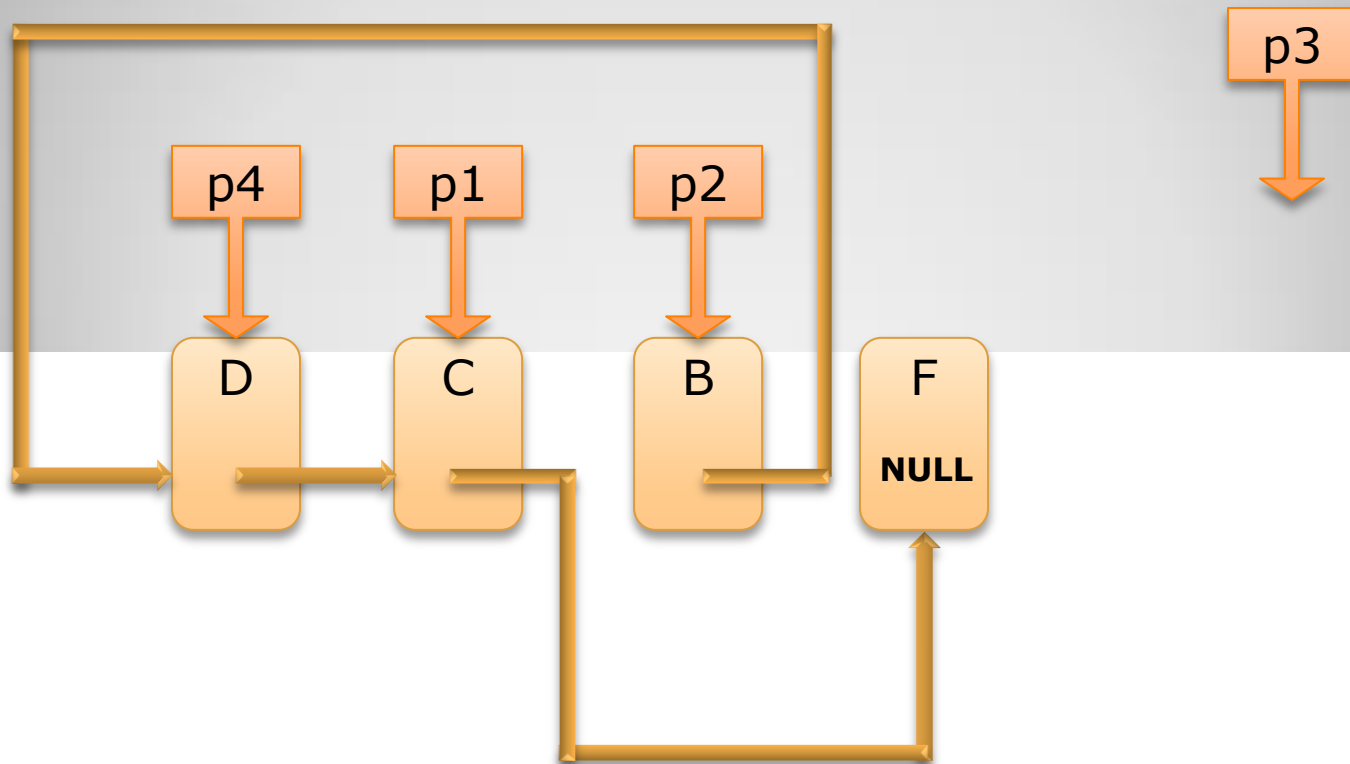
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p1->setPtrToNext (p2->getPtrToNext()) ;
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*// Sets the pointer in the node pointed by p1
// to point to the node pointed by the node
// that is pointed by p2.*



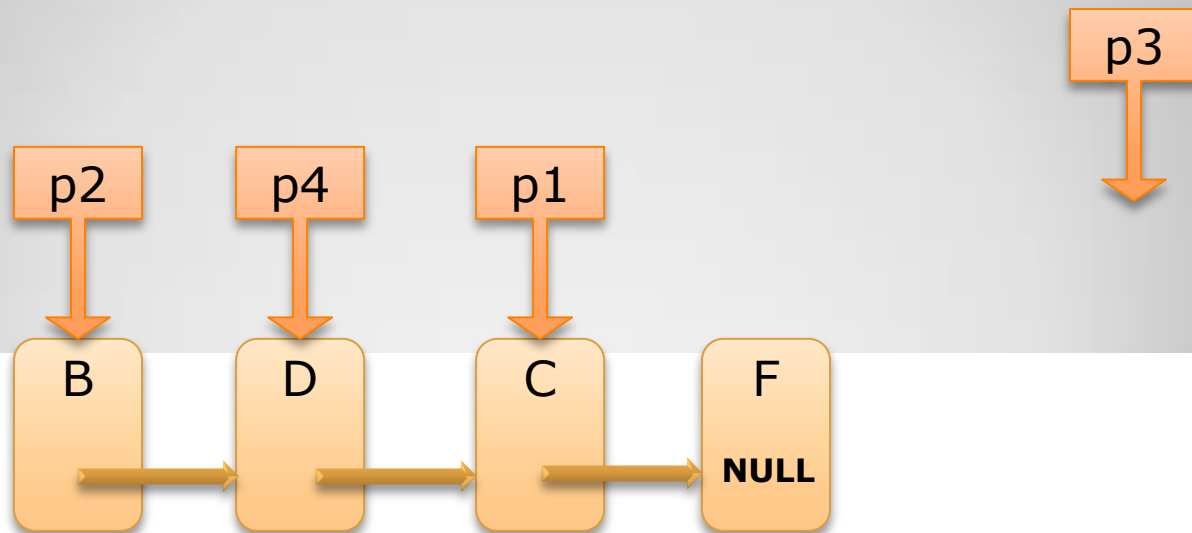
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p2->setPtrToNext(p4) ;
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p2->setPtrToNext(p4); // Sets the pointer in the node pointed by p2
// to point to the node pointed by p4.
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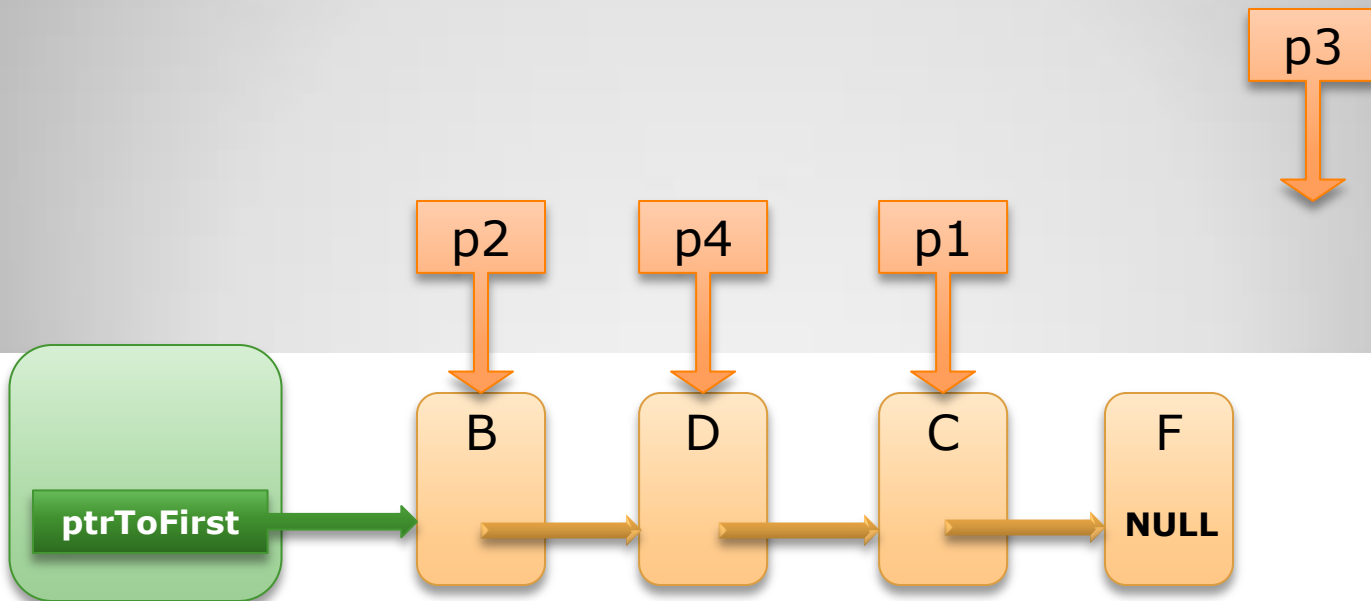
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p2  
prtToFirst = p2
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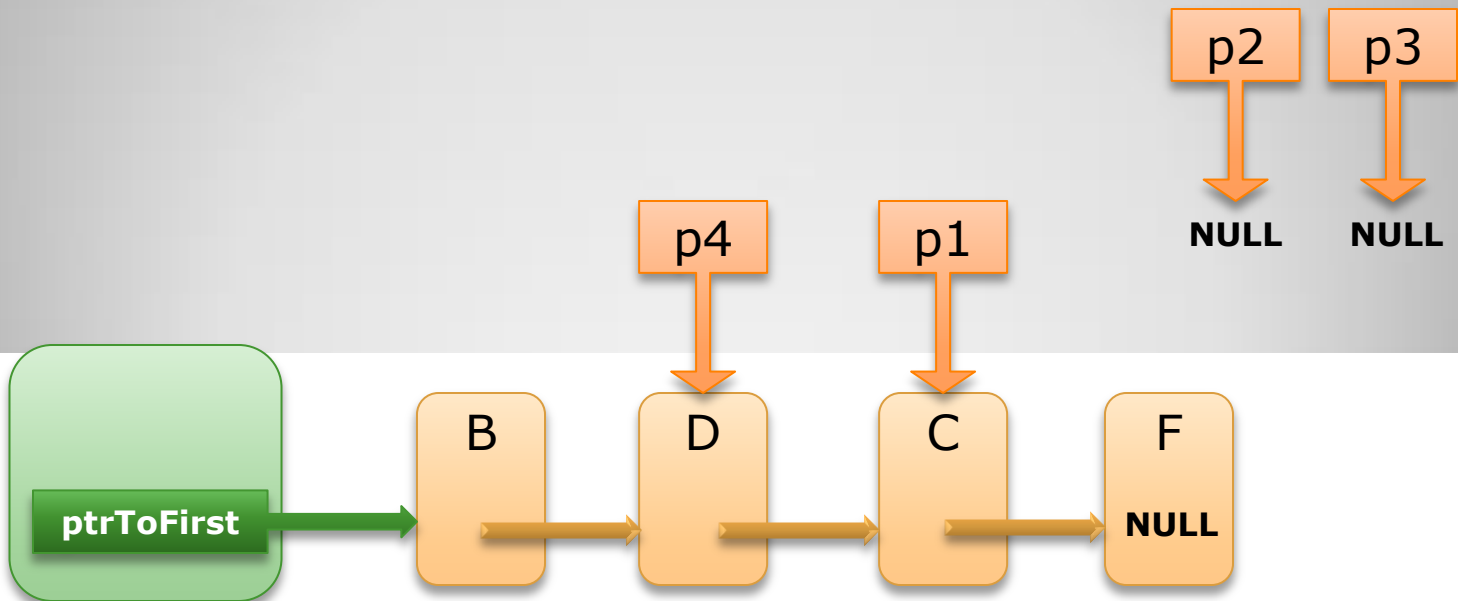
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prtToFirst = p2 // The list object will point to the node that p2 is
                // pointing to, and this node will become the
                // first of the list.
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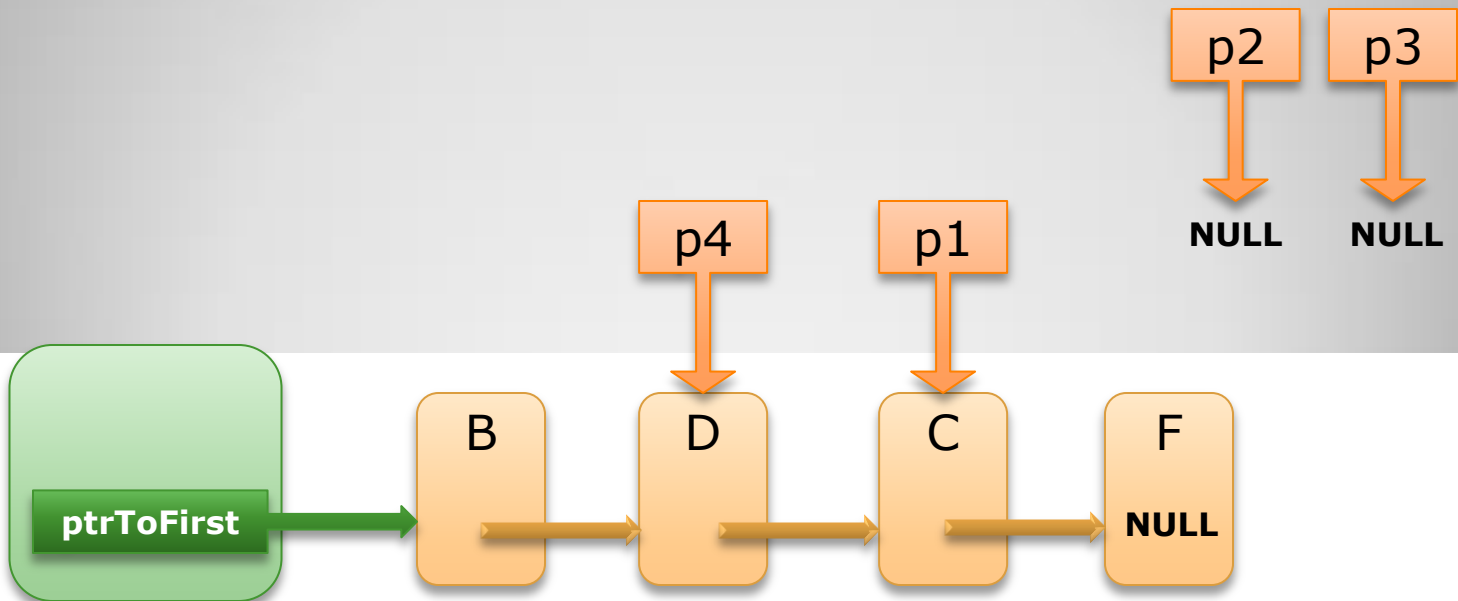
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// The list object should also contain a variable to store the number
// of nodes, but that was not part of this exercise.
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```
p2 = NULL;
```

`p2 = NULL;` // *Pointer p2 does not point to any node anymore.*



```
count = 4;
```



This is the final list.