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class Node:
    """Node class to represent individual nodes in the linked list"""
    def __init__(self, data):
        self.data = data
        self.next = None

class LinkedList:
    """LinkedList class to manage the nodes and operations"""
    def __init__(self):
        self.head = None    # empty list

    def add_node(self, data):
        """Add a node to the end of the list"""
        new_node = Node(data)    # Create a new node

        if self.head is None:
            self.head = new_node
        else:

            current = self.head
            while current.next is not None:
                current = current.next
            # Add new node at the end
            current.next = new_node

    def print_list(self):
        """Print all elements in the linked list"""
        current = self.head
        elements = []

        # Traverse through the list and collect data
        while current is not None:
            elements.append(str(current.data))
            current = current.next

        # Print the list or indicate it's empty
        if elements:
            print(" -> ".join(elements))
        else:
            print("The list is empty")

    def delete_nth_node(self, n):
        """
        Delete the nth node (1-based index)

        Args:
            n (int): The position to delete (starting from 1)

        Raises:
            ValueError: If list is empty or index is invalid
        """
        # Check for empty list
        if self.head is None:
            raise ValueError("Cannot delete from an empty list")

        # Check for invalid position
        if n < 1:
            raise ValueError("Position must be 1 or greater")

        # Special case: deleting the head node
        if n == 1:
            self.head = self.head.next
            return

        current = self.head
        prev = None

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    position = 1

    # Traverse to the nth node
    while current is not None and position < n:
        prev = current
        current = current.next
        position += 1

    # Check if position was out of range
    if current is None:
        raise ValueError(f"Position {n} is out of range")

    # Delete the node by skipping it
    prev.next = current.next

def __len__(self):
    """Return the number of nodes in the list"""
    count = 0
    current = self.head
    while current is not None:
        count += 1
        current = current.next
    return count

# Test the implementation
if __name__ == "__main__":
    print("Testing Linked List Implementation\n")

    # Create a new linked list
    my_list = LinkedList()
    print("Initial list:")
    my_list.print_list() # Should show empty list

    # Add some nodes
    print("\nAdding nodes with values 5, 10, 15, 20")
    for value in [5, 10, 15, 20]:
        my_list.add_node(value)
    my_list.print_list() # Should show: 5 -> 10 -> 15 -> 20

    # Test deleting nodes
    print("\nDeleting node at position 2 (value 10):")
    my_list.delete_nth_node(2)
    my_list.print_list() # Should show: 5 -> 15 -> 20

    print("\nDeleting first node (position 1, value 5):")
    my_list.delete_nth_node(1)
    my_list.print_list() # Should show: 15 -> 20

    # Test error handling
    print("\nAttempting to delete from empty list:")
    empty_list = LinkedList()
    try:
        empty_list.delete_nth_node(1)
    except ValueError as e:
        print(f"Error caught: {e}")

    print("\nAttempting to delete at position 0:")
    try:
        my_list.delete_nth_node(0)
    except ValueError as e:
        print(f"Error caught: {e}")

    print("\nAttempting to delete at position 5 (out of range):")
    try:
        my_list.delete_nth_node(5)
    except ValueError as e:
        print(f"Error caught: {e}")

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# Show final list
print("\nFinal state of the list:")
my_list.print_list() # Should show: 15 -> 20
print(f"Number of nodes: {len(my_list)}") # Should show 2
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↔ Testing Linked List Implementation

Initial list:
The list is empty

Adding nodes with values 5, 10, 15, 20
5 -> 10 -> 15 -> 20

Deleting node at position 2 (value 10):
5 -> 15 -> 20

Deleting first node (position 1, value 5):
15 -> 20

Attempting to delete from empty list:
Error caught: Cannot delete from an empty list

Attempting to delete at position 0:
Error caught: Position must be 1 or greater

Attempting to delete at position 5 (out of range):
Error caught: Position 5 is out of range

Final state of the list:
15 -> 20
Number of nodes: 2