

## Write a recursive function to print reverse of a Linked List

Note that the question is only about printing the reverse. To reverse the list itself see [this](#)

**Difficulty Level:** Rookie

### Algorithm

```
printReverse(head)
1. call print reverse for hed->next
2. print head->data
```

### Implementation:

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

/* Link list node */
struct node
{
    int data;
    struct node* next;
};

/* Function to reverse the linked list */
void printReverse(struct node* head)
{
    // Base case
    if(head == NULL)
        return;

    // print the list after head node
```

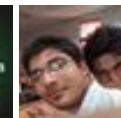
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```

printReverse(head->next);

// After everything else is printed, print head
printf("%d ", head->data);
}

/*UTILITY FUNCTIONS*/
/* Push a node to linked list. Note that this function
changes the head */
void push(struct node** head_ref, char new_data)
{
    /* allocate node */
    struct node* new_node =
        (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;
}

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

    push(&head, 1);
    push(&head, 2);
    push(&head, 3);
    push(&head, 4);

    printReverse(head);
    getchar();
}

```

**Time Complexity:** O(n)

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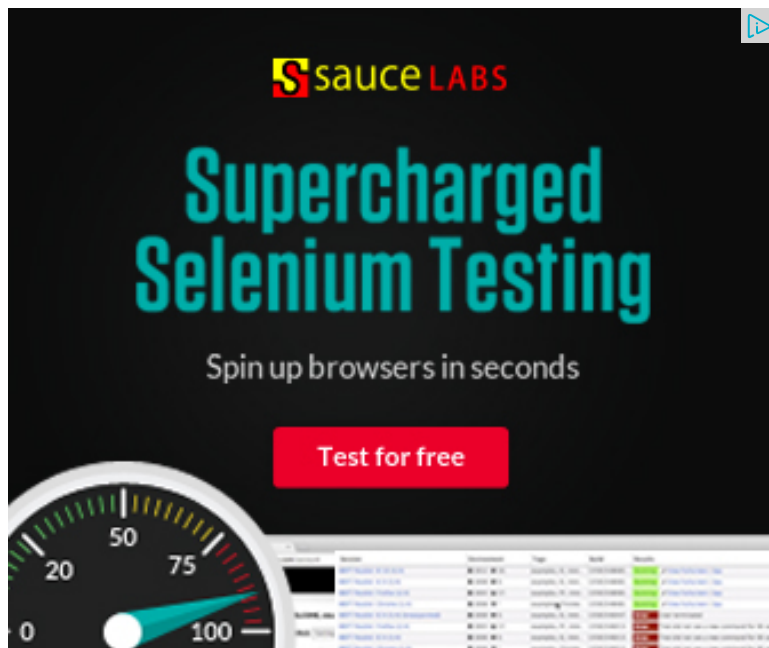
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```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<malloc.h>
```

```
struct node
```

```
{
int data;
struct node * link;
};
```

```
void insert_beg(struct node ** head,int num)
{
struct node * temp;
temp=(struct node *)malloc(sizeof(struct node));
temp->data=num;
temp->link=*head;
*head=temp;
return;
```

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first count the number of elements in the list, and make the maximum size of the array. After that push element on to the stack, after pushing all the elements doing this you can print the linked list in reverse order.  
the simple array code is given below

```
i=0;

while(ptr->link!=NULL)
{
    arr[i]=ptr->info;
    ptr=ptr->link;
    i++;
}
for(j=i-1;j>=0;j--)
    printf("%d",arr[j]);
```

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will be sort of cheating but you can use a stack ;)

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```

typedef struct node
{
    int data;
    struct node* next;
}NODE, *PNODE;

PNODE reverseLinkedList(PNODE head)
{
    PNODE temp ;
    if (!head || !head->next)
        return head;

    temp = reverseLinkedList(head->next);
    head->next->next = head;
    head->next = NULL;
    return temp;
}

```

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A java program to actually reverse a linked list by recursion, not only printing it.

```

/* Paste your code here (You may delete these lines if not writing code)
class LNode
{
    int value;
    LNode next;

    LNode (int val)
    {

```

```
        value = val;  
    }  
}  
  
public class ReverseLinkedListByRecursion  
{  
    public static void printList (LNode head)
```

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