

Today - Lecture 13 - CS162

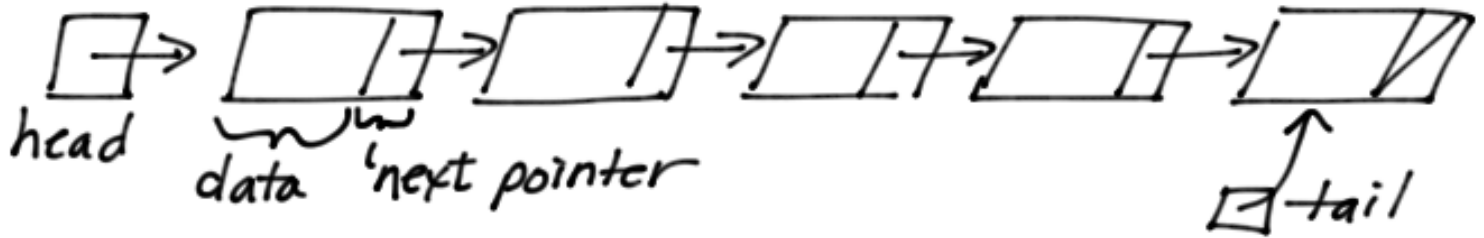
- 1) Remember Linear Linked Lists (LLL)
- 2) How to Create a LLL
 - a) special cases
 - b) insert at the beginning
 - c) add at the end
- 3) Demonstrating LLL in code (.h and .cpp)
- 4) Next... insert in sorted order

Announcements:

* PRACTICE!

* The quizzes are **REALLY** important to understand and become fluent with pointers, dynamically allocated arrays and linear linked lists !!

Review of LLL



struct node

```
{  
    video show; // data  
    node * next; // a pointer to the next  
                  // node; it is NULL if this  
                  // is the last node  
};
```

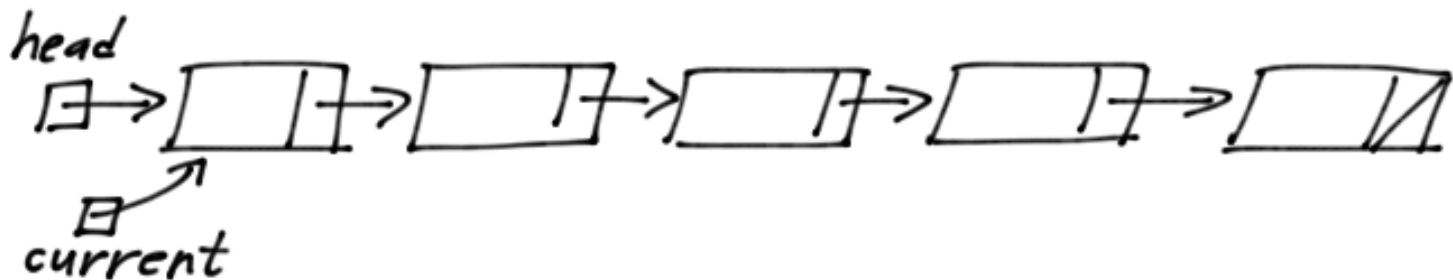
node * head; // mandatory!

node * tail; // possibly

To Traverse we need temporary pointer variables

```
node * current = head; // starts off at the  
                        // beginning of the list
```

Traversal



a) $current = current \rightarrow next;$
 $(*current) \bullet next$

↖ address of the next node

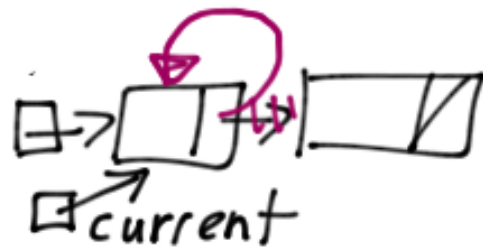
Why not:

b) $++current$?



c) $current \rightarrow next;$?

d) $current \rightarrow next = current;$

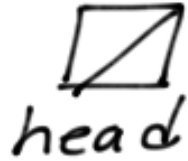


These compile but... draw the pointer diagram

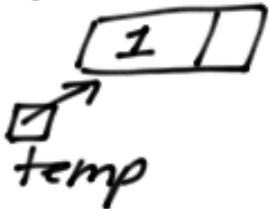
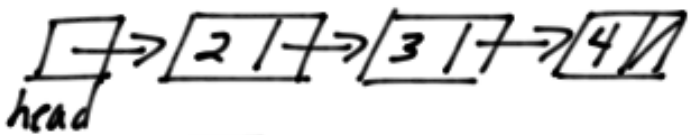
Creating a LLL - special cases

Before

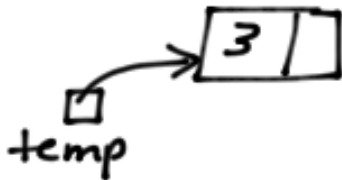
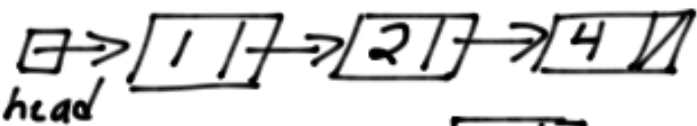
① Empty List



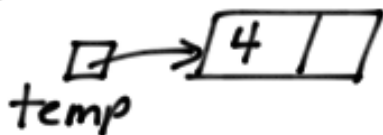
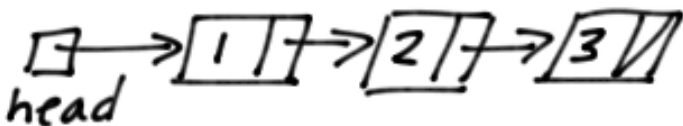
② Add at beginning



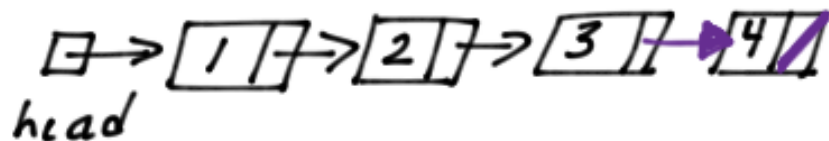
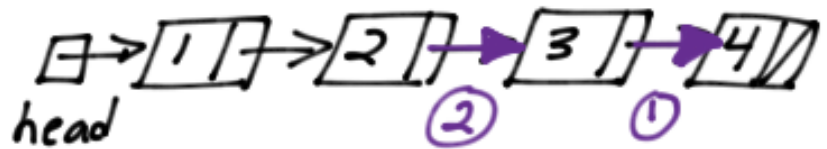
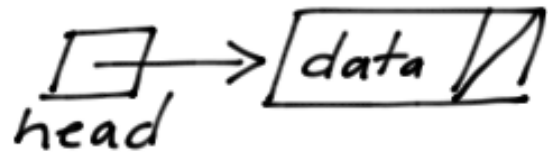
③ Add in the middle



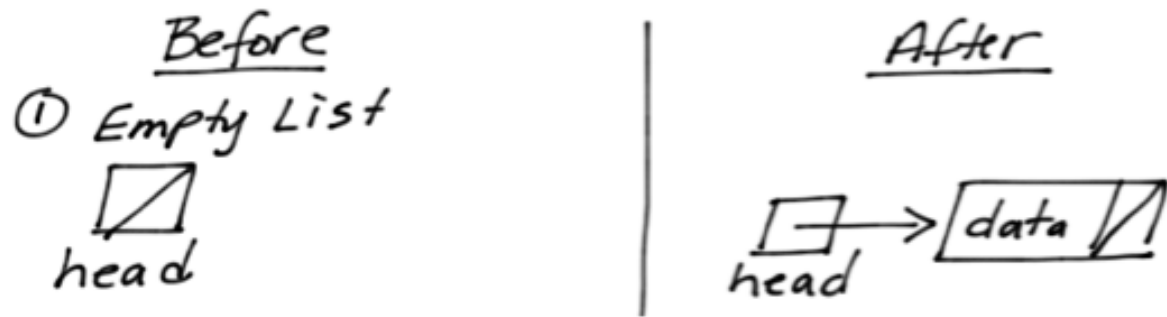
④ Add at the end



After



Inserting - into an Empty List



1) Detecting this case:

```
if (head == NULL)
```

watch out!

// OR

```
if (!head) // true when head is NULL
```

2) Inserting:

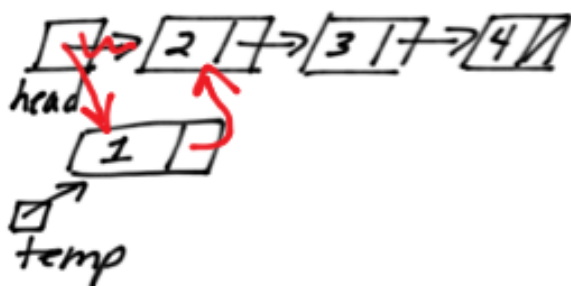
```
head = new node;  
// store the data  
head → next = NULL; // important!
```

Inserting - at the beginning of a non-empty List

1) Detecting:

$\text{if}(\underbrace{\text{head}} \ \&\& \ \underbrace{\text{data_being_add} \ \lt \ \text{head} \rightarrow \text{data}}_{\text{conceptually}})$
true when head is NOT NULL

② Add at beginning



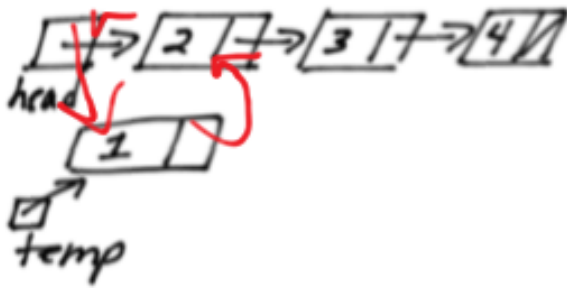
2) Inserting:

a) why not : $\text{head} = \text{new node} ;$ } List is Lost!!
b) why not : $\text{temp} = \text{new node} ;$
 $\text{head} = \text{temp} ;$?

c) $\text{temp} = \text{new node} ;$
// store the data
 $\text{temp} \rightarrow \text{next} = \text{head} ;$
 $\text{head} = \text{temp} ;$ // order is important

Use Caution!

② Add at beginning



What will this do?

```
node * temp;
```

```
temp = new node;  
// store the data  
temp -> next = head;  
head = temp;
```

```
delete temp; ← WRONG
```

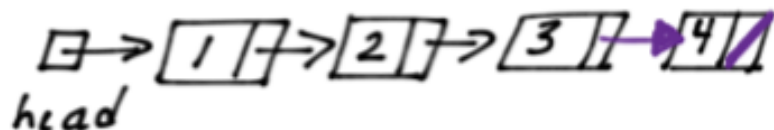
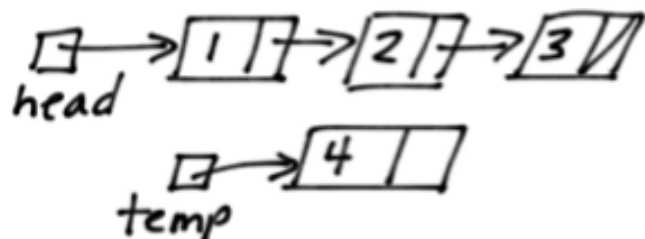
Release the memory
that temp is pointing to!!!

Rule

ONLY USE DELETE WHEN **REMOVING**
not when you are adding!

Inserting - At the End

④ Add at the end



Traversal

- 1) Keep head locked on the first node
- 2) Use another local variable to assist with traversal

node * current = head;

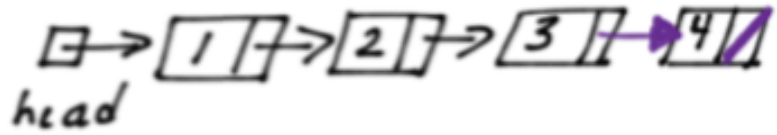
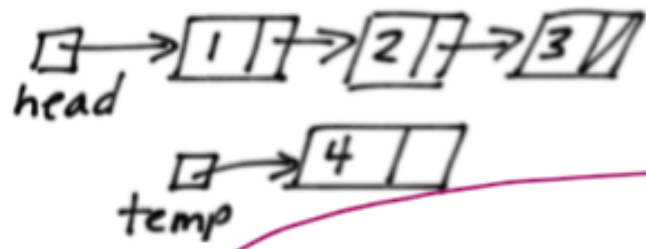
- 3) Traverse until:

current → next is NULL

- 4) Why not stop when current is NULL instead?

Inserting - At the End

④ Add at the end



```
node *current = head;  
while (current != NULL)  
    current = current -> next;
```

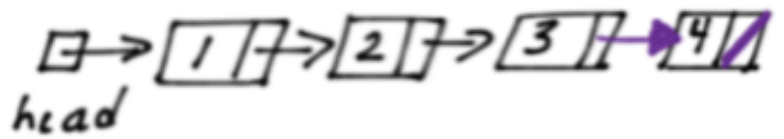
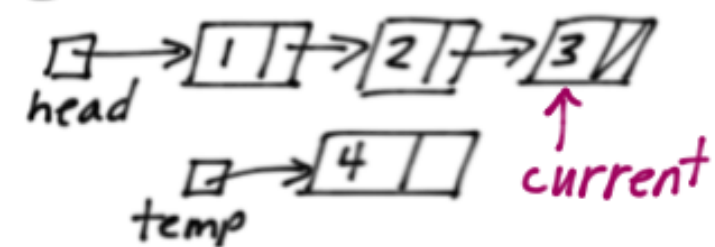
current = NULL;

```
current -> next = temp; ← SEG FAULT  
temp -> next = NULL;
```

Too Far!

Inserting - At the End

④ Add at the end



Inserting

1) Once traversal ends with current \rightarrow next being NULL

2) Connect up the nodes by

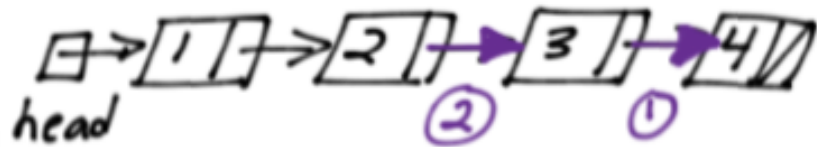
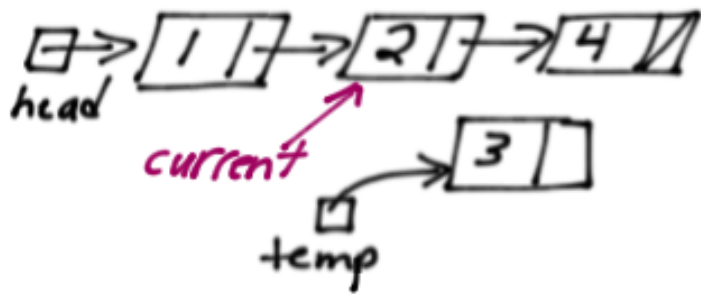
either
order here
is fine

{
current \rightarrow next = temp;
temp \rightarrow next = NULL;
// save the data into temp

3) Vital that current not be NULL to begin

Inserting - in the midst

③ Add in the middle



- 1) First, make sure head is not NULL
- 2) Traverse to the right spot ...
- 3) Connect up the nodes (order is important)

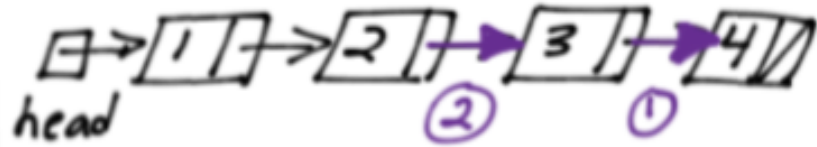
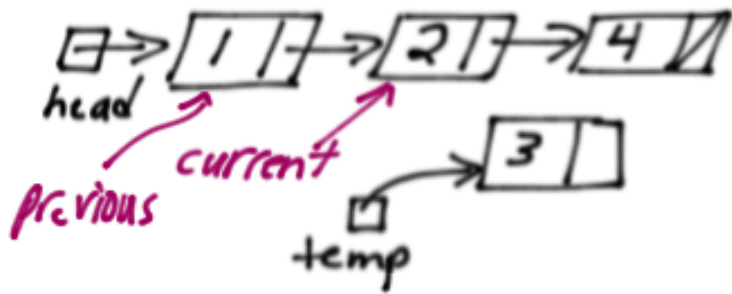
Question

How do we know that it is time to insert?

- a) data is between current and current \rightarrow next
"look ahead"
- b) or, drag a previous pointer one node behind

Inserting - in the midst (with a previous pointer)

③ Add in the middle



Traversal

while (current && not time to stop) *make sure we don't dereference a NULL ptr*
{
 previous = current;
 current = current → next;
}

Connect up

previous → next = temp;
temp → next = current;

Sample Problems from Lecture #13:

1. write the code to display **JUST** the last node's data in a linear linked list.
2. write the code to display **EVERY OTHER** node's data in a linear linked list
3. write the code to insert at the **SECOND** node (not at head ... but at head->next)
4. write the code to insert right **BEFORE** the last node.

