

Admin

- ◇ Today's topics
 - Linked lists, recursive data, intro to algorithm analysis & big-O
- ◇ Reading
 - linked lists Ch 9.5(sort of), handout #21
 - algorithms, big O Ch 7
- ◇ No cafe today after class :-(
 - Due to undergrad council meeting

Lecture #13

Printing list

```
void PrintEntry(Entry *entry)
{
    cout << entry->name << " " << entry->phone << endl;
}

void PrintList(Entry *list)
{
    for (Entry *cur = list; cur!= NULL; cur = cur->next)
        PrintEntry(cur);
}

◇ Idiomatic loop to iterate over list, compare to
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
```

A recursive twist on printing

```
void PrintList(Entry *list)
{
    for (Entry *cur = list; cur!= NULL; cur = cur->next)
        PrintEntry(cur);
}
```

Iteration replaced with recursion:

```
void PrintList(Entry *list)
{
    if (list != NULL) {
        PrintEntry(list);
        PrintList(list->next);
    }
}
```

What happens
if we switch the
order of these
two lines?

Recursive data -> recursive ops

- ◇ Natural to operate on linked list recursively
 - List divides into first node and rest of list
 - Base case: empty list
 - Recursive case: handle first node, recur on rest

```
int Length(Entry *list)
{
    if (list == NULL)
        return 0;
    else
        return 1 + Length(list->next);
}

void Deallocate(Entry *list)
{
    if (list != NULL) {
        Deallocate(list->next);
        delete list;
    }
}
```

Watch the pointers!

- (Decompose function to add node to front of list, mods shown in blue)

```
void Prepend(Entry *ent, Entry *first)
{
    ent->next = first;
    first = ent;           // BUGGY!
}

Entry *BuildAddressBook()
{
    Entry *listHead = NULL;
    while (true) {
        Entry *newOne = GetNewEntry();
        if (newOne == NULL) break;
        Prepend(newOne, listHead);
    }
    return listHead;
}
```

Passing pointer by reference

- (Tiny modification in blue saves the day!)

```
void Prepend(Entry *ent, Entry * & first)
{
    ent->next = first;
    first = ent;
}

Entry *BuildAddressBook()
{
    Entry *listHead = NULL;
    while (true) {
        Entry *newOne = GetNewEntry();
        if (newOne == NULL) break;
        Prepend(newOne, listHead);
    }
    return listHead;
}
```

Array vs linked list

- ◇ Array/vector stores elements in contiguous memory
 - + Fast, direct access by index
 - - Insert/remove requires shuffling
 - - Cannot easily grow/shrink (must copy over contents)
- ◇ Linked list wires elements together using pointers
 - + Insert/remove only requires re-wiring pointers
 - + Each element individually allocated, easy to grow/shrink
 - - Must traverse links to access elements

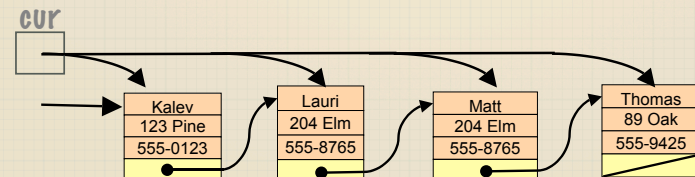
Insert in sorted order

- ◇ Traverse list to find the position to insert
 - ◇ What is true after the loop exits?

```
void InsertSorted(Entry * &list, Entry * newOne)
{
    Entry *cur;

    for (cur=list; cur!= NULL; cur=cur->next){
        if (newOne->name < cur->name) break;
    }
}
```

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Insert in sorted order

◇ Drag previous pointer (one behind cur)

- prev/cur move down list in parallel, one node apart

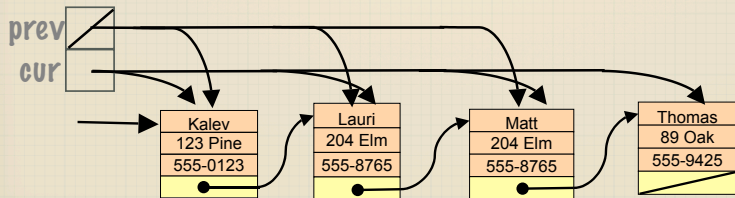
```
void InsertSorted(Entry * &list, Entry * newOne)
{
```

```
    Entry *cur, *prev = NULL;
```

```
    for (cur=list; cur!= NULL; cur=cur->next){
        if (newOne->name < cur->name) break;
        prev = cur;
    }
```

```
    // what are possible values for prev?
```

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Insert in sorted order

```
void InsertSorted(Entry * &list, Entry * newOne)
{
    Entry *cur, *prev = NULL;

    for (cur=list; cur!= NULL; cur=cur->next){
        if (newOne->name < cur->name) break;
        prev = cur;
    }

    newOne->next = cur;    // splice outgoing ptr
    if (prev != NULL)
        prev->next = newOne; // splice incoming ptr
    else
        list = newOne;    // note special case!
}
```

Recursive insert

```
void InsertSorted(Entry * &list, Entry * newOne)
{
    if (list == NULL || newOne->name < list->name){
        newOne->next = list;
        list = newOne;
    } else {
        InsertSorted(list->next, newOne);
    }
}
```

◇ Wow!

- Elegant, direct expression of algorithm
- Dense use of pointers and recursion