

## Computer Science 102

### Lab 10

In this lab you will extend the C++ version of your linked list manager. A sample *main.c*, *list.h* and *entity.h* are provided for you. You will note in *entity.h* that the *e\_t* is now a true C++ class.

Step 1: modify your *~link\_t* destructor so that it uses *delete* instead of *free()* to delete the associated instances of the *e\_t* class.

Step 2: make sure that your *list\_add()* method sets the *current* pointer to the *last element* in the list (i.e. the one that was just added).

Step 3: implement the new methods *list\_insert()* and *list\_delete()* as class methods in the *list\_t* class.

```
class list_t
{
public:
    list_t(void);           // constructor
    ~list_t (void);
    void list_add(void *); // add entity to end of list
    void list_insert(void *); // insert entity before current
    void list_delete(void ); // delete current entity
    void *list_start(void); // set current to start of list
    void *list_next(void); // advance to next element in list

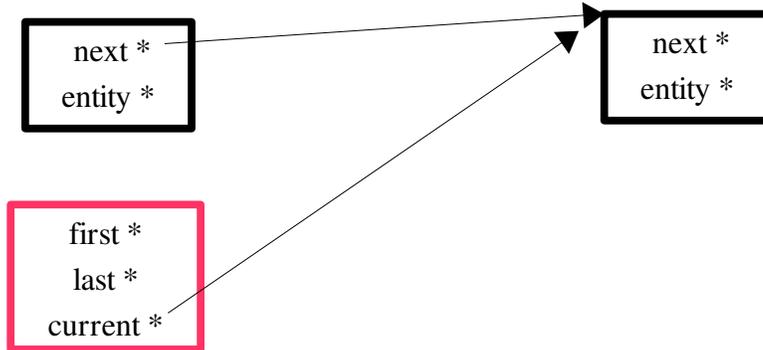
private:
    link_t *first;        // first link
    link_t *last;        // last link
    link_t *current;     // current link.
};
```

#### ***void list\_insert(void \*)***

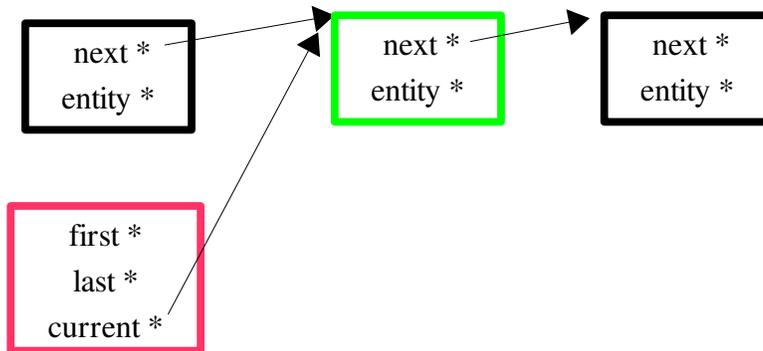
The *list\_insert(void \*)* method has a mission somewhat similar to *list\_add()* in that it does cause a new *e\_t* to enter the list. However, unlike *list\_add()* which always appends the new *link\_t* to the end of the existing list, the *list\_insert()* method must insert the new *link\_t* directly in front of the existing *current* link.

When the `list_insert()` operation is complete the `next` pointer of the preexisting predecessor of `current` should point to the new `link_t`, the `next` pointer of the new `link_t` should have the previous value of `current` and `current` should have the address of the new `link_t`. In the diagram shown below existing `link_t`'s are shown in black, the `list_t` in red and the inserted `link_t` in green.

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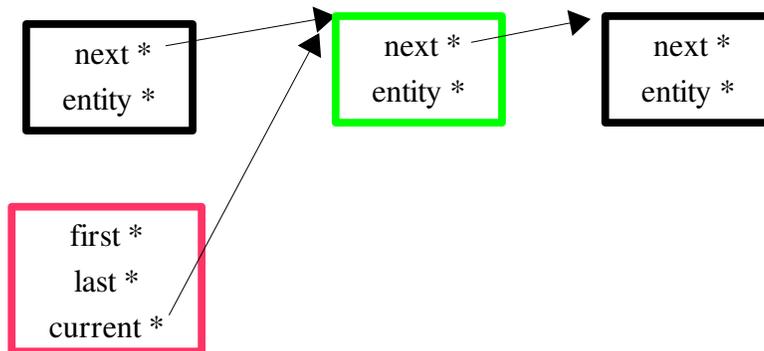
As with `list_add` the best way to make this work reliably is to have special case code that depends on the existing state of the list. For `list_add()` there were two relevant states `empty` and `not empty`. Here there are 3:

- 1 - the list is presently empty (`current == first == last == NULL`). In this case `list_insert()` should just call `list_add()`
- 2 - Current points to the start of the list (`current == first`). In this case the `next` pointer of the new `link_t` must point to the pre-existing first element and the `first` and `current` pointers set to the new `link_t`.
- 3 - The current element is not first. In this case you will need a local variable `link_t *traverse`. Set `traverse` to `first` and then process the list until `traverse->getnext() == current`. At this point in the `BEFORE` picture `traverse` will point to the `link_t` on the left and `current` to the `link_t` on the right.

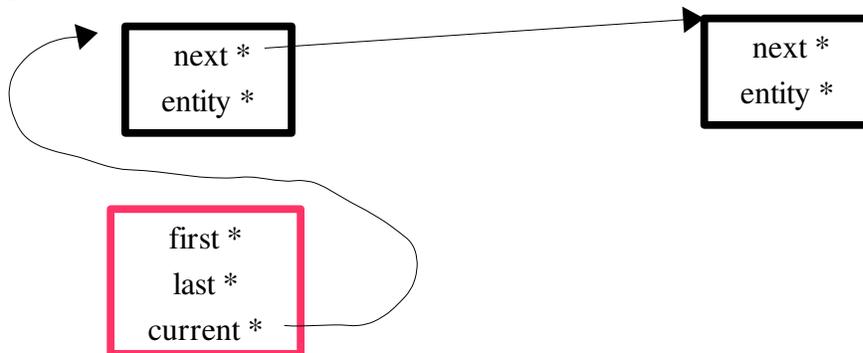
## ***void list\_delete(void)***

The `list_delete` method should *delete* the *current* link\_t. If the deleted element is not the first element in the list, the *current* pointer should point to the pre-existing predecessor of the deleted link. If the first link is deleted then *current* should point to its successor.

*BEFORE*



*AFTER*



Special cases to be considered include.

- 1- List already empty (do nothing)
- 2- List contains only a single element. Delete it and initialize first, last, and current
- 3- Deleting the first element of a list that has more than one element (have to reset first)
- 4- Deleting not the first element (need to traverse the list looking for the element that points to the current element)
- 4b- Deleting the last element of a list containing more than one element (have to reset last)

## Debugging approach -

You will note that the *main.c* program has large sections disabled via the

```
#if 0
    disabled stuff
#endif
```

The proper way to debug this stuff is to enable the operations that are disabled **ONE AT A TIME**. Output produced with *all* code enabled may be found in *lab10.txt*.

In this lab you will submit a single file, *list.cpp* that includes the new and updated class methods constructed as part of this lab.

```
sendlab.102.labsection# lab# list.cpp
```