

Linked List:

- ① singly-linked list: each element contains the data for the element and a pointer to the next element
- ② doubly-linked list: each element contains the data for the element, a pointer to the next element, and a pointer to the previous element

Example Uses: marking lists, cooking recipes (ingredients list), file systems,
in other data structures/algorithms

↳ What if we wanted to report all the eyes on a go board, not just the number?

Why use lists instead of arrays?

- ① Efficiency: many operations can be more efficiently implemented using lists
- ② Abstraction: Interface provided by a list often more closely follows the intended operation.

Common List Operations:

Initialization: Initialize data structure for list to an empty list
 $\rightarrow \text{list_init}()$

Destruction: Destroy linked list and free any memory used
 $\rightarrow \text{list_destroy}()$

Insertion: Insert a new item into the list, after a relative insertion given an existing element
 $\rightarrow \text{list_ins_next}()$

Removal/ Deletion: Remove an item from the list, after a relative removal
 $\rightarrow \text{list_rem_next}()$

Size: Determine size of list
 $\rightarrow \text{list_size()}$

Head/Tail: Determine the element at the start(head) or end(tail) of list
 $\rightarrow \text{list_head()}$
 $\rightarrow \text{list_tail()}$

Movement: Function to move to next (or prev) list element
 $\rightarrow \text{list_next()}$

Example (List of strings):

- + Each list element must contain a `char*` (for string) and a pointer to the next list element.
- + Define a structure using struct declaration to group these items into a single type

```
struct ListElmt {
    char *str; // List element data
    struct ListElmt *next; // Pointer to next list element
};
```

↓

- Defines new type "struct ListElmt". Not always convenient to use "struct ListElmt", so it is often combined with a type declaration

```
typedef struct ListElmt {
    char *str;
    struct ListElmt *next;
} ListElmt;
```

↓

Defines a new type "struct ListElmt" and "ListElmt" that are equivalent.

```
struct ListElmt {
    char *str;
    struct ListElmt *next;
};

typedef struct ListElmt ListElmt;
```

≡

(equivalent to)

Example (List of strings) (continued):

+ Need to define a structure for the list itself:

```
typedef struct List {
    int size;           // keeps track of number of elements
    ListElmt *head;    // pointer to first element
    ListElmt *tail;    // pointer to last element
} List;
```

+ Initialization: void list_init(List *list) {

```
    list->size = 0;
    list->head = NULL;
    list->tail = NULL;
```

}

" \rightarrow " operator can be used to access
the elements inside a structure
from a pointer to that
structure.

$list \rightarrow size = 0; \equiv (*list).size = 0;$

+ Insertion: int list_ns_next(List *list, ListElmt *element, char *str) {

```
    ListElmt *new_element;
    if (new_element = (ListElmt *)malloc(sizeof(ListElmt)) == NULL) return -1;
    new_element->str = str;
```

creates and
sets the
new element

if (element == NULL) {

```
    if (list->size == 0) {
        list->tail = new_element;
    }
```

```
    new_element->next = list->head;
    list->head = new_element;
```

}

insert at
head of
list

if (element->next == NULL) {

```
    list->tail = new_element;
```

}

```
    new_element->next = element->next;
    element->next = new_element;
```

}

list->size++;

return 0;

insert
somewhere
else

Example (List of strings) (continued):

```
+ Removal: int list_rem_next(List *list, ListElmt *element) {
    ListElmt *old_element;
    if (list->size == 0) return -1;
    if (element == NULL) {
        old_element = list->head;
        list->head = list->head->next;
        if (list->size == 1) list->tail = NULL;
    } else {
        if (element->next == NULL) return -1;
        old_element = element->next;
        element->next = element->next->next;
        if (element->next == NULL) list->tail = element;
    }
    free (old_element->str);
    free (old_element);
    list->size--;
    return 0;
}
```

remove
head of
list

Example (List of strings) (continued)

```
+Head/Tail: List Elmt * list_head (List * list) {
    return list->head;
}
```

```
List Elmt * list_tail (List * list) {
    return list->tail;
}
```

```
+Movement: List Elmt * list_next (List Elmt * element) {
    if (element == NULL) return NULL;
    return element->next;
}
```

```
+Destruction: void list_destroy (List * list) {
    while (list->size > 0) {
        list_rem_next (list, NULL);
    }
}
```

```
+Size: int list_size (List * list) {
    return list->size;
}
```

* How do we define and use the list?

① Statically allocated List

```
#define BUFSIZE 1000
int main() {
    char userInput[BUFSIZE];
    char *newStr;
    List wordList;
    // Initialize list
    listInit(&wordList);
```

```
printf("Enter new string (or \"Done\" when finished): ");
fgets(userInput, BUFSIZE, stdin);
```

```
while(strcmp(userInput, "Done") != 0) {
    // 1. Allocate space for new data in ListElmt
    newStr = (char *)malloc(strlen(userInput) + 1);
    if(newStr == NULL) break;
    // 2. Initialize new data
    strcpy(newStr, userInput);
```

```
// 3. Insert at end of list
listInsNext(&wordList, wordList.tail, newStr);
```

```
printf("Enter new string (or \"Done\" when finished): ");
fgets(userInput, BUFSIZE, stdin);}
```

```
// Destroy list
listDestroy(&wordList);
return 0;
```

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② Dynamically allocated List

```
List *wordList;
```

```
// Allocate and initialize list
wordList = (List*)malloc(sizeof(List));
if(wordList == NULL) return -1;
listInit(wordList);
```

```
listInsNext(wordList, wordList->tail, newStr);
```

```
// Destroy and free list
listDestroy(wordList);
free(wordList);
wordList = NULL;
```

Memory

Stack

wordList

head	
tail	
size	4

(List)

Heap

w
h
y
lo

(char*)

Str	
next	

(List Elmt)

A
I
w
g
y
S
lo

(char*)

str	
next	

(List Elmt)

F
i
s
h
+
i
n
y
lo

(char*)

+	
h	
e	
lo	

(char*)

str	
next	NULL

(List Elmt)

Statically Allocated List Example:

The following words are added:

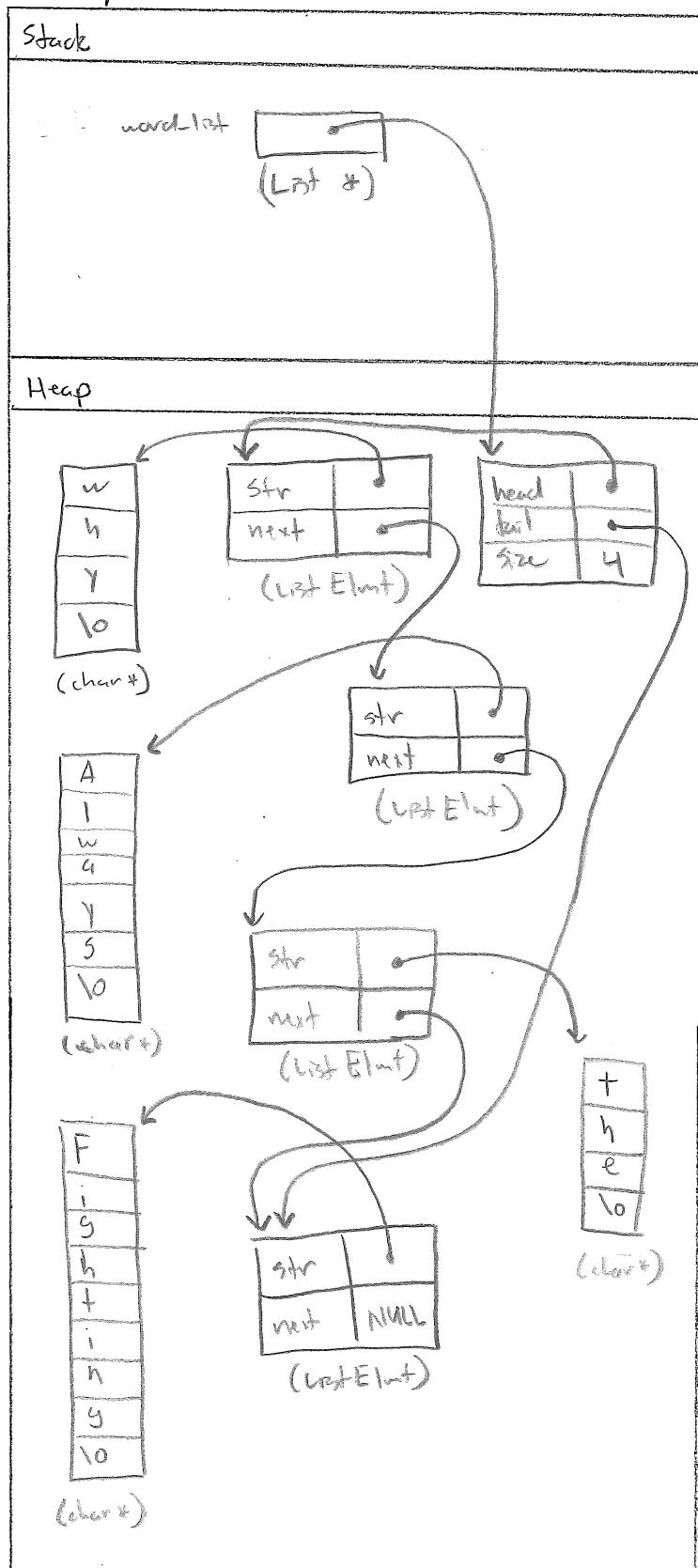
"why"

"Always"

"the"

"Fighting"

Memory

Dynamically Allocated List Example:

The following words are added:

"why"
"Always"
"the"
"Fighting"