Outline

A ListNode Class

- To support a Linked List container class `LList`, a `ListNode` class is used for the individual nodes.
- A `ListNode` object has two attributes: `item` and `link`.
- Public access is allowed for these attributes– the only class using the `ListNode` class is the `LList` class.

A ListNode Class

In Python:

- Data in a node can be of any type–a linked list can be heterogeneous.
- All values are references; the link attribute need not be declared to be a pointer.
- A link with the `None` value is used to indicate the end of a list.

A ListNode Class

In C++:

- A `typedef` statement allows the type of data to be specified at compile time. (The *Linked List* will still be homogeneous, but at least a different version of the class for another type can be compiled for another program by simply changing the `typedef` statement).
- The `item` attribute must be declared to be a particular type (for now).
- The `link` attribute must be declared to be a pointer to another `ListNode`.
- A link with the `NULL` value (a C++ pointer set to 0) is used to indicate the end of a list.

A ListNode Class

In C++:

- Later, we will see that the C++ Standard Template Library allows homogeneous lists for different data types (say, a list for the `int` type and a list for the `Rational` type) to be written at the same time, using a template class.
- Homogeneous lists for different data types can then be declared and used in the same program.
- The linked lists of these types will still be homogeneous.
  A list of integers can coexist with a list of doubles, but there can be no list containing integers and doubles mixed together.

Header File: ListNode.h

```
typedef int ItemType;

class ListNode {

   friend class LList;

public:
   ListNode(ItemType item, ListNode* link=NULL);

private:
   ItemType item_;
   ListNode *link_;
};
```

Header File: LList.h

The main differences between writing Python and C++ linked structure classes:

- the need to write a **destructor**, **copy constructor**, and **assignment operator** for the class
- our C++ class must also explicitly deallocate memory (not required by Python)

Header File: LList.h

```
class LList {
public:
   LList();
   LList(const LList& source);
   ~LList();

   LList& operator=(const LList& source);
   int size() { return size_; }
   void append(ItemType x);
   void insert(size_t i, ItemType x);
   ItemType pop(int i=-1);
   ItemType& operator[](size_t position);
```

Header File: LList.h

```
private:
   void copy(const LList &source);
   void dealloc();
   ListNode* _find(size_t position);
   ItemType _delete(size_t position);
   ListNode *head_;
   int size_;
};
```

_FIND METHOD

```
ListNode* LList::_find(size_t position)
{
   ListNode *node = head_;
   size_t i;
   for (i=0; i<position; i++) {
      node = node->link_;
   }
   return node;
}
```

_DELETE METHOD

```
ItemType LList::_delete(size_t position)
{  ListNode *node, *dnode;
   ItemType item;
   if (position == 0) {
      dnode = head_;          head_ = head_->link_;
      item = dnode->item_;    delete dnode;    }
   else {
      node = _find(position - 1);
      if (node != NULL) {
         dnode = node->link_;    node->link_ = dnode->link_;
         item = dnode->item_;    delete dnode;    }
   }
   size_ -= 1;
   return item;    }
```

INSERT METHOD

```
void LList::insert(size_t i, ItemType x)
{
   ListNode *node;
   if (i == 0) {
      head_ = new ListNode(x, head_);
   }
   else {
      node = _find(i - 1);
      node->link_ = new ListNode(x, node->link_);
   }
   size_ += 1;
}
```

Destructor

```
LList::~ LList() {
   dealloc();
}
void LList::dealloc()
{
   ListNode *node, *dnode;
   node = head_;
   while (node) {
      dnode = node;
      node = node->link_;
      delete dnode;
   }
}
```

Linked Dynamic Memory Errors - Breaking Links

The integrity of a linked structure depends on the correct maintenance of all the links, since these are required to access the information in the structure. In our linked list class, if the `ListNode`'s `link_` attribute is set incorrectly, the resulting list will not be valid:

- If the link is incorrectly set to `NULL`, the list will be shortened, losing all data after that node. A memory leak will also occur, since there is no way to access the nodes to deallocate them.
- If the link is set to a node further along on the list, all nodes in between will be stranded: their data will be lost and their memory will not be deallocated.
- If the link is incorrectly set to a node earlier in the list, then a circular structure results (traversing the list becomes an infinite loop).

Linked Dynamic Memory Errors - Breaking Links

```
// this code is incorrect
void LList::insert(size_t i, ItemType x)
{
   ListNode *node;
   if (i == 0) {
      head_ = new ListNode(x, head_);
   }
   else {
      node = _find(i - 1);
      node->link_ = new ListNode(x); // incorrect
   }
   size_ += 1;
}
```

Linked Dynamic Memory Errors - More Errors

Python doesn't allow to use a name that has *not been defined* or is *value* *None*.

Example: `node = None`, and we attempt to execute `node.link` or `node.item`, the Python interpreter will catch this problem and generate an exception and traceback (if you don't catch it).

In C++ if you try to dereference an *uninitialized pointer* or a pointer that *refers to a deallocated object*, the run-time environment will attempt to access the memory location, resulting in garbage data or a memory fault that crashes your program.

In-class work

As of now, we have two list classes defined in C++: **List** and **LList**.

1. Finish up the in-class **List** work from the previous lecture.
2. Define **cout** operation for the objects of type **LList**.

In-class work

3. Using **testLList.cpp** write the program that performs the same operations using **LList** class:

(I)

1) Creates an array of 20 elements,
2) fills it with $1^2, 2^2, ..., (20)^2$,
3) displays it,
4) then adds all of them and displays the sum, then

(II) then

5) Define a friend function **cin** for **List** class,
6) Ask the user for a size of an array (now many values the user plans to enter),
7) Create an array of capacity = 10 * size,
8) Get the numbers from the user to store in the array,
9) add 10 to each member of the array and display it.