Lab 2: Memory Management

1. Introduction

In C++, programmers are expected to be responsible for memory management. To that end, the goal of this lab is for you to gain experience finding and fixing memory leaks and memory errors. More specifically, you will implement a **LinkedList** class, and will use a software tool called **valgrind** to test the existence of memory leaks and memory errors in your program.

The code skeleton is under: **/comp/15/files/l2**

1. Log in to the CS homework server.
2. Move to your **comp15** directory that you created in Lab 1.
3. Create a directory named **lab2** under the comp15 directory.
4. Move to the lab2 directory.
5. Copy the code skeleton to the current working directory.
6. Leverage the features of Git to manage your progress toward writing the program.

The code skeleton provides you with five files: **test.cpp**, **Node.hpp**, **Node.cpp**, **LinkedList.hpp** and **LinkedList.cpp**. First, take a look at the files to find the internal structure of the **LinkedList** and **Node** classes. Node class has already been implemented for you. Note that the LinkedList class supports only selected operations, and the copy constructor and assignment operator are commented out so that this lab can be completed within our lab time, but you are encouraged to work on them later on. **test.cpp** provides you with one test case that your LinkedList implementation is supposed to pass.

As we saw a demo in the lecture today, you will need to add **-g** option (and **-O0** (capital-O followed by a Zero) option) when you compile your program; plus, you will use the **valgrind** command with **--leak-check=full** option (and --**show-leak-kinds=all** option).

Valgrind User Manual
The Valgrind Quick Start Guide
http://valgrind.org/docs/manual/quick-start.html
4. Memcheck: a memory error detector
http://valgrind.org/docs/manual/mc-manual.html
Valgrind Frequently Asked Questions
http://valgrind.org/docs/manual/faq.html#faq.deflost
http://valgrind.org/docs/manual/faq.html#faq.reports

2. Requirements

1. Implement the **LinkedList** class.
    a. Suggested order: constructor, addToFront(), toString(), removeFront(), destructor
    b. Format of toString(): Please find and follow the format of expected outputs in **test.cpp**.
2. Pass the test case written in **test.cpp** with no memory leaks and no memory errors.

3. README

Create the README file that includes the following categories with appropriate section headers.

1. **Name**: Your name.
2. **Date**: The last updated date.
3. **Summary**: A brief summary of the lab.
4. **Files**: A list of files that are necessary to build and test the program.
5. **Instructions**: A sequence of commands to compile and test the program. Note that you are expected to report procedures without using the make command.
6. **References**: A list of citations to information used to complete the lab.

4. Submission

Submit your files listed below using Gradescope.
Files: **test.cpp Node.hpp Node.cpp LinkedList.hpp LinkedList.cpp README**