

Scope, Static, Linked Lists, Arrays

Discussion 02

Example Agenda

- 1:10 - 1:15 ~ announcements
- 1:15 - 1:30 ~ content review
- 1:30 - 1:40 ~ question 1
- 1:40 - 1:55 ~ question 2
- Question 3 if time

Announcements

- Weekly Survey 2 - due this Monday 1/29
- Lab 3 - due this Friday 2/2
- Proj 1A - due next Monday 2/5
- Project Party 1/31
- Carefully read the OH guidelines if you attend

Content Review

GRoE: Golden Rule of Equals

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Java is **pass-by-value**: when you call a function and give it some arguments, the function called receives an exact copy of those arguments, tied to its own local variables.

"Copies all the bits" means different things for **primitive vs. reference types**.

Primitive vs. Reference Types

- **Primitive Types** are represented by a certain number of bytes stored at the location of the variable in memory. There are only 8 in Java.

Examples: byte, short, int, long, float, double, boolean, char

- **Reference Types** are represented by a memory address stored at the location of the variable which points to where the full object is (all objects are stored at addresses in memory). This memory address is often referred to as a *pointer*.

Examples: Strings, Arrays, Linked Lists, Dogs, etc.

Back to the GRoE

“Given variables `y` and `x`:
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- The value of a primitive type gets copied directly upon variable assignment
 - Ex. `int x = 5;` means that variable `x` stores the value of 5
- The value of a reference type is a “shallow” copy upon variable assignment: the pointer (memory address) is copied, and the object itself in memory is not
 - Exception: `null` is a special pointer that we compare with `==`

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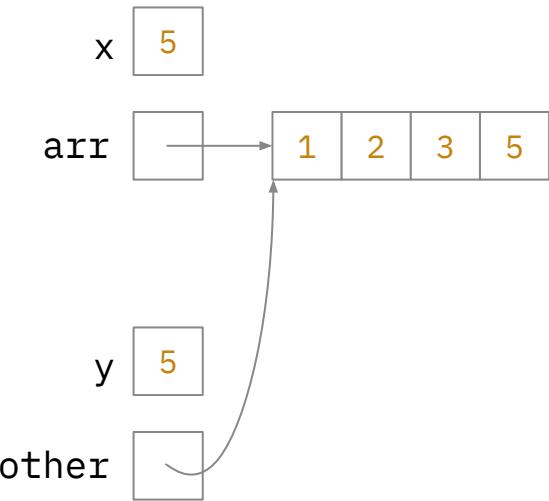
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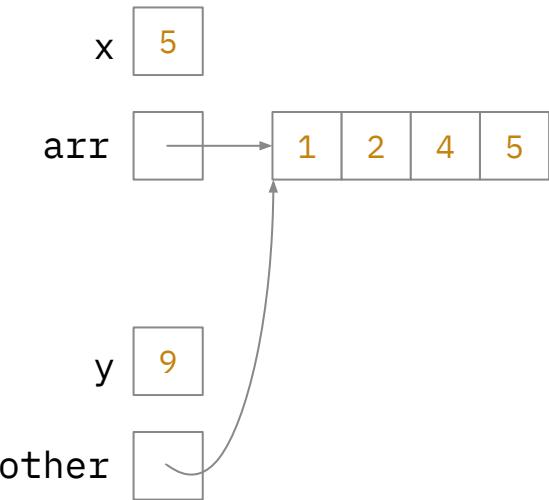
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Static vs. Instance, Revisited

Static variables and functions belong to the whole class.

Example: Every 61B Student shares the same professor, and if the professor were to change it would change for everyone.

Instance variables and functions belong to each individual instance.

Example: Each 61B Student has their own ID number, and changing a student's ID number doesn't change anything for any other student.

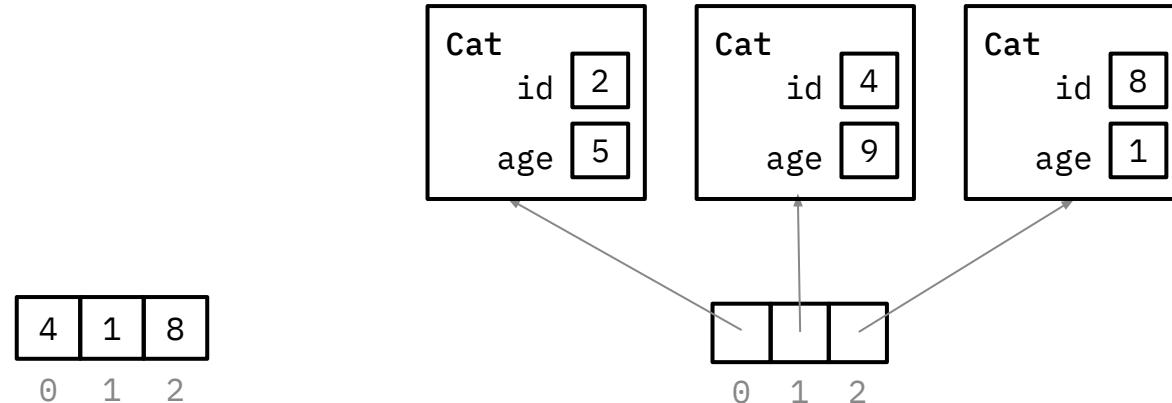
this vs. static

- **this**
 - Non-static methods can only be called using an instance of that object, so during evaluation of that function, you will always have access to this instance of the object, referred to as **this**
- **static** methods
 - do not require an instance of that object in order to be called, so during evaluation of that function, you cannot rely on access to this instance of the object
- **static** variables
 - shared by all instances of the class; each instance does not get its own copy but can access
- Check for understanding: can you reference **this** in static methods? Can you reference static variables in instance methods? Why or why not?

Arrays

Arrays are data structures that can only hold elements of the same (primitive or reference) type of value.

`arr[i]` holds a value in the i th position of the array (zero-indexed). We can also have n-dimensional arrays (ie. `int[][] a = new int[3][2];` you can index into these like `a[2][1]`)



Arrays have a set length when instantiated, so they cannot be extended / shortened with pointers like a Linked List. To resize, we need to copy over all elements to a new array (ie. `System.arraycopy`)

Linked Lists

[Linked Lists](#) are modular lists that are made up of nodes that each contain a value and a pointer to the next node. To access values in a Linked List, you must use dot notation.

Example: `intList.get(2)`

- Can be extended or shortened by changing the pointers of its nodes (unlike arrays)
- Can't be indexed directly into like an array: instead, the computer has to iterate through all of the nodes up to that point and follow their next pointers
- A [sentinel](#) is a special type of node that is often used as an empty placeholder for ease of adding / deleting nodes, especially from the front or back of the Linked List
 - In a circular doubly-linked implementation, the sentinel's `next` and `prev` pointers are the first and last nodes respectively

Worksheet

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Write what would be printed after
the main method is executed.

Java visualizer: <https://tinyurl.com/48uk72kc>

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If we were to call `Pokemon.printStats()` at the end of our main method, what would happen?

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Error!

- `printStats()` is an instance method
- Only static methods can be called using the name of the class (ie. `Pokemon`)
- static methods can only modify static variables, but instance methods can modify both

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Draw out the resulting diagram after executing all the lines.

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3 L = new DLLStringNode(null, "never", L);
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5 DLLStringNode M = L.next;
6 DLLStringNode R = new DLLStringNode(null, "shredded", null);
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8 R.next.next = R;
9 M.next.next.next = R.next;
10 L.next.next = L.next.next.next;
11 L = M.next;
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13 L.prev = M;
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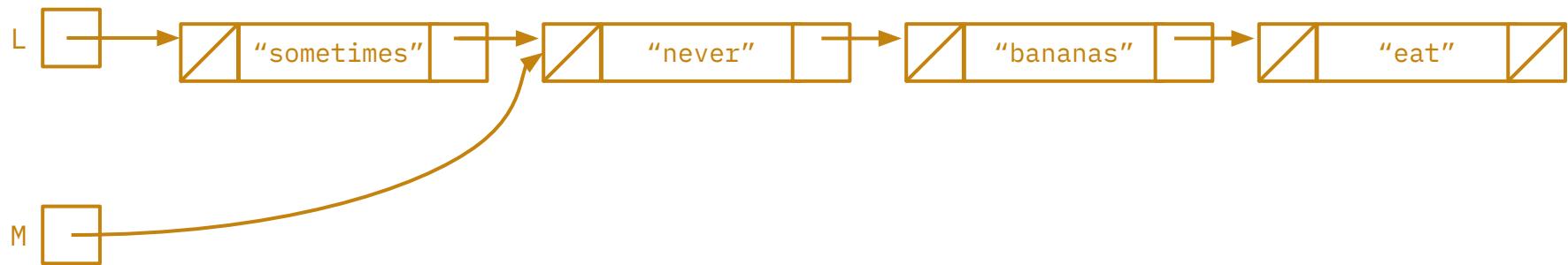
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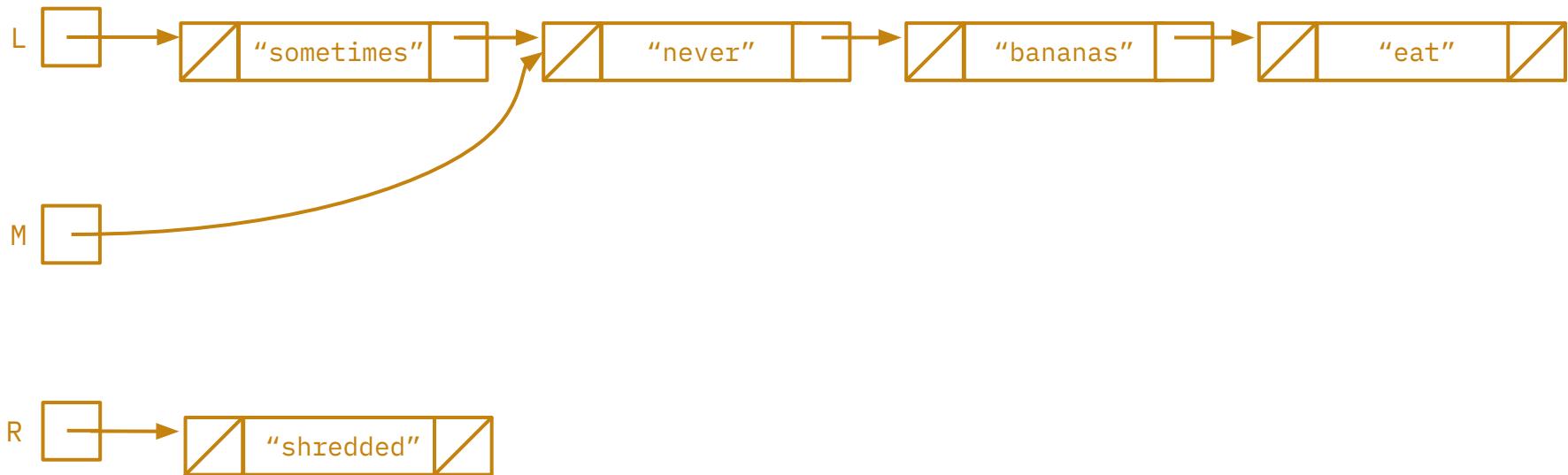
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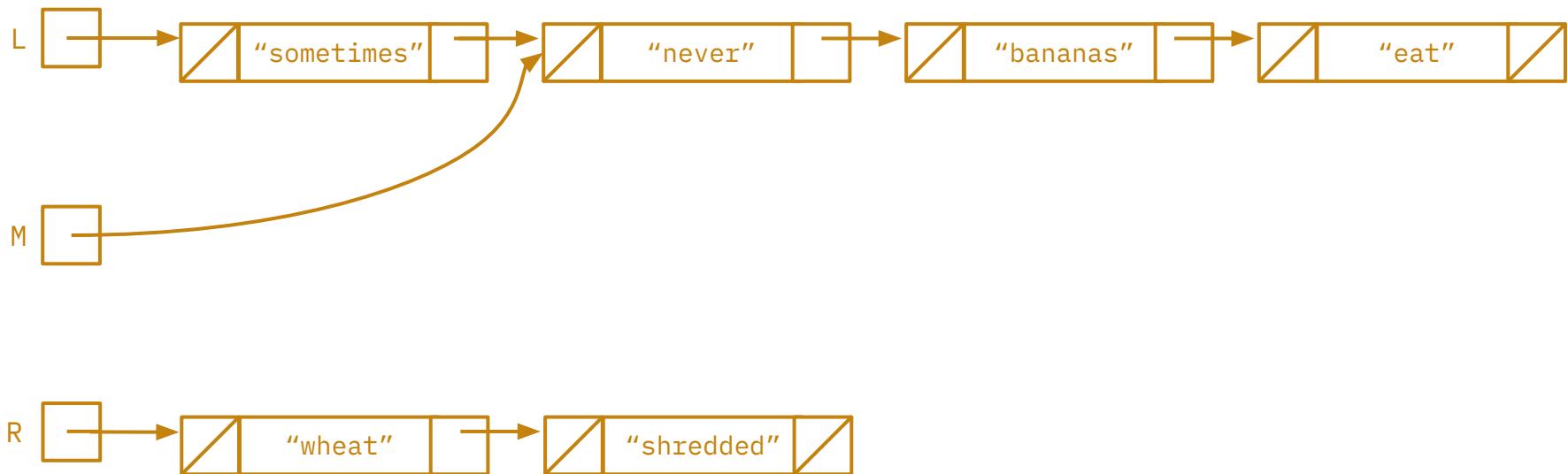
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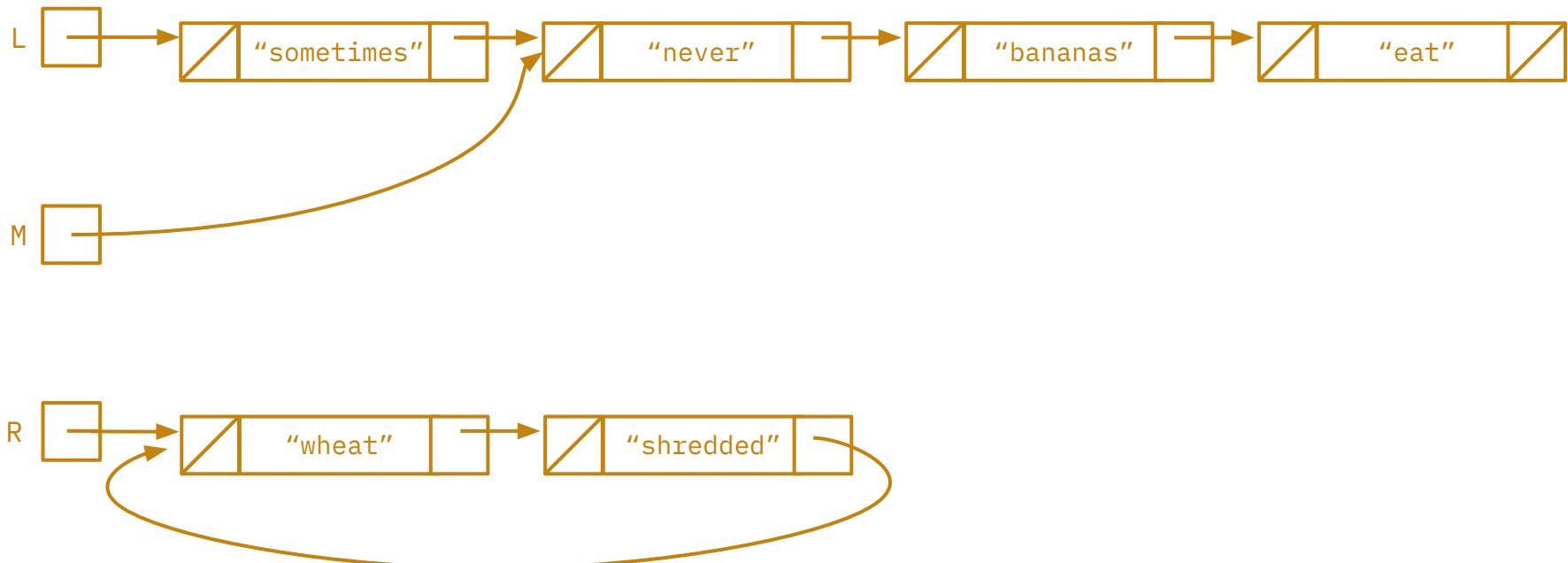
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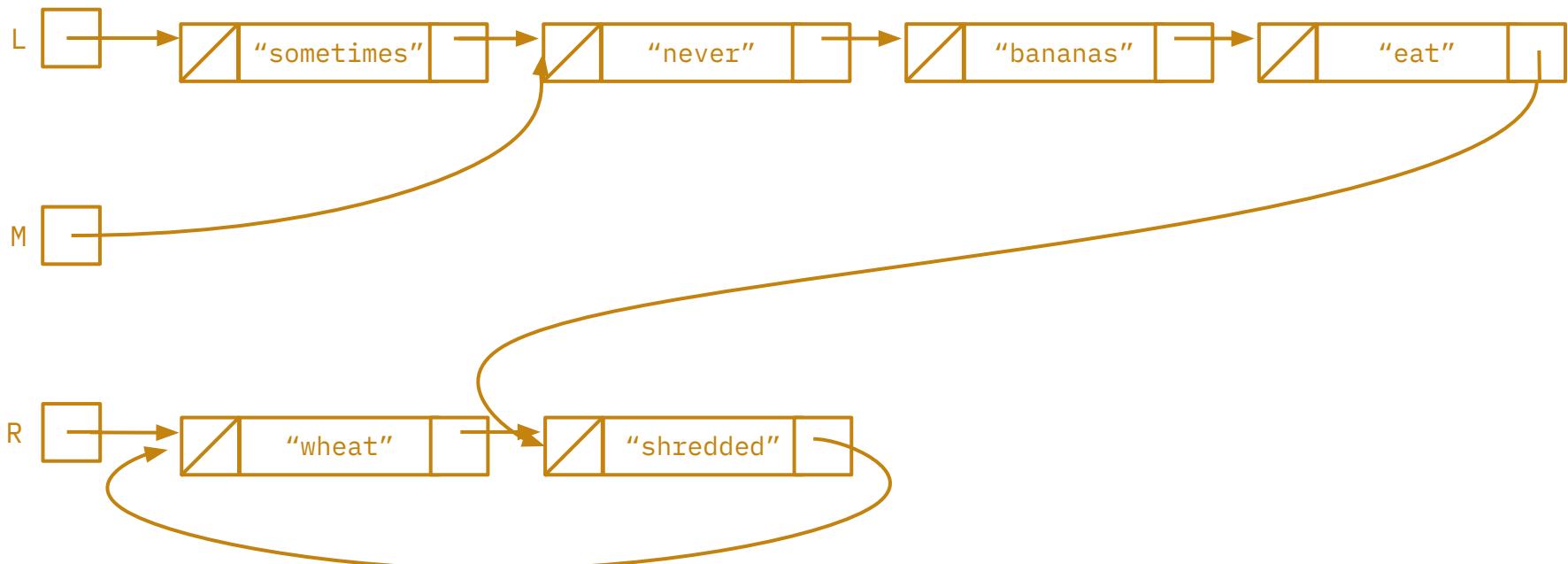
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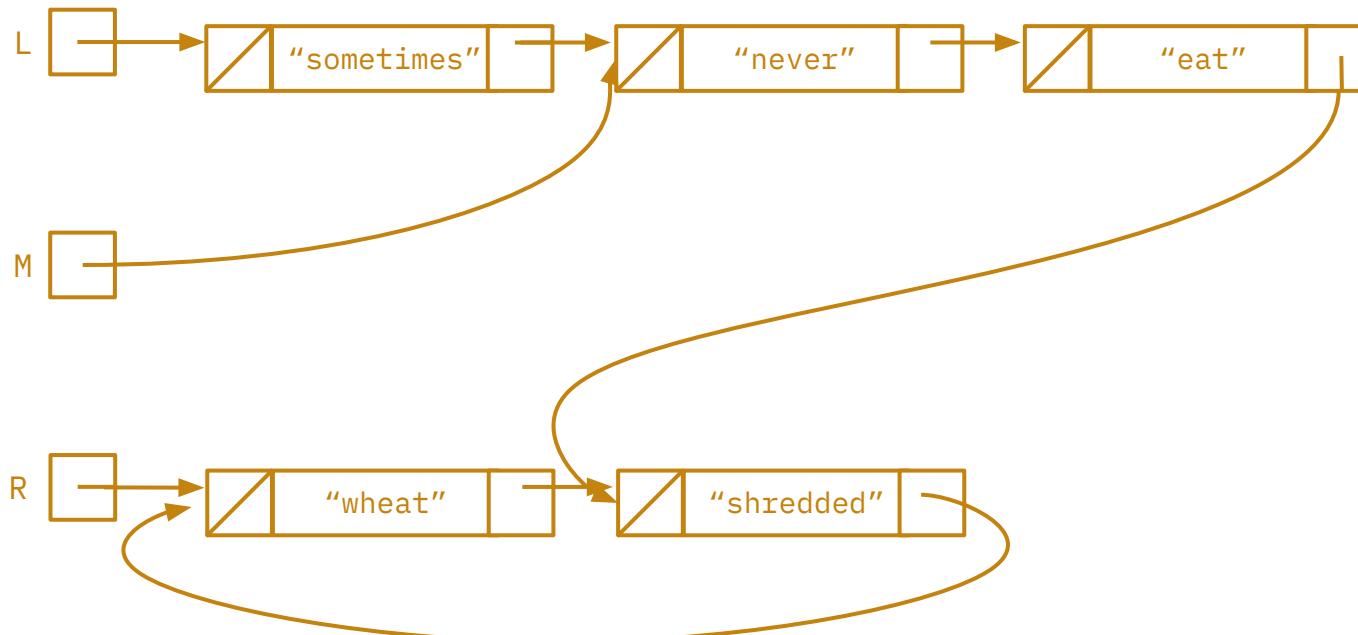
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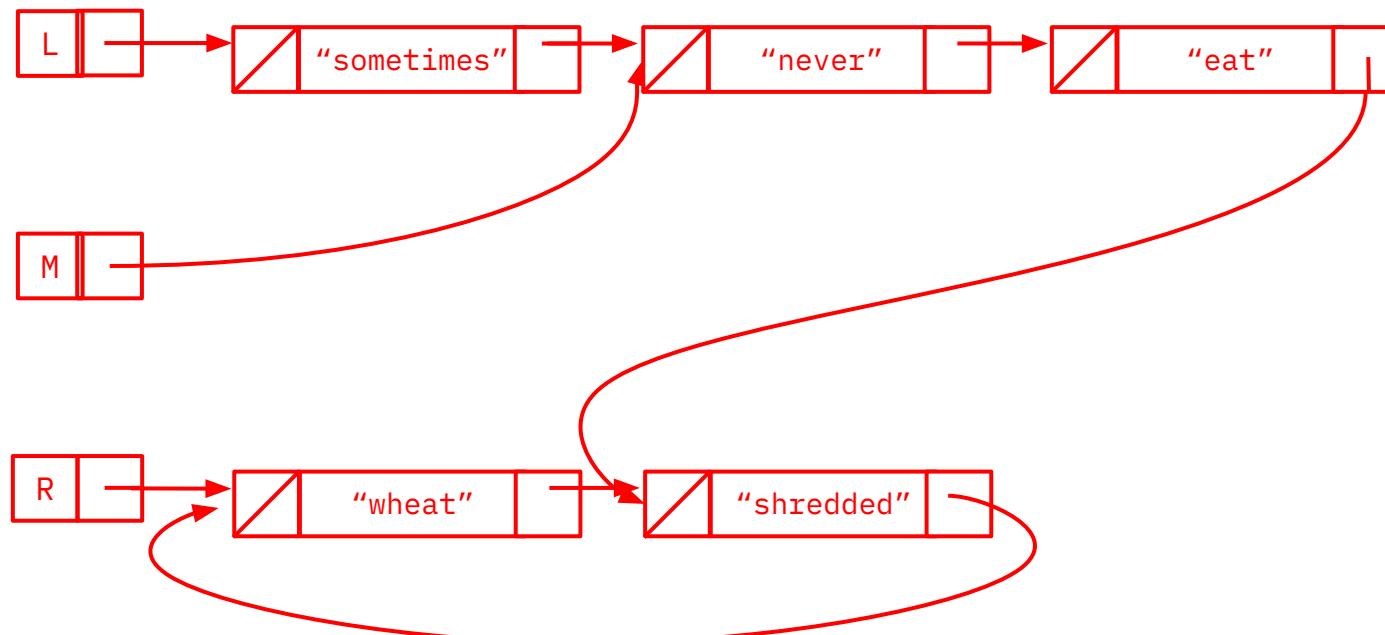


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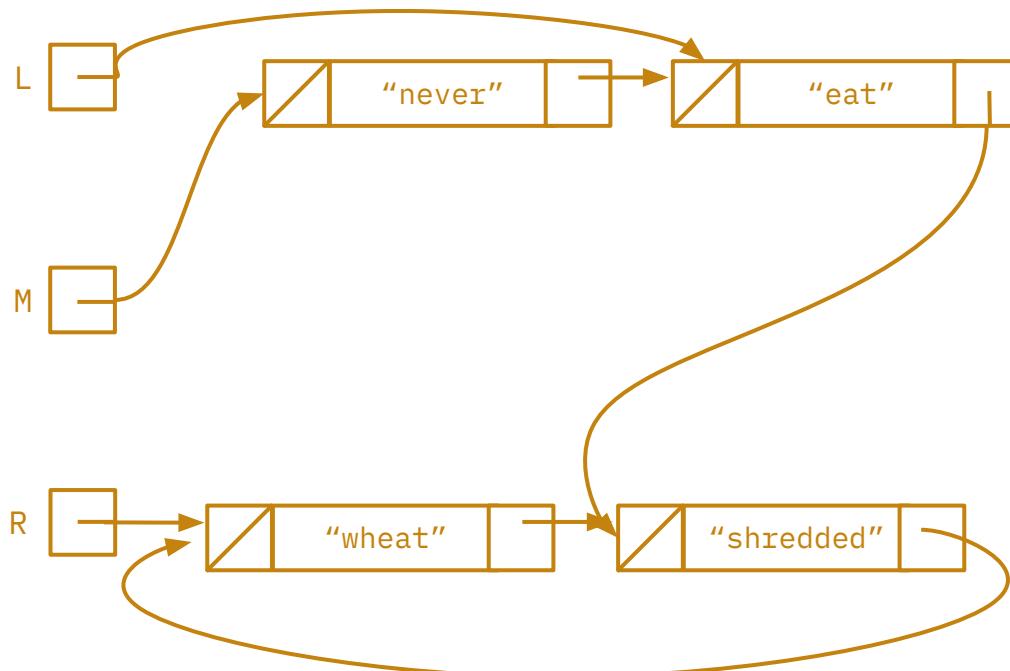


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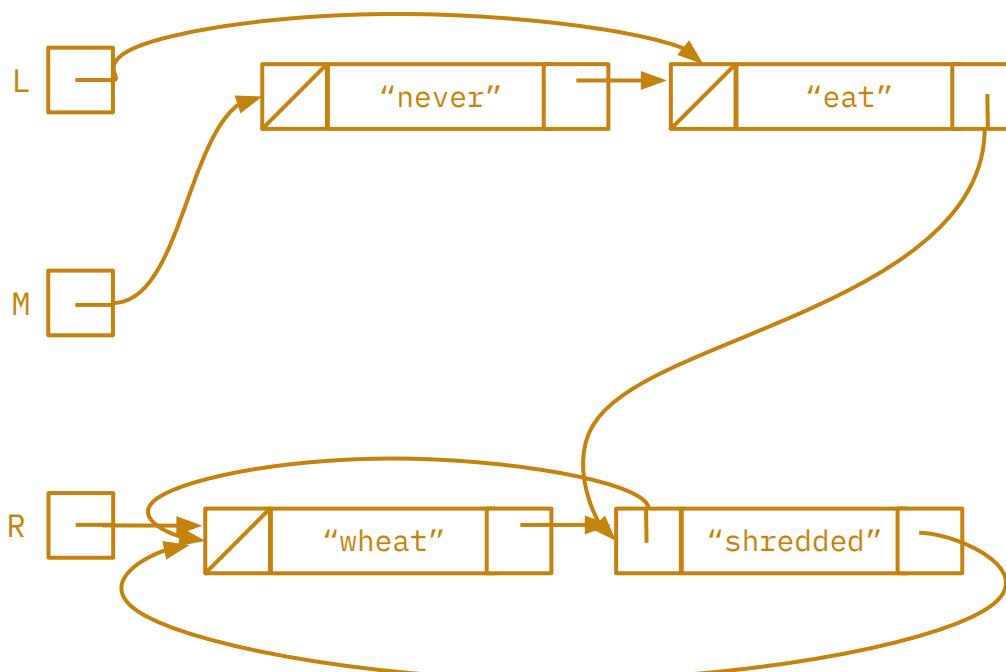
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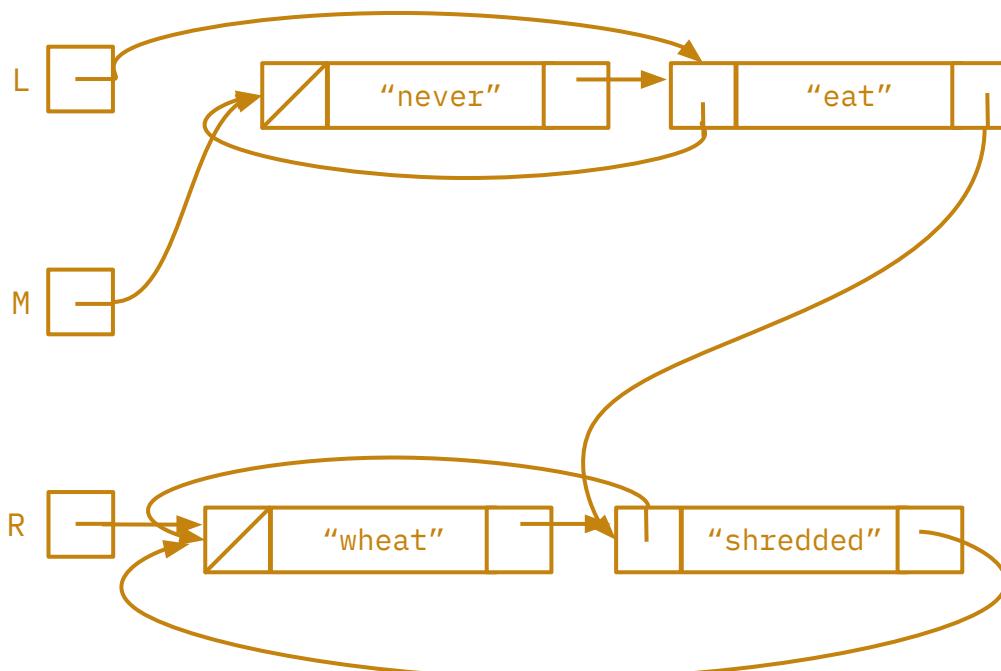
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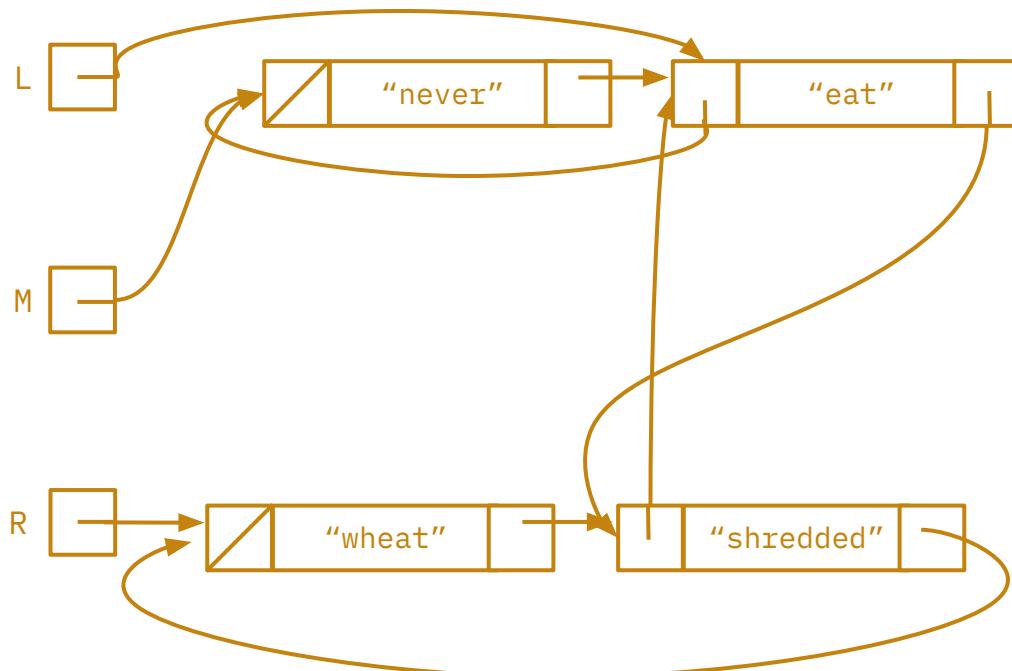
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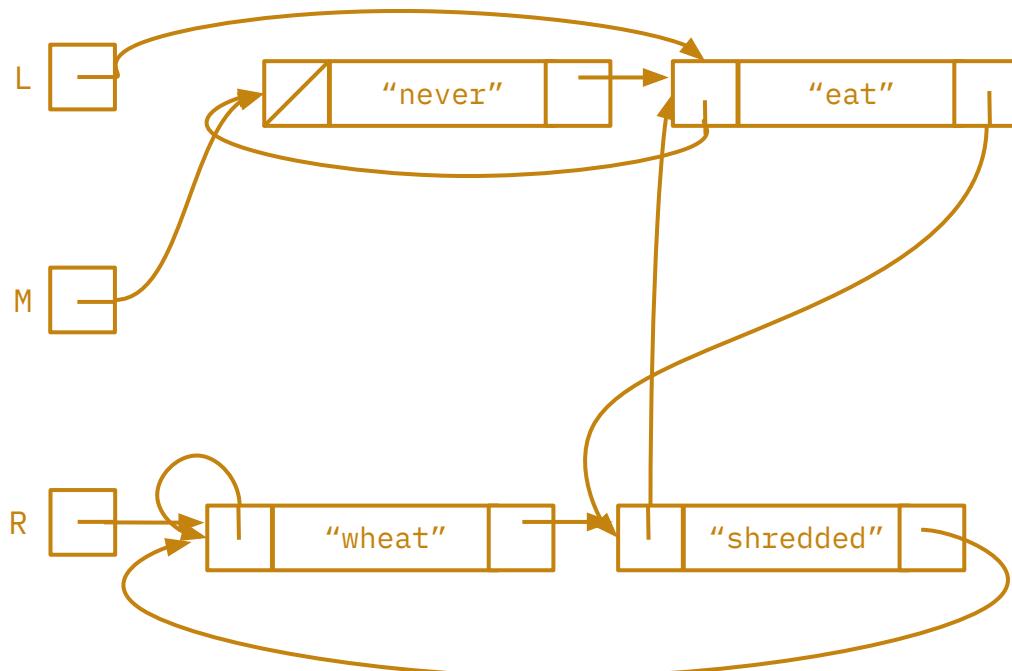
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Java visualizer: <https://tinyurl.com/3hy6n934>

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16         return grid;  
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If we make the change: it breaks the abstraction barrier
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