

Memory Management

CS 241

Data Organization using C Malloc (Memory Allocation)

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Quiz: What is the Output?

```
1) #include <stdio.h>
2)
3) static int a = 1;
4) int b = 2;
5)
6) void foo(int e)
7) {
8)     static int c = 4;
9)     int d = 8;
10)    e = a | b | c | d | e;
11)    printf("%d, ", e);
12)    a = b = c = d = e = 0;
13) }
14)
15) void main(void)
16) { static int e = 16;
17)     foo(e);
18)     foo(e);
19) }
```

- a) 31, 0,
- b) 31, 16,
- c) 31, 24,
- d) 31, 28,
- e) 31, 31,

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Quiz: Substring Search

```
char *findSubstring(char *str, char *needle)
{
    int len = strlen(needle);
    int n = 0;
    while (*str)
    {
        if ( *(needle+n) == *str)
        {
            n++;
            if (n == len) return (str-n) + 1;
        }
        else
        {
            str -= n;
            n = 0;
        }
        str++;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

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What is the output of:

```
printf("%s\n", findSubstring("mississippi", "sip"))
a) 0
b) 6
c) 7
d) sip
e) sippi
```

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<stdlib.h>: malloc()

```
void *malloc(byteSize)
```

The `malloc` function allocates unused space for an object whose size in bytes is specified by `byteSize`.

The order and contiguity of storage allocated by *successive* calls to `malloc` is unspecified.

The return value is a *void pointer* (not `void`) A void pointer is aligned so that it may be assigned to a pointer of any object type.

For example, on some machines `int x` can only start on addresses where $\&x \% 4 = 0$.

The pointer returned points to the start (lowest byte address) of the allocated space.

If the requested space cannot be allocated, a `NULL` pointer is returned.

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<stdlib.h>: calloc()

```
void *malloc(byteSize)
```

Allocates a continuous block of **byteSize** bytes of memory.

```
void *calloc(elementCount, elementSize)
```

Allocates a continuous block of memory large enough to hold **elementCount** items each of **elementSize** bytes.

Also initializes all elements to zero.

```
int n = 50;  
int *a = malloc(n * sizeof(int));  
int *b = calloc(n, sizeof(int));
```

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<stdlib.h>: free()

```
void free(void *ptr);
```

The **free** function *deallocates* a block of memory previously allocated using a call to **malloc**, (or **calloc** or **realloc**).

After being deallocated, the memory is available for further allocations.

Always call **free** when done with every pointer returned by **malloc**.

Never use a pointer after it has been freed.

Never call **free** with any value other than one returned by **malloc** (or **calloc** or **realloc**).

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Dynamic Array Allocation: main()

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <limits.h>
#define END_CODE INT_MIN

void main(void)
{
    int *num = atoiArray("42 427 3 1234 88");
    int i=0;
    while (num[i] != END_CODE)
    { printf("num[%d]=%d\n", i, num[i]);
      i++;
    }
    free(num);
7 }
```

`int *num` only allocates memory for a *pointer to an int*.

`atoiArray` must allocate memory for the actual array.

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Dynamic Array Allocation: atoiArray 1 of 4

```
int* atoiArray(char *line)
{
    //Given: line -> "42 427 3 1234 88"
    //1) Find n, the number of numbers are in line.
    //2) Allocate memory for an array of int of size n+1 (for the
        terminating symbol.
    //3) Convert the characters in the string to numbers in the
        array.
    //4) Add the terminating symbol.
    //5) Return a pointer to the allocated int array.
}
```

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Dynamic Array Allocation: atoiArray 2 of 4

```
int* atoiArray(char *line)
{
    //1) Find n, the number of numbers are in line.
    int n=1; //Always need space for terminating value.
    char* charPt = line;
    while (*charPt)
    { if (*charPt == ' ') n++;
      charPt++;
    }
    printf("%d numbers in string.\n", n);

    //2) Allocate memory for an array of int of size n+1
    int *num = malloc(sizeof(int)*(n+1));
```

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Dynamic Array Allocation: atoiArray 3 of 4

```
//3) Convert string to numbers in the array.
int* intPt = num;
*intPt = 0;
charPt = line; //reset to beginning of line
int startedNewNumber = 0;
while (*charPt)
{ if (*charPt == ' ')
  { printf("Done with: %d\n", *intPt);
    intPt++;
    *intPt = 0;
    startedNewNumber = 0;
  }
  else
  { *intPt = *intPt*10 + (*charPt-'0');
    startedNewNumber = 1;
  }
  charPt++;
10 }
```

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Dynamic Array Allocation: atoiArray 4 of 4

```
//4) Add the terminating symbol.  
if (startedNewNumber) intPt++;  
*intPt = END_CODE;  
  
//5) Return a pointer to the allocated int array.  
return num;  
  
}
```

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Fixed Size, 2D Array (print inner loop x)

```
void main(void)  
{ int m[2][4];  
  
  int* pt = &m[0][0]; //could change to = *m  
  
  for (int i=0; i<8; i++)  
  {  
    *pt = i;  
    pt++;  
  }  
  
  for (int y=0; y<4; y++)  
  {  
    for (int x=0; x<2; x++)  
    { printf("x[%d][%d]=%d\n", x, y, m[x][y]);  
    }  
  }  
}
```

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

x[0][0]=0
x[1][0]=4
x[0][1]=1
x[1][1]=5
x[0][2]=2
x[1][2]=6
x[0][3]=3
x[1][3]=7

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Fixed Size, 2D Array (print inner loop y)

```
void main(void)
{ int m[2][4];

  int* pt = &m[0][0]; //could change to = *m

  for (int i=0; i<8; i++)
  {
    *pt = i;
    pt++;
  }

  for (int x=0; x<2; x++)
  { for (int y=0; y<4; y++)
    {
      printf("x[%d][%d]=%d\n", x, y, m[x][y]);
    }
  }
}
```

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

x[0][0]=0
x[0][1]=1
x[0][2]=2
x[0][3]=3
x[1][0]=4
x[1][1]=5
x[1][2]=6
x[1][3]=7

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Dynamically Sized, 2D Array with malloc

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void set2DArray(int **array, int columns, int rows)
{ //body
}

void print2DArray(int **array, int columns, int rows)
{ //body
}

void free2DArray(int **array, int columns)
{ //body
}

void main(void)
{ //body (calls malloc)
}
```

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Dynamically Sized, 2D Array: `main`

```
void main(void)
{
    int rows = 4;
    int columns = 3;

    int **array;

    array = malloc(columns * sizeof(*array));

    int x;
    for (x = 0; x < columns; x++)
    {
        array[x] = malloc(rows * sizeof(int));
    }
    set2DArray(array, columns, rows);
    print2DArray(array, columns, rows);
    free2DArray(array, columns);
}
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```

Diagram illustrating the memory layout of a dynamically sized 2D array. A pointer variable `array` points to a block of memory containing three pointers. Each of these pointers points to a vertical column of four integers, representing the rows of the 2D array. Annotations include: "pointer to pointer to int" pointing to the array pointer, "Multiplication operator" pointing to the `*` in the `malloc` call, and "(print inner loop x)" pointing to the loop variable `x`.

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Dynamically Sized, 2D Array: `set2DArray`

```
void set2DArray(int **array, int cols, int rows)
{
    int x, y;
    for (x=0; x<cols; x++)
    {
        for (y=0; y<rows; y++)
        {
            array[x][y] = x*10 + y;
        }
    }
}
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```

Diagram illustrating the `set2DArray` function. Annotations include: "down one column on inner loop improves cache hits." pointing to the inner loop `for (y=0; y < rows; y++)`, and "Every cell gets a different data value." pointing to the assignment `array[x][y] = x*10 + y;`

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Dynamically Sized, 2D Array: print2DArray

```
void print2DArray(int **array, int cols, int rows)
{
    for (int y=0; y<rows; y++)
    {
        printf("row %d [", y);
        for (int x=0; x<cols; x++)
        {
            printf("%3d ", array[x][y]);
        }
        printf("]\n");
    }
}
```

Printing suffers cache misses because a full row must print on a line.

```
row 0 [ 0 10 20 ]
row 1 [ 1 11 21 ]
row 2 [ 2 12 22 ]
row 3 [ 3 13 23 ]
```

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Dynamically Sized, 2D Array: **free2DArray**

```
void free2DArray(int **array, int columns)
{
    for (int x=0; x<columns; x++)
    { free(array[x]);
    }

    free(array);
}
```

```
valgrind a.out
==29599== Command: a.out
==29599== HEAP SUMMARY:
==29599==    in use at exit: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==29599== total heap usage: 4 allocs, 4 frees, 72 bytes allocated
==29599==
==29599== All heap blocks were freed -- no leaks are possible
```



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Quiz: Segmentation Fault

When the code segment below is run, it results in a segmentation fault. On which line of code does this happen?

```
1) int *foo(int n, int myList[])
2) {
3)   int a = 0;
4)   int b = n / 2;
5)   int *c = myList + b;
6)   int *d = c + 5;
7)   int e = myList[b];
8)   return d + e;
9) }
```

- a) Line 4
- b) Line 5
- c) Line 6
- d) Line 7
- e) Line 8

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The Cause of Segmentation Fault

The ***ONLY*** cause of a segmentation fault is a program attempting to access memory (either a read or a write) when that access is blocked by the operating system.

```
1) int *foo(int n, int myList[])
2) {
3)   int a = 0; ← Impossible to Seg Fault
4)   int b = n / 2; ← Impossible to Seg Fault
5)   int *c = myList + b; ← Impossible to Seg Fault
6)   int *d = c + 5; ← Impossible to Seg Fault
7)   int e = myList[b]; ← Possible Seg Fault
8)   return d + e; ← Impossible to Seg Fault
9) }
```

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