

# Memory Representation

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- We typically draw diagrams representing the memory of the computer, our particular program or both as rectangles.
- Our convention will be that "low-memory" will be on the bottom and "high-memory" on top.
- Typically these drawings are not to scale



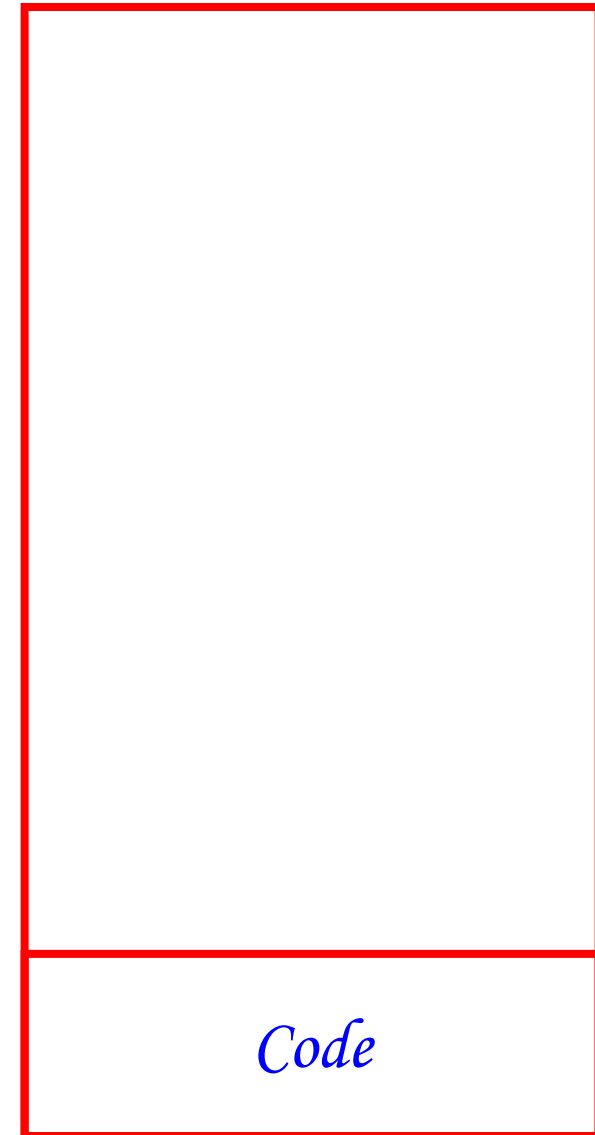
*High Memory*

*Low Memory*

# Typical Arrangement

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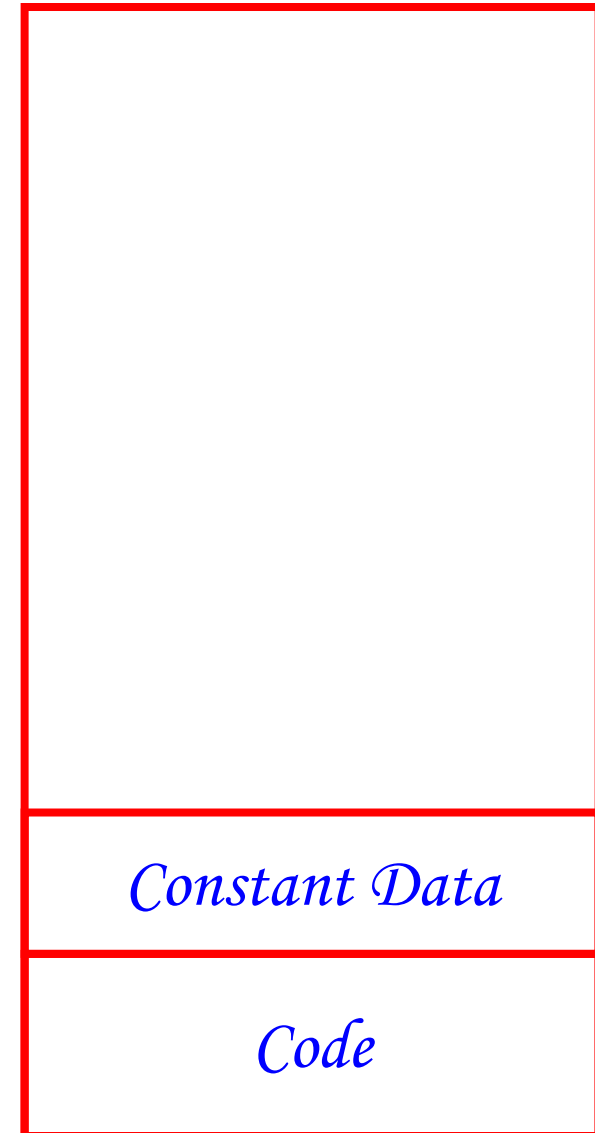
- Normally the actual program code (executable instructions) is placed in low memory



# Typical Arrangement

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- Next we have an area for storage of constant data



# Typical Arrangement

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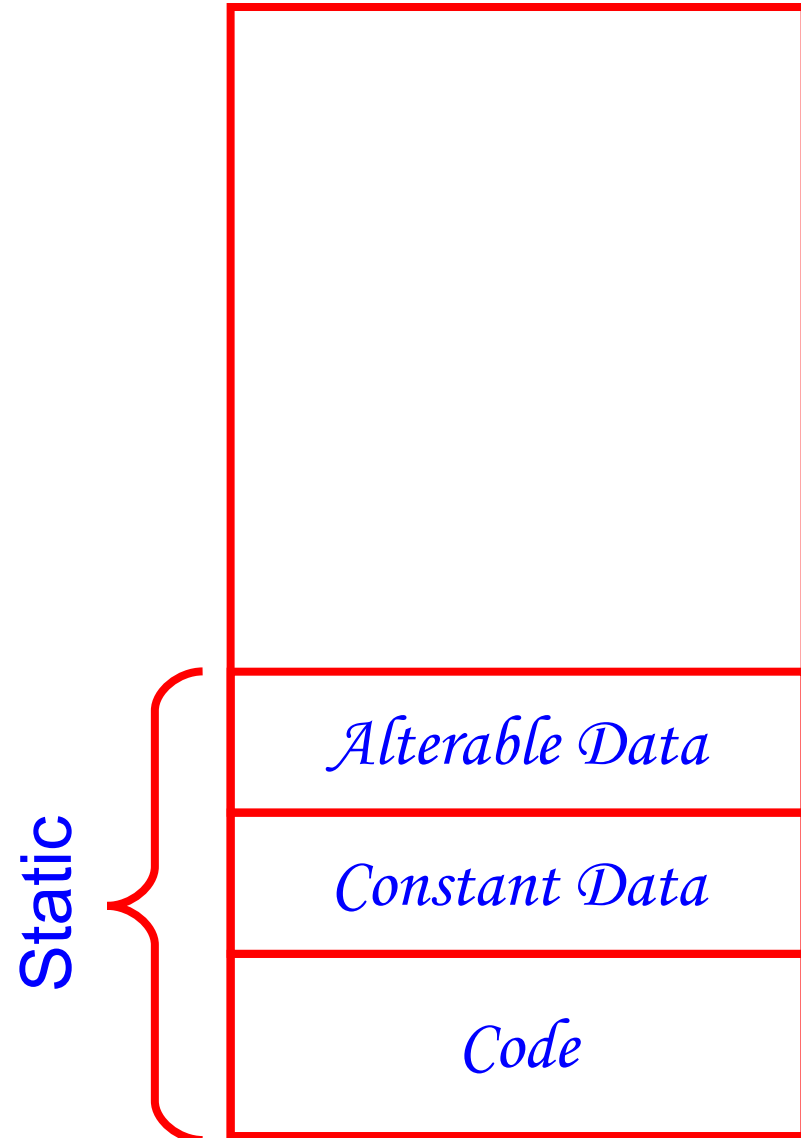
- Data that may be changed follows



# Typical Arrangement

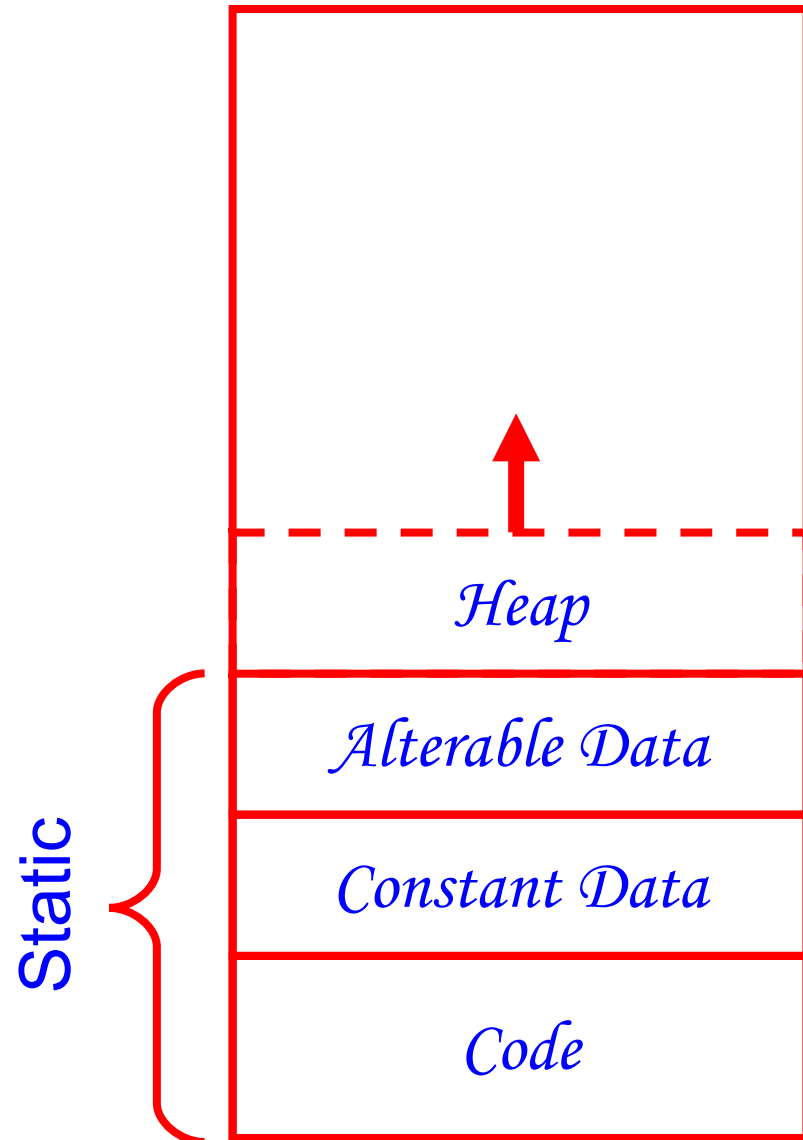
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- These three items comprise what is considered the static area of memory. The static area details (size, what is where, etc.) are known at translation or compile time.



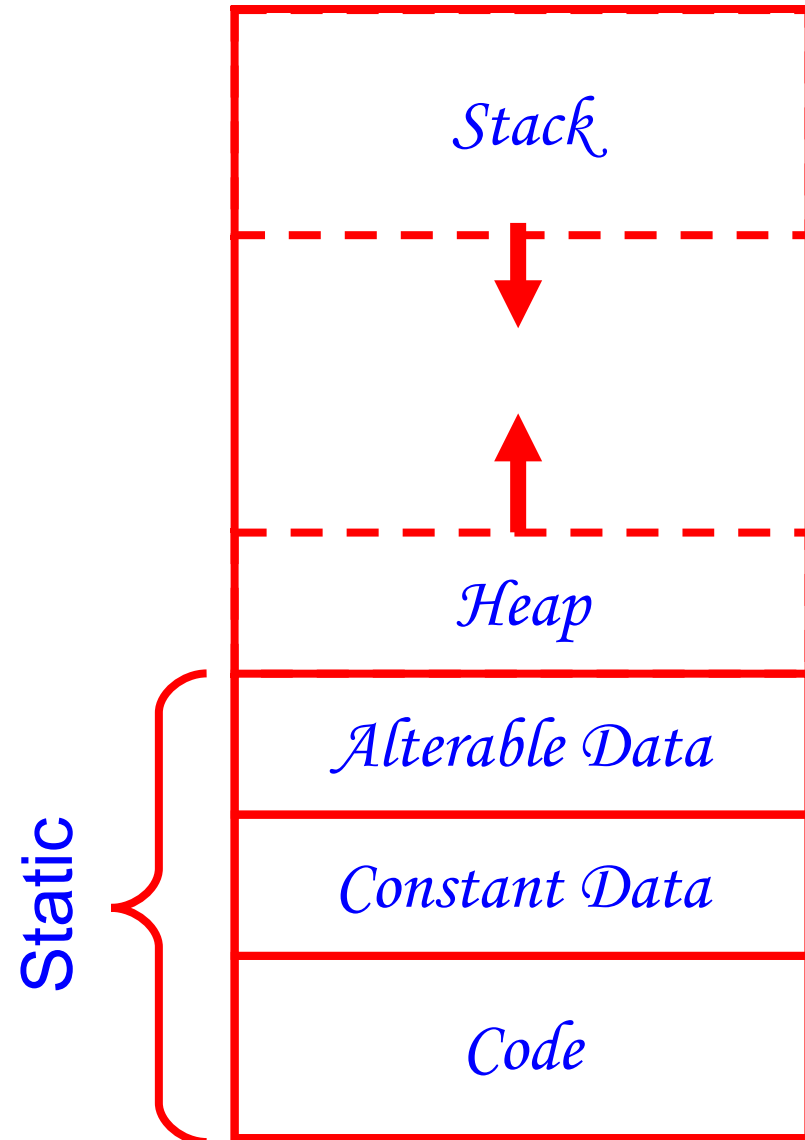
# Typical Arrangement

- Immediately above the static area the heap is located.
- The heap can expand upward as the program dynamically requests additional storage space
- In most cases, the runtime environment manages the heap for the user
- We will return to this issue in a while



# Typical Arrangement

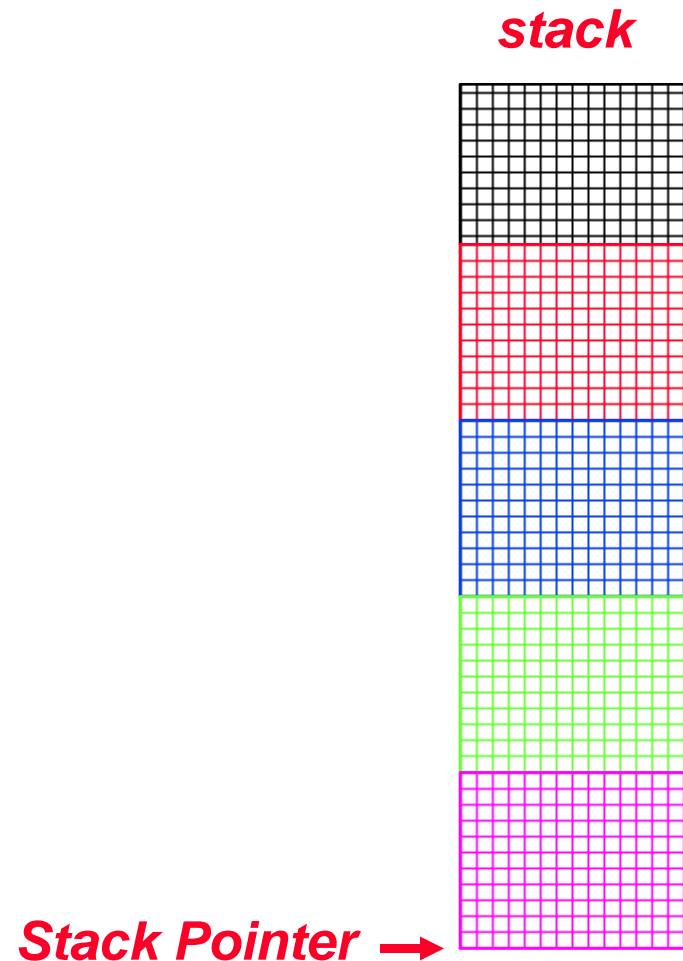
- Finally, the stack starts in high memory and can grow down as space is needed
- Stack expands with every function call and contracts with every function return
- Items maintained in the stack include
  - Local variables
  - Function parameters
  - Return values



# Stack

- Last In, First Out (LIFO) memory usage

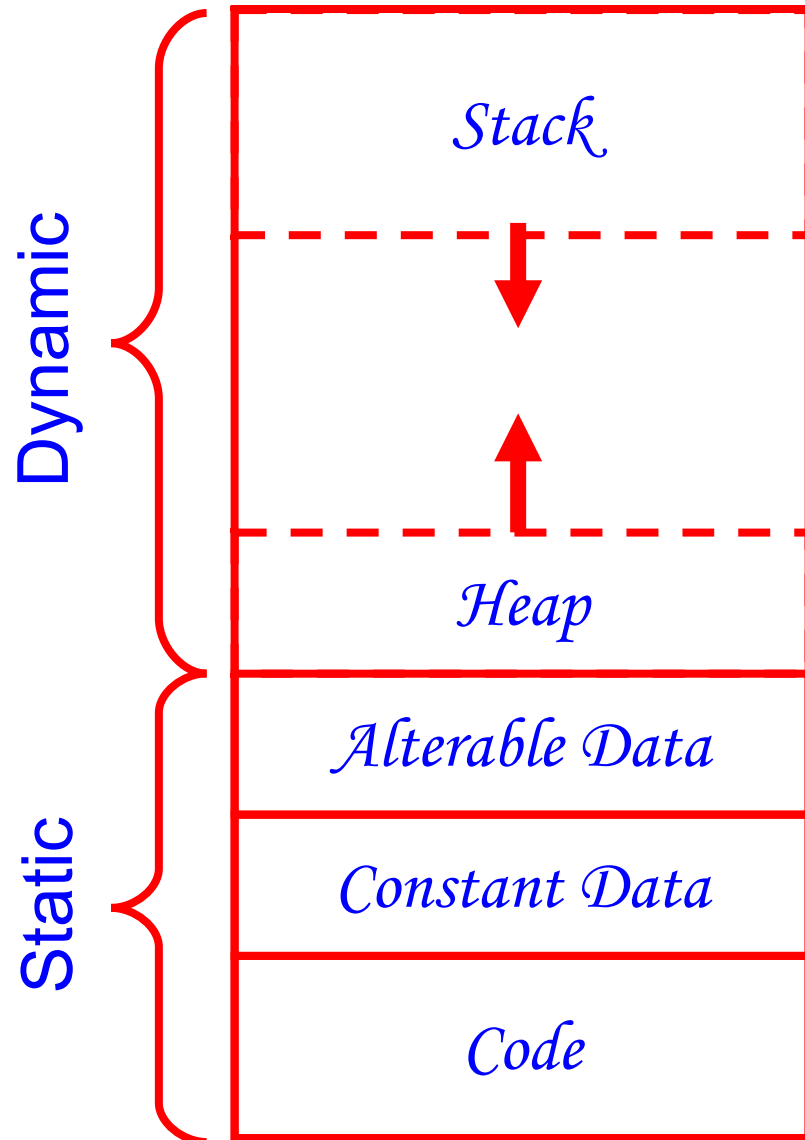
```
main ()
{ a(0);
}
void a (int m)
{ b(1);
}
void b (int n)
{ c(2);
}
void c (int o)
{ d(3);
}
void d (int p)
{
}
```





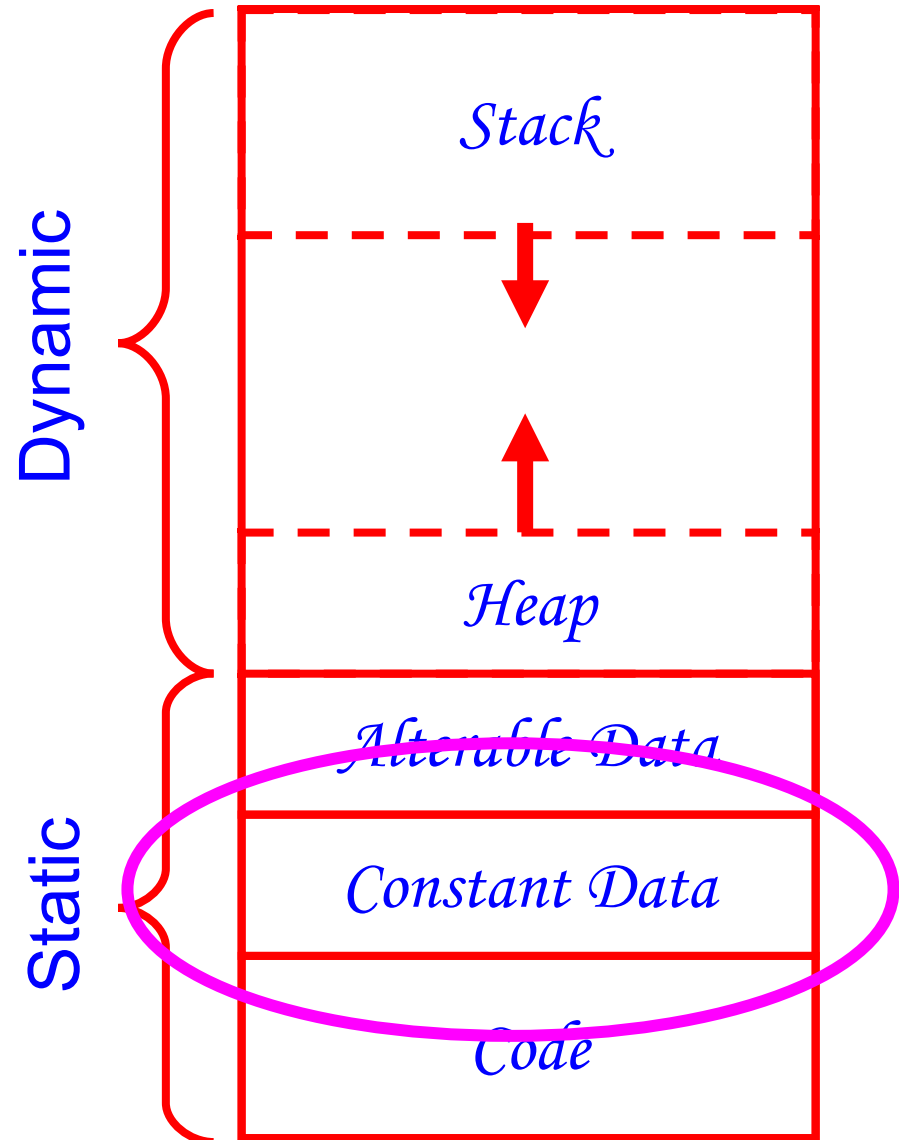
# Typical Arrangement

- These items in the upper portion of the diagram change during execution of the program.
- Thus they are called dynamic



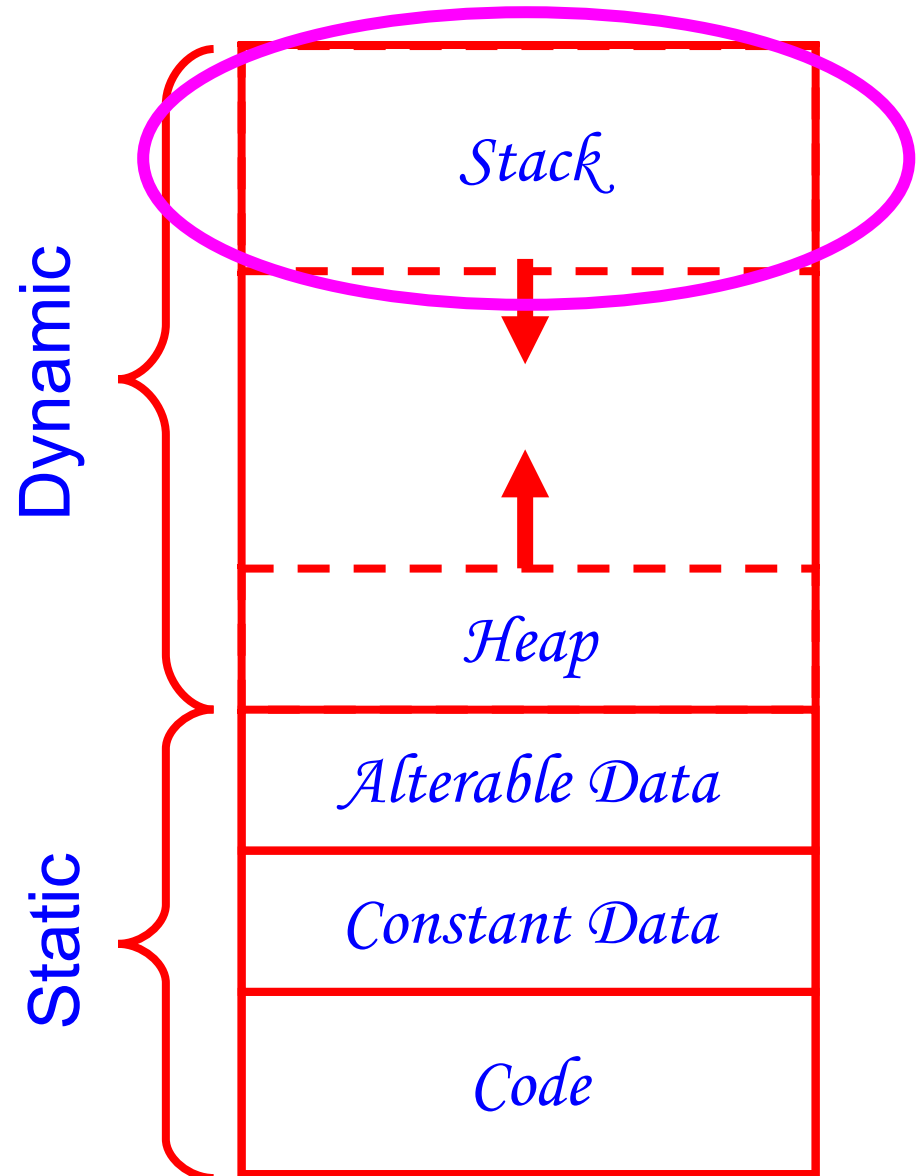
# const

- Items to be maintained in the Constant Data area are designated by the programmer with the **const** keyword
- String constants also go there
- WARNING!!! On some systems, it is possible (and relatively easy) to modify data designated as **const**



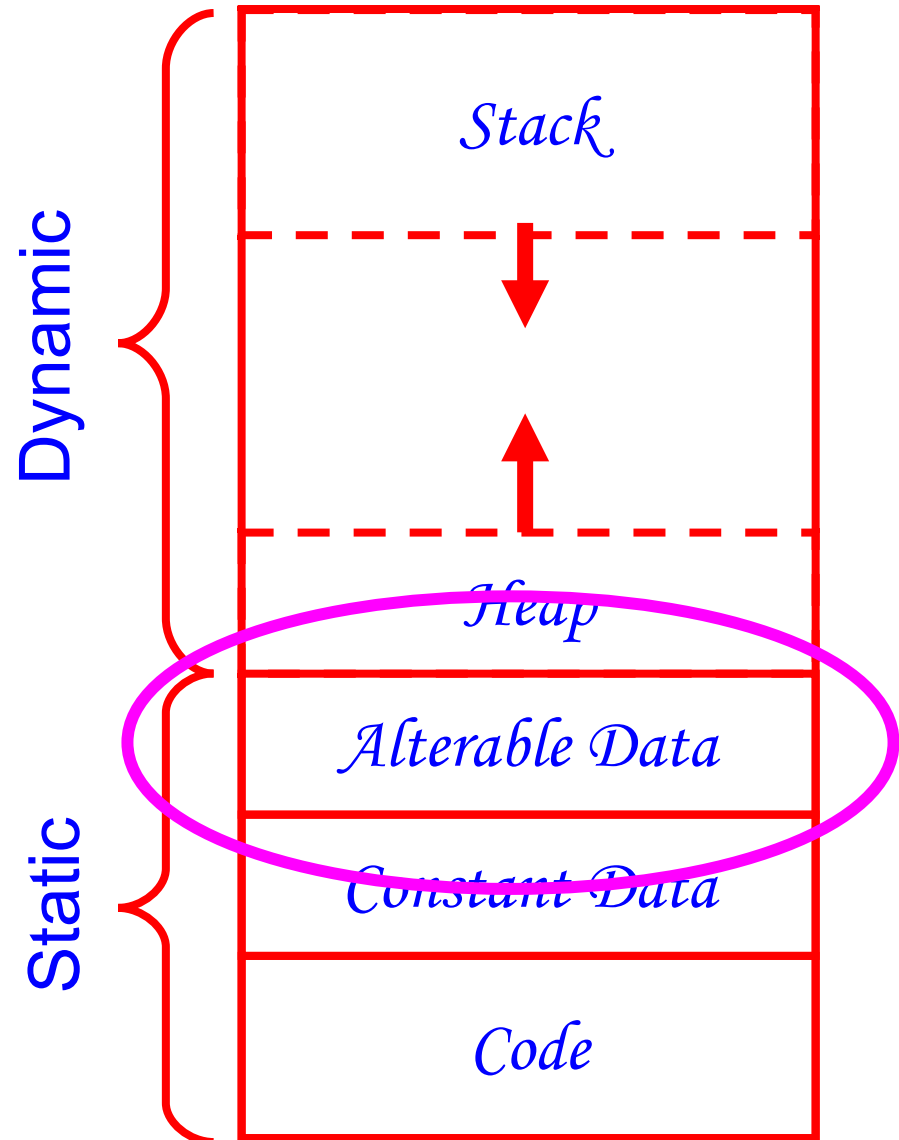
# auto

- auto, short for automatic variables are those that exist on the stack. The auto keyword is not normally used.
- Automatic means that space is allocated and deallocated on the stack automatically without the programmer having to do any special operations.



# static and extern

- static and extern variables exist in an area of memory set aside for alterable (or readable/writable) data
- **static** can have different meanings depending on where used.



# Dynamic Memory Allocation

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- Fixed-sized objects, where size is known at compile-time, are stored on the stack or in the static memory area
- Sometimes you don't know the size you'll need for an array at compile-time
- You can request memory dynamically, at run time, from the *heap*
- Dynamic allocation can also be used to create memory for one object (int, structure, etc.)

# Dynamic Allocation Functions

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- Dynamic allocation functions:
  - `malloc` – allocates space that is uninitialized
  - `calloc` – allocates spaces that is initialized with 0's
  - `realloc` – re-allocates space
  - `free` – deallocates space
- Declared in `<stdlib.h>`
- Every `malloc` , `calloc` , `realloc` should have a matching call to `free`
- Otherwise, you have a *memory leak*

# malloc

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```
int *ip; /* define a pointer */
ip = malloc(10 * sizeof(int));
/* memory for 10 elements of type int allocated */
if(ip == NULL)
{
    /* Handle Error! */
}
```

- Options for handling error
  - Abort
  - Ask again
  - Save user data
  - Ask for less
  - Free up something

# malloc

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}
```

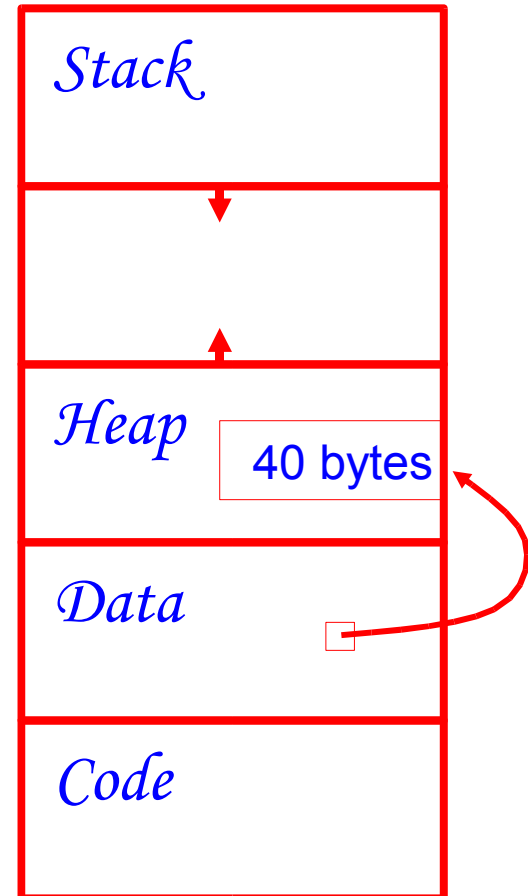
- Note how incredibly bad it would be to use the assignment operator!
- The pointer would be set to NULL
- The error code would be skipped
- Some programmers use: **NULL == ip** or **!ip**



# malloc – what happens?

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```
int *ip;  
ip = malloc(10 * sizeof(int));
```



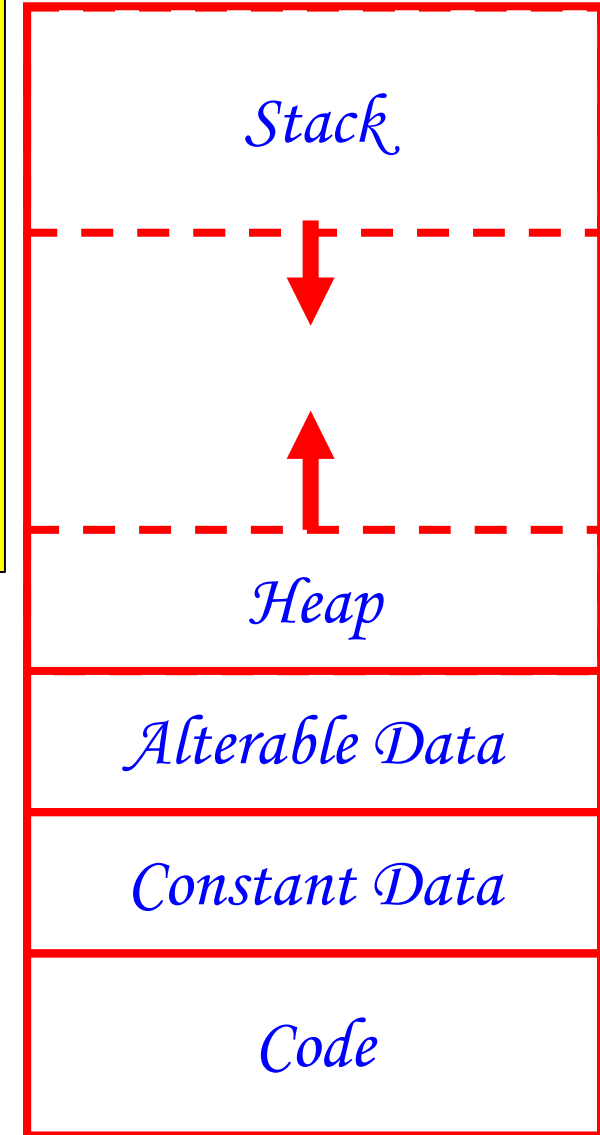
# Memory Layout Example

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

char ga[]="etext";
static char gb[]="stext";
const static char gc[]="sctext";
int i;

int
main ()
{
    static char a[]="sltext";
    static const char b[]="slctext";
    const char* p1="text";
    const char* const p2="text";
    char* p3=malloc(10);
    int j;
    printf("main=      %p\n", (void*)main);
    printf("sctext=    %p\n", (void*)gc);
    printf("slctext=   %p\n", (void*)b);
    printf("p1=        %p\n", (void*)p1);
    printf("p2=        %p\n", (void*)p2);
    printf("etext=     %p\n", (void*)ga);
    printf("stext=     %p\n", (void*)gb);
    printf("sltext=    %p\n", (void*)a);
    printf("&i=       %p\n", (void*)&i);
    printf("p3=       %p\n", (void*)p3);
    printf("&p1=     %p\n", (void*)&p1);
    printf("&p2=     %p\n", (void*)&p2);
    printf("&p3=     %p\n", (void*)&p3);
    printf("&j=     %p\n", (void*)&j);
    return 0;
}
```

```
main=      0x8048394
sctext=    0x8048534
slctext=   0x804853b
p1=        0x8048543
p2=        0x8048543
etext=     0x804960c
stext=     0x8049612
sltext=    0x8049618
&i=        0x8049728
p3=        0x8049738
&p1=       0xbffff498
&p2=       0xbffff494
&p3=       0xbffff490
&j=        0xbffff48c
```



# Using The Space

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```
int i;
int *ip;
if((ip = malloc(10*sizeof(int))) == NULL)
{
    /* Handle Error Here */
}
for(i = 0; i < 10; i++)
    ip[i] = i;
```

# Flexibility

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```
#define MAX 10
int *ip;
ip = malloc(MAX * sizeof(int));
```

- What if we change the type of `int *ip`???

```
#define MAX 10
int *ip;
ip = malloc(MAX * sizeof(*ip));
```

# Prototypes

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- `void *malloc(size_t n);`
- `void free(void *p);`
- `void *realloc(void *p, size_t n);`
- What is this mysterious `void` pointer?

# void pointer

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- Not originally in C
- Relatively recent addition
- Basically a “generic” pointer
- Intended for use in applications like `free` where the block of memory located at some address will be freed without any necessity of defining the type

# Powerful and Dangerous

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```
void *vp;  
char *cp;  
int *ip;  
ip = cp; /* illegal */
```

- Instead

```
ip = (int *)cp;
```

- or

```
vp = cp; /* Legal, powerful and */  
ip = vp; /* dangerous!!! */
```

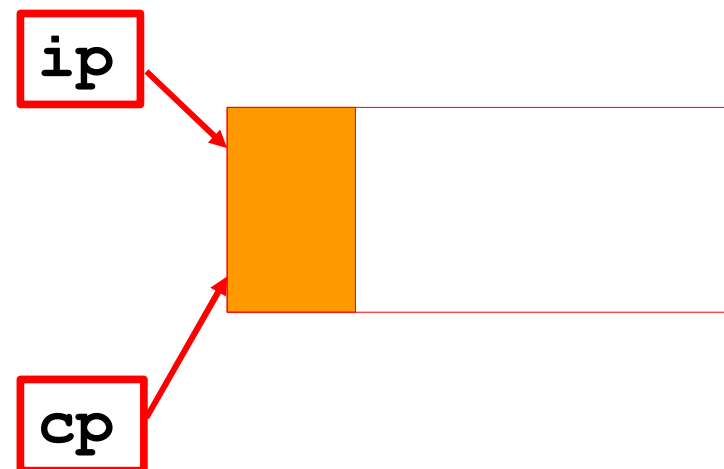
- Why is this being done?

# Casting

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- Usually casting is not required
- May be masking a problem

```
int *ip;  
char *cp;  
...  
*cp = 'x';  
*ip = ???  
  
*ip = 42;  
*cp = ???
```





# Warnings

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- Using `void` pointers as a crutch to get around casting is a “bad” thing!
- `malloc` doesn't care what you are doing with a block of memory it allocates to you. What you do with the memory is your responsibility
- Passing in random values to `free` is a bad thing!
- `free` can change contents of block that was freed
- `free` does not change pointer
- After a call to `free` it is usually possible to do anything to the freed memory that was possible before the call!!!
- Definitely a bad thing!!!

# Initializing Memory

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- Use `malloc` when you do not need the memory initialized:

```
double *a; /* define a pointer */
a = malloc(100*sizeof(double));
/* memory for 100 elements of type double
   allocated - they have "random" values*/
a[5] = 4.5; /* use a as an array */
```

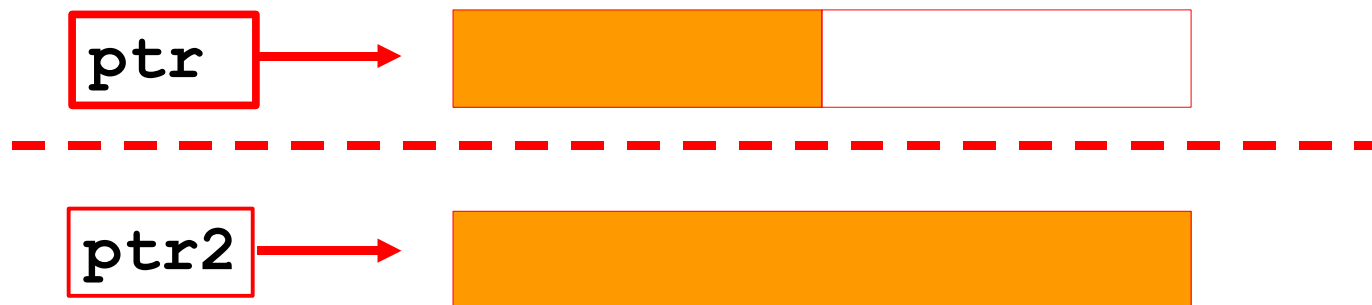
- Use `calloc` when you want to initialize allocated memory:

```
double *a; /* define a pointer */
a = calloc(100, sizeof(double));
/* memory for 100 elements of type double
   allocated and initialized with 0s*/
a[5] = 4.5; /* use a as an array */
```

# Reallocating memory

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- `ptr2 = realloc(ptr, num_bytes);`
- What it does (conceptually)
  - Find space for new allocation
  - Copy original data into new space
  - Free old space
  - Return pointer to new space



# Dynamic Allocation

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- `int *ip = malloc(...);`
- `malloc` may allocate more space than requested
- Why?
- Efficiency
- Typically if you ask for 1 byte you will get 8.
- Given this line of code
- `char *cp = malloc(1);`
- Which is more likely
  - Program will probably keep this memory as is
  - Program will eventually `realloc`
- How much can you safely use?

# Safety

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- Program should only use memory actually requested
- Big problem
- Program that oversteps bounds may work
- Sometimes!
- Note...

```
char *cp = malloc(1);
```

ADDR	SIZE
------	------

cp	8 (maybe!)
----	------------

- Now...

```
realloc(cp, 6);
```

- will return same pointer thus...

# realloc

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- May return same pointer passed to it without indicating any problem.
- Using memory beyond that which has been allocated may work
- Some of the time
- Normally it will work when tested by a programmer but will fail when shipped to the customer

# realloc

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- Realloc may return
  - same pointer
  - different pointer
  - NULL

- Is this a good idea?

```
cp = realloc(cp, n);
```

- No!
- If `realloc` returns NULL `cp` is lost
- Memory Leak!

# How to Do It

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```
void *tmp;
if((tmp = realloc(cp,...)) == NULL)
{
    /* realloc error */
}
else
{
    cp = tmp;
}
```



# Additional Information

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- `realloc(NULL, n) ≡ malloc(n) ;`
- `realloc(cp, 0) ≡ free(cp) ;`
- These can be used to make `realloc` work in a single loop design to build a dynamic structure such as a linked list.
- Some people like to define wrappers around memory allocation functions

```
void* xmalloc(size_t size)
{
    void* ptr = malloc(size);
    if(!ptr) abort(); else return ptr;
}
```

# Dynamic Stack

```
/* stack.h */
void push(int a);
int pop(void);
int peek(void);
void clear(void);
void init(void);
void finalize(void);
int empty(void);
```

```
/* stack.c */
#include <assert.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include "stack.h"
static unsigned int top;
/* first free slot on the stack */
static int *data;
static unsigned int size;
void init(void)
{
    top=0;
    size=0;
    data=0;
}
void finalize(void)
{
    free(data);
}
void clear(void)
{
    top=0;
}
int empty(void)
{
    return(top==0);
}
```

# Dynamic Stack

```
void push(int a)
{
    if(top>=size)
    {
        unsigned int newsize=(size+1)*2;
        int* ndata=realloc(data,newsize*sizeof(int));
        if(ndata)
            data=ndata;
        else
        {
            free(data);
            abort();
        }
        fprintf(stderr,"Stack size %d -> %d\n",size,newsize);
        size=newsize;
    }
    data[top++]=a;
}

int pop(void)
{
    assert(top>0);
    return data[--top];
}

int peek(void)
{
    assert(top>0);
    return data[top-1];
}
```

# size\_t

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- Some unsigned type
- The maximum value of variable of this type can be obtained using the expression  
`(size_t)-1`
- C99 defines the constant `SIZE_MAX` for that purpose

# Dynamic Stack Revisited

```
void push(int a)
{
    if(top>=size)
    {
        unsigned int newsize;
        int* ndata;

        if (size == 0)
            newsize = 1;
        else if (size <= UINT_MAX/2)
            newsize = 2 * size;
        else
        {
            free(data);
            abort();
        }

        if (newsize <= ((size_t)-1) / sizeof(int))
            ndata=realloc(data,newsize*sizeof(int));
        else
        {
            free(data);
            abort();
        }

        if(ndata)
            data=ndata;
        else
        {
            free(data);
            abort();
        }
        fprintf(stderr,"Stack size %d -> %d\n",size,newsize);
        size=newsize;
    }
    data[top++]=a;
}
```

# Reading Lines from Standard Input

```
char* readline()
{
    char* line = NULL;
    int c;
    size_t bufsize = 0;
    size_t size = 0;
    while((c=getchar()) != EOF)
    {
        if (size >= bufsize)
        {
            char* newbuf;
            if (bufsize == 0)
                bufsize = 2;
            else if (bufsize <= ((size_t)-1)/2)
                bufsize = 2*size;
            else
            {
                free(line);
                abort();
            }
            newbuf = realloc(line,bufsize);
            if (!newbuf)
            {
                free(line);
                abort();
            }
            line = newbuf;
        }

```

```
        line[size++]=c;
        if (c == '\n') break;
    }

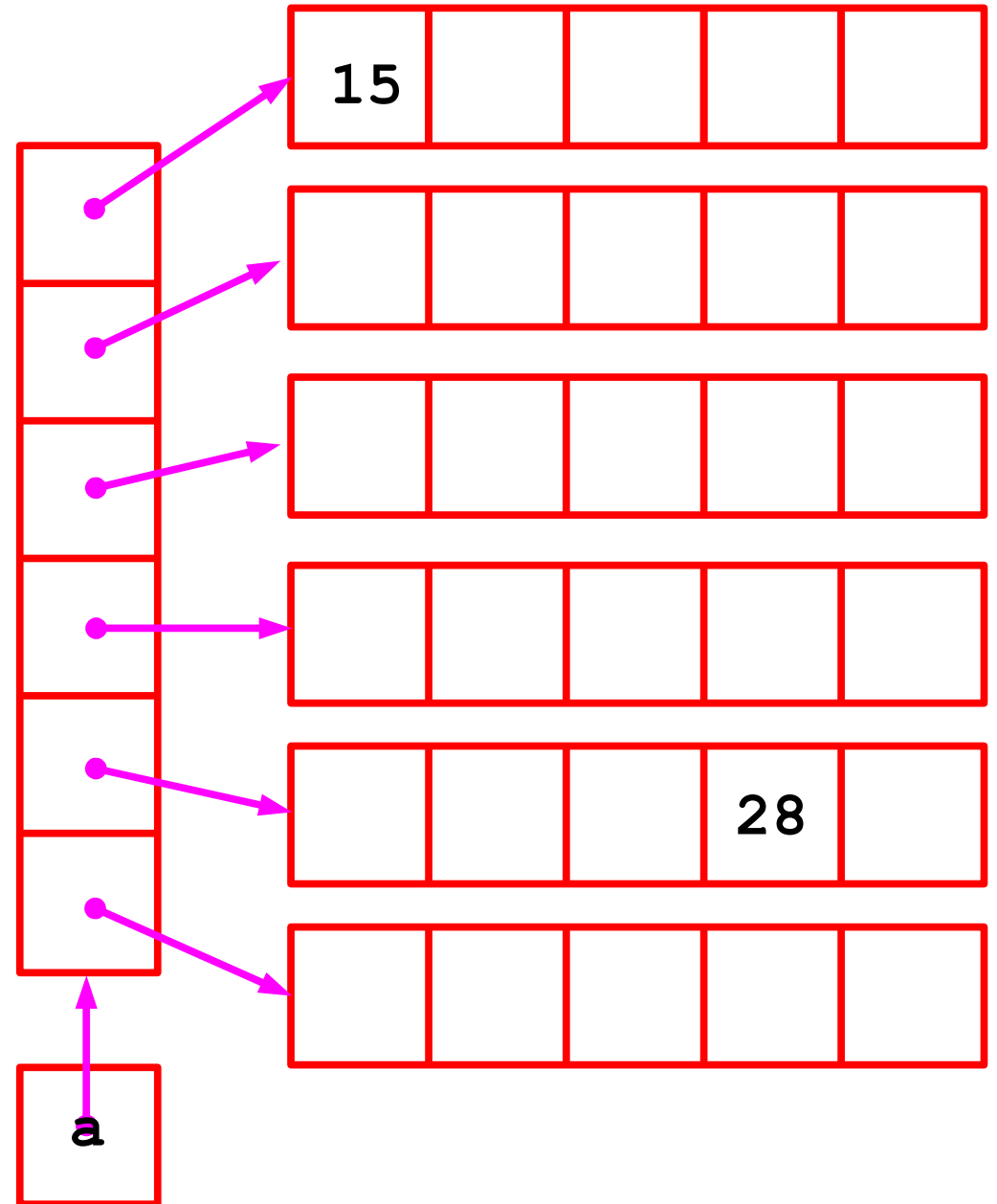
    if ((c == EOF) && (size == 0))
        return NULL;
    if(size >= bufsize)
    {
        char* newbuf;
        if (size < (size_t)-1)
            bufsize = size + 1;
        else
        {
            free(line);
            abort();
        }

        newbuf = realloc(line,bufsize);
        if (!newbuf)
        {
            free(line);
            abort();
        }
        line = newbuf;
    }
    line[size++]='\0';
    return line;
}
```

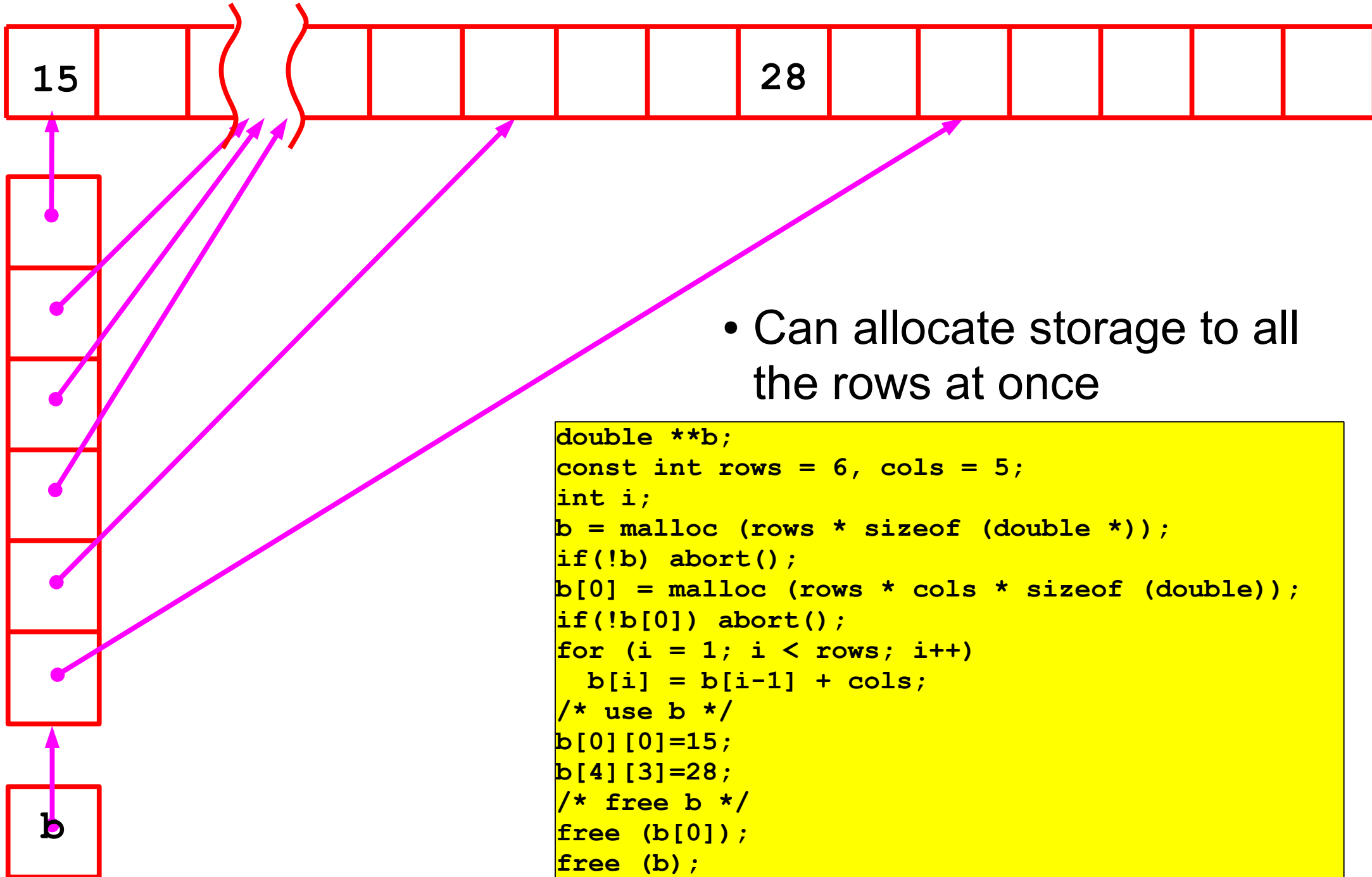
# Two-Dimensional Arrays

- Pointer to a pointer
- Must first allocate the storage for the pointers to the rows, then for the contents

```
int i;
const int rows = 6, cols = 5;
double **a;
a = malloc (rows * sizeof (double *));
if(!a) abort();
for (i = 0; i < rows; i++)
{
    a[i] = malloc (cols * sizeof (double));
    if(!a[i]) abort();
}
/* use a */
a[0][0]=15;
a[4][3]=28;
/* free a */
for (i = 0; i < rows; i++)
    free (a[i]);
free (a);
```



# Two-Dimensional Arrays





# Printing Lines in Reverse Order

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

int main ()
{
    char **lines = NULL;
    size_t nlines = 0;
    size_t nlinesmax = 0;
    char *line;
    size_t i;

    while ((line = readline ()))
    {
        if (nlines >= nlinesmax)
        {
            char **newlines;
            if (nlines == 0)
                nlinesmax = 1;
            else if (nlines <= ((size_t) - 1)
                    / 2 / sizeof (char *))
            {
                nlinesmax = 2 * nlines;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```
        else
            goto error;
        newlines = realloc (lines,
                            nlinesmax * sizeof (char *));
        if (newlines == NULL)
            goto error;
        lines = newlines;
    }
    lines[nlines++] = line;
}

for (i = nlines; i > 0; i--)
{
    printf ("%s", lines[i - 1]);
    free (lines[i - 1]);
}
free (lines);
return 0;

error:
    for (i = nlines; i > 0; i--)
        free (lines[i - 1]);
    free (lines);
    abort ();
}
```

# strdup

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- `strdup` duplicates a string
- It is not a standard function, although is present in many systems
- If your system does not have it, you can define it yourself

```
char* strdup(const char* s)
```

```
{
```

```
    char* p = 0;
```

```
    p = malloc(strlen(s)+1);
```

```
    if (p)
```

```
        strcpy(p, s);
```

```
    return p;
```

```
}
```

- Why +1? Why check p? What are the “ownership semantics”?

# strdup

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- Calling strdup ...

```
int main()
{
    /* Make a copy: strdup allocates memory! */
    char* copy = strdup("surgeon");

    /* Use a copy */
    printf("Like a %s\n", copy);

    /* Deallocate memory */
    free(copy);
    copy = NULL; /* So we don't accidentally use it */
    return 0;
}
```

# free

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- Make sure to free memory once your done with it
- Always set the variable to NULL after freeing it (Why?)

```
char* psz = strdup("Hello");
```

```
free(psz);
```

```
psz = 0;
```

- Don't try to free the same variable twice in a row:

```
char* psz = strdup("Hello");
```

```
free(psz);
```

```
free(psz); /* boom! */
```

- Don't try to free a variable that's pointing to statically allocated memory:

```
char* psz = "Hello";
```

```
free(psz); /* bye bye! */
```

# Memory Leaks

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- Memory leaks occur when you forget to call **free**
- Unlike Java, C has no automatic garbage collection
- Particularly fatal to long-running processes that do many allocations (e.g. servers, daemons)
- Usually the result of
  - Simple forgetfulness
  - Multiple return paths
  - Reassigning the pointer without calling **free** first, esp. for in/out parameters
  - When freeing a structure, forgetting to also free the structure members
  - Not realizing when a function allocates memory that the caller is responsible for freeing

# Memory Leaks

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- Once a leak has been introduced, can be very hard to track down
- You need to carefully track variables that are associated with dynamic memory line by line, from birth to death
- Memory profilers helpful – ElectricFence, valgrind
- Besides memory, what other things can be leaked?

# Dynamic Allocation – What Can Go Wrong

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- Allocate a block of memory and use the contents without initialization
- Free a block but continue to use the contents
- Call `realloc` to expand a block of memory and then once moved continue to use the old address
- Allocate a block and lose it by losing the value of the pointer
- Read or write beyond the boundaries of the block
- FAIL TO NOTICE ERROR CONDITIONS

# Typical Errors and valgrind

```
#include <stdio.h>      /* 1*/
#include <stdlib.h>     /* 2*/
#include <assert.h>     /* 3*/
                        /* 4*/
int                     /* 5*/
main ()                /* 6*/
{                       /* 7*/
    char* p1, *p2;     /* 8*/
                        /* 9*/
    p1=malloc(10);     /*10*/
    printf("%c\n",p1[0]); /*11*/
    free(p1);         /*12*/
    *p1='a';          /*13*/
    p1=malloc(10);    /*14*/
    p2=realloc(p1,10000); /*15*/
    *p1='b';          /*16*/
    malloc(30);       /*17*/
    p2[10000]='c';    /*18*/
    p1=malloc(2000000000); /*19*/
    *p1='c';          /*20*/
    return 0;         /*21*/
};                    /*22*/
```

```
$ valgrind --leak-check=yes ./errors 2>rep
```



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    malloc(30);        /*17*/
    p2[10000]='c';     /*18*/
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    return 0;          /*21*/
};                     /*22*/
```

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Conditional jump or move depends on uninitialised value(s)

```
at 0x4027ACE2: _IO_vfprintf (in /lib/libc-2.2.5.so)
by 0x402823B5: _IO_printf (in /lib/libc-2.2.5.so)
by 0x8048428: main (errors.c:11)
by 0x4024814E: __libc_start_main (in /lib/libc-2.2.5.so)
```

Syscall param write(buf) contains uninitialised or unaddressable byte(s)

```
at 0x402F2404: __libc_write (in /lib/libc-2.2.5.so)
by 0x40298E87: (within /lib/libc-2.2.5.so)
by 0x40298DE5: _IO_do_write (in /lib/libc-2.2.5.so)
by 0x4029913F: _IO_file_overflow (in /lib/libc-2.2.5.so)
Address 0x40228000 is not stack'd, malloc'd or free'd
```

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                        /* 9*/
    p1=malloc(10);     /*10*/
    printf("%c\n",p1[0]); /*11*/
    free(p1);          /*12*/
    *p1='a';           /*13*/
    p1=malloc(10);     /*14*/
    p2=realloc(p1,10000); /*15*/
    *p1='b';           /*16*/
    malloc(30);        /*17*/
    p2[10000]='c';     /*18*/
    p1=malloc(2000000000); /*19*/
    *p1='c';           /*20*/
    return 0;          /*21*/
};                     /*22*/
```

```
$ valgrind --leak-check=yes ./errors 2>rep
```

Invalid write of size 1

at 0x8048437: main (errors.c:13)

by 0x4024814E: \_\_libc\_start\_main (in /lib/libc-2.2.5.so)

by 0x8048350: (within /home/gwj/pdsc/03-lecture04/04-memerrors/errors)

Address 0x41050024 is 0 bytes inside a block of size 10 free'd

at 0x4002698D: free (vg\_replace\_malloc.c:231)

by 0x8048433: main (errors.c:12)

by 0x4024814E: \_\_libc\_start\_main (in /lib/libc-2.2.5.so)

by 0x8048350: (within /home/gwj/pdsc/03-lecture04/04-memerrors/errors)

# Typical Errors and valgrind

```
#include <stdio.h>      /* 1*/
#include <stdlib.h>     /* 2*/
#include <assert.h>    /* 3*/
                        /* 4*/
int                    /* 5*/
main ()               /* 6*/
{                    /* 7*/
    char* p1, *p2;    /* 8*/
                        /* 9*/
    p1=malloc(10);    /*10*/
    printf("%c\n",p1[0]); /*11*/
    free(p1);        /*12*/
    *p1='a';         /*13*/
    p1=malloc(10);    /*14*/
    p2=realloc(p1,10000); /*15*/
    *p1='b';         /*16*/
    malloc(30);      /*17*/
    p2[10000]='c';   /*18*/
    p1=malloc(2000000000); /*19*/
    *p1='c';         /*20*/
    return 0;        /*21*/
};                  /*22*/
```

```
$ valgrind --leak-check=yes ./errors 2>rep
```

Invalid write of size 1

at 0x8048462: main (errors.c:16)

by 0x4024814E: \_\_libc\_start\_main (in /lib/libc-2.2.5.so)

by 0x8048350: (within /home/gwj/pdsc/03-lecture04/04-memerrors/errors)

Address 0x41050060 is 0 bytes inside a block of size 10 free'd

at 0x40026C58: realloc (vg\_replace\_malloc.c:310)

by 0x804845B: main (errors.c:15)

by 0x4024814E: \_\_libc\_start\_main (in /lib/libc-2.2.5.so)

by 0x8048350: (within /home/gwj/pdsc/03-lecture04/04-memerrors/errors)

# Typical Errors and valgrind

```
#include <stdio.h>      /* 1*/
#include <stdlib.h>     /* 2*/
#include <assert.h>     /* 3*/
                        /* 4*/
int                    /* 5*/
main ()               /* 6*/
{                    /* 7*/
    char* p1, *p2;    /* 8*/
                        /* 9*/
    p1=malloc(10);    /*10*/
    printf("%c\n",p1[0]); /*11*/
    free(p1);        /*12*/
    *p1='a';         /*13*/
    p1=malloc(10);   /*14*/
    p2=realloc(p1,10000); /*15*/
    *p1='b';        /*16*/
    malloc(30);     /*17*/
    p2[10000]='c';  /*18*/
    p1=malloc(200000000); /*19*/
    *p1='c';       /*20*/
    return 0;      /*21*/
};                /*22*/
```

```
$ valgrind --leak-check=yes ./errors 2>rep
```

Invalid write of size 1

at 0x8048479: main (errors.c:18)

by 0x4024814E: \_\_libc\_start\_main (in /lib/libc-2.2.5.so)

by 0x8048350: (within /home/gwj/pdsc/03-lecture04/04-memerrors/errors)

Address 0x410527AC is 0 bytes after a block of size 10000 alloc'd

at 0x40026C58: realloc (vg\_replace\_malloc.c:310)

by 0x804845B: main (errors.c:15)

by 0x4024814E: \_\_libc\_start\_main (in /lib/libc-2.2.5.so)

by 0x8048350: (within /home/gwj/pdsc/03-lecture04/04-memerrors/errors)

VG\_(get\_memory\_from\_mmap): request for 2000003072 bytes failed.

VG\_(get\_memory\_from\_mmap): 14933038 bytes already allocated.

This may mean that you have run out of swap space, since running programs on valgrind increases their memory usage at least 3 times. You might want to use 'top' to determine whether you really have run out of swap. If so, you may be able to work around it by adding a temporary swap file -- this is easier than finding a new swap partition. Go ask your sysadmin(s) [politely!]

VG\_(get\_memory\_from\_mmap): out of memory! Fatal! Bye!

# Typical Errors and valgrind

```
#include <stdio.h>      /* 1*/
#include <stdlib.h>     /* 2*/
#include <assert.h>     /* 3*/
                        /* 4*/
int                    /* 5*/
main ()               /* 6*/
{                    /* 7*/
    char* p1, *p2;    /* 8*/
                        /* 9*/
    p1=malloc(10);    /*10*/
    printf("%c\n",p1[0]); /*11*/
    free(p1);        /*12*/
    *p1='a';         /*13*/
    p1=malloc(10);   /*14*/
    p2=realloc(p1,10000); /*15*/
    *p1='b';        /*16*/
    malloc(30);      /*17*/
    p2[10000]='c';   /*18*/
                        /*19*/
                        /*20*/
    return 0;       /*21*/
};                  /*22*/
```

```
$ valgrind --leak-check=yes ./errors2 2>rep
```

```
ERROR SUMMARY: 5 errors from 5 contexts (suppressed: 2 from 1)
malloc/free: in use at exit: 10030 bytes in 2 blocks.
malloc/free: 4 allocs, 2 frees, 10050 bytes allocated.
For counts of detected errors, rerun with: -v
searching for pointers to 2 not-freed blocks.
checked 3413768 bytes.
```

```
30 bytes in 1 blocks are definitely lost in loss record 1 of 2
```

```
at 0x400266DE: malloc (vg_replace_malloc.c:153)
by 0x8048470: main (errors2.c:17)
by 0x4024814E: __libc_start_main (in /lib/libc-2.2.5.so)
by 0x8048350: (within /home/gwj/pdsc/03-lecture04/04-memerrors/errors2)
```

```
10000 bytes in 1 blocks are definitely lost in loss record 2 of 2
```

```
at 0x40026C58: realloc (vg_replace_malloc.c:310)
by 0x804845B: main (errors2.c:15)
by 0x4024814E: __libc_start_main (in /lib/libc-2.2.5.so)
by 0x8048350: (within /home/gwj/pdsc/03-lecture04/04-memerrors/errors2)
```

```
LEAK SUMMARY:
```

```
definitely lost: 10030 bytes in 2 blocks.
possibly lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks.
still reachable: 0 bytes in 0 blocks.
suppressed: 0 bytes in 0 blocks.
```

```
Reachable blocks (those to which a pointer was found) are not shown.
To see them, rerun with: --show-reachable=yes
```

# Structures

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- A collection of member variables
- Very useful for grouping related data

```
struct Person
{
    char* name;
    int age;
};
```

# Creating a Person

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- Access member variables using a dot (.)

```
int main()  
{  
    struct Person artist;  
    artist.name = strdup("Kayah");  
    artist.age = 37;  
    return 0;  
}
```

- Can anyone spot a problem?

# Another Way to Initialize A Struct

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- Similar to an array, can specify an initialization list
- In C90, initialization list can contain only constants
- In C99, we could move `strdup` to the initializer

```
int main()
{
    struct Person artist = { NULL, 37 };
    artist.name=strdup("Kayah");
    if(!artist.name) abort();
    ... use artist ...

    /* Free memory allocated by strdup */
    free(artist.name);
    artist.name = 0;
    return 0;
}
```



# Creating a Person Dynamically

---

- Can allocate space for a structure using `malloc()`
- When accessing member variables of a pointer to a structure use `->`

```
int main()
{
    struct Person* artist = malloc(sizeof(struct Person));
    if(!artist) abort();
    artist->name = strdup("Kayah");
    if(!artist->name) abort();
    artist->age = 37;

    ... exploit artist ...

    /* First, free the member variables */
    free(artist->name);
    artist->name = 0; /* So we don't use it */

    /* Then, free the structure */
    free(artist);
    artist = 0; /* So we don't use it */
    return 0;
}
```

# Structure typedefs

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- You can make a typedef for the struct:

```
typedef struct Person SPerson;
```

- Or, similar to **enums**, often we'll combine the struct declaration with a typedef:

```
typedef struct Person {  
    char* name;  
    int age;  
} SPerson, *SPersonPtr;
```

- Can now say **SPerson** instead of **struct Person**

# Nested Structures

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- Can nest structures arbitrarily

```
typedef struct Date {  
    int mon, day, year;  
} SDate, *SDatePtr;
```

```
typedef struct Person {  
    char* name;  
    SDate dob;  
} SPerson, *SPersonPtr;
```

# Nested Structures

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- Mixture of static (.) and pointer (->) memory access

```
int
main ()
{
    SPerson *artist = malloc (sizeof (SPerson));
    if(!artist) abort();

    artist->name = strdup ("Kayah");
    if(!artist->name) abort();
    artist->dob.day = 5;
    artist->dob.mon = 11;
    artist->dob.year = 1967;

    /* Free memory allocated by strdup */
    free (artist->name);
    artist->name = 0;

    /* Free the person */
    free (artist);
    artist = 0;
    return 0;
}
```

# Self-referential Structures

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- A structure can have member variables that point to the same structure type

```
typedef struct Person {  
    char* name;  
    SDate dob;  
    struct Person* parents[2];  
} SPerson, *SPersonPtr;
```

# Self-referential Structures

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```
SPerson parents[2];
SPerson artist;

parents[0].name = strdup("Kayah's Mother");
parents[1].name = strdup("Kayah's Father");

artist.name = strdup("Kayah");
artist.parents[0] = &parents[0];
artist.parents[1] = &parents[1];

printf("%s's parents are %s and %s\n",
       artist.name, artist.parents[0]->name,
       artist.parents[1]->name);
```

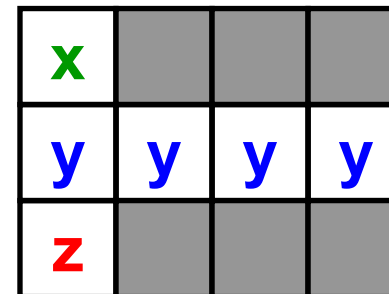
- Most frequently, dynamic memory allocation is used in such cases

# Structures and sizeof

- Due to memory alignment restrictions, the size of a structure is  $\geq$  the sum of the sizes of its member variables

```
struct blah {  
    char x;  
    int  y;  
    char z;  
};
```

Memory layout



 = Padding

- Always use sizeof to determine the size of a structure
- `sizeof(struct blah) ≡ 12 bytes`

# Structure Bit Fields

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- Recall bit flags and bit masks
- Useful when we need to pack several flags or objects into the smallest amount of space possible
- Structure bit fields make this a little easier at the cost of portability

```
struct argb {  
    unsigned int alpha : 8;  
    unsigned int red    : 8;  
    unsigned int green  : 8;  
    unsigned int blue   : 8;  
};
```

- Implementation-dependent!



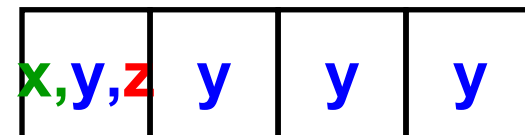
# Unions

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- Syntactically similar to structures
- However, all member variables occupy the same location in memory
- You are responsible for accessing the right members at the right time
- Union size is size of the largest member

```
union UBlah {  
    char x;  
    int y;  
    char z;  
};
```

Memory layout



# Unions

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```
union {  
    char    x;  
    int    y;  
    char*   z;  
} utype;
```

```
utype.x = 'c';  
printf("%c\n", utype.x);  
utype.z = "Hello";  
printf("%s\n", utype.z);  
printf("%d\n", utype.y); /* Undefined! */
```