

`uint32_t nums[] = { 77, 99, 45, 11, 13 };`

`uint32_t* ptr = nums + 2;`

`printf("%p\n", nums);` // prints 0x1000

`printf("%p %d", ptr, ptr[0]);` // What does this print?

0x1000 77	0x1008 45	0x1002 45	0x1000 45
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↑
would be true
for `ptr = nums`

↑
reflects

↑
would be
true for
`char*`

↑
this doesn't reflect
that `ptr` is a different
address than `nums`

pointer arithmetic

rules. `ptr` has type `uint32_t`, which is 4 bytes

so adding 2 means add 2 `uint32_t`-sized
chunks

$$\underset{\substack{| \\ T^*}}{p} + n = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{byte address result}}}{p + (\text{sizeof}(T) * n)}$$

`ptr = nums + 4`
how would asuter
change?

0x1010 13

```
// DOUBLE the capacity of the list and copy over the old contents into the new  
// space.
```

```
void expandCapacity(List* l) {  
    uint32_t new_capacity = l->capacity * 2;  
    Str* new_contents = calloc(sizeof(Str), new_capacity);  
    Str* old_contents = l->contents;  
    l->contents = new_contents;  
    for(int i = 0; i < l->size; i += 1) {  
        l->contents[i] = old_contents[i];  
    }  
    free(old_contents); // Important to avoid a memory leak  
    l->capacity = new_capacity;  
}
```

How to use
realloc to simplify
expandCapacity?

```
size_t size = new_cap * sizeof(Str);  
l->contents =  
    realloc(l->contents, size);
```

`void* realloc(void* ptr, size_t size)`

could we find out by just trying `sizeof(size_t)`?

Try to expand memory at ptr to size.

essentially
`uint64_t`

If not possible, allocate new memory and copy
the contents of ptr there, and return
new address. And free ptr

what does `void*` mean?

What happens to the old address of `l->contents` if `realloc` returns a new address? How would you free the memory?

`void*` is a pointer to data of unknown type
`sizeof(void) == 1` `sizeof(void*) == 8`

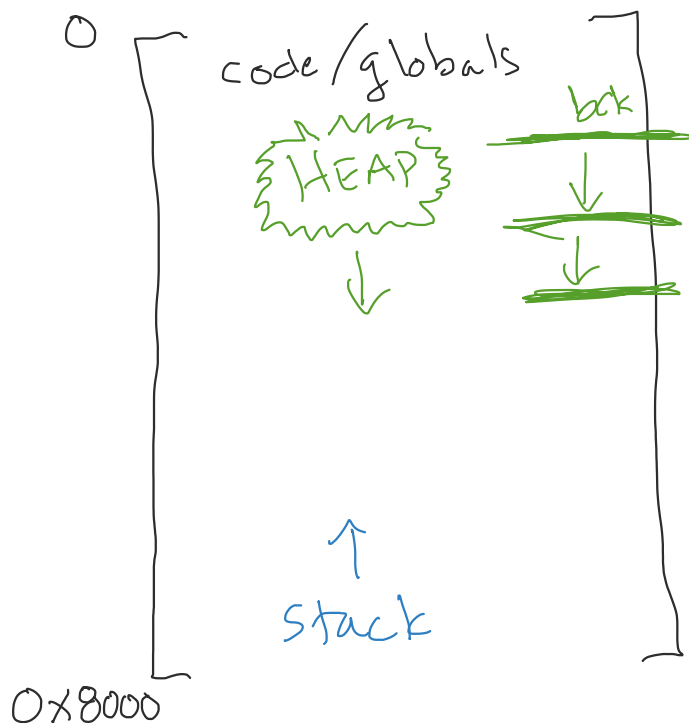
Implementing malloc() and free()

#include <stdlib.h>

What's involved?

What do we need?

```
void* malloc(size_t size) { ... }  
void free(void* ptr) { ... }
```



We need the start of the heap!

```
void *sbrk(intptr_t increment);
```

sbrk() increments the program's data space by increment bytes. Calling sbrk() with an increment of 0 can be used to find the current location of the program break.

"program's data space" is the heap

```
void* malloc(size_t size) {  
    return sbrk(size);  
}
```

```
void free(void* ptr) { return; }
```

How does the return; statement in free prevent that address from being used again?

malloc() never repeats an address

- Good throughput
(mem ops / time)

- Utilization **BAD**

If the break is moved, how do you keep track of where one memory block is supposed to end in case one piece of data tries to write into the next block?

Then what function does stop you from overwriting blocks in the heap?

Nothing in C can prevent this

Consider your web browser
(Safari Chrome Edge Firefox)

These programs run for
weeks

is this why chrome is so slow?



(example of
a sick burn)

The memory leak team
on Chrome is a big team

want to
re-use
closed tab
memory

close

malloc doesn't do this - it does
not prevent user of malloc from
making mistakes

Variable/Role

Address

Data

0/8 1/9 2/A 3/B 4/C 5/D 6/E 7/F

0x...00

0x...08

0x...10

0x...18

0x...20

0x...28

0x...30

0x...38

0x...40

0x...48

0x...50

0x...58

0x...60

0x...68

0x...70

0x...78

0x...80

0x...88

0x...90

0x...98

0x...A0

0x...A8

0x...B0

0x...B8

0x...C0

0x...C8

0x...D0

0x...D8

0x...E0

0x...E8

0x...F0

0x...F8

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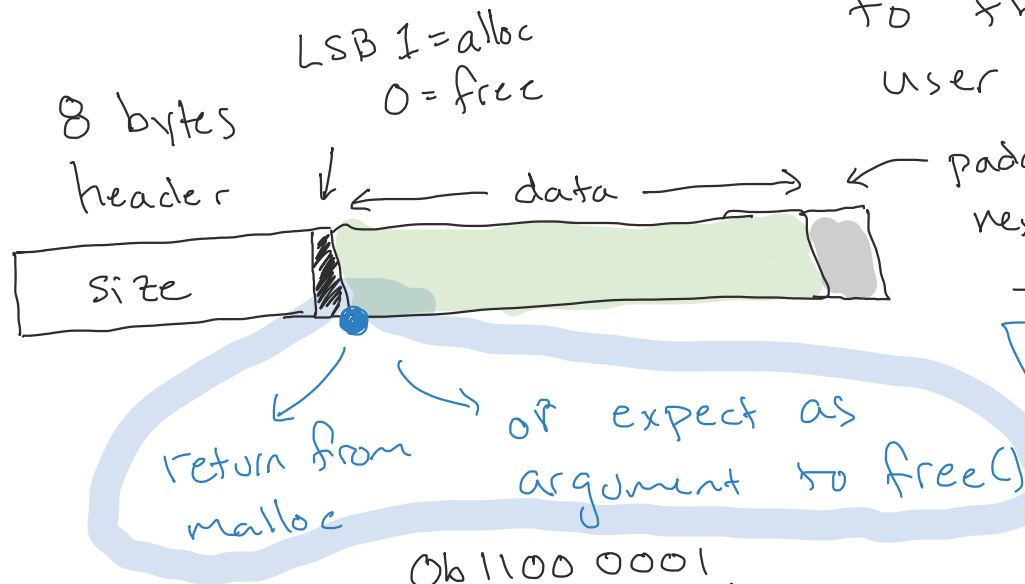
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```
void* malloc(size_t size)
void free(void* ptr)
```

- 2 necessary kinds of information:
- how long each "block" is
 - whether each block is allocated or free

Store this directly in the heap next to the allocated/free blocks for user



- perf + simplicity of addresses
- ensures the last 3 bits of the byte count are 000

Why?

By analogy - multiple of 1000
why are the last 3 digits always 000

header value of 0xC1
what kind/size of block?

0b1100 0001

its allocated and it is size 12

h & 1 (free/busy)

h & (~1) (count)

h & 0xFFFF...FE

i think it's allocated

and 192 bytes?

hmm, the size of block would be $12 * 16 + 1 = 193?$

Not part of size!

free, size = 8+(13*16) bytes

0xD8

size/kind?

The LSB is free/busy metadata. The count/size always uses a 0 for LSB

If the next multiple of 8 is 24, then why 25?

a = malloc(13)

b = malloc(19)

c = malloc(8)

free(b)

need to set 1/0
for busy/free
to 1

Isn't it supposed to be ==

For conditional

```
if(HEAP_START == NULL) { HEAP_START = sbrk(1000); }
```

assigned to NULL every time

what address
is stored in a?

The address where the user data part of a begins

main

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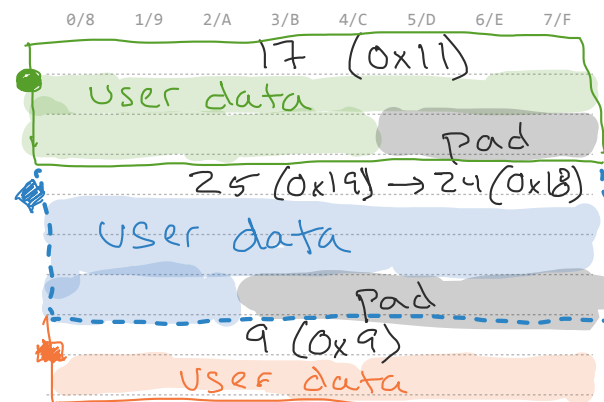
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0x...08
0x...20
0x...40

<pre> 52 int main() { 53 54 char* a = mymalloc(13); 55 printf("HEAP_START vs a: %p %p\n", HEAP_START, a); 56 printf("first heap loc: 0x%lx\n", *(uint64_t*)HEAP_START); 57 char* b = mymalloc(19); 58 printf("HEAP_START vs b: %p %p\n", HEAP_START, b); 59 char* c = mymalloc(8); 60 printf("HEAP_START vs c: %p %p\n", HEAP_START, c); 61 uint64_t* b_header = (uint64_t*)(b - 8); 62 printf("b's header: %ld 0x%lx\n", b_header[0], b_header[0]); 63 myfree(b); 64 printf("b's header: %ld 0x%lx\n", b_header[0], b_header[0]); 65 66 char* d = mymalloc(20); // should use b's space! 67 // But it just goes forward! 68 // What to do? 69 70 print_heap(); 71 72 }</pre>	<pre> 0 (free) 0 (free) 0 (free) 0 (free) \$ gcc -g mymalloc.c -o mymal \$./mymalloc Rounded block size: 13 16 HEAP_START vs a: 0x5582b87fd first heap loc: 0x11 Rounded block size: 19 24 HEAP_START vs b: 0x5582b87fd Rounded block size: 8 8 HEAP_START vs c: 0x5582b87fd b's header: 25 0x19 b's header: 24 0x18 Rounded block size: 20 24 16 (allocated) 24 (free) 8 (allocated) 24 (allocated) \$</pre>
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go through blocks in heap to find unallocated that is large enough

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