Lab 2: C Debugging

Deadline: Thursday, September 7, 11:59:59 PM PT

For this lab, please complete the exercises in the order listed. The exercises may depend on each other.

Lab Slides

Setup

You must complete this lab on the hive machines. See <u>Lab 0</u> for a refresher on using them.

In your labs directory, pull the files for this lab with:

```
$ git pull starter main
```

If you get an error like the following:

```
fatal: 'starter' does not appear to be a git repository fatal: Could not read from remote repository.
```

make sure to set the starter remote as follows:

```
$ git remote add starter https://github.com/61c-teach/fa23-lab-starter.git
```

and run the original command again.

If you run into any git errors, please check out the <u>common errors</u> page.

Exercise 1: Compiler Warnings and Errors

Compiler warnings are generated to help you find potential bugs in your code. Make sure that you fix all of your compiler warnings before you attempt to run your code. This will save you a lot of time debugging in the future because fixing the compiler warnings is much faster than trying to find the bug on your own.

- 1. **Read** over the code in ex1 compiler warnings.c.
- 2. **Compile** your program with gcc -o ex1_compiler_warnings ex1_compiler_warnings.c. You should see 3 warnings.

- 3. **Read** the first line of the first warning. The line begins with ex1_compiler_warnings.c:13:22, which tells you that the warning is caused by line 13 of ex1_compiler_warnings.c. The warning states that the program is trying to assign a char to a char *.
- 4. **Open** ex1_compiler_warnings.c and **navigate** to the line that's causing the warning. It is trying to assign a char to a char *. The compiler has pointed this out as a potential error because we should not be assigning a char to a char *.
- 5. **Fix** this compiler warning.
- 6. **Recompile** your code. You can now see that this warning does not appear anymore and there are 2 warnings left.
- 7. **Fix** the remaining compiler warnings in ex1 compiler warnings.c.

What is GDB?

Here is an excerpt from the GDB website

GDB, the GNU Project debugger, allows you to see what is going on 'inside' another program while it executes -- or what another program was doing at the moment it crashed.

GDB can do four main kinds of things (plus other things in support of these) to help you catch bugs in the act:

- Start your program, specifying anything that might affect its behavior.
- Make your program stop on specified conditions.
- Examine what has happened, when your program has stopped.
- Change things in your program, so you can experiment with correcting the effects of one bug and go on to learn about another.

In this class, we will be using <u>CGDB</u> which provides a lightweight interface to gdb to make it easier to use. CGDB is already installed on the hive machines, so there is no installation required. The remainder of this class uses CGDB and GDB interchangeably.

Here's a <u>GDB reference card</u>

If you run into any issues with GDB, see the Common GDB Errors section below

Exercise 2: Intro to GDB

In this section, you will learn the GDB commands start, step, next, finish, print, and quit. This section will resolve bug(s) along the way. Make sure to fix the bug(s) in the code before moving on.

The table below is a summary of the above commands

Command	Abbreviation	Description	
start	N/A	begin running the program and stop at line 1 in main	
step	S	execute the current line of code (this command will step into functions)	
next	n	execute the current line of code (this command will not step into functions)	
finish	fin	executes the remainder of the current function and returns to the calling function	
print [arg]	р	prints the value of the argument	
quit	q	exits gdb	

You should be filling in ex2_commands.txt with the corresponding commands. Please only use the commands from the table above. For correctness, we will be checking the output of your ex2_commands.txt against a desired output. We'd recommend opening two SSH windows so you can have the commands file and the cgdb session at the same time. Even though you are adding to ex2_commands.txt, please check your work by actually running these commands in cgdb.

1. **Compile** your program with the -g flag. This will include additional debugging information in the executable that CGDB needs.

```
$ gcc -g -o pwd_checker test_pwd_checker.c pwd_checker.c
```

2. **Start** cgdb. Note that you should be using the executable (pwd_checker) as the argument, not the source file (pwd_checker.c).

```
$ cgdb pwd_checker
```

You should now see CGDB open. The top window displays our code and the bottom window displays the console.

For each of the following steps, add the CGDB commands you execute to ex2_commands.txt. Each command should be on its own line. Each step below will require one or more CGDB commands.

- 1. **Start** your program the first line in main. Hint: this command should set a breakpoint at line 1 and begin running the program.
- 2. The first line in main is a call to printf. We do not want to step into this function. **Step over** this line in the program.
- 3. **Step until** the program is on the check_password call. Note that the line with an arrow next to it is the line we're currently on, but has not been executed yet.
- 4. **Step into** check_password.

- 5. **Step into** check_lower.
- 6. **Print** the value of password (password is a string).
- 7. **Step out** of check_lower immediately. Do not step until the function returns.
- 8. **Step into** check_length.
- 9. **Step to** the last line of the function.
- 10. **Print** the return value of the function. The return value should be false.
- 11. **Print** the value of length. It looks like length was correct, so there must be some logic issue on line 24.
- 12. **Quit** CGDB. CGDB might ask you if you want to quit, type y (but do not add y to ex2_commands.txt).

At this point, your ex2_commands.txt should contain a list of commands from the steps above. You don't need to add anything from the steps below to your ex2_commands.txt.

- 1. Fix the bug on line 24.
- 2. **Compile** and **run** your code.
- 3. The program still fails. Open and step through cgdb again, you should see that check_number is now failing. We will address this in the next exercise.

Exercise 3: More GDB

In this section, you will learn the gdb commands break, conditional break, run, and continue. This section will resolve bug(s) along the way. Make sure to fix the bug(s) in the code before moving on.

The table below is a summary of the above commands

Command	Abbreviation	Description	
break [line num or function name]	b	set a breakpoint at the specified location, use filename.c:linenum to set a breakpoint in a specific file	
conditional break (ex: break 3 if n==4)	(ex: b 3 if n==4)	set a breakpoint at the specified location only if a given condition is met	
run	r	execute the program until termination or reaching a breakpoint	
continue	С	continues the execution of a program that was paused	

You should be filling in ex3_commands.txt with the corresponding commands. Please only use the commands from the table above and the table for exercise 2. For correctness, we

will be checking the output of your ex3_commands.txt against a desired output. We'd recommend opening two SSH windows so you can have the commands file and the cgdb session at the same time. Even though you are adding to ex3_commands.txt, please check your work by actually running these commands in cgdb.

- 1. **Recompile and run** your code. You should see that the assertion number is failing
- 2. **Start** cgdb

```
$ cgdb pwd_checker
```

For each of the following steps, add the CGDB commands you execute to ex3_commands.txt. Each command should be on its own line. Each step below will require one or more CGDB commands.

- 1. **Set a breakpoint** in our code to jump straight into the function <code>check_number</code>. Your breakpoint should not be in <code>check_password</code>.
- 2. **Run** the program. Your code should run until it gets to the breakpoint that we just set.
- 3. **Step into** check_range.
- 4. Recall that the numbers do not appear until later in the password. Instead of stepping through all of the non-numerical characters at the beginning of password, we can jump straight to the point in the code where the numbers are being compared using a conditional breakpoint. A conditional breakpoint will only stop the program based on a given condition. The first number in the password 0, so we can set the breakpoint when letter is '0'. **Break on line 31 if the letter is** '0'.

We are using the single quote because 0 is a char.

- 5. **Continue executing** your code after it stops at a breakpoint.
- 6. The code has stopped at the conditional breakpoint. To verify this, **print** letter. It should print 48 '0' which is a decimal number followed by it's corresponding ASCII representation. If you look at an <u>ASCII table</u>, you can see that 48 is the decimal representation of the character 0.
- 7. Let's take a look at the return value of <code>check_range</code>. **Print** <code>is_in_range</code>. The result is <code>false</code>. That's strange. '0' should be in the range.
- 8. Let's look at the upper and lower bounds of the range. **Print** lower.
- 9. **Print** upper.
- 10. Ahah! The ASCII representation of lower is \000(the null terminator) and the ASCII representation of upper is \t. It looks like we passed in the numbers 0 and 9 instead of the characters '0' and '9'!
- 11. **Quit** CGDB. CGDB might ask you if you want to quit, type y (but do not add y to ex3_commands.txt).

At this point, your ex3_commands.txt should contain a list of commands from the steps above. You don't need to add anything from the steps below to your ex3_commands.txt.

- 1. Fix the bug.
- 2. **Compile** and **run** your code. There's one more error, which you will find in <u>exercise 4</u>.

Exercise 4: Debug

1. **Debug** check_upper on your own using the commands you just learned. The function appears to be returning false even though there's an uppercase letter. Hint: the bug itself may not be in check_upper itself.

Valgrind

Even with a debugger, we might not be able to catch all bugs. Some bugs are what we refer to as "bohrbugs", meaning they manifest reliably under a well-defined, but possibly unknown, set of conditions. Other bugs are what we call "heisenbugs", and instead of being determinant, they're known to disappear or alter their behavior when one attempts to study them. We can detect the first kind with debuggers, but the second kind may slip under our radar because they're (at least in C) often due to mis-managed memory. Remember that unlike other programming languages, C requires you (the programmer) to manually manage your memory.

We can use a tool called Valgrind to help catch to help catch "heisenbugs" and "bohrbugs". Valgrind is a program which emulates your CPU and tracks your memory accesses. This slows down the process you're running (which is why we don't, for example, always run all executables inside Valgrind) but also can expose bugs that may only display visible incorrect behavior under a unique set of circumstances.

Let's take a look at the bork translation program! Bork is an ancient language that is very similar to English. To translate a word to Bork, you take the English word and add an 'f' after every vowel in the word.

Let's see if we can understand some Bork. Compile and run bork using the following commands.

```
$ gcc -g -o bork bork.c
$ ./bork hello
```

An example output is provided below. Note that your output will probably look different.

```
Input string: "hello"
Length of translated string: 21
Translate to Bork: "hefl2?^?U12?^?Uof?^?U"
```

Hmm, Bork is an old language, but there shouldn't be all of these strange characters. It seems that perhaps the ancients left some bugs in their program! Shall we embark on a journey to squash bugs and uncover the true beauty of Bork?

If we take a brief glance at main, we can see that we are taking an input string (src_str) and translating it to Bork (dest_str). If we scroll to the top, we can see that we have a function (alloc_str) to allocate space for a string in the heap, a str struct which contains a string and it's length, a make_str function which will create a str struct and initialize its data and len field, and a function to free our struct's data. There is also a function to concate two strings together and another function to translate a letter to Bork. Now this is quite a long program to debug.

Wouldn't it be nice if there were a tool that gave us a good first place to look?

Well as it turns out, there are a couple and valgrind is one of them!

Let's run valgrind on our program using the following command.

```
$ valgrind ./bork hello
```

```
==10170== $ Memcheck, a memory error detector
==10170== $ Copyright (C) $ 2002-2017, and GNU GPL'd, by Julian Seward et al.
==10170== Using Valgrind-3.13.0 and LibVEX; rerun with -h for copyright info
==10170== Command: ./bork hello
==10170==
==10170== Invalid read of size 1
==10170==
          at 0x4C34D04: strlen (in /usr/lib/valgrind/vgpreload_memcheck-amd64-linux.so
==10170==
           by 0x10879F: make_Str (bork.c:22)
==10170== by 0x108978: translate_to_bork (bork.c:56)
==10170==
           by 0x1089F2: main (bork.c:68)
==10170== Address 0x522f041 is 0 bytes after a block of size 1 alloc'd
           $ at 0x4C31B0F: malloc (in /usr/lib/valgrind/vgpreload_memcheck-amd64-linux.
==10170==
           $ by 0x108781: alloc_str (bork.c:10)
==10170==
           $ by 0x10895E: translate to bork (bork.c:54)
==10170==
==10170==
           $ by 0x1089F2: main (bork.c:68)
==10170==
==10170== $ Invalid read of size 1
            $ at 0x4C34D04: strlen (in /usr/lib/valgrind/vgpreload_memcheck-amd64-linux.
==10170==
==10170== $ by 0x10879F: make_Str (bork.c:22)
           $ by 0x108952: translate_to_bork (bork.c:51)
==10170==
           $ by 0x1089F2: main (bork.c:68)
==10170==
==10170== $ Address 0x522f0e2 is 0 bytes after a block of size 2 alloc'd
           at 0x4C31B0F: malloc (in /usr/lib/valgrind/vgpreload_memcheck-amd64-linux.so
==10170==
           by 0x108781: alloc str (bork.c:10)
==10170==
==10170==
           by 0x10892D: translate_to_bork (bork.c:48)
           by 0x1089F2: main (bork.c:68)
==10170==
==10170==
Input string: "hello"
Length of translated string: 7
==10170== Invalid read of size 1
==10170==
           at 0x4C34D04: strlen (in /usr/lib/valgrind/vgpreload_memcheck-amd64-linux.so
            by 0x4E9B4A2: vfprintf (vfprintf.c:1643)
==10170==
```

```
==10170==
           by 0x4EA2EE5: printf (printf.c:33)
==10170==
           by 0x108A6F: main (bork.c:74)
==10170== Address 0x522f317 is 0 bytes after a block of size 7 alloc'd
            $ at 0x4C31B0F: malloc (in /usr/lib/valgrind/vgpreload memcheck-amd64-linux.
==10170==
           $ by 0x108781: alloc_str (bork.c:10)
==10170==
           $ by 0x108833: concat (bork.c:32)
==10170==
           $ by 0x108A15: main (bork.c:69)
==10170==
==10170==
$ Translate to Bork: "hefllof"
==10170==
==10170== $ HEAP SUMMARY:
==10170==
             $ in use at exit: 7 bytes in 1 blocks
==10170==
           $ total heap usage: 11 allocs, 10 frees, 1,051 bytes allocated
==10170==
==10170== $ LEAK SUMMARY:
==10170==
           $ definitely lost: 7 bytes in 1 blocks
==10170== $ indirectly lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
              $ possibly lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==10170==
            $ still reachable: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==10170==
                 $ suppressed: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==10170==
==10170== $ Rerun with --leak-check=full to see details of leaked memory
==10170==
==10170== $ For counts of detected and suppressed errors, rerun with: -v
==10170== $ ERROR SUMMARY: 6 errors from 3 contexts (suppressed: 0 from 0)
```

(Interesting side note: when we look at the normal program output in this valgrind log, we see normal behavior (i.e. it prints "hefllof"). That's because the way valgrind runs our program is different than how our program runs "naturally" (aka "bare metal"). We're not going to get into that for now.)

But back on debugging: A good general rule of thumb to follow when parsing big error logs is to only consider the first error message (and ignore the rest), so let's do that:

```
==10170== Invalid read of size 1
==10170== at 0x4C34D04: strlen (in /usr/lib/valgrind/vgpreload_memcheck-amd64-linux.so
==10170== by 0x10879F: make_Str (bork.c:22)
==10170== by 0x108978: translate_to_bork (bork.c:56)
==10170== by 0x1089F2: main (bork.c:68)
```

The error message states that we are doing an invalid read of size 1. What does this mean? An invalid read means that your program is reading memory at a place that it shouldn't be (this can cause a segfault, but not always). Size 1 means that we were attempting to read 1 byte.

Because we're unfamiliar with this ancient codebase and we don't want to read all of it to find the bug, a good process to follow is to start at high-level details and work our way

down (so basically work our way through the call stack that valgrind provides).

Let's look at bork.c line 68 in main (the botton of the stack):

```
Str bork_substr = translate_to_bork(src_str.data[i]);
```

Is something funky going on here? Looks like we are just passing a character to translate_to_bork. Seems ok so far.

Let's go farther down the call stack and look at bork.c line 56 in translate_to_bork:

```
return make_Str(res);
```

We're just calling make_Str here. We should go deeper. Let's look at bork.c line 22.

```
return (Str){.data=str,.len=strlen(str)};
```

Here we are making a new str struct and setting its data and len parameters. That seems normal too!

But valgrind says that strlen is doing an invalid read?

Well, we're passing a string to it right? What does strlen do again? It determines the length of a string by iterating over each character until it gets to a null terminator. Maybe there is no null terminator so strlen keeps going past the end of the string (which would mean that it's going past the area that we allocated for the string).

Let's make sure our string has a null terminator by checking where we created it.

Earlier, we saw this on line 56 in translate_to_bork.

```
return make_Str(res);
```

If we look two lines up (line 54), we can see that we are allocating space for the string by calling alloc_str. Let's take a look at this function.

```
char *alloc_str(int len) {
   return malloc(len*sizeof(char));
}
```

Hmmm. It looks like alloc_str is giving us some memory that's only len big, which means when we write to the string in translate_to_bork, we don't have enough space for a null terminator!

Let's make the following change to fix the problem:

```
10c10,12
< return malloc(len*sizeof(char));</pre>
```

\$./bork hello

```
char *data = malloc((len+1)*sizeof(char));
data[len] = '\0';
return data;
```

Let's run our program to see if we fixed the problem

```
Input string: "hello"
Length of translated string: 7
Translate to Bork: "hefllof"
```

Everything looks like it's working properly. However, there could be hidden errors that we cannot see, so let's run our code through valgrind to make sure that there are no underlying issues.

```
$ valgrind ./bork hello
```

```
==29797== Memcheck, a memory error detector
==29797== Copyright (C) 2002-2017, and GNU GPL'd, by Julian Seward et al.
==29797== Using Valgrind-3.13.0 and LibVEX; rerun with -h for copyright info
==29797== Command: ./bork hello
==29797==
Input string: "hello"
Length of translated string: 7
Translate to Bork: "hefllof"
==29797==
==29797== HEAP SUMMARY:
==29797==
             in use at exit: 8 bytes in 1 blocks
==29797== total heap usage: 11 allocs, 10 frees, 1,061 bytes allocated
==29797==
==29797== LEAK SUMMARY:
==29797== definitely lost: 8 bytes in 1 blocks
==29797==
            indirectly lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
              possibly lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==29797==
==29797== still reachable: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==29797==
                  suppressed: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==29797== Rerun with --leak-check=full to see details of leaked memory
==29797==
==29797== For counts of detected and suppressed errors, rerun with: -v
==29797== ERROR SUMMARY: 0 errors from 0 contexts (suppressed: 0 from 0)
```

Let's take a look at the heap summary below. It tells us that we had 8 bytes in 1 block allocated at the time of exit. This means that the memory in the heap that was not free'd stems from one allocation call and that it is 8 bytes large.

Next, we can see the heap summary which shows that we made 11 allocation calls and 10 frees over the lifetime of the program.

```
==29797== HEAP SUMMARY:

==29797== in use at exit: 8 bytes in 1 blocks

==29797== total heap usage: 11 allocs, 10 frees, 1,061 bytes allocated
```

Now let's take a look at the leak summary below. This just states that we lost 8 bytes in 1 block.

```
==29797== LEAK SUMMARY:
==29797== definitely lost: 8 bytes in 1 blocks
==29797== indirectly lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==29797== possibly lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==29797== still reachable: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==29797== suppressed: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==29797== Rerun with --leak-check=full to see details of leaked memory
```

It tells us to "Rerun with --leak-check=full to see details of leaked memory", so let's do that.

```
$ valgrind --leak-check=full ./bork hello
```

```
==32334== Memcheck, a memory error detector
==32334== Copyright (C) 2002-2017, and GNU GPL'd, by Julian Seward et al.
==32334== Using Valgrind-3.13.0 and LibVEX; rerun with -h for copyright info
==32334== Command: ./bork hello
==32334==
Input string: "hello"
Length of translated string: 7
Translate to Bork: "hefllof"
==32334==
==32334== HEAP SUMMARY:
             in use at exit: 8 bytes in 1 blocks
==32334==
==32334== total heap usage: 11 allocs, 10 frees, 1,061 bytes allocated
==32334==
==32334== 8 bytes in 1 blocks are definitely lost in loss record 1 of 1
            at 0x4C31B0F: malloc (in /usr/lib/valgrind/vgpreload_memcheck-amd64-linux.so
==32334==
            by 0x108784: alloc str (in /home/cc/cs61c/fa22/staff/cs61c-tac/bork)
==32334==
            by 0x10884E: concat (in /home/cc/cs61c/fa22/staff/cs61c-tac/bork)
==32334==
==32334==
            by 0x108A30: main (in /home/cc/cs61c/fa22/staff/cs61c-tac/bork)
==32334==
==32334== LEAK SUMMARY:
==32334==
           definitely lost: 8 bytes in 1 blocks
==32334==
            indirectly lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
              possibly lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==32334==
==32334==
            still reachable: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==32334==
                  suppressed: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
```

```
==32334==
==32334== For counts of detected and suppressed errors, rerun with: -v
==32334== ERROR SUMMARY: 1 errors from 1 contexts (suppressed: 0 from 0)
```

Now Valgrind is telling us the location where the unfree'd block was initially allocated. Let's take a look at this below. If we follow the call stack, we can see that malloc was called by alloc_str which was called by concat in main.

```
==32334== 8 bytes in 1 blocks are definitely lost in loss record 1 of 1
==32334== at 0x4C31B0F: malloc (in /usr/lib/valgrind/vgpreload_memcheck-amd64-linux.so
==32334== by 0x108784: alloc_str (in /home/cc/cs61c/fa22/staff/cs61c-tac/bork)
==32334== by 0x10884E: concat (in /home/cc/cs61c/fa22/staff/cs61c-tac/bork)
==32334== by 0x108A30: main (in /home/cc/cs61c/fa22/staff/cs61c-tac/bork)
```

If we look in main, we can see that we allocate the space for dest_str by calling concat, but we never free it. We need dest_str until the end of the program, so let's free it right before we return from main. This struct was allocated on the stack in main (str dest_str={};), so we do not need to free the struct itself. However, the data that the struct points to was allocated in the heap. Therefore, we only need to free this portion of the struct. If you take a look near the top of the program, we have already provided a function free_str to free the allocated portion of the struct. Let's call this function at the end of our program.

```
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> free_Str(dest_str);
```

You might be wondering why we are not freeing src_str. If we take a look at where we constructed src_str (Str src_str = make_Str(argv[1]);), we can see that it was created using make_str which does not make any calls to allocate space on the heap. The string that we are using to make src_str comes from argv[1]. The program that calls main is responsible for setting up argv[1], so we don't have to worry about it.

Once we fix our error, the valgrind output should look like this. The heap summary shows that there are no blocks allocated at the time we exit. The error summary at the bottom shows us that there are no errors to report.

```
$ valgrind ./bork hello

==10835== Memcheck, a memory error detector
==10835== Copyright (C) 2002-2017, and GNU GPL'd, by Julian Seward et al.
==10835== Using Valgrind-3.13.0 and LibVEX; rerun with -h for copyright info
==10835== Command: ./bork hello
==10835==
Input string: "hello"
Length of translated string: 7
```

```
Translate to Bork: "hefllof"

==10835==

==10835== in use at exit: 0 bytes in 0 blocks

==10835== total heap usage: 11 allocs, 11 frees, 1,061 bytes allocated

==10835==

==10835== All heap blocks were freed -- no leaks are possible

==10835==

==10835== For counts of detected and suppressed errors, rerun with: -v

==10835== ERROR SUMMARY: 0 errors from 0 contexts (suppressed: 0 from 0)
```

Exercise 5: Using Valgrind to find segfaults

There's a bug in ex5_valgrind, let's see how we can detect it with valgrind.

1. **Compile** ex5_valgrind.c. Notice that there are no compiler errors or warnings, and we're using the -g flag in case we need to debug this program in the future.

```
$ gcc -g -o ex5_valgrind ex5_valgrind.c
```

- 2. **Run** ex5_valgrind. Notice that the program doesn't throw any errors.
- 3. **Run** valgrind on ex5_valgrind. You should see that there are 2 errors.
- 4. **Read** the valgrind output carefully. In ex5_answers.txt, answer the following questions. Please don't change the formatting of the file. For question 1 through 7, we are referring to the first valgrind error (an invalid write error).
 - 1. How many bytes are the invalid write? (The answer should be a number without any units)
 - 2. Which function caused the invalid write? (The answer should be the name of the function)
 - 3. Which function called the answer to question 2? (The answer should be the name of a function)
 - 4. Which file did the call occur in? (The answer should be the name of a file)
 - 5. Which line did the call occur on? (The answer should be a number)
 - 6. How many bytes were actually allocated? (The answer should be a number without any units)
 - 7. How many bytes should have been allocated? Feel free to read the code. (The answer should be a number without any units)
 - 8. Are there any memory leaks? (The answer should be Yes or No)
 - 9. How many bytes were leaked? Write 0 if there are no memory leaks. (The answer should be a number without any units)

Exercise 6: Memory Management

This exercise uses ex6_vector.h, ex6_test_vector.c, and ex6_vector.c, where we provide you with a framework for implementing a variable-length array. This exercise is designed to help familiarize you with C structs and memory management in C.

1. **Try to explain** why bad_vector_new() is bad. We have provided the reason here, so you can verify your understanding

```
▶ bad_vector_new()
```

2. **Fill in** the functions vector_new(), vector_get(), vector_delete(), and vector_set() in ex6_vector.c so that our test code ex6_test_vector.c runs without any memory management errors.

Comments in the code describe how the functions should work. Look at the functions we've filled in to see how the data structures should be used. For consistency, it is assumed that all entries in the vector are 0 unless set by the user. Keep this in mind as malloc() does not zero out the memory it allocates. vector_set should resize the array if the index passed in is larger than the size of the array.

3. **Test** your implementation of vector_new(), vector_get(), vector_delete(), and vector_set() for correctness.

```
$ gcc -g -o ex6_vector ex6_vector.c ex6_test_vector.c
$ ./ex6_vector
```

4. **Test** your implementation of vector_new(), vector_get(), vector_delete(), and vector_set() for memory management.

```
$ valgrind ./ex6_vector
```

Any number of suppressed errors is fine; they do not affect us.

Feel free to also use CGDB to debug your code.

Submission

Save, commit, and push your work, then submit to the Lab 2 assignment on Gradescope.

Common GDB Errors

GDB is skipping over lines of code

This could mean that your source file is more recent than your executable. Exit GDB, recompile your code with the -g flag, and restart gdb.

GDB isn't loading my file

You might see an error like this "not in executable format: file format not recognized" or "No symbol table loaded. Use the "file" command."

This means that you called gdb on the source file (the one ending in .c) instead of the executable. Exit GDB and make sure that you call it with the executable.

How do I switch between the code window and the console?

CGDB presents a vim-like navigation interface: Press i on your keyboard to switch from the code window to the console. Press Esc to switch from the console to the code window.

GDB presents a readline/emacs-like navigation interface: Press Ctrl + X then 0 to switch between windows.

I'm stuck in the code window

Press [i] on your keyboard. This should get you back to the console.

The text UI is garbled

Refresh the GDB text UI by pressing [Ctr1] + [1].

Other Useful GDB Commands (Recommended)

Command: info locals

Prints the value of all of the local variables in the current stack frame

Command: command

Executes a list of commands every time a break point is reached. For example:

Set a breakpoint:

b 73

Type commands followed by the breakpoint number:

commands 1

Type the list of commands that you want to execute separated by a new line. After your list of commands, type end and hit [Enter].

p var1		
p var2		
end		