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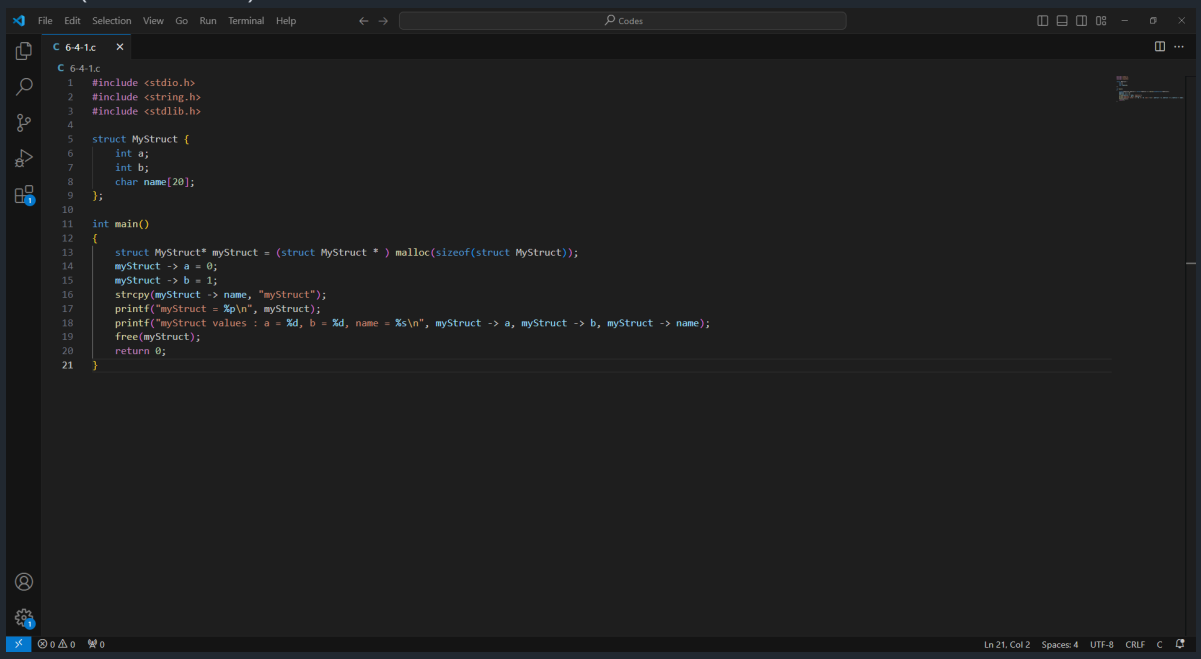
## Section 6.4

- [x] Using `malloc` and `free` in program

- [x] Code (in file 6-4-1.c):

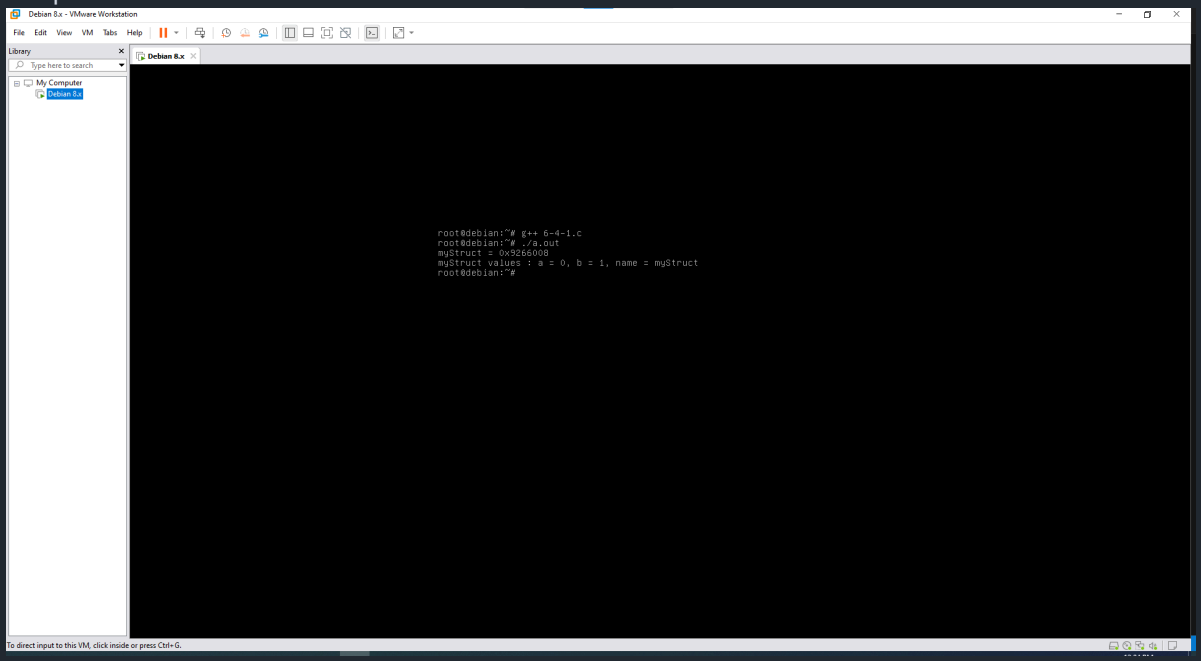


```c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

struct MyStruct {
    int a;
    int b;
    char name[20];
};

int main()
{
    struct MyStruct* myStruct = (struct MyStruct * ) malloc(sizeof(struct MyStruct));
    myStruct -> a = 0;
    myStruct -> b = 1;
    strcpy(myStruct -> name, "myStruct");
    printf("myStruct = %p\n", myStruct);
    printf("myStruct values : a = %d, b = %d, name = %s\n", myStruct -> a, myStruct -> b, myStruct -> name);
    free(myStruct);
    return 0;
}
```

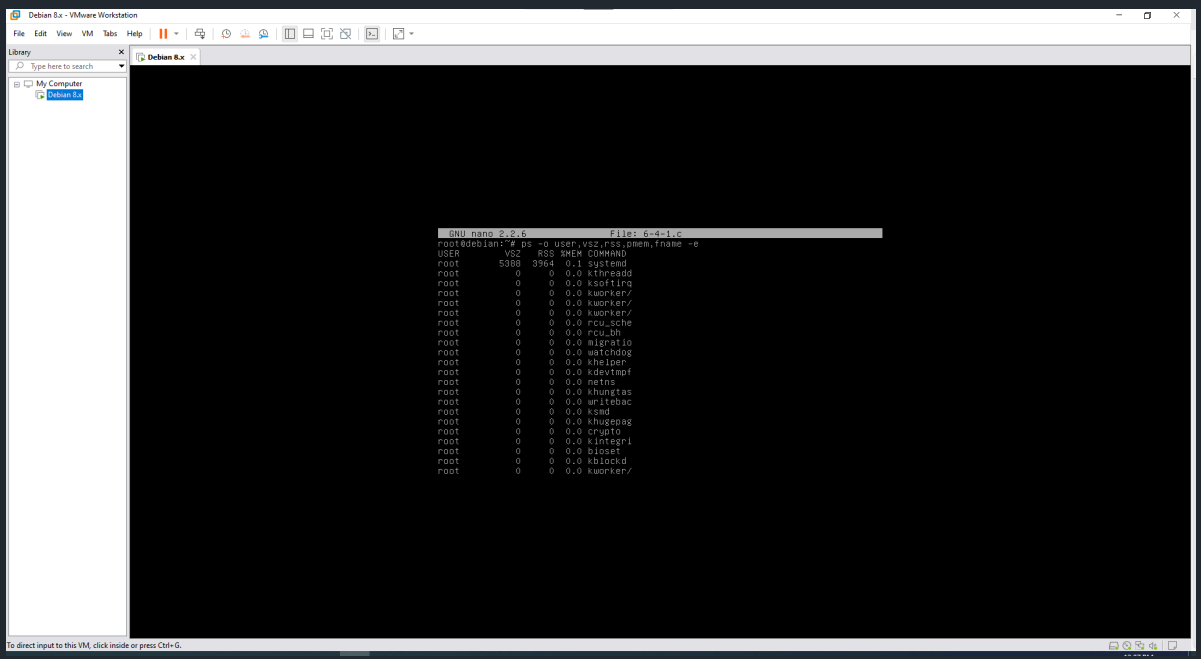
- [x] Output:




The `malloc` function returns a void pointer to the reserved space. The return value is NULL if not enough storage is available, or if size was specified as zero.

- [x] Using `ps`

- [x]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GNU nano 2.2.6 File: 6-4-1.c
root@debian:~# ps -o user,vsz,rss,pmem,fname -e
USER VSZ RSS %MEM COMMAND
root 5308 3964 0.1 systemd
root 0 0 0.0 kthreadd
root 0 0 0.0 ksoftirq
root 0 0 0.0 kworker/
root 0 0 0.0 kworker/
root 0 0 0.0 kworker/
root 0 0 0.0 rcu_sche
root 0 0 0.0 rcu_bh
root 0 0 0.0 migratio
root 0 0 0.0 watchdog
root 0 0 0.0 khelper
root 0 0 0.0 kdevtmpf
root 0 0 0.0 netns
root 0 0 0.0 khungtas
root 0 0 0.0 writebac
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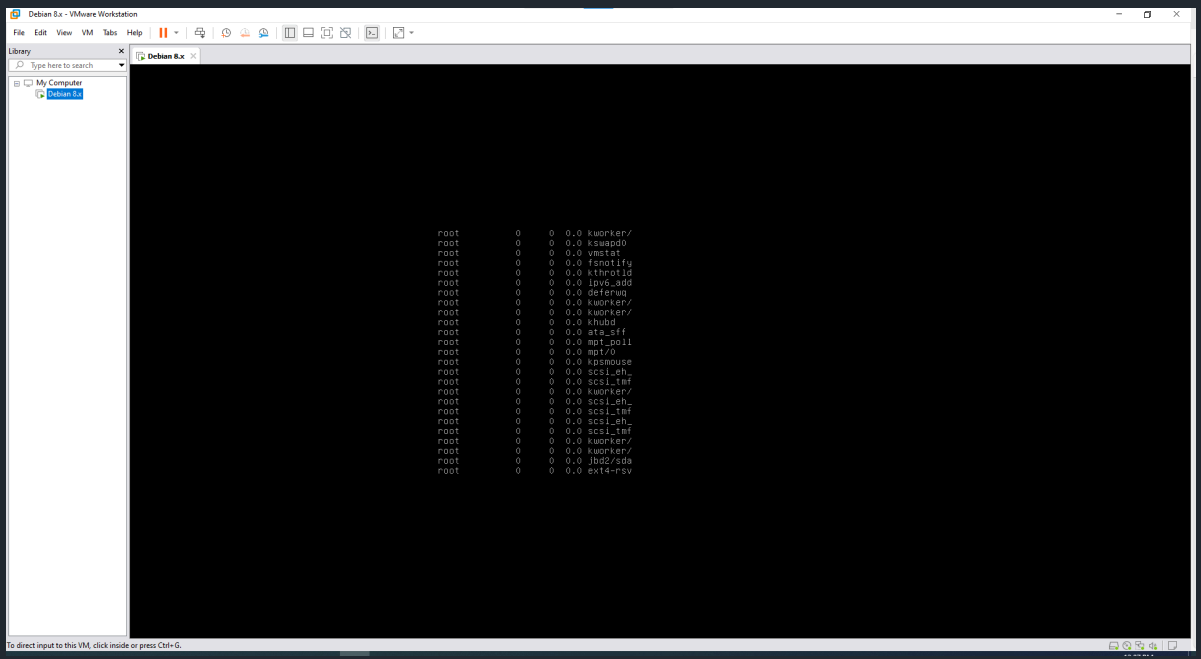
- [x]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root 0 0 0.0 kworker/
root 0 0 0.0 kswapd0
root 0 0 0.0 vmstat
root 0 0 0.0 fsnotify
root 0 0 0.0 kthrotld
root 0 0 0.0 ipv6_add
root 0 0 0.0 deferwq
root 0 0 0.0 kworker/
root 0 0 0.0 kworker/
root 0 0 0.0 khubd
root 0 0 0.0 ata_sff
root 0 0 0.0 mpt_poll
root 0 0 0.0 mpt/0
root 0 0 0.0 kpsmouse
root 0 0 0.0 scsi_eh_
root 0 0 0.0 scsi_tmf
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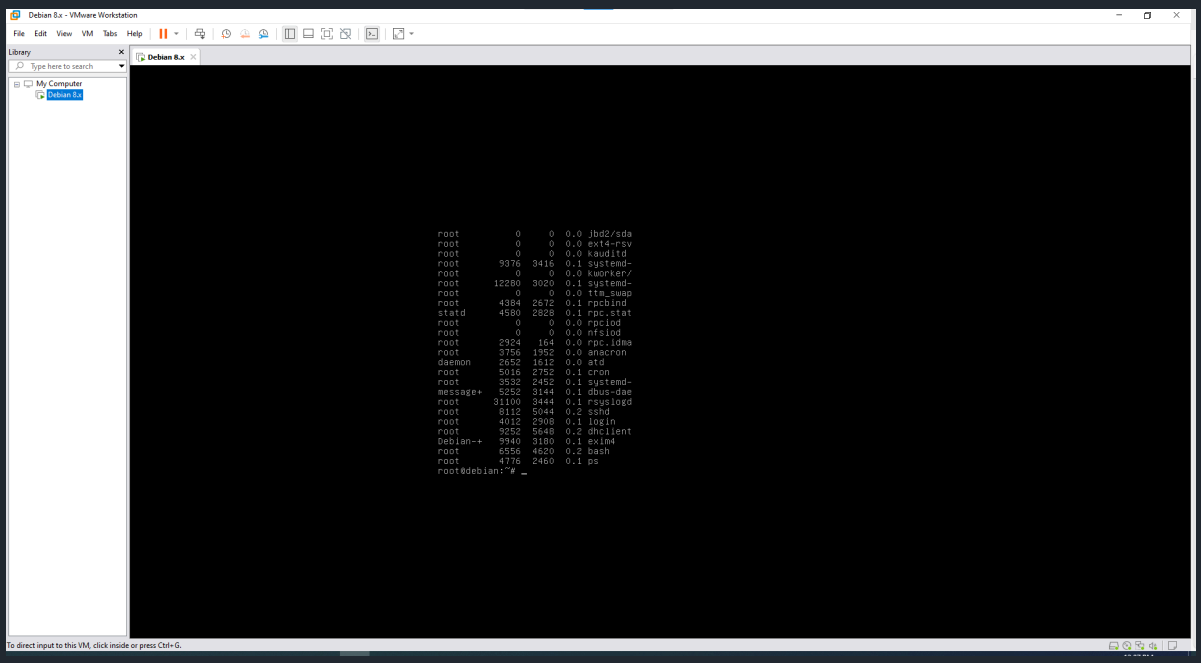
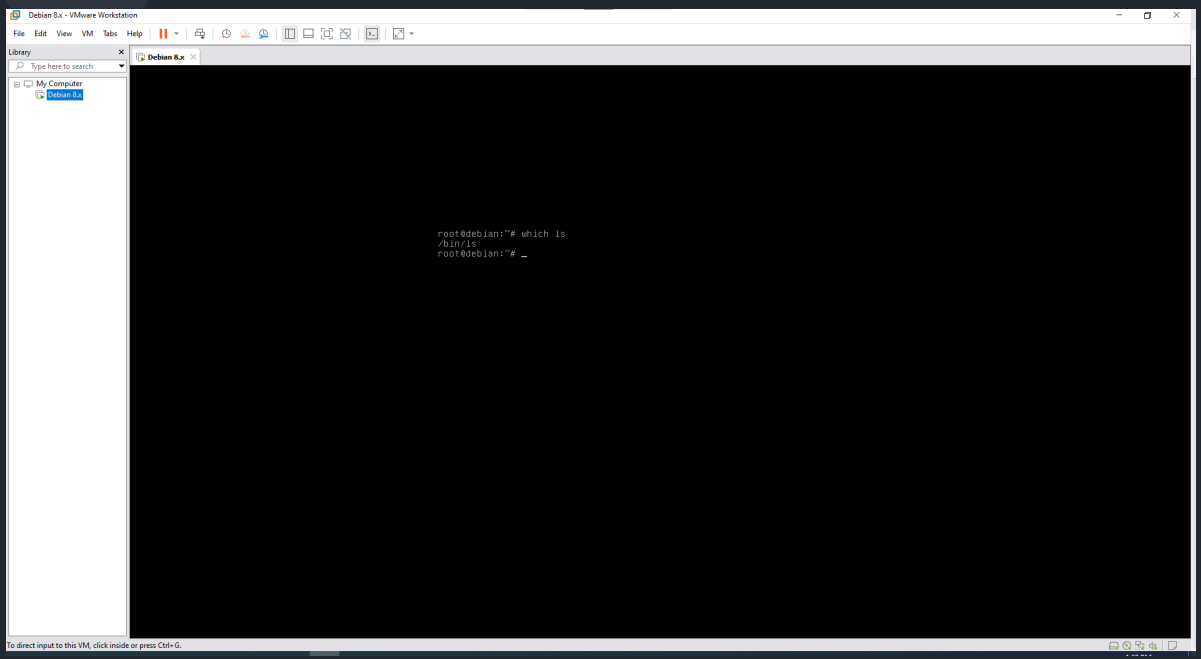
- [x] 

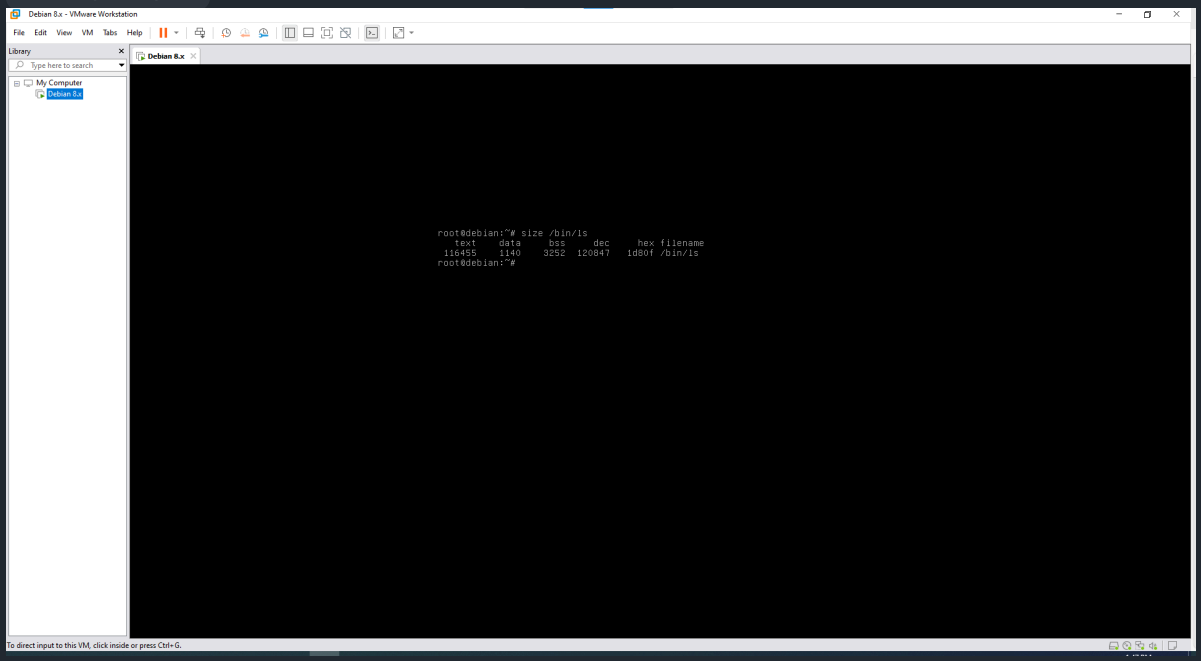
- [x] Columns are:
  - [x] `user` : This column displays the user ID or username of the person who owns and runs the process. Example Output: root, user1. Alias: uname.
  - [x] `vsz` : This column shows the virtual memory size of the process in kilobytes. It's the total memory size that a process can access, such as the memory of the shared libraries, the allocated memory such as stack and heap, and swapped out memory.
    Example Output: 1048576 (for 1 GB). Alias: vsize.
  - [x] `rss` : This column shows the resident set size, which is the non-swapped physical memory a task has used (in kilobytes). It doesn't show all of the information about the memory, like loaded libraries, heap, or stack. It shows the shared libraries if their pages are in memory.
    Example Output: 2048 (for 2 MB).
  - [x] `pmem` : This column shows the percentage of resident set size (RSS) to the physical memory used by the process. Example Output: 0.1
  - [x] `fname` : This column displays the first 8 bytes of the process's executable file name. The output in this column may contain spaces. Example Output: bash, python

- [x] Getting started with memory segments

- [x] `which ls`




- [x] `size /bin/ls`

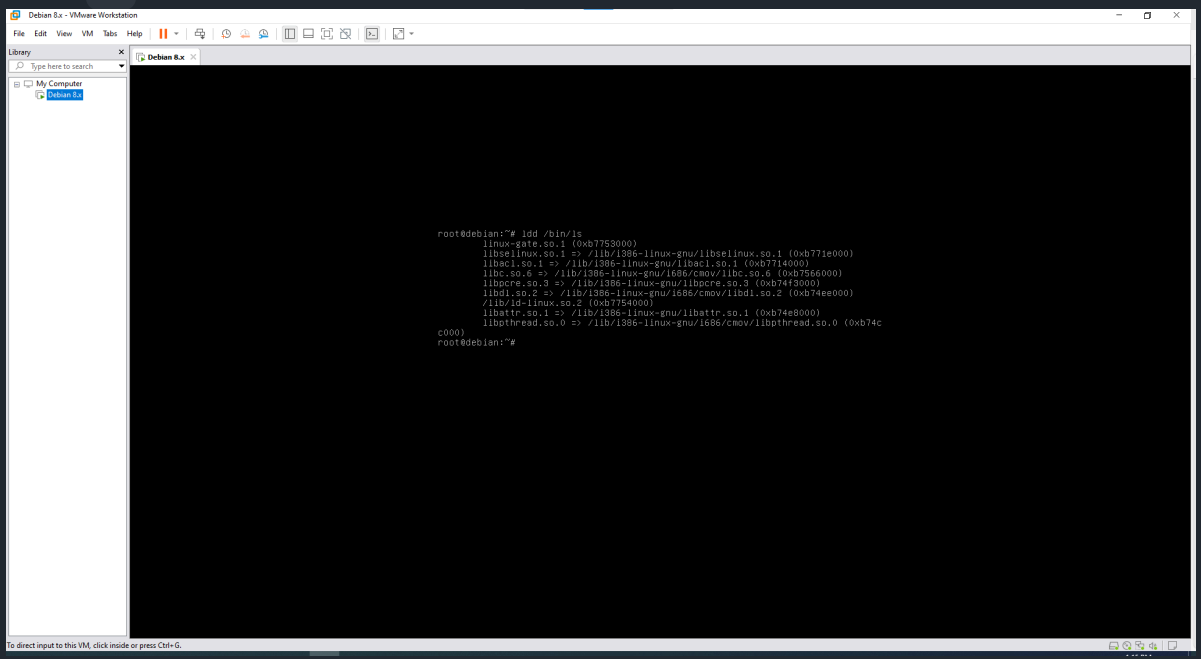



As you see, 116455 bytes from memory are allocated to text part, 1140 bytes for initialized data, 3252 bytes for bss, and 120847 bytes for dec.

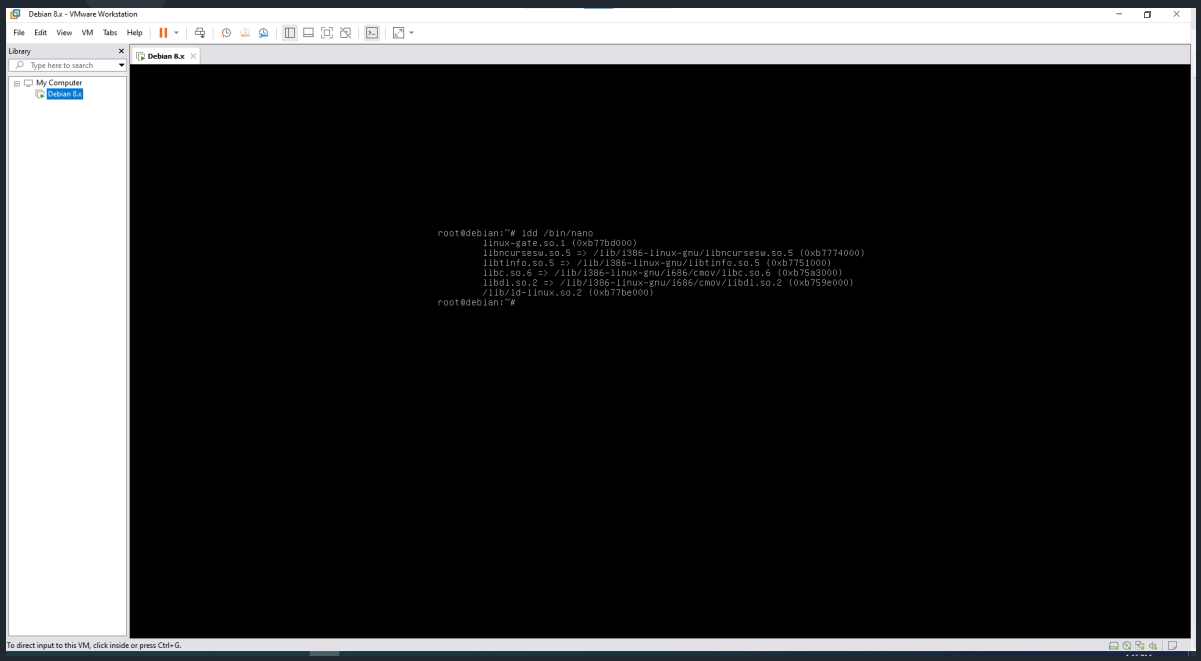
- [x] This command doesn't show stack and heap size.

- [x] Getting started with memory sharing

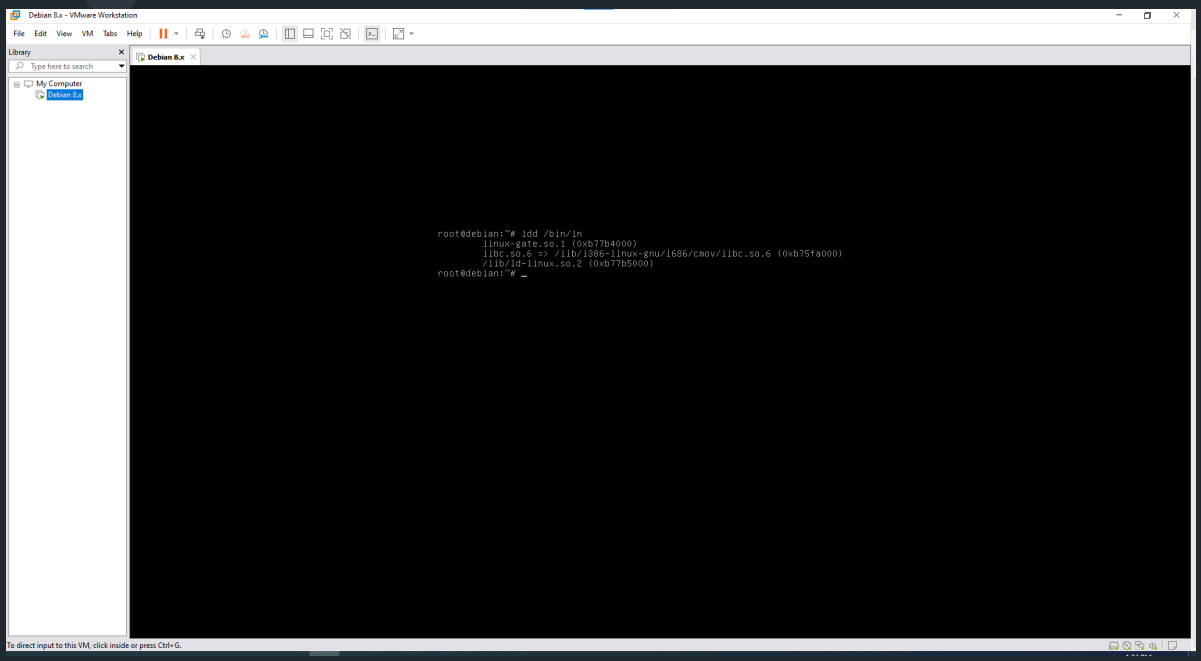
- [x] lld for `ls`



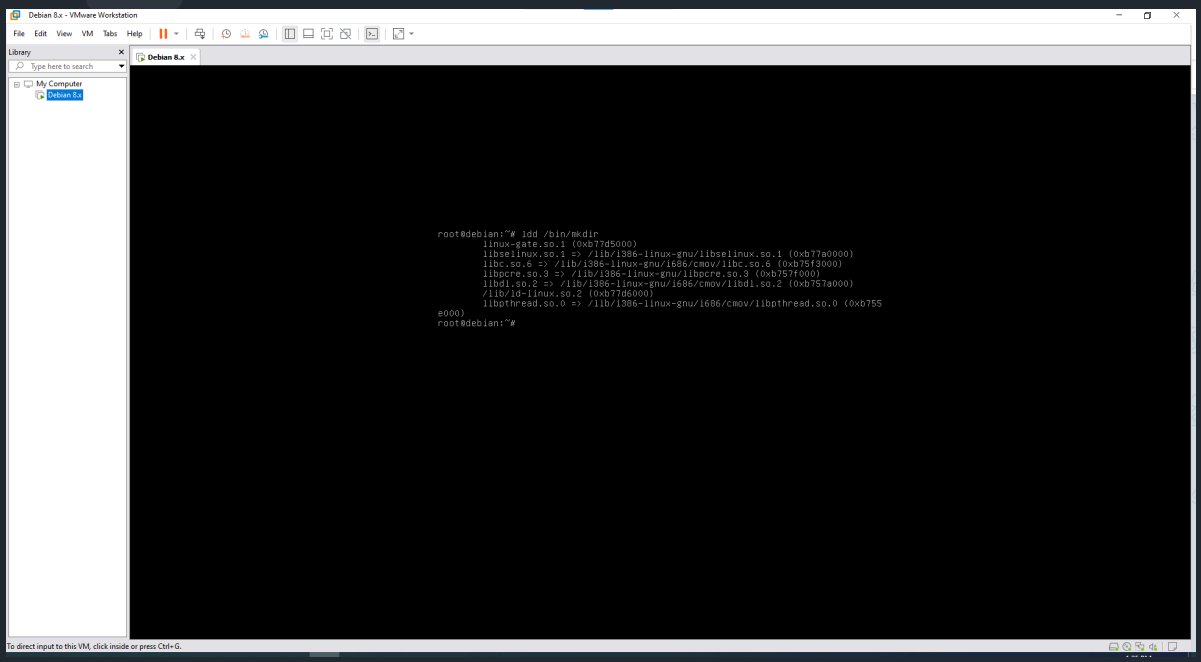

- [x] lld for `nano`



- [x] lld for `ln`

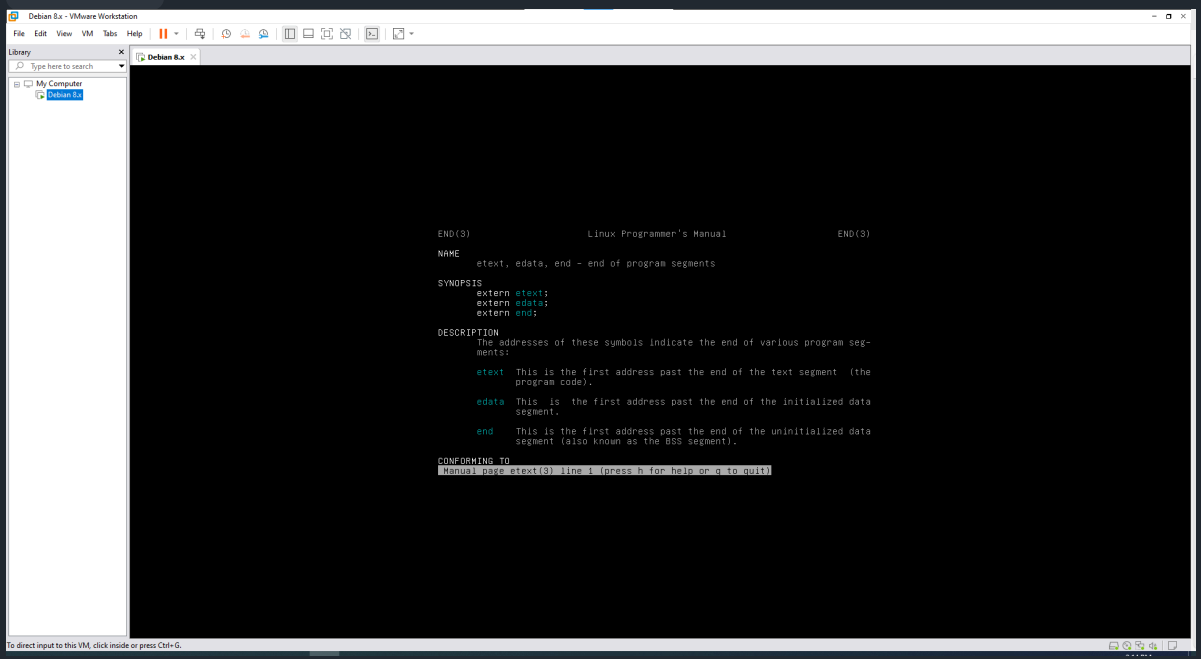



- [x] lld for `mkdir`




- [x] Getting started with addresses

- [x] `man etext`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END(3) Linux Programmer's Manual END(3)
NAME
etext, edata, end - end of program segments
SYNOPSIS
extern etext;
extern edata;
extern end;
DESCRIPTION
The addresses of these symbols indicate the end of various program segments:
etext This is the first address past the end of the text segment (the program code).
edata This is the first address past the end of the initialized data segment.
end This is the first address past the end of the uninitialized data segment (also known as the BSS segment).
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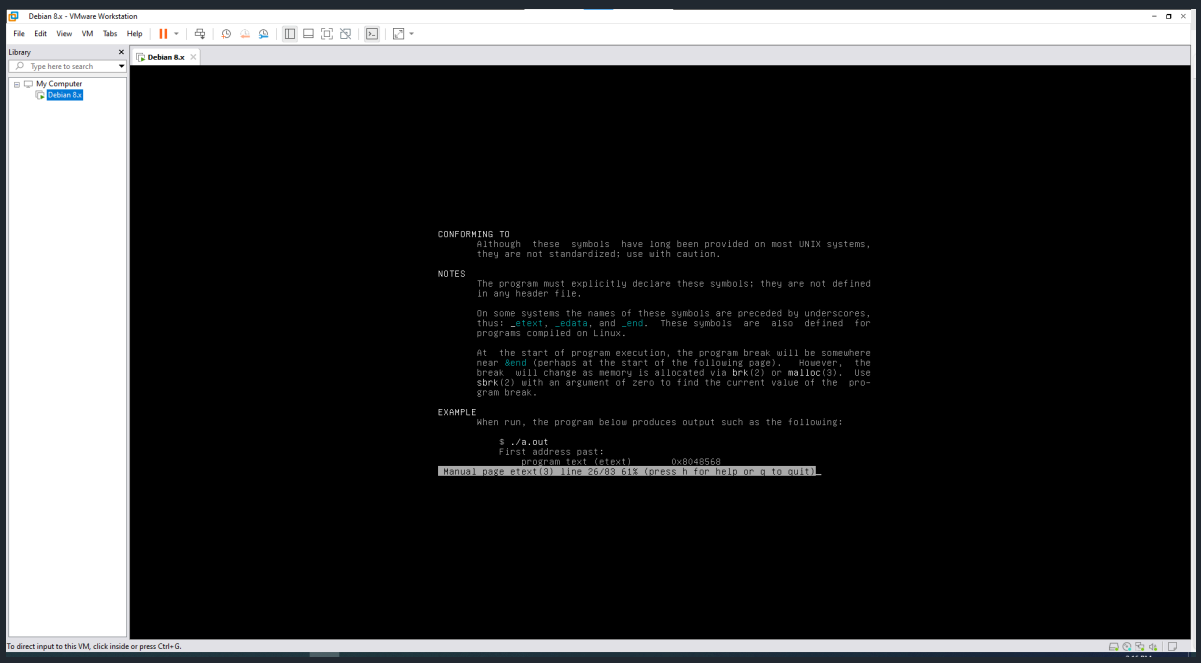
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CONFORMING TO
Although these symbols have long been provided on most UNIX systems, they are not standardized; use with caution.
NOTES
The program must explicitly declare these symbols; they are not defined in any header file.
On some systems the names of these symbols are preceded by underscores, thus: _etext, _edata, and _end. These symbols are also defined for programs compiled on Linux.
At the start of program execution, the program break will be somewhere near &end (perhaps at the start of the following page). However, the break will change as memory is allocated via brk(2) or malloc(3). Use sbrk(2) with an argument of zero to find the current value of the program break.
EXAMPLE
When run, the program below produces output such as the following:
$ ./a.out
First address past:
program text (etext) 0x8048568
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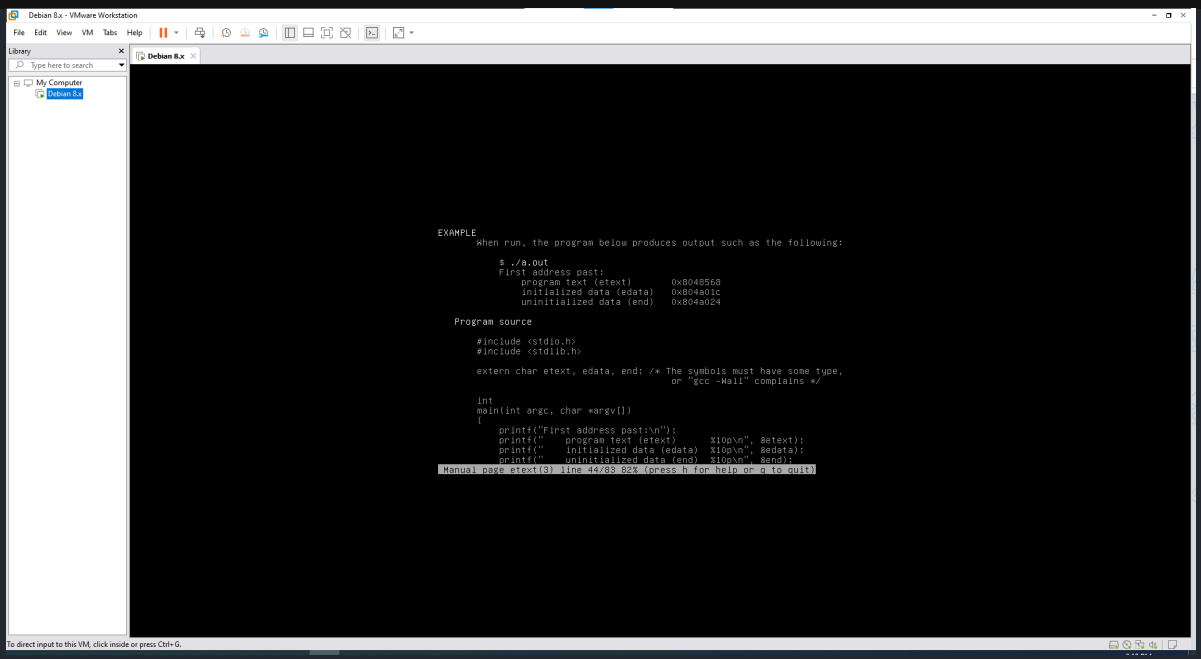
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EXAMPLE
when run, the program below produces output such as the following:
$ ./a.out
First address past:
program text (etext) 0x8048568
initialized data (edata) 0x804a01c
uninitialized data (end) 0x804a024
Program source
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
extern char etext, edata, end; /* The symbols must have some type,
or "gcc -Wall" complains */
int
main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
printf("First address past:\n");
printf(" program text (etext) %10p\n", &etext);
printf(" initialized data (edata) %10p\n", &edata);
printf(" uninitialized data (end) %10p\n", &end);
Manual page etext(3) line 44/83 82% (press h for help or q to quit)
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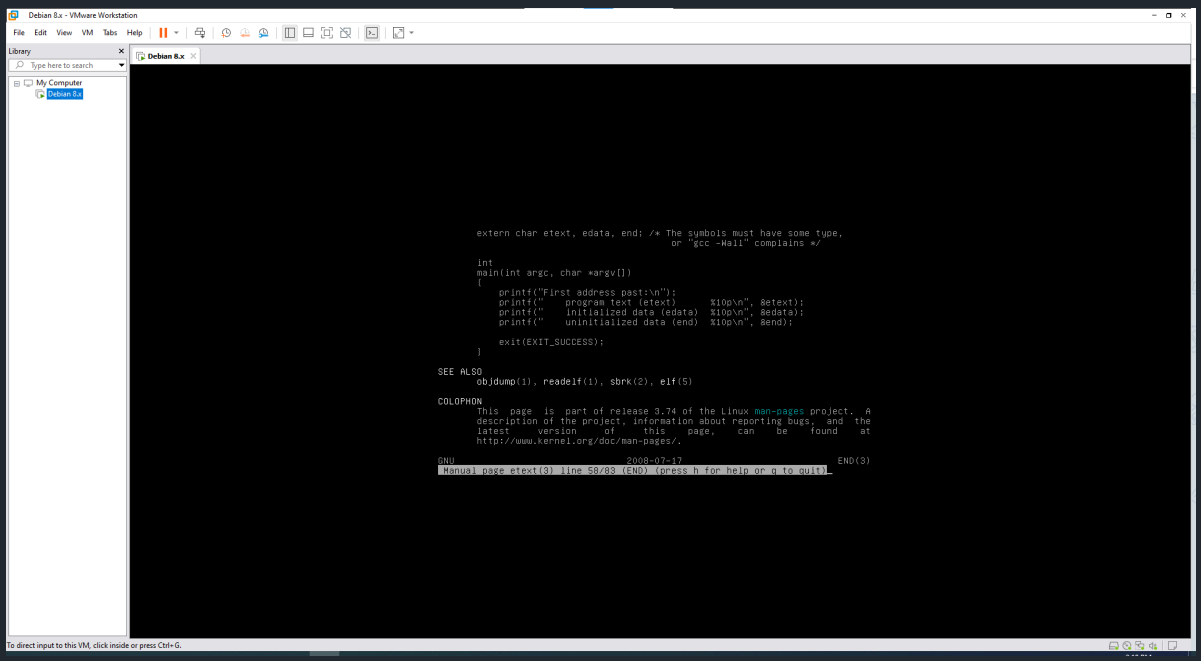
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int
main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
printf("First address past:\n");
printf(" program text (etext) %10p\n", &etext);
printf(" initialized data (edata) %10p\n", &edata);
printf(" uninitialized data (end) %10p\n", &end);
exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
}
SEE ALSO
objdump(1), readelf(1), sbrk(2), elf(5)
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GNU 2008-07-17 END(3)
Manual page etext(3) line 58/83 (END) (press h for help or q to quit)
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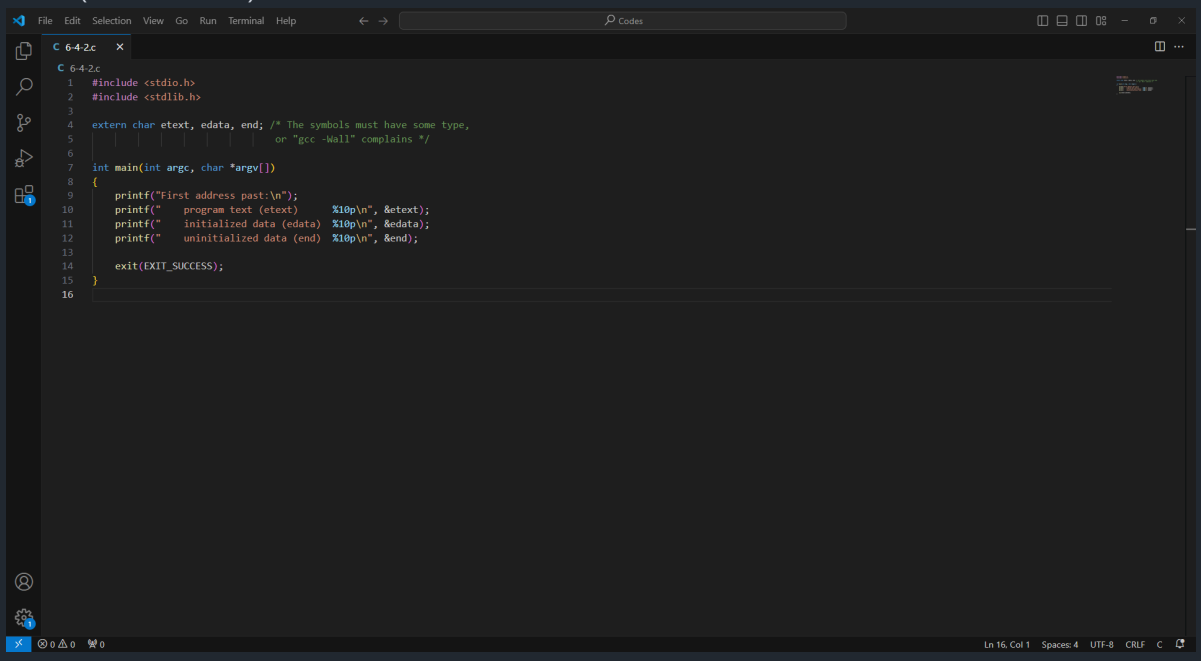
- [x] Code (in file 6-4-2.c):



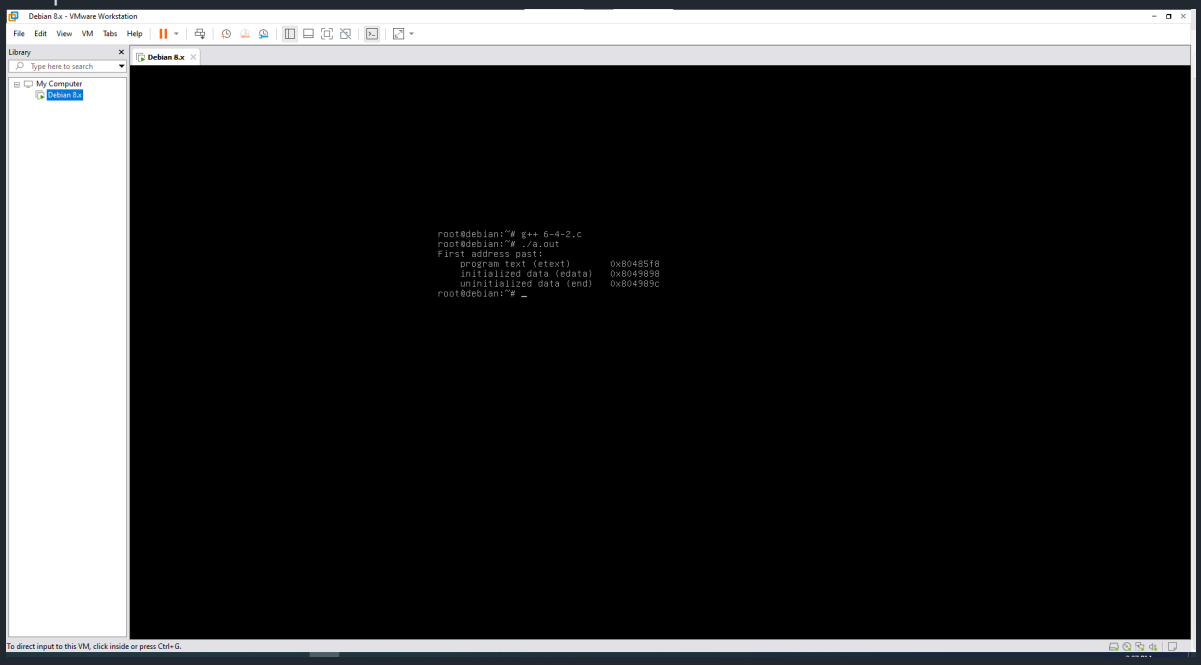
```c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

extern char etext, edata, end; /* The symbols must have some type,
                                  or "gcc -Wall" complains */

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    printf("First address past:\n");
    printf("    program text (etext)      %10p\n", &etext);
    printf("    initialized data (edata)  %10p\n", &edata);
    printf("    uninitialized data (end)  %10p\n", &end);

    exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);
}
```

Output:




As you see, the addresses are exactly the same as what we expected.

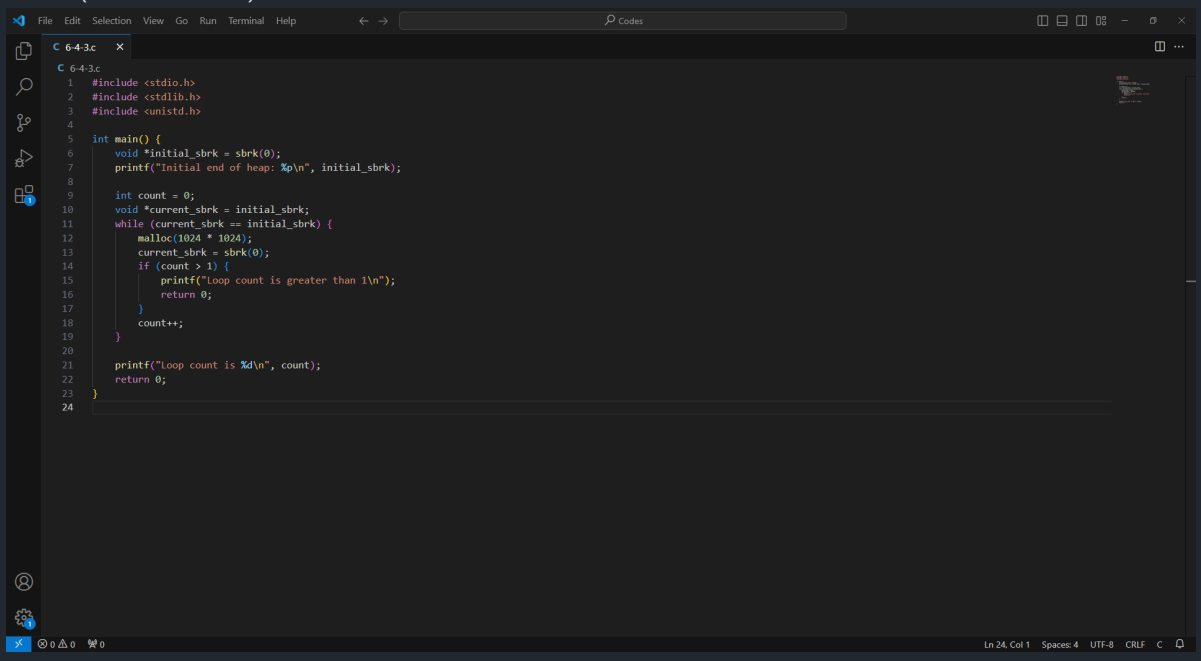
- [x] Description about `etext`, the meaning of the comment, why using the term symbol, why using extern:
  - [x] The symbols are:
    - [x] `etext`: This is the first address past the end of the text segment (the program code). The text segment contains the compiled machine code of the program.
    - [x] `edata`: This is the first address past the end of the initialized data segment
    - [x] `end`: This is the first address past the end of the uninitialized data segment (also known as the BSS segment).
  - [x] Meaning of the comment: The '-Wall' flag enables all compiler's warning messages, which helps in writing cleaner and more error-free code. In C, declaring symbols with extern

requires specifying a type. Without a type, the compiler would issue warnings or errors. Here, char is chosen as the type because it is a basic type that simply gives these symbols a valid type without any specific size or alignment constraints.

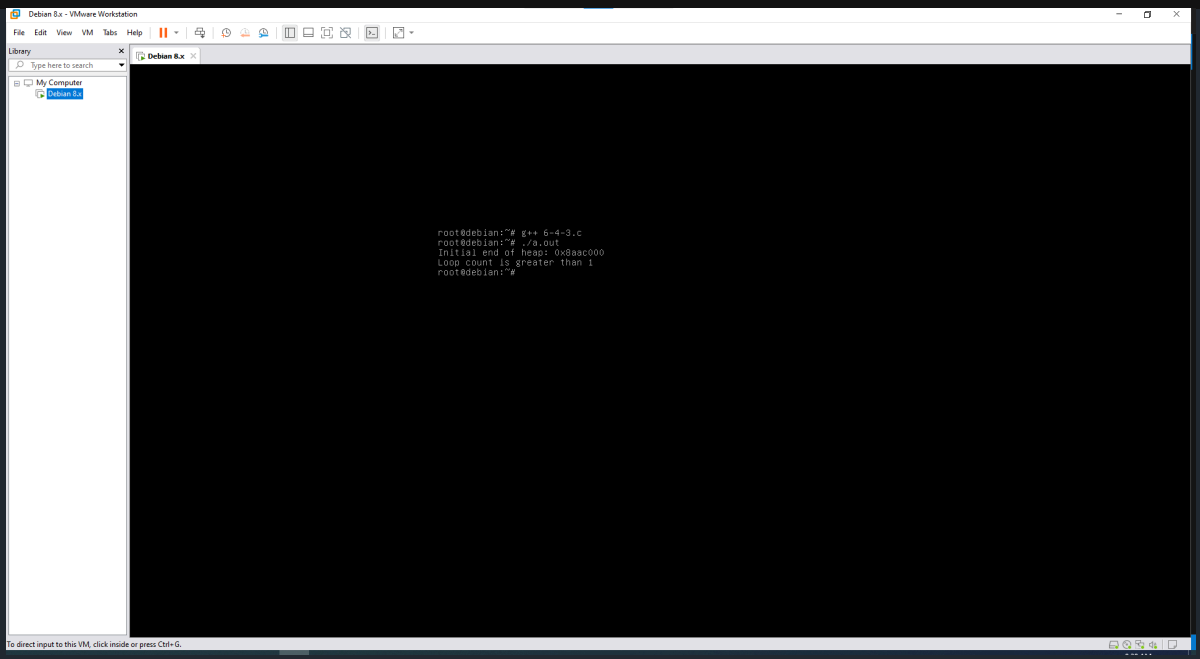
- [x] Why use the term symbol: These symbols () are used to refer to specific locations in memory and do not hold values themselves. They are part of the program's memory map, which is why they are called symbols rather than variables.
- [x] Why use extern: The extern keyword is used to declare these symbols without defining them. This informs the compiler that these symbols are defined elsewhere, typically by the linker. These symbols are defined by the linker, not by the C code, so using extern tells the compiler that their actual addresses will be resolved during the linking stage. Also, by declaring them as extern char, the code can take the address of these symbols (using &etext, &edata, &end) to print or otherwise.

- [x] sbrk analysis:

  Code (in file 6-4-3.c):




  Output:




As you see, the loop count is not equal to 1. That's because memory allocators often request larger chunks of memory from the operating system and then manage these chunks internally. When malloc is called, it might be allocating memory from a pre-existing pool rather than extending the heap. This means the end of the heap doesn't change with every call to malloc. In the above code, the size of malloc was 1 MB. If we change it to 1 KB, the address of end of heap will change and the loop count will be 1. Its output will be:

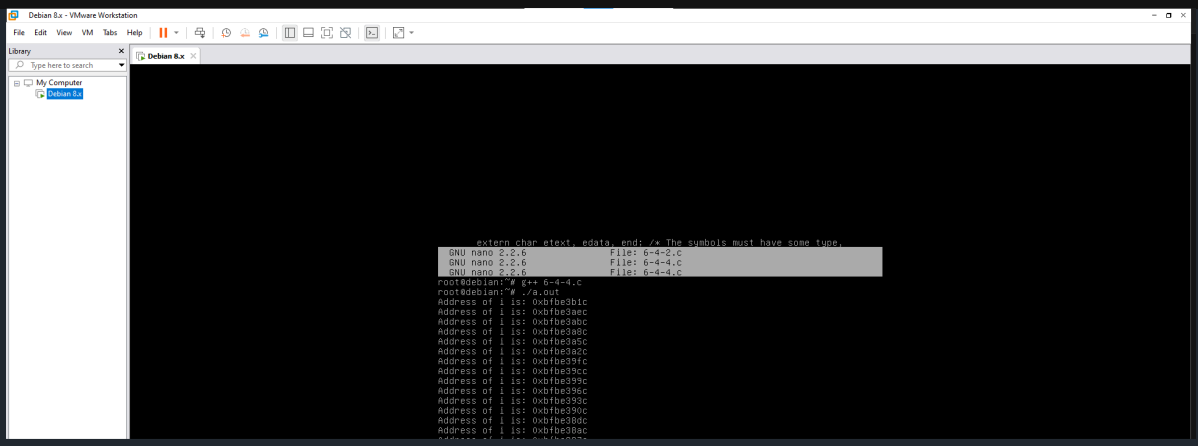
We could write code like this to see if malloc changes the address of end of heap:

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

int main() {
    printf("End of heap before malloc: %p\n", sbrk(0));
    malloc(1024 * 1024);
    printf("End of heap after malloc: %p\n", sbrk(0));
    return 0;
}
```

- [x] stack growth analysis:
  Code (in file 6-4-4.c):

  Output: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root@debian:~# ./a.out
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Address of i is: 0xbfbe3aec
Address of i is: 0xbfbe3a8c
Address of i is: 0xbfbe3a8c
Address of i is: 0xbfbe3a5c
Address of i is: 0xbfbe3a2c
Address of i is: 0xbfbe39fc
Address of i is: 0xbfbe39cc
Address of i is: 0xbfbe399c
Address of i is: 0xbfbe396c
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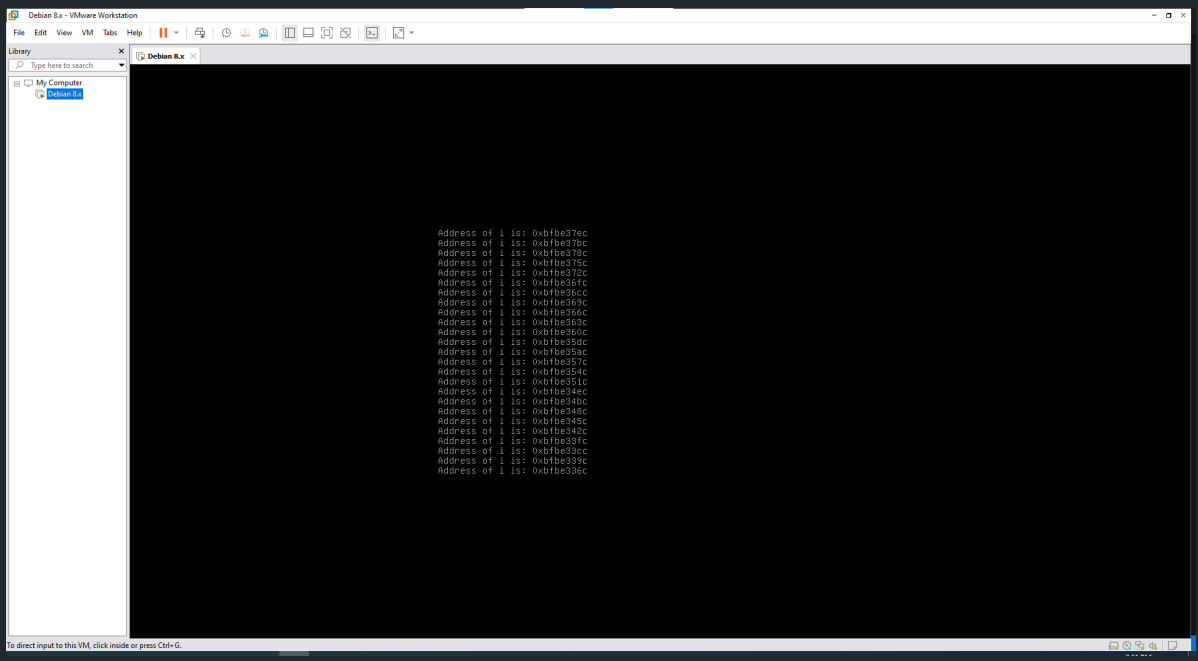
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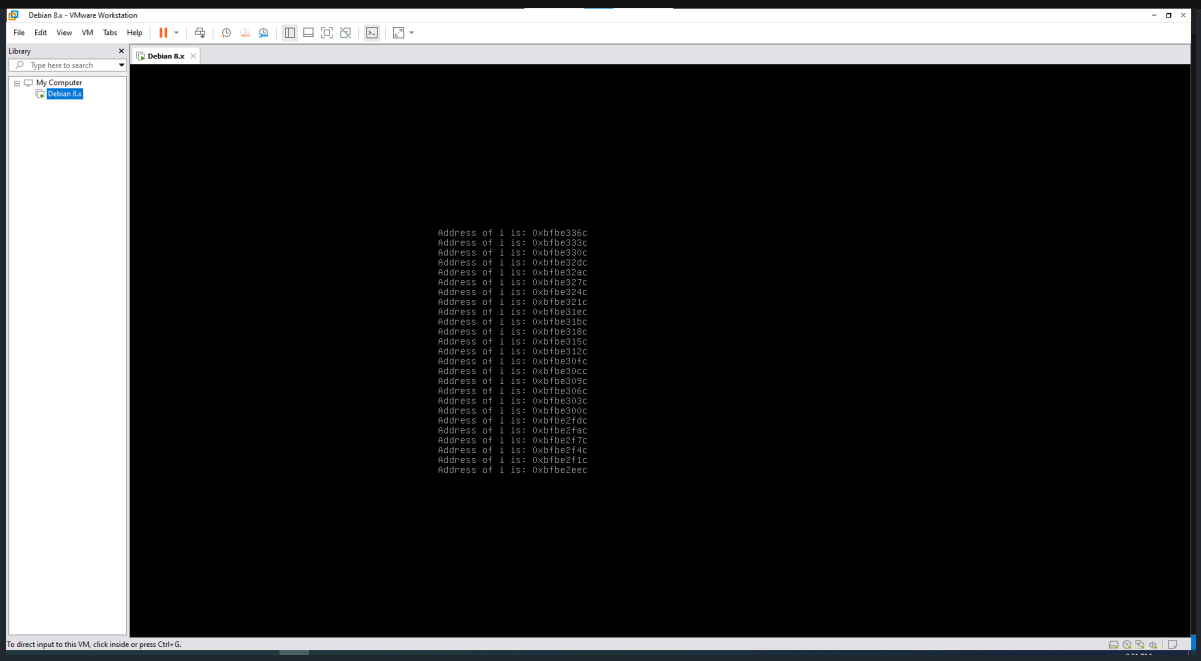


As you see, addresses decrease because the stack grows backward (from higher address to lower address).

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