Pointer, Dynamic memory and Linked list

instructor

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Pointer type, pointer arithmetic

```
int* -> int
```

char* -> char

Why strong types?

Why not some generic type?

Because-

Dereference

Access/modify value

```
int -> 4 bytes
char-> 1 byte
float-> 4 bytes
        int a=1250
           byte 2
                               byte 4
  byte 1
                     byte 3
   203
             202
                      201
                                200
int a=1250
int* p
p=&a
print P // 200
print *p // look at 4 bytes starting at
    200 to get the value 1250
```

Pointer to Pointer

```
int x=6;
int* p;
p=&x;
int** q;
q=&p
int*** r;
r=&q
```

```
Memory

202 205 215 225 230

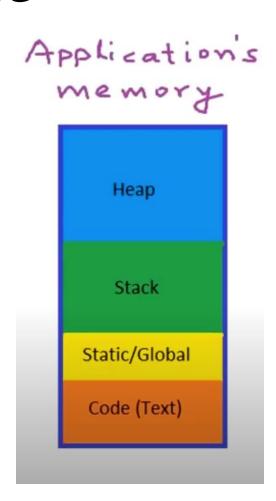
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int ** int * int int a **
```

cout<<***r // 225

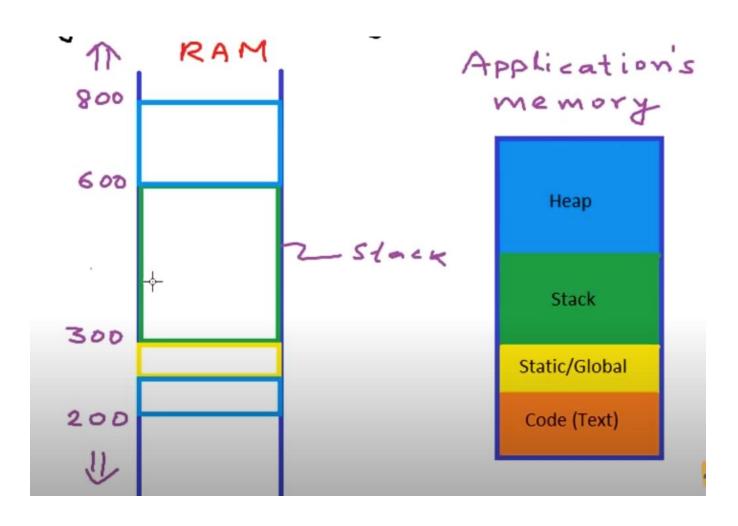
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int main()
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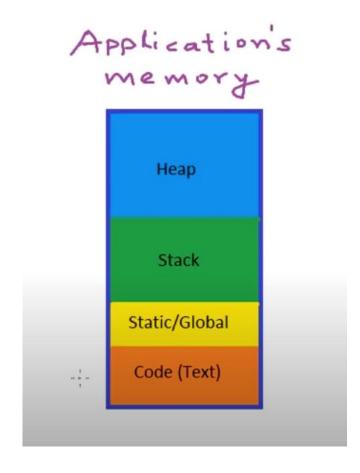
```
Application.
#include<iostream>
                                    Stack
using namespace std;
void increment(int* p){
                           600
*p=(*p)+1;
                                                                             Heap
int main()
int a;
                                                                             Stack
a=10;
increment(&a);
                                                                          Static/Global
cout<<a;
return 0;}
                                                                           Code (Text)
                            300
```

```
size of A=8
size of A[0]=4
                    Array as function argument
sum of elements= 3
size of A=24
size of A[0]=4
int SumOfElements(int A[])
                                  int main()
                                  int A[]={1,2,3,4,5,6};
int i, sum=0;
int size=sizeof(A)/sizeof(A[0]);
                                  int total=SumOfElements(A);
                                  cout<<"sum of elements=
cout<<"size of
A="<<sizeof(A)<<"\n";
                                  "<<total;
cout<<"size of
A[0]="<<sizeof(A[0])<<"\n";
                                  cout<<"\n size of
                                  A="<<sizeof(A)<<"\n";
                                  cout<<"\nsize of
for(i=0;i<size;i++)
                                  A[0]="<<sizeof(A[0])<<"\n";
sum+=A[i];
                                  return 0;
                                   test_arrasfarg.cpp
return sum;
```

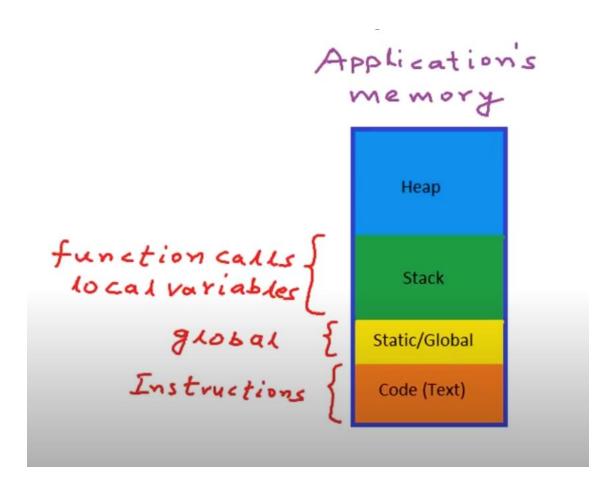
Stack



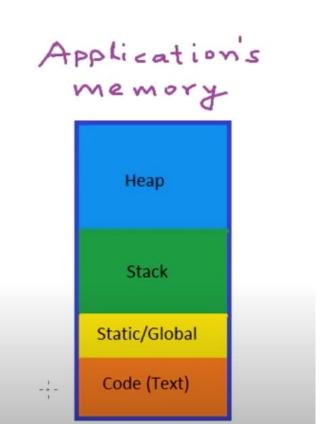
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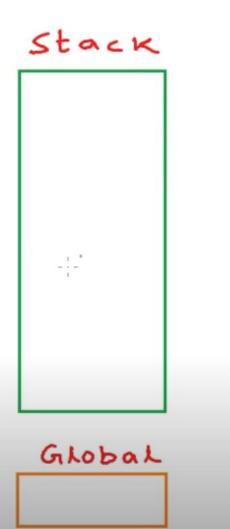
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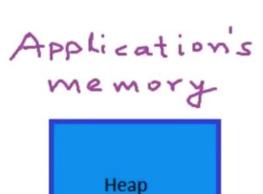


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using namespace std;
int total;
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    return x*x;
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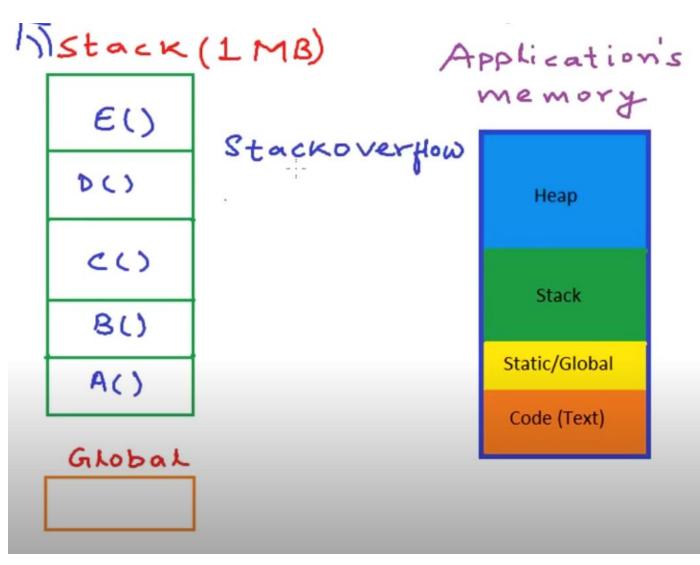






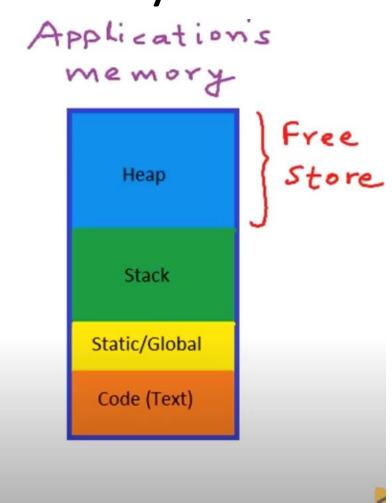
stack overflow

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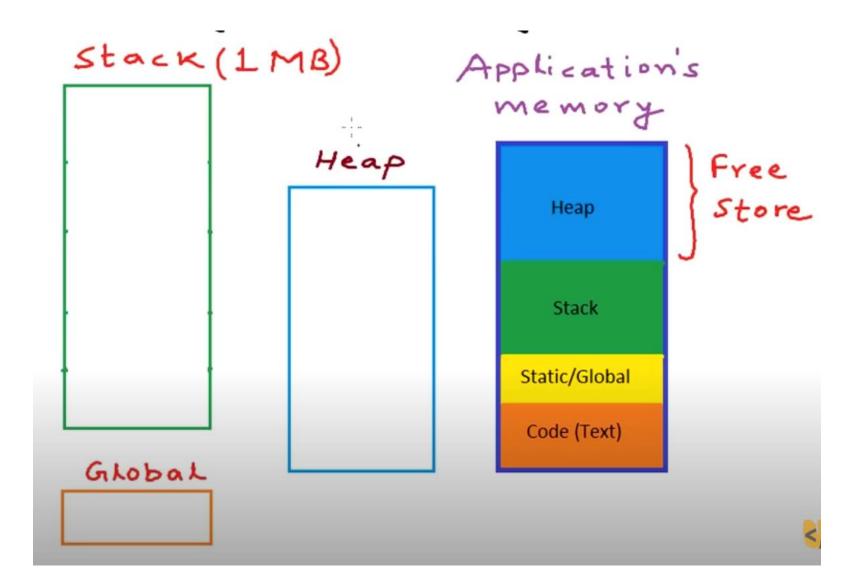


Dynamic memory

- Heap is called dynamic memory.
- using the heap refers to as dynamic memory allocation.
- free pool of memory.
- we can allocate memory chunck flexibly during program runtime.
- we need to deallocate memory to save us from memory likage.

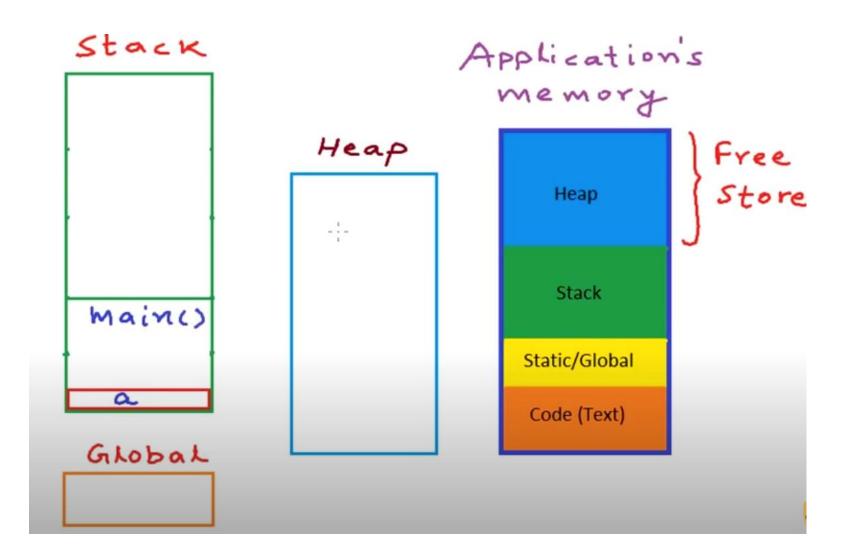


C++ new delete



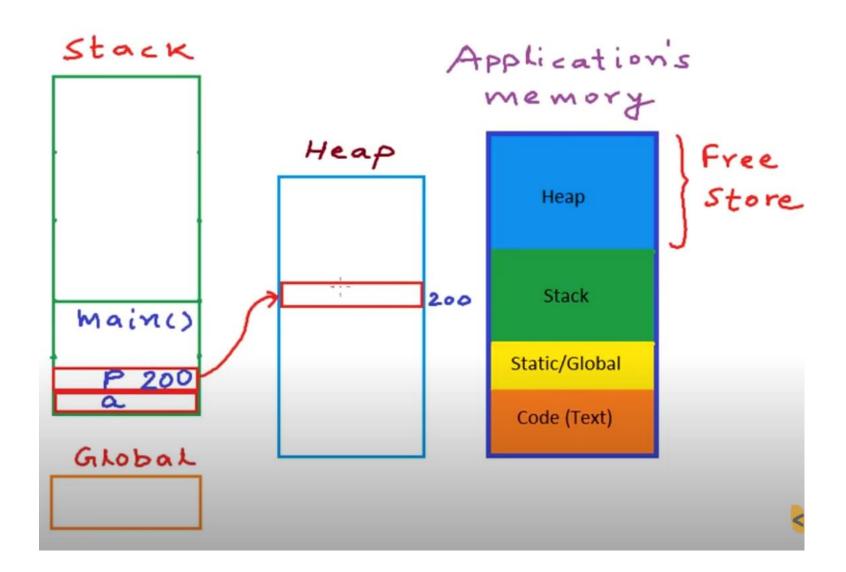
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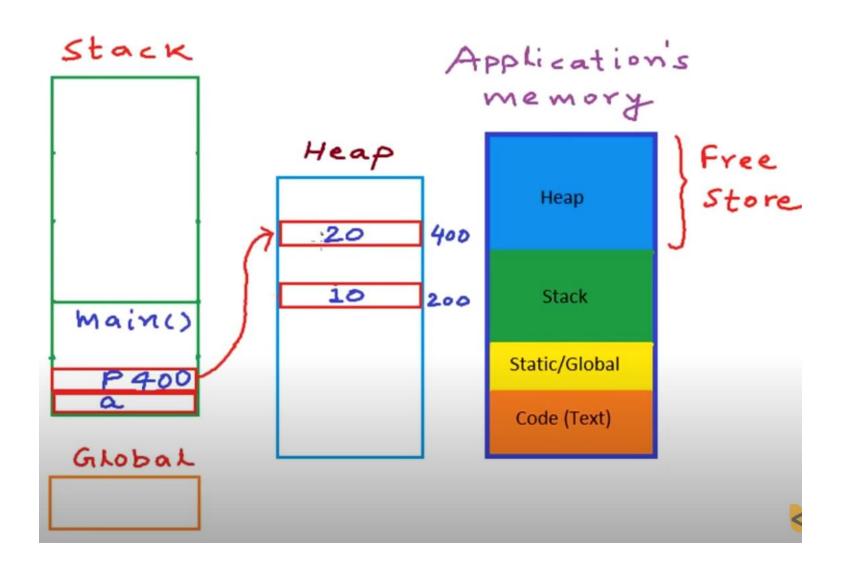


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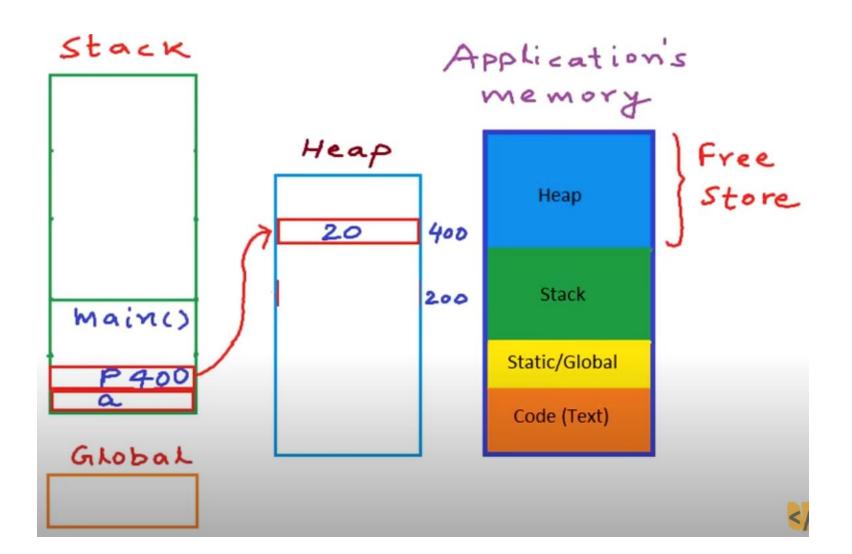
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{
    int a; //goes on stack
    int* p;
    p=new int; // allocate
from heap
    *p=10;
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```



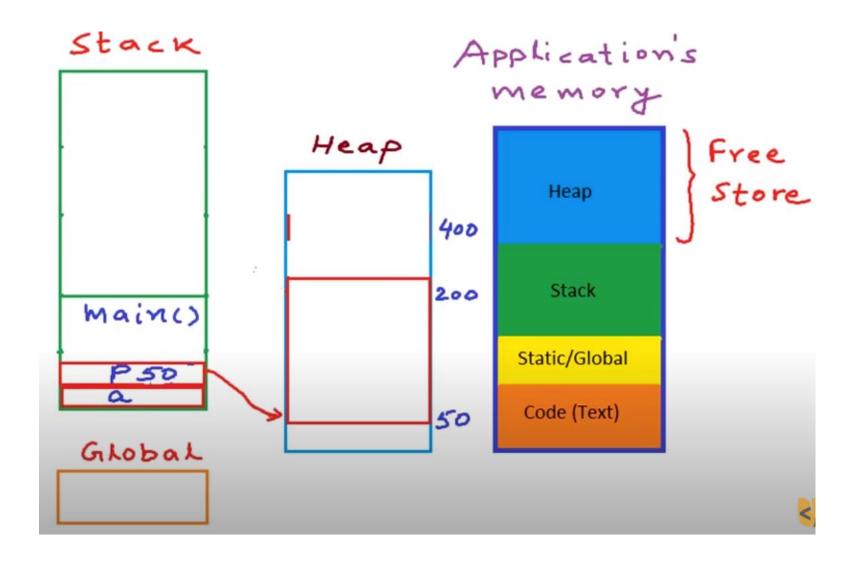
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```
#include<iostream>
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int main()
    int a; //goes on stack
    int* p;
    int* a=new int; // allocate
    from heap
    delete p;
    int* a=new int[10];
    delete[] a;
p[0] = *p
p[1]=*(p+1)
```

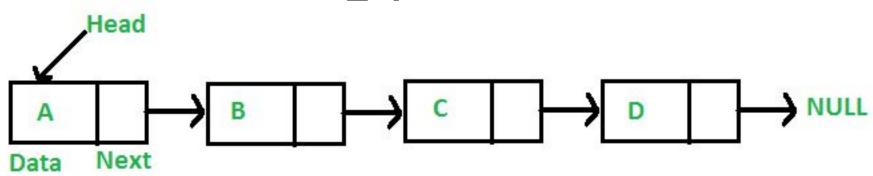


Lets practice an dynamic_array dyn_array.cpp

Linked List

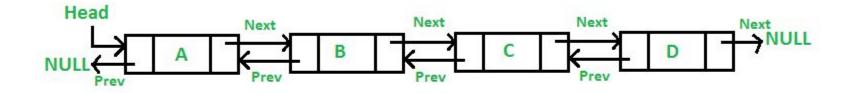
- Singly linked list
- Circular linked list
- Doubly linked list

Singly Linked List



- •A linked list is a linear data structure, in which the elements are not stored at contiguous memory locations. The elements in a linked list are linked using pointers as shown in the below image:
- •In simple words, a linked list consists of nodes where each node contains a data field and a reference(link) to the next node in the list.

Doubly linked List



A **D**oubly **L**inked **L**ist (DLL) contains an extra pointer, typically called *previous pointer*, together with next pointer and data which are there in singly linked list.

Circular linked list



Circular linked list is a linked list where all nodes are connected to form a circle. There is no NULL at the end. A circular linked list can be a singly circular linked list or doubly circular linked list.

Link list implementation

```
•C++
class Node {
    public:
        int data;
        Node* next;
};
•C &C++
struct Node {
        int data;
        struct Node* next;
};
```

Recursion

•approach(1) – Simply adding one by one $f(n) = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n$

approach(2) – Recursive adding

$$f(n) = 1$$
 $n=1$
 $f(n) = n + f(n-1)$ $n>1$

Factorial (Recursive function)

```
int fact(int n)
if (n < = 1) // base case
return 1;
else
return n*fact(n-1);
```

Stack Overflow

```
int fact(int n) // wrong base case (it may cause // stack overflow).
if (n == 100)
return 1;
else
return n*fact(n-1);
```

```
void recurse()
{ ... ... recurse();
... ... }

int main()
{ ... ... recurse();
... ... }
```