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BRIEFINGS

ERROR: BadAlloc! - Broken Memory Allocators Led to Millions of Vulnerable IoT and Embedded Devices



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Quick Reminder Integer Overflows

Sum

$$8 + 8 = ??$$

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$$4,294,967,295(2^{32} - 1) + 8 = 7$$

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(on 32-bit systems)

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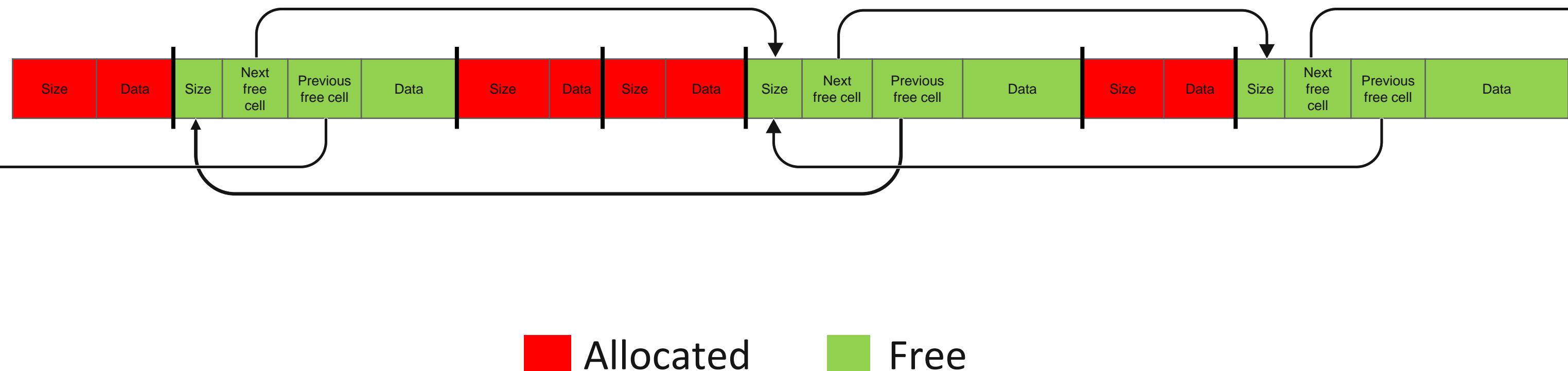
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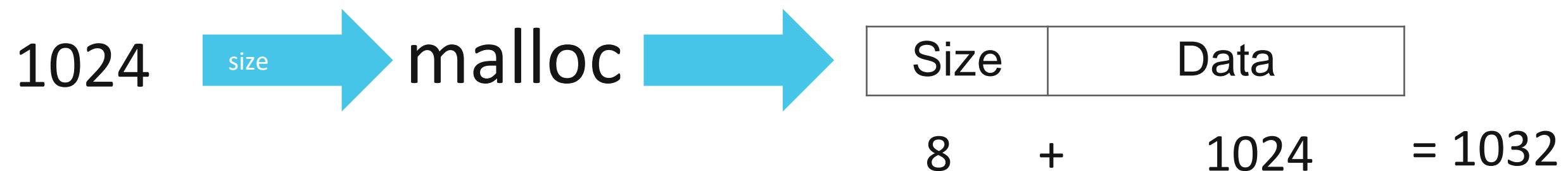
Memory Allocator 101

Heap layout

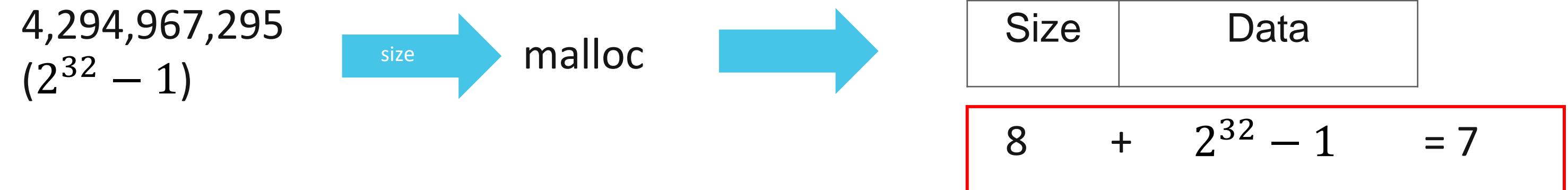
- Free memory is managed by the allocator using a single/double linked list of free blocks.



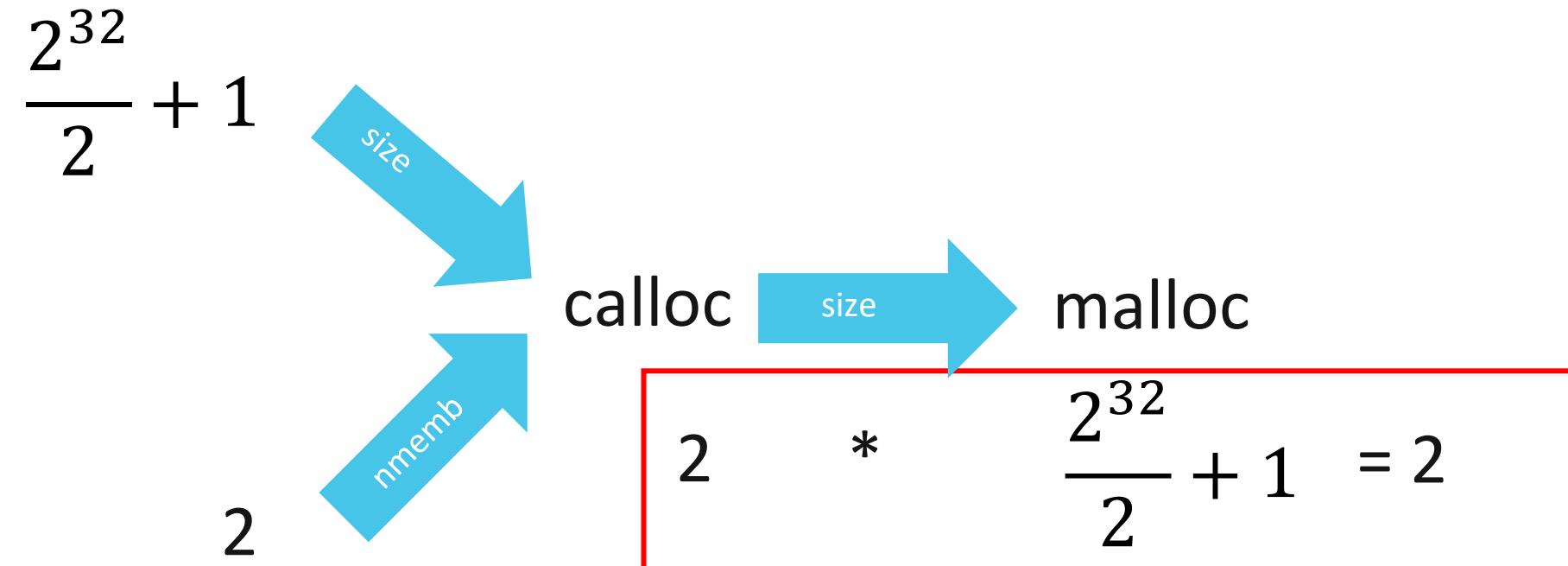
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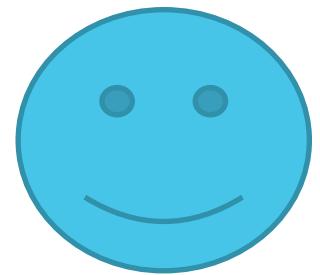
What will happen if I ask for a large amount of space?



Calloc



Good alloc



Alice

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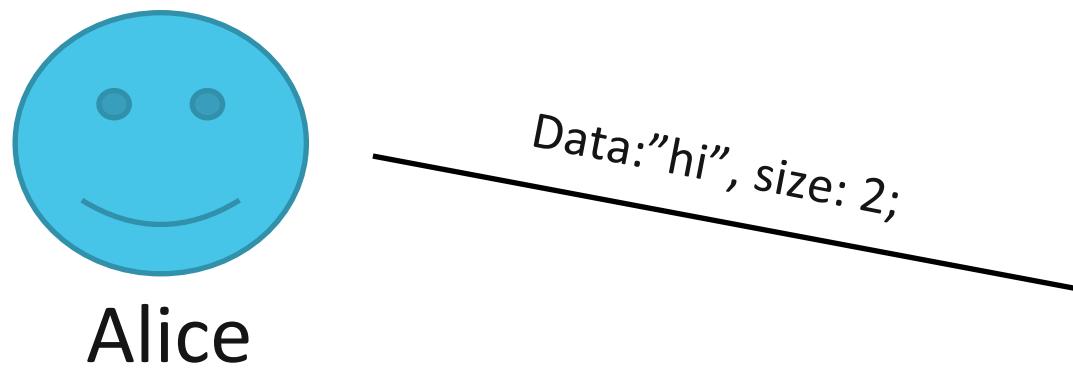
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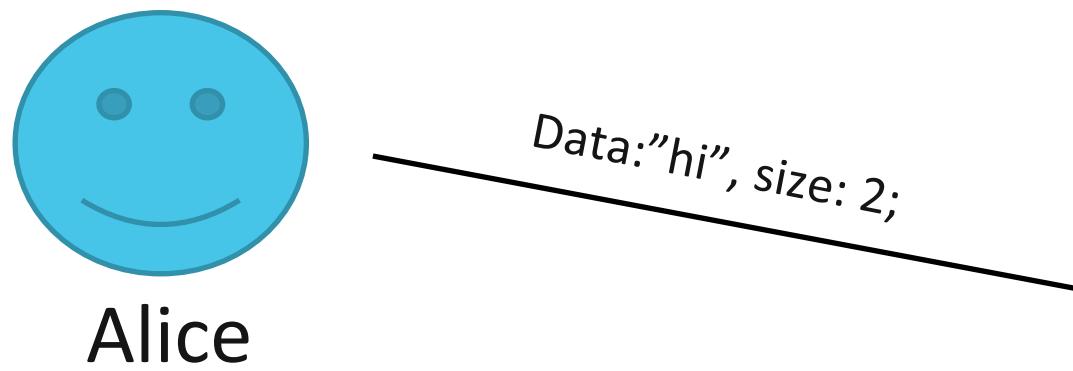


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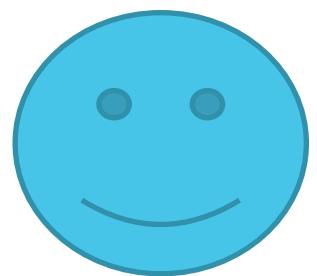
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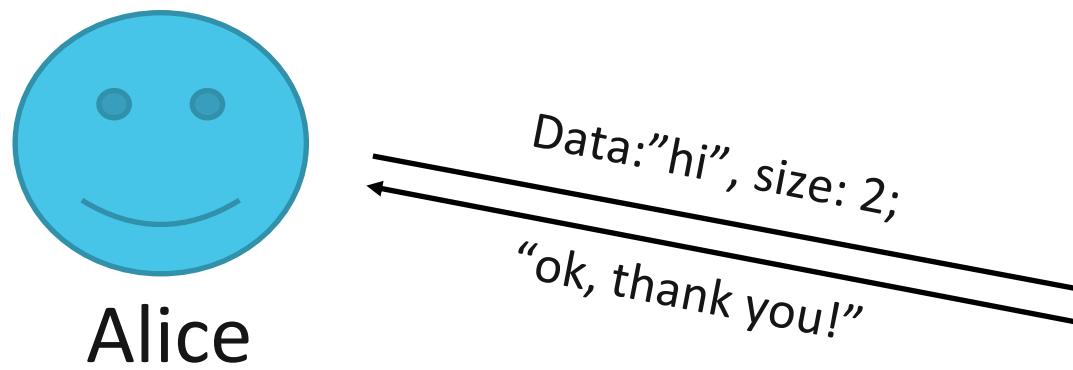
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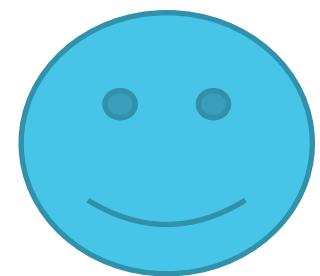


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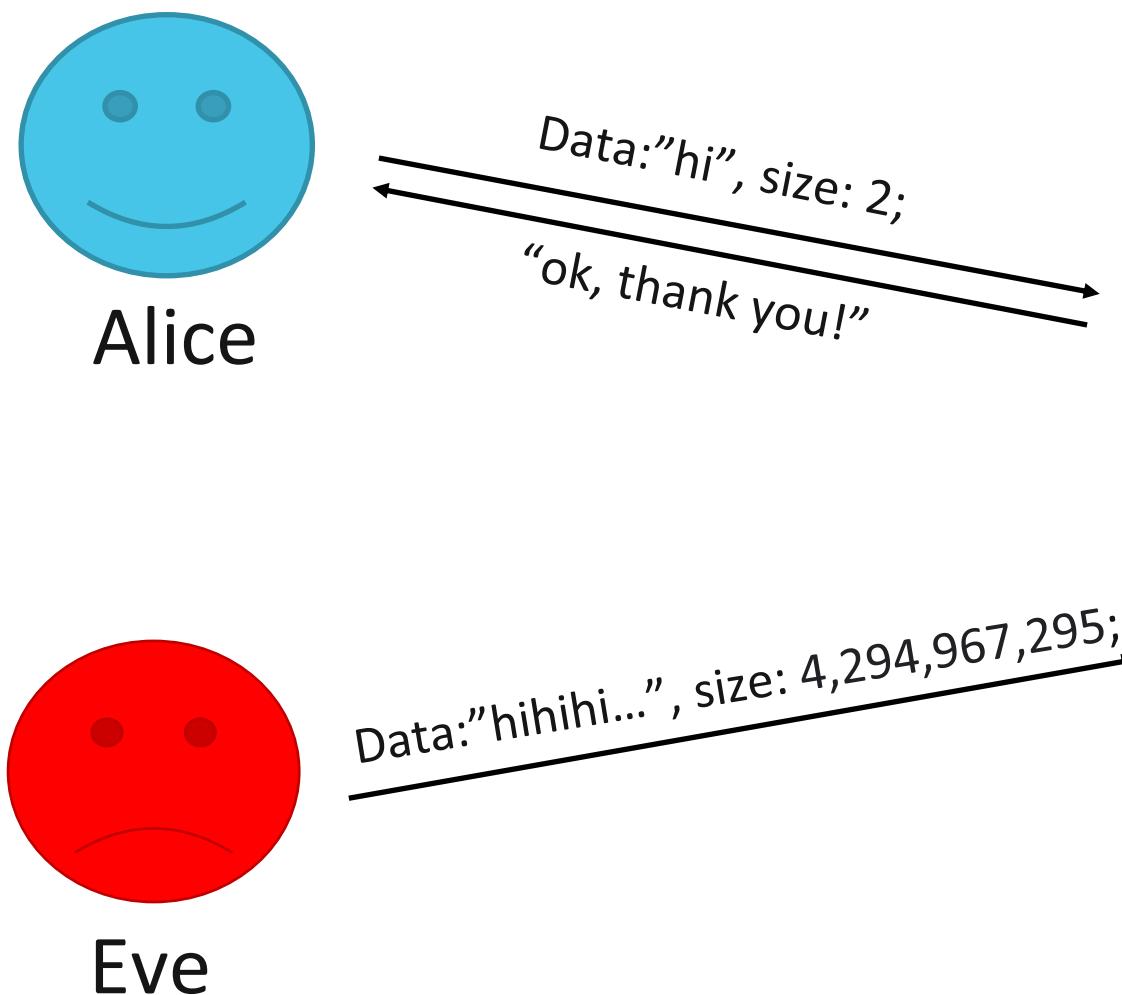
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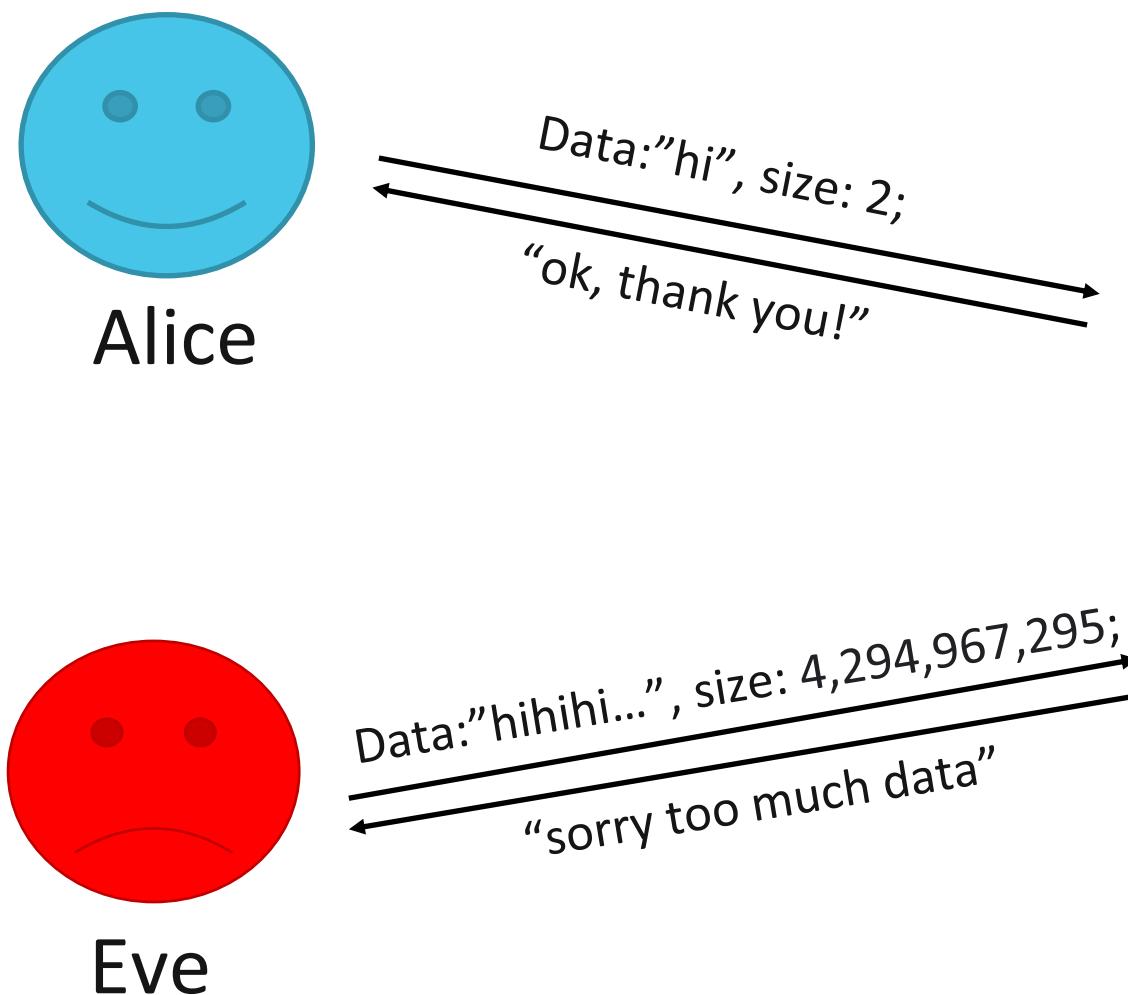
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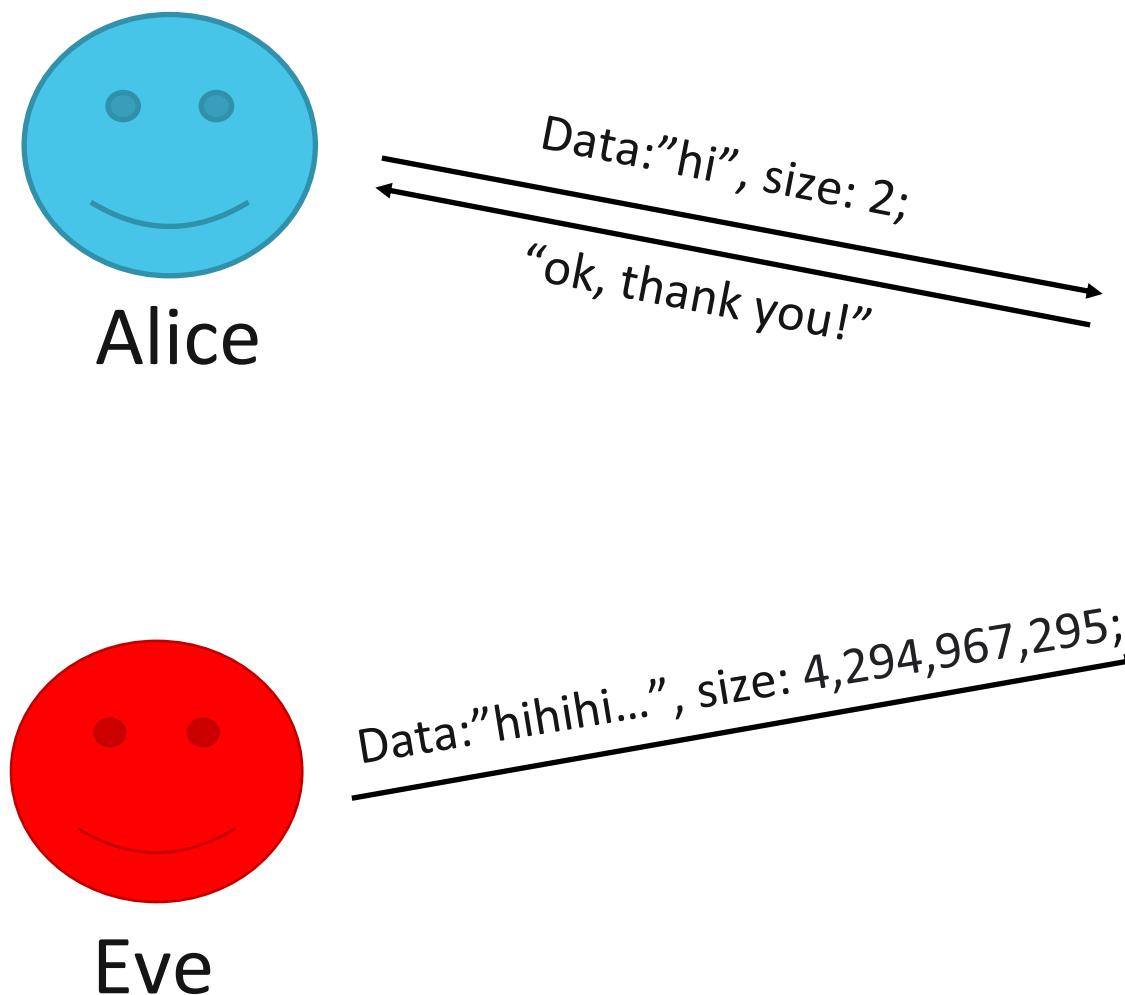


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A red arrow points from the word "else" in the server code back to the "sorry too much data" response in the diagram.

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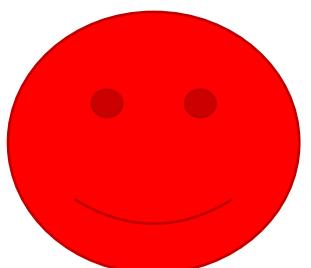
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Bad alloc



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Eve

Data

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    static BaseType_t xHeapHasBeenInitialised = pdFALSE;
    void * pvReturn = NULL;

    vTaskSuspendAll();
    {
        /* If this is the first call to malloc then the heap will require
         * initialisation to setup the list of free blocks. */
        if( xHeapHasBeenInitialised == pdFALSE )
        {
            prvHeapInit();
            xHeapHasBeenInitialised = pdTRUE;
        }

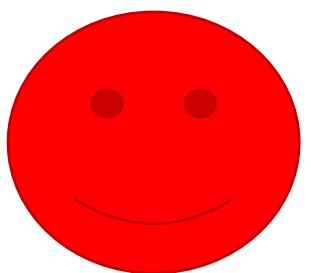
        /* The wanted size is increased so it can contain a BlockLink_t
         * structure in addition to the requested amount of bytes. */
        if( xWantedSize > 0 )
        {
            xWantedSize += heapSTRUCT_SIZE;

            /* Ensure that blocks are always aligned to the required number of bytes. */
            if( ( xWantedSize & portBYTE_ALIGNMENT_MASK ) != 0 )
            {
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                xWantedSize += ( portBYTE_ALIGNMENT - ( xWantedSize & portBYTE_ALIGNMENT_MASK ) );
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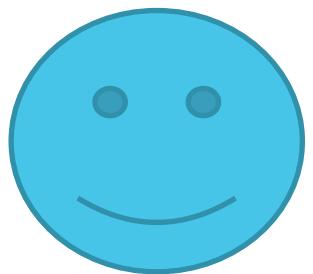
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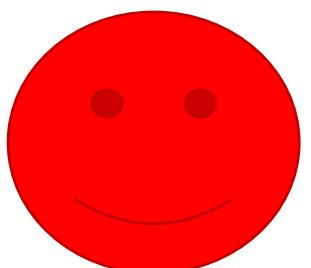
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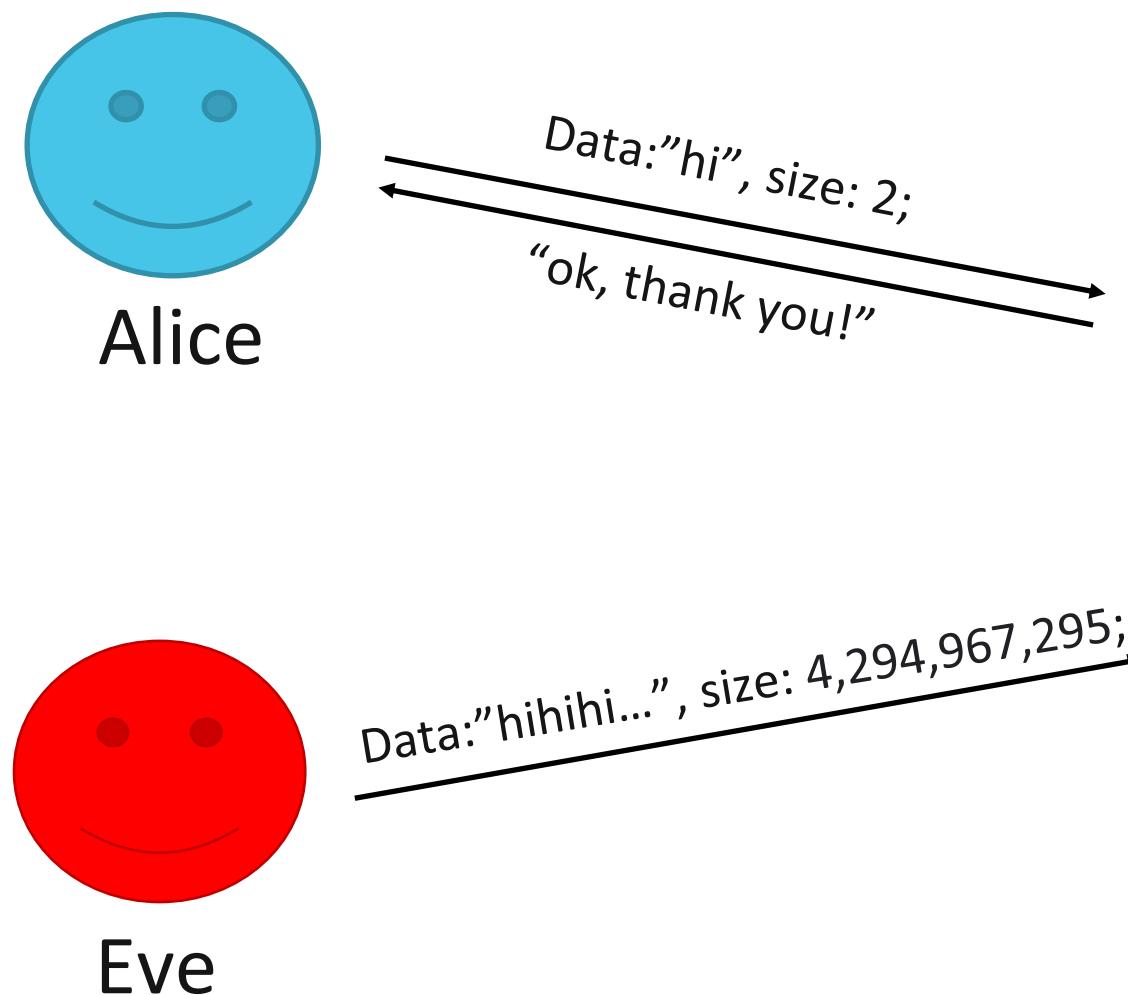
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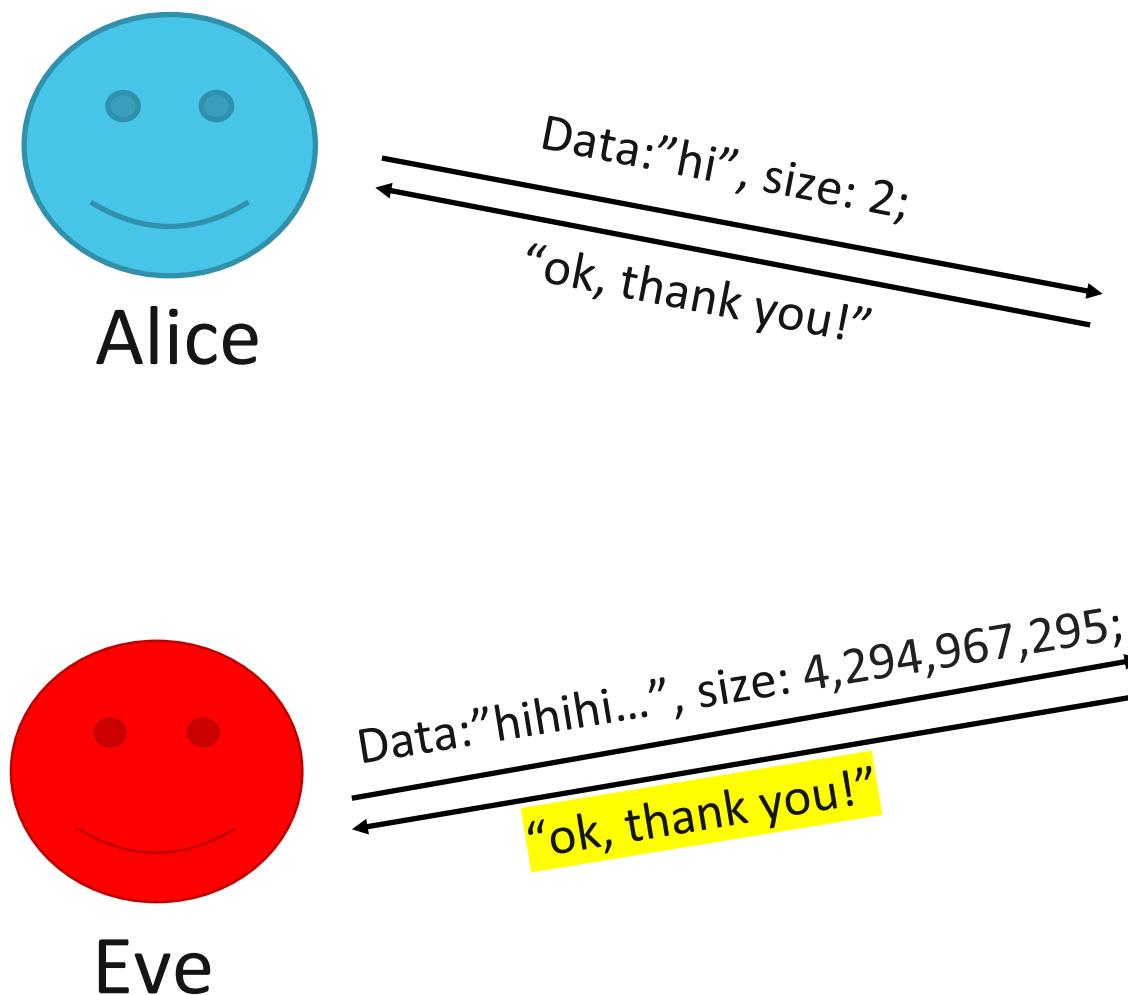
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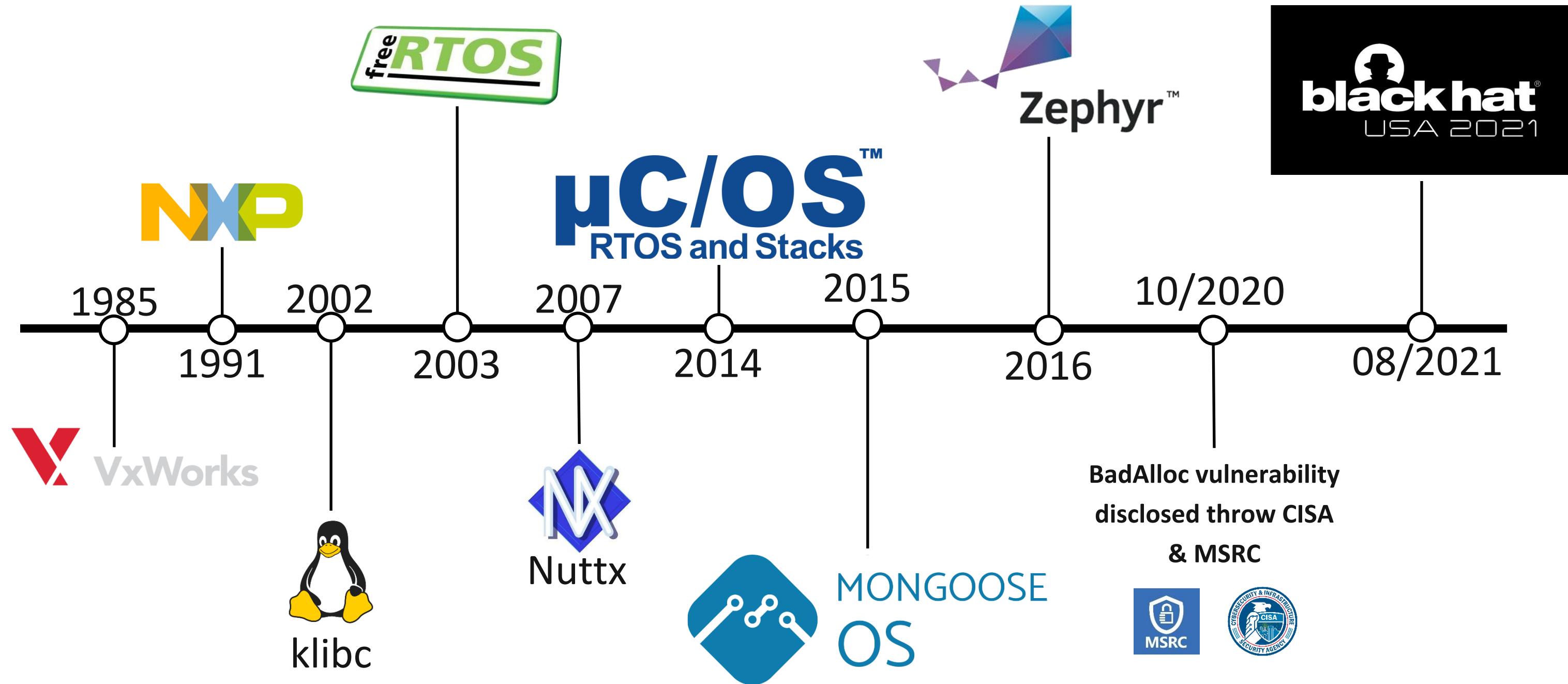
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Affected Products





Notable Examples

VxWorks 5.1 - 1993

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void * calloc(size_t __nmemb, size_t __size)
{
    void *_s;
    _s = (void *)memPartAlloc(memSysPartId, __nmemb * __size);
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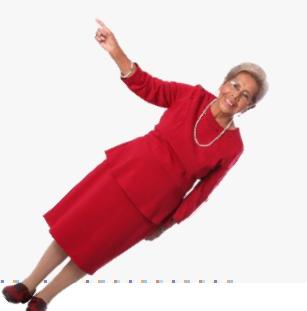
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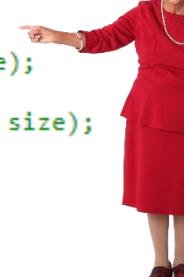


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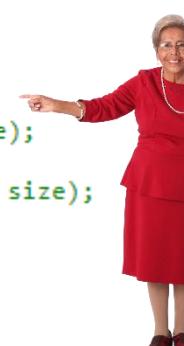


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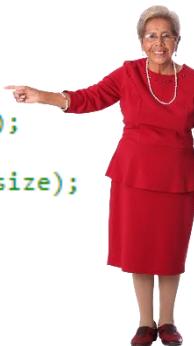
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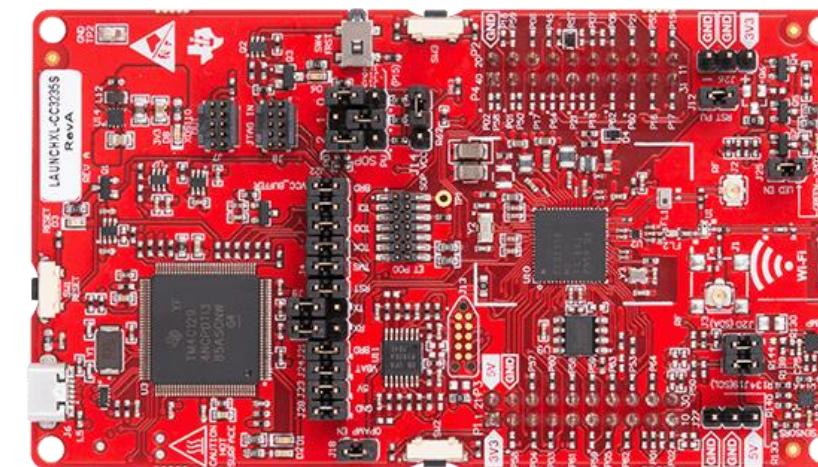
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+    return ptr;
+}
```



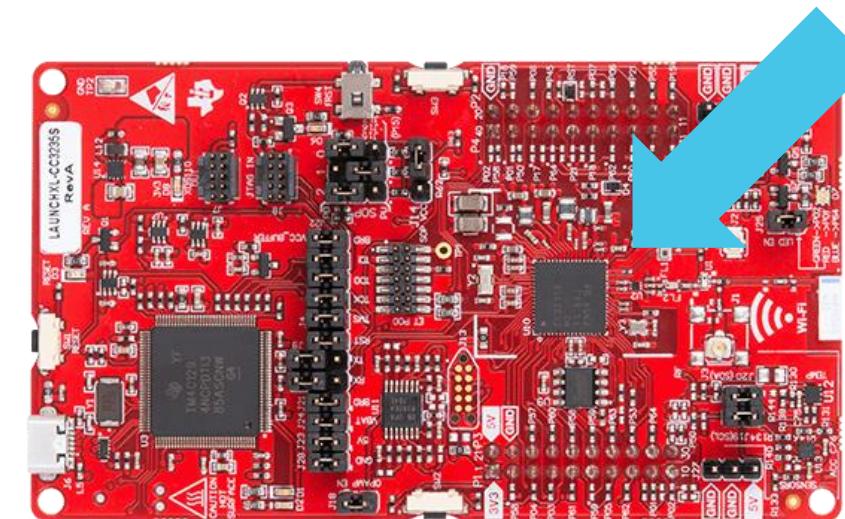
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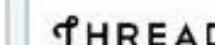
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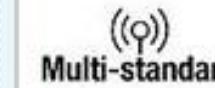
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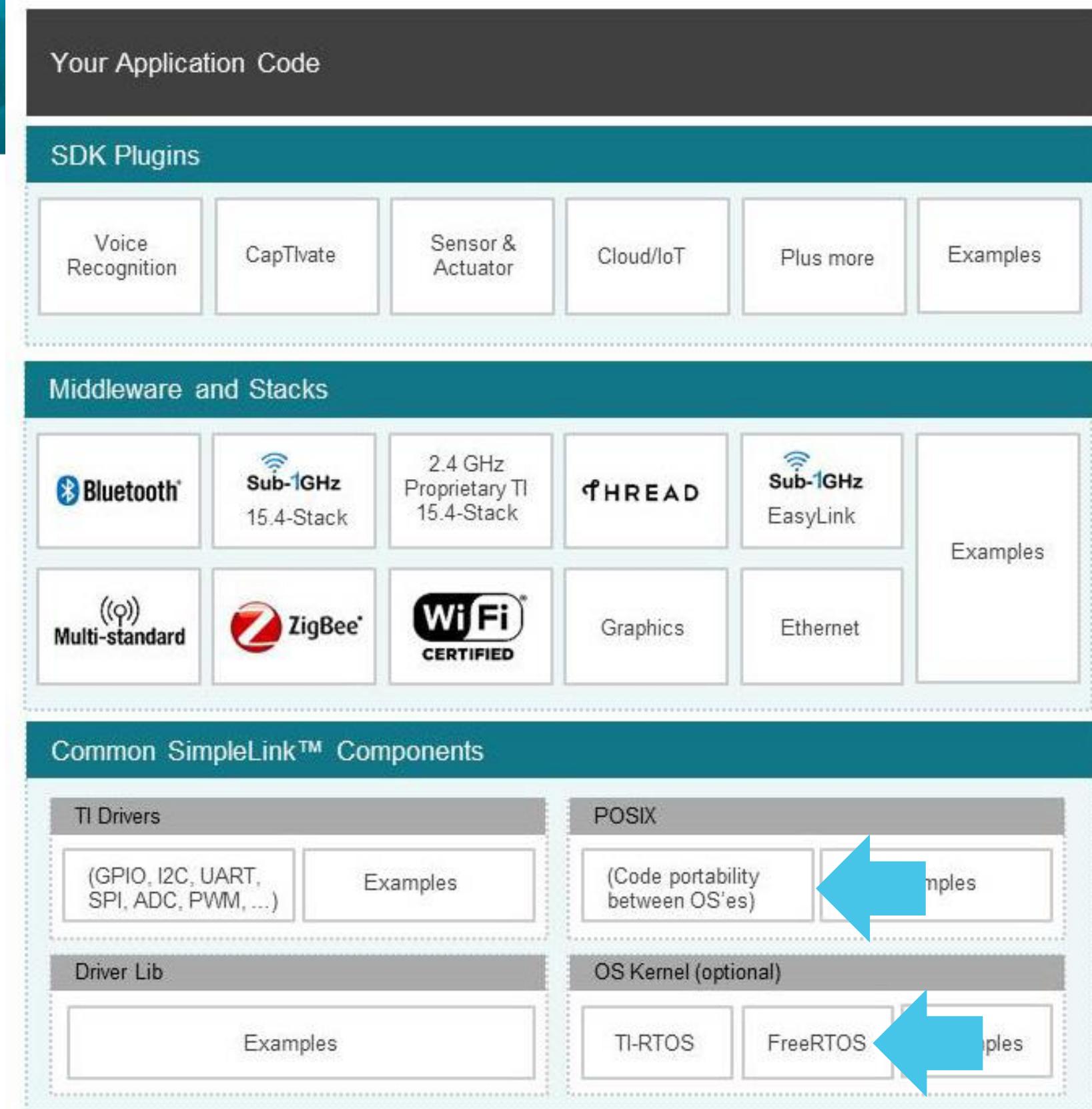
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Calloc is safe

```
/*
 * ====== calloc ======
 */
void ATTRIBUTE *calloc(size_t nmemb, size_t size)
{
    size_t nbytes;
    void *retval;

    /* guard against divide by zero exception below */
    if (nmemb == 0) {
        errno = EINVAL;
        return (NULL);
    }

    nbytes = nmemb * size;

    /* return NULL if there's an overflow */
    if (nmemb && size != (nbytes / nmemb)) {
        errno = EOVERFLOW;
        return (NULL);
    }

    retval = malloc(nbytes);
    if (retval != NULL) {
        (void)memset(retval, (int)'\\0', nbytes);
    }

    return (retval);
}
```

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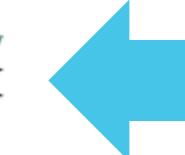
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    }

    nbytes = nmemb * size;

    /* return NULL if there's an overflow */
    if (nmemb && size != (nbytes / nmemb)) {
        errno = EOVERFLOW;
        return (NULL);
    }

    retval = malloc(nbytes);
    if (retval != NULL) {
        (void)memset(retval, (int)'\\0', nbytes);
    }

    return (retval);
}
```



Calloc is safe

```
/*
 * ==*
 */
void ATTRIB __attribute__((__malloc__)) _alloc(void **ptr, size_t size)
{
    size_t nbytes;
    void *retval;

    /* guard against overflow by returning a zero exception below */
    if (nmemb > INT_MAX / sizeof(*ptr))
        errno = ERANGE;
    return;
}

nbytes = nmemb * sizeof(*ptr);

/* return a zero exception if there is an overflow */
if (nbytes > INT_MAX - ((size_t)nmemb)) {
    errno = ERANGE;
    return;
}

retval = malloc(nbytes);
if (retval != NULL)
    ((void *)retval)[nmemb] = '\0';
}

return (retval);
}
```



Malloc isn't

```
/*
 * ===== malloc =====
 */
void ATTRIBUTE *malloc(size_t size)
{
    Header *packet;

    if (size == 0) {
        errno = EINVAL;
        return (NULL);
    }

    packet = (Header *)pvPortMalloc(size + sizeof(Header));

    if (packet == NULL) {
        errno = ENOMEM;
        return (NULL);
    }

    packet->header.actualBuf = (void *)packet;
    packet->header.size = size + sizeof(Header);

    return (packet + 1);
}
```

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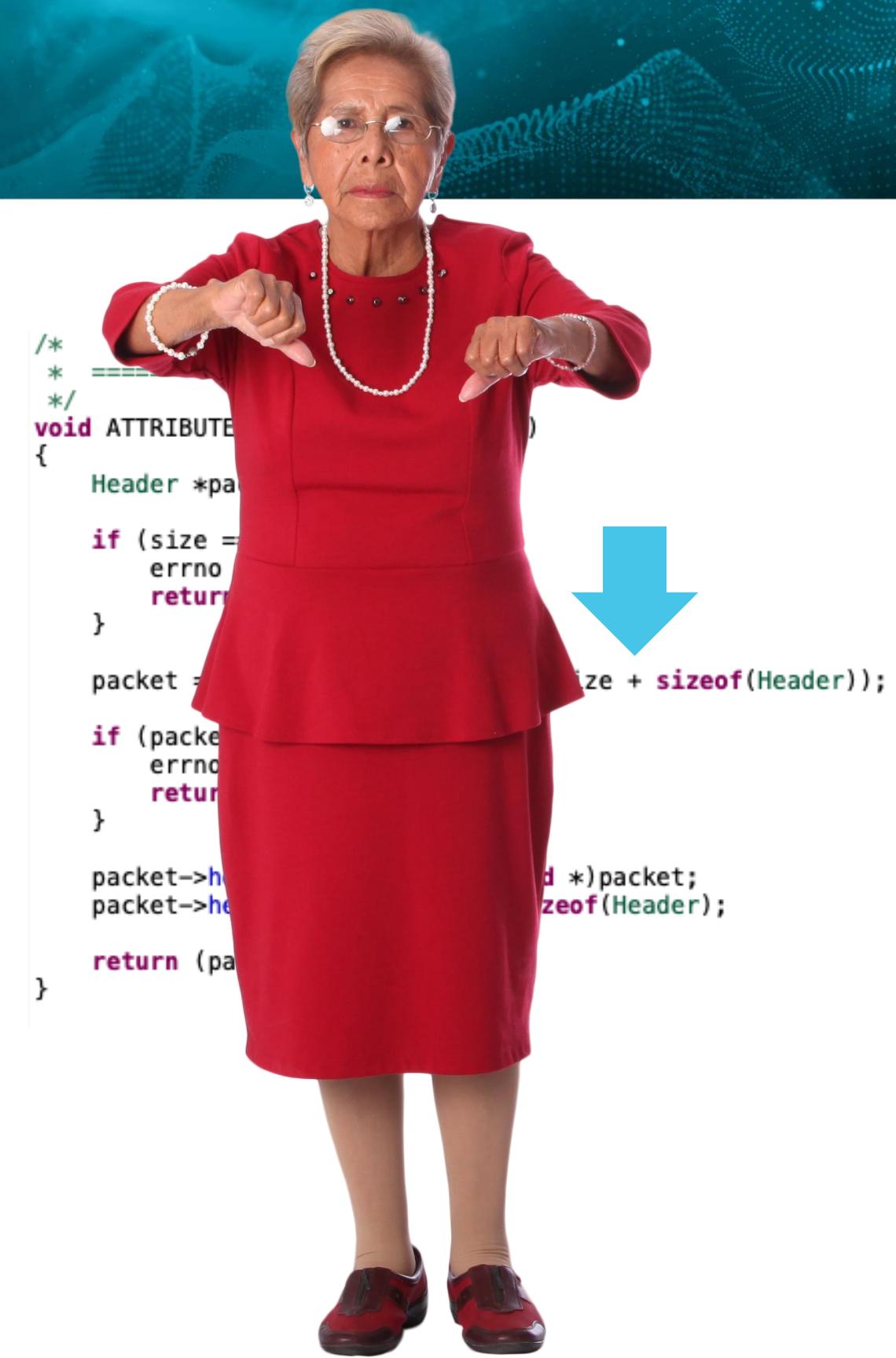
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        return (NULL);
    }

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    packet->header.size = size + sizeof(Header);

    return (packet + 1);
}
```



Malloc isn't



A woman in a red dress is pointing at a screen displaying C code. A large blue arrow points from the code to her hand. The code is as follows:

```
/*
 * =====
 */
void ATTRIBUTE()
{
    Header *pa

    if (size =
        errno
        return
    }

    packet = (Header *)malloc(sizeof(Header) + size + sizeof(Header));

    if (packet == NULL)
        errno = ENOMEM
        return
    }

    packet->header = (Header *)packet;
    packet->header->size = sizeof(Header);

    return (pa
}
```

Exploitation

SimpleLink POC

Over-The-Air(OTA) Updates

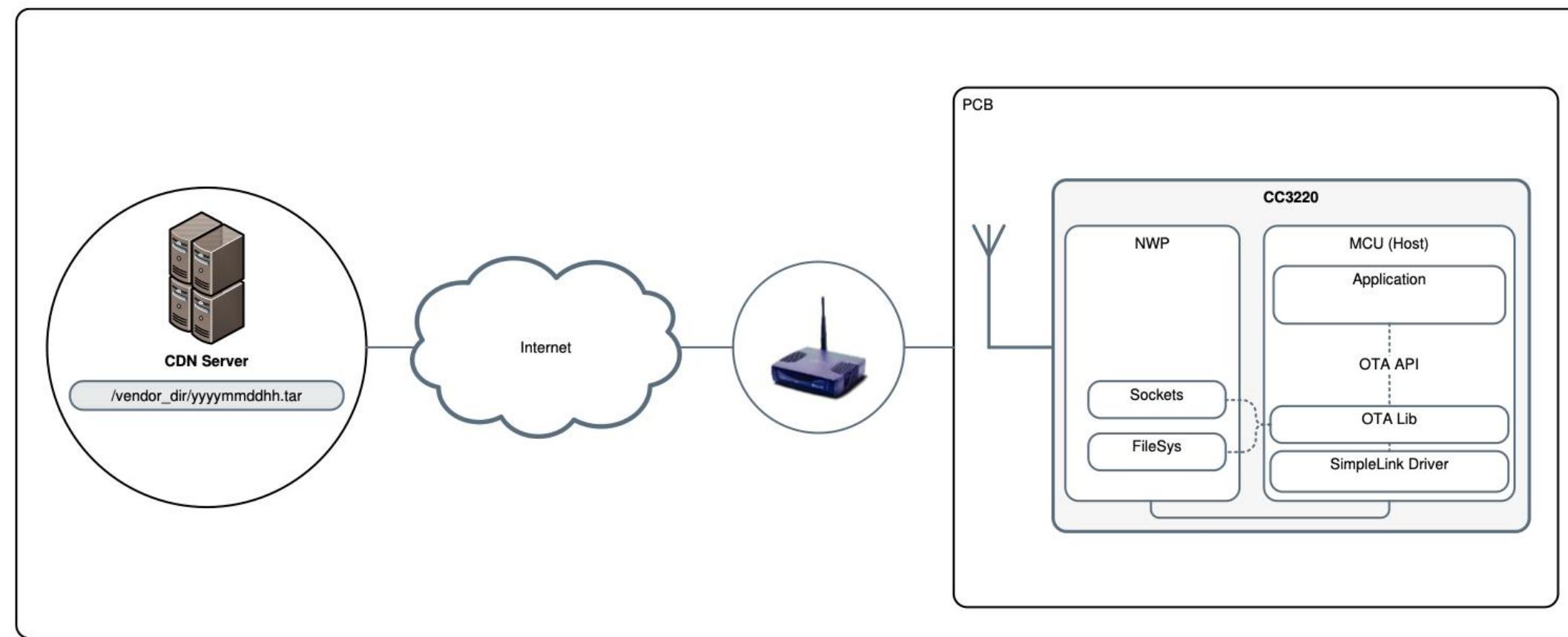
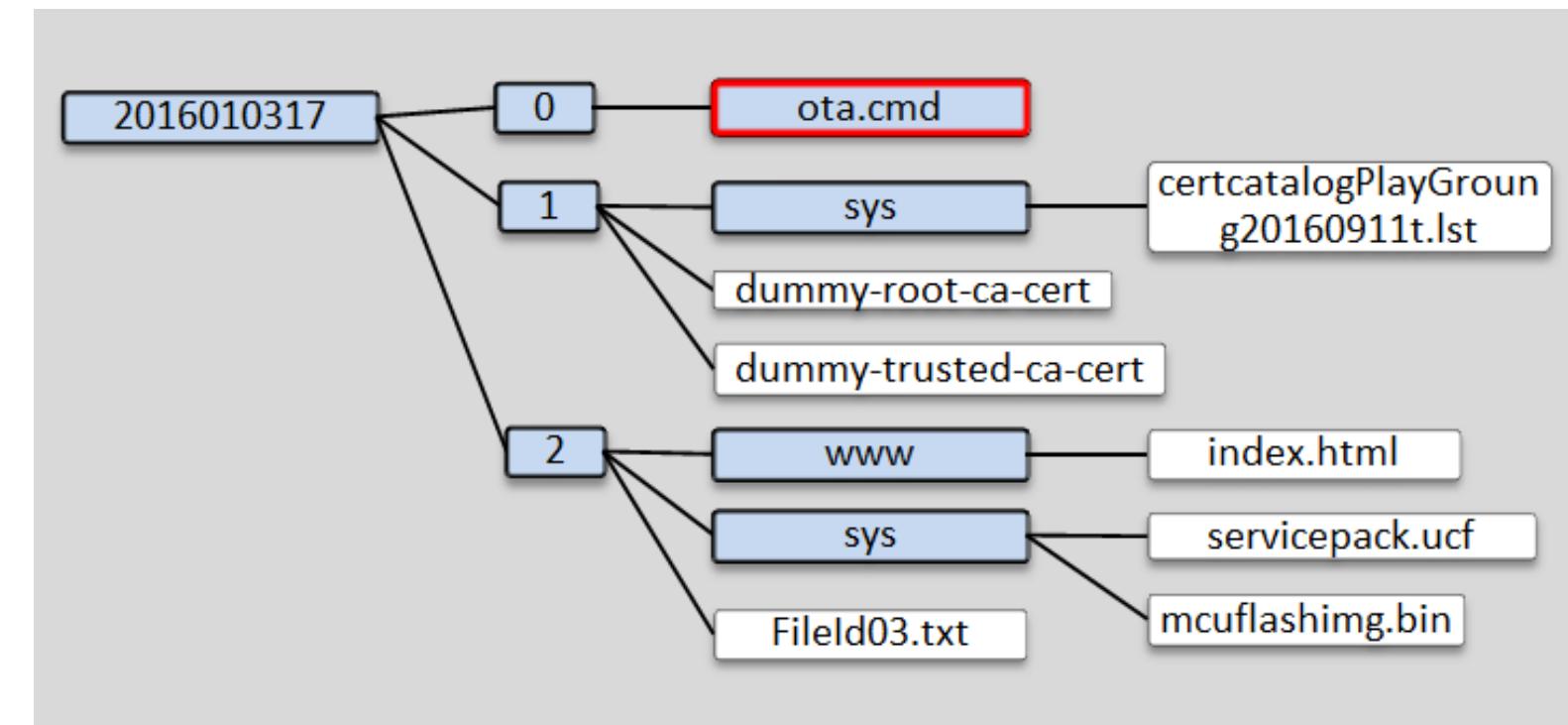
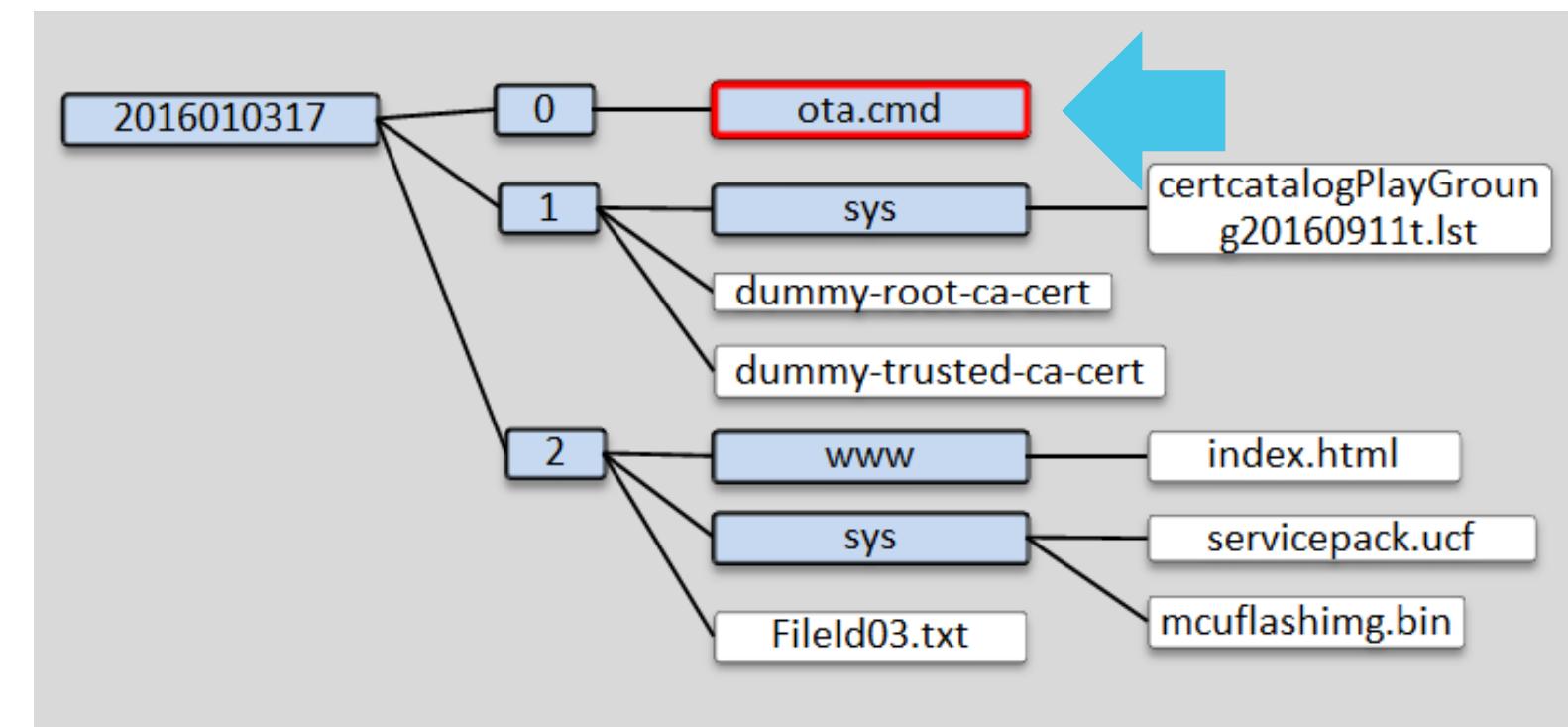


Figure 1-1. OTA System Diagram

Metadata File



Metadata File

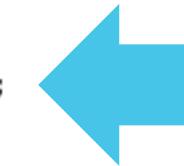
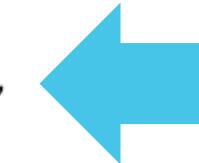


Metadata File

```
[  
  {  
    "filename": "/local/FileId03.txt",  
    "signature_base64": "kc8XffOfMfr4HBJiPxTRHyb99d2uOoICme0AYU94+...",  
    "certificate": "dummy-trusted-ca-certcert",  
    "secured": 1,  
    "bundle": 0  
  },  
  {  
    "filename": "/sys/servicepack.ucf"  
    "signature_base64": "EEC6GZG1Oq6Agigmb2f9ny9rNK2Mg9hFC1pgMhd4jCW/...",  
    "certificate": "",  
    "secured": 1,  
    "bundle": 1  
  },  
  {  
    "filename": "/sys/mcuflashimg.bin",  
    "signature_base64": "dRTARlzLFAog34ZUareCmo9j2lrHnvc+v3qqW9C/...",  
    "certificate": "dummy-root-ca-certcert",  
    "secured": 1,  
    "bundle": 1  
  }  
]
```

Signature Verification

```
667
668 int16_t _BundleCmdSignatureFile_Parse(
669     OtaArchive_BundleCmdTable_t *pBundleCmdTable,
670     uint8_t *pRecvBuf,
671     int16_t RecvBufLen,
672     int16_t *ProcessedSize,
673     uint32_t SigFileSize,
674     uint8_t *pDigest)
675 {
676     int16_t retVal = 0;
677     char * pSig = NULL;
678
679     /* Get the entire signature file */
680     retVal = GetEntireFile(pRecvBuf, RecvBufLen, ProcessedSize, SigFileSize,
681                           &pSig);
682     if(retVal < 0)
683     {
684         return(retVal);
685     }
686     if(retVal == GET_ENTIRE_FILE_CONTINUE)
687     {
688         return(ARCHIVE_STATUS_BUNDLE_CMD_SIGNATURE_CONTINUE);
689     }
690
691     /* Verify the signature using ECDSA */
692     retVal = verifySignature(pSig, SigFileSize, pDigest);
693     if(retVal < 0)
694     {
695         _Sl0taLibTrace(
696             "[_BundleCmdSignatureFile_Parse] "
697             "signature verification failed!\r\n");
698         return(retVal);
699     }
700     pBundleCmdTable->VerifiedSignature = 1;
701
702     return(ARCHIVE_STATUS_BUNDLE_CMD_SIGNATURE_DOWNLOAD_DONE);
703 }
704
705 OtaArchive_BundleFileInfo_t * _BundleCmdFile_GetInfoByFileName(
706     ...)
```



GetEntireFile

```
154 ***** Local Functions *****
155
156 int16_t GetEntireFile(uint8_t *pRecvBuf,
157                         int16_t RecvBufLen,
158                         int16_t *ProcessedSize,
159                         uint32_t FileSize,
160                         char **pFile)
161 {
162     int16_t copyLen = 0;
163     static bool firstRun = TRUE;
164     static int16_t TotalRecvBufLen = 0;
165
166     if(firstRun)
167     {
168         TotalRecvBufLen = RecvBufLen;
169         firstRun = FALSE;
170         if(TotalRecvBufLen < FileSize)
171         {
172             /* Didn't receive the entire file in the first run. */
173             /* Allocate a buffer in the size of the entire file and fill
174                 it in each round. */
175             pTempBuf = (char*)malloc(FileSize + 1);
176             if(pTempBuf == NULL)
177             {
178                 /* Allocation failed, return error. */
179                 return(-1);
180             }
181             memcpy(pTempBuf, (char *)pRecvBuf, RecvBufLen);
182             *ProcessedSize = RecvBufLen;
183
184             /* didn't receive the entire file, try in the next packet */
185             return(GET_ENTIRE_FILE_CONTINUE);
186         }
187     else
188     {
189         /* Received the entire file in the first run. */
190         /* No additional memory allocation is needed. */
191         *ProcessedSize = FileSize;
192         *pFile = (char *)pRecvBuf;
193     }
194 }
195 else
196 {
197     /* Avoid exceeding buffer size (FileSize + 1) */
198     if(RecvBufLen > ((FileSize + 1) - TotalRecvBufLen))
199     {
200         copyLen = ((FileSize + 1) - TotalRecvBufLen);
```

GetEntireFile

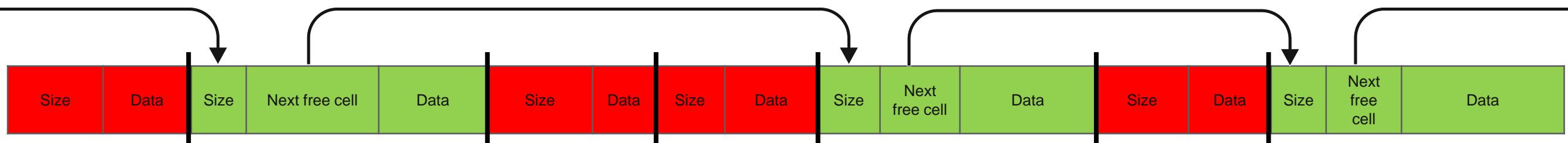
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Heap overflow to CODE EXECUTION

- **Heap Overflow**
- Find function pointer which we can override in memory.
- Override “next free” pointer of next block to desired address.
- Force another allocation with user-controlled data.
- Force call to overridden function pointer.

Heap overflow to CODE EXECUTION

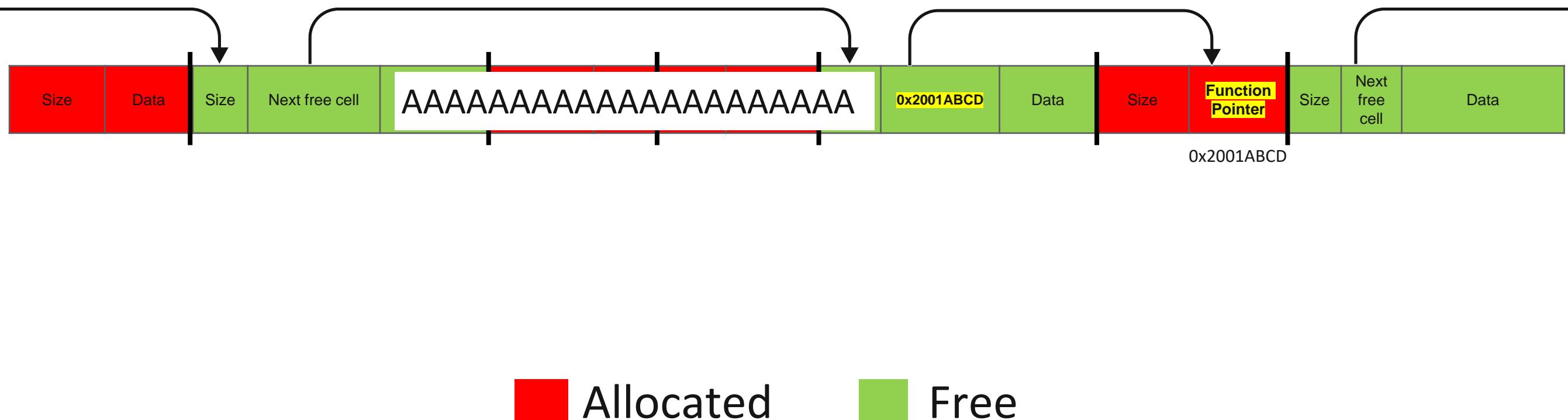


Allocated



Free

Heap overflow to CODE EXECUTION

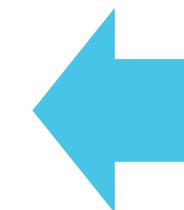


httpRequest

```
2133 /**
2134 //*****
2135 void httpGetHandler(SlNetAppRequest_t *netAppRequest)
2136 {
2137     uint16_t metadataLen;
2138     int32_t status;
2139     uint8_t requestIdx;
2140
2141     uint8_t argcCallback;
2142     uint8_t    *argvArray;
2143     uint8_t    **argvCallback = &argvArray;
2144
2145     argvArray = gHttpGetBuffer;
2146
2147     status = httpCheckContentInDB(  netAppRequest,
2148                                    &requestIdx,
2149                                    &argcCallback,
2150                                    argvCallback);
2151
2152     if(status < 0)
2153     {
2154         metadataLen =
2155             prepareGetMetadata(status, strlen(
2156                 (const char *)pageNotFound),
2157                 HttpContentTypeList_TextHtml);
2158
2159         sl_NetAppSend (netAppRequest->Handle, metadataLen, gMetadataBuffer,
2160                         (SL_NETAPP_REQUEST_RESPONSE_FLAGS_CONTINUATION |
2161                          SL_NETAPP_REQUEST_RESPONSE_FLAGS_METADATA));
2162         INFO_PRINT("[Link local task] Metadata Sent, len = %d \n\r",
2163                    metadataLen);
2164
2165         sl_NetAppSend (netAppRequest->Handle,
2166                         strlen(
2167                             (const char *)pageNotFound), (uint8_t *)pageNotFound,
2168                             0); /* mark as last segment */
2169         INFO_PRINT("[Link local task] Data Sent, len = %d\n\r",
2170                     strlen ((const char *)pageNotFound));
2171     }
2172     else
2173     {
2174         httpRequest[requestIdx].serviceCallback(requestIdx, &argcCallback,
2175                                                 argvCallback,
2176                                                 netAppRequest);
2177     }
2178 }
2179 //*****
2180 //
```

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Demo

Mitigation techniques

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Recommended function to check –

- malloc
- calloc
- realloc
- memalign
- valloc
- pvalloc
- aligned_alloc

Mitigation techniques

How should you do it?

- Start by checking-out the advisory.
- Reverse Engineer the binaries(always the best approach, in life).
- Source code review if it's public.
- “Unit tests” - compile a small application the verify the environment.

It's also recommended to check the macros that are being used in these functions

Mitigation techniques

glibc

```
3348 void *
3349 __libc_calloc (size_t n, size_t elem_size)
3350 {
3351     mstate av;
3352     mchunkptr oldtop, p;
3353     INTERNAL_SIZE_T bytes, sz, csz, oldtopsize;
3354     void *mem;
3355     unsigned long clearsize;
3356     unsigned long nclears;
3357     INTERNAL_SIZE_T *d;
3358
3359     /* size_t is unsigned so the behavior on overflow is defined. */
3360     bytes = n * elem_size;
3361 #define HALF_INTERNAL_SIZE_T \
3362     (((INTERNAL_SIZE_T) 1) << (8 * sizeof (INTERNAL_SIZE_T) / 2))
3363     if (__builtin_expect ((n | elem_size) >= HALF_INTERNAL_SIZE_T, 0))
3364     {
3365         if (elem_size != 0 && bytes / elem_size != n)
3366         {
3367             __set_errno (ENOMEM);
3368             return 0;
3369         }
3370     }
3371 }
```

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Mitigation techniques

Embedded Artistry libc

```
/*  
 * This is sqrt(SIZE_MAX+1), as s1*s2 <= SIZE_MAX  
 * if both s1 < MUL_NO_OVERFLOW and s2 < MUL_NO_OVERFLOW  
 */  
#define MUL_NO_OVERFLOW (1UL << (sizeof(size_t) * 4))  
  
void* calloc(size_t num, size_t size)  
{  
    /* num * size unsigned integer wrapping check */  
    if((num >= MUL_NO_OVERFLOW || size >= MUL_NO_OVERFLOW) && num > 0 && SIZE_MAX / num < size)  
    {  
        return NULL;  
    }
```

Mitigation techniques

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 */  
#define MUL_NO_OVERFLOW (1UL << (sizeof(size_t) * 4)) ← 1<<16 = 65536  
  
void* calloc(size_t num, size_t size)  
{  
    /* num * size unsigned integer wrapping check */  
    if((num >= MUL_NO_OVERFLOW || size >= MUL_NO_OVERFLOW) && num > 0 && SIZE_MAX / num < size) ← SIZE_MAX = 0xffffffff  
    {  
        return NULL;  
    }
```

Mitigation techniques

musl

```
32
33     void *calloc(size_t m, size_t n)
34     {
35         if (n && m > (size_t)-1/n) {
36             errno = ENOMEM;
37             return 0;
38     }
```

Mitigation techniques

musl

```
32
33     void *calloc(size_t m, size_t n)
34     {
35         if (n && m > (size_t)-1/n) {
36             errno = ENOMEM;
37             return 0;
38     }
```



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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- [CVSS v3 9.8](#)
- **ATTENTION:** Exploitable remotely/low attack complexity
- **Vendors:** Multiple
- **Equipment:** Multiple
- **Vulnerabilities:** Integer Overflow or Wraparound

CISA is aware of a public report, known as "BadAlloc" that details vulnerabilities found in multiple real-time operating systems (RTOS) and supporting libraries. CISA is issuing this advisory to provide early notice of the reported vulnerabilities and identify baseline mitigations for reducing risks to these and other cybersecurity attacks.

The various open-source products may be implemented in forked repositories.

2. UPDATE INFORMATION

This updated advisory is a follow-up to the original advisory titled ICSA-21-119-04 Multiple RTOS that was published April 29, 2021, to the ICS webpage on us-cert.cisa.gov.

3. RISK EVALUATION

Successful exploitation of these vulnerabilities could result in unexpected behavior such as a crash or a remote code injection/execution.

4. TECHNICAL DETAILS

4.1 AFFECTED PRODUCTS

- Amazon FreeRTOS, Version 10.4.1
- Apache Nuttx OS, Version 9.1.0
- ARM CMSIS-RTOS2, versions prior to 2.1.3
- ARM Mbed OS, Version 6.3.0
- ARM mbed-alloc, Version 1.3.0
- Cesanta Software Mongoose OS, v2.17.0
- eCosCentric eCosPro RTOS, Versions 2.0.1 through 4.5.3
- Google Cloud IoT Device SDK, Version 1.0.2
- Linux Zephyr RTOS, versions prior to 2.4.0
- Media Tek LinkIt SDK, versions prior to 4.6.1
- Micrium OS, Versions 5.10.1 and prior

Q & A



<https://msrc-blog.microsoft.com/2021/04/29/badalloc-memory-allocation-vulnerabilities-could-affect-wide-range-of-iot-and-ot-devices-in-industrial-medical-and-enterprise-networks/>

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