

CS111, C Programming

Lab / Pointer

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Outline

- Review
- Pointer: dynamic allocation/deallocation
- Pointer: safe issue, const, ...
- Assignment



Review: Remove char / Time Exceeded

#10	✗ Time Exceeded	0	≥1101ms	≥2.1 MiB
#11	✗ Time Exceeded	0	≥1058ms	≥4.1 MiB
#12	✗ Time Exceeded	0	≥1101ms	≥2.1 MiB
#13	✗ Time Exceeded	0	≥1076ms	≥4.1 MiB



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Pointer: dynamic allocation/deallocation

C Dynamic memory management

malloc

Defined in header <stdlib.h>

```
void *malloc( size_t size );
```

Allocates size bytes of uninitialized storage.

If allocation succeeds, returns a pointer that is suitably aligned for any object type with fundamental alignment.

If size is zero, the behavior of malloc is implementation-defined. For example, a null pointer may be returned. Alternatively, a non-null pointer may be returned; but such a pointer should not be dereferenced, and should be passed to free to avoid memory leaks.

malloc is thread-safe: it behaves as though only accessing the memory locations visible through its argument, and not any static storage.

A previous call to free or realloc that deallocates a region of memory synchronizes-with a call to malloc that allocates the same or a part of the same region of memory. This synchronization occurs after any access to the memory by the deallocating function and before any access to the memory by malloc. There is a single total order of all allocation and deallocation functions operating on each particular region of memory. (since C11)

Parameters

size - number of bytes to allocate

Return value

On success, returns the pointer to the beginning of newly allocated memory. To avoid a memory leak, the returned pointer must be deallocated with free() or realloc().

On failure, returns a null pointer.

Ref, <https://en.cppreference.com/w/c/memory/malloc>

Pointer: dynamic allocation/deallocation

C Dynamic memory management

free

Defined in header <stdlib.h>

```
void free( void *ptr );
```

Deallocates the space previously allocated by `malloc()`, `calloc()`, `aligned_alloc()`, (since C11) or `realloc()`.

If `ptr` is a null pointer, the function does nothing.

The behavior is undefined if the value of `ptr` does not equal a value returned earlier by `malloc()`, `calloc()`, `realloc()`, or `aligned_alloc()` (since C11).

The behavior is undefined if the memory area referred to by `ptr` has already been deallocated, that is, `free()`, `free_sized()`, `free_aligned_sized()` (since C23), or `realloc()` has already been called with `ptr` as the argument and no calls to `malloc()`, `calloc()`, `realloc()`, or `aligned_alloc()` (since C11) resulted in a pointer equal to `ptr` afterwards.

The behavior is undefined if after `free()` returns, an access is made through the pointer `ptr` (unless another allocation function happened to result in a pointer value equal to `ptr`).

TODO

Ref, <https://en.cppreference.com/w/c/memory/free>



Pointer: dynamic allocation/deallocation

```
6   int size = 0;
7   printf("plz input size of array: ");
8   scanf("%d", &size);
9   int* pval = malloc(sizeof(int) * size);
10  printf("pointer %p, sizeof(pval): %u \n", pval, sizeof(pval));
11  for (int i = 0; i < size; i++){
12      printf("before..., pval[%d] = %d \n", i, *(pval+i));
13      pval[i] = i;
14      printf("after..., pval[%d] = %d \n", i, *(pval+i));
15  }
16  free(pval);
```

Highlight

- 出发点: 按需分配内存空间 (vs 数组)
- malloc 的内存空间未初始化
- malloc 后必须 free

```
plz input size of array: 10
pointer 00000000006713F0, sizeof(pval): 8
before, pval[0] = -1163005939
after, pval[0] = 0
before, pval[1] = -1163005939
after, pval[1] = 1
```

Pointer: dynamic allocation/deallocation

```
17 printf("address of pval[4]: %p \n", &pval[4]);  
18 printf("value of (pval+4): %p \n", (pval+4));
```

```
address of pval[4]: 0000000000971400  
value of (pval+4): 0000000000971400
```

```
20 printf("value of pval[4]: %d \n", pval[4]);  
21 printf("value of *(pval+4): %d \n", *(pval+4));
```

```
value of pval[4]: 4  
value of *(pval+4): 4
```

Highlight, 2种读取数据的方法

`pointer_to_array[offset]`

`*(pointer_to_array + offset)`

NOTE, 当ptr_to_x 只指向单个变量 x (非数组 / 连续内存块), ...

Unrecommended! `ptr_to_x[0] = 99;`

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Pointer: safe issue

问题: ??

结果: ??

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <stdlib.h>
3
4  void do_something_in_loop(char* pbuf){
5      // TODO
6  }
7
8  int main()
9  {
10     int loop = 100000000;
11     while(loop > 0) {
12         char* pbuf = malloc(1024);
13         if (pbuf == NULL) {
14             puts("error: pbuf is null");
15             break;
16         }
17         do_something_in_loop(pbuf);
18         loop--;
19     }
20     printf("while finished, at loop %d \n", loop);
21     return 0;
22 }
```

Appendix, NULL ?

```
C lab3_showcase_malloc_no_free.c C stdio.h X
D: > mingw64 > x86_64-w64-mingw32 > include > C stdio.h >
68 #ifndef NULL
69 #ifdef __cplusplus
70 #ifndef _WIN64
71 #define NULL 0
72 #else
73 #define NULL 0LL
74 #endif /* W64 */
75 #else
76 #define NULL ((void *)0)
77 #endif
78 #endif
```

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3
4 void do_something_in_loop(c
5     // TODO
6 }
7
8 int main()
9 {
10     int loop = 100000000;
11     while(loop > 0) {
12         char* pbuf = malloc(1024);
13         if (pbuf == NULL) {
14             puts("error: pbuf is null");
15             break;
16         }
17         do_something_in_loop(pbuf);
18         loop--;
19     }
20     printf("while finished, at loop %d \n", loop);
21     return 0;
22 }
```

选择后右键

- 转到定义 F12
- 转到声明
- 转到类型定义
- 转到引用 Shift+F12
- 快速查看 >
- 查找所有引用 Shift+Alt+F12
- 重命名符号 F2
- 更改所有匹配项 Ctrl+F2
- 格式化文档 Shift+Alt+F
- 使用...格式化文档
- 重构... Ctrl+Shift+R

Pointer: safe issue / 野指针

```
int* ptr;  
// ... after many lines code ...  
*ptr = 10;
```



Pointer: safe issue / 指针越界

```
int array[] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};  
int* ptr = array;  
// ... after many lines code ...  
printf("Element beyond the array bounds: %d\n", *(ptr + 5));
```



Pointer: safe issue

```
int* ptr = malloc(5 * sizeof(int));  
// ... after many lines code ...  
free(ptr);  
// ... after many lines code ...  
printf("Element beyond the array bounds: %d\n", *(ptr + 5));
```

How about this ?



Pointer: const

```
5  const int val = 10;  
6  val = 20;
```

```
5  const int val = 10;  
6  int* pval = &val;  
7  *pval = 20;
```

Bug ??



Pointer: const

```
5  const int val = 10;  
6  val = 20; 编译错误
```

```
5  const int val = 10;  
6  int* pval = &val;  
7  *pval = 20; 运行错误?
```

指向常量的指针，设置为常数指针，避免修改

```
5  const int val = 10;  
6  const int* pval = &val;
```



Pointer: const

Which ?

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2
3  int main()
4  {
5      int val = 10;
6      const int* pval = &val;
7
8      // which way ?
9      val = 20;
10     *pval = 20;
11
12     // which way ?
13     printf("%d", val);
14     printf("%d", *pval);
15 }
```

Pointer: pointer to pointer

如何理解: **int****, 等同于 **(int*)***

- 把 **int*** 理解为一个特殊变量
- **int**** 则是指向 **int*** 变量的指针

output ?

```
5      int val = 10;
6      int* pval;
7      int** pointer_to_pointer = &pval;
8
9      *pointer_to_pointer = &val;
10     (*pval)++;
11     printf("val: %d", val);
```


Pointer:

- What this do?
- Bug ??

```
17 int** pointer_to_pointer = malloc(9 * sizeof(int*));
18 for (int i = 1; i <= 9; i++) {
19     pointer_to_pointer[i-1] = malloc(i * sizeof(int));
20     for (int j = 1; j <= i; j++) {
21         pointer_to_pointer[i-1][j-1] = i * j;
22     }
23 }
24
25 for (int i = 1; i <= 9; i++) {
26     for (int j = 1; j <= i; j++) {
27         printf("%d\t", pointer_to_pointer[i-1][j-1]);
28     }
29     printf("\n");
30 }
31
32 free(pointer_to_pointer);
33 for (int i = 1; i <= 9; i++) {
34     free(pointer_to_pointer[i-1]);
35 }
36 return 0;
```

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Assignment 1)

字符串转换为整数数组

write a function that: extract an integer array from a string.

The input string only contains numbers and delimiter character. Such as “1|20|300|4|56”, that is series of integers separated by ‘|’ (as delimiter here). And we need to extract integer array, such as [1, 20, 300, 4, 56].

Hint:

- Function define: `int* extract_integers_from_string(const char* str, const char delimiter, int* count)`
where: count is a pointer to an integer to store the length of output array
- The return value is integer array, which need to dynamically allocate memory to store the results.

NOTE: Code template is given in next page!

1,20,300,4,56	1 2 3 4 5	1,2,3,4,5
,		
5	5	0
1 20 300 4 56	1 2 3 4 5	

Input: str

Input: delimiter

Output: length of array

Output: integer array

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <string.h>
3  #include <stdlib.h>
4
5  #define STR_MAX 1000001
6
7  > int* extract_integers_from_string(const char* str, const char delimiter, int* count) ...
38
39  int main()
40  {
41      char str[STR_MAX] = {0};
42      gets(str);
43      char delimiter;
44      scanf("%c", &delimiter);
45
46      int count = 0;
47      int* values = extract_integers_from_string(str, delimiter, &count);
48
49      printf("%d\n", count);
50      for (int i = 0; i < count; i++) {
51          printf("%d ", values[i]);
52      }
53      free(values);
54  }
```

Assignment 2)

搜索关键词 (不区分大小写)

write a function that: search keyword case insensitive, and return top-N occurrences.

Hint:

- Function define: `int search_keyword_case_insensitive(const char* str, const char* keyword, int top_n, int* positions)`
where: `positions` is a pointer to an integer array to store the starting positions of `{top_n}` occurrences
- The return value (int) is the length of valid value in `{positions}` array after searching. And the return value $\leq \{top_n\}$.

NOTE: Code template is given in next page!

hahahahahah hhhah!

ha

10

6

0 2 4 6 8 14

hahahahahah hhhah!

ha

3

3

0 2 4

hahahahahah hhhah!

hello

10

0

Input:

str

keyword

top_n

Output:

Length of positions

Values of positions

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <string.h>
3  #include <stdlib.h>
4
5  #define STR_MAX 1000001
6  #define KEYWORD_MAX 100
7
8  > int search_keyword_case_insensitive(const char* str, const char* keyword, int top_n, int* positions) ..
32
33  int main()
34  {
35      char str[STR_MAX] = {0};
36      gets(str);
37      char keyword[KEYWORD_MAX] = {0};
38      gets(keyword);
39      int top_n;
40      scanf("%d", &top_n);
41
42      int* positions = malloc(top_n * sizeof(int));
43      int found = search_keyword_case_insensitive(str, keyword, top_n, positions);
44
45      printf("%d\n", found);
46      for (int i = 0; i < found; i++) {
47          printf("%d ", positions[i]);
48      }
49      free(positions);
50  }
```

THANK YOU

