

Lawrence's Angrave - CS241-02 See-C-Crash

Today: Macros | Pointer arithmetic | printf buffer | malloc/free

Q0. Fix my malloc implementation

```
size_t total = 0;
char space[10000];
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    if (request + total > Size of space) return NULL;
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    return space + total - request
}
```

void free(void* ptr) { nothing done }

Q1. How/why does this macro work?

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```

macro → simply text substitution

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```

Q2. Why is this code broken?

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```

Q3 Spot the error(s)

```
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    free(data);
}
```

Q4 Is the following line valid?

```
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```

yes

Q5 What do you think of my logging function? How would you fix it?

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    strcat(buffer, why);
    strcat(buffer, msg); // append to my internal buffer

    if (strlen(buffer) < 800) return; // Do no writing for now
    write(2, buffer, strlen(buffer)); // Send all of the buffer to stderr
    *buffer = 0; // ?
}
```

could
overflow
buffer

Q6 When will printf call write(1, buffer, ...)?

- n
- exit
- flush(stderr) / buffer is full

Q7 Pointer arithmetic

Write a function to return the number of items in an int array before a value of -1 is found. Tricky: Use pointer arithmetic (no counters allowed!)

```
count_before(int* array) {
    int* ptr = array;
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    return (ptr - array) / sizeof(int);
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```

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Solution: After freeing
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}
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order

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