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1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <stdlib.h>
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4  int main()
5  {
6      // Declare a pointer of integer type and
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        allocate
7      // (heap) memory for it.
8      int *p = malloc(sizeof(int)); // type of the
        •
        pointer
9      // Initialise memory with some value
10     // Because this code is compiled in C, the
        •
        malloc
11     // function implicitly will convert the void
        •
        pointer
12     // to an integer pointer.
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14     // Malloc only allocates memory.
15     *p = 5;
16     printf("%d", *p);
17     free(p); // after this line, p still has a
        •
        value, but it has a value of an invalid
        •
        address. In this case after freeing the
        •
        memory, p is pointing to an invalid address
        •
        and this pointer is now known as a dangling
        •
        pointer. A dangling pointer points to an
        •
        invalid address and is very dangerous.
18     // This is why it is a good idea to assign
        •
        null to the pointer.
19     p = NULL;
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22     // What happens if we try to free p again?
23     free(p);
24     // If you assigned p = NULL, this operation
        •
        is ignored.
25     // If this operation is an invalid address,
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26    // If we forget to call free, the memory that
•      was allocated cannot be freed.
27    // It cannot be released.
28    // this results in a MEMORY LEAK. You lose
•      the address to the memory that you've
•      allocated. You can no longer release that
•      memory. Memory leaks are a serious problem
•      in c and C++ applications. This is why any
•      memory allocated on the heap has to be
•      freed manually by the programmer.
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30    /// Calloc
31    // Accepts two arguments:
32    // Argument 1: Number of elements to allocate
33    // Size of element you woud like to store.
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35    // If we use calloc now,
36    int *p = (int*) calloc(1, sizeof(int));
37    // If we want to create and initialise 5
•      integeers
38    int *p = (int*) calloc(5, sizeof(int));
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41    return 0;
42 }
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