

C-134 \Rightarrow Dynamic Memory Allocation using calloc()

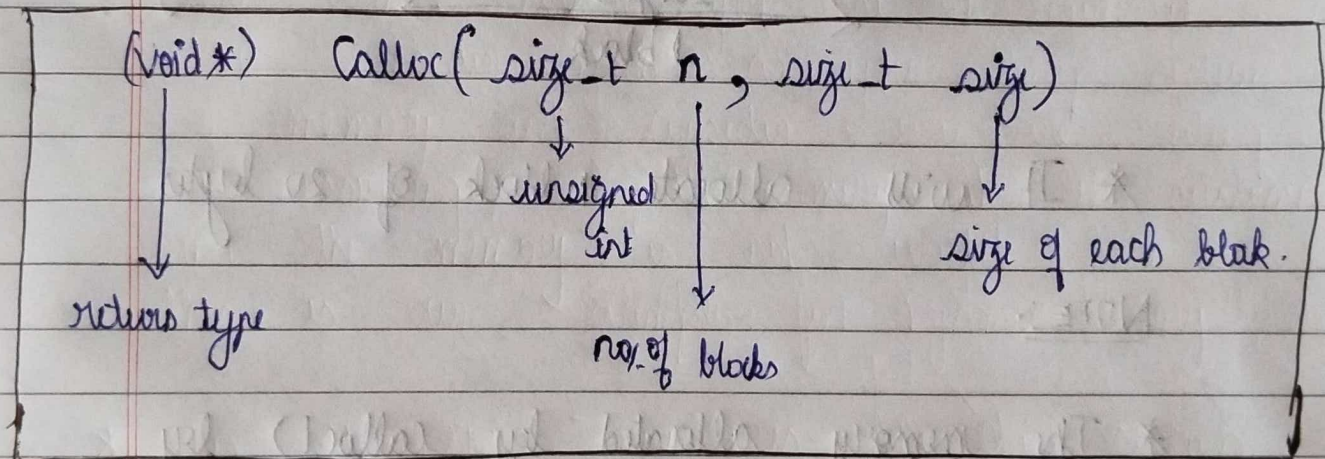
* calloc() is used to allocate memory dynamically and full form of calloc() is contiguous allocation.

* calloc() is a built-in function which is declared inside the file stdlib.h.

* calloc() is used to dynamically allocate multiple blocks of memory and each block is of same size.

* malloc() allocates single block of memory

* calloc() accepts two arguments but malloc() takes only one argument.

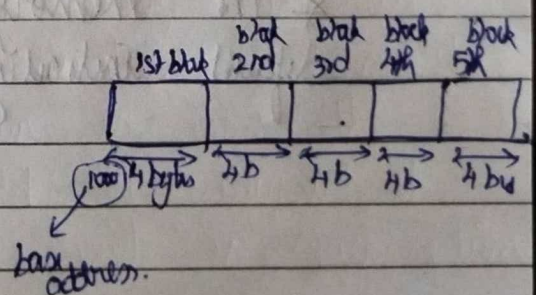


int *ptr; \rightarrow Static Memory allocation

ptr = (int*) calloc(5, sizeof(int)); \rightarrow DHA using calloc

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store the
base address
in pointer which
is of int type

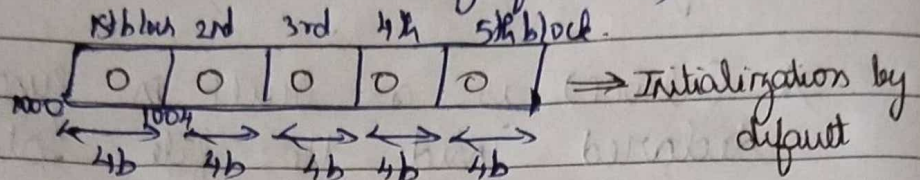
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calloc()
returns base
address of
int type;
So type cast from
void to int



Difference b/w malloc() & calloc()

```
int *ptr;
```

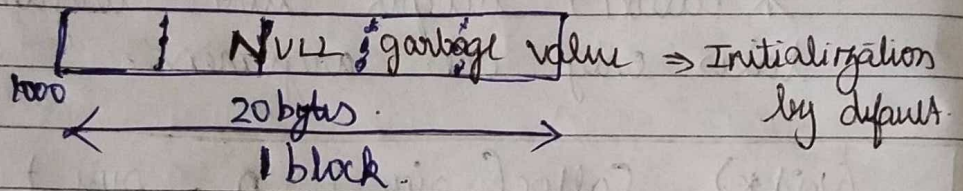
```
ptr = (int *) calloc(5, sizeof(int));
```



* It will allocate 5 blocks of each of size 4 bytes

```
int *ptr;
```

```
ptr = (int *) malloc(5 * sizeof(int));
```



* It will allocate 1 block of 20 bytes

NOTE:

* The memory allocated by calloc() by default initialized with zero

* The memory allocated by malloc() by default initialized to any garbage values

Assignment: allocate 5 integer values using `calloc()` then free the memory and allocate 10 float values using `malloc()` and free the memory.

Program ①

```
int main()
{
    int n, i, *ptr;
    printf("Enter total no. of values: \n");
    scanf("%d", &n);

    ptr = (int*) calloc calloc(n, sizeof(int));
```

Pg ②

Check
without
initializing
and the
output will
be printed
as 0's.

```
// printf("Enter values:");
// for(i=0; i<n; i++)
// {
//     scanf("%d", (ptr+i));
// }
// printf("Entered values are:");
// for(i=0; i<n; i++)
// {
//     printf("%d", *(ptr+i));
// }
// free(ptr);
```

O/p: - Pgm 1 Enter total no. of values: 3
Enter values: 1 2 3
Entered values: 1 2 3.

O/p Pgm 2 Enter total no. of values: 3
Entered values: 0 0 0

Pgm 3: - If you do the same thing with `malloc()` you will get garbage values.

main.c [3_malloc function] - Code::Blocks 20.03

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```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 /** 3-alloc function **/
4 int main()
5 {
6     int i,n;
7     printf("Enter the number of blocks to be allocated in heap memory:");
8     scanf("%d",&n);
9     int *ptr;
10    ptr=(int*) calloc(n,sizeof(int));
11    printf("Enter the values:");
12    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
13    {
14        scanf("%d",ptr+i);
15    }
16    printf("Entered values are:");
17    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
18    {
19        printf("%d ",*(ptr+i));
20    }
21    free(ptr);
22    return 0;
23 }
24
```

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```
Enter the number of blocks to be allocated in heap memory:3
Enter the values:1 2 3
Entered values are:1 2 3
Process returned 0 (0x0)   execution time : 4.498 s
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```

*main.c [4_calloc function] - Code::Blocks 20.03

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```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 /** 4-calloc function **/
4 int main()
5 {
6     int i,n;
7     printf("Enter the number of blocks to be allocated in heap memory:");
8     scanf("%d",&n);
9     int *ptr;
10    ptr=(int*) calloc(n,sizeof(int)); //ptr=(int*) malloc(n*sizeof(int))
11    /**
12     printf("Enter the values:");
13     for(i=0;i<n;i++)
14     {
15         scanf("%d",&ptr[i]);
16     } **/
17    printf("Values in each block of allocated heap memory:");
18    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
19    {
20        printf("%d ",*(ptr+i));
21    }
22    free(ptr);
23    return 0;
24 }
25
```

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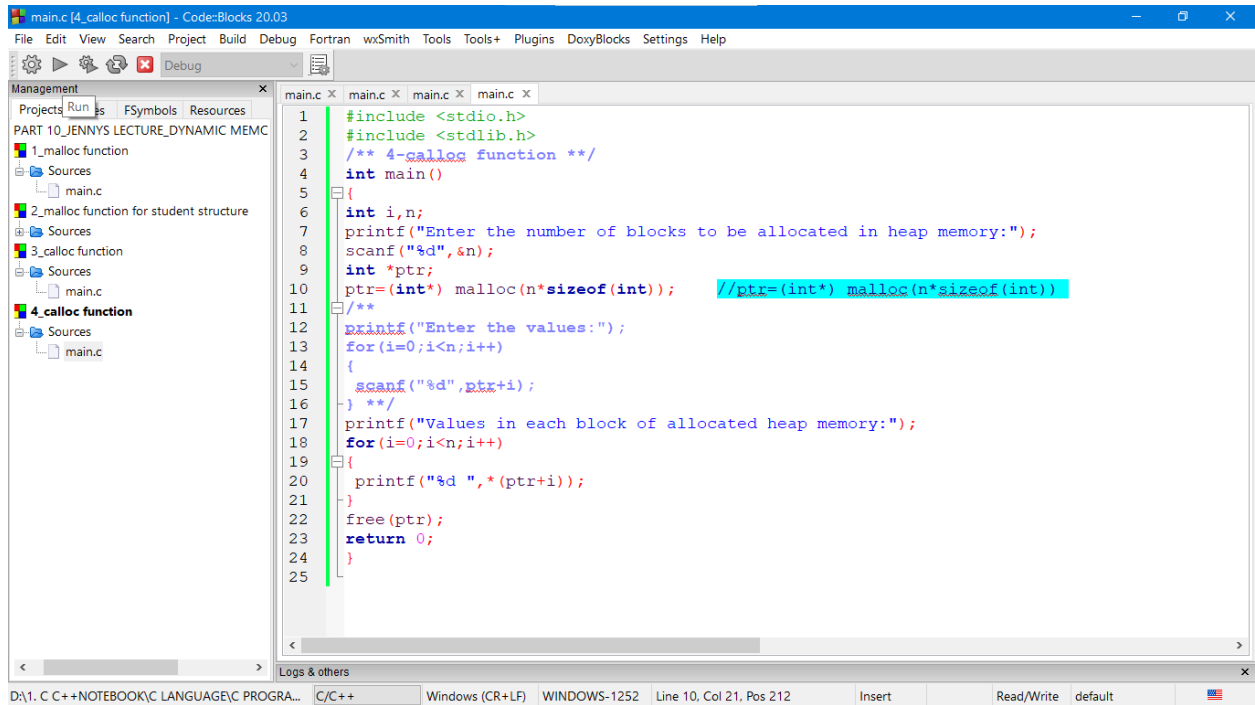
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Enter the number of blocks to be allocated in heap memory:3

Values in each block of allocated heap memory:0 0 0

Process returned 0 (0x0) execution time : 2.678 s

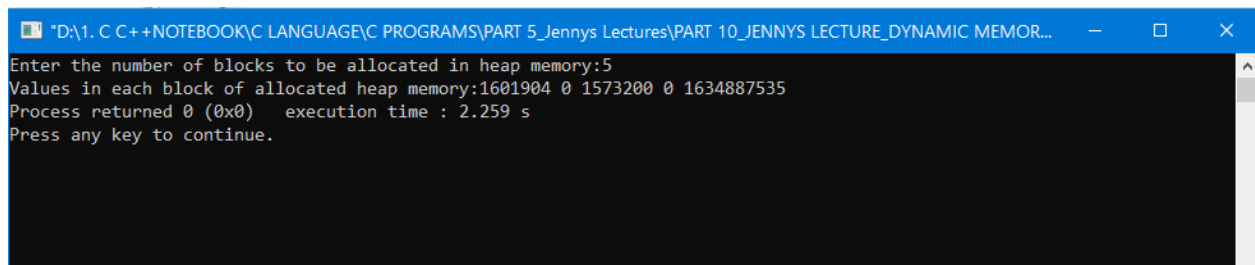
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The screenshot shows the Code::Blocks 20.03 IDE with a C program open. The program is titled "main.c [4_calloc function]". The code is as follows:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 /** 4-calloc function **/
4 int main()
5 {
6     int i,n;
7     printf("Enter the number of blocks to be allocated in heap memory:");
8     scanf("%d",&n);
9     int *ptr;
10    ptr=(int*) malloc(n*sizeof(int));    //ptr=(int*) malloc(n*sizeof(int))
11    /**
12     printf("Enter the values:");
13     for(i=0;i<n;i++)
14     {
15         scanf("%d",ptr+i);
16     } **/
17    printf("Values in each block of allocated heap memory:");
18    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
19    {
20        printf("%d ",*(ptr+i));
21    }
22    free(ptr);
23    return 0;
24 }
25
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates the file path: D:\1. C C++NOTEBOOK\C LANGUAGE\C PROGRAMS\PART 5_Jennys Lectures\PART 10_JENNYS LECTURE_DYNAMIC MEMOR... and the current line is 10, column 21, position 212.



The screenshot shows a Windows command prompt window with the following output:

```
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Enter the number of blocks to be allocated in heap memory:5
Values in each block of allocated heap memory:1601904 0 1573200 0 1634887535
Process returned 0 (0x0)   execution time : 2.259 s
Press any key to continue.
```

main.c [5. calloc and malloc function] - Code::Blocks 20.03

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```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 /** 5 - Allocate 5 integer values using calloc() then free it and allocate 10 float
4     values using malloc() then free the memory **/
5 int main()
6 {
7     int n,i;
8     printf("Enter the number of blocks to be allocated in heap memory using calloc:");
9     scanf("%d",&n);
10    int *ptr1;
11    ptr1=(int*) calloc (n,sizeof(int));
12    printf("Enter the elements of each block:");
13    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
14    {
15        scanf("%d", (ptr1+i));
16    }
17    printf("Entered elements are:");
18    for(i=0;i<n;i++)
19    {
20        printf("%d ",*(ptr1+i));
21    }
22    free(ptr1); printf("\n");
23    printf("Enter the number elements to be allocated in heap memory using malloc:");
24    scanf("%d",&n);
25    float *ptr2;
26    ptr2=(float*) malloc (n*sizeof(float));
27    printf("Enter the elements of each block:");
```

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```
15 scanf("%d", (ptr1+i));
16 }
17 printf("Entered elements are:");
18 for(i=0;i<n;i++)
19 {
20     printf("%d ",*(ptr1+i));
21 }
22 free(ptr1); printf("\n");
23 printf("Enter the number elements to be allocated in heap memory using malloc:");
24 scanf("%d",&n);
25 float *ptr2;
26 ptr2=(float*) malloc (n*sizeof(float));
27 printf("Enter the elements of each block:");
28 for(i=0;i<n;i++)
29 {
30     scanf("%f", (ptr2+i));
31 }
32 printf("Entered elements are:");
33 for(i=0;i<n;i++)
34 {
35     printf("%0.2f ",*(ptr2+i));
36 }
37 free(ptr2);
38 return 0;
39 }
40
```

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Enter the number of blocks to be allocated in heap memory using calloc:3
Enter the elements of each block:1 2 3
Entered elements are:1 2 3
Enter the number elements to be allocated in heap memory using malloc:5
Enter the elements of each block:1.2 1.2 1.2 1.2 1.2
Entered elements are:1.20 1.20 1.20 1.20 1.20
Process returned 0 (0x0)   execution time : 29.854 s
Press any key to continue.
```