Week 5

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P1: Head Guards

Double inclusion

File "grandparent.h"

```
struct foo {
   int member;
};
```

File "parent.h"

```
#include "grandparent.h"
```

File "child.c"

```
#include "grandparent.h"
#include "parent.h"
```

Result

```
struct foo {
   int member;
};
struct foo {
   int member;
};
```

compilation error, since the structure type foo will thus be defined twice

#include guards

File "grandparent.h"

```
#ifndef GRANDPARENT_H

#define GRANDPARENT_H

struct foo {
   int member;
};

#endif /* GRANDPARENT_H */
```

File "parent.h"

```
#include "grandparent.h"
```

File "child.c"

```
#include "grandparent.h"
#include "parent.h"
```

```
#ifndef GRANDPARENT_H // => no exits, start if statement
#define GRANDPARENT_H // => define
```

```
struct foo {
    int member;
};

#endif /* GRANDPARENT_H */ // => end if

#ifndef GRANDPARENT_H // => already exist? skip the next until
endif
#define GRANDPARENT_H

struct foo {
    int member;
};

#endif /* GRANDPARENT_H */
```

Result

```
struct foo {
   int member;
};
```

#ifndef test returns false, the preprocessor skips down to the #endif

P2: Stack and Heap

Stack

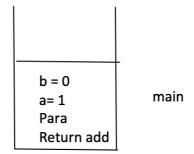
To keep track of the current memory place, there is a special processor register called **Stack Pointer**. Every time you need to save something — like a variable or the return address from a function — it pushes and moves the stack pointer up. Every time you exit from a function, it pops everything from the stack pointer until

the saved return address from the function.

```
void fool(char c){
  int fool_var = 10;
  return;
}

int main(){
  int a = 1;
  int b = 0;
  fool('x');
}
```

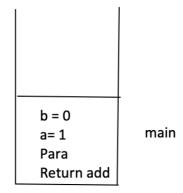
The memory for stack



The memory for stack

foo1_var=10 Para Return add	foo1
b = 0 a= 1 Para Return add	main

The memory for stack



A bad example:

```
#include <stdio.h>

int* createArray(int size){
  int arr[size];
  return arr;
}

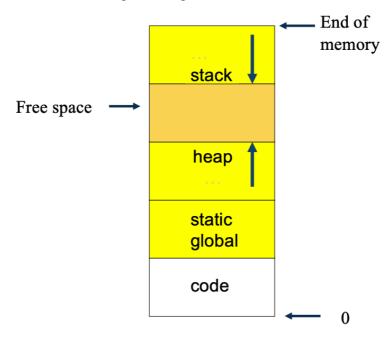
int main(){
  int s = 10;
  int* arr = createArray(s);
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < s; i++){
    arr[i] = i;
}
return 0;
}</pre>
```

Heap

Exist independently of functions and scopes

Memory Layout



```
#include <stdlib.h>

/*

Returns a pointer to the allocated memory, if
successful, or a NULL pointer if unsuccessful

int* arr = (int*) malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);

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

```
/*
 It has two arguments:
 - num specifies the number of "blocks" of contiguous
 - size specifies the size of each block
  • The allocated memory is cleared (set to '0').
  // assume you are create an array with num elements and each of them
has size
*/
void* calloc(size_t num, size_t size);
/*
  This takes previously-allocated memory and
  attempts to resize it. ==> will free the original memory
  This may require a new block of memory to be
  found, so it returns a new void pointer to memory.
 Contents are preserved
void* realloc(void *ptr, size_t size);
void free(void *ptr);
```

Change the bad example

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int* createArray(int size){
  int* arr = (int*) malloc(sizeof(int) * 10);
```

```
return arr;
}

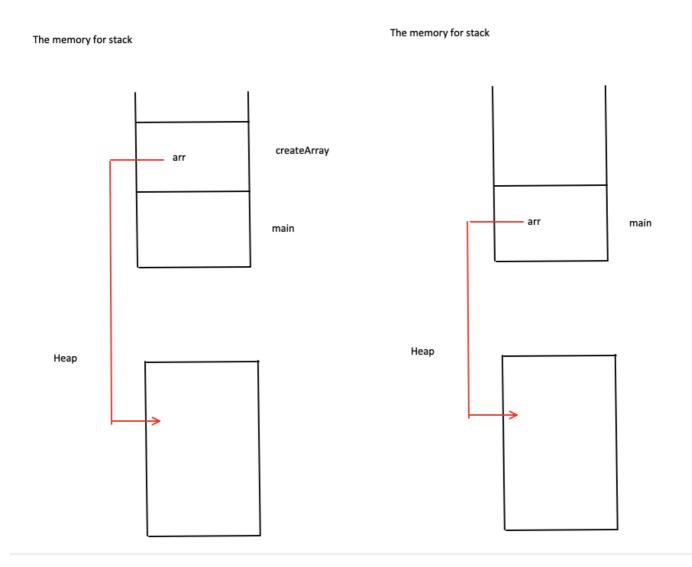
int main(){
  int s = 10;
  int * arr = createArray(s);

for (int i = 0; i < s; i++){
    arr[i] = i;
  }

free(arr);

arr = NULL;

return 0;
}</pre>
```



Once malloc remember to free once! Memory Leak/....

If we have two pointers points to the same memory, only free once.

2. The order for free

3. Compare with Java

Java use keyword new for dynamic memory, but we do not need to worry about free since In Java, process of deallocating memory is handled automatically by the garbage collector

Do Question 5

P3: Linked List

Linked list in combined by nodes and we link nodes with pointers

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

typedef struct node node;

struct node{
   node* next;
   int v;
}

node* list_init(int value){
   node* n = malloc(sizeof(struct node));
   // check the return value for malloc
   n->v = value;
   n->next = NULL;
   return n;
```

```
}
void list_add(node* h, int value){
    if (h != NULL) {
        node* c = h;
        while (c->next != NULL){
            c = c \rightarrow next;
        }
        c -> next = list init(value);
    }
}
void list delete(node** h, node* n){
    if (h ! = NULL) {
        if (*h != NULL){
            node* prev = NULL;
            node* cur = *h;
            // find the node to be deleted and find the prev
            while (cur != n && cur != NULL) {
                prev = cur;
                cur = cur -> next;
            }
            if (cur != NULL) {
                // Two cases
                // 1. The node to be deleted is the head
                if (prev == NULL){
                     /*
                         node0 ---> node1 ---> node2 ---> node3
            prev
                         cur
                         deleted
                     */
                     node* new_head = (*h) -> next;
                     free(*h);
                     // Here is the reason why we need node** head
                     *h = new_head;
```

```
}else{
                     /*
                         node0 ---> node1 ---> node2 ---> node3
                                     prev
                                             cur
                                               deleted
                     */
                     // 2. The node to be deleted is not the head
                     prev->next = cur->next;
                     free(cur);
                 }
            }
        }
    }
}
node* list_next(node* n){
    node* r = NULL;
    if (n) {
       r = n \rightarrow next;
    }
    return r;
}
void list_free(node* h){
    node* t = NULL;
    while (h) {
        // record the next firstly
        t = h \rightarrow next;
        // free the cur
        free(h);
        h = t;
    }
}
```

```
// // #########
// void changeTheValue(int* a){
// *a = 2;
// }
// int main(){
      int a = 1;
      changeTheValue(&a);
// }
// // #########
// void changeTheHead(node** head){
      *head = new head;
// }
// int main(){
// node* head = ...;
// }
// // #########
```

Tutorial/Week4/Q2, Q3, Q5, Q7

Tool

Check memory leak using gcc flag

Other error like: heap buffer overflow

GDB

A debugger for C (and C++)

It allows you to do things like run the program up to a certain point then stop and print out the values of certain variables at that point, or step through the program one line at a time and print out the values of each variable after executing each line.

1. Installed?

```
$ gdb --version
```

- 2. Compile your program with -g or -g -00
- 3. Some common operations

```
# start up gdb in the directory of executable file
$ cd path/to/a.out
$ gdb

# specify the debug file
(gdb) file [executable_file]

# print the file
(gdb) list

# set break point
(gdb) break [Line]

# run the program
(gdb) run

# print variable
(gdb) print [variable_name]
```

```
# contine to run until the next break point
(gdb) continue

# contine to run next line
(gdb) next

# quit
(gdb) quit
```

Cheat Sheet: https://darkdust.net/files/GDB%20Cheat%20Sheet.pdf

Valgrind

Valgrind SUPPOrts lots of tools, like memcheck, addrcheck, cachegrind...

If we do not specify which one, memcheck is the default.

memcheck detects problems with memory management in programs. It checks all read/write operations to memory and intercepts all malloc/new/free/delete calls. So the memcheck tool is able to detect the following problems:

- use uninitialized memory
- Read/write memory that has been freed
- read/write memory out of bounds
- Read/write inappropriate memory stack space
- memory leak
- Using malloc/new/new[] and free/delete/delete[] do not match.
- Overlap of src and dst

1. Installed?

```
$ valgrind --version
```

2. Comilpe program with debug option -g

3. Use Valgrind

```
$ valgrind --leak-check=full --show-leak-kinds=all ./a.out
```

- --leak-check=full: "each individual leak will be shown in detail"
- --show-leak-kinds=all: Show all of "definite, indirect, possible, reachable" leak kinds in the "full" report
 - "indirectly lost" means **your program is leaking memory in a pointer- based structure**. (E.g. if the root node of a binary tree is "definitely lost", all the children will be "indirectly lost".)

4. Example

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main()
{
    char *x = (char*)malloc(20); // line 5
    return 0;
}
```

```
==42== HEAP SUMMARY:
==42== in use at exit: 20 bytes in 1 blocks
==42== total heap usage: 1 allocs, 0 frees, 20 bytes allocated
==42==
==42== 20 bytes in 1 blocks are definitely lost in loss record 1 of 1
==42== at 0x483E899: malloc (in /usr/lib/valgrind/vgpreload_memcheck-amd64-linux.so)
==42==
        by 0x10914A: main (memory_leak.c:5)
==42==
==42== LEAK SUMMARY:
==42== definitely lost: 20 bytes in 1 blocks
==42== indirectly lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==42== possibly lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==42== still reachable: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==42==
            suppressed: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==42== For lists of detected and suppressed errors, rerun with: -s
==42== ERROR SUMMARY: 1 errors from 1 contexts (suppressed: 0 from 0)
```