

# **System Level Programming**

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# Unit 6. Memory Layout and Allocation

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## 6.2 Memory-related Bugs

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## 6.2.1 Review of Pointers in C(1/4)

- Here, var occupies 4 bytes, \*var\_pt also occupies 4 bytes

```
// take the address of a variable
```

```
int var;           // declare the variable
```

```
int *var_ptr;      // declare the pointer
```

```
var_ptr = &var;    // take the address of var
```

```
*var_ptr = 4;      // stores 4 into var
```

```
// access variable pointed to by var_ptr
```

```
if (var == *var_ptr)
```

```
    printf("ok\n");
```

## 6.2.1 Review of Pointers in C(2/4)

- Memory Allocation on the Heap

```
// allocate an integer with malloc  
// the result must be coerced into an (int *):  
var_ptr = (int *) malloc(sizeof(int));  
*var_ptr = 4;  
  
// free the memory  
free(var_ptr);  
var_ptr = NULL;
```

## 6.2.1 Review of Pointers in C(3/4)

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- Pointers and integers can be added
  - pointer +- n //means n elements away

```
double *ptr = x;  
    // point to first element in x  
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
    *ptr++ *= y;  
} /* ++ same priority, so first *ptr *=y then ptr++
```

## 6.2.1 Review of Pointers in C(4/4)

```
// declare a structure
typedef struct {
    int int_field;
    double dbl_field;
} my_struct_type;
// allocate a structure on the heap
my_struct_type* s;
s = (my_struct_type*) malloc(sizeof(my_struct_type));
// initialize fields of s
s->int_field = 0;
s->dbl_field = 0.0;
// access s in another way:
(*s).int_field = 0; // equivalent to s->int_field = 0;
```



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## 6.2.2 Making and Using Bad References(1/10)

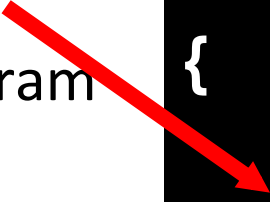
- The classic ***scanf*** bug
  - Note that you should supply the address rather than the variable
    - Use `&i`; instead of `i`
  - It is important in your exam.

```
int i;  
  
double d;  
  
// wrong!!!  
  
scanf("%d %lf", i, d);  
  
// here is the correct call:  
  
scanf("%d %lf", &i, &d);
```

## 6.2.2 Making and Using Bad References(2/10)

- The pointer is not pointing to the right location or is not properly initialized.
- It might cause the program to crash.
- Here, \*p is not pointing to int a[].
- To solve it, p = a;
- **Set pointers to NULL** if do not know the correct **initial value**.

```
int sum(int a[], int n)
{
    int* p;
    int sum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
        sum += *p++;
}
```



## 6.2.2 Making and Using Bad References(3/10)

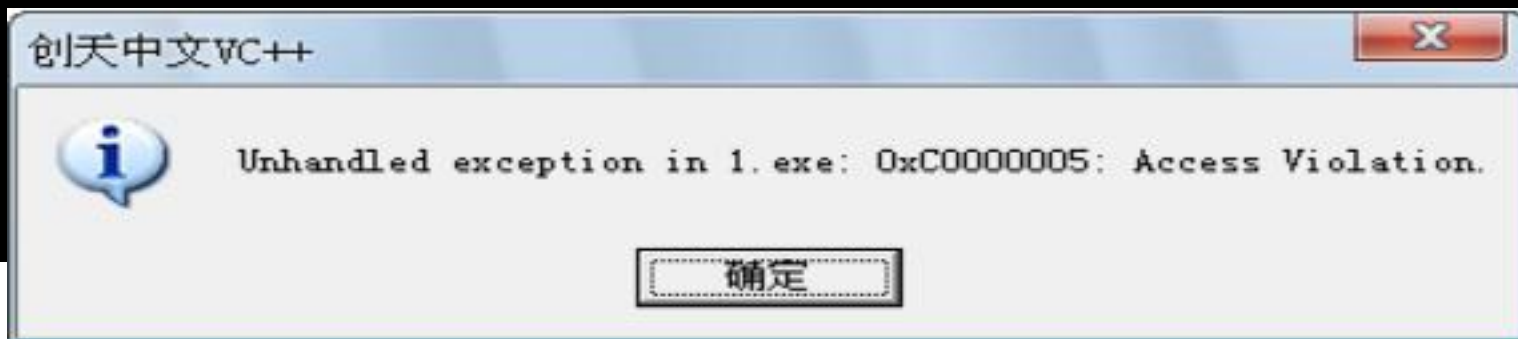
```
void GetMemory (char* p, int num) {  
    p = (char *) malloc(sizeof(char) * num);  
}  
  
void main (void) {  
    char *str = NULL;  
    GetMemory(str, 100);  
    strcpy(str, "hello");  
}
```

str=NULL

...

...

P=NULL



## 6.2.2 Making and Using Bad References(4/10)

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

void GetMemory (char* p, int num) {
    p = (char *) malloc(sizeof(char) * num);
}

void main (void) {
    char *str = NULL;
    GetMemory(str, 100);
    strcpy(str, "hello");
}
```

名称
<input type="checkbox"/> str
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GetMemory returned

名称	值
<input type="checkbox"/> str	0x00000000 ""
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GetMemory returned	

## 6.2.2 Making and Using Bad References(5/10)

- Solve the problem: Using Pointer's Pointer to Correct

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <malloc.h>
void GetMemory (char** p, int num) {
    *p = (char *) malloc(sizeof(char) * num);
}
void main (void) {
    char *str = NULL;
    GetMemory(&str, 100);
    strcpy(str, "hello");
    free(str);
}
```

## 6.2.2 Making and Using Bad References(6/10)

- Multiple indirection (多重引用)

```
int a = 3;  
int* b = &a;  
int** c = &b;  
int*** d = &c;
```

```
*d == c;  
**d == *c == b;  
***d == **c == *b == a
```

## 6.2.2 Making and Using Bad References(7/10)

- Solve the problem: Using Return Value to Pass Dynamically Allocated Memory

```
char *GetMemory2(int num) {  
    char *p = (char *) malloc(sizeof(char) * num);  
    return p;  
}  
  
void main (void) {  
    char *str = NULL;  
    str = GetMemory2(100);  
    strcpy(str, "hello");  
    free(str);  
}
```




## 6.2.2 Making and Using Bad References(8/10)

```
void release_foo(int * p) {  
    free(p);  
    p = NULL;  
}
```

```
int * pointer;  
//.... 分配给pointer内存
```

```
int bar() {  
    release_foo(pointer);  
    return 0;  
}
```

***Wild Pointer***



```
int bar() {  
    release_foo(pointer);  
    //  
    pointer = NULL;  
    return 0;  
}
```

## 6.2.2 Making and Using Bad References(9/10)

- Referencing Nonexistent Variables
  - Forgetting that local variables disappear when a function returns
  - Here, it might return any value once the activation record is removed.
  - Never “return” the pointer which points to memory on stack (不要用return语句返回指向“栈内存”的指针)

```
int* ptr = ptr_to_zero() ;  
*prt = -1;  
//warning in complile  
//but on error when execution, both debug  
and release version.
```

```
int* ptr_to_zero() {  
    int i = 0;  
    return &i;  
}
```

## 6.2.2 Making and Using Bad References(10/10)

- Return Pointer to Stack Memory

```
char *GetString(void){  
    char p[ ] = "hello world";  
    return p;  
    // 编译器将提出警告  
}
```

**WRONG!!**

```
void main (void) {  
    char *str = NULL;  
    str = GetString();  
    // str 的内容是垃圾  
    cout<< str << endl;  
}
```

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## 6.2.3 Overwriting Memory (1/5)

```
#define array_size 100  
  
int* a = (int *) malloc(sizeof(int) * array_size);  
  
for (int i = 0; i <= array_size; i++)  
    a[i] = NULL;
```

- off-by-one errors
  - Here, i will be incremented from 0 to array\_size, not array\_size – 1;
  - The solution is: **i < array\_size** not **i <= array\_size**

## 6.2.3 Overwriting Memory (2/5)

```
#define array_size 100
```

```
int *a = (int *) malloc(array_size);
```

```
a[99] = 0; // this overwrites memory beyond the block
```

- Allocating the (possibly) wrong sized object
  - Here, the memory allocated is 100 bytes, not 400 bytes and a[] is defined as array pointer
  - The solution is:

```
int *a = (int *) malloc( array_size* sizeof(int));
```

## 6.2.3 Overwriting Memory (3/5)

```
char s[8];  
int i;  
gets(s); /* reads "123456789" from stdin */
```

- Not checking the max string size
- Basis for classic buffer overflow attacks
  - 1988 Internet worm
  - Modern attacks on Web servers

## 6.2.3 Overwriting Memory (4/5)

```
char *heapify_string(char *s) {  
    int len = strlen(s);  
    char *new_s = (char *) malloc(len);  
    strcpy(new_s, s);  
    return new_s;  
}
```

- String must be terminated by 0x00;
- The solution is:

```
char *new_s = (char *) malloc(len + 1);
```



## 6.2.3 Overwriting Memory (5/5)

**// decrement a if a is greater than zero:**

**void dec\_positive(int\* a)**

**{**

**\*a--; // decrement the integer: (\*a)--**

**if (\*a < 0) \*a = 0; // make sure a is positive**

**}**

- Operator precedence
  - Note that `*a--` will decrement the pointer not the value.
  - We should use `(*a)--` to refer to the decrement of value

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## 6.2.4 Twice free(1/2)

```
void my_write(int* x) {  
    ... use x ...  
    free(x);  
}  
  
int* x = (int*) malloc(sizeof(int) * N);    ...  
my_read(x);    ...  
my_write(x);  
free(x); //oops, x is freed in my_write()!
```

- It means the memory pointer was freed twice.
- Here, it free the memory in the routine my\_write(), but it is freed in the main

## 6.2.4 Twice free(2/2)

- Referencing Freed Blocks, Evil!

```
x = malloc(N*sizeof(int));  
  <manipulate x>  
free(x);  
  
...  
y = malloc(M*sizeof(int));  
for (i=0; i<M; i++)  
  y[i] = x[i]++;
```

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## 6.2.5 Memory Leaks(1/4)

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- The failure to deallocate (free) a block of memory when it is no longer needed is often called a **memory leak**.
  - The result is that the system will run out of memory.
  - Programs that run for long periods of time must be careful to de-allocate memory when it becomes free.
    - For instance: Operating systems and Web servers

**Slow, long-term memory killer!**

## 6.2.5 Memory Leaks(2/4)

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- Example of Memory Leak

```
foo() {  
    int* x = malloc ( N * sizeof (int) );  
    ...  
    return;  
}
```

## 6.2.5 Memory Leaks(3/4)

```
void my_function(char *msg) {  
    // allocate space for a string  
    char *full_msg = (char *) malloc(strlen(msg) + 100);  
    strcpy(full_msg, " error was encountered: ");  
    strcat(full_msg, msg);  
    if (!display(full_msg)) return;  
    free(full_msg);  
}
```

- If it is true in the (full\_msg), it will not execute to free(full\_msg)
- The memory leak occurs by error or unusual returns skipping the code that was intended to free memory.



## 6.2.5 Memory Leaks(4/4)

```
typedef struct {
    char *name;
    int age;
    char *address;
    int phone;
} Person;
void my_function() {
    Person *p = (Person *) malloc(sizeof(Person));
    p->name = (char *) malloc(M); ...
    p->address = (char *) malloc(N); ...
    free(p); // what about name and address?
}
```

- Freeing only part of a data structure.
  - A Person structure was allocated and freed, but the fields of the Person structure, name and address, were allocated but not freed.
  - **How to fix it??**

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## 6.2.6 Exterminating Memory Bugs

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## 6.2.6.1 Introduction(1/4)

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- Memory related errors:
  - 1/Memory leak
  - 2/Overwriting Memory
  - 3/Abuse dangle/wild pointer

## 6.2.6.1 Introduction(2/4)

- In our last lab, we try to detect the following memory related errors by adding **extra information**.

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- Error #1: Writing past the beginning of the user's block (through the fence)
- Error #2: Writing past the end of the user's block (through the fence)
- Error #3: Corrupting the header information

3

- Error #4: Attempting to free an unallocated or already-freed block

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- Error #5: Memory leak detection (user can use `ALLOCATEDSIZE` to check for leaks at the end of the program)

## 6.2.6.1 Introduction(3/4)

- The extra information may include:
  - The file name and line number where the allocation occurred.
  - The status: whether the block is allocated or free.
  - Padding(填充) before and after the block.
    - This padding is filled with a known value such as "0xdeadbeef" so that if memory is overwritten near the boundaries of the block, the changes to the known values can easily be detected.
  - Links to other blocks.
    - These enable allocated blocks to be scanned and checked.
  - An allocation sequence number.
    - This helps to identify blocks.

- **How to detect accessing by dangle/wild pointer?**
- **What kind of extra information can help?**

## 6.2.6.1 Introduction(4/4)

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- Basic approach of detect memory bugs
  - record extra information about blocks whenever a block is allocated
  - check that information for consistency whenever a block is freed.

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## 6.2.6.2 Debugging\_Malloc Lab(1/8)

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- Wrapper around conventional malloc
- Detects memory bugs when deallocating(extra infor. added in malloc)
  - memory overwrites that corrupt heap structures
  - some instances freeing blocks multiple times
  - memory leaks
- Cannot detect all memory bugs
  - Overwrites into the middle of allocated blocks
  - Referencing freed blocks

## 6.2.6.2 Debugging\_Malloc Lab(2/8)

```
#define malloc(size) my_malloc(size, __FILE__, __LINE__)  
#define free(p) my_free(p, __FILE__, __LINE__)
```

```
#ifdef DEBUG  
#include <my_malloc.h>  
#endif  
#define DEBUG  
main() {  
    ...  
    p = malloc(128);  
    ...  
    free(p);  
    ...  
}
```

## 6.2.6.2 Debugging\_Malloc Lab(3/8)

- Predefined Macros
  - `__FILE__`
    - The name of the current source file.
  - `__LINE__`
    - The line number in the current source file.
- `__FILE__` and `__LINE__` 编译器定义的宏
  - 编译器会把 `__FILE__` 替换成 “当前在编译的文件的完整路径” 名字字符串；编译器会把 `__LINE__` 替换成当前这行代码行号这个数字。
  - VS中需要 `define _CRTDBG_MAP_ALLOC`；并开启内存检测，如调用 `_CrtDumpMemoryLeaks()`；否则 `__FILE__`, `__LINE__` 的内容为0，0

## 6.2.6.2 Debugging\_Malloc Lab(4/8)

- User-defined Macros
  - **#define** **identifiers** **expressions**
  - Object-like macros take no argument
  - Function-like macros take argument(s)

```
// my_malloc.h
#define malloc(size) my_malloc(size, __FILE__, __LINE__)
#define free(p) my_free(p, __FILE__, __LINE__)
```

## 6.2.6.2 Debugging\_Malloc Lab(5/8)

- Conditional-compilation directive

```
#ifdef DEBUG  
#include <my_malloc.h>  
#endif
```

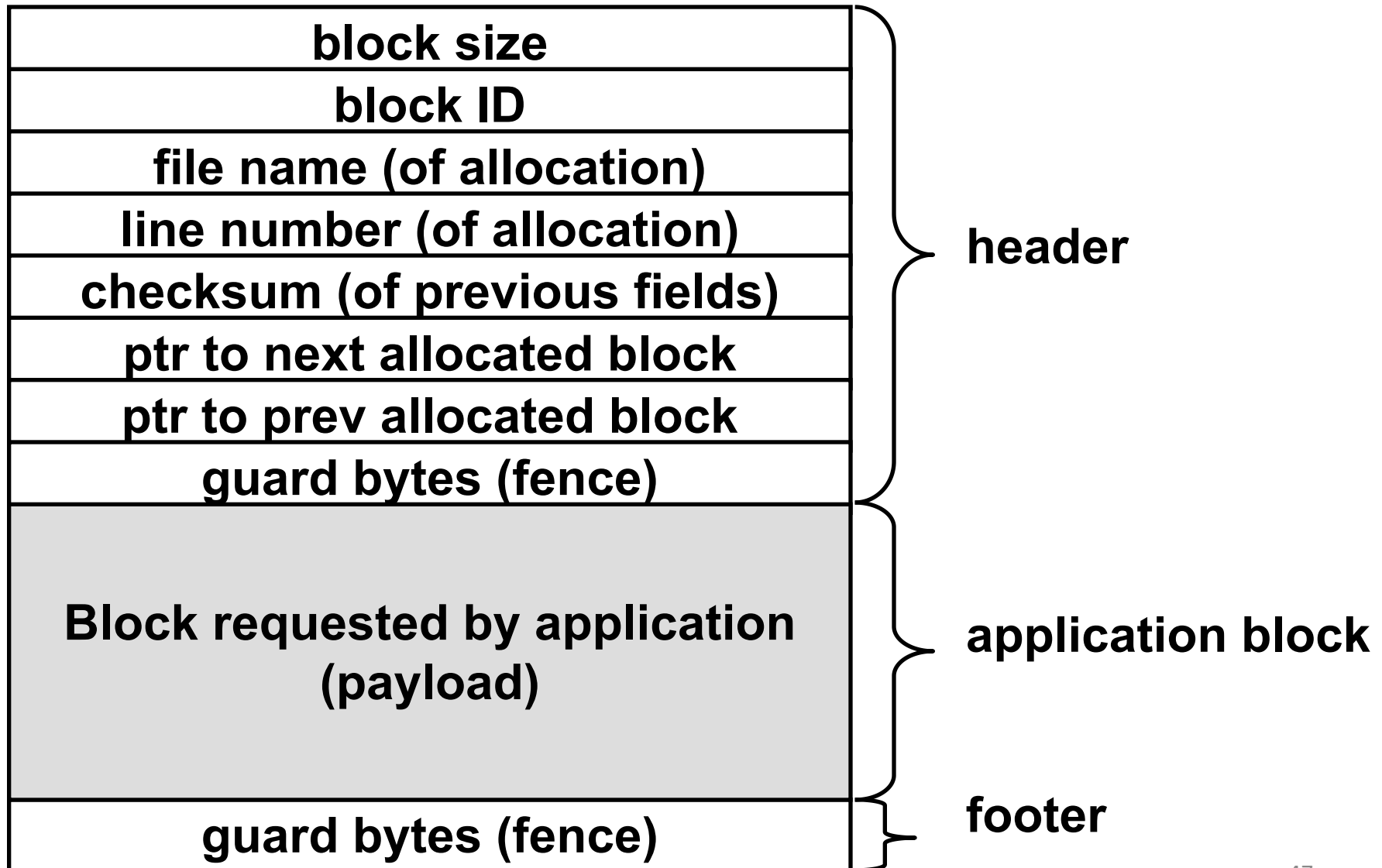
```
#define DEBUG  
main() {  
    ...  
    p = malloc(128);  
    ...  
    free(p);  
    ...  
}
```

## 6.2.6.2 Debugging\_Malloc Lab(6/8)

```
void *my_malloc(int size, char *file, int line) {  
    <prologue code> // 前期代码  
    p = malloc(...);  
    <epilogue code> // 后期代码  
    return q;  
}
```

```
void my_free(void *q, char *file, int line) {  
    <prologue code>  
    free(p);  
    <epilogue code>  
}
```

## 6.2.6.2 Debugging\_Malloc Lab(7/8)



## 6.2.6.2 Debugging\_Malloc Lab(8/8)

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- `my_malloc(size)`:
  - `p = malloc(size + sizeof(header) + sizeof/footer));`
  - add `p` to list of allocated blocks
  - initialize fence to `0xdeadbeef`
  - return pointer to application block
- `my_free(p)`:
  - already free (line # = `0xfeeeffffffeefeee`)?
  - checksum OK?
  - guard bytes OK?
  - line # = `0xfefefefefefefefe`;
  - `free(p - sizeof(hdr));`
- Leaking ?



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## 6.2.6.3 Debug Heap Management with VC

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- Inside CRT(C RunTime Lib ) : Debug Heap Management with Visual Studio
  - 1. Memory Management Function (Review)
  - 2. 0xCDs, 0xDDs and 0xFDs in memory
  - 3. \_CrtMemBlockHeader
  - 4. \_crtDbgFlag

# 1. Memory Management Function (Review)(1/5)

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- *c/c++*
  - *malloc*
    - The implementation of the C++ operator *new* is based on malloc.
  - *free*
    - The implementation of C++ operator *delete* is based on free.
- Win32 API
  - *HeapAlloc*
    - The allocated memory is not movable.
  - *HeapFree*
    - Free blocks allocated from a heap by the HeapAlloc or HeapReAlloc function.

# 1. Memory Management Function (Review)(2/5)

- ***\_heap\_alloc\_dbg*** (VS)

- void \*\_malloc\_dbg( size\_t size, int **blockType**, const char \*filename, int linenumber ); 最终调用下图函数
- Allocates a block of memory in the heap with additional space for a debugging header and overwrite buffers (debug version only).

```
void * __cdecl _heap_alloc_dbg(  
    size_t nSize,  
    int nBlockUse,  
    const char * szFileName,  
    int nLine  
)
```

# 1. Memory Management Function (Review)(3/5)

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- **`_free_dbg`** (VS)
  - `void _free_dbg( void *userData, int blockType );`
  - Debug version of free; performs a validity check on all specified files and block locations
  - Both free and `_free_dbg` free a memory block in the base heap, but `_free_dbg` accomodates two debugging features:
    - `blockType(CLIENT_BLOCK/_NORMAL_BLOCK/_IGNORE_BLOCK)`
    - the ability to **keep freed blocks in the heap's linked list** to simulate **low memory conditions** and a block type parameter to free specific allocation types.

# 1. Memory Management Function (Review)(4/5)

- **normal block**（普通块）：由你的程序分配的内存
- **client block**（客户块）：特殊类型的内存块，MFC 分配的全部属于该类型。MFC new 操作视具体情况既可以为所创建的对象建立普通块，也可以为之建立客户块。
- **CRT block**（CRT 块）：是由 C RunTime Library 供自己使用而分配的内存块。由 CRT 库自己来管理这些内存的分配与释放，我们一般不会对内存泄漏报告中发现 CRT 内存泄漏，除非程序发生了严重的错误（例如 CRT 库崩溃）。

# 1. Memory Management Function (Review)(5/5)

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- 除了上述的类型外，还有下面这两种类型的内存块，它们不会出现在内存泄漏报告中：
  - **free block**（空闲块）：已经被释放(`free`)的内存块。（可以选择不释放xDD，以检测是否还在非法使用）
  - **Ignore block**（忽略块）：这是程序员显式声明过不要在内存泄漏报告中出现的内存块。

## 6.2.6.3 Debug Heap Management with VC

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- Inside CRT : Debug Heap Management with Visual C++
  - 1. Memory Management Function (Review)
  - 2. 0xCDS, 0xDDs and 0xFDs in memory
  - 3. \_CrtMemBlockHeader
  - 4. \_crtDbgFlag



## 2. 0xCDs, 0xDDs and 0xFDs in memory(1/4)

0xCD	<b>C</b> lean Memory	Allocated memory via malloc or new but never written by the application.
0xDD	<b>D</b> ead Memory	Memory that has been released with delete or free. <b>It is used to detect writing through dangling pointers.</b>
0xFD	<b>F</b> ence	Memory Also known as "no mans land." This is used to wrap the allocated memory (like surrounding it with fences) and is used to detect indexing arrays out of bounds.

**How to detect accessing by dangle/wild pointer?**  
**What kind of extra information can help?**

## 2. 0xCDs, 0xDDs and 0xFDs in memory(2/4)

```
// DBGHEAP.C
```

```
static unsigned char _bNoMansLandFill = 0xFD;
```

```
/* fill no-man's land with this */
```

```
static unsigned char _bDeadLandFill = 0xDD;
```

```
/* fill free objects with this */
```

```
static unsigned char _bCleanLandFill = 0xCD;
```

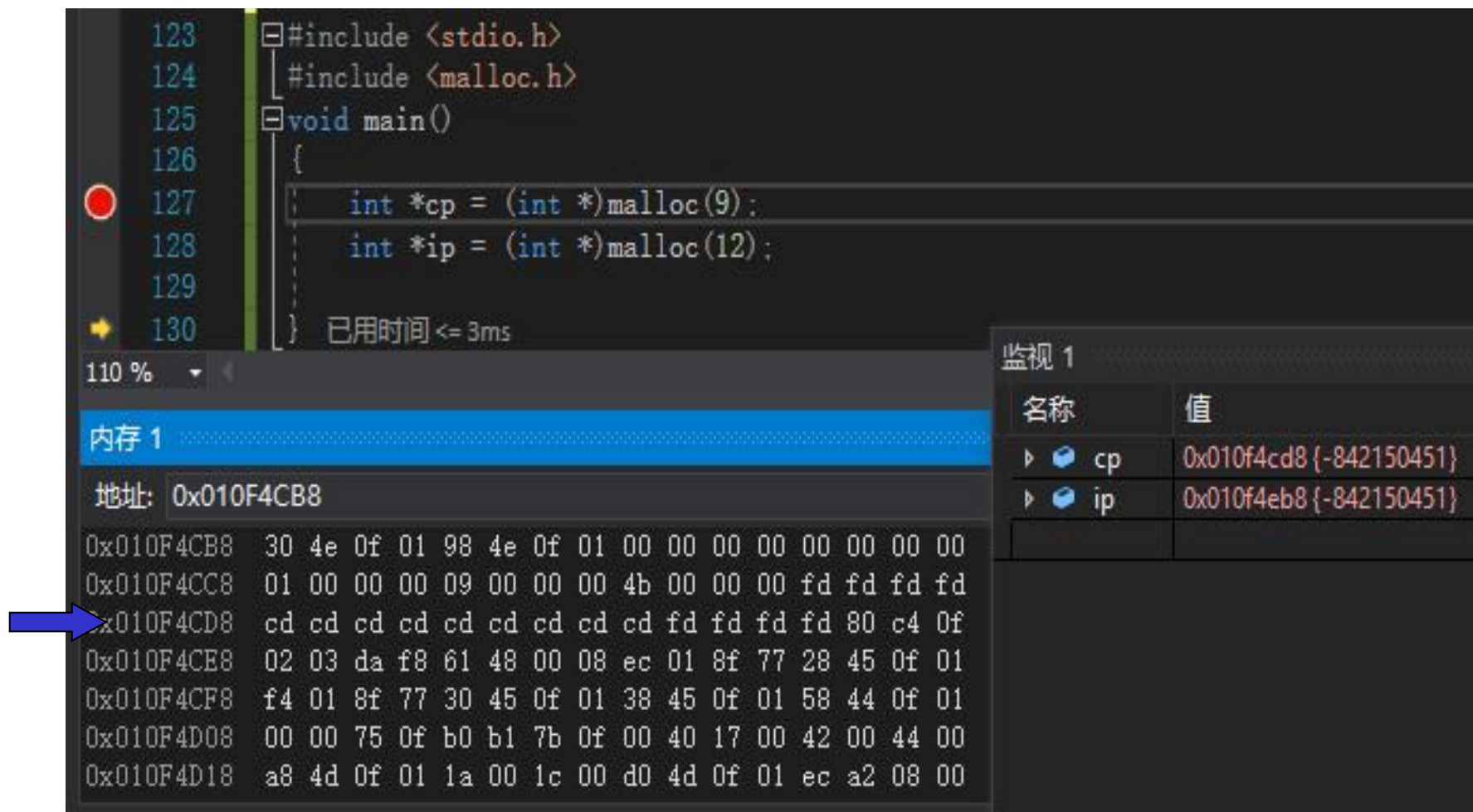
```
/* fill new objects with this */
```

## 2. 0xCDs, 0xDDs and 0xFDs in memory(3/4)

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <malloc.h>
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    char* buffer = (char*)malloc(12);
    free(buffer);
    buffer = NULL;
    return 0;
}
```

## 2. 0xCDs, 0xDDs and 0xFDs in memory(4/4)

- Examine Heap Memory



```
123  #include <stdio.h>
124  #include <malloc.h>
125  void main()
126  {
127      int *cp = (int *)malloc(9);
128      int *ip = (int *)malloc(12);
129
130  } 已用时间 <= 3ms
```

110 %

内存 1

地址: 0x010F4CB8

0x010F4CB8	30 4e 0f 01 98 4e 0f 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x010F4CC8	01 00 00 00 09 00 00 00 4b 00 00 00 fd fd fd fd
0x010F4CD8	cd cd cd cd cd cd cd cd fd fd fd fd fd 80 c4 0f
0x010F4CE8	02 03 da f8 61 48 00 08 ec 01 8f 77 28 45 0f 01
0x010F4CF8	f4 01 8f 77 30 45 0f 01 38 45 0f 01 58 44 0f 01
0x010F4D08	00 00 75 0f b0 b1 7b 0f 00 40 17 00 42 00 44 00
0x010F4D18	a8 4d 0f 01 1a 00 1c 00 d0 4d 0f 01 ec a2 08 00

监视 1

名称	值
cp	0x010f4cd8 {-842150451}
ip	0x010f4eb8 {-842150451}

## 6.2.6.3 Debug Heap Management with VC

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### 3. \_CrtMemBlockHeader(1/14)

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- For each allocated block, the CRT keeps information in a structure called `_CrtMemBlockHeader`, which is declared in `DBGINT.H`
- For the previous example, 12 bytes are dynamically allocated, but the CRT allocates **more** than that by wrapping the allocated block with bookkeeping information.

### 3. \_CrtMemBlockHeader(2/14)

```
#define nNoMansLandSize 4
typedef struct _CrtMemBlockHeader {
    struct _CrtMemBlockHeader * pBlockHeaderNext;
    struct _CrtMemBlockHeader * pBlockHeaderPrev;
    char * szFileName;
    int nLine;
    size_t nDataSize;
    int nBlockUse;
    long lRequest;
    unsigned char gap[nNoMansLandSize];
    /* followed by:
        * unsigned char data[nDataSize];
        * unsigned char anotherGap[nNoMansLandSize]; */
} _CrtMemBlockHeader;
```

### 3. \_CrtMemBlockHeader(3/14)

```
#define nNoMansLandSize 4
typedef struct _CrtMemBlockHeader {
    struct _CrtMemBlockHeader * pBlockHeaderNext;
    struct _CrtMemBlockHeader * pBlockHeaderPrev;
    char * szFileName;
    int nSize;
```

**pBlockHeaderNext: A pointer to the block allocated just before this one**

```
    * unsigned char data[nDataSize];
    * unsigned char anotherGap[nNoMansLandSize]; */
} _CrtMemBlockHeader;
```



### 3. \_CrtMemBlockHeader(4/14)

```
#define nNoMansLandSize 4
typedef struct _CrtMemBlockHeader {
    struct _CrtMemBlockHeader * pBlockHeaderNext;
    struct _CrtMemBlockHeader * pBlockHeaderPrev;
    char * szFileName;
```

**pBlockHeaderPrev: A pointer to the block that was allocated after the current block.**

```
    * unsigned char data[nDataSize];
    * unsigned char anotherGap[nNoMansLandSize]; */
} _CrtMemBlockHeader;
```

### 3. \_CrtMemBlockHeader(5/14)

```
#define nNoMansLandSize 4
typedef struct _CrtMemBlockHeader {
    struct _CrtMemBlockHeader * pBlockHeaderNext;
    struct _CrtMemBlockHeader * pBlockHeaderPrev;
    char * szFileName;
    int nLine;
```

**szFileName:** A pointer to the name of the file in which the call to malloc was made, if known.

**nLine:** The line in the source file indicated by szFileName at which the call to malloc was made, if known.

```
    unsigned char anotherGap[nNoMansLandSize], /
} _CrtMemBlockHeader;
```

### 3. \_CrtMemBlockHeader(6/14)

```
#define nNoMansLandSize 4
typedef struct _CrtMemBlockHeader {
    struct _CrtMemBlockHeader * pBlockHeaderNext;
    struct _CrtMemBlockHeader * pBlockHeaderPrev;
    char * szFileName;
    int nLine;
    size_t nDataSize;
    unsigned char data[nDataSize];
    unsigned char anotherGap[nNoMansLandSize];
} _CrtMemBlockHeader;
```

**nDataSize: Number of bytes requested**

### 3. \_CrtMemBlockHeader(7/14)

#### nBlockUse

- 0 - Freed block, but not released back to the Win32 heap
- 1 - Normal block (allocated with new/malloc)
- 2 - CRT blocks, allocated by CRT for its own use

```
size_t nDataSize;  
int nBlockUse;  
long lRequest;  
unsigned char gap[nNoMansLandSize];  
/* followed by:  
    * unsigned char data[nDataSize];  
    * unsigned char anotherGap[nNoMansLandSize]; */  
}_CrtMemBlockHeader;
```

### 3. \_CrtMemBlockHeader(8/14)

```
#define nNoMansLandSize 4
```

```
typedef struct _CrtMemBlockHeader {
```

**IRequest: Counter incremented with each Allocation.**

```
    size_t nDataSize;
```

```
    int nBlockUse;
```

```
    long IRequest;
```

```
    unsigned char gap[nNoMansLandSize];
```

```
    /* followed by:
```

```
        * unsigned char data[nDataSize];
```

```
        * unsigned char anotherGap[nNoMansLandSize]; */
```

```
}_CrtMemBlockHeader;
```

### 3. \_CrtMemBlockHeader(9/14)

```
#define nNoMansLandSize 4
```

```
typedef struct _CrtMemBlockHeader {
```

gap: A zone of 4 bytes (in the current implementation) filled with 0xFD, fencing the data block, of nDataSize bytes. Another block filled with 0xFD of the same size follows the data.

```
    int nBlockUse;
```

```
    long lRequest;
```

```
    unsigned char gap[nNoMansLandSize];
```

```
    /* followed by:
```

```
        * unsigned char data[nDataSize];
```

```
        * unsigned char anotherGap[nNoMansLandSize]; */
```

```
    } _CrtMemBlockHeader;
```

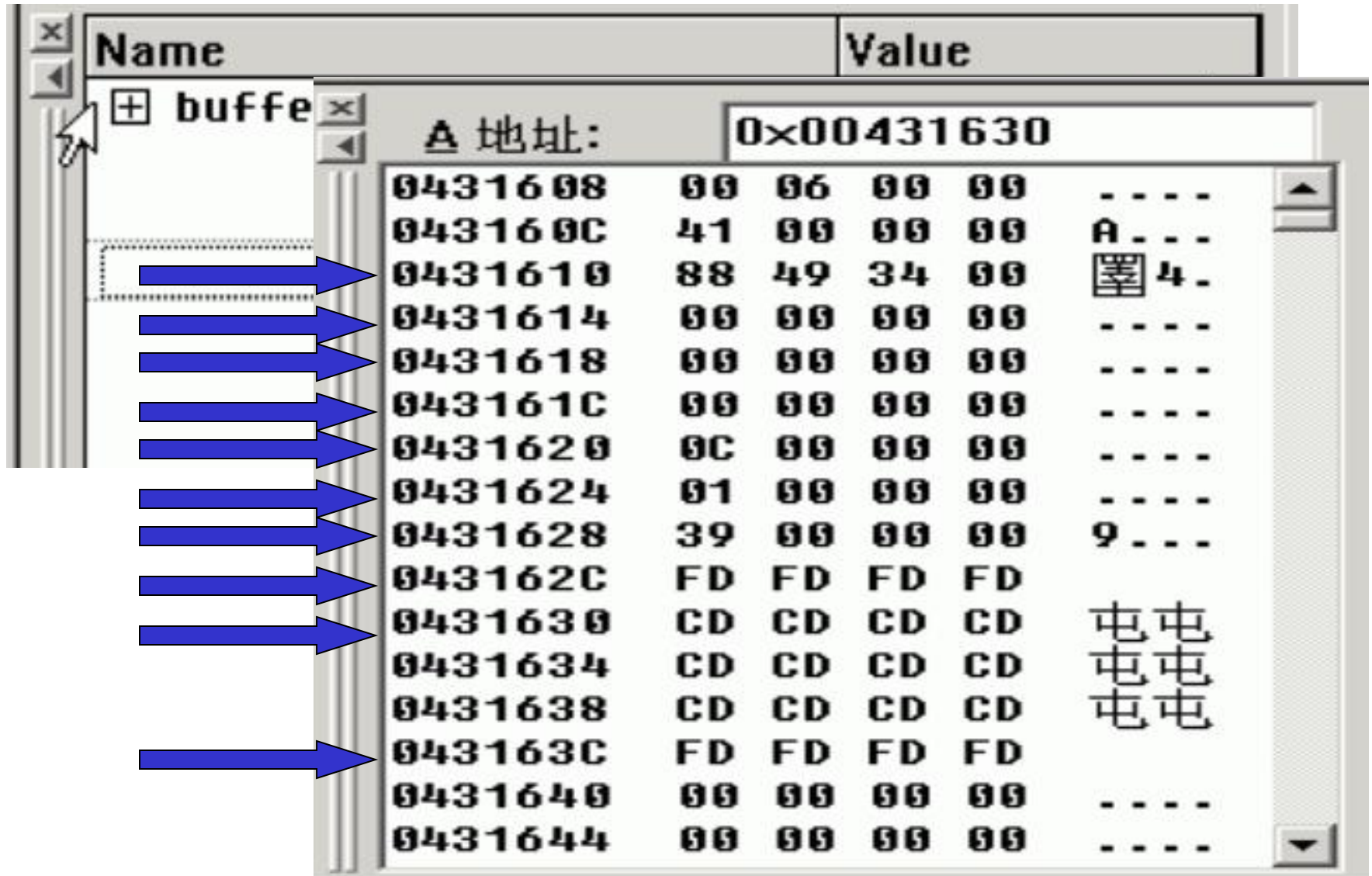
### 3. \_CrtMemBlockHeader(10/14)

- When request 12 bytes on the heap
  - Request 36 more bytes

**blockSize =  
sizeof(\_CrtMemBlockHeader) + nSize + nNoMansLandSize;**

- Fill the \_CrtMemBlockHeader block with bookkeeping information.
- Initialize the data block with 0xCD and no mans land with 0xFD.

### 3. \_CrtMemBlockHeader(11/14)



Name	Value
buf	0x00431630
00431608	00 06 00 00
0043160C	41 00 00 00
00431610	88 49 34 00
00431614	00 00 00 00
00431618	00 00 00 00
0043161C	00 00 00 00
00431620	0C 00 00 00
00431624	01 00 00 00
00431628	39 00 00 00
0043162C	FD FD FD FD
00431630	CD CD CD CD
00431634	CD CD CD CD
00431638	CD CD CD CD
0043163C	FD FD FD FD
00431640	00 00 00 00
00431644	00 00 00 00



### 3. \_CrtMemBlockHeader(12/14)

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- Free Memory
  - When you call free, the CRT will set the block it requested to 0xDD, indicating this is a free zone.

### 3. \_CrtMemBlockHeader(13/14)

A 地址: 0x00431630					
0043160C	41	00	00	00	A...
00431610	88	49	34	00	4.
00431614	00	00	00	00	....
00431618	00	00	00	00	....
0043161C	00	00	00	00	....
00431620	0C	00	00	00	....
00431624	00	00	00	00	....
00431628	39	00	00	00	9...
0043162C	FD	FD	FD	FD	
00431630	DD	DD	DD	DD	草草
00431634	DD	DD	DD	DD	草草
00431638	DD	DD	DD	DD	草草
0043163C	FD	FD	FD	FD	
00431640	00	00	00	00	....
00431644	00	00	00	00	....
00431648	41	00	00	00	A...

A 地址: 0x00431630					
00431608	00	06	00	00	....
0043160C	41	00	00	00	A...
00431610	DD	DD	DD	DD	草草
00431614	DD	DD	DD	DD	草草
00431618	DD	DD	DD	DD	草草
0043161C	DD	DD	DD	DD	草草
00431620	DD	DD	DD	DD	草草
00431624	DD	DD	DD	DD	草草
00431628	DD	DD	DD	DD	草草
0043162C	DD	DD	DD	DD	草草
00431630	DD	DD	DD	DD	草草
00431634	DD	DD	DD	DD	草草
00431638	DD	DD	DD	DD	草草
0043163C	DD	DD	DD	DD	草草
00431640	00	00	00	00	....
00431644	00	00	00	00	....

### 3. \_CrtMemBlockHeader(14/14)

地址:	0x00371000
00370FE0	98 07 37 00 ..7.
00370FE4	00 00 00 00 ....
00370FE8	1C 20 42 00 . B.
00370FEC	07 00 00 00 ....
00370FF0	0C 00 00 00 ....
00370FF4	01 00 00 00 ....
00370FF8	31 00 00 00 1...
00370FFC	FD FD FD FD
00371000	CD CD CD CD 屯屯
00371004	CD CD CD CD 屯屯
00371008	CD CD CD CD 屯屯
0037100C	FD FD FD FD

地址:	0x00371000
00370FE0	C8 04 37 00 ..7.
00370FE4	C8 04 37 00 ..7.
00370FE8	EE FE EE FE 铅铅
00370FEC	EE FE EE FE 铅铅
00370FF0	EE FE EE FE 铅铅
00370FF4	EE FE EE FE 铅铅
00370FF8	EE FE EE FE 铅铅
00370FFC	EE FE EE FE 铅铅
00371000	EE FE EE FE 铅铅
00371004	EE FE EE FE 铅铅
00371008	EE FE EE FE 铅铅
0037100C	EE FE EE FE 铅铅

\_CRTDBG\_DELAY\_FREE\_  
MEM\_DF is NOT set

地址:	0x00371000
00370FE0	98 07 37 00 ..7.
00370FE4	00 00 00 00 ....
00370FE8	1C 20 42 00 . B.
00370FEC	07 00 00 00 ....
00370FF0	0C 00 00 00 ....
00370FF4	00 00 00 00 ....
00370FF8	31 00 00 00 1...
00370FFC	FD FD FD FD
00371000	DD DD DD DD 草草
00371004	DD DD DD DD 草草
00371008	DD DD DD DD 草草
0037100C	FD FD FD FD

\_CRTDBG\_DELAY\_FREE\_  
MEM\_DF is set

## 6.2.6.4 Debug Heap Management with VC

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- Inside CRT : Debug Heap Management with Visual C++
  - 1. Memory Management Function (Review)
  - 2. 0xCDs, 0xDDs and 0xFDs in memory
  - 3. `_CrtMemBlockHeader`
  - 4. `_crtDbgFlag`

## 4. \_crtDbgFlag(1/15)

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- Retrieves and/or modifies the state of the **\_crtDbgFlag** flag to control the allocation behavior of the debug heap manager (debug version only).
- **int \_\_CrtSetDbgFlag( int newFlag );**
  - newFlag: New state for the \_crtDbgFlag

## 4. \_crtDbgFlag(2/15)

- **\_crtDbgFlag's bit fields(位域)**

位域	default	说明
<b>_CRTDBG_ALLOC_MEM_DF</b>	On	打开调试分配。当该位为 off 时，分配仍链接在一起，但它们的块类型为 <b>_IGNORE_BLOCK</b> 。
<b>_CRTDBG_DELAY_FREE_MEM_DF</b>	Off	防止实际释放内存，与模拟内存不足情况相同。当该位为 on 时，已释放块保留在调试堆的链接列表中，但标记为 <b>_FREE_BLOCK</b> ，并用特殊字节值填充 <b>0xDD</b> 。
<b>_CRTDBG_CHECK_ALWAYS_DF</b>	Off	导致每次分配和释放时均调用 <b>_CrtCheckMemory</b> 。这将减慢执行，但可快速捕捉错误。
<b>_CRTDBG_CHECK_CRT_DF</b>	Off	导致将标记为 <b>_CRT_BLOCK</b> 类型的块包括在泄漏检测和状态差异操作中。当该位为 off 时，在这些操作期间将忽略由运行时库内部使用的内存。
<b>_CRTDBG_LEAK_CHECK_DF</b>	Off	导致在程序退出时通过调用 <b>_CrtDumpMemoryLeaks</b> 来执行泄漏检查。如果应用程序未能释放其所分配的所有内存，将生成错误报告。



## 4. \_crtDbgFlag(3/15)

- Set one or more \_crtDbgFlag bit field, and create new state for the flag
  - 1. Call **\_CrtSetDbgFlag** with newFlag equal to \_CRTDBG\_REPORT\_FLAG to obtain the current \_crtDbgFlag state and store the returned value in a temporary variable.

```
// Get the current state of the flag  
// and store it in a temporary variable  
int tmpFlag =  
    _CrtSetDbgFlag( _CRTDBG_REPORT_FLAG );
```

## 4. \_crtDbgFlag(4/15)

- Set one or more \_crtDbgFlag bit field, and create new state for the flag
  - 2. Turn on any bits by OR-ing the temporary variable with the corresponding bitmasks

**// Turn On (OR) - Keep freed memory blocks in the  
// heap's linked list and mark them as freed**

**tmpFlag |= \_CRTDBG\_DELAY\_FREE\_MEM\_DF;**



## 4. \_crtDbgFlag(5/15)

- Set one or more \_crtDbgFlag bit field, and create new state for the flag
  - 3. Turn off the other bits by AND-ing the variable with a bitwise NOT of the appropriate bitmasks.

```
// Turn Off (AND) - prevent _CrtCheckMemory from  
// being called at every allocation request  
tmpFlag &= ~_CRTDBG_CHECK_ALWAYS_DF;
```

## 4. \_crtDbgFlag(6/15)

- Set one or more \_crtDbgFlag bit field, and create new state for the flag
  - 4. Call \_CrtSetDbgFlag with newFlag equal to the value stored in the temporary variable to set the new state for \_crtDbgFlag.

```
// Set the new state for the flag  
_CrtSetDbgFlag( tmpFlag );
```

## 4. \_crtDbgFlag(7/15)

```
#define _CRTDBG_MAP_ALLOC//which file and line cause leak
```

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

```
#include <malloc.h>
```

```
#include <crtdbg.h>
```

```
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
```

```
    int tmpFlag = _CrtSetDbgFlag( _CRTDBG_REPORT_FLAG );
```

```
    tmpFlag |= _CRTDBG_DELAY_FREE_MEM_DF;
```

```
    _CrtSetDbgFlag( tmpFlag );
```

```
    char* buffer = (char*)malloc(12);
```

```
    free(buffer);
```

```
    buffer = NULL;
```

```
    return 0;
```

## 4. \_crtDbgFlag(8/15)

- You can avoid giving back the block to the Win32 heap by using the **CRTDBG\_DELAY\_FREE\_MEM\_DF** flag to `_CrtSetDbgFlag()`.
- It prevents memory from actually being freed.
- When **CRTDBG\_DELAY\_FREE\_MEM\_DF** flag is on, freed blocks are kept in the debug heap's linked list but are marked as **\_FREE\_BLOCK**.
  - 通常，所释放的块将从列表中移除。为了检查是否仍在向已释放的内存写入数据，或为了模拟内存不足情况，可以选择在链接列表上保留已释放块。
  - This is useful if you want to detect dangling pointers errors, which can be done by verifying if the freed block is written with 0xDD pattern or something else.

## 4. \_crtDbgFlag(9/15)

```
DBGHEAP.C    __cdecl _free_dbg()
```

```
/* optionally reclaim memory */
```

```
if (!(_crtDbgFlag & _CRTDBG_DELAY_FREE_MEM_DF)) {
```

```
/* remove from the linked list, not delay */
```

```
if (pHead -> pBlockHeaderNext) {
```

```
    pHead -> pBlockHeaderNext -> pBlockHeaderPrev =
```

```
    pHead -> pBlockHeaderPrev;
```

```
}
```

```
else {
```

```
    _ASSERT(_pLastBlock == pHead);
```

```
    _pLastBlock = pHead -> pBlockHeaderPrev;
```

```
}
```

## 4. \_crtDbgFlag(10/15)

```
if (pHead->pBlockHeaderPrev) {  
    pHead -> pBlockHeaderPrev -> pBlockHeaderNext =  
        pHead->pBlockHeaderNext;  
}  
else {  
    _ASSERT(_pFirstBlock == pHead);  
    _pFirstBlock = pHead->pBlockHeaderNext;  
}
```

## 4. \_crtDbgFlag(11/15)

```
/* fill the entire block including header with dead-land-fill
*/
memset ( pHead, _bDeadLandFill,
        sizeof( _CrtMemBlockHeader) +
        pHead->nDataSize + nNoMansLandSize );
_free_base(pHead);
}
```

## 4. \_crtDbgFlag(12/15)

```
else {  
    pHead -> nBlockUse = _FREE_BLOCK;  
  
    /* keep memory around as dead space */  
    memset ( pbData(pHead),  
            _bDeadLandFill,  
            pHead -> nDataSize);  
}  
}
```



## 4. \_crtDbgFlag(13/15)

```
#define CRTDBG_MAP_ALLOC //which file and line cause leak
#include <stdio.h>
#include <malloc.h>
#include <crtdbg.h>

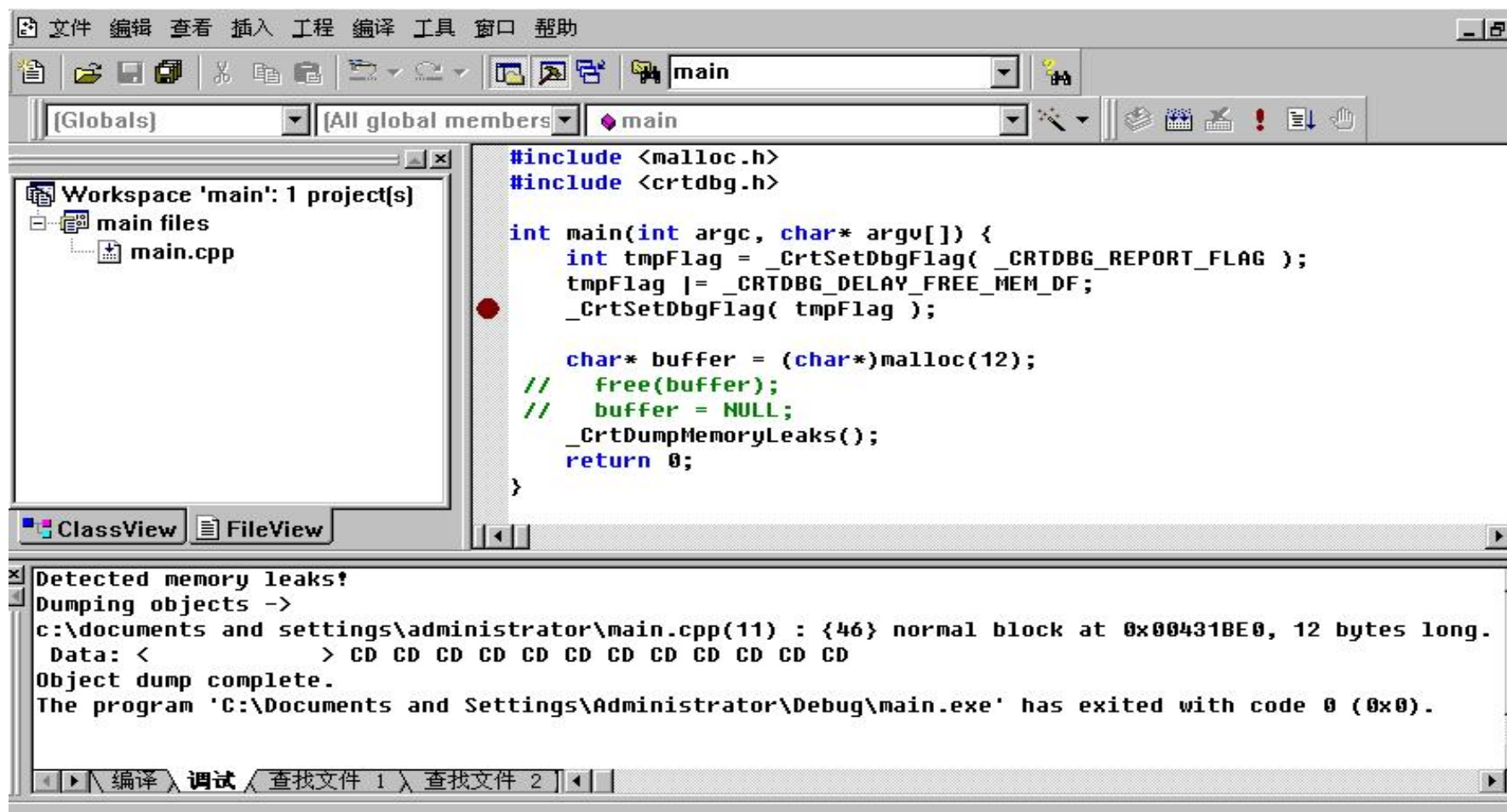
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    // method1 set flag
    //int tmpFlag = _CrtSetDbgFlag( _CRTDBG_REPORT_FLAG );
    // tmpFlag |= _CRTDBG_LEAK_CHECK_DF;
    // _CrtSetDbgFlag( tmpFlag );

    char* buffer = (char*)malloc(12);

    //method 2
    _CrtDumpMemoryLeaks();
    return 0;
}
```

## 4. \_crtDbgFlag(14/15)

- The program will output the following message on VC debug mode:



The screenshot displays the Microsoft Visual Studio IDE. The main editor window shows a C++ program named `main.cpp` with the following code:

```
#include <malloc.h>
#include <crtdbg.h>

int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    int tmpFlag = _CrtSetDbgFlag( _CRTDBG_REPORT_FLAG );
    tmpFlag |= _CRTDBG_DELAY_FREE_MEM_DF;
    _CrtSetDbgFlag( tmpFlag );

    char* buffer = (char*)malloc(12);
    // free(buffer);
    // buffer = NULL;
    _CrtDumpMemoryLeaks();
    return 0;
}
```

A red dot is placed on the line `_CrtSetDbgFlag( tmpFlag );`. The left sidebar shows the project structure for 'main'.

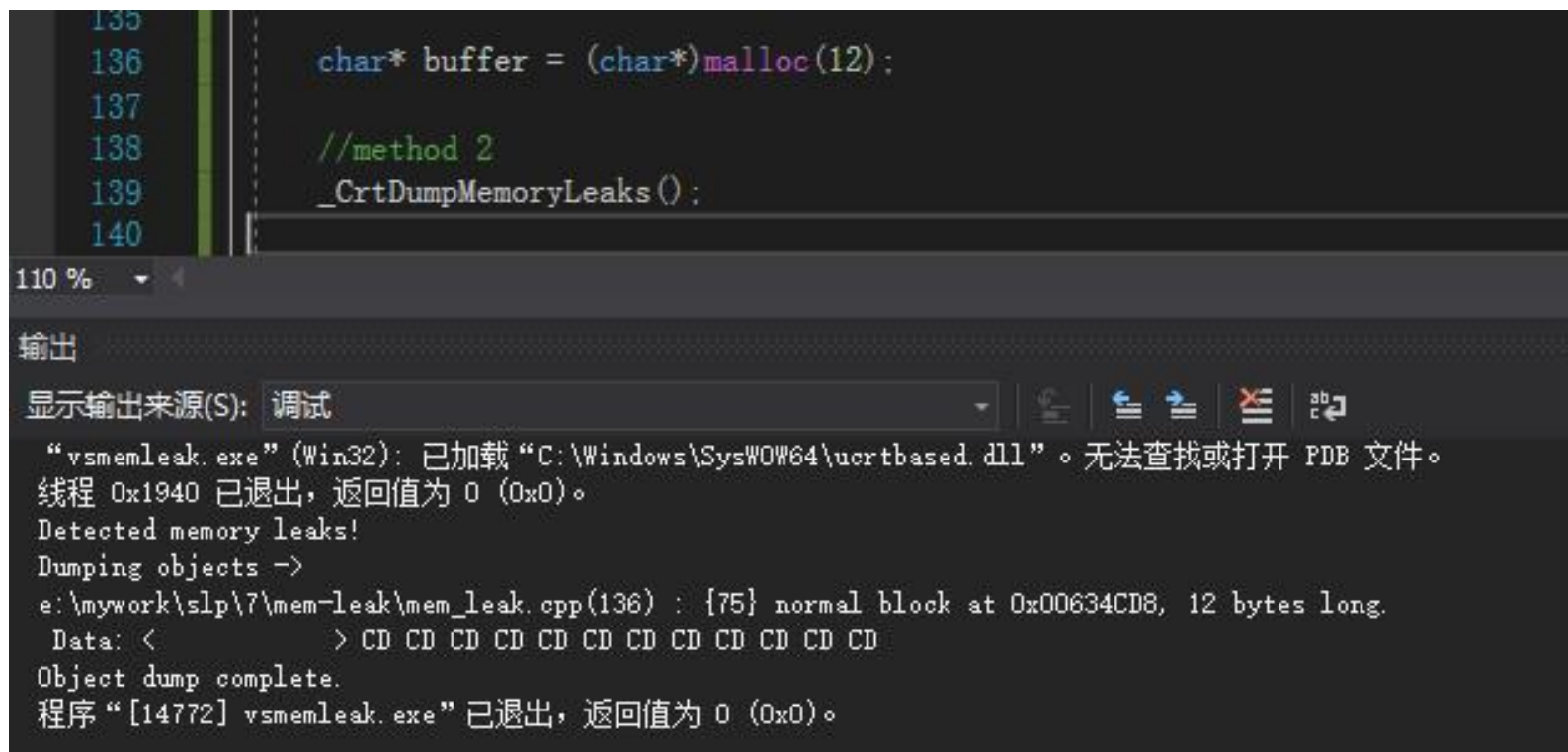
At the bottom, the 'Output' window displays the following message:

```
Detected memory leaks!
Dumping objects ->
c:\documents and settings\administrator\main.cpp(11) : {46} normal block at 0x00431BE0, 12 bytes long.
Data: <          > CD CD CD CD CD CD CD CD CD CD CD CD
Object dump complete.
The program 'C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Debug\main.exe' has exited with code 0 (0x0).
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates the current mode is '调试' (Debug).

## 4. \_crtDbgFlag(14/15)

- The program will output the following message on VS debug mode:
- `#define _CRTDBG_MAP_ALLOC` // 否则没有文件名行号



The screenshot displays a Visual Studio IDE with a C++ source file and its debug output window. The source code, located in `mem_leak.cpp`, includes a memory leak demonstration using `malloc` and `_CrtDumpMemoryLeaks`. The output window shows the execution of `vsmemleak.exe`, including the loading of `ucrtbased.dll`, the detection of a memory leak, and the details of the leaked block (12 bytes at address `0x00634CD8`).

```
135
136 char* buffer = (char*)malloc(12);
137
138 //method 2
139 _CrtDumpMemoryLeaks();
140
```

110 %

输出

显示输出来源(S): 调试

“vsmemleak.exe” (Win32): 已加载 “C:\Windows\SysWOW64\ucrtbased.dll”。无法查找或打开 PDB 文件。  
线程 0x1940 已退出, 返回值为 0 (0x0)。  
Detected memory leaks!  
Dumping objects ->  
e:\mywork\slp\7\mem-leak\mem\_leak.cpp(136) : {75} normal block at 0x00634CD8, 12 bytes long.  
Data: < > CD CD CD CD CD CD CD CD CD CD CD  
Object dump complete.  
程序 “[14772] vsmemleak.exe” 已退出, 返回值为 0 (0x0)。

## 4. \_crtDbgFlag(15/15)

```
“vsmemleak.exe” (Win32): 已加载 “C:\Windows\SysWOW64\ucrtbased.dll”。无法查找或打开 PDB 文件。  
线程 0x1940 已退出, 返回值为 0 (0x0)。  
Detected memory leaks!  
Dumping objects ->  
e:\mywork\slp\7\mem-leak\mem_leak.cpp(136) : {75} normal block at 0x00634CD8, 12 bytes long.  
Data: <          > CD CD CD CD CD CD CD CD CD CD CD CD  
Object dump complete.  
程序 “[14772] vsmemleak.exe” 已退出, 返回值为 0 (0x0)。
```

e:\myworks\slp\7\mem-leak.cpp(136)显示分配泄漏内存的文件名，以及文件名后括号中的数字表示发生泄漏的代码行号

{xx}: 花括弧内的数字是内存分配序号，本文例子中是 {75}；

normal block: 内存块的类型；

用十六进制格式表示的内存位置，如：at 0x00634cd8；

以字节为单位表示的内存块的大小，如：12 bytes long；

前 16 字节的内容（也是用十六进制格式表示），如：Data: <CD>

# Summary

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- Implementation Issues
  - How much memory for allocation?
  - How do we know how much memory to free just given a pointer?
  - How do we keep track of the free blocks?