

# Computer Programming I

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# C Files

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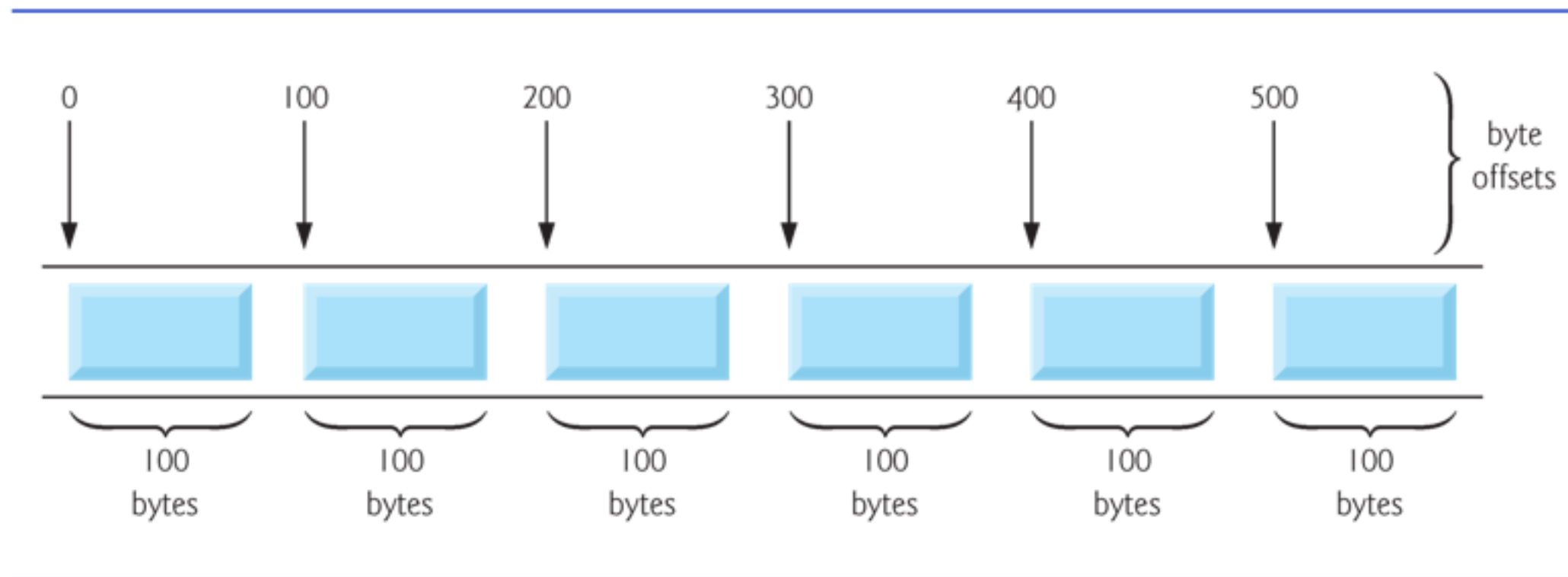
# Random-Access Files

- A **random-access file** is normally fixed in length and may be accessed directly (and thus quickly) without searching through other records.
- This makes random-access files appropriate for **transaction processing systems** that require rapid access to specific data.

# Random-Access Files (Cont.)

- Because every record in a random-access file normally **has the same length**, the exact location of a record relative to the beginning of the file can be calculated as a function of the record key.
- We'll soon see how this facilitates **immediate access** to specific records, even in large files.

# Random-Access Files (Cont.)



**Fig. 11.10** | C's view of a random-access file.

# Random-Access Files (Cont.)

- **Fixed-length records** enable data to be inserted in a random-access file without destroying other data in the file.
- Data stored previously can also be **updated** or **deleted without rewriting** the entire file.

# Creating a Random-Access File

- **`fwrite()`**
  - transfers a specified number of bytes beginning at a specified location in memory to a file.
- **`fread()`**
  - transfers a specified number of bytes from the location in the file specified by the file position pointer to an area in memory beginning with a specified address.



# Creating a Random-Access File (Cont.)

- When writing an integer, instead of using

```
fprintf(fPtr, "%d", number);
```

we can use

```
fwrite(&number, sizeof(int), 1, fPtr);
```

which always writes 4 bytes from a variable  
number to the file represented by **fPtr**

# Creating a Random-Access File (Cont.)

- Functions **fwrite** and **fread** are capable of reading and writing arrays of data to and from disk.
- The **third argument** of both **fread** and **fwrite** is the number of elements in the array that should be read from disk or written to disk.
- The preceding **fwrite** function call writes a single integer to disk, so the third argument is **1** (as if one element of an array is being written).
- Normally, they write one **struct** at a time, as we show in the following examples.

# Creating a Random-Access File (Cont.)

- Consider the following problem statement:
  - Create a credit processing system capable of storing up to **100 fixed-length records**. Each record should consist of an account number that will be used as the record key, a last name, a first name and a balance. The resulting program should be able to **update** an account, **insert** a new account record, **delete** an account and **list** all the account records in a formatted text file for printing. Use a random-access file.

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- Function **fwrite** writes a block (specific number of bytes) of data to a file.
- The operator **sizeof** returns the size in bytes of its operand in parentheses (in this case **struct clientData**).
- To write several array elements, supply in the call to **fwrite** a pointer to an array as the first argument and the number of elements to be written as the third argument.
- Writing a single object is equivalent to writing one element of an array, hence the **1** in the **fwrite** call.



# Writing Data Randomly to a Random-Access File

- Use the combination of **fseek** and **fwrite** to store data at specific locations in the file.
- Function **fseek** sets the file position pointer to a specific position in the file, then **fwrite** writes the data.

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seek position in file to user-specified record

write user-specific information in file

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- Example: [fig11\\_12.c](#)

```
Enter account number ( 1 to 100, 0 to end input )
? 10
Enter lastname, firstname, balance
? Wang, Mike, 100.0
Enter account number
? 20
Enter lastname, firstname, balance
? Tan, Tom, 200.0
Enter account number
? 0
```

# Writing Data Randomly to a Random-Access File (Cont.)

- The value of this expression is called the **offset** or the **displacement**.

**`(client.accountNum - 1) *  
sizeof(struct clientData)`**

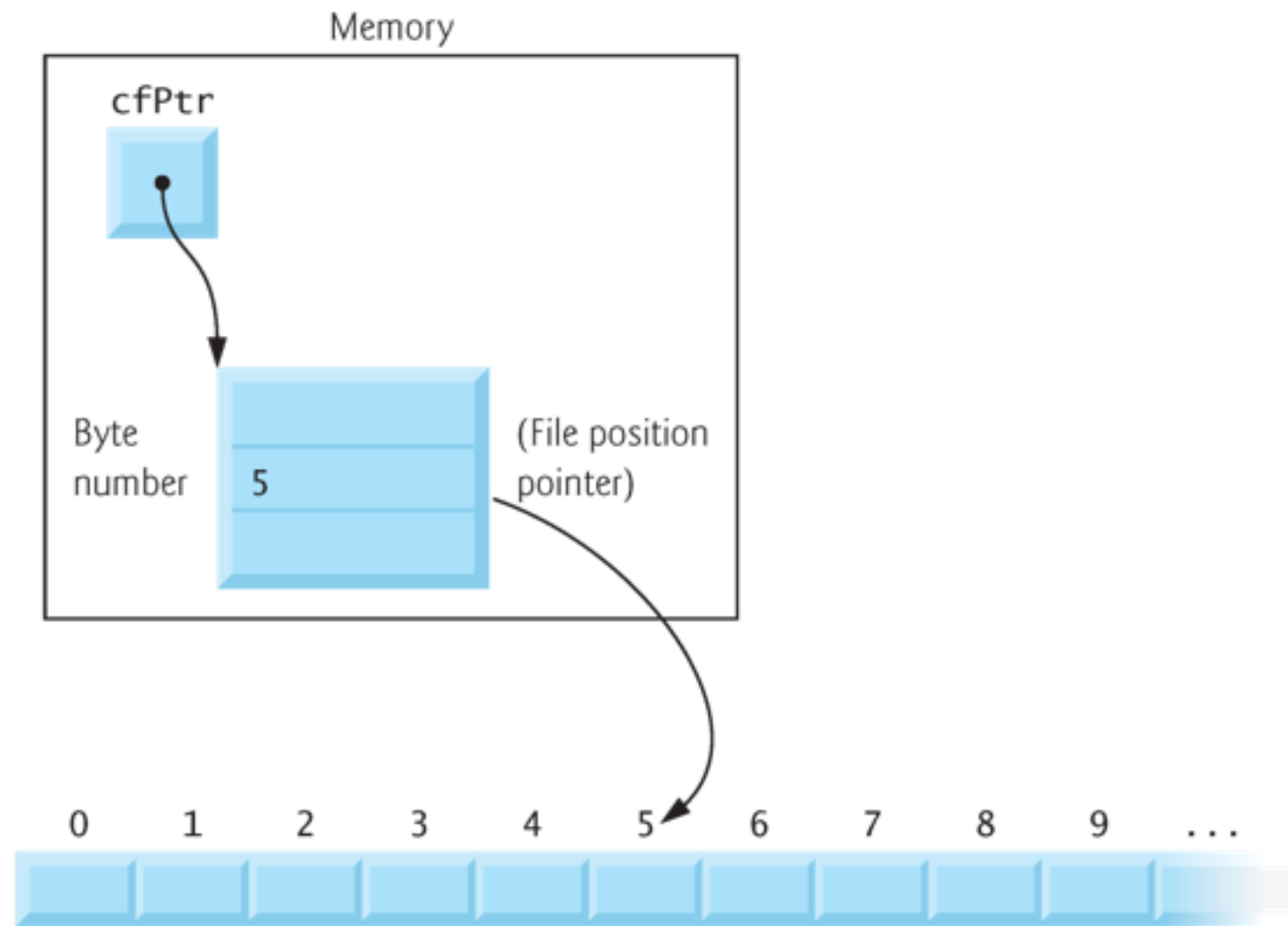
- Because the account number is between 1 and 100 but the byte positions in the file start with 0, 1 is subtracted from the account number when calculating the byte location of the record.

# Writing Data Randomly to a Random-Access File (Cont.)

- Thus, for record 1, the file position pointer is set to byte 0 of the file.
- **SEEK\_SET**
  - The symbolic constant indicates that the file position pointer is positioned **relative to the beginning of the file by the amount of the offset.**



# Writing Data Randomly to a Random-Access File (Cont.)



**Fig. 11.14** | File position pointer indicating an offset of 5 bytes from the beginning of the file.

# Writing Data Randomly to a Random-Access File (Cont.)

- The function prototype for **fseek** is

```
int fseek(FILE *stream, long int offset,  
          int whence );
```

where **offset** is the number of bytes to seek from location **whence** in the file pointed to by **stream**.

- The argument **whence** can have one of three values—**SEEK\_SET**, **SEEK\_CUR** or **SEEK\_END** (all defined in **<stdio.h>**)—indicating the location in the file from which the seek begins.



# Writing Data Randomly to a Random-Access File (Cont.)

- **SEEK\_SET**
  - the seek starts at the beginning of the file;
- **SEEK\_CUR**
  - the seek starts at the current location in the file;
- **SEEK\_END**
  - the seek starts at the end of the file.

# Writing Data Randomly to a Random-Access File (Cont.)

- Function **fseek** returns -1 if the seek operation cannot be performed.
- Function **fwrite** returns the number of items it successfully output.
- If this **number is less than the third argument** in the function call, then a **write error** occurred.

# Writing Data Randomly to a Random-Access File (Cont.)

- Function **fread** reads a specified number of bytes from a file into memory.
- For example,

```
fread(&client, sizeof(struct  
clientData), 1, cfPtr);
```

- Function **fread** can be used to read several **fixed-size array** elements by providing a pointer to the array in which the elements will be stored and by indicating the number of elements to be read.
- If this number is **less than the third argument** in the function call, then a **read error** occurred.

# Writing Data Randomly to a Random-Access File (Cont.)

- Example: [fig11\\_15.c](#)

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9     char firstName[ 10 ]; /* account first name */
10    double balance; /* account balance */
11 }; /* end structure clientData */
12
13 int main( void ) {
14     FILE *cfPtr; /* credit.dat file pointer */
15
16     /* create clientData with default information */
17     struct clientData client = { 0, "", "", 0.0 };
18
19     /* fopen opens the file; exits if file cannot be opened */
20     if ( ( cfPtr = fopen( "credit.dat", "rb" ) ) == NULL ) {
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open the file with “**rb**”

# Writing Data Randomly to a Random-Access File (Cont.)

- Example: [fig11\\_15.c](#)

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24       "First Name", "Balance" );
25
26 /* read all records from file (until eof) */
27 while ( !feof( cfPtr ) ) {
28     fread( &client, sizeof( struct clientData ), 1, cfPtr );
29
30     /* display record */
31     if ( client.acctNum != 0 ) {
32         printf( "%-6d%-16s%-11s%10.2f\n",
33               client.acctNum, client.lastName,
34               client.firstName, client.balance );
35     } /* end if */
36 } /* end while */
37
38 fclose( cfPtr ); /* fclose closes the file */
39 }
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read all records from file  
(until eof)

| Acct | Last Name | First Name | Balance |
|------|-----------|------------|---------|
| 10   | Wang,     | Mike,      | 100.00  |
| 20   | Tan,      | Tom,       | 200.00  |

# Case Study: Transaction-Processing Program

- Present a substantial transaction-processing program using random-access files.
- The program maintains a bank's account information.
- The program **updates** existing accounts, **adds** new accounts, **deletes** accounts and **stores** a listing of all the current accounts in a text file for printing.



# Case Study: Transaction-Processing Program (Cont.)

- Example: [fig11\\_16.c](#)

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7 /* clientData structure definition */
8 struct clientData {
9     int acctNum; /* account number */
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13 }; /* end structure clientData */
14
15 /* prototypes */
16 int enterChoice( void );
17 void textFile( FILE *readPtr );
18 void updateRecord( FILE *fPtr );
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```

define a struct

# Case Study: Transaction-Processing Program (Cont.)

- Example: [fig11\\_16.c](#)

```
22 int main( void ) {
23     FILE *cfPtr; /* credit.dat file pointer */
24     int choice; /* user's choice */
25
26     /* fopen opens the file; exits if file cannot be opened */
27     if ( ( cfPtr = fopen( "credit.dat", "rb+" ) ) == NULL ) {
28         printf( "File could not be opened.\n" );
29     } else {
30         /* enable user to specify action */
31         while ( ( choice = enterChoice() ) != 5 ) {
32             switch ( choice ) {
33                 /* create text file from record file */
34                 case 1:
35                     textFile( cfPtr );
36                     break;
37                 /* update record */
38                 case 2:
39                     updateRecord( cfPtr );
40                     break;
41                 /* create record */
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# Case Study: Transaction-Processing Program (Cont.)

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open the file with “**rb+**”

# Case Study: Transaction-Processing Program (Cont.)

- Example: [fig11\\_16.c](#)

```
42         case 3:
43             newRecord( cfPtr );
44             break;
45             /* delete existing record */
46         case 4:
47             deleteRecord( cfPtr );
48             break;
49             /* display message if user does not select valid choice */
50         default:
51             printf( "Incorrect choice\n" );
52             break;
53     } /* end switch */
54 } /* end while */
55
56     fclose( cfPtr ); /* fclose closes the file */
57 } /* end else */
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59     return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
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close the stream

# Case Study: Transaction-Processing Program (Cont.)

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63 void textFile( FILE *readPtr ) {
64     FILE *writePtr; /* accounts.txt file pointer */
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66     /* create clientData with default information */
67     struct clientData client = { 0, "", "", 0.0 };
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69     /* fopen opens the file; exits if file cannot be opened */
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open a file to write text data



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open a file to write text data

set pointer to beginning of file

write all records into text file

# Case Study: Transaction-Processing Program (Cont.)

- Example: [fig11\\_16.c](#)

```
94 void updateRecord( FILE *fPtr ) {
95     int account; /* account number */
96     double transaction; /* transaction amount */
97
98     /* create clientData with no information */
99     struct clientData client = { 0, "", "", 0.0 };
100
101     /* obtain number of account to update */
102     printf( "Enter account to update ( 1 - 100 ): " );
103     scanf( "%d", &account );
104
105     /* move file pointer to correct record in file */
106     fseek( fPtr, ( account - 1 ) * sizeof( struct clientData ),
107           SEEK_SET );
108
109     /* read record from file */
110     fread( &client, sizeof( struct clientData ), 1, fPtr );
111
112     /* display error if account does not exist */
113     if ( client.acctNum == 0 ) {
114         printf( "Account # %d has no information.\n", account );
115     } else { /* update record */
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211 int enterChoice( void ) {
212     int menuChoice; /* variable to store user's choice */
213
214     /* display available options */
215     printf( "\nEnter your choice\n"
216            "1 - store a formatted text file of accounts called\n"
217            "    \"accounts.txt\" for printing\n"
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221            "5 - end program\n? " );
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223     scanf( "%d", &menuChoice ); /* receive choice from user */
224     return menuChoice;
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# C Basic Data Structures

# Objectives

- In this chapter, you'll learn
  - To **allocate and free memory dynamically** for data objects.
  - To form **linked data structures** using pointers, **self-referential structures** and recursion.
  - To create and manipulate **linked lists, queues, stacks** and **binary trees**.
  - Various important applications of **linked data structures**.

**12.1** Introduction  
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**12.5** Stacks  
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**12.7** Trees

# Introduction

- This chapter introduces **dynamic allocation** with sizes that grow and shrink at execution time.
- The dynamic allocation can be used for data structures like **Linked List**, **Stack**, **Queue**, and **Tree**.

# Self-Referential Structures

- A **self-referential structure** contains a pointer member that points to a structure of the same structure type.
- For example, the definition

```
struct node {  
    int data;  
    struct node *nextPtr;  
};
```

defines a type, struct node.

- A structure of type struct node has two members—integer member **data** and pointer member **nextPtr**.



# Self-Referential Structures



# Dynamic Memory Allocation

- Creating and maintaining dynamic data structures requires **dynamic memory allocation**—the ability for a program to obtain more memory space at execution time to hold new nodes, and to release space no longer needed.
- Functions **malloc** and **free**, and operator **sizeof**, are essential to dynamic memory allocation.

# Dynamic Memory Allocation

- Function **malloc** takes as an argument the number of bytes to be allocated and returns a pointer of type **void \*** (**pointer to void**) to the allocated memory.
- A **void \*** is a **generic pointer** may be assigned to a variable of any pointer type.
- Function **malloc** is normally used with the **sizeof** operator.

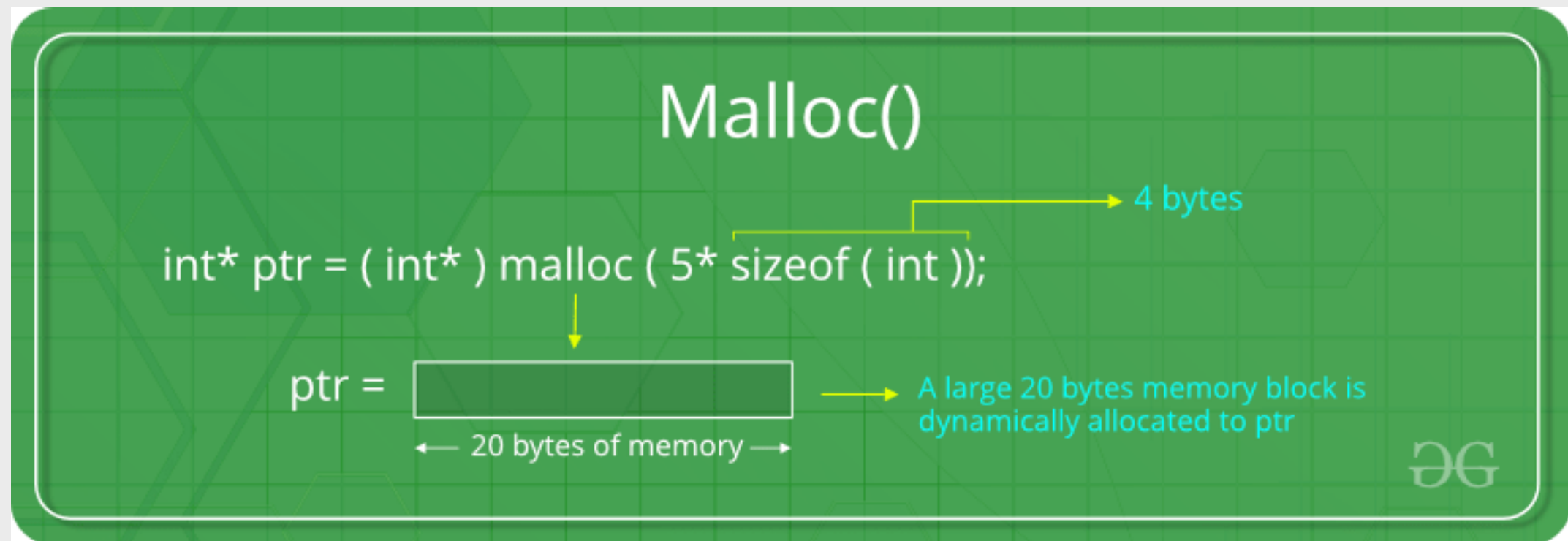
# Dynamic Memory Allocation

- `newPtr = malloc( sizeof( struct node ) );`

evaluates `sizeof( struct node )` to determine the size in bytes of a structure of type `struct node`, allocates a new area in memory of that number of bytes and stores a pointer to the allocated memory in variable `newPtr`.

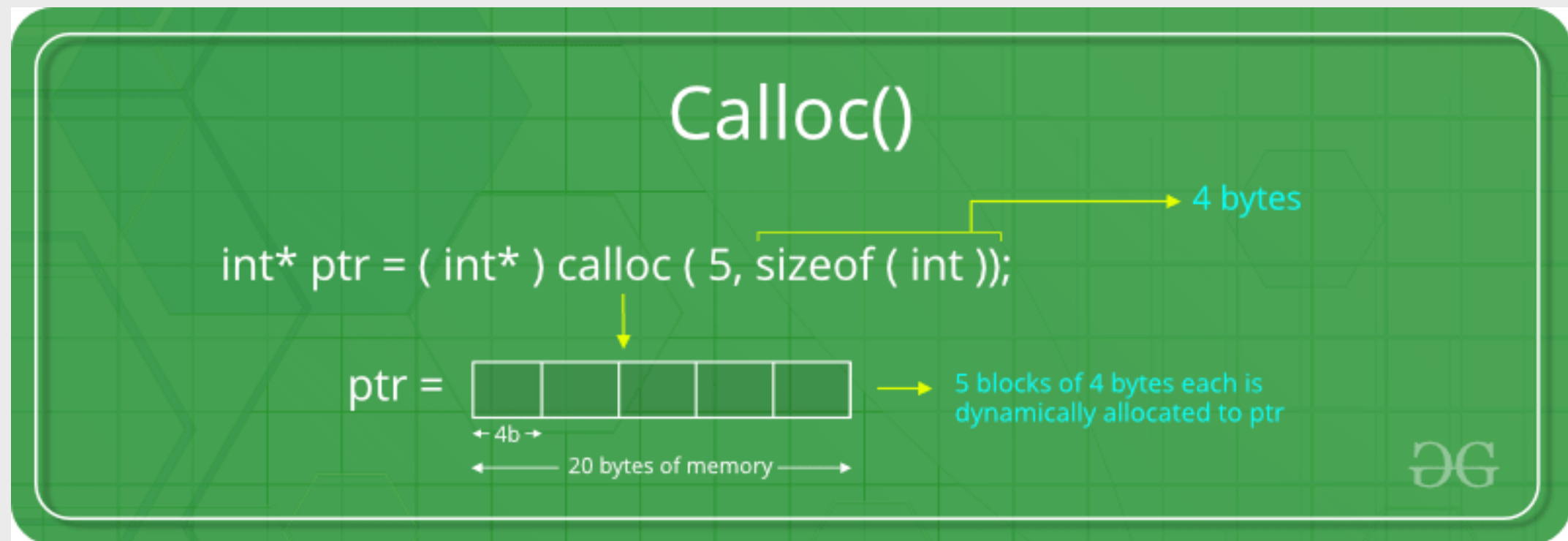
# Dynamic Memory Allocation

- Example: [fig12\\_01-1.c](#)



# Dynamic Memory Allocation

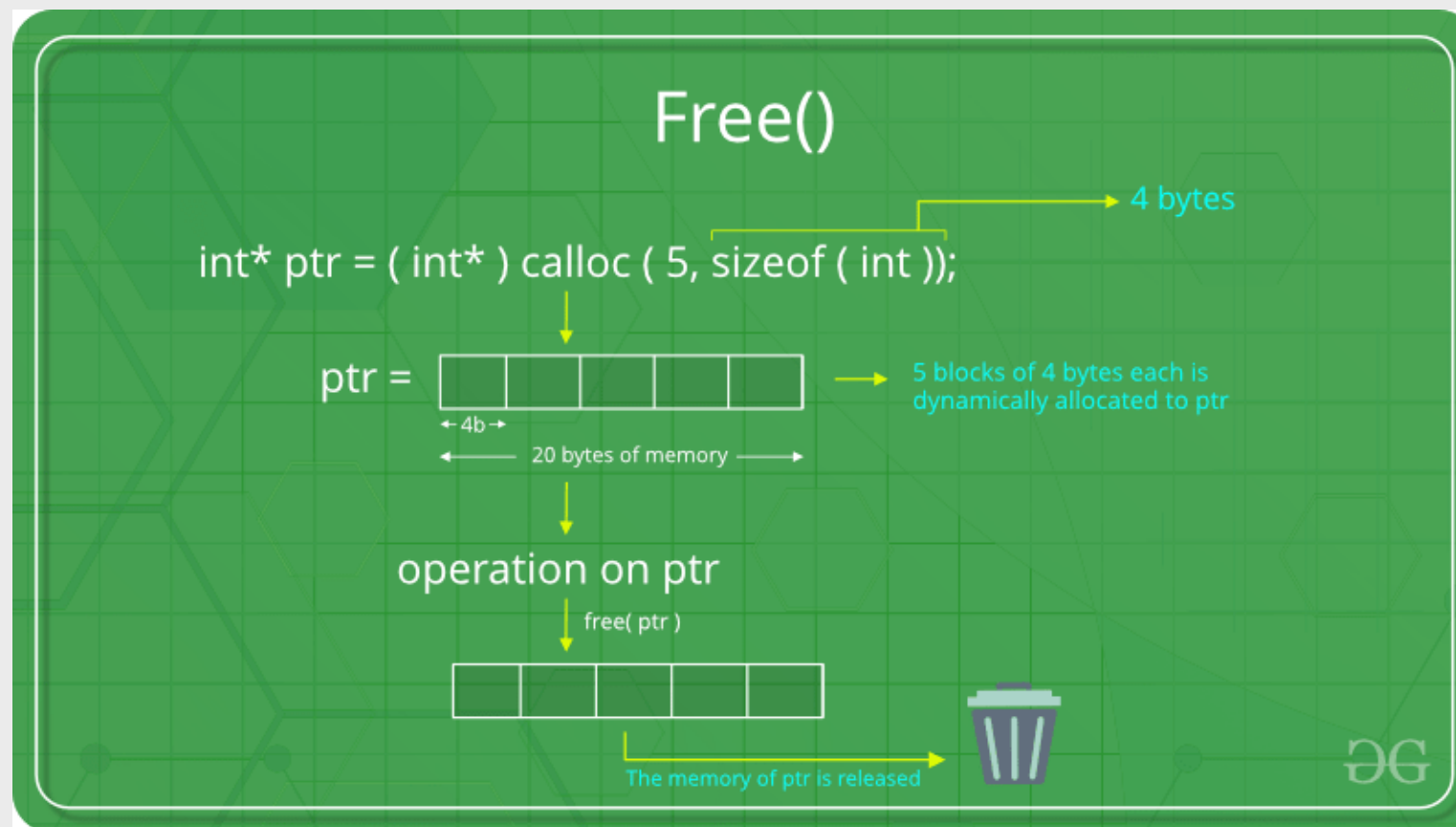
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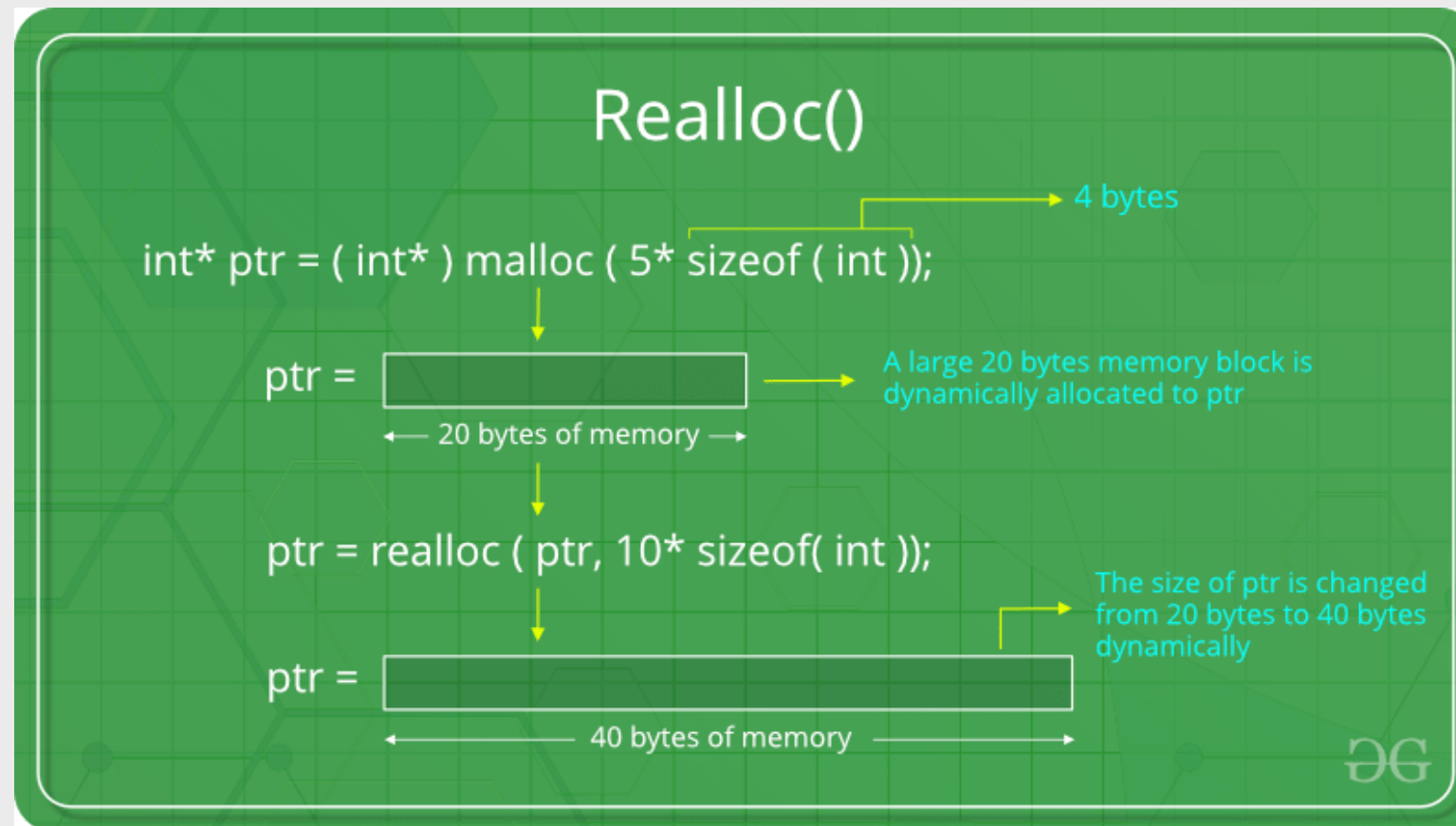
# Dynamic Memory Allocation

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# Dynamic Memory Allocation

- Example: [fig12\\_02-2.c](#)



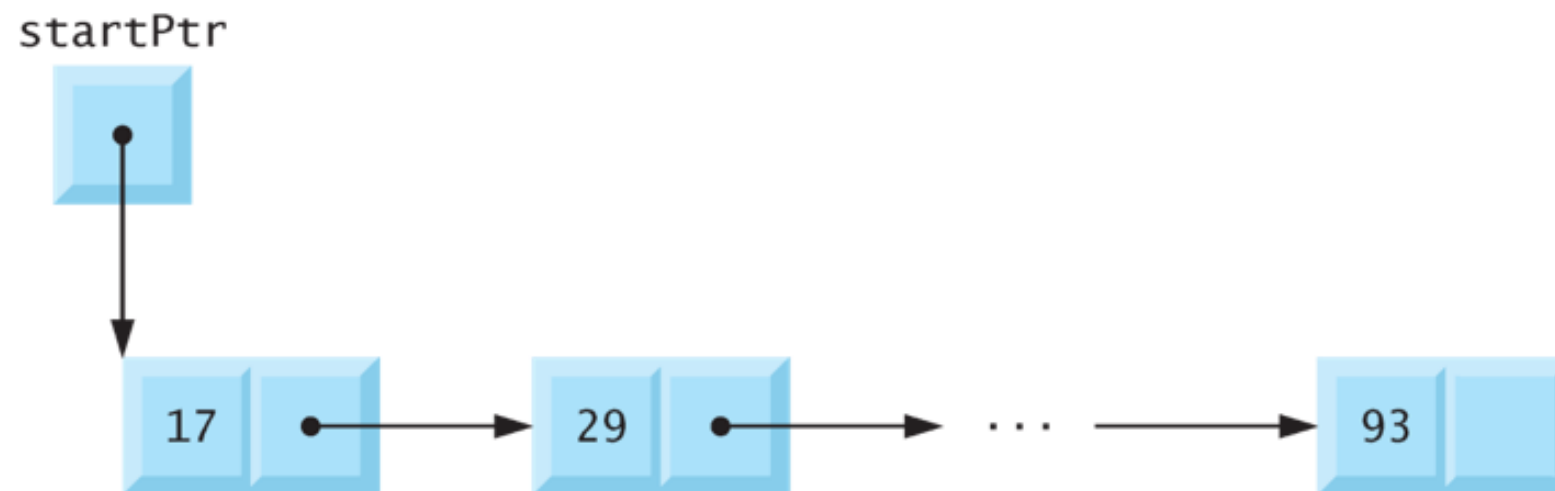
# Linked Lists

- A **linked list** is a linear collection of self-referential structures, called **nodes**, connected by pointer **links**—hence, the term “linked” list.
- A linked list is **accessed via a pointer** to the first node of the list.
- By convention, the link pointer in **the last node** of a list is set to **NULL** to mark the end of the list.
- Linked lists are **dynamic**, so the length of a list can increase or decrease as necessary.

# Linked Lists

- The size of an array, however cannot be altered once memory is allocated.
- Arrays can become full.
- Linked lists become full only when the system has insufficient memory to satisfy dynamic storage allocation requests.

# Linked Lists



# Linked Lists

- Linked list nodes are normally not stored contiguously in memory.
- Logically, however, the nodes of a linked list appear to be contiguous.