# **MEMORY MANAGEMENT**

To store anything in our computer, we should have to allocate the memory first.

This memory allocation is conducted in two ways.

- 1. Static memory allocation.
- 2. Dynamic memory allocation.

In static memory allocation, the memory specified at compile/design time, based on the data type or array size. This type of memory management is called compile time memory management [compiler indicates memory and O.S allocates the memory].

In static memory allocation, the memory size is fixed at compile time and we can't

change this memory size at run time. It causes some times memory wastage / shortage.

To avoid this problem, the only solution is dynamic memory allocation.

In dynamic memory allocation, the memory is allocated at run time, based on the user input,

instantly.

This type of memory management is called run time memory management.

To conduct dynamic memory allocation, we should have to use **pointers**.

In dynamic memory allocation the memory is allocated in **HEAP** area.

To manage the dynamic memory, we are using some predefined functions like

- malloc()
- calloc()
- realloc()
- > free()

All these functions are available in **<alloc.h>** malloc(), realloc(), calloc() functions are able to allocate the memory of **64KB**Maximum at a time.

To allocate more than 64KB memory, use the functions

- farmalloc()
- farcalloc()
- farrealloc().

# Note:

when we are working with dynamic memory allocation, we have to allocate the

memory for any data type. Due to this all these functions return datatype is **void** \*, which is a generic type. Due to this we should have to provide **explicit type casting** for all these functions.

malloc()			calloc()				
Block		Memory	Contig	guou	ıs n	nem	ory
allocati	blocks allocation						
Allocat	Allocates memory in						
bytes f	blocks form.						
Initial v	Initial values 0						
One	a	rgument	Two		arg	ume	nts
required			required				
Used	for	normal	Used	for	arra	ay ty	pe
variabl	variables						

## **Syntax:**

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void * malloc(bytes);
void * calloc(no of blocks, block_size);
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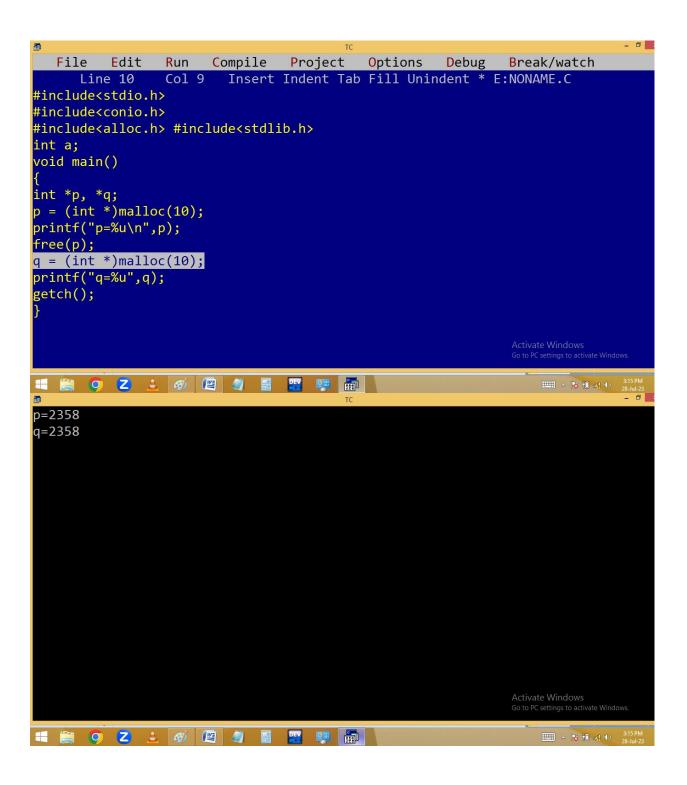
free(): It is used to release the memory
allocated by malloc(), calloc() and realloc().

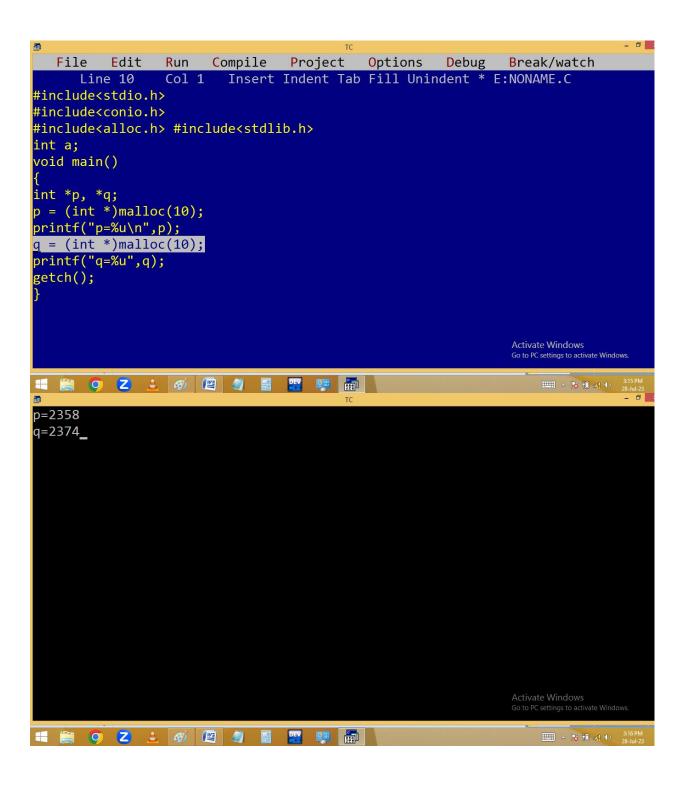
Syntax: void free(pointer);

realloc(): It is used to extend the memory allocated by malloc() or calloc() at runtime. Working style is similar to malloc().

Syntax: void \* realloc(oldptr, newsize);

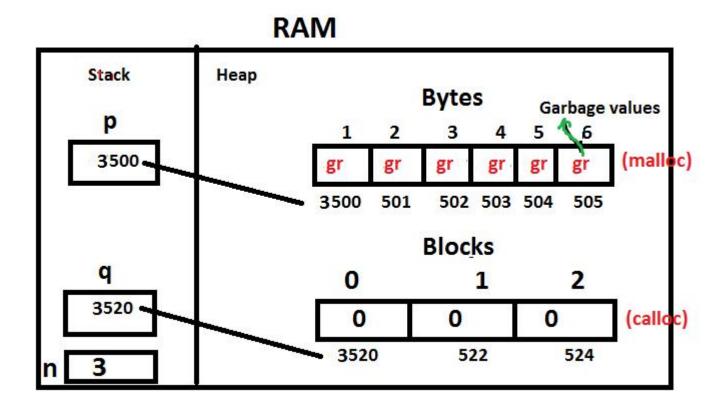
free example:





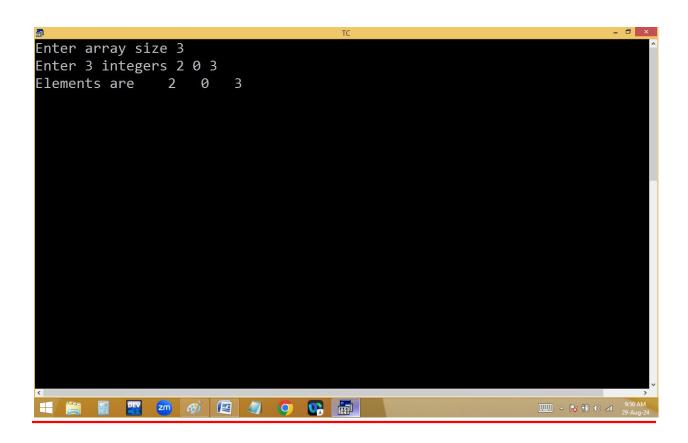
# allocating memory for 3 integers using malloc(), calloc().

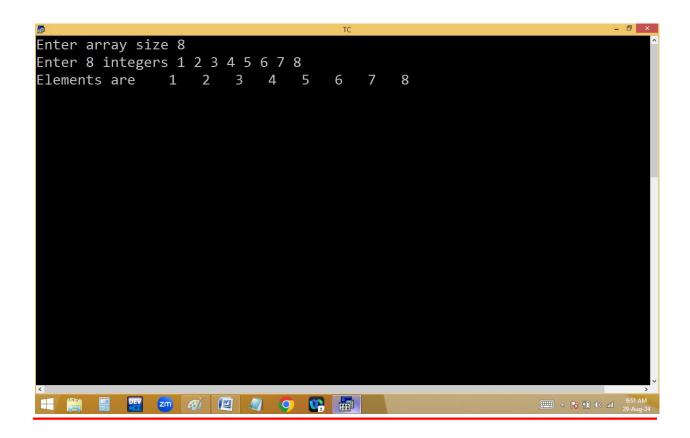
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int *p, *q, n=3;
p = (int *)malloc(n * sizeof(int));
q = (int *)calloc(n, sizeof(int));
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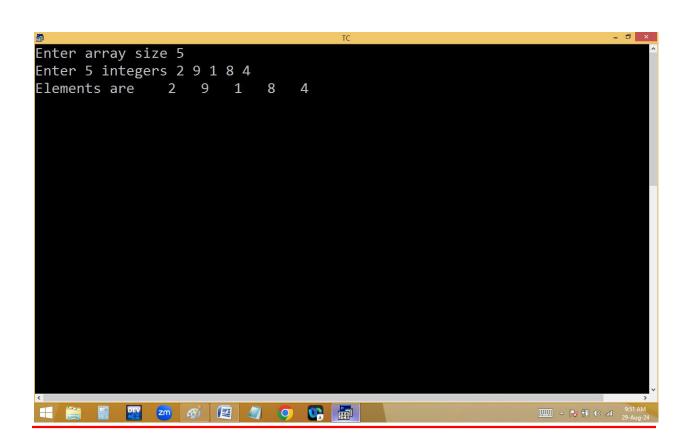
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Creating dynamic one-dimensional array:

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#include<stdio.h>
#include<conio.h>
#include<alloc.h> /* stdlib.h */
void main()
int *p,n, i;
clrscr();
printf("Enter array size "); scanf("%d",&n);
p = ( int * ) malloc (n * sizeof(int));
printf("Enter %d integers ", n);
for(i=0;i<n;i++)scanf("%d",&p[i]);
printf("Elements are "); for(i=0;i<n;i++)printf("%4d",p[i]);</pre>
free(p); p=NULL;_
getch();
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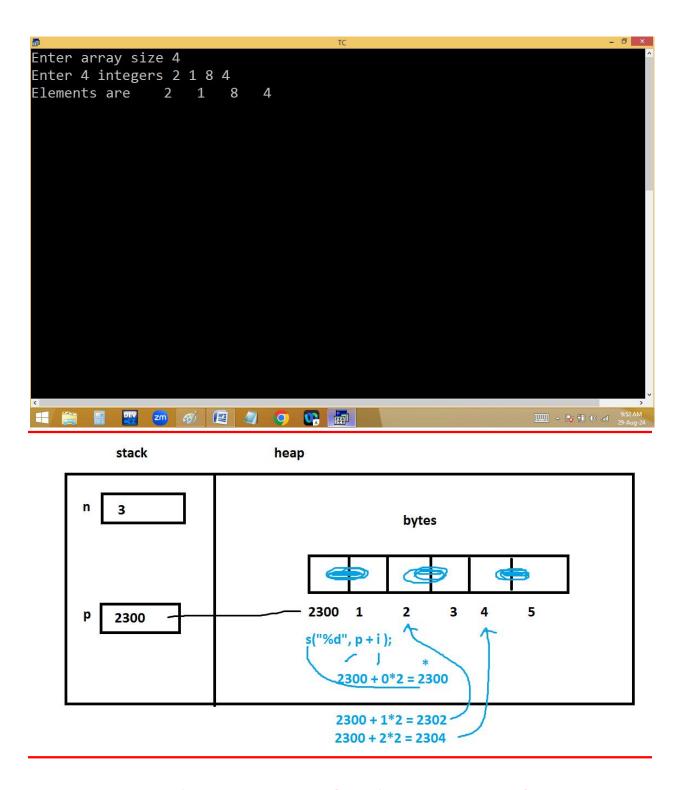




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#include<conio.h>
#include<alloc.h> /* stdlib.h */
void main()
int *p,n, i;
clrscr();
printf("Enter array size "); scanf("%d",&n);
p = ( int * ) calloc (n , sizeof(int));
printf("Enter %d integers", n);
for(i=0;i<n;i++)scanf("%d",&p[i]);
printf("Elements are "); for(i=0;i<n;i++)printf("%4d",p[i]);</pre>
free(p); p=NULL;
getch();
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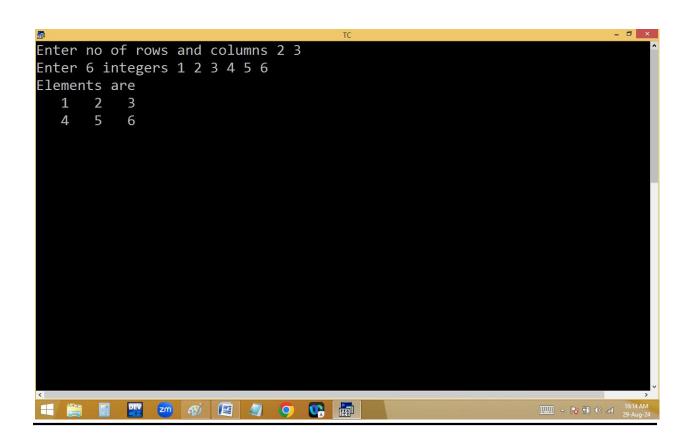


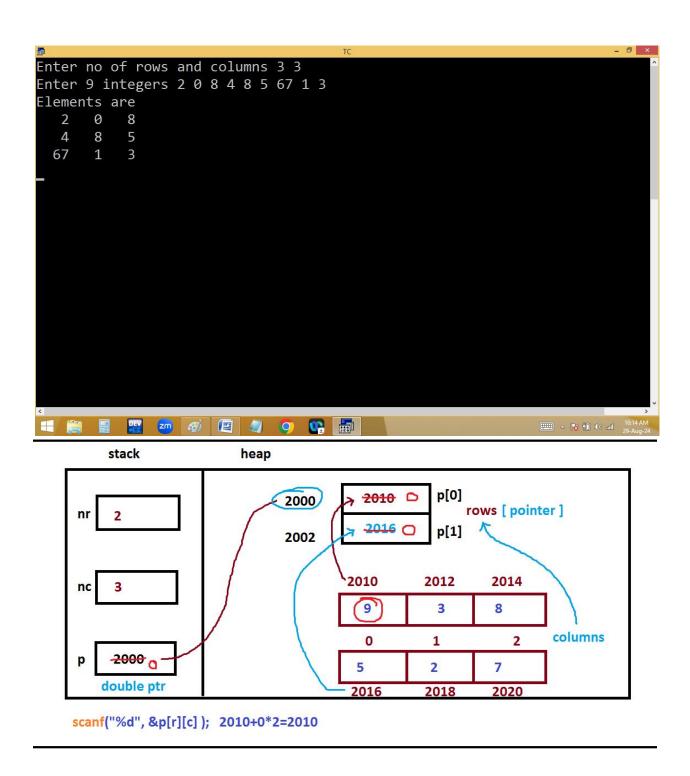
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#include<conio.h>
#include<alloc.h> /* stdlib.h */
void main()
int *p,n, i;
clrscr();
printf("Enter array size "); scanf("%d",&n);
p = ( int * ) calloc (n , sizeof(int));
printf("Enter %d integers ", n);
for(i=0;i<n;i++)scanf("%d",p+i);</pre>
printf("Elements are "); for(i=0;i<n;i++)printf("%4d",*(p+i));</pre>
free(p); p=NULL;
getch();
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**Creating a dynamic multi dimensional array:** 

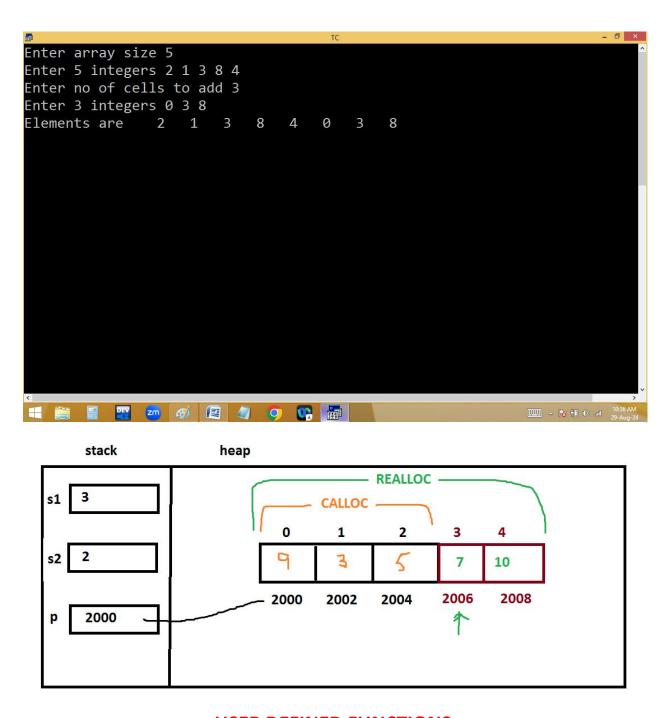
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#include<stdio.h>
#include<conio.h>
#include<alloc.h> /* stdlib.h */
void main()
int **p,nr=2,nc=3,r,c;
clrscr();
printf("Enter no of rows and columns "); scanf("%d %d",&nr, &nc);
p = ( int ** ) calloc (nr , sizeof(int));
for(r=0;r<nr;r++)p[r]=(int *)calloc(nc,sizeof(int));</pre>
printf("Enter %d integers ", nr*nc);
for(r=0;r<nr;r++)for(c=0;c<nc;c++)scanf("%d",&p[r][c]);
puts("Elements are ");
for(r=0;r<nr;r++)
{ for(c=0;c<nc;c++) { printf("%4d",p[r][c]); }
printf("\n"); free(p[r]); p[r]=NULL;
} free(p); p=NULL;
getch();
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# Realloc() example:

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#include<stdio.h>
#include<conio.h>
#include<alloc.h> /* stdlib.h */
void main()
int *p, s1, s2, i;
clrscr();
printf("Enter array size ");scanf("%d",&s1);
p = (int *)calloc(s1,sizeof(int));
printf("Enter %d integers ", s1);for(i=0;i<s1;i++)scanf("%d",p+i);</pre>
printf("Enter no of cells to add ");scanf("%d",&s2);
p = (int *) realloc( p, (s1+s2)*sizeof(int));
printf("Enter %d integers ", s2);
for(i=s1;i<s1+s2;i++)scanf("%d",p+i);</pre>
printf("Elements are ");for(i=0;i<s1+s2;i++)printf("%4d",*(p+i));</pre>
free(p);p=NULL;_
getch();
Enter array size 3
Enter 3 integers 2 0 1
Enter no of cells to add 2
Enter 2 integers 5 9
Elements are
             2 0
                     1 5
```



**USER DEFINED FUNCTIONS** 

#### What is a function?

It is a small program is used to do a particular task.

It is a sub program / sub routine / procedure / module / structure.

It is a reusable code component.

It is a self contained block.

It is a small program within another program.

### **Advantages:**

- 1. modularity: dividing big program into small pieces.
- 2. Reusability: write once, use many times.
- 3. Simplicity: easy to read and understand.
- 4. Efficiency: performance is high.