16.216: ECE Application Programming

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Lecture 33: Key Questions
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1. **Example:** Write each of the following functions:

a. **`char *readLine():`** Read a line of data from the standard input, store that data in a dynamically allocated string, and return the string (as a **`char *`**)
Hint: Read the data one character at a time and repeatedly reallocate space in string

b. **`int **make2DArray(int total, int nR);`** Given the total number of values and number of rows to be stored in a two-dimensional array, determine the appropriate number of columns, allocate the array, and return its starting address
Note: if **nR** does not divide evenly into **total**, round up. In other words, an array with 30 values and 4 rows should have 8 columns, even though 30 / 4 = 7.5

2. Explain the use of general data structures and pointer-based data structures in particular.

3. Describe the general design of a linked list.

4. Describe the structure used for each node in the list.

5. Explain the operation of the following function, which adds a node to the beginning of the list and returns a pointer to that node.

```
LLnode *addNode(LLnode *list, int v) {
   LLnode *newNode;
   // Allocate space for new node; exit if error
   newNode = (LLnode *)malloc(sizeof(LLnode));
   if (newNode == NULL) {
      fprintf(stderr,
                "Error: could not allocate new node\n");
      exit(0);
   }
   newNode->value = v;    // Copy value to new node
   newNode->next = list;  // next points to old list
   return newNode;
}
```