PA2 - Dynamic Memory Allocation with C

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1 Overview

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1.1 Plagiarism policy

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- Copying code from the internet is strictly prohibited.
- The use of LLMs is not allowed for this assignment - they may be allowed for ones in the future.
- Sharing code with each other, including pseudocode and flowcharts, is not allowed.

- You will be held accountable for sharing your code so it is your duty to prevent that.
- The course staff reserves the right to hold vivas at any point, during or after the semester.
- If you discuss with your peers, it must be indicated at the time of submission.

1.2 Submission instructions

- There are two deadlines for this assignment
  - **Checkpoint:** You have to write code for `keychain.c` and `locator.c` and submit a valid effort by **17th February** to get 5 marks for checkpoint completion. You need to submit a mostly-correct effort at completion of this checkpoint. You are allowed to make changes to your code for the complete submission later. A separate LMS tab will be created for this. If you're done with more than what's required for this checkpoint, you should include that as well; however, it won't be graded in this submission.
  - **The complete project:** You need to submit the completed assignment by **21st February**. You may use late days for this assignment.
- Zip the entire folder and use the following naming convention: `PA2_<rollnumber>.zip`. For example, if your roll number is 27100171, your zip file should be: `PA2_27100171.zip`. Follow this format for both checkpoints.
- All submissions must be uploaded on the respective LMS assignment tab before the deadline. Any other forms of submission (email, slack, dropbox, etc) will not be accepted.
- If you have had external assistance (such as sharing of code or use of LLMs) and you wish to tell us directly, you can include a "Collaboration.txt" file in your submission seperately, and explain in detail about the extent and source. We will still penalize accordingly if needed. However, doing so will ensure that your case will NOT end up being forwarded to the Disciplinary Committee.

1.3 Aims and learning outcomes

This assignment focuses extensively on dynamic memory allocation in C and is designed to help you master the level of C programming required for this course. In real systems, memory allocations (e.g. using `malloc`) are not guaranteed to be contiguous (next to each other). However, for certain applications it's useful to have the illusion of contiguous memory. This programming assignment builds upon this idea.

In this assignment, Phase 1 has been done for you, with the source code available in this document and in the code files. This aims to help you familiarize yourselves with basic dynamic memory allocation principles required for the rest of this project.

Additionally, for Phase 5 of this assignment, you are expected to write your own test cases to validate the functions you have written. This will provide you with the opportunity to test your own code without dependence on predetermined test cases.

If you face difficulties during this assignment, looking closely at the test cases will help you understand how your code is different from what's expected.

1.4 Docker

Please note that your assignments will be tested on Docker containers. As such, it is recommended that you run your code on it at least once before submitting it. Should any errors arise on our end due to incompatibility, you will be given the chance to contest your code. You need to be using a Unix based environment (which Docker provides) for running `Makefile`.

1.5 Grading distribution

Assignment breakdown	
Creating a Memory Heist Route	(30 points)
Enabling Quick Retrieval Using Locator	(25 points)
Building a Vault Navigation Tool	(25 points)
Cleaning Up the Crime Scene	(10 points)
Completing Checkpoint 1	(5 points)
Code Quality	(5 points)
Total	**100 points**

1.6 Starter code

```
PA2
├── include (These are the header files)
│   ├── datatype.h
│   ├── key.h
│   ├── keychain.h
│   ├── locator.h
│   └── navigator.h
├── src (You will write your code here)
│   ├── key.c (This has been done for you)
│   ├── keychain.c
│   ├── locator.c
│   ├── navigator.c
│   └── escape.c
├── test
│   ├── test_key.c
│   ├── test_keychain.c
│   ├── test_locator.c
│   ├── test_navigator.c
│   └── test_valgrind.py
├── bin
└── makefile (You will use this to test your code)
```

1.7 Code Quality

You are expected to follow good coding practices. We will manually look at your code and award points based on the following criteria:

– **Readability**: Use meaningful variable names as specified in the C coding standards and lectures. Assure consistent indentation. We will be looking at the following:

  – **Variables**: Use lowercase letters and separate words with underscores. For example, `my_variable`.

  – **Constants**: Use uppercase letters and separate words with underscores. For example, `MAX_SIZE`, `PI`.

  – **Functions and Methods**: Use lower camelCase (capitalize the first letter of each word, except for the first word, without underscores). For example, `myFunction()`, `calculateSum()`.

  – **Classes**: Use CamelCase (capitalize the first letter of each word without underscores). For example, `MyClass`, `CarModel`.

- **Modularity and Reusability**: Break down your code into functions with single responsibilities.
- **Code Readability**: You should make sure that your code is readable. This means that your variables have meaningful names.
- **Documentation (Optional)**: Comment your code adequately to explain the logic and flow.
- **Error Handling**: Appropriately handle possible errors and edge cases.
- **Efficiency**: Write code that performs well and avoids unnecessary computations.

1.8 Restrictions

Any violation of the below restrictions will result in a zero.

- You are not allowed to edit any structure provided.
- You are not allowed to declare your own structures.
- You are not allowed to edit function names, parameters, or return types.
- You are not allowed to declare any helper functions.
- You are not allowed to declare any form of global or static variables, unless specified otherwise.
- The files are made in a way that you aren't allowed to access a structure's members through another file directly. You can use getters and setters if the header file has been included.
- You are not allowed to edit the header files.
- You are not allowed to include any other libraries other than those already provided in the starter code.
- You are not allowed to include any libraries that are not already provided.
- You are not allowed to use the functions labelled for testing purposes in any part of your code.

2 Contiguous Memory Abstraction - Data Heist

You are the mastermind behind the most daring digital heist ever. The target? The heavily guarded **Vault Zero**, which houses some of the world's most valuable and encrypted data. To successfully pull off this heist, you must navigate through complex memory systems and maintain seamless storage operations without triggering the vault's advanced security alarms.

To execute this heist flawlessly, you need a custom-built navigation tool—a system that allows you to allocate, access, and manipulate memory with precision while staying undetected. Your tool must dynamically manage memory, track every allocation, and handle deallocations efficiently to avoid leaving behind any traces that security could detect.

2.1 Introduction

Your mission is divided into five key stages, each representing a unique challenge you must solve using C programming concepts. The first stage of the heist, **Key Management**, has been done for you.

1. **Key Management -** The first step is to gain control over secure memory compartments. Vault Zero is a big vault, with multiple lockers inside of it. These lockers store valuable data that we need to access. To get hold of this valuable data, we make **Keys**. We are a very well versed in the locker dynamics so we are able to create keys on the spot. This layer will build upon creating a framework for establishing keys. This has already been done for you.

2. **KeyChain linking -** Once inside, you need a seamless path through the vault. For this, we put each Key in a **Key Chain**. This Keychain consists of the Key itself and several other data, including information about where the next Key is. This allows us to link all the Keys together in a structure, enabling quick and easy sequential access.
3. **Mapping System -** Time is critical—you can't afford to search blindly. To retrieve stolen data efficiently, you must implement a custom mapping system, allowing you to quickly look up and access specific Lockers. To implement this mapping system, you use a custom tool, **The Locator**, which keeps track of all the Lockers (with a unique identifier) along with information about where its corresponding keychain. This allows for direct access of data.
4. **Vault Navigator -** You've set up the routes, but now you need a custom memory traversal tool that allows both sequential and direct access to any block of data. This is the key to moving through memory undetected. You combine both modes of access - sequential and direct. This custom memory traversal tool is the **Vault Navigator** which is what we use to efficiently wrap up the heist.
5. **The Escape -** Before making your escape, you must compact memory, eliminating empty spaces and optimizing storage. If security detects fragmented memory, they'll know something is off—and the alarms will go off. Since you've already taken care of a lot of potential memory leaks during the heist, this stage is relatively easier than the others - but still equally as important. However, for this crucial part of the heist, you will have to make your own test cases in order to determine whether this was successful.

2.2 Key Management - Finding Vault Entry Points

The operation begins by gaining control of the vault's most crucial asset—its lockers. To gain access, we create **Keys**. Each key opens the locker it points towards. In this stage, we use dynamic memory allocation and deallocation to manipulate lockers (essentially memory blocks) using keys. For our scenario, we will use memory blocks, compartments, and lockers interchangeably.

For this stage, we have already provided the code in `key.c`

The following structure is used to keep track of the required information regarding memory allocated at a given memory address.

```c
typedef struct Key{
    void* locker;
    int key_size;
} Key;
```

The `Key` itself does not directly store the data but points to a dynamically allocated memory region `locker`, where the actual data is stored. This allows for dynamic memory usage because the `locker` pointer can point to memory blocks (vaults) of varying sizes, depending on the space used by the compartment as indicated by `key_size`. The `Key` structure only stores the metadata `locker` and `key_size` while keeping the actual data separate in memory.

The type of data you might encounter on the heist could be alphanumeric, or numbers only. In short, a locker could have a different datatype from its neighbor. This would affect the total space a `malloc` call requires. For our simplicity, the keys are differently colored in order to represent the datatype their corresponding locker holds. For this purpose, we use an enumeration:

```c
typedef enum {
    BLACK,  // INT
    GREEN,  // FLOAT
    BLUE,   // DOUBLE
    RED,    // CHAR
} DataType;
```

You do not need to worry about what datatype each color represents. For further simplicity, another function has already been provided for you, that you will find helpful in `malloc` calls:

```c
int getSize(DataType type){

    if(type == BLACK){
        return sizeof(int);
    }
    else if(type == GREEN){
        return sizeof(float);
    }
    else if(type == RED){
        return sizeof(char);
    }
    else if(type == BLUE){
        return sizeof(double);
    }
    else{
        return 0;
    }
}
```

Functions Breakdown:
The code you have been provided with, implements these functions in `key.c`. Go through these functions carefully and observe how memory is allocated carefully to avoid segmentation faults.

- **Key* initializeKey(DataType type, int units, void* data)**
  Before you can stash the loot, you need to establish the vault's first locker, the origin locker. This function initializes the `Key` for this locker and allocates the necessary memory to store the specified data. The required space is based on the data's type and the number of units you need to store. You can think of this as preparing the first compartment in the vault.

```c
Key* initializeKey(DataType type, int units, void* data){
    if (units == 0 ){     //handling this case
        return NULL;
    }
    int size = getSize(type);    // we are using this to find the size
    Key* first_key = (Key*)malloc(sizeof(Key));      // creating the
        first key
    if (first_key == NULL){
        return NULL;
    }

    first_key->locker = malloc(size*units);
    if (first_key->locker == NULL){
        free(first_key);
        return NULL;
    }
    first_key->key_size = units*size;

    if (data == NULL){
        return first_key;
    }

    // Note: you can use memcpy() directly but this is to show you how
        it works

    char* source = (char*)data;      // making our own memcpy()
       function
    char* destination = (char*)first_key->locker;     // typecasting
       because they are void pointers
    for (int i = 0; i < (units*size); i++){
        destination[i] = source[i];
    }

    return first_key;
}
```

- **Key* keyMalloc(DataType type, int units)**
  Once you're ready to secure the data, you allocate the necessary memory to create the `Key` for a new vault compartment. This function ensures the memory is set to zero and tracks the location in the `Key` structure. It's like setting up a fresh vault compartment, ensuring it's empty and ready for the loot.

```
Key* keyMalloc(DataType type, int units){
     if (units == 0) {
        return NULL;
    }

    int size = getSize(type);
    Key* new_key = (Key*)malloc(sizeof(Key));
     if (new_key == NULL){
        return NULL;
    }

    new_key->locker = calloc(units, size);
    if (new_key->locker == NULL){
        free(new_key);
        return NULL;
    }

    new_key->key_size= units*size;
    return new_key;
}
```

- **void keyFree(Key* key)**
  After the heist, it's crucial to leave no trace. This function deallocates the memory and clears all evidence of your activities in the vault. Think of it as wiping all records of your presence, ensuring no alarms go off. This function not only frees the memory but also ensures any associated `Key` structure is handled appropriately.

```
void keyFree(Key* key){
    free(key->locker);
    key->locker = NULL;
    key->key_size = 0;
    free(key);
}
```

- **void keyStoreData(Key* key, void* data)**
  During the heist, on top of just collecting data, you need to plant data as well. Once the key for the vault is prepared, you will store the loot (data) securely in some allocated memory block. This function

transfers the data into the locker, ensuring the information is safely hidden in the vault. Consider this the moment the loot is stashed in the correct compartment. If a `Key` exists, assume its corresponding `locker`

```c
void keyStoreData(Key* key, void* data){
    if (key == NULL || data == NULL) {
    return;
    }
    char* source = (char*)data;      //making our own memcpy() function
    char* destination = (char*)key->locker;
    for (int i = 0; i < key->key_size; i++){
        destination[i] = source[i];
    }
}
```

- **void keyAccessData(Key* key, void* dest, DataType type, int units)**
  When it's time to extract the loot, you access the data stored in the locker and transfer it to the destination location. This function allows you to retrieve the data, placing it safely elsewhere without modifying the locker.

```c
void keyAccessData(Key* key, void* dest, DataType type, int units){
    if (key == NULL || dest == NULL){
        return;
    }
    int size = getSize(type);
    char* source = (char*)key->locker;      //making our own memcpy()
       function
    char* destination = (char*)dest;
    for (int i = 0; i < (size * units); i++){
        destination[i] = source[i];
    }
}
```

2.3 KeyChain Linking - Navigating the Vault's Memory Network

Now that you've gained access to the vault, your next step is to create a secure path to navigate through its intricate memory layout. You will establish a network of keychains that link the allocated `keys` together, making navigation of lockers easier. We place each `Key` in a `KeyChain`, which contains the address of the next `KeyChain`. This essentially forms a sequential linked-list structure.

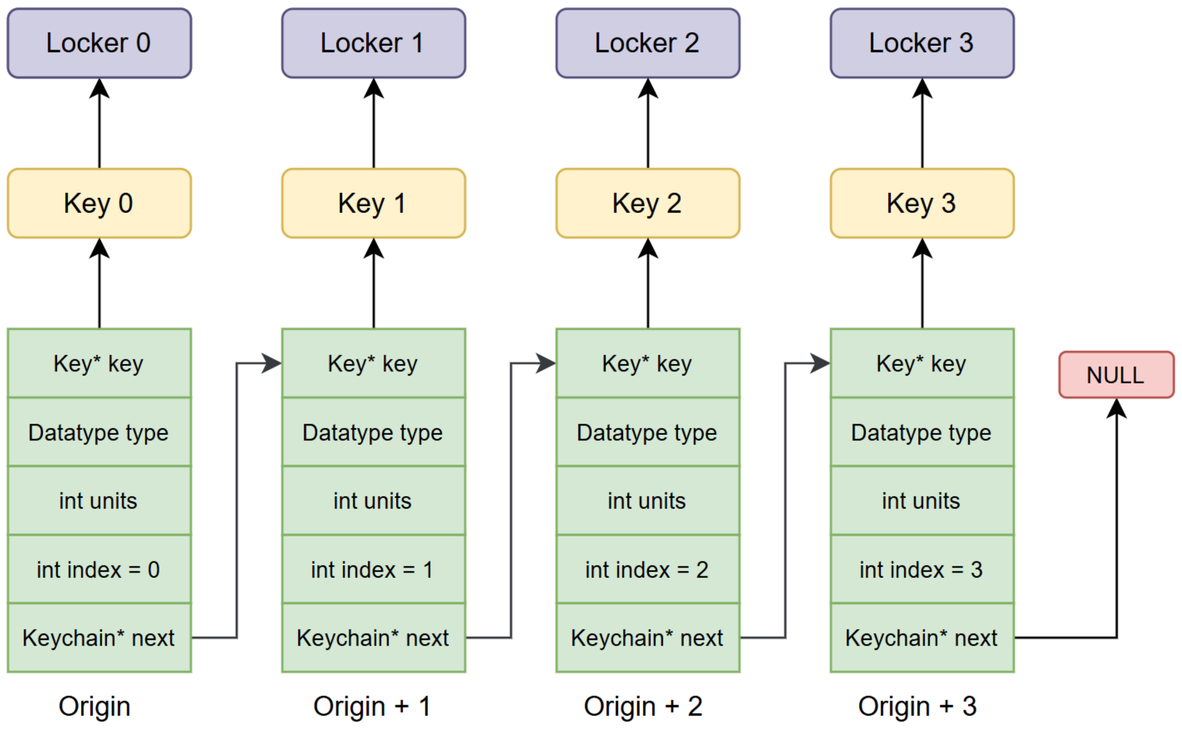
For this stage, you will write your code in `keychain.c`.

The self-referntial linked list structure that forms the memory navigation system is defined as follows:

```c
typedef struct KeyChain {
    Key* key;
    DataType type;
    int units;
    int index;
    struct Keychain * next;
} KeyChain;
```

The `KeyChain` not only references a `Key`, but also tracks other details: the data type, the number of units allocated, and the index of the key relative to the first key (origin key). The `next` pointer connects to the next `KeyChain` in the list, ensuring smooth traversal. The `index` is simply a count. `Key 0` has an index of

0. `Key 1` has an index of 1.



Functions Breakdown:
You need to implement the following functions. These functions allow you to allocate, access, store, and free memory blocks while maintaining the integrity of the pointer network:

- **KeyChain* initializeKeyChain(DataType type, int units, void* data)**
  This function sets up the origin point of the `KeyChain` network, initializing the first `KeyChain` in the sequence. It allocates memory for the origin `Key` and stores relevant details, with an index of 0. Think of it as establishing the first checkpoint in the vault.

- **KeyChain* keyChainMalloc(DataType type, int units, KeyChain* origin)**
  Once the first checkpoint is set, you create new `KeyChains` to extend the memory path. This function allocates memory for the new `Key` and links it to the previous one, ensuring seamless progression through the vault.

- **void keyChainFree(KeyChain* key_chain, KeyChain* origin)**
  When the job is done, it's crucial to erase any evidence. This function deallocates memory associated with a specific `KeyChain` and updates the pointer chain to remove it. The vault should remain undisturbed, with no trace left behind.

- **void keyChainStoreData(KeyChain* key_chain, void* data)**
  After securing the vault, this function stores the loot in the locker. It transfers the data into the locker, ensuring it is safely hidden in the vault's compartments.
  Hint: Refer to `key.c`

- **void keyChainAccessData(KeyChain* key_chain, void* dest)**
  When it's time to retrieve the loot, this function allows you to access the locker and place it safely in the destination. The original locker remains intact, ensuring that the vault's structure is not compromised.

- **KeyChain* findKeyChain(KeyChain* origin, int index)**
  This function helps you find an exact location in the vault. It searches through the pointer chain, starting from the origin, and identifies the `KeyChain` corresponding to the given index. This allows you to quickly locate a specific locker, ensuring you never lose your way in the network. If no `Key` is found at the given offset, the function returns `NULL`, indicating the target is out of reach.
- **void keyChainMoveData(KeyChain* src, KeyChain* dest)**
  When it's time to relocate the loot, this function facilitates the smooth transfer of data between two keys. It takes the contents (locker) from the source `Key` and securely moves them to the destination `Key`, ensuring the vault's structure remains intact. This operation is like shifting the contents of one compartment to another, without leaving anything behind or causing any disruption in the network.
- **KeyChain* getNext(KeyChain* key_chain)**
  This function returns the next `KeyChain` in the sequence, allowing for easy traversal through the memory network. It's like following the next checkpoint in the vault's path.
- **KeyChain* getPrevious(KeyChain* key_chain, KeyChain* origin)**
  Conversely, this function allows you to go backward, tracing the path from the current `KeyChain` to its predecessor, starting from the origin.
- **void keyChainClearData(KeyChain* key_chain)**
  Not every operation requires complete removal—sometimes, a clean slate is enough. This function erases the contents stored within a `KeyChain` without deallocating its memory. The `KeyChain` remains intact, but its `Key` and other information is discarded.
- **void keyChainCompleteRelease(KeyChain* origin)**
  Finally, after the heist is completed, this function ensures all memory related to the `KeyChain` linked list is deallocated. It's the clean-up phase, where no evidence remains, leaving the vault completely untouched.

2.4 Mapping System - Enabling Quick Retrieval Using Locator

In the chaos of your data heist, finding the exact (`Key`) can be tricky. You need a `Locator`, a sophisticated system that maintains a secure map of identifiers pointing to the precise memory compartments. This allows you to quickly access specific vault compartments without wasting time searching through every `Key`. Efficient and accurate, the `Locator` ensures smooth operations during the heist.

This mappings program stores the addresses of all `KeyChains` corresponding to the actual locker identified via a unique identifier.

For this stage, you will write your code in `locator.c`

```c
typedef struct {
    char* identifier;
    uintptr_t address;
} Locator;
```

The `Locator` acts as a lookup table that stores mappings between unique identifiers and addresses of `KeyChains`. It maintains an array of dynamically allocated entries. The identifiers are passed as string literals that persist for the program's lifetime, so you don't need to worry about their allocation—simply store their pointers. However, since the mapping array is resizable and created at runtime, you must use dynamic allocation (via `malloc`) for each mapping entry to ensure flexibility.

To help understand this problem more, here's an example of how a `Locator` struct could be declared:

```c
Locator myMap;
myMap.identifier = "first-KeyChain";
myMap.address = 0x10000000;
```

Note: uintptr_t is a data type defined in the stdint.h library, capable of holding memory addresses in integer form. Moreover, the memory address can be explicitly type casted between a pointer type and an uintptr_t type (in either direction).

Functions Breakdown:
The `Locator` employs a series of functions to manage memory mappings efficiently, enabling quick retrieval, resizing, and deallocation. Below are the key functions involved:

- **Locator* initializeMap(int num_allocations, void* addr, char* identifier)**
  When it's time to start managing memory allocations, this function initializes the map as an array capable of holding `num_allocations` mapping pairs, excluding the origin. The `num_allocations` represents the maximum number of memory allocations the program intends to make. The map is initialized to zero to ensure a clean slate. The origin is stored at index 0. The origin pair remains internal and is not exposed to any external programs.

- **void deallocateMap(Locator* map)**
  Once the map is no longer needed, this function ensures that all allocated memory space related to the map is properly deallocated. We are basically burning the blueprint.

- **void clearMap(Locator* map)** You realise that you're filling the map wrongly. This function erases all entries within the map, leaving the map intact and ready to store new entries. The map's structure remains in place, ready to be reused, but all previously stored mappings are removed, ensuring no unwanted remnants linger. This function only clears the contents of the map; it does not deallocate the memory or change the size of the map.

- **Locator* resizeMap(Locator* map, int new_num_allocs)**
  When the `Locator` is running out of space, this function steps in to resize the map, increasing its capacity to `new_num_allocs`. It copies over all existing data while freeing any previously unused memory, ensuring no valuable space is left wasted. The map always grows (never shrinks), ensuring a future-proof solution.
  However..... how will we know when the map has reached its capacity?

- **void makeEntry(Locator** map, void* addr, char* identifier)**
  This function creates an entry in the map by inserting a new `identifier-address` pair at the next available position. If the map reaches its capacity, it's automatically resized, doubling its current size to ensure more space for future entries.

- **void removeEntry(Locator* map, char* identifier)**
  When it's time to erase a specific entry from the map, this function removes the given `identifier-address` pair. The origin entry can only be removed once all other entries have been erased, maintaining the integrity of the map's structure. Upon removing the entry, it should move all the proceeding elements back to prevent defragmentation.

- **void* getOrigin(Locator* map)**
  This function retrieves the address of the origin `KeyChain` as a `void` pointer. If no origin has been defined, it returns `NULL`, indicating the absence of the origin.

- **void* getPointer(Locator* map, char* identifier)**
  This function locates the address associated with the given `identifier` in the map. If the identifier-address pair doesn't exist, it returns `NULL`, indicating the absence of the specified entry.

2.5 Vault Navigator - Building a Vault Navigation Tool

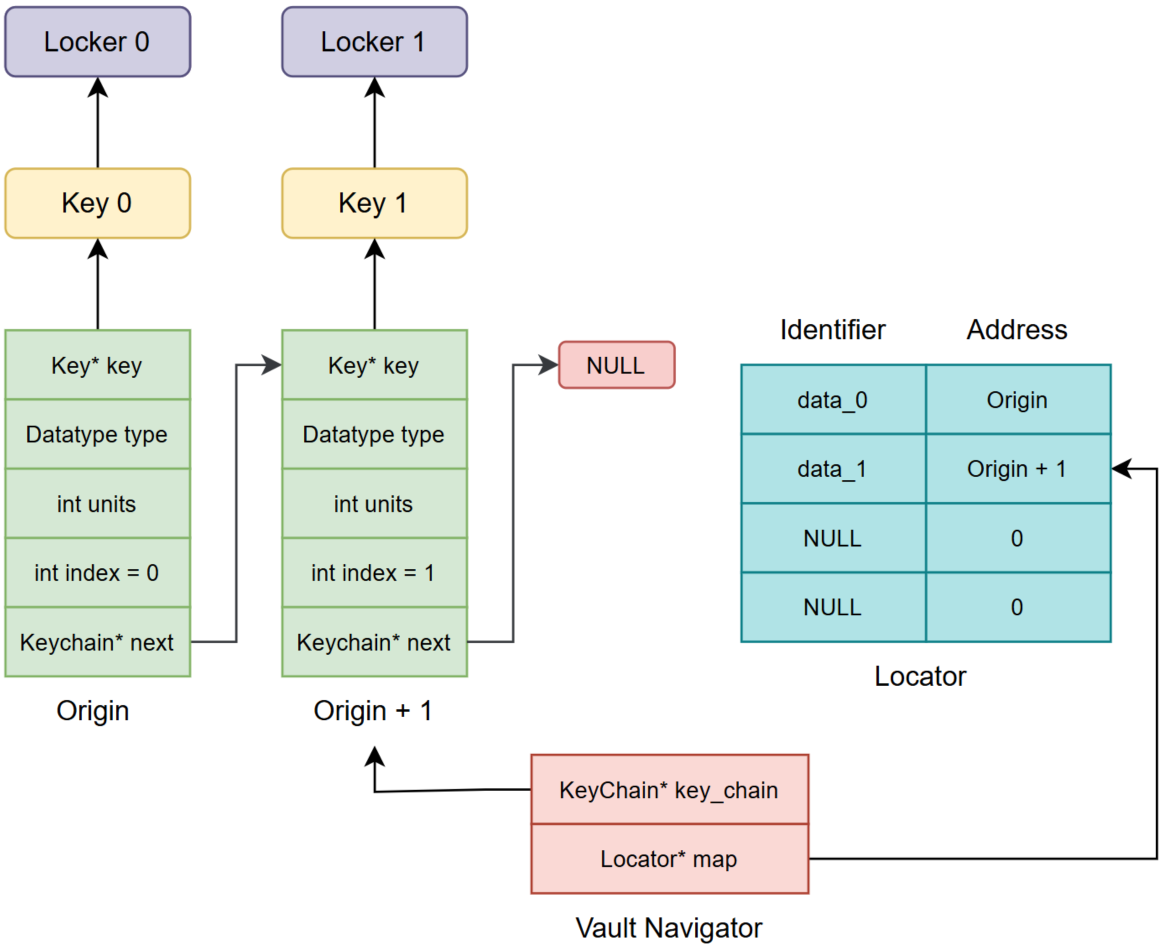
As the mastermind of the heist, you need a specialised tool - the `VaultNavigator` to traverse the complex vault efficiently. This custom navigation system allows you to move sequentially (like walking along a corridor) or directly jump to specific compartments. Importantly, the origin compartment remains hidden, ensuring that the core of the vault stays secure and undisturbed, and not triggering security alarms.

For this stage, you will write your code in `navigator.c`

```c
typedef struct VaultNavigator{
    KeyChain *key_chain;
    Locator *identifier_map;
} VaultNavigator;
```

Now, we make use of the two different memory/data access methods we have made previously, `KeyChain` (sequential access) and `Locator` (direct access), to build a final navigation tool.

We initially store the origin-address pair in the map during initialization. The map is then updated whenever a new memory allocation occurs. Similarly, the `VaultNavigator` is updated with a new entry whenever a new allocation is made. Allocations continue until the map reaches its capacity. Think of the `VaultNavigator` as a linked list that is connected to a mapping system, where each entry links a memory block to its identifier in the map.



Functions Breakdown:
You need to implement the following functions, which build upon previously implemented functions:

- **VaultNavigator* initializeNavigator(int num_allocations)**
  Initializes the `VaultNavigator` along with the origin `Key`. The identifier for the origin `Key` is set to

"origin". After initialization, the `VaultNavigator` should not point to the origin, so its value should be NULL. This is like setting up a secure entry point into the vault without revealing its exact location. Ensure that you account for the null terminator when storing C-strings in memory.

- **void navigatorMalloc(VaultNavigator* v_ptr, DataType type, int units, char* identifier)**
  This function initializes a `KeyChain` pointing to the specified memory size and stores the corresponding mapping pair in the `Locator` map. The `VaultNavigator` should be updated to point to the latest allocation. Ensure that you check for non-unique identifiers to maintain the integrity of the mapping system.

- **void navigatorFree(VaultNavigator* v_ptr, char* identifier)**
  You're breaking into the compartment, taking what you want, and sealing it off. This function frees the memory associated with the given identifier and removes the corresponding mapping entry from the `Locator` map. Make sure to properly update the `VaultNavigator` and handle the deallocation correctly to avoid memory leaks or dangling pointers.

- **void storeData(VaultNavigator* v_ptr, char* identifier, void* data)**
  This function stores the specified data at the given identifier's memory address. It uses the `getPointer()` function to find a specific compartment to store treasure in while transferring. Any attempts at over-writing the origin memory space should be prevented.

- **void* accessData(VaultNavigator* v_ptr, char* identifier)**
  Retrieves the data stored at the given identifier's memory address. It uses the `getPointer()` function to find the corresponding `Key` and returns the locker accessible by that `Key`. Any attempts at accessing the origin `Key` should be prevented.

- **void incrementPointer(VaultNavigator* v_ptr)**
  The `VaultNavigator` should be "incremented" to now point to the immediate successor of the currently pointed-to memory space in the abstraction.

- **void decrementPointer(VaultNavigator* v_ptr)**
  The `VaultNavigator` should be "decremented" to now point to the immediate predecessor of the currently pointed-to memory space in the abstraction. The origin must remain inaccessible.

- **void changePointer(VaultNavigator* v_ptr, char* identifier)**
  Update the `VaultNavigator` to now point to the memory space corresponding to the specified identifier. The origin must remain inaccessible. This makes use of direct access for efficiency, when the identifier name is known.

2.6 The Escape - Cleaning Up the Crime Scene

The final phase of the heist involves erasing all evidence of your intrusion. After extracting the necessary data, you must ensure that the vault's memory appears unchanged. This requires memory compaction—removing any gaps or unused spaces left behind in the memory. Fragmented or abandoned memory allocations will serve as clear indicators of unauthorized activity, so they must be completely eradicated.

For this stage, you will write your code in `escape.c`

The Escape System guarantees a clean and secure exit from the vault, ensuring no evidence remains for security to trace your operation. By safely and efficiently deallocating all memory, your heist will conclude without detection. This part is fairly simple, however, test cases have not been provided for this. You may create a `main` function for testing but make sure you delete/comment it out before submission as it may interfere with our test cases.

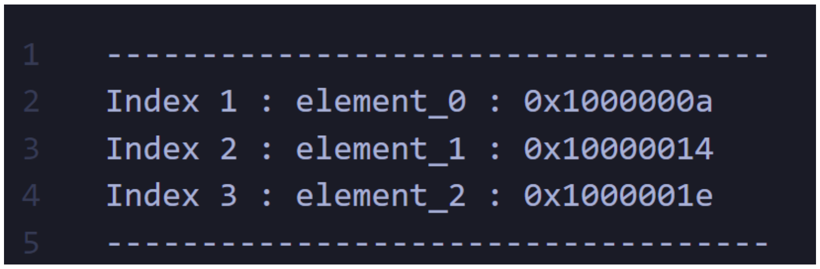
Functions Breakdown:
There is no custom structure for this stage, you need to make use of the past structures and tools to accomplish this:

- **void completeDeallocation(VaultNavigator** v_ptr)**
  This function ensures that all memory related to the vault is deallocated, leaving no traces behind. It clears all allocated space, frees up the vault, and ensures the system has no remnants of past operations. The `KeyChains` are deallocated, along with the `Locator`.

- **int isFragmented(KeyChain* origin)**
  This function checks if the vault's memory is fragmented. It scans through the `KeyChain` network to see if there are any unused `KeyChains`, and returns 1 if fragmentation exists, 0 otherwise. You do not need to defragment at this stage.

- **void printLocator(Locator* map)**
  You decide to print your Locator to a text file, in order to use it as a reference when you're back home. Do not include the Origin mapping pair in this function. Let's suppose your map has four elements including the origin. Assume the other three identifiers are element_0, element_1, element_2

  Print the Locator map like this:



```
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Index 1 : element_0 : 0x1000000a
Index 2 : element_1 : 0x10000014
Index 3 : element_2 : 0x1000001e
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```

  Use the same number of dashes and follow the exact same format as specified. For printing `uintptr_t`, you need to use `%p` in the `printf` statement, if needed.

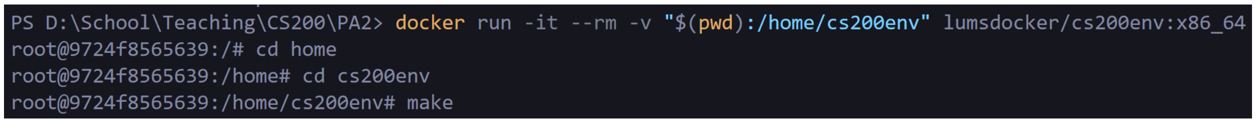
  Your function needs to created a new file "`locator.txt`" in the "`bin`" folder in which this will be printed. If the file already exists, it must overwrite whenever necessary. Make sure to close the file. You should try testing this function out with another text file because small mismatches and null terminator errors can make two files dissimilar. Delete this other text file before submission.

3 Testing

You have been provided with a Makefile, which handles the compilation targets of your program for you and allows selectively recompiling only those files where changes have been made. The Make utility, which interprets the Makefile, is traditionally a Unix-based tool. Windows systems, by default, will not recognize the make command given below.

It is highly recommended that you do not perform intermediate testing on Windows, even if you have installed the GNU Make tool. Instead, for Windows users, I would recommend installing Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL) for intermediate convenient testing. However, make sure to test your program on docker atleast once before submitting as we will be exclusively testing on docker.

Navigate to the correct directory as follows:



```
PS D:\School\Teaching\CS200\PA2> docker run -it --rm -v "$(pwd):/home/cs200env" lumsdocker/cs200env:x86_64
root@9724f8565639:/# cd home
root@9724f8565639:/home# cd cs200env
root@9724f8565639:/home/cs200env# make
```

You need to first compile your program files everytime:

```
make
```

To run tests for `Part 1`:

```
make run_key
```

To run tests for `Part 2`:

```
make run_keychain
```

To run tests for `Part 3`:

```
make run_locator
```

To run tests for `Part 4`:

```
make run_navigator
```

To clear the files created in the `bin` folder for testing purposes:

```
make clean
```

Note: Running `key.c` will give you 15 marks but those are not counted in your final score.

While debugging the code, you might find it helpful that `Error 11` or `Error 139` refer to **Segmentation Fault**. A Segmentation Fault (SegFault) occurs when a program tries to access memory that it isn't allowed to, such as dereferencing a `NULL` pointer, accessing an out-of-bounds array, or using memory that has already been freed. This results in the operating system terminating the program to prevent it from corrupting memory. These are often very subtle errors and could take some time to debug, so keep that in mind going forwards. Good Luck!