



Pointers

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Dynamic memory allocation



Type of Program Data

■ Static Data

—Memory allocation exists throughout execution of program

■ Automatic Data

—Automatically created at function entry, resides in activation frame of the function, and is destroyed when returning from function

■ Dynamic Data

—Explicitly allocated and deallocated during program execution by C++ instructions written by programmer

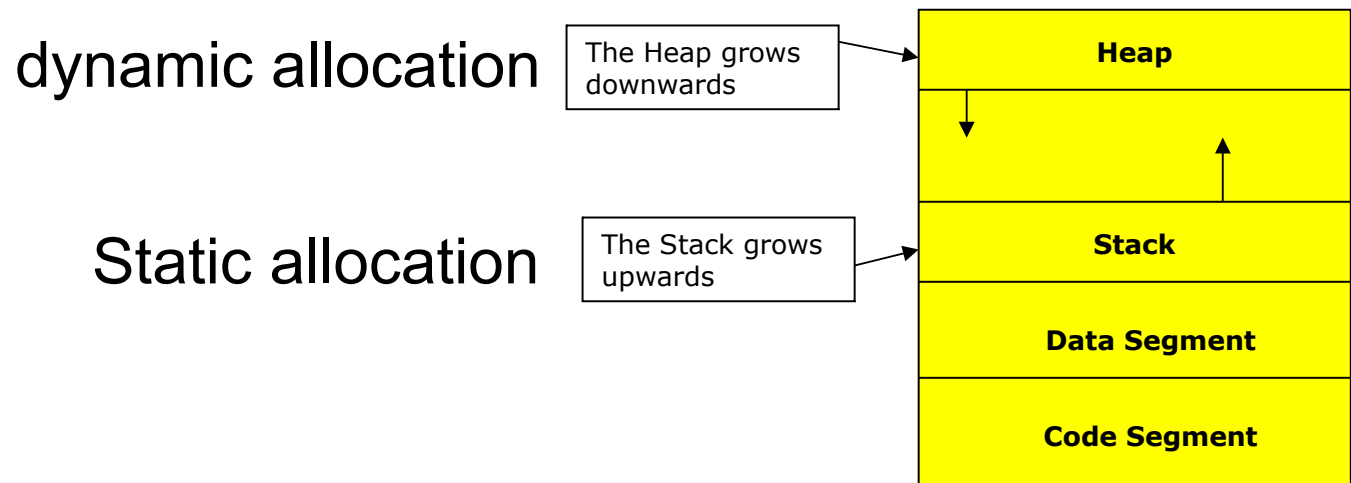
Allocation of Memory

■ Static Allocation

—Allocation of memory space at compile time.

■ Dynamic Allocation

—Allocation of memory space at run time.





Dynamic memory allocation

- Dynamic allocation is useful when
 - arrays need to be created whose extent is not known until run time
 - complex structures of unknown size and/or shape need to be constructed as the program runs
 - objects need to be created and the constructor arguments are not known until run time



Dynamic memory allocation

- Pointers need to be used for dynamic allocation of memory
- Use the operator **new** to dynamically allocate space
- Use the operator **delete** to later free this space



The **new** operator

- If memory is available, the **new** operator allocates memory space for the requested object/array, and returns a pointer to (address of) the memory allocated.
- If sufficient memory is not available, the **new** operator returns **NULL**.
- The dynamically allocated object/array exists until the **delete** operator destroys it.



The **delete** operator

- The **delete** operator deallocates the object or array currently pointed to by the pointer which was previously allocated at run-time by the **new** operator.
 - the freed memory space is returned to Heap
 - the pointer is then considered unassigned
- If the value of the pointer is **NULL** there is no effect.

Example

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```
int *ptr;  
ptr = new int;  
*ptr = 22;  
cout << *ptr << endl;  
delete ptr;  
ptr = NULL;
```

ptr

FDE0	
FDE1	
FDE2	
FDE3	

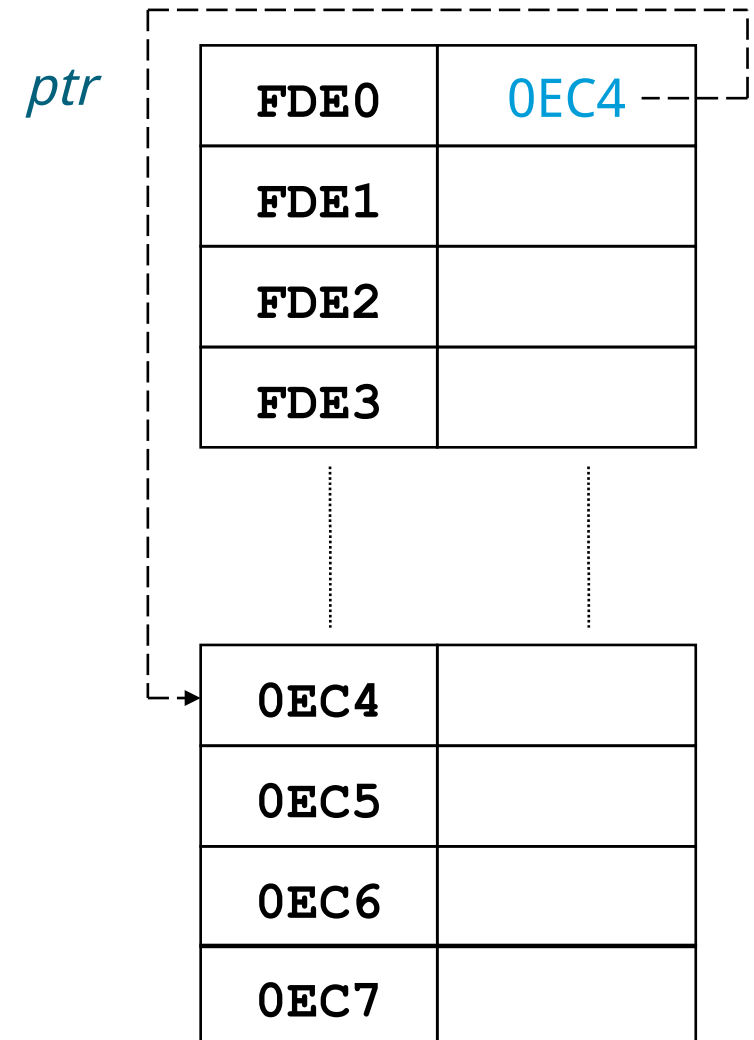
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0EC5	
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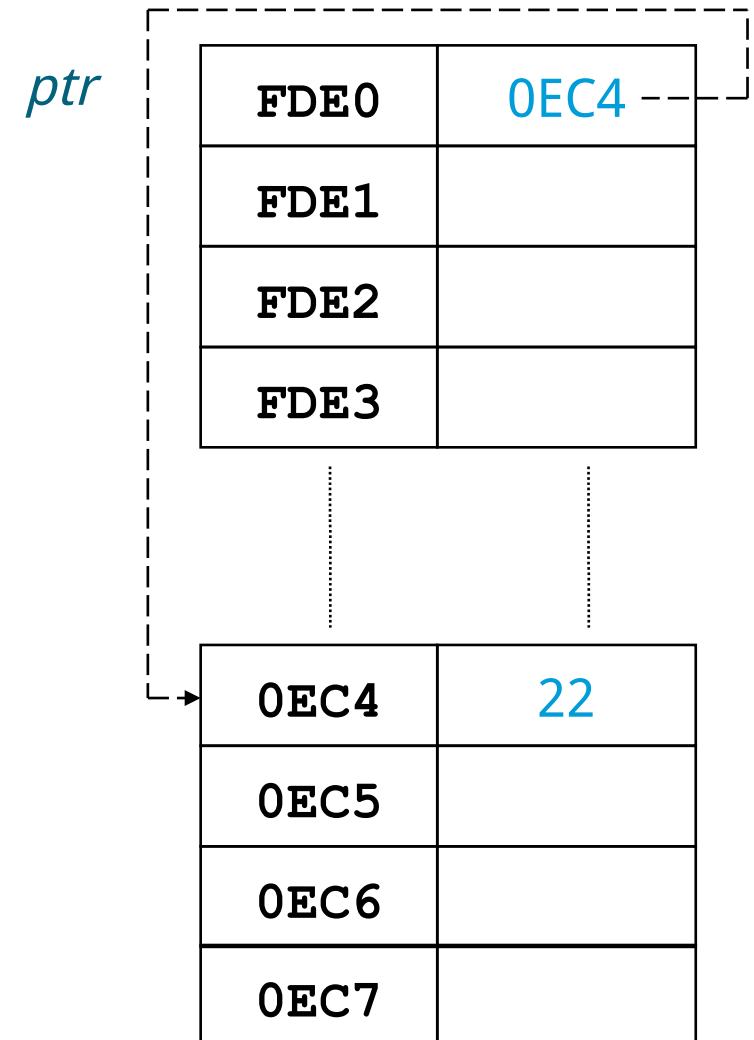
Example

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int *ptr;  
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cout << *ptr << endl;  
delete ptr;  
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Example

```
int *ptr;  
ptr = new int;  
→ *ptr = 22;  
cout << *ptr << endl;  
delete ptr;  
ptr = NULL;
```

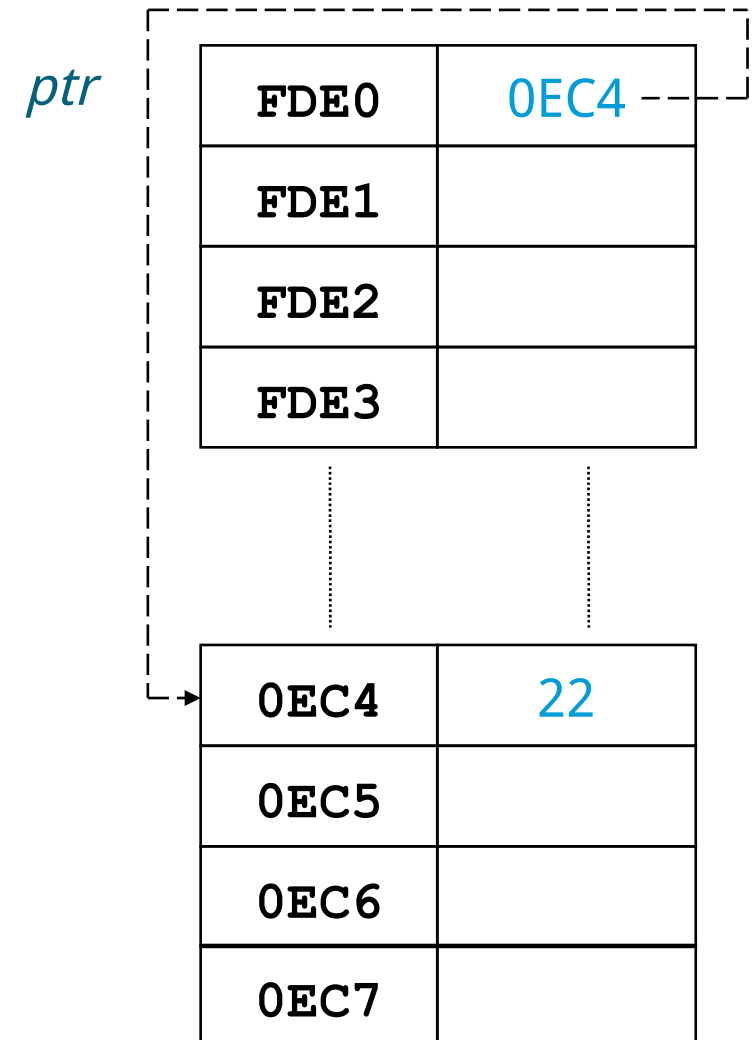


Example

```
int *ptr;  
ptr = new int;  
*ptr = 22;  
→ cout << *ptr << endl;  
delete ptr;  
ptr = NULL;
```

Output:

22



Example

```
int *ptr;  
ptr = new int;  
*ptr = 22;  
cout << *ptr << endl;  
→ delete ptr;  
ptr = NULL;
```

ptr

FDE0	?
FDE1	
FDE2	
FDE3	

0EC4	
0EC5	
0EC6	
0EC7	

Example

```
int *ptr;  
ptr = new int;  
*ptr = 22;  
cout << *ptr << endl;  
delete ptr;  
→ ptr = NULL;
```

ptr

FDE0	0
FDE1	
FDE2	
FDE3	

0EC4	
0EC5	
0EC6	
0EC7	



Example of dynamic array allocation

```
int* grades = NULL;
int numberOfGrades;

cout << "Enter the number of grades: ";
cin >> numberOfGrades;
grades = new int[numberOfGrades];

for (int i = 0; i < numberOfGrades; i++)
    cin >> grades[i];

for (int j = 0; j < numberOfGrades; j++)
    cout << *(grades+j) << " ";

delete [] grades;
grades = NULL;
```



Assignment 9

- Write a program to manipulate two dimension matrix. Assume the numbers of rows and columns are all 3.
- Your program must be satisfied with these conditions
 - Follow the prototype

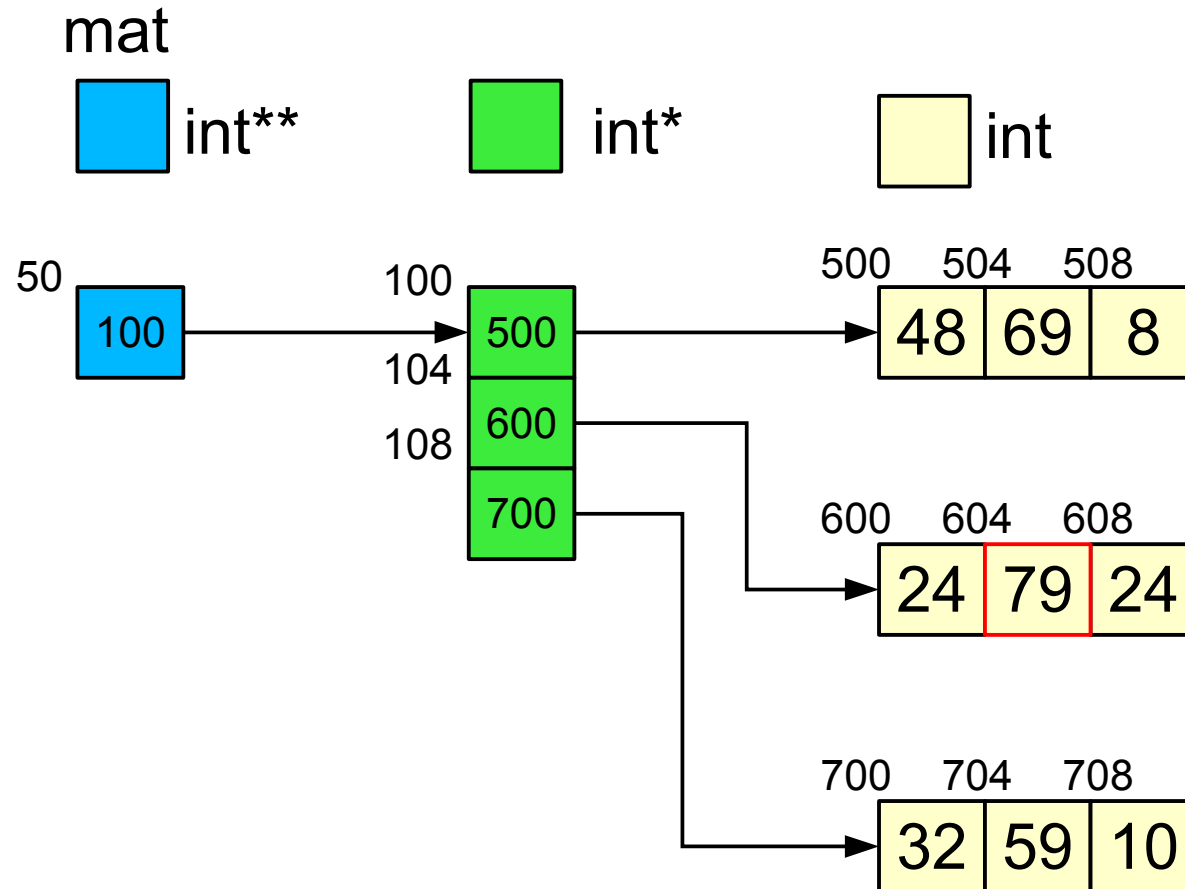
```
int createMatrixFromArray(int** &, int*);  
int** multiplyMatrix(int**, int**);  
int destroyMatrix(int**);  
int printMatrix(int**);
```




```
int createMatrixFromArray(int** &, int*);
```

- Create two dimension array from one dimension array
 - Using dynamic memory allocation (new) to create a two dimension array
 - Initiate the values of this array from a given one dimension array

Using dynamic memory allocation to create two dimension array



$*(*(mat+1)+1) = 79$

$mat[1][1] = 79$



```
int** multiplyMatrix(const int** mat1, const int**  
                    mat2);
```

- Write a function to perform the multiplication of two matrix
 - Allocate a new two dimension array to store the result
 - Return the pointer of pointer which points to the result



The multiplication of two matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 48 & 69 & 8 \\ 24 & 79 & 24 \\ 32 & 59 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 18 & 26 & 47 \\ 90 & 31 & 36 \\ 2 & 47 & 98 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7090 & 3763 & 5524 \\ 7590 & 4201 & 6324 \\ 5906 & 3131 & 4608 \end{bmatrix}$$

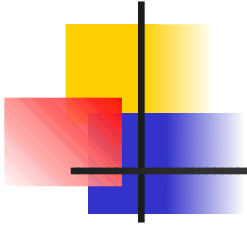
$$7090 = \begin{bmatrix} 48 & 69 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 18 \\ 90 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 48 \times 18 + 69 \times 90 + 8 \times 2$$

$$4201 = \begin{bmatrix} 24 & 79 & 24 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 26 \\ 31 \\ 47 \end{bmatrix} = 24 \times 26 + 79 \times 31 + 24 \times 47$$



```
void destroyMatrix(int** mat);
```

- Use delete operator to release the dynamic memory space of a given matrix



```
int printMatrix(int**);
```

- Print every elements of the matrix