

# COMP1511 WEEK 9

Starting at 9:08am

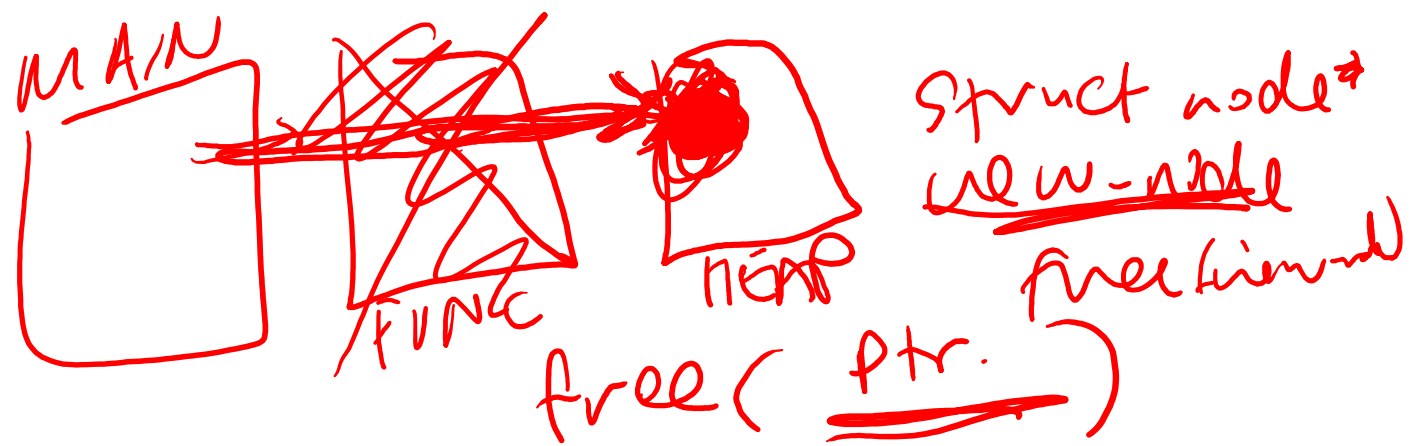
linked lists



# Assignment #2 Check In

- How are you going?
- Do you have any questions?
- Any tips you want to share?

# Freeing Memory

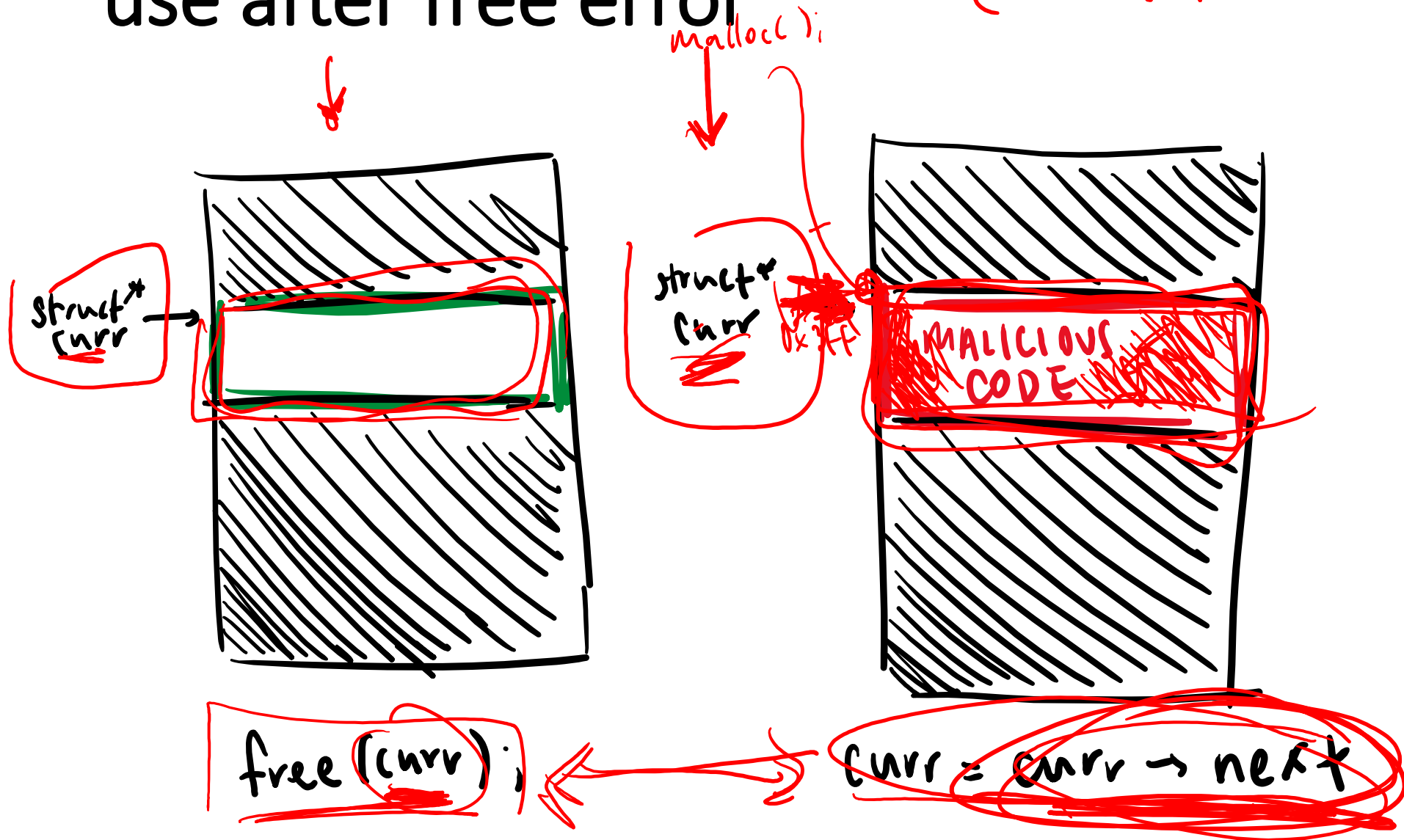


- What does free do?
  - What is the input to free and how does it help it do what it needs to do?
- What is a *use after free* error?
  - Give an example.
  - Discuss why these are extremely dangerous, one of the worst causes of bugs in C programs and a major source of security vulnerabilities.
- What is a memory leak?
  - What does **dcc--leak-check** do?

free(curr)  
⇒  
curr → next

# use after free error

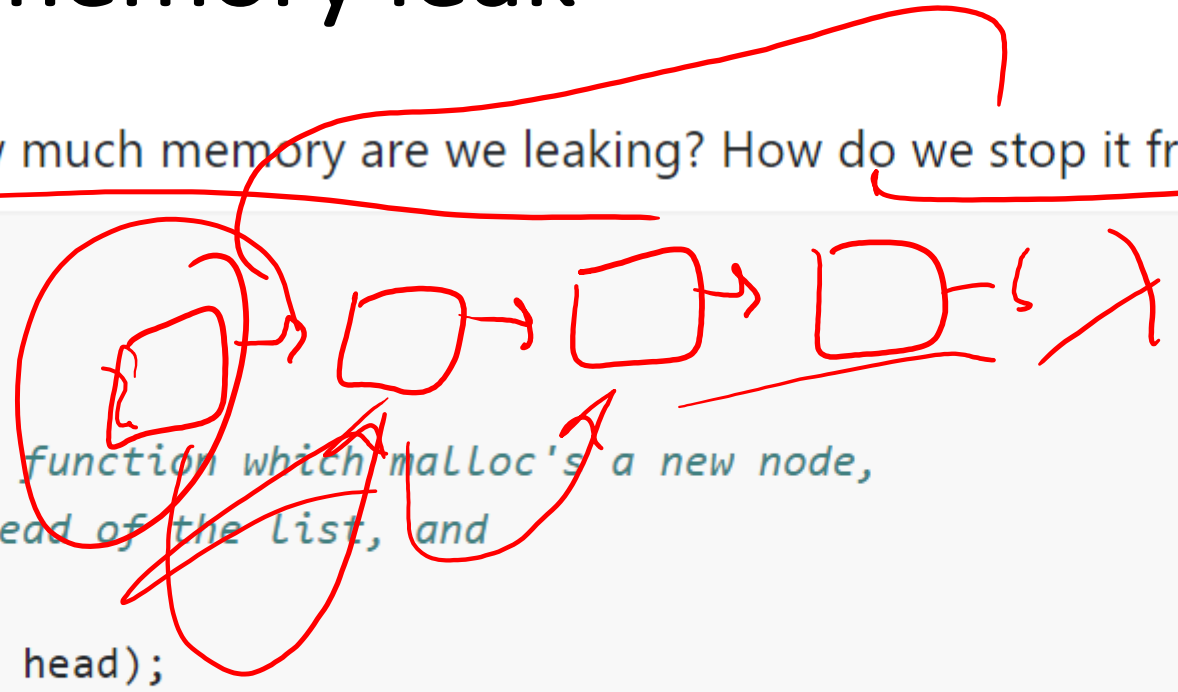
*curr = NULL*



# help! I have a memory leak

8. In the following example, how much memory are we leaking? How do we stop it from leaking?

```
int i = 0;
struct node *head = NULL;
while (i < 10) {
    // `insert_first` is a function which malloc's a new node,
    // inserts it at the head of the list, and
    // returns it.
    head = insert_first(i, head);
    i++;
}
free(head);
```



# Help me debug?????

```
struct node *new_node(int data) {  
    struct node *new = malloc(sizeof(struct node X));  
    new->data = data;  
    new->next = NULL;  
    return new;  
}
```

# More Linked Lists

When tackling a linked list exercise, it's a good idea to consider the following questions:

- What cases do I need to consider? Some of the common cases to consider are:
  - Number of nodes (ie empty list, list with one node, list with many nodes)
  - Location in the list (ie, at the start/middle/end of the list)
- Do I need to iterate through a linked list?
  - What loop condition(s) should I use?
  - How many iterators do I need?
- Do I need to malloc/free memory?

10. Implement a function `copy` which returns a copy of a linked list.

`copy` should have this prototype.

```
struct node *copy(struct node *old_head);
```

`copy` should call `malloc` to create a new linked list of the same length and which contains the same data.



11. Implement a function `list_append` which creates a new list by appending the second list to the first.

`list_append` should have this prototype:

```
struct node *list_append(struct node *first_list, struct node *second_list);
```

Why do we need to make sure it is a new list? Why can't we just change the first list's final node's next pointer to the second list's head?

12. Implement a function `identical` that returns 1 if the contents of the two linked lists are identical (same length, same values in data fields) and otherwise returns 0.

`identical` should have this prototype:

```
int identical(struct node *first_list, struct node *second_list);
```

`identical` should not create (`malloc`) any new list elements.

13. Implement a function `set_intersection` which given two linked lists in strictly increasing order returns a new linked list containing a copy of the elements found in both lists.

`set_intersection` should have this prototype:

```
struct node *set_intersection(struct node *set1, struct node *set2);
```

The new linked list should also be in strictly increasing order. It should include only elements found in both lists.

`set_intersection` should call `malloc` to create the nodes of the new linked list.

1. `add_movie()`: This function should add a new `struct movie` node to the `*movies` linked list inside its corresponding `struct genre` node.
2. `print_genre()`: This function should print each movie associated with a given genre name. Each movie should be printed in the format: `"TITLE, RATING/100 (LENGTH minutes)"`

