

More of project structure
- gdb

Part 2 (Monday)

One annoying thing about C is having
to manually free memory

.. malloc - - -

- - - free - - - or memory leaks

More modern langs use garbage collection
to do this automatically
(w/ a performance hit)

Part 2: build a small garbage
collector!

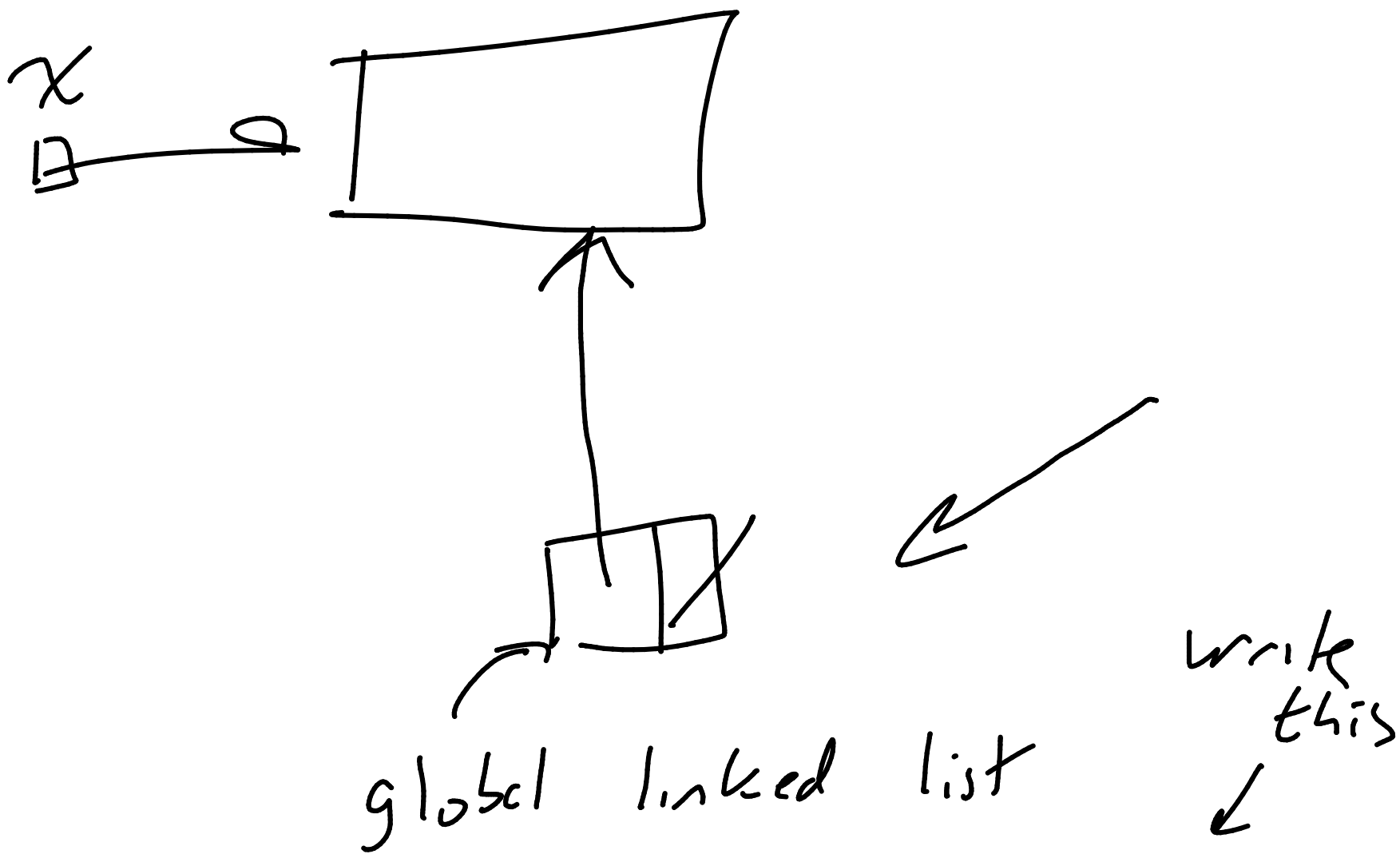
~~every time~~

write a new function called talloc
"track"

that does 2 things

- ① calls malloc
- ② adds a ptr to the new memory to a linked list

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int *x = malloc(sizeof(int));
```



At end of your program, call `tfree`

- loops over every ptr in the global linked list and frees it

Rules of engagements

Compilers vs interpreters

- 2 different approaches for implementing a PL

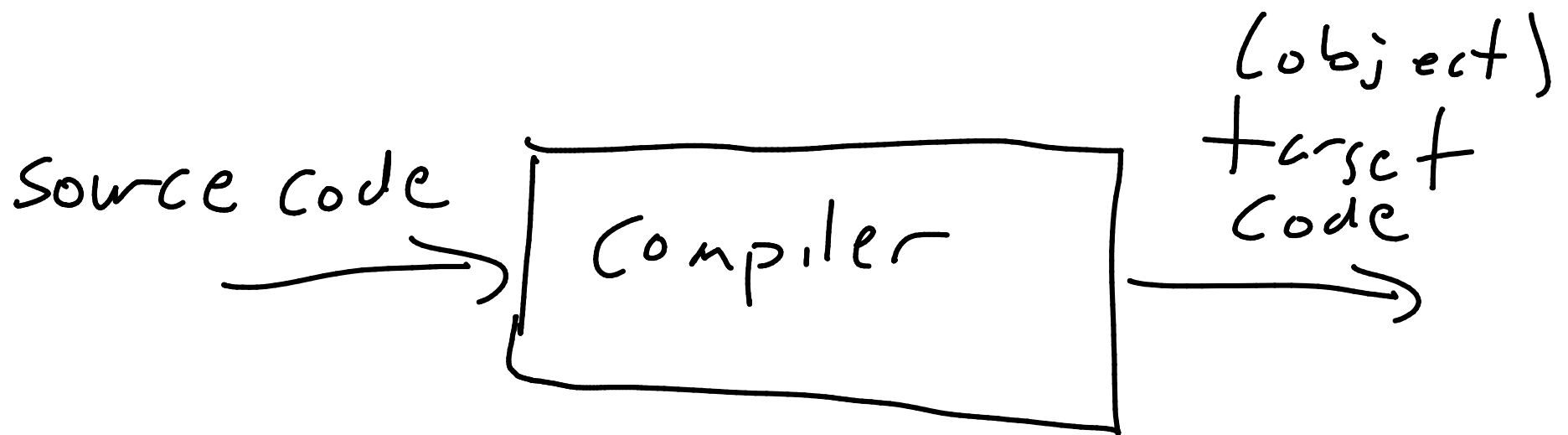
(approaches for translation)

- because if we are creating a new language, we need to rely on an existing language to make it happen

(at the bottom, there's machine language)

A compiler is a program that

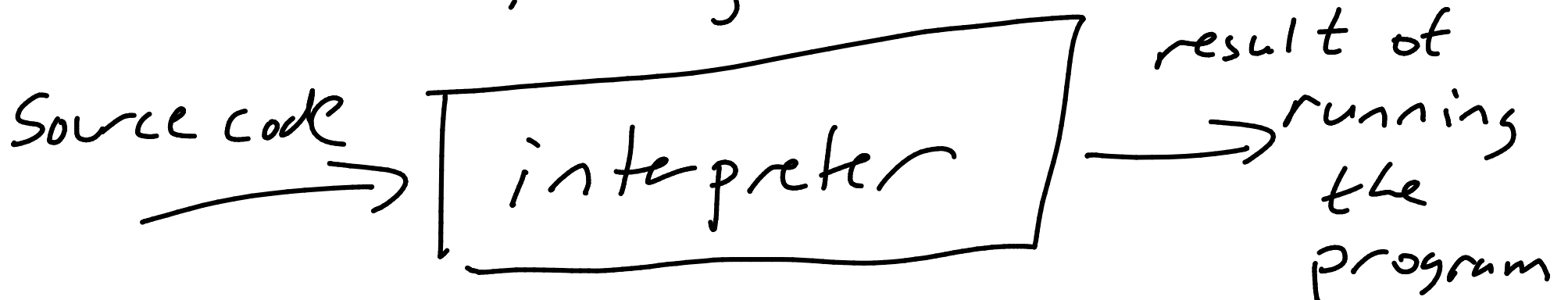
translates a program from one language to another (usually lower level)



C program → clang → machine language

An interpreter is a program that reads and directly executes another program.

- it "pretends" to understand the source code.
- there's no translated code that comes out, it just runs it



Python program → fictional Python interpreter that you think you're using → program output