

"C programmers never die. They are just cast into void."

- Alan Perlis

## CSE102 Computer Programming with C

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### Dynamic Data Allocation Examples

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More efficient?

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14 void engine_print(engine e) {
15     printf("Engine: '%s' %d %1fL v%d\n", e.name, e.year, e.volume, e.cylinders);
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19 engine engine_read(char * filename) {
20     engine e;
21     FILE * fin;
22     fin = fopen(filename, "rt");
23     fgets(e.name, 20, fin); e.name[strlen(e.name)-1] = 0;
24     fscanf(fin, "%d %f %d", &(e.year), &(e.volume), &(e.cylinders));
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26     return e;
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