

# COMP 322/L—Introduction to Operating Systems and System Architecture

## Assignment #4—Memory Allocation

### Objective:

To simulate memory allocation with hole-fitting algorithms (First-fit, Best-fit) and implement deallocation and defragmentation.

### Specification:

The program simulates memory allocation with a chosen hole-fitting algorithm (First-fit, Best-fit) and implements de-allocation and defragmentation. A menu controls the operations, and each choice calls the appropriate procedure, where the choices are:

- 1) Enter parameters
- 2) Allocate memory for a block
- 3) Deallocate memory for a block
- 4) Defragment memory
- 5) Quit program and free memory.

### Assignment:

- The size of physical memory is represented by an integer *pm\_size*.
- The allocated blocks are contained within a linked list, where each allocated block is a structure containing the id, the starting address, the ending address, and a link to the next allocated block.
- Each allocation request specifies the id and the size of the new block. If the id is a duplicate and/or the remaining physical memory is not enough to fit the request, the request is rejected.
- Each deallocation request specifies the id. If the id is invalid, the request is rejected.
- Defragmentation compacts the blocks to be contiguous, and coalesces the holes into one hole at the far-right end (highest memory addresses) of physical memory.

### What NOT to do (any violation will result in an automatic score of 0 on the assignment):

- Do NOT modify the choice values (1,2,3,4,5) or input characters and then try to convert them to integers--the test script used for grading your assignment will not work correctly.
- Do NOT turn in an alternate version of the assignment downloaded from the Internet (coursehero, chegg, reddit, github, etc.) or submitted from you or another student from a previous semester.
- Do NOT turn in your assignment coded in another programming language (C++, C#, Java).

### What to turn in:

- The source code as a C file uploaded to Canvas by the deadline of 11:59pm PST (-20% per consecutive day for late submissions, up to the 4th day—note 1 minute late counts as a day late, 1 day and 1 minute late counts as 2 days late, etc.)
- Make sure your code compiles with the online C compiler before submitting:  
[https://www.onlinegdb.com/online\\_c\\_compiler](https://www.onlinegdb.com/online_c_compiler)

## Sample output

Memory allocation

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- 1) Enter parameters
- 2) Allocate memory for block
- 3) Deallocate memory for block
- 4) Defragment memory
- 5) Quit program

Enter selection: 1

Enter size of physical memory: 1024

Enter hole-fitting algorithm (0=first fit, 1=best\_fit): 1

Memory allocation

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- 1) Enter parameters
- 2) Allocate memory for block
- 3) Deallocate memory for block
- 4) Defragment memory
- 5) Quit program

Enter selection: 2

Enter block id: 0

Enter block size: 128

ID      Start      End

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0	0	128
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Memory allocation

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- 1) Enter parameters
- 2) Allocate memory for block
- 3) Deallocate memory for block
- 4) Defragment memory
- 5) Quit program

Enter selection: 2

Enter block id: 1

Enter block size: 320

ID      Start      End

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0	0	128
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1	128	448
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Memory allocation

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- 1) Enter parameters
- 2) Allocate memory for block
- 3) Deallocate memory for block
- 4) Defragment memory
- 5) Quit program

Enter selection: 2

Enter block id: 2

Enter block size: 224

ID      Start      End

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0	0	128
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1	128	448
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2	448	672
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Memory allocation

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- 1) Enter parameters
- 2) Allocate memory for block
- 3) Deallocate memory for block
- 4) Defragment memory
- 5) Quit program

Enter selection: 2

Enter block id: 3

Enter block size: 288

ID	Start	End
0	0	128
1	128	448
2	448	672
3	672	960

Memory allocation

- 1) Enter parameters
- 2) Allocate memory for block
- 3) Deallocate memory for block
- 4) Defragment memory
- 5) Quit program

Enter selection: 3

Enter block id: 2

ID	Start	End
0	0	128
1	128	448
3	672	960

Memory allocation

- 1) Enter parameters
- 2) Allocate memory for block
- 3) Deallocate memory for block
- 4) Defragment memory
- 5) Quit program

Enter selection: 2

Enter block id: 4

Enter block size: 128

ID	Start	End
0	0	128
1	128	448
4	448	576
3	672	960

Memory allocation

- 1) Enter parameters
- 2) Allocate memory for block
- 3) Deallocate memory for block
- 4) Defragment memory
- 5) Quit program

Enter selection: 3

Enter block id: 1

ID	Start	End
0	0	128
4	448	576
3	672	960

Memory allocation

- 1) Enter parameters
- 2) Allocate memory for block
- 3) Deallocate memory for block
- 4) Defragment memory
- 5) Quit program

Enter selection: 2

Enter block id: 2

Enter block size: 224

ID	Start	End
0	0	128
2	128	352
4	448	576
3	672	960

#### Memory allocation

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- 1) Enter parameters
- 2) Allocate memory for block
- 3) Deallocate memory for block
- 4) Defragment memory
- 5) Quit program

Enter selection: 2

Enter block id: 5

Enter block size: 64

ID	Start	End
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0	0	128
2	128	352
4	448	576
3	672	960
5	960	1024

#### Memory allocation

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- 1) Enter parameters
- 2) Allocate memory for block
- 3) Deallocate memory for block
- 4) Defragment memory
- 5) Quit program

Enter selection: 4

ID	Start	End
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0	0	128
2	128	352
4	352	480
3	480	768
5	768	832

#### Memory allocation

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- 1) Enter parameters
- 2) Allocate memory for block
- 3) Deallocate memory for block
- 4) Defragment memory
- 5) Quit program

Enter selection: 5

Quitting program...