

Objective-C Memory Management

Data Types

Type	Size	Range
short	16bit	-32768 to 32768
int	32bit	-2147483648 to 2147483648
long	64bit	really big

Data Types

Type	Size	Range
unsigned short	16bit	0 to 65536
unsigned int	32bit	0 to 4294967296
unsigned long	64bit	really big

Data Types

Type	Size
short	16bit
int	32bit
long	64bit
float	32bit
double	64bit
char	8bit

Static Variable Declarations

```
int ageInYears = 5;
```

```
long reallyBigNumber = 1123094098234;
```

```
unsigned int itemCount;
```


Static Variable Declarations

```
float objectWeight = 5.13f;
```

```
double veryPreciseWeight = 123.123089123;
```


Pointer Variable Declarations

```
NSString *myName;
```

```
NSArray *itemList;
```

```
NSDate *today;
```

```
NSNumber *someNumber;
```


Pointers

```
NSString *myName;
```



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Pointers

```
NSString *myName = 0x12345;
```



0x12345

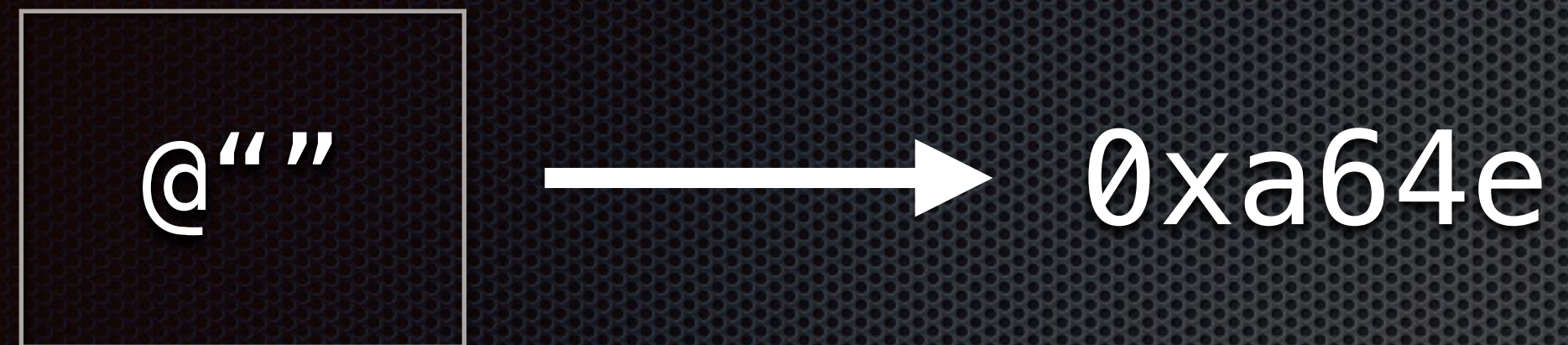
Pointers

```
NSString *myName = [[NSString alloc] init];
```



Pointers

Heap



`0xfffff`

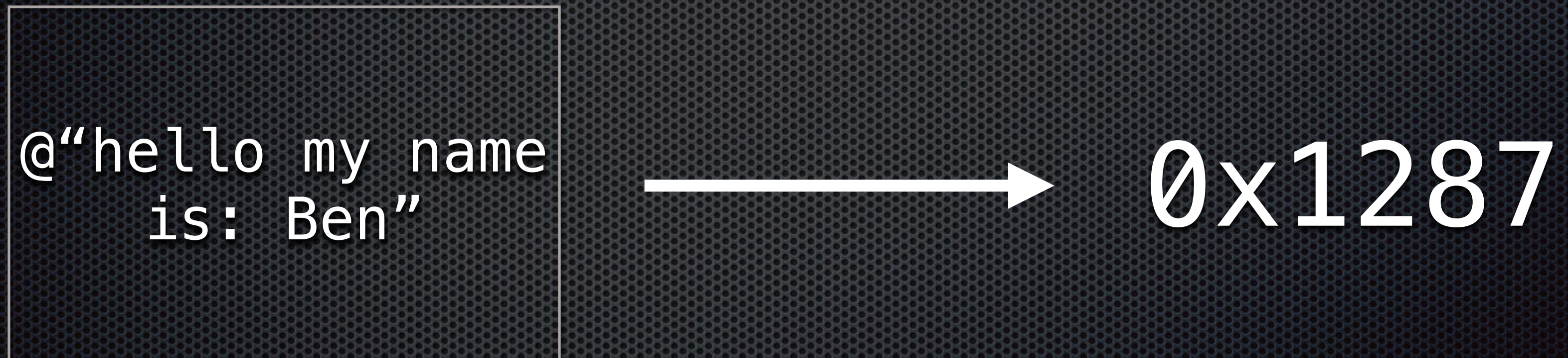
`0xa64e`

`0x0001`

`@""`

Pointers

```
NSString *myName = [[NSString alloc]  
initWithFormat:@"hello my name is: %@", name];
```



Pointers

Heap

@“hello my name
is: Ben”



0x1287

0xfffff

0x1287

0x0001

@“hello my name is: Ben”

Pointers

Heap

0xfffff

0x1234

0x1287

0x1ae7

0x1007

0x0001

<object 0x1234>

@“Some other string”

@“more strings”

@“hello my name is: Ben”

Executable

@“Some other string”

@“Some other string”

0x1234	0x1234	0x1234
0x1234	0x1234	0x1234
0x1234	0x1234	0x1234
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0x1234	0x1234	0x1234
0x1234	0x1234	0x1234
0x1234	0x1234	0x1234

Data

0x1234

0x1234

Code

Static

@“Some other string”

@“Some other string”

0x1234

0x1234

0xfffff

0x1234

0x1287

0x1ae7

0x1007

0x0001

Heap

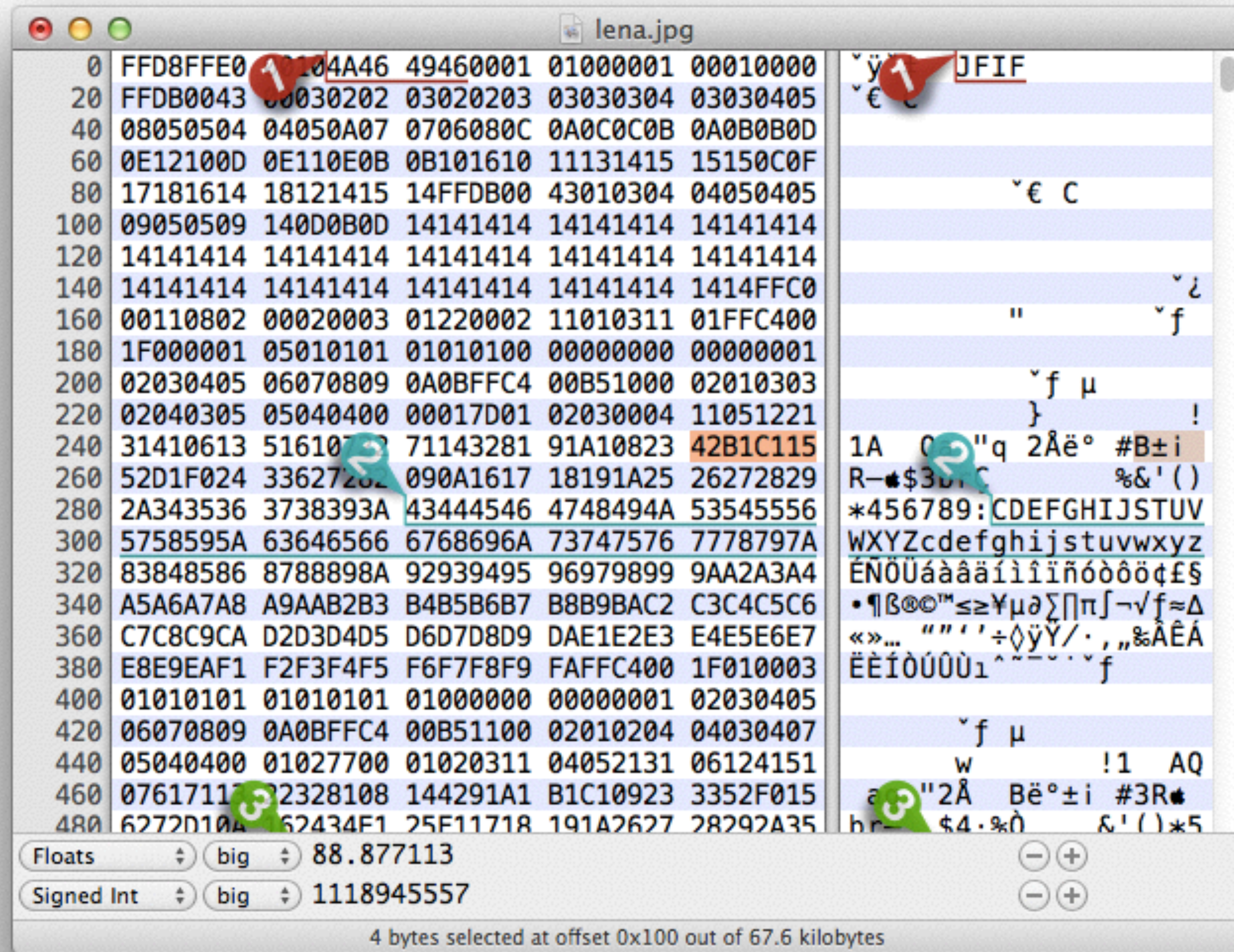
<object 0x1234>

@“Some other string”

@“more strings”

@“hello my name is: Ben”

Static



Pointers

```
NSString *myName = [[NSString alloc]  
    initWithFormat:@"hello my name is: %@", name];
```

```
NSString *myAge = [[NSString alloc]  
    initWithFormat:@"hello my age is: %d", age];
```


NSString *myName

@“my name
is: Ben”



0x123e

NSString *myAge

@“my age
is: 12”



0x1223

myName = myAge;

NSString *myName

@“my age
is: 12”

0x123e

NSString *myAge

@“my age
is: 12”

0x1223



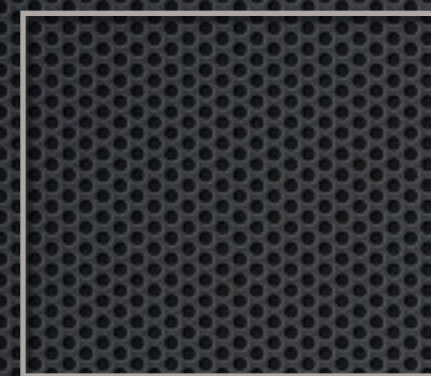
Memory Management Models

- Garbage Collected
- Reference Counting: (i.e. retain and release)
- Manual

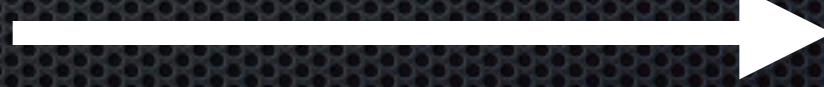
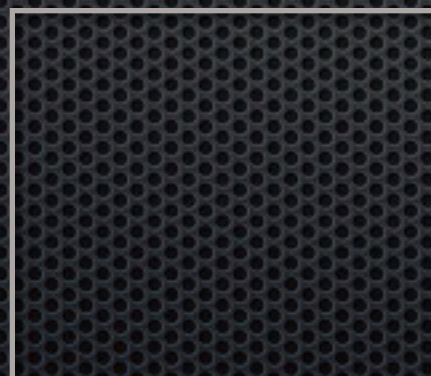
Garbage Collected

myName is cleaned up when the garbage collector runs

```
myName = myAge;
```



0x123e

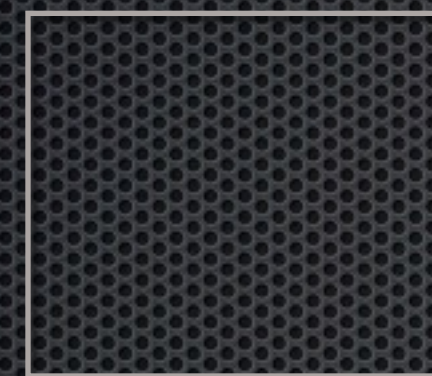


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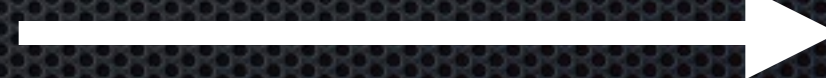
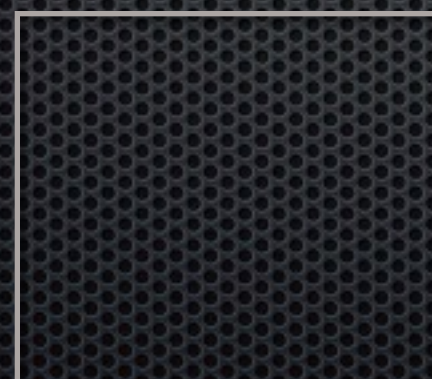
Reference Counting

```
[myName release];
```

```
myName = myAge;
```



0x123e

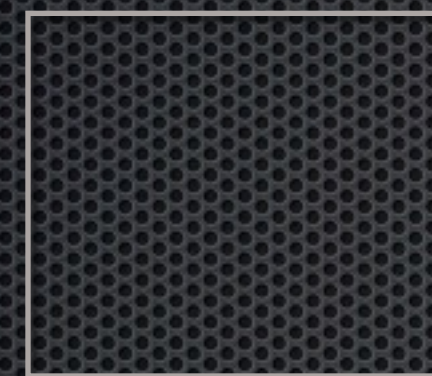


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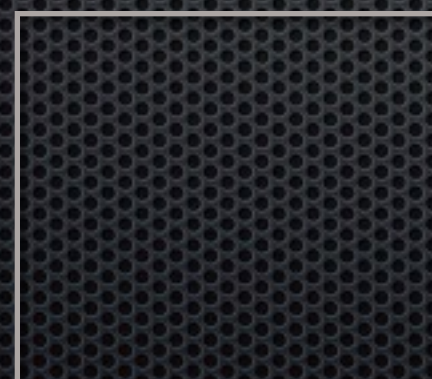
Manual Memory Management

```
free(myName);
```

```
myName = myAge;
```



0x123e



0x1223

Retain Count

```
NSString *myName = [[NSString alloc] init];
```

```
[myName retain];    // retain count 2
```

```
[myName release]; // retain count 1
```

```
[myName release]; // retain count 0
```

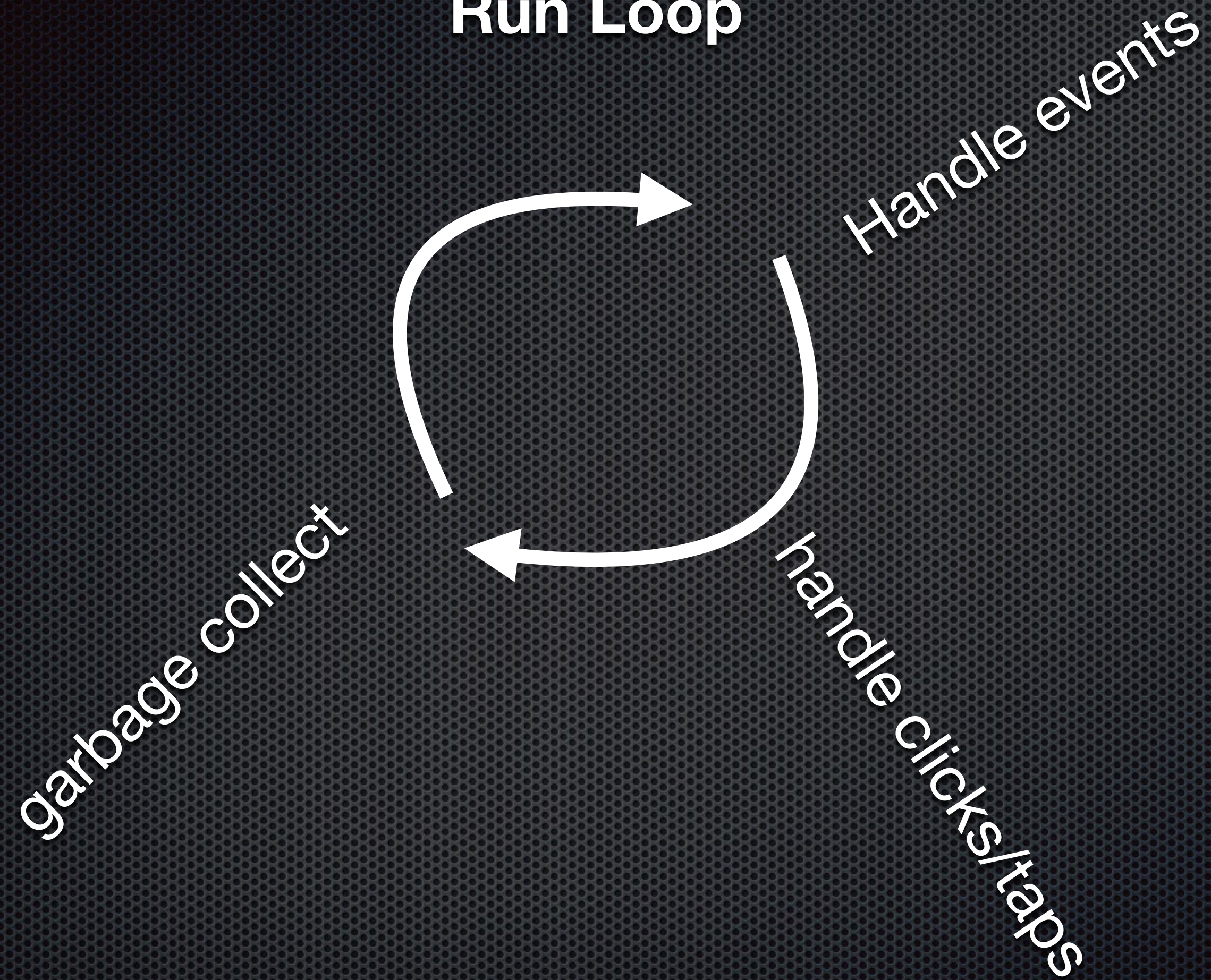

Manual Memory Management

```
char *myName = malloc(sizeof(char)*20);
```

```
addChars(myName, @“ben”);
```

```
free(myName);
```


Run Loop



Autorelease

```
// retain count 1  
NSString *myName = [[NSString alloc] init];  
  
[myName autorelease];    // retain count 1
```



```
@autoreleasepool {
```

```
// at end of pool
```

```
// release is called once for each
```

```
// autorelease command
```

```
[myName release];
```

```
}
```