

CSCB09 Software Tools and Systems Programming

Memory Model / IO

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Today's lecture

Memory Model (cont.)

Memory Issues

Memory Model worksheet

IO

Quick recap

IO Worksheet

Memory Model (cont.)

The *Complete* Memory Model

Static data

Space for the *evil* **global** variables and variables declared as **static**

Dynamic data (Heap)

Space for dynamically allocated data structures (malloc, calloc).

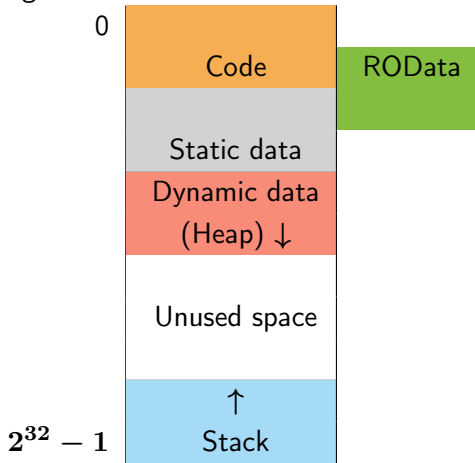
Stack

Space for variables created in function calls: a function's parameters and a function's local variables

Code/Text

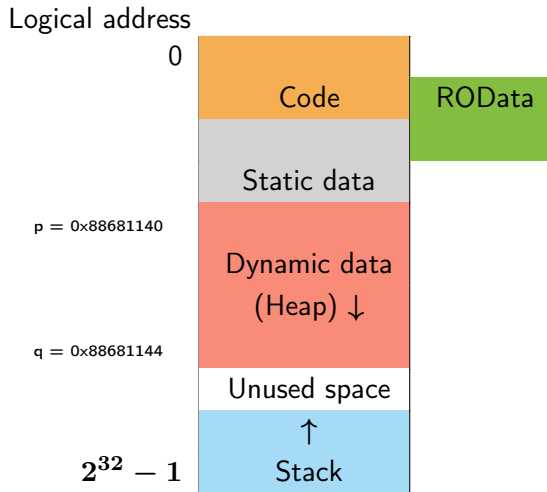
string literals: ROData (read-only data)
code/text, or static data depending on platform

Logical address



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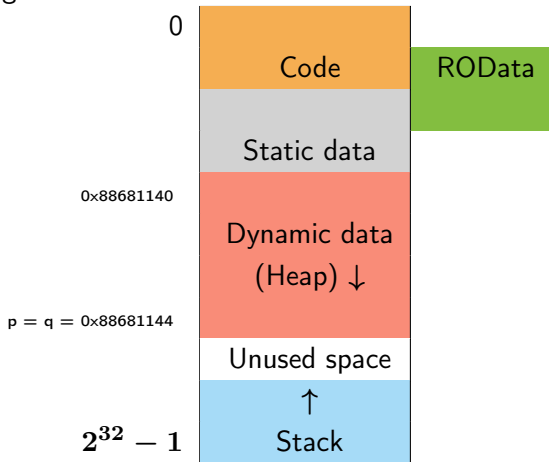
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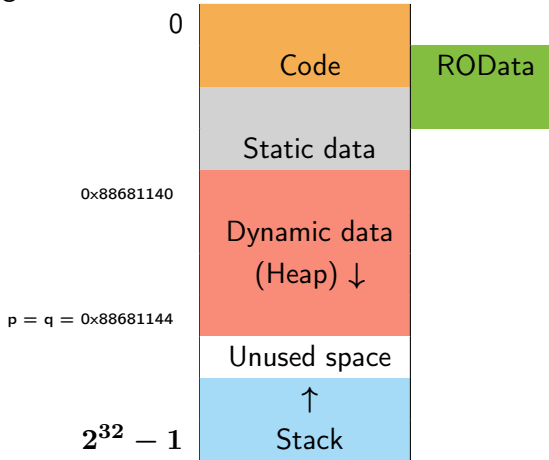
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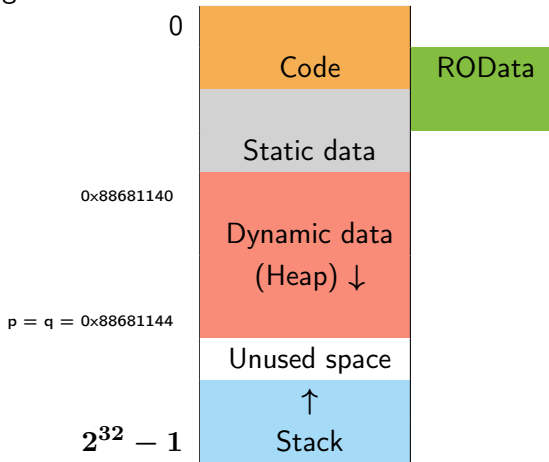
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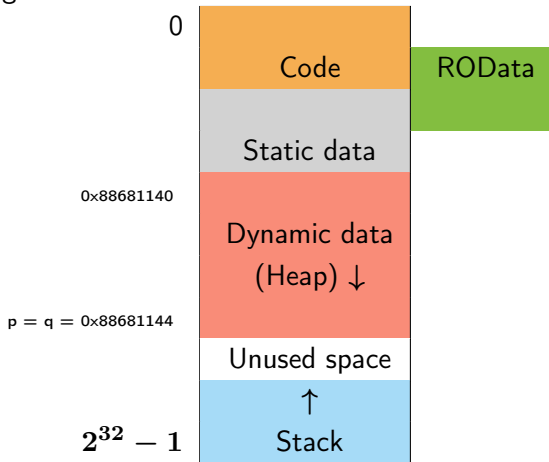
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- This is called a **memory leak**.
One of the most common programming errors.

Logical address



Dangling Pointers

```
char *p = malloc(5);  
...  
free(p);
```

p is now a pointer to memory it does not own.

```
strcpy(p, "abcd");    // Bad things can  
                        happen
```

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```
1 #include <stdlib.h>
2 #include <string.h>
3
4 int main() {
5     // store in stack
6     char first[] = "Monday";
7     // string literal
8     char *second = "Tuesday";
9     // in heap
10    char *third = malloc(sizeof(char) * 10);
11    strncpy(third, "Wednesday", 10);
12
13    return 0;
14 }
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2 // second[3] = '\0'; // This will cause undefined behaviour  
3 third[3] = '\0';
```

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2  
3 array[0] = first;  
4 array[1] = second;  
5 array[2] = third;
```

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Storing Characters

- Characters are 1 byte long integers
- The ASCII code maps characters to corresponding int.
- E.g. `char c = 'A'` is identical to `char c = 65`
- When you store an 'A' the 8 bits that are stored are:
01000001 (representing the number 65 in binary).

Character Name	Char	Code	Decimal	Binary	Hex
Null	NUL	Ctrl @	0	00000000	00
Start of Heading	SOH	Ctrl A	1	00000001	01
Start of Text	STX	Ctrl B	2	00000010	02
End of Text	ETX	Ctrl C	3	00000011	03
End of Transmit	EOT	Ctrl D	4	00000100	04
Enquiry	ENQ	Ctrl E	5	00000101	05
Acknowledge	ACK	Ctrl F	6	00000110	06
Bell	BEL	Ctrl G	7	00000111	07
Back Space	BS	Ctrl H	8	00001000	08
Horizontal Tab	TAB	Ctrl I	9	00001001	09
Line Feed	LF	Ctrl J	10	00001010	0A
Vertical Tab	VT	Ctrl K	11	00001011	0B
Form Feed	FF	Ctrl L	12	00001100	0C
Carriage Return	CR	Ctrl M	13	00001101	0D
Shift Out	SO	Ctrl N	14	00001110	0E
Shift In	SI	Ctrl O	15	00001111	0F
Data Line Escape	DLE	Ctrl P	16	00010000	10
Device Control 1	DC1	Ctrl Q	17	00010001	11
Device Control 2	DC2	Ctrl R	18	00010010	12
Device Control 3	DC3	Ctrl S	19	00010011	13
Device Control 4	DC4	Ctrl T	20	00010100	14
Negative Acknowledge	NAK	Ctrl U	21	00010101	15
Synchronous Idle	SYN	Ctrl V	22	00010110	16
End of Transmit Block	ETB	Ctrl W	23	00010111	17
Cancel	CAN	Ctrl X	24	00011000	18

SRC: <https://www.eso.org/~ndelmott/ascii.html>

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Capital A	A	Shift A	65	01000001	41
Capital B	B	Shift B	66	01000010	42
Capital C	C	Shift C	67	01000011	43
Capital D	D	Shift D	68	01000100	44
Capital E	E	Shift E	69	01000101	45
Capital F	F	Shift F	70	01000110	46
Capital G	G	Shift G	71	01000111	47
Capital H	H	Shift H	72	01001000	48
Capital I	I	Shift I	73	01001001	49
Capital J	J	Shift J	74	01001010	4A
Capital K	K	Shift K	75	01001011	4B
Capital L	L	Shift L	76	01001100	4C
Capital M	M	Shift M	77	01001101	4D
Capital N	N	Shift N	78	01001110	4E
Capital O	O	Shift O	79	01001111	4F
Capital P	P	Shift P	80	01010000	50
Capital Q	Q	Shift Q	81	01010001	51
Capital R	R	Shift R	82	01010010	52
Capital S	S	Shift S	83	01010011	53
Capital T	T	Shift T	84	01010100	54
Capital U	U	Shift U	85	01010101	55
Capital V	V	Shift V	86	01010110	56
Capital W	W	Shift W	87	01010111	57
Capital X	X	Shift X	88	01011000	58
Capital Y	Y	Shift Y	89	01011001	59
Capital Z	Z	Shift Z	90	01011010	5A
Left Bracket	[[91	01011011	5B
Backward Slash	\	\	92	01011100	5C
Right Bracket]]	93	01011101	5D

- `fgets` reads characters, `fprintf` writes characters.
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```
size_t  fread(void *ptr, size_t size,  
              size_t nmemb, FILE *  
              stream);
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read $\text{nmemb} \times \text{size}$ bytes into memory at
`ptr`
returns number of items read

```
size_t fwrite(const void *ptr, size_t  
              size,
```

write $\text{nmemb} \times \text{size}$ bytes from `ptr` to the
file pointer `stream`
returns number of items written

Binary I/O

- fgetc reads characters, fprintf writes characters.
- By contrast, fread and fwrite operate on bytes.

```
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              size_t nmemb, FILE *  
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```
/* write an integer to the file */  
int num = 1999999;  
n = fwrite(&num, sizeof(num), 1, fp);
```

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size_t fwrite(const void *ptr, size_t  
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IO Worksheet

What's written to the file? (show the bits)	Code	What's in the Memory? (show the bits)
	<code>char ch = 'A';</code>	
	<code>fprintf(fp, "A");</code>	
	<code>char ch = 'A';</code> <code>fprintf(fp, "%c", ch);</code>	
	<code>fprintf(fp, "5");</code>	
	<code>char ch = '5';</code> <code>fprintf(fp, "%c", ch);</code>	
	<code>int i = 5;</code>	

(Assuming size of an integer is 4 bytes)

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