

1. \$ nm intro-1.o  $\rightarrow$  Text  
00000000  $\rightarrow$  main  
U puts
2. grep commands  $\rightarrow$  undefined
3. nm a.out | grep puts  
U puts@
4. we can put the preprocessor commands anywhere in the code
5. preprocessor -d  $\rightarrow$  dumb  
 $\hookrightarrow$  #define
6. preprocessor stores table of vars
7. int main() {  
    & 100(); // not defined, but can be  
    & compiled.  
 $\hookrightarrow$  says U 100.
8. linker gives error if 100 is not defined  
 $\Delta$  normally gives 2 errors  
unresolved multiple definition hijacking  
external # cmd.
9. we could define on command  
gcc -DABCD=11 -c 1-client.c
10. we could #define 100=bar

- 1) type is compile-time & value is run-time
- 2) dangling - no location, no access  
garbage - location, no access
- 3)  

The diagram illustrates a memory layout with several vertical bars representing memory blocks. A pointer variable 'a' is shown pointing to the first element of an array 'a[5]'. The array itself is represented by five adjacent boxes. An arrow points from the label '\*a + 5' to the fifth box, which is labeled 'dangling'. To the right of the array, a small circle represents a heap-allocated block. A line connects the end of the array to this heap block, with the text 'could crash' above it and 'no physical location' below it.
- 4) The unit of memory that is transferred b/t OS and program
- 5) At runtime array becomes const pointer. It won't check array at runtime. C/C++ are languages for efficiency
- 6) free(q+1) → undefined behaviour  
free(q) called 2 times ↑  
& make the prog safe by hijacking a fn
- 7) can we write our own

gcc -E : shows output of the preprocessor

gcc -c : compile

nm l-intro.o

using this we can find out what the object file contains

something about puts - means undefined

Unique only to gcc compiler.

~~task~~ learn how to use grep

command

group regular expression

pipe symbol → | → output of left command is input to right

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#include <stdio.h>
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#define what 100
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int main()
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{ #define what1 200
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// Print (what)
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// Print (what1) {
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We can put preprocessor directive anywhere in the program, doesn't matter where.

#define what 100

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printf ("%d\n", what)
```

#define what 300

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printf ("%d\n", what)
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so o/p:  
100  
300

overrides 100,  
no problem.

→ changes at  
that point only

If this wasn't

there & we tried to

call what, we'd get an error  
error during compilation, but  
not in the preprocessor.stage

nm 3-client.o (spose)

      v for  
00000000 T main

itk how many of

# ifo → works like block  
comment in C  
# endif compile

A program will ~~run~~ if its interface exists and implementation doesn't.



But if we run such a program, we will get an error (usually a linker error)

Linked lists, stacks → Interfaces.

Linker errors:

1. undefined externals
2. multiple definition

gcc -DABCDEF=111 -f c 3-client.c  
variable name

defining on the command line  
HTL, to call one function.

PRO.

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int main()
{
    foo();
}
```

gcc -D foo=bar -c 3-client.c

→ ↓

this will make the above code  
bar() & call that.

So we've changed the file w/o  
touching the file

This is called flijacking

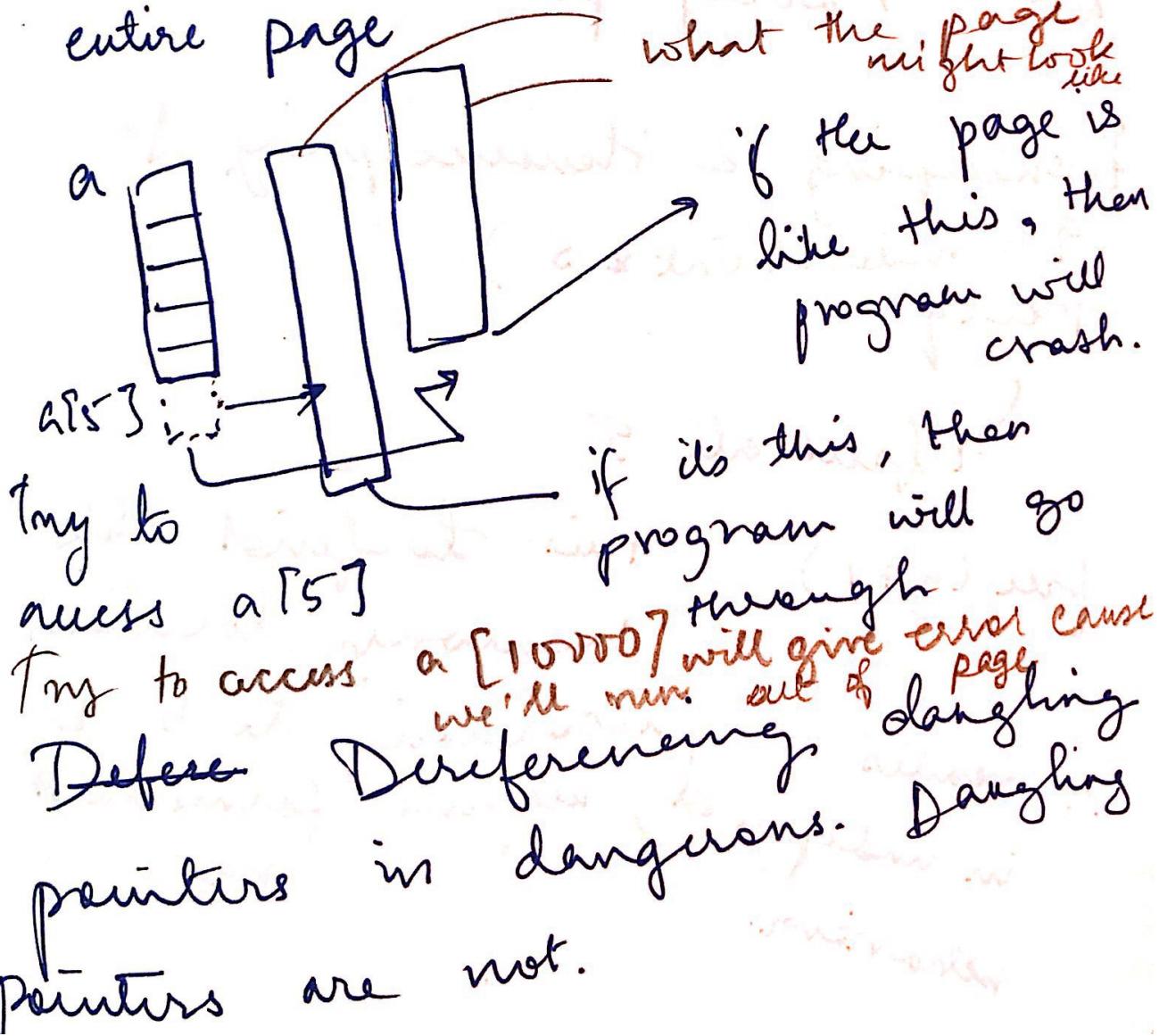
\* Type is a compile time mechanism  
Value is a runtime mechanism.

no access, location — garbage  
access, no location — dangling  
pointer

Dangling pointer can be anywhere but ~~heap~~ garbage is only in heap.

The unit by which memory is transferred by OS to user program is called page.

So when we ask for say 1 byte, OS can't give so less, gives an entire page.



Java is designed for safety & networking

C & C++ are defined for efficiency

At runtime pointers and arrays are the same.

\* Think.

$a \rightarrow$  integer pointer  
 $\& a \rightarrow$  array pointer

Bookkeeping & Housekeeping \*

$q = \text{malloc}(\text{int} * 5)$   
 $\text{free}(q)$

free all 5

$\text{free}(q+1)$  tries to find this memory location

:- results in undefined behavior.  
according to book keeping formula it has

malloc, calloc can be hijacked  
by mymalloc, mycalloc of the  
same signature

mymalloc can call malloc and it'll  
work the same way

↓  
just keep record of the pointers in  
a data structures i.e make it a  
data structure.

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can we write our own malloc  
& free where we keep our own  
bookkeeping? something to  
think about

Double free — program crash.

Steps of getting a C program to run  
preprocessing...

• nm objectfile.o

← shows what object files contain

• T ← text segment  
U ← bss becomes puts

gcc  
called  
ld  
by  
linker

once linked, it still stays U but now it shows  
some glbcs thing → dll → dynamic  
linked library  
or shared object (so in linux)

• We can use ~~#~~ preprocessor commands anywhere  
in the code

• no concept of scope, overwrites value, can be  
put anywhere

• you can compile a program if it has interface  
even if its implementation isn't there

• nm command shows U

once we have an implementation, it ~~shows~~  
shows some stuff with

Linker errors  
→ unreferenced external, multiple definitions.  
, if you have an undefined thing

• To define on cmd line

gcc -D ABCD=111 -c

• To change foo() to bar() at compile time  
without touching the file → Hijacking

- type is compile time mechanism  
value is runtime mechanism
- dangling ptr → on stack
  - ↳ location but ~~no access~~ no location
- garbage → ~~no access~~ location
  - ↑ always on heap
- The unit of memory given by OS to program → page
  - if you run out of physical space
    - will crash
- dangling ptr itself isn't dangerous, but dereferencing it is dangerous
- book-keeping → the amt. of heap mem. is assigned to a pointer as a record
  - free(g+1) → ~~out~~ undefined behaviour
- Is it possible to hijack malloc / free?
- Can we <sup>create</sup> malloc / free ourselves?