

Dynamic memory allocation

*C

→ Memory allocated during Compile time is called Static memory. is fixed and cannot be increased or decreased during runtime.

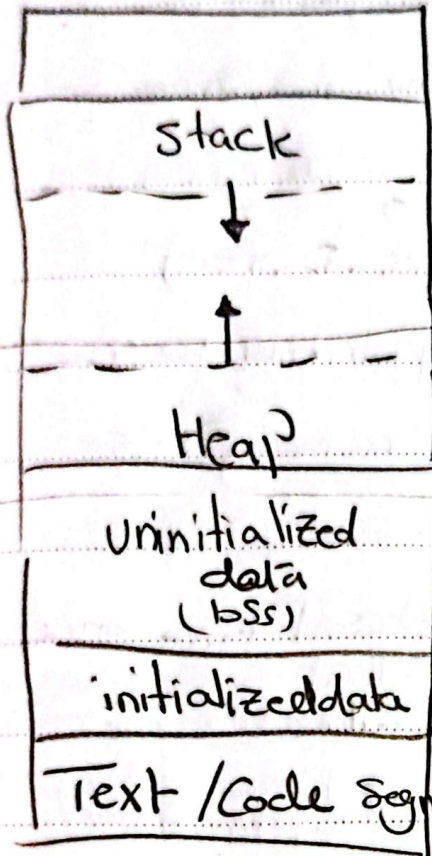
```
int main() {
```

```
    int arr[5] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
```

```
}
```

↑ memory allocated at Compile time
(Size is Fixed) is Fixed.

→ The process of allocating memory at the time of execution is called [dynamic memory allocation]



→ (Heap) is the Segment of memory where dynamic memory allocation takes place.

→ memory is allocated or deallocated without any order or randomly.

Unlike (Stack)

memory is allocated or deallocated in defined order

[Allocated memory can only be accessed through pointers]

Built in functions:

malloc()

calloc()

realloc()

free()

malloc() → header file <stdlib.h>

+ "memory allocation"

Used to dynamically allocate a single large block of contiguous memory according to the size specified.

Syntax (Void*) malloc (size_t size) ^{↙ unsigned int}

it returns a pointer pointing to the first byte of the allocated memory else return NULL.

WHY Void pointer?
 → malloc doesn't have an idea of what is pointing to.
 → merely allocates memory without knowing type or data.
 → Void pointer can be typecast.

int *ptr = (int*) malloc(4)

↑ 4 bytes of memory


```
*include <stdio.h>
```

```
*include <stdlib.h>
```

```
int main() {
```

```
    int i, n;
```

```
    Printf ("Enter the number of integers;");
```

```
    Scanf ("%d", &n);
```

```
    int *ptr = (int*) malloc (n * sizeof(int));
```

```
    if (ptr == NULL) {
```

```
        Printf ("Memory not available.");
```

```
        exit (1); }
```

```
    For (i=0; i<n; i++) {
```

```
        Printf ("Enter an integer:");
```

```
        Scanf ("%d", ptr+i); }
```

```
    For (i=0; i<n; i++) {
```

```
        Printf ("%d", *(ptr+i));
```

```
        return 0; }
```

Calloc()

↳ function is used to dynamically allocate multiple blocks of memory

`calloc()` need two arguments instead just one

```
void *Calloc (size_t n, size_t size);
```

no. of blocks

↑
Size of

each block

int *ptr = (int *)calloc(10, sizeof(int));
 ↳ int *ptr = (int *)malloc(10 * sizeof(int));

Note : Memory allocated by calloc is initialized to Zero

Memory allocated by malloc
is initialized with some garbage value

realloc(); (reallocation.)

↳ Function used to change the size of the memory block without losing the old data.

Void *realloc (void *ptr, Size_t newSize)

↑
Pointer to

the previously

allocated memory

↑

new size

→ On failure returns null,

→ This function moves the contents of the old block to a new block and the data of the old block is not lost.

→ We may lose the data when the new size is smaller than the old size.



free();

↳ Function is used to release the dynamically allocated memory in heap.

Syntax: Void free(ptr)



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Preprocessor

↳ a preprocessor preprocess our program before it's being compiled

E-g: `#include <stdio.h>`

↳ this `#include` preprocessor is used to include external header file in our program

`#define` preprocessor is used to define macros

`#define PI 3.145`
↑

macros

⇒ a macros is piece of code which given a name in program so where ever this text is written in the program the compiler replace it with the value written so

`PI 3.145` ✓

`PI (=3.145)` X

all of this ↑
is replaced (error)

List of Preprocessor Directives

- #define used to define macros
- #undef used to undefine macros
- #include used to include external header file
- #if def used to include a section of code if a certain macro is defined by #define
- #ifndef used to include a section of code if if certain macro is not defined by #define.
- #if Check for specified condition
- #else Alternate code that executes when #if false
- #endif Used to mark the end of #if, #ifdef and #ifndef
- #error used to generate a compilation error
- #line used to modify line number and file name.



note :

`#include "file_name"`

`#include <file_name>`

File inclusion with double quotes (" ") tells the Compiler to search for the header file in the directory of source file while (< >) is used for System lib.

#define preprocessor Directive: Macros

A macros is an identified in a #define preprocessor directive.

The macro-identifier is replaced in the program with the replacement-text before the program is compiled.

Define Punction macros

* define Circle_Area (x) $(3.14159) * (x) * (x)$

```
int main() {  
    area = Circle_Area (4);
```

```
}
```

expanded to
is replaced by
 $(3.14159) * (4) * (4)$

Macro Circle_Area could be defined as a Function

```
double CircleArea (double x)
{
    return 3.14159 * x * x ;
}
```

This Function performs the same Calculation

↳ macro CIRCLE_AREA

but "overhead of a function call" is associated with Function CircleArea.

*undef director