

CSC209H Worksheet: Stacks and Heaps

1. Trace the memory usage for the program below. We have set up both stack frames for you, and the location of the heap.

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <limits.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <errno.h>
```

```
int *mkarray1(int a, int b, int c) {
    int arr[3];
    arr[0] = a;
    arr[1] = b;
    arr[2] = c;

    int *p = arr;
    return p;
}
```

```
// Code for other_function() omitted
```

```
int main() {
    int *ptr = mkarray1(10, 20, 30);
    other_function();
    printf("%d %d %d\n", ptr[0], ptr[1], ptr[2]);
    free(ptr);
}
```

Section	Address	Value	Label
Heap	0x23c	10	
	0x240	20	
	0x244	30	
	0x248		
	:	:	
stack frame for mkarray1	0x454	10	a
	0x458	20	b
	0x45c	30	c
	0x460	0x23c	arr
	0x464		
	0x46c		
	0x470		
	0x474		
	0x478		
	0x47c		
stack frame for main	0x480		
	0x484		
	0x488		
	0x48c		

2. The program in part 1 will not work correctly. Notice the call to `other_function`. Explain to your partner why the program doesn't work. Fix the `mkarray1` function, and trace it again.
3. Once you've fixed the code, add a statement to your program to deallocate the memory on the heap as soon as possible.

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4. Trace the memory usage for the program below. We have set up the stack frame for you, and the location of the heap.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

/* Build an array in dynamic memory to hold
   multiples of x from x to x*x.
   Return a pointer to this array.
*/
int *multiples(int x) {
    int *a = malloc(sizeof(int) * x);
    for (int i=0; i < x; i++) {
        a[i] = (i+1) * x;
    }
    return a;
}

int main() {
    int *ptr;
    int size = 3;

    for (int j=size; j<6;j++) {

        ptr = multiples(size);

        for (int i=0; i<size; i++) {
            printf("%d\t", ptr[i]);
        }
        printf("\n");

        return 0;
    }
}
```

Section	Address	Value	Label	
Heap	0x224	3		
	0x228	6		
	0x22c	9		
	0x230	4		
	0x234	8		
	0x238	12		
	0x23c	16		
	0x240			
	0x244			
	stack frame for multiples	0x470		3 3 4
0x470		230	a	
0x474		0x224	i	
0x478				
stack frame for main		0x47c	0x224	ptr
		0x480		
		0x484	3	size
		0x488		
		0x48c	3 4	j

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5. Change the main function so that it calls `multiples` and prints the array in a loop with sizes of 3, 4, and 5. Besides the changes described, do not make any other changes or additions to the code.
6. Trace the memory usage of your changed program. Explain the problem to your partner and then fix it by adding calls to deallocate the memory.

Dangling pointer - use after free  
Memory leak - lose the address of a dynamically allocated block