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## C Basics

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### 1 Pre-Check

This section is designed as a conceptual check for you to determine if you conceptually understand and have any misconceptions about this topic. Please answer true/false to the following questions, and include an explanation:

1.1 True or False: C is a pass-by-value language.

True

- 1.2 What is a pointer? What does it have in common to an array variable?

  The pointer is an address, an array(especially its name) is also a address
- 1.3 If you try to dereference a variable that is not a pointer, what will happen? What about when you free one?

It well gets the value that store in the <code>ObXXXXXXXX</code> It will causes sag-fault

1.4 When should you use the heap over the stack? Do they grow?

When it's should not be recover when return

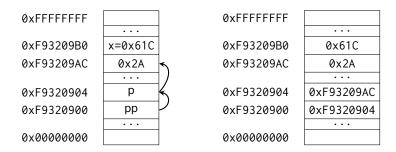
#### 2 C

C is syntactically similar to Java, but there are a few key differences:

- 1. C is function-oriented, not object-oriented; there are no objects.
- 2. C does not automatically handle memory for you.
  - Stack memory, or things that are not manually allocated: data is garbage immediately after the function in which it was defined returns.
  - Heap memory, or *things allocated with* malloc, calloc, *or* realloc: data is freed only when the programmer explicitly frees it!
  - There are two other sections of memory that we learn about in this course, static and code, but we'll get to those later.
  - In any case, allocated memory always holds garbage until it is initialized!
- 3. C uses pointers explicitly. If p is a pointer, then \*p tells us to use the value that p points to, rather than the value of p, and &x gives the address of x rather than the value of x.

On the left is the memory represented as a box-and-pointer diagram.

On the right, we see how the memory is really represented in the computer.



Let's assume that int\* p is located at 0xF9320904 and int x is located at 0xF93209B0. As we can observe:

- \*p evaluates to 0x2A  $(42_{10})$ .
- p evaluates to 0xF93209AC.
- $\bullet$  x evaluates to 0x61C.
- &x evaluates to 0xF93209B0.

Let's say we have an int \*\*pp that is located at 0xF9320900.

2.1 What does pp evaluate to? How about \*pp? What about \*\*pp?

pp evaluates to 0xF9320904, \*pp evaluates to 0xF93209AC, \*\*pp evaluates to 0x2A

- 2.2 The following functions are syntactically-correct C, but written in an incomprehensible style. Describe the behavior of each function in plain English.
  - (a) Recall that the ternary operator evaluates the condition before the ? and returns the value before the colon (:) if true, or the value after it if false.

```
Sum arr[0] to arr[n-1]

int foo(int *arr, size_t n) {
    return n ? arr[0] + foo(arr + 1, n - 1) : 0;
}
```

(b) Recall that the negation operator, !, returns 0 if the value is non-zero, and 1 if the value is 0. The ~ operator performs a bitwise not (NOT) operation.

sum is the number of zero in arr, and return -sum(two's complementaion)

```
int bar(int *arr, size_t n) {
   int sum = 0, i;

for (i = n; i > 0; i--)
   sum += !arr[i - 1];

return ~sum + 1;
}
```

(c) Recall that  $\hat{}$  is the *bitwise exclusive-or* (XOR) operator. exchange x and y

- (d) (Bonus: How do you write the  $bitwise\ exclusive-nor\ (XNOR)$  operator in C?) XNOR:  $\sim (x^y)$
- 3 Programming with Pointers
- [3.1] Implement the following functions so that they work as described.
  - (a) Swap the value of two ints. Remain swapped after returning from this function.

```
void swap(
    to easy...
```

(b) Return the number of bytes in a string. Do not use strlen.

```
int mystrlen(
     to easy...
```

- 3.2 The following functions may contain logic or syntax errors. Find and correct them.
  - (a) Returns the sum of all the elements in summands.

```
int sum(int* summands) {
   int sum = 0;
   for (int i = 0; i < sizeof(summands); i++)
        sum += *(summands + i);
   return sum;
}
sizeof is error in this function, it will return 4 or 8</pre>
```

(b) Increments all of the letters in the string which is stored at the front of an array of arbitrary length,  $n \ge strlen(string)$ . Does not modify any other parts of the array's memory.

```
void increment(char* string, int n) {
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)</pre>
```

```
3 *(string + i)++;
4 }
    (*(string+i))++;
```

(c) Copies the string src to dst.

```
void copy(char* src, char* dst) {
while (*dst++ = *src++);

dst = *src;
dst++; src++;
```

(d) Overwrites an input string src with "61C is awesome!" if there's room. Does nothing if there is not. Assume that length correctly represents the length of src.

Its a bad idea that composed dereference and increment...

#### 4 Memory Management

- 4.1 For each part, choose one or more of the following memory segments where the data could be located: **code**, **static**, **heap**, **stack**.
  - (a) Static variables
  - (b) Local variables
  - (c) Global variables
  - (d) Constants
  - (e) Machine Instructions
  - (f) Result of malloc
  - (g) String Literals

- 4.2 Write the code necessary to allocate memory on the heap in the following scenarios
  - (a) An array arr of k integers
  - (b) A string  $\operatorname{\mathsf{str}}$  containing p characters
  - (c) An  $n \times m$  matrix mat of integers initialized to zero.
- 4.3 What's the main issue with the code snippet seen here? (Hint: gets() is a function that reads in user input and stores it in the array given in the argument.)

```
char* foo() {
char* buffer[64];
gets(buffer);

char* important_stuff = (char*) malloc(11 * sizeof(char));

int i;
for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) important_stuff[i] = buffer[i];
important_stuff[i] = "\0";
return important_stuff;
}</pre>
```

Suppose we've defined a linked list **struct** as follows. Assume \*lst points to the first element of the list, or is NULL if the list is empty.

```
struct ll_node {
    int first;
    struct ll_node* rest;
}
```

4.4 Implement prepend, which adds one new value to the front of the linked list. Hint: why use ll\_node \*\* lst instead of ll\_node\*lst?

```
void prepend(struct ll_node** lst, int value)
```

4.5 Implement free\_11, which frees all the memory consumed by the linked list.

```
void free_ll(struct ll_node** lst)
```