

Quiz Submissions - Week 5 Quiz



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Attempt 1

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Question 1

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How is tracking of free blocks using an explicit list implemented?

- A. A table stored at the beginning of the heap gives a list of all free blocks.
- B. Each block contains a pointer to the previous and next blocks.
- C. Each *free* block contains a pointer to the previous and next *free* blocks, while *allocated* blocks just contain the size information.
- D. Each block contains a pointer to the previous and next *free* blocks.

☐ Answer A.

☐ Answer B.

☒ Answer C.

☐ Answer D.

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Question 2

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In normal usage, and compared to implicit lists, how do explicit lists impact internal fragmentation?

- A. Internal fragmentation is greater with implicit lists.
- B. Internal fragmentation is greater with explicit lists.
- C. Internal fragmentation stays the same.
- D. This heavily depends on the definition of "normal usage."

☐ Answer A.

✗ ☐ Answer B.

➡ ☐ Answer C.

☐ Answer D.

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Question 3

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What is the strategy used by the explicit list implementation of malloc to choose a free block?

- A. Same as implicit list: there are multiple choices (e.g., *first-fit*, *next-fit*, *best-fit*).
- B. By coalescing the first few free blocks at the beginning of the list.
- C. By taking the free block that is at the beginning of the list.
- D. By doing a binary search within the explicit list.

✓ ☒ Answer A.

☐ Answer B.

☐ Answer C.

☐ Answer D.

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Question 4

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In explicit lists of free blocks, once a block is freed, how is it inserted into the list of free blocks?

- A. It is always inserted at some position that depends on the address of the block, and any other choice would be incorrect.
- B. It is always inserted at the beginning of the list, and any other choice would be incorrect.
- C. This is implementation dependent; it can for instance be inserted at the beginning of the list, or at some position that depends on the address of the block.
- D. It is inserted in its own new list, to allow for coalescing.

☐ Answer A.

✗ ☐ Answer B.

➡ ☐ Answer C.

☐ Answer D.

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Question 5

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Which statement holds?

- A. The smaller the number of lists in segregated lists, the more *first-fit* search in segregated lists approximates *best-fit* in explicit lists.
- B. The greater the number of lists in segregated lists, the more *best-fit* search in segregated lists approximates *first-fit* in explicit lists.
- C. The greater the number of lists in segregated lists, the more *first-fit* search in segregated lists approximates *best-fit* in explicit lists.

☐ Answer A.

☐ Answer B.

☒ Answer C.

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Question 6

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In segregated lists of free blocks, several external lists are used. What are they?

- A. They are a few lists (about 128), each of them keeping track of free blocks in a fixed size range (about 64 of them are ranges of size 1).
- B. They are an unbounded number of lists, each of them keeping track of free blocks in a fixed size range (about half of them are ranges of size 1).
- C. They are a few lists (about 128), each of them keeping track of free blocks in a size range, and each range can evolve during execution.
- D. They are an unbounded number of lists, each of them keeping track of free blocks in a size range, and each range can evolve during execution.

☒ Answer A.

☐ Answer B.

☐ Answer C.

☐ Answer D.

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Question 7

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In the context of memory management, what is garbage?

- A. Heap-allocated storage that is no longer referenced.
- B. Another term for Java.
- C. A heap-location that is referenced by the user, but is within a free block.
- D. Another term for free memory (free blocks).

➡ ☐ Answer A.

☐ Answer B.

✗ ☐ Answer C.

☐ Answer D.

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Question 8

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When a memory snapshot is seen as a graph, the nodes are memory locations. We distinguish the *heap* nodes and the *root* nodes. What are the root nodes?

- A. Any variable accessible in the current function of the original C program (scope-wise).
- B. Variables stored in the registers.
- C. Variables stored in the `.data` and `.bss` segments.
- D. Variables stored on the stack.
- E. All of A, B, C, D.
- F. Two or more of A, B, C, D, but not all.

☐ Answer A.

☐ Answer B.

☐ Answer C.

☐ Answer D.

☒ Answer E.

☐ Answer F.

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Question 9

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What are assumptions required to implement mark-and-sweep perfectly?

- A. We can find the beginning of a block given an address *within* the block.
- B. We can list all the roots in the memory graph.
- C. We can decide whether a memory location contains a pointer.
- D. We can go from one allocated block to the next.
- E. All of A, B, C, D.
- F. Two or more of A, B, C, D, but not all.

- ☐ Answer A.
- ☐ Answer B.
- ☐ Answer C.
- ☐ Answer D.
- ☒ Answer E.
- ☐ Answer F.

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Question 10

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What is the strategy of mark-and-sweep garbage collection?

- A. Traverse the memory graph from the roots, then delete nodes that have not been visited.
- B. Increment a reference counter (marker) each time a new variable points to a zone in memory, and decrement when that variable is removed (changes value or is popped from stack). If the marker is 0, free the memory zone.
- C. Start at the leaves of the memory graph, and perform a random traversal for no more than `brk` steps, then delete nodes that have not been visited.
- D. Mark all the memory zones returned by `malloc`, then on garbage collection, explore the current call stack to find addresses that are not marked, and free them.

➡ ☐ Answer A.

☐ Answer B.

☐ Answer C.

✗ ☐ Answer D.

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Question 11

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Which English description corresponds to the following type:

```
int *e[2]
```

- A. `e` is an array[2] of pointers to ints.
- B. `e` is a function returning an array[2] of ints.
- C. `e` is a pointer to an array[2] of ints.
- D. `e` is an array[2] of pointers to functions returning ints.
- E. This is not a correct type.

- ➡ ☐ Answer A.
- ☐ Answer B.
- ✗ ☐ Answer C.
- ☐ Answer D.
- ☐ Answer E.

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Question 12

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Which English description corresponds to the following type:

```
int (*(*t())())[2]
```

- A. t is a function returning an array[2] of pointers to functions returning pointers to ints.
- B. t is an array[2] of pointers to functions returning pointers to functions returning ints.
- C. t is a function returning a pointer to a function returning a pointer to an array[2] of ints.
- D. t is a pointer to a function returning a function returning a pointer to an array[2] of ints.
- E. This is not a correct type.

- ☐ Answer A.
- ☐ Answer B.
- ➡ ☐ Answer C.
- ✗ ☐ Answer D.
- ☐ Answer E.

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Question 13

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Which English description corresponds to the following type:

```
int (*(*k[2])())[3]
```

- A. k is a pointer to a function returning an array[2] of pointers to array[3] of ints.
- B. k is an array[2] of pointers to pointers to functions returning array[3] of ints.
- C. k is a pointer to an array[2] of pointers to functions returning array[3] of ints.
- D. k is an array[2] of pointers to functions returning pointers to array[3] of ints.
- E. This is not a correct type.

☐ Answer A.

☐ Answer B.

☐ Answer C.

➡ ☒ Answer D.

✗ ☐ Answer E.

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Question 14

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Which type corresponds to the following English description:

`r` is a function returning a pointer to an array[2] of pointers to functions returning pointers to pointers to ints.

A. `int **(**(r()))()[2]`

B. `int **(*(*r())[2])()`

C. `int *(*(*r))[2]()`

D. `int **(*(*r()))[2]()`

☐ Answer A.

✓ ☒ Answer B.

☐ Answer C.

☐ Answer D.

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Question 15

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Let's start with a bit of C fun. In C, if we have two statements `stat1` and `stat2`, then the *compound statement* `(stat1, stat2)` executes `stat1`, then `stat2`, and has the value of `stat2`.

For instance, `(v = 51, 42)` will set `v` to 51, and the compound statement itself has value 42. As another example, `x = (3, 14)` will evaluate 3 (with no effect), and set `x` to 14, as this is the value of the compound statement.

Now assume I have a standard linked list type `list_t`, and a list denoted by its head, like this:

```
typedef struct list {
    int val;
    struct list *next;
} list_t;
```

```
list_t *head;
```

What is a proper way to free this list?

A.

```
while (head) {  
    list_t *p = head->next;  
    free (head);  
    head = p;  
}
```

B.

```
void f (list_t *l) {  
    if (l) f (l->next);  
    free (l);  
}  
f (head);
```

C.

```
list_t *mf (list_t *a) {  
    return a + (free (head), 0);  
}  
while (head && (head = mf (head->next)));
```

D.

```
for (list_t *p; head && (p = head->next, 1); head = p)  
    free (head);
```

E. All of the above.


F. Some, but not all of the above.

☐ Answer A.

☐ Answer B.

☐ Answer C.

 ☐ Answer D.

 ☐ Answer E.

☐ Answer F.

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