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uint32_t nums[] = {77, 99, 45, 11, 13};
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uint32_t* ptr = nums + 2;
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printf("%p\n", nums); // prints 0x1000
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printf("%p %d", ptr, ptr[0]); // What does this print?
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0x1000 77	0x1008 45	0x1002 45	0x1000 45
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would be true  
for  $\text{ptr} = \text{nums}$

T

reflects

0x1002 45

would be  
true for  
 $\text{char}^*$

0x1000 45

this doesn't reflect  
that  $\text{ptr}$  is a different  
address than  $\text{nums}$

pointer arithmetic

rules.  $\text{ptr}$  has type  $\text{uint32\_t}$ , which is 4 bytes  
so adding 2 means add 2  $\text{uint32\_t}$ -sized  
chunks

$$P + n = P + (\text{sizeof}(t) * n)$$

$\uparrow$   
byte address result

$\text{ptr} = \text{nums} + 4$   
how would answer  
change?

0x1010 13

```

// DOUBLE the capacity of the list and copy over the old contents into the new
// space.
void expandCapacity(List* l) {
    uint32_t new_capacity = l->capacity * 2;
    Str* new_contents = calloc(sizeof(Str), new_capacity);
    Str* old_contents = l->contents;
    l->contents = new_contents;
    for(int i = 0; i < l->size; i += 1) {
        l->contents[i] = old_contents[i];
    }
    free(old_contents); // Important to avoid a memory leak
    l->capacity = new_capacity;
}

```

How to use  
 realloc() to simplify  
 expandCapacity?

$\text{size\_t size} = \text{new\_cap} * \text{sizeof}(\text{Str});$   
 $\text{l} \rightarrow \text{contents} =$   
 $\text{realloc}(\text{l} \rightarrow \text{contents}, \text{size})$ ;

void\* realloc(void\* ptr, size\_t size)

could we find out by just trying sizeof(size\_t)?

Try to expand memory at ptr to size.

essentially  
 uint64\_t

If not possible, allocate new memory and copy  
 the contents of ptr there, and return  
 new address. And free ptr

What happens to the old address of l->contents if realloc returns a new address? How would you free the memory?

what does void\* mean?

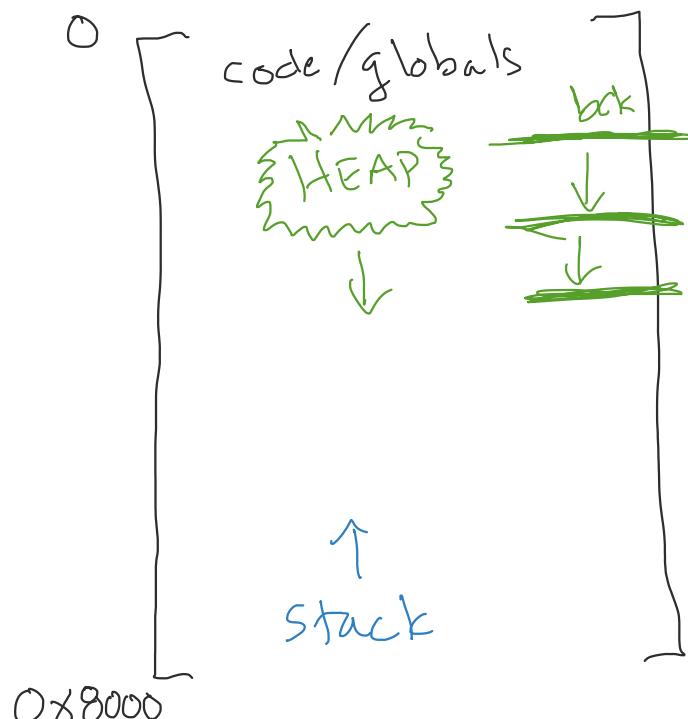
void\* is a pointer to data of unknown type  
 $\text{sizeof}(\text{void}) == 1$        $\text{sizeof}(\text{void*}) == 8$

# Implementing malloc() and free()

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#include <stdlib.h>
```

What's involved?

What do we need?



- Good throughput  
(mem ops / time)
- Utilization **BAD**

```
void* malloc(size_t size) { ... }  
void free(void* ptr) { ... }
```

We need the start of the heap!

```
void *sbrk(intptr_t increment);
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sbrk() increments the program's data space by increment bytes. Calling sbrk() with an increment of 0 can be used to find the current location of the program break.

"program's data space" is the heap

```
Void* malloc( size_t size ) {  
    return sbrk(size);  
}  
void free( Void* ptr ) { return; }
```

How does the return; statement in free prevent that address from being used again?

malloc() never repeats an address

If the break is moved, how do you keep track of where one memory block is supposed to end in case one piece of data tries to write into the next block?

Then what function does stop you from overwriting blocks in the heap?

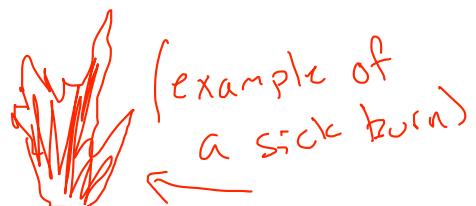
Nothing in C can prevent this

Consider your web browser  
(Safari Chrome Edge Firefox)

These programs run for

weeks

is this why chrome is so slow?



The memory leak from  
on Chrome is a big tear

want to  
re-use  
closed tab  
memory

close

Variable/Role	Address	Data
	0x...00	0/8
	0x...08	1/9
	0x...10	2/A
	0x...18	3/B
	0x...20	4/C
	0x...28	5/D
	0x...30	6/E
	0x...38	7/F
	0x...40	
	0x...48	
	0x...50	
	0x...58	
	0x...60	
	0x...68	
	0x...70	
	0x...78	
	0x...80	
	0x...88	
	0x...90	
	0x...98	
	0x...A0	
	0x...A8	
	0x...B0	
	0x...B8	
	0x...C0	
	0x...C8	
	0x...D0	
	0x...D8	
	0x...E0	
	0x...E8	
	0x...F0	
	0x...F8	

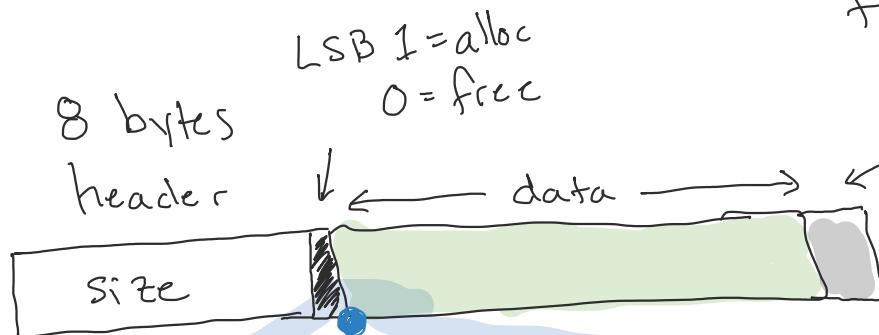
malloc doesn't do this - it does not prevent user of malloc from making mistakes

```
void* malloc(size_t size)  
void free(void* ptr)
```

2 necessary kinds of information:

- how long each "block" is
- whether each block is allocated or free

store this directly in the heap next to the allocated/free blocks for user



header value of  
what kind/size of block?  
0b1100 0001  
0x C1

its allocated and it is size 12

i think it's allocated

h & 1 (free/busy)

h & (~1) (count)

h & 0xFFFF...FE

and 192 bytes?

hmm, the size of block would be  $12 * 16 + 1 = 193$ ?

Not part of size!

free, size = 8+(13\*16) bytes

0xD8

size/kind?

a = malloc(13)

b = malloc(19)

c = malloc(8)

free(b)

If the next multiple of 8 is 24, then why 25?

need to set 1/0  
for busy/free  
to 1

Isn't it supposed to be ==

For conditional

if(HEAP\_START == NULL) { HEAP\_START = sbrk(1000); }

assigned to NULL every time

what address  
is forced in a?

The address where the user data part of a begins

main

a  
b  
c

0x..08  
0x..20  
0x..40

Variable/Role	Address	Data
	0x...00	0/8 1/9 2/A 3/B 4/C 5/D 6/E 7/F
	0x...08	17 (0x11) User data Pad
	0x...10	25 (0x19) → 24 (0x18) User data Pad
	0x...18	9 (0x9) User data
	0x...20	
	0x...28	
	0x...30	
	0x...38	
	0x...40	
	0x...48	
	0x...50	
	0x...58	
	0x...60	
	0x...68	
	0x...70	
	0x...78	
	0x...80	
	0x...88	
	0x...90	
	0x...98	
	0x...A0	
	0x...A8	
	0x...B0	
	0x...B8	
	0x...C0	
	0x...C8	
	0x...D0	
	0x...D8	
	0x...E0	
	0x...E8	
	0x...F0	
	0x...F8	

```
52 int main() {
53
54     char* a = mymalloc(13);
55     printf("HEAP_START vs a: %p %p\n", HEAP_START, a);
56     printf("first heap loc: 0x%lx\n", *(uint64_t*)HEAP_START);
57     char* b = mymalloc(19);
58     printf("HEAP_START vs b: %p %p\n", HEAP_START, b);
59     char* c = mymalloc(8);
60     printf("HEAP_START vs c: %p %p\n", HEAP_START, c);
61     uint64_t* b_header = (uint64_t*)(b - 8);
62     printf("b's header: %ld 0x%lx\n", b_header[0], b_header[0]);
63     myfree(b);
64     printf("b's header: %ld 0x%lx\n", b_header[0], b_header[0]);
65
66     char* d = mymalloc(20); // should use b's space!
67                         // But it just goes forward!
68                         // What to do? \
69
70     print_heap();
71
72 }
```

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|0 (free)
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|$ gcc -g mymalloc.c -o mymal
|$ ./mymalloc
|Rounded block size: 13 16
|HEAP_START vs a: 0x5582b87fa
|first heap loc: 0x11
|Rounded block size: 19 24
|HEAP_START vs b: 0x5582b87fa
|Rounded block size: 8 8
|HEAP_START vs c: 0x5582b87fa
|b's header: 25 0x19
|b's header: 24 0x18
|Rounded block size: 20 24
|16 (allocated)
|24 (free)
|18 (allocated)
|24 (allocated)
```

go through blocks in heap to find unallocated that is large enough











