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CSC 404 Object Oriented Programming

Operator Overloading in C++ - III

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“Operator overloading is just **syntactic sugar**, which means it is simply another way for a user to make a function call” – *Bruce Eckel (Thinking in C++, Vol 1)*

Some interesting overloading cases....

<< >> (insertion and extraction operator)

[] (subscript or array index operator)

= (assignment operator)

new

delete (memory allocation/deallocation op)

Overloading `new` & `delete` operator

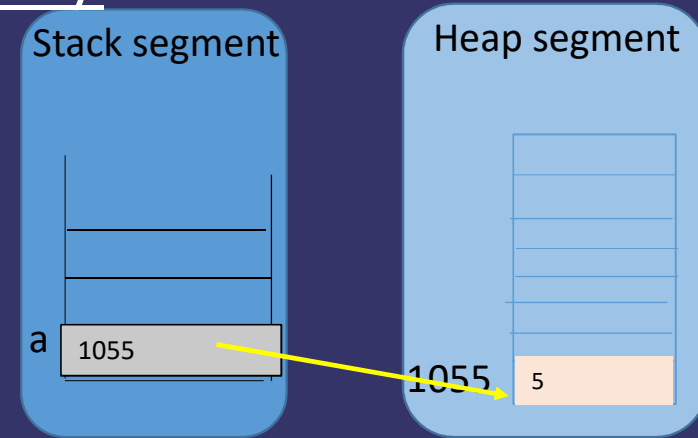
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```



Stack Segment hosts all local non-static var/objects

Heap Segment hosts all dynamically allocated (using new/malloc/calloc) var/objects

Data Segment hosts all global (static/non-static) and local static var/objects

Code Segment hosts the executable binary of all functions/methods

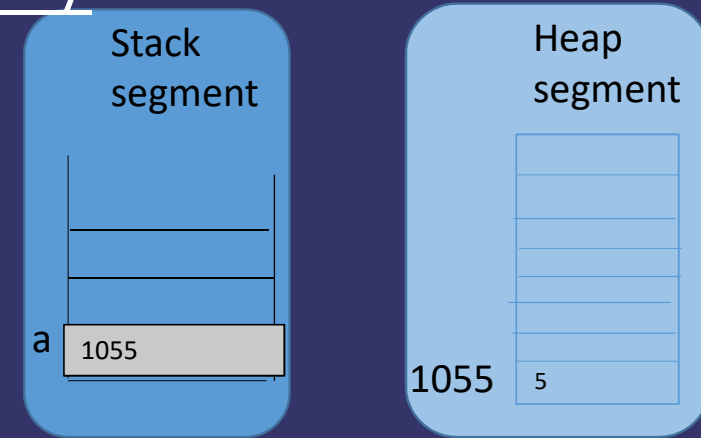
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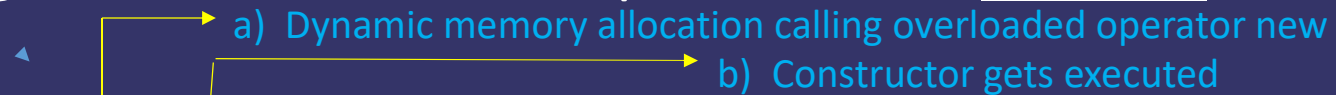


After delete operation the memory becomes free;
however the contents of the location still holds the previous value;
may pose a security threat

Can we make something extra during delete operation; some provision so that the location pointer by a is overwritten by 0 before deallocation?

One can change the storage allocation functions operator new and operator delete (by overloading them), if requires

Overloading **new** & **delete** operator – When?



- A **new-expression** (`complex *p=new complex`)
 - First the destructor is called, secondly, object storage is deallocated from heap using the operator delete
- Possible **cases when overloading new/delete is required**:
 - You might write a custom operator delete that overwrites deallocated memory with zeros in order to **increase the security of application data**
 - Dealing with **heap fragmentation** (allocating objects of different sizes may possibly to breaks up the heap so that you although storage might be available, but because of fragmentation no piece is big enough to satisfy your need)
 - **Embedded and real-time systems** (program runs for very long time) require that memory allocation always take the same amount of time, and there's no allowance for heap exhaustion or fragmentation
 - **Exception handling routine** can be added in overloaded new operator function when space allocation fails
 - Creating and destroying too many node objects of a particular linked-list class may become a **speed bottleneck**; we may have custom node allocation scheme that uses avail list
- The new/delete operator may be overloaded **globally / for a class**

Overloading Global new & delete operator

- If we overload the global versions, **the defaults becomes completely inaccessible for all classes** (inbuilt/user-defined); calling the defaults inside the redefinitions is also impossible – alternatively malloc/calloc can be used
- Syntax for overloading the new operator: **void* operator new(size_t)**
 - The input argument size_t is **generated and passed by the compiler** and is the size of the object to be allocated
 - The return value is a void* (if allocation is successful) i.e. a pointer to any particular type; as space allocation is completed and **object construction is yet to happen**;
 - (if allocation is unsuccessful) throw an exception to signal that there was a alloc problem; or do some thing else
- Syntax for overloading the delete operator **void delete(void *)**
 - Input argument is void* to memory that was allocated by operator new; as it's **called after the destructor destroys the object-ness of the space**

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    x=malloc(sz);

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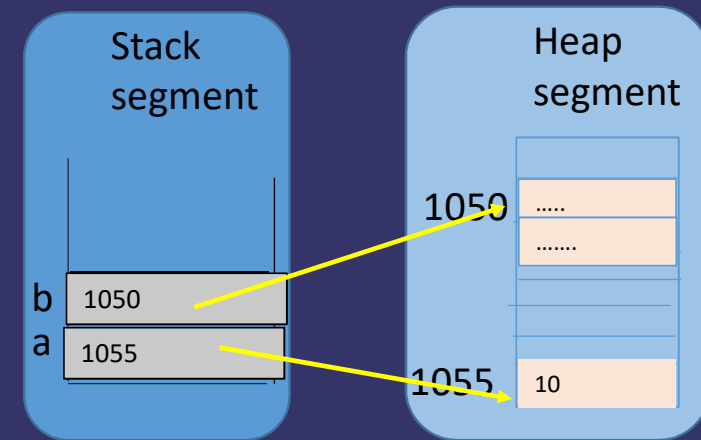
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int main(void)
{
    int *a=new int(10);

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    delete a;
    delete b;

    return 0;
}
```



Output:

```
Global Overloaded new; size: 4 bytes

Global Overloaded new; size: 20 bytes

Global Overloaded delete
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```

Note:

- Default new/delete becomes inaccessible for built-in data types
- Value of sz is estimated and passed by compiler
- cout can't be used as this iostream object too requires new to allocate memory
- Works for both single object or array of objects

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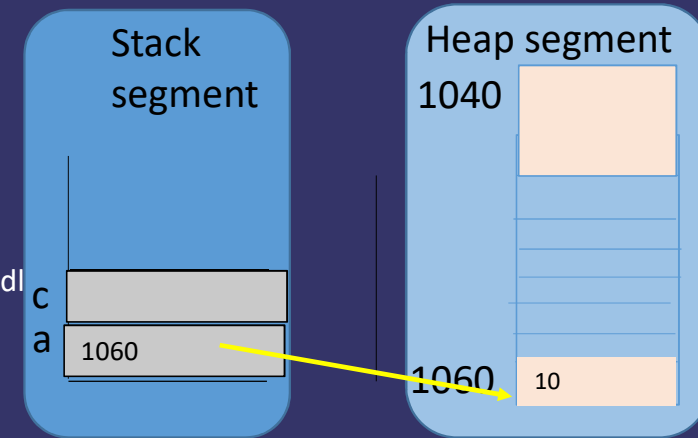
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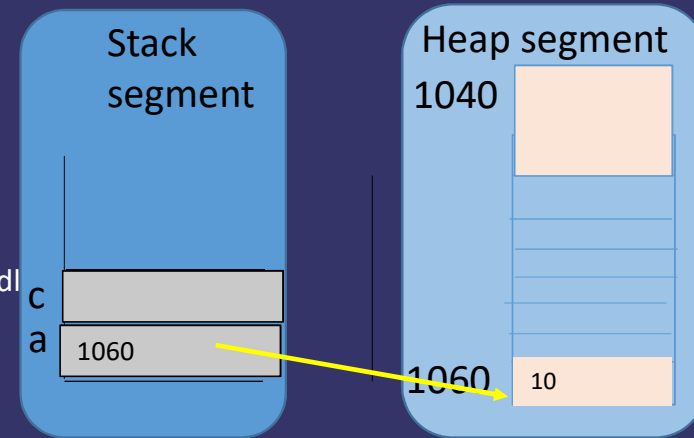
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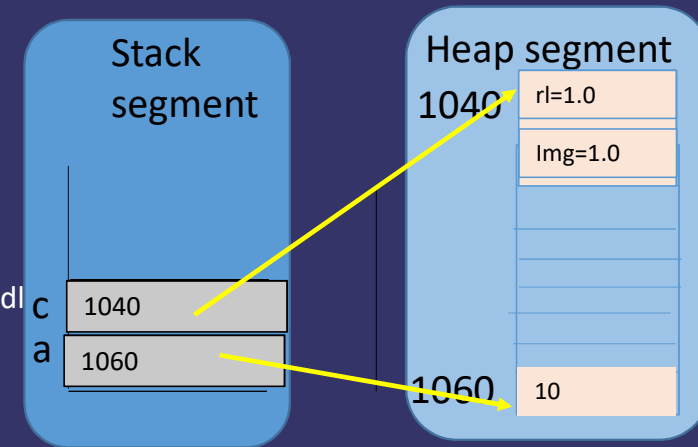
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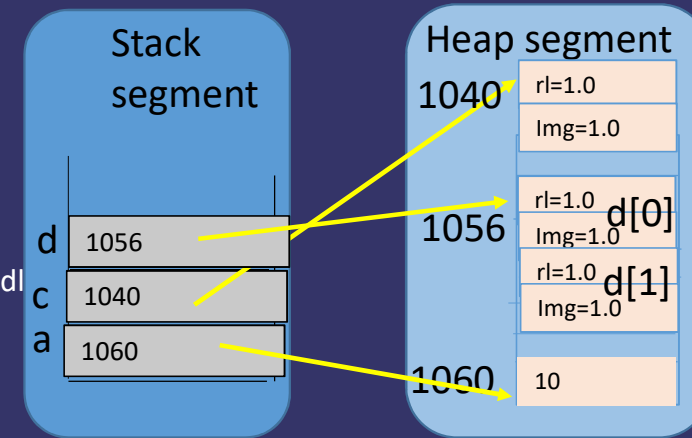
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Global Overloaded new; size: 8 bytes
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Overloading **new** & **delete** operator for a class

- Overload new and delete operators for a class, are **treated as static members of the class**; although explicit mentioned of static is not necessary
- The **compiler chooses the member operator new (if available) over the global version**. However, the global versions of new and delete are used for all other types of objects (unless they have their own new and delete)

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        x=malloc(sz);

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```

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int main(void)
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    delete a;

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}
```

Output:

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Complex Object Constructor
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Note:

- user-defined data type for single object allocation use overloaded new/delete
- Built-in types and user-defined data type for arrays use default new/delete
- We can use ::operator new(sz) instead of malloc and ::operator delete(x) instead of free
- cout can be used instead of printf
- Mention of keyword static for new/delete operator function is optional

Overloading `new[]` & `delete[]` operator for a class

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Note:

- overloaded new/delete for single object allocation and arrays of user-defined objects
- Built-in types only use the default new/delete

//for dy allocating an array of object

```
void *operator new[](size_t sz)
{
    printf("\n\tComplex Overloaded new for array; size: %d bytes\n", (int)sz);

    void *x=malloc(sz);
    if(!x) printf("\n\tOut of memory");
    return x;
}
```

//for deallocating an array of dy allocated objects

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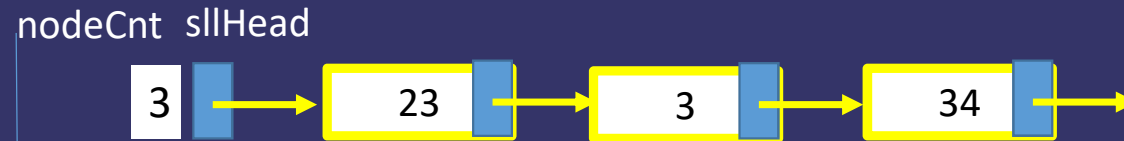
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sll object in its minimal form; (sll class definition should specify this form)

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CS 404; OOPS (Operator Overloading)

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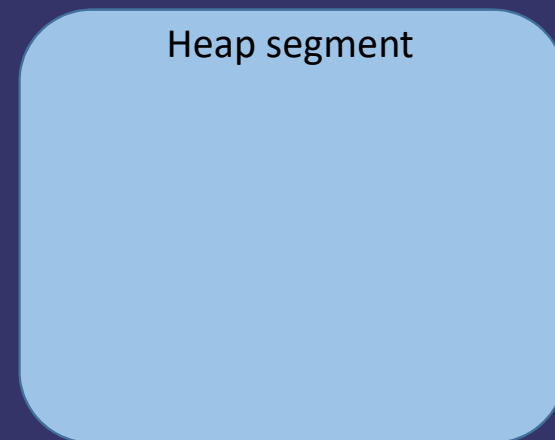
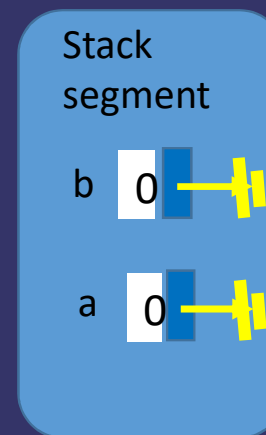
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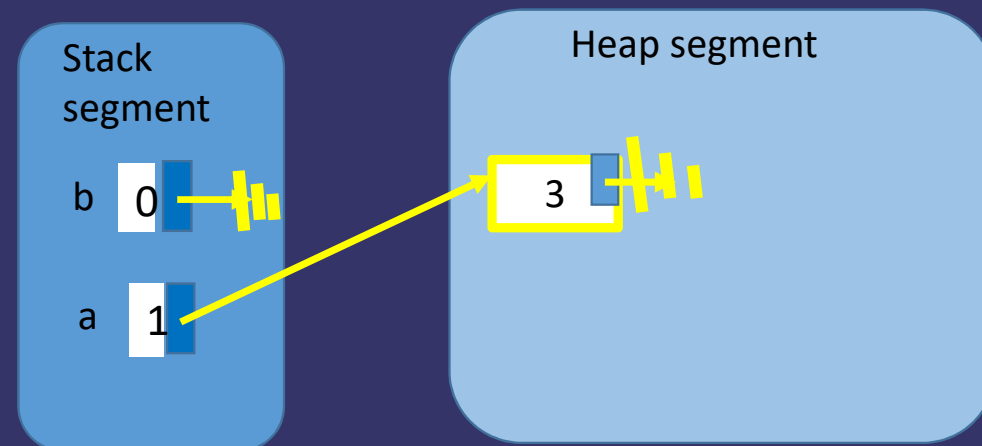
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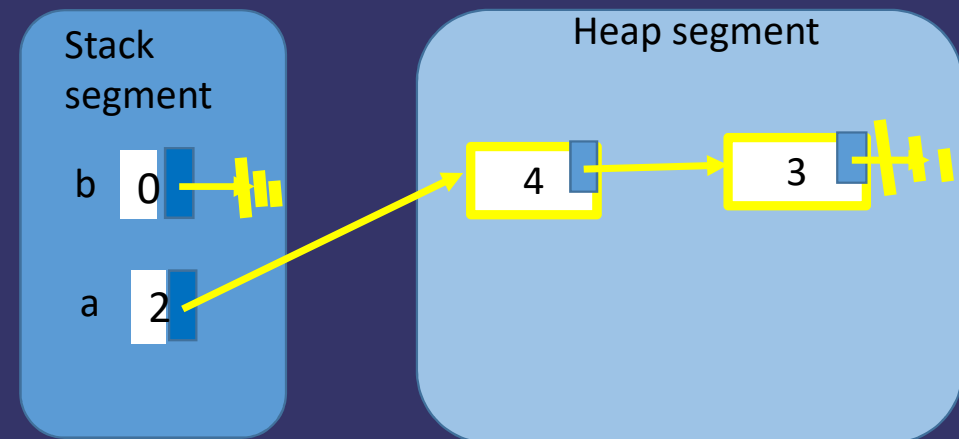
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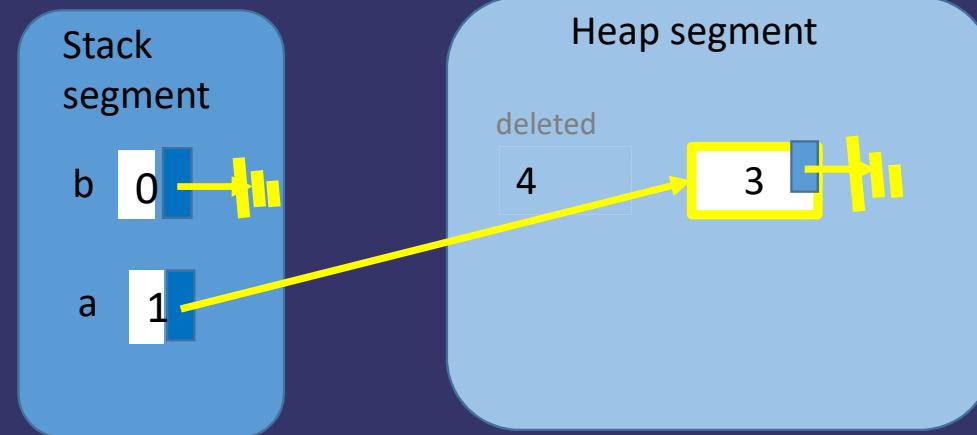
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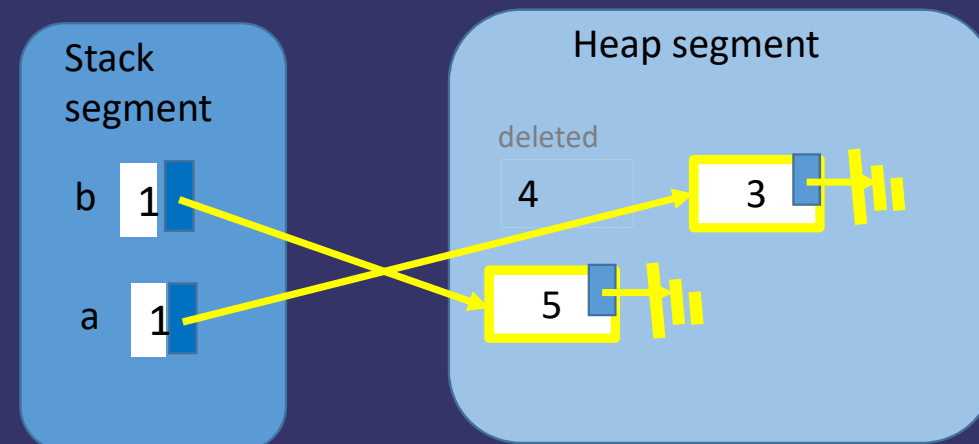
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{
    sllnode *sllHead;
public:    int nodeCnt;

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    ~sllnode();
    sll(const sll &x);
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    int operator[](int x); // a[3]
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  int info=temp->val;
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  delete temp;
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main(void)
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Singly linear linked list.....

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{ public:
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    sllnode(int x=-1, sllnode *p=NULL);
    ~sllnode();
}; // End of class sllnode definition
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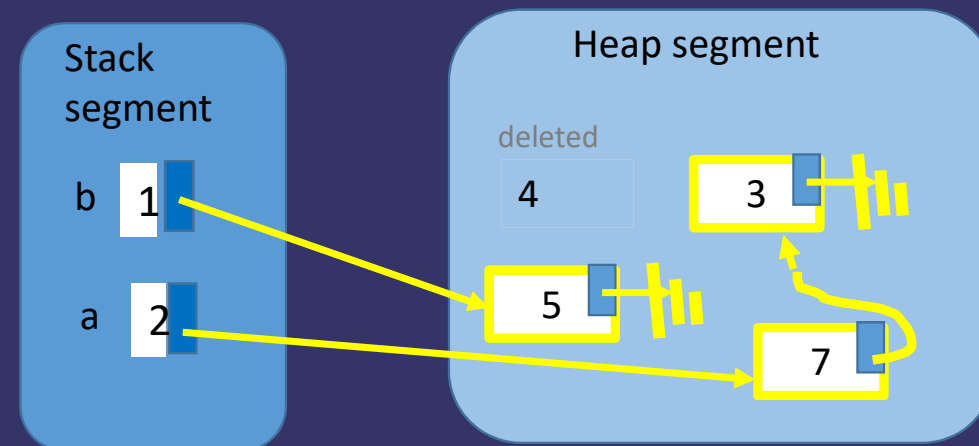
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- Every time new sllnode is called the node space is requested from heap via Operating System (OS) memory manager module (time consuming)
- Could have been done in a faster way using avail list which saves (allocation/deallocation) time

Singly linear linked list (with overloaded new/delete using avail list)

Solution:

- Maintain a avail list (list of deleted nodes)
- Where & how? In `sllnode` class create a static pointer to node member `avail`; declare and initialize it globally outside the class
- Overload new (in `sllnode`) such that it if avail list is non-empty gets a node from avail list instead of calling OS else call OS
- Overload delete (in `sllnode`) such that it inserts the node to be deleted in the beginning of avail list instead of calling OS to deallocate it

Singly linear linked list (using avail list).....

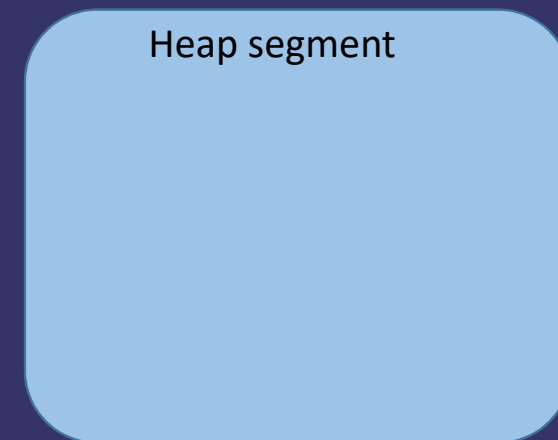
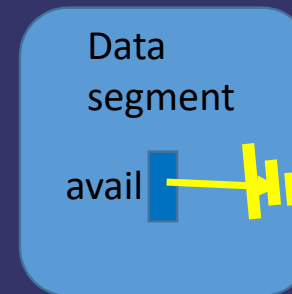
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class sllnode
{ public:
    int val; sllnode *next;
    static sllnode *avail;
    sllnode(int x=-1, sllnode *p=NULL);
    ~sllnode();
    void *operator new(size_t sz)
    { void *p;
        if(sllnode::avail==NULL) // if empty avail list
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        return p;
    }

    void operator delete(void *p)
    {
        sllnode *t=(sllnode*)p;
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        sllnode::avail=t; // add the node to avail list
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class sll
{.....};
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int operator+(int x, sll &list)
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  delete temp;
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        sllnode *t=(sllnode*)p;
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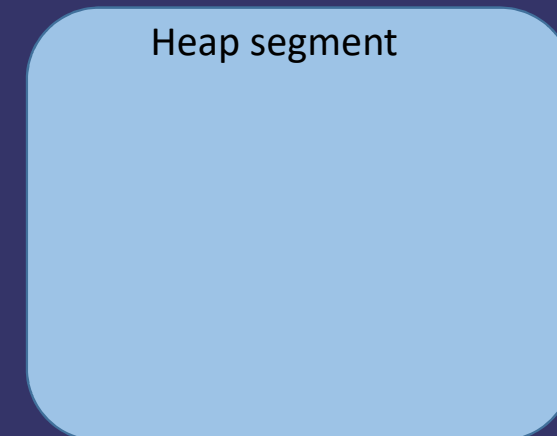
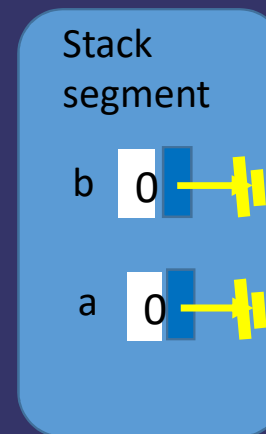
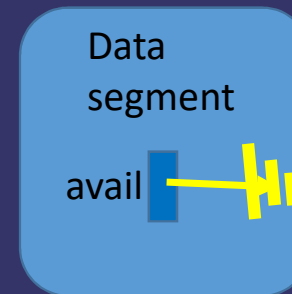
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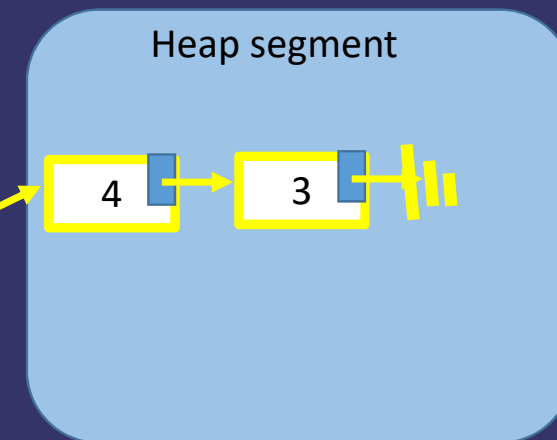
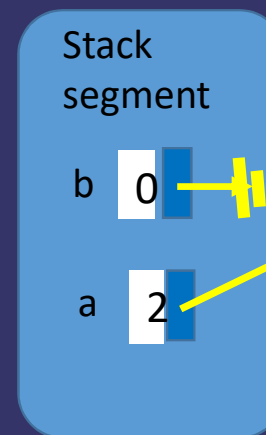
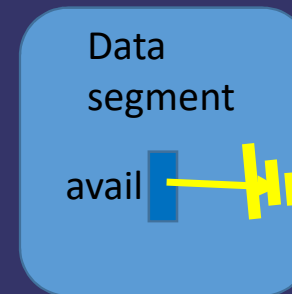
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    void *operator new(size_t sz)
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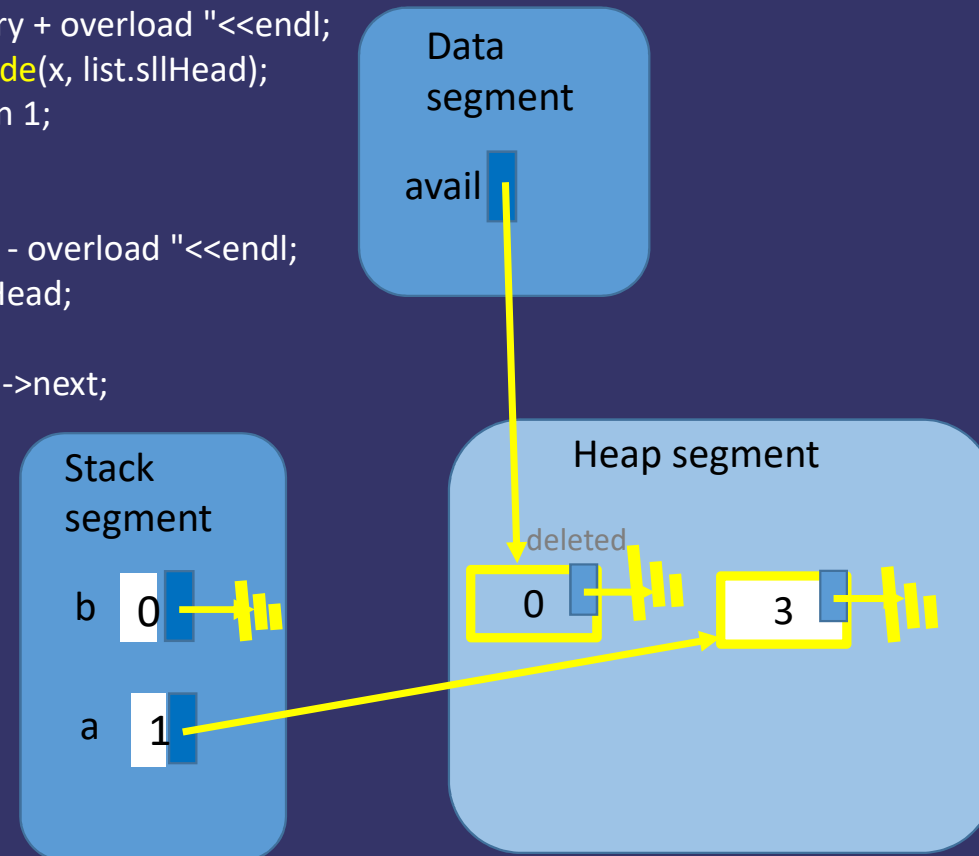
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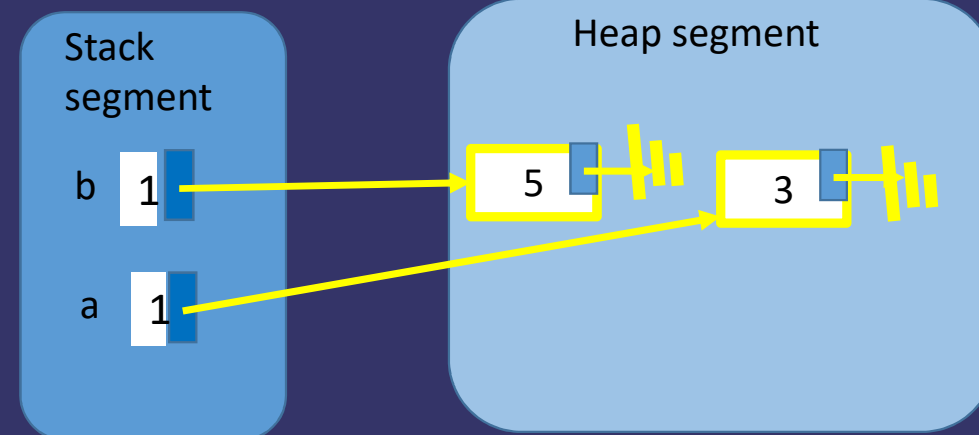
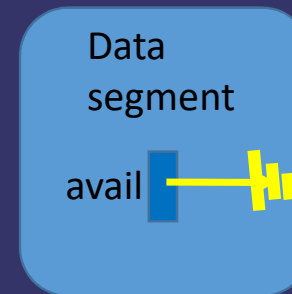
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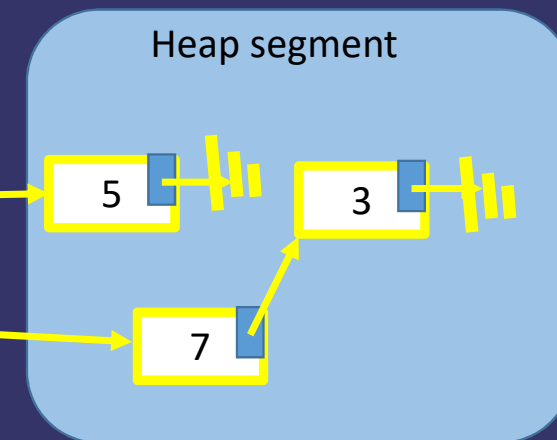
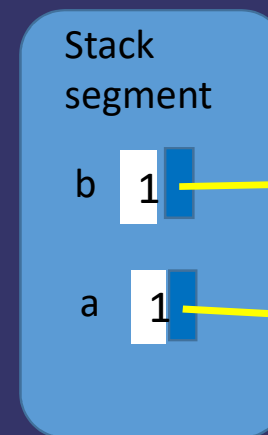
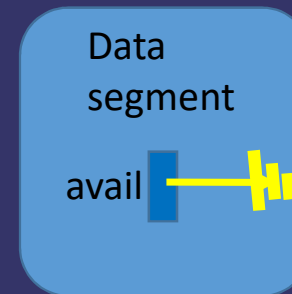
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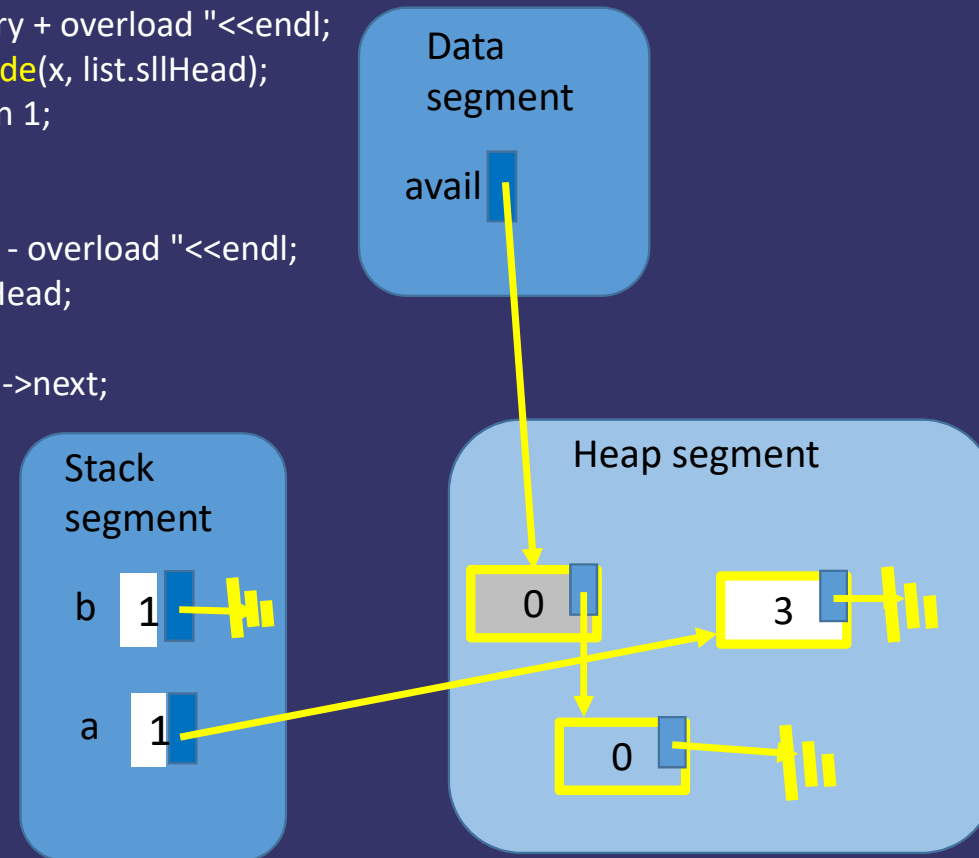
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Assignments (Operator Overloading)....

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Add (+), Subtract (-), Multiply (*), Divide (/), Normalize (unary *), Compare (==, !=, <, >), Copy (=), Subscript ([]) – returns numerator for [0] and denominator for [1]; Input-Output (>>,<<)
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- **Set class** Don't forget to add copy constructor
Union (+, Difference (-), Intersection (*), Subset (<, <=), Superset (>, >=), Compare (==, !=), Input-Output (>>,<<)
- **Linked List class** Don't forget to add copy constructor
Concatenate (+), Reverse (!), Compare (==), **Copy (=), Subscript ([]) – check and display message when index is more than the size of the list, Allocation/Deallocation (new, delete) – using avail list**, Input-Output (>>,<<)

Summary (Points to note....)

- Operator overloading enables us to **develop complete algebra for user-defined types** much in same way as it is available for built-in data types
- Enhances readability:**
`assignComplex(a,b.multComplex(addComplex(c,d)))` may be expressed as `a=b*(c+d)`
- Input arguments** : Ordinary Arithmetic and Booleans operators will not change their arguments, so pass by const reference instead value; Operators like +=, = ++, --, etc.
- Output arguments**: If the effect of the operator is to produce a new value (e.g. +, -, etc.), generate a new static object as the return its reference the return value for all of the assignment operators should be a non-const reference to the lvalue to allow (such as (a=b).func())
- Murray (Rob Murray, "C++ Strategies & Tactics") guidelines** for choosing between member/non-member (friend):

Operator	Recommended use
All unary operators	member
<code>[] [] -> ->*</code>	<i>must</i> be member
<code>+= -= /= *= ^=</code> <code>&= = %= >>= <<=</code>	member
All other binary operators	non-member

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