

Introduction to C

4411 OS Practicum
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Pointers

- Simple pointer example
- Naïve swap
- Correct swap
- Deep vs. shallow copying — example on board

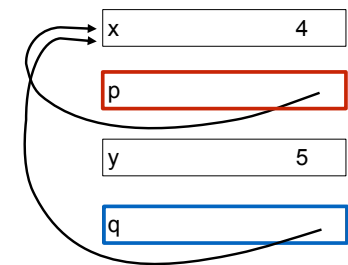
Enumerated Types

- Values are consecutive integers starting from 0
 - unless you say otherwise...
- Not “advanced” just really important
- **No magic numbers!**

```
enum month_t { JANUARY,  
              FEBRUARY,  
              MARCH  
};
```

```
#define should also be in caps  
#define MAX_PLAYERS 10
```

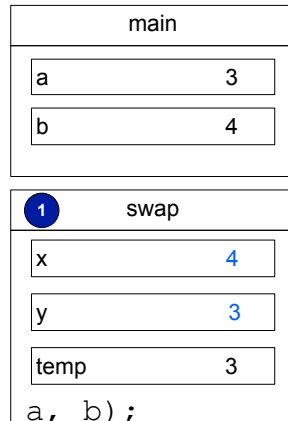
```
int x = 3;  
int *p;  
p = &x;  
*p = 4;  
int y = *p;  
int *q = &y;  
*q = *p + 1;  
→ q = p;
```



```

void swap(int x, int y) {
    int temp = x;
    x = y;
    y = temp;
}
int main(void) {
    int a = 3;
    int b = 4;
    swap(a, b);
    printf("a = %d, b = %d\n", a, b);
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}

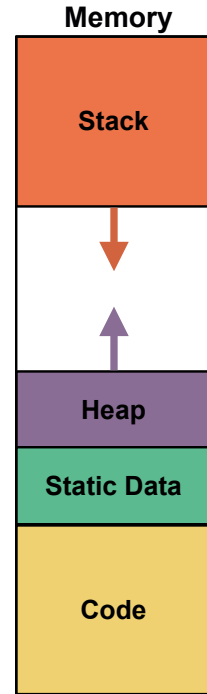
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```

void swap(int *x, int *y){
    int temp = *x;
    *x = *y;
    *y = temp;
}
int main(void) {
    int a = 3;
    int b = 4;
    swap(&a, &b);
    printf("a=%d, b=%d\n", a, b);
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}

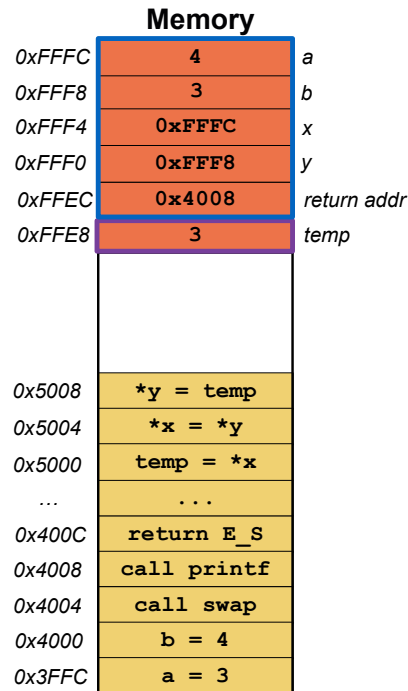
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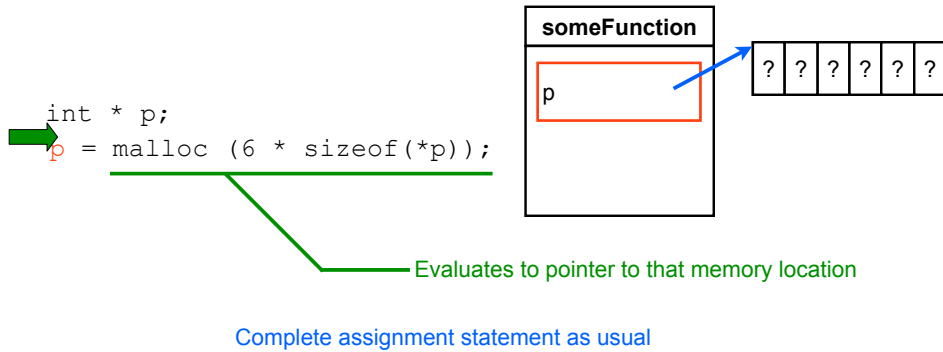
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    int temp = *x;
    *x = *y;
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}
int main(void) {
    int a = 3;
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    swap(&a, &b);
    printf("a=%d, b=%d\n", a, b);
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}

```



Dynamic Memory Allocation

- Malloc
- Free
 - Things that you can do wrong
 - For every malloc there must be an equal and opposite free!
- realloc



```

int main (void) {
    int x = 0;
    for (int i = 10; i < 100; i++) {
        int * p = malloc(i * sizeof(*p));
        x = doSomeComputation(x, i, p);
    }
    printf("Answer %d\n", x);
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}

```

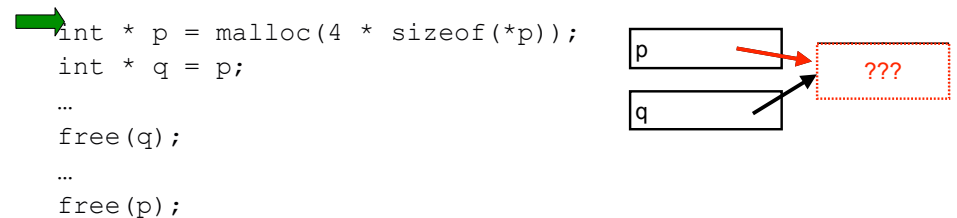
Example without Free

```

int main (void) {
    int x = 0;
    for (int i = 10; i < 1000000; i++)
    {
        int * p = malloc(i *
sizeof(*p));
        x = doSomeComputation(x, i, p);
        free (p);
    }
    printf("Answer %d\n", x);
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}

```

Example with Free

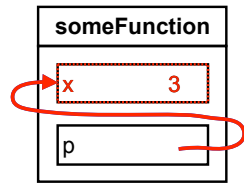


Double Free
(don't do this!)

```

int x = 3;
int * p = &x;
...
free(p);

```

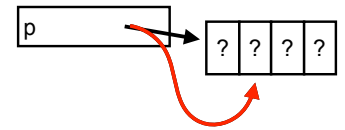


Free Memory Not In Heap
(don't do this!)

```

int * p = malloc(4 * sizeof(*p));
...
p++;
...
free(p);

```

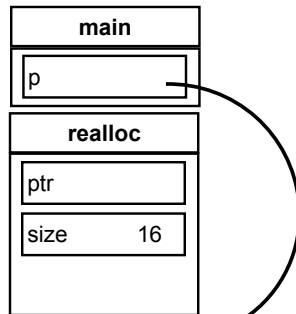


Freeing Middle of Block
(don't do this!)

```

int main (void) {
  int *p = malloc(10 * sizeof(*p));
  readInputs(p);
  p = realloc(p, 14 * sizeof(*p));
  readMoreInputs(p);
  p = realloc(p, 4 * sizeof(*p));
  ...
  return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}

```



- Somewhere in the C library
- Allocate memory
 - Copy values
 - Free old memory
 - Return answer

Function Pointers

```

int inc(int i) {return i+1;}
int dec(int i) {return i-1;}

int apply (int (*f)(int), int i){
  return f(i);
}

int main() {
  printf("++: %i\n", apply(inc, 10));
  printf("--: %i\n", apply(dec, 10));
  return 0;
}

```