

## Dynamic memory

Key functions:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
```

**malloc**( n ) allocates n bytes and returns the memory address (type void\*) of the first byte.

**free**( a ) deallocates the allocation block beginning at memory address a.

Here is an example of a very simple usage.

```
#include <stdlib.h>

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    // Allocate memory sufficient for an array of two int's.
    int* a = malloc(sizeof(*a) * 2); // no error handling, for now

    // Populate the new array.
    a[0] = 768;
    a[1] = 337;

    // Deallocate the allocation block containing the array.
    free(a);

    // Set a to NULL to avoid accidentally reading/writing the allocation
    // block after it has been deallocated.
    a = NULL;

    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

Fill in the contents of the stack and heap just before the return statement is executed. Assume `sizeof(int) == 4`, `sizeof(char) == 1`, and `sizeof(void*) == 8`. The program was called as `./foo`.

*If a value is uninitialized or has been freed (aka "garbage"), write the last known value and cross it out.*

Stack (simplified)					Heap (simplified)		
addr.	type*	name*	value	of	part	addr.	pmvalue
						412	
						411	
						410	
						409	
						408	
						407	
						406	
						405	
						404	
						403	
212			<i>somewhere in bash</i>		return addr.	402	
204	char**	argv	→ {"/foo"}		parameters	401	
200	int	argc	1			400	
<i>bash / load system</i>							

\* Note: type and name are not actually stored in memory. They are listed here only for our understanding.

*This version has been updated to remove the "name" and "type" column from the Heap and add the note above.*