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① VCF Programming Team
- Announcement WebCourses

② Dynamic Memory Allocation

③ Office Hours for TAs Posted

④ PO - Due Tonight
Late Due Wednesday 9/1

Statically Allocated Memory

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All you've ever used...

① Size known at compile time

eg `int x;`
`char str[100];`

② Scope - is always within the function it's declared and within the nearest curly braces.

eg

```
for (int i=0; i<100; i++) {  
    char str[100];  
    // str dies here!  
}
```

③ from the stack
(reasonably limited)

If you only used statically allocated memory in C you can't:

① Declare a large array.

② Create memory in a function and have it persist after the function is over.

Dynamically Allocated Mem

- ① Can allocate large amounts
- ② Can persist after func over
- ③ Because this memory doesn't get freed at the end of a function,
YOU have to free it:

"Each and every malloc has an
equal and opposite free"

= Clean up after yourself!

stdlib.h

```
void* malloc(int size)
```

it finds size # of bytes and
returns a pointer to it. If the
memory wasn't found NULL
is returned.

$$n \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 52 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

int* array = malloc(n * sizeof(int));

array → 

Dyn Mem Pic

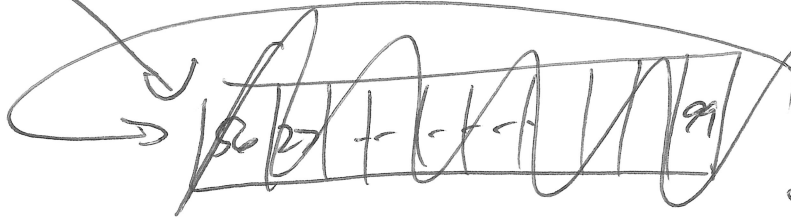
main

int* values = CRA(arraySize, max)

values →

arraySize (10)
max (100)

free(values);



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~~size / 10~~

~~max / 100~~

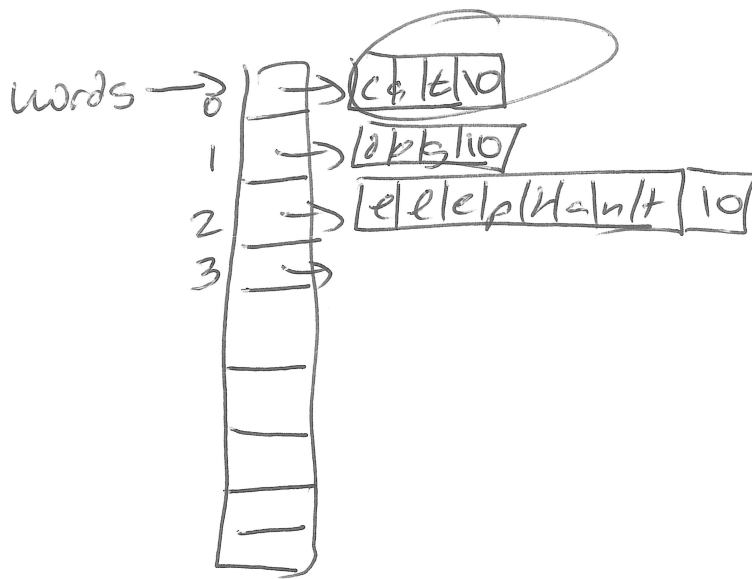
~~temp~~

~~return temp~~

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Dictionary of words

2D array



1st malloc

char** words = malloc(nWords * sizeof(char*));
for (i = 0; i < nWords; i++)

char temp[100];
scanf("%s", temp); // big enough
words[i] = malloc((strlen(temp) + 1) *
sizeof(char));

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to free

for (i = 0; i < nWords; i++)
free(words[i]);
free(words);