



Lecture 10

Dynamic memory allocation for 2D arrays

and examples



Dynamic memory allocation

recall

```
#include <stdlib.h>  
  
void* malloc (unsigned int size);
```

- 1 Allocates a block of **size** bytes of memory
- 2 Returns a pointer to the beginning of that block
- 3 The content allocated block of memory is not initialized
- 4 *size t is unsigned int*
- 5 For each malloc there needs to be a single *free*

```
type * p = (type*)malloc(size);  
free(p)
```

- 6 **After** we are done with using the memory



Dynamic memory allocation

example

Read the size from keyboard and allocate memory to store doubles.

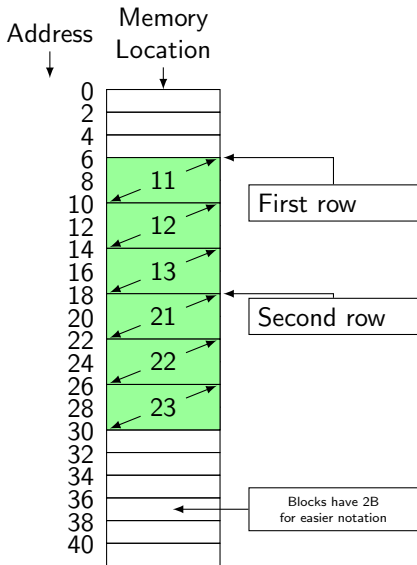
```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main(){
    int n;
    scanf("%d", &n);
    double *w = (double*)malloc(n*sizeof(double));
    free(w);
}
```

This is a 1D array, how about 2D?

2D arrays

Recall the static 2D



- Indexing is from 0 to size-1
- Storage is row based
- Array is stored row after row

Example:

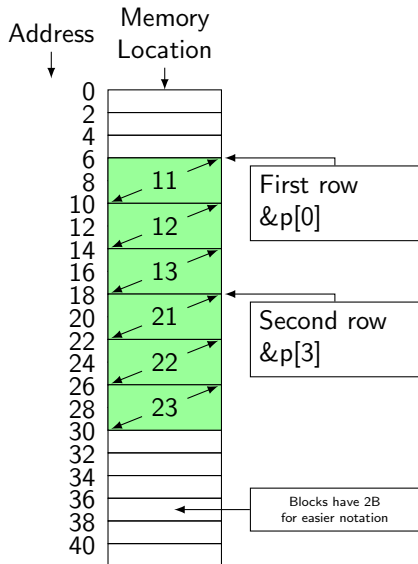
```
int tab[2][3];

tab[0][0]=11;
tab[0][1]=12;
tab[0][2]=13;

tab[1][0]=21;
tab[1][1]=22;
tab[1][2]=23;
```

11	12	13
21	22	23

2D arrays



```
int *p=(int*)malloc(24);

p[0] = 11;
p[1] = 12;
p[2] = 13;
p[3] = 21;
p[4] = 22;
p[5] = 23;

free(p);
```



2D arrays

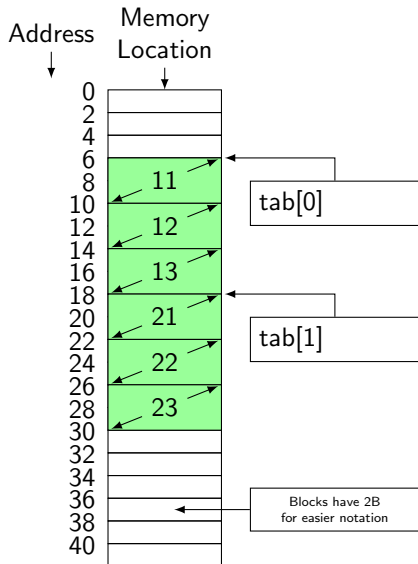
Pointers to pointers

```
int a = 5;
int *p=&a;
int **pp=&p; // !!!

printf("%d", a); //simple
printf("%d", *p); //still simple
printf("%d", *(*pp)); //?

...
printf("%d", a); //simple
printf("%d", p[0]); //still simple
printf("%d", pp[0][0]); //?
```

2D arrays



```
int *tab[2]; //what is tab?
int *p=(int*)malloc(24);
```

```
tab[0] = &p[0]; //but also tab[0]=p;
p[0] = 11;
p[1] = 12;
p[2] = 13;
tab[1] = &p[3]; //but also tab[1]=p+3;
p[3] = 21;
p[4] = 22;
p[5] = 23;
```

```
tab[0][0] = ?
```

```
free(p);
```



2D arrays

Pointers to pointers

```
int **A = (int**)malloc(number_of_rows * sizeof(int*));
```

1.

```
for(int i=0; i<number_of_rows; ++i)  
    A[i] = (int*)malloc(number_of_columns * sizeof(int));
```

2.

```
int *p = (int*)malloc(collumns*rows*sizeof(int));  
for(int i=0; i<number_of_rows; ++i)  
    A[i] = p+i*number_of_collumns;
```

1.

```
for(int i=0; i<number_of_rows; ++i)  
    free(A[i]);  
free(A);
```

2.

```
free(p);  
free(A);
```

Example...