CS 225

#4: Heap Memory

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Puzzle from last Friday:

puzzle.cpp

```
 4  Cube *CreateCube() {
 5    Cube c(20);
 6    return &c;
 7  }
 8
 9  int main() {
10    Cube *c = CreateCube();
11    SomeOtherFunction();
12    double v = c->getVolume();
13    double a = c->getSurfaceArea();
14    return 0;
15  }
```

Takeaway:

Heap Memory:

As programmers, we can use heap memory in cases where the *lifecycle of the variable exceeds the lifecycle of the function*.

1. The only way to create heap memory is with the use of the **new** keyword. Using **new** will:
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2. The only way to free heap memory is with the use of the **delete** keyword. Using **delete** will:
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3. Memory is never automatically reclaimed, even if it goes out of scope. Any memory lost, but not freed, is considered to be "leaked memory".

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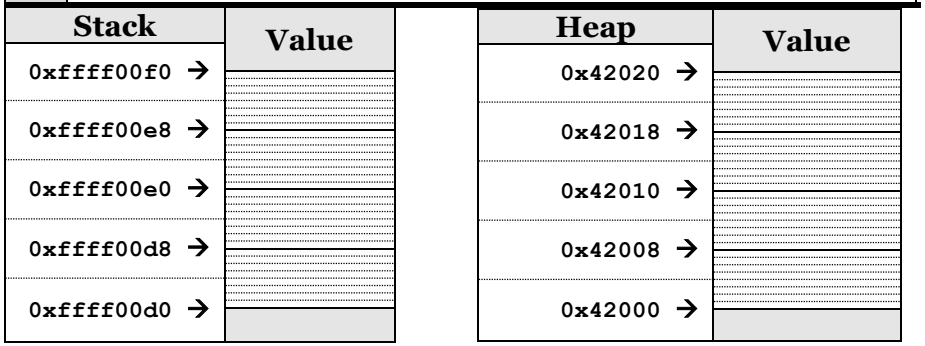
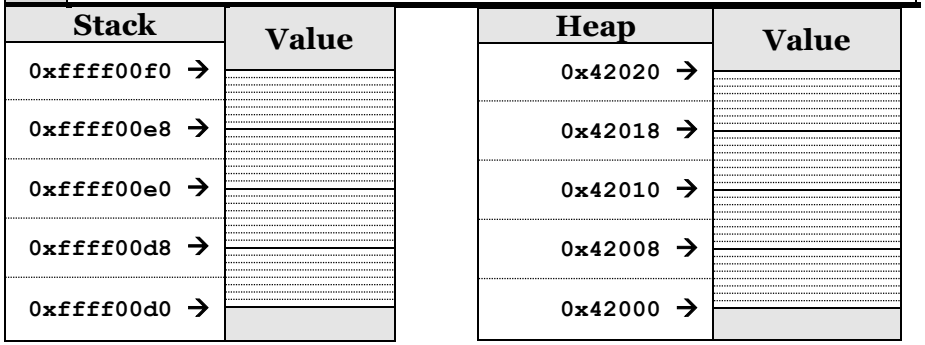
heap1.cpp

```
 8  int main() {
 9    int *p = new int;
10    cs225::Cube *c = new cs225::Cube(10);
11
12    return 0;
13  }
```



heap2.cpp

```
 4  int main() {
 5    Cube *c1 = new Cube();
 6    Cube *c2 = c1;
 7    c2->setLength( 10 );
 8    delete c2;
 9    delete c1;
10    return 0;
11  }
```



Copying Memory – Deep Copy vs. Shallow Copy

copy.cpp

```
 6  int  i =  2,  j =  4,  k =  8;
 7  int *p = &i, *q = &j, *r = &k;
 8
 9  k = i;
10  cout << i << j << k << *p << *q << *r << endl;
11
12  p = q;
13  cout << i << j << k << *p << *q << *r << endl;
14
15  *q = *r;
16  cout << i << j << k << *p << *q << *r << endl;
```

Consider how each assignment operator changes the data:

	Type of LHS	Type of RHS	Data Changed?
Line 8-9			
	i =	**j =**	**k =**
	p =	**q =**	**r =**
Line 11-12			
	i =	**j =**	**k =**
	p =	**q =**	**r =**
Line 14-15			
	i =	**j =**	**k =**
	p =	**q =**	**r =**

Reference Variable

A reference variable is an alias to an existing variable. Modifying the reference variable modifies the variable being aliased. Internally, a reference variable maps to the same memory as the variable being aliased. Three key ideas:

1.

2.

3.

reference.cpp

```
 3  int main() {
 4    int i = 7;
 5    int & j = i;   // j is an alias of i
 6
 7    j = 4;                          // j and i are both 4.
 8    std::cout << i << " " << j << std::endl;
 9
10    i = 2;                          // j and i are both 2.
11    std::cout << i << " " << j << std::endl;
12    return 0;
13  }
```

heap-puzzle1.cpp

```
 6  int *x = new int;
 7  int &y = *x;
 8
 9  y = 4;
10
11  cout << &x << endl;
12  cout << x << endl;
13  cout << *x << endl;
14
15  cout << &y << endl;
16  cout << y << endl;
17  cout << *y << endl;
```

heap-puzzle2.cpp

```
 6  int *p, *q;
 7  p = new int;
 8  q = p;
 9  *q = 8;
10  cout << *p << endl;
11
12  q = new int;
13  *q = 9;
14  cout << *p << endl;
15  cout << *q << endl;
```

CS 225 – Things To Be Doing:

1. Exam 0 starts on Thursday, know your time slot!
2. Finish up MP1 – Due Monday, Sept. 10 at 11:59pm
3. Complete lab_debug this week in lab sections (due Sunday)
4. POTDs are released daily, worth +1 extra credit point! ☺