

Heap-stack Diagram

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Sizes of objects

1 byte char, bool

2 bytes short

4 bytes int, float

8 bytes long, double

16 bytes long double

1 byte = 8 bits

Sizes of objects

- enumerated type (`enum`): 4 bytes
- structure type (`struct`): enough space for all individual fields, no overlap
- array: enough space for all elements, assigned consecutive locations
- pointer: 4 bytes

Memory is byte addressable.

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Generating heap-stack diagrams

- Start with an empty diagram, heap and stack side by side.
- Heap expands towards larger memory addresses, starting say 1000, grows downward on page, allocate heap memory when `new` operator appears
- Stack builds towards smaller memory addresses, starting say FFFF, grows upward on page

Generating heap-stack diagrams

- Manually trace the program, allocating memory as you go
- Add a new stack frame for each function call
 - Use a shaded block as overhead to separate stack frames
 - Spaces for all local variables (arguments, variables declared in the body, loop index), label the spaces
 - Initialize the arguments
 - Pop the stack frame when the function returns

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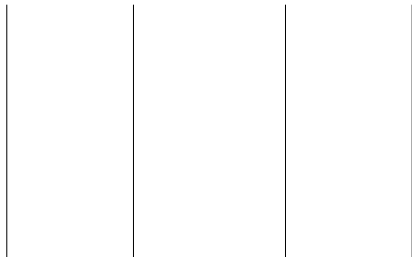
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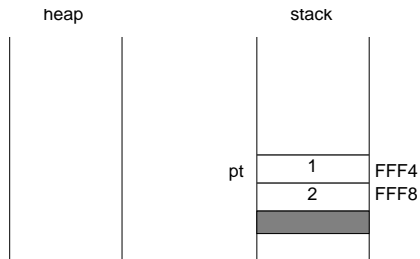
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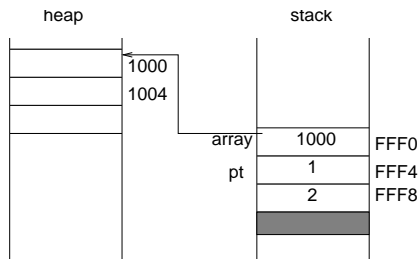
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