

Introduction to Dynamic Memory Allocation

The `malloc` statement will return a pointer to a certain amount of memory. If there is no memory available, it will return `NULL`. Make sure to allocate the correct amount of memory that you need for your variable.

To let go of a section of memory when you're done using it, use the `free` statement. Not freeing memory will lead to memory leaks. (See the Valgrind tutorial for how to find memory leaks.) This should be done any time you use `malloc`.

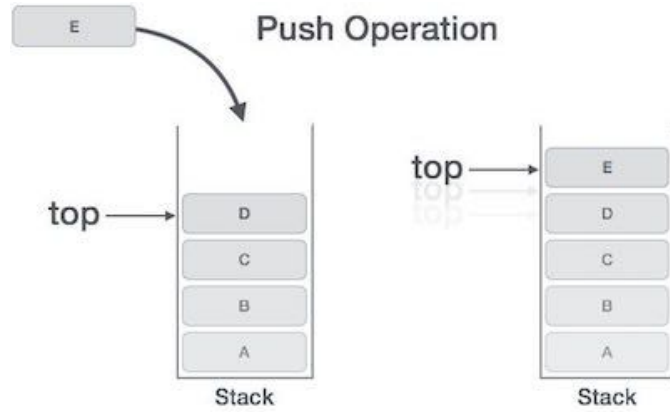
Example:

```
int * temp = malloc(10*sizeof(int)); // Allocate enough space for
                                     ten integers
free(temp);                          // Free the memory in temp
```

Note: Do not try to use a pointer again once you've freed it. This will lead to unexpected errors.

Introduction to Stack

Stack is a data structure used in computer science. It is a FILO (first-in-last-out) data structure. This means that the first value entered in the stack would be the last one coming out. The main operations on stack include `push`, `pop`, `peek`, and `empty`. `Push` operation is used to add values into stack. `Pop` operation is used to return and remove the top value in the stack. `Peek` operation is used to return the top value in stack but not remove it. `Empty` operation is used to check whether the stack is empty or not.



Example:

```
int * stack = (int*)malloc(10*sizeof(int));
empty();      // Nothing is in stack, so return value would be true
push(34);
push(78);     // After adding 2 numbers, 8 space remained
empty();     // 2 numbers in stack, so return value would be false
int x = pop(); // x = 78, because 78 is the last number we added
into
```

stack. It will be the first one popped out. The only number in stack now is 34.