

Store a Character String using Memory Management Functions

Aim:

To write a C program to allocate and reallocate memory block for character string.

Algorithm:

- 1) Start the program.
- 2) Declare two variables name[100] and *desc.
- 3) Copy a name to the variable “name”.
- 4) Using “malloc” function allocate memory to “desc” variable.
- 5) Check if “desc” equal to “NULL”
 - a). Display “unable to allocate memory”.
- 6) Else
 - a). Copy description text to “desc” variable.
- 7) Using “realloc” function allocate higher memory to “desc” variable.
- 8) Check if “desc” equal to “NULL”
 - a). Display “unable to allocate memory”.
- 9) Else
 - a). Concat additional description text to “desc” variable.
- 10) Display Name and Description.
- 11) Using “free” function free the memory allocated to “desc” variable.
- 12) Stop the program.

Program:

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#include <stdio.h>
#include<conio.h>
#include <alloc.h>
#include <string.h>

void main()
{
    char name[100], *desc;
    clrscr();
    strcpy(name, "Rajesh");
    desc = malloc( 40 * sizeof(char) );
    if( desc == NULL )
    {
        printf("Error - unable to allocate required memory\n");
    }
    else
    {
        strcpy( desc, "Rajeh is studying Computer Science.");
    }
    desc = realloc( desc, 100 * sizeof(char) );
    if( desc == NULL )
    {
        printf("Error - unable to allocate required memory\n");
    }
    else
    {
        strcat( desc, " In Tamil Nadu Polytechnic College, Madurai.");
    }
    printf("Name = %s\n", name );
    printf("Description: %s\n", desc );
    free(desc);
    getch();
}
```

Result:

Thus the C program to allocate and reallocate memory block for character string is executed successfully.