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ABSTRACT

The aim of the project is to develop a garbage collector in 'C' language such that memory deallocation can be automated and problems like memory management can be handled from the compiler end instead of the user end. Continuous monitoring of the various data type pointers created, their registration and finally deallocation if required.

Although a developer can consider himself a responsible programmer who de-allocates the memory once allocated, yet there still remains a margin of error that can even compromise a whole system. This library-based application will be useful for many applications in the embedded world.

PREAMBLE

1.1 Introduction

Since the advent of C/C++ Programming language, Memory management is one of the responsibilities which the developer has to deal with

C/C++ Software often suffers from Two Memory related Problems: Memory corruption Memory leak

Unlike Java, C/C++ does not have the luxury for automatic garbage collection.

Java does not allow programmer to access the physical memory directly, but C/C++ does. Therefore, Java applications do not suffer from Memory corruption either, but C/C++ does

Here, we will design and implement **Garbage Collection tool** for C programs which can be extended to use in C++

1.2 Problem Statement

The aim of the project is to develop a garbage collector in 'C' language such that memory deallocation can be automated and problems like memory management can be handled from the compiler end instead of the user end. Continuous monitoring of the various data type pointers created, their registration and finally deallocation if required.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS SPECIFICATION

A software requirements specification (SRS) is a description of a software system to be developed. It lays out functional and non-functional requirements, and may include a set of use cases that describe user interactions that the software must provide.

In order to fully understand one's project, it is very important that they come up with an SRS listing out their requirements, how are they going to meet it and how will they complete the project. SRS also functions as a blueprint for completing a project with as little cost growth as possible. SRS is often referred to as the parent document because all subsequent project management documents, such as design specifications, statements of work, software architecture specifications, testing and validation plans, and documentation plans, are related to it.

Requirement is a condition or capability to which the system must conform. Requirement Management is a systematic approach towards eliciting, organizing and documenting the requirements of the system clearly along with the applicable attributes. The elusive difficulties of requirements are not always obvious and can come from any number of sources.

2.1 System Requirement

Hardware System Configuration

- Processor Any
- Memory Minimum 256 MB
- Disk Minimum 32 MB

Software System Configuration

- Operating System Windows/Linux/MAC
- Compiler GCC

Literature Survey

3.1 *"Research and analysis of garbage collection mechanism for embedded systems":* IEEE Publications (Liu Wei; Chen Zhang-long; Tu Shi-hang):

This was the first paper that presented the idea behind use of garbage collection in embedded systems, hence C and C++ based systems. We got to know about the various places we need to implement garbage collection.

3.2 *"Comparisons of garbage collector Prototypes for C++ applications":* The 7th IEEE/ACS International Conference on Computer Systems and Applications:

This research is oriented toward the various possible ways of creating a garbage collector in C++/C and their Comparisons. Every method has its own drawbacks and criticalities. From here we got idea on our algorithm for the project.

3.3 *"Comparisons of garbage collectors in java programming language":* 2018 41st International Convention on Information and Communication Technology, Electronics and Microelectronics (MIPRO):

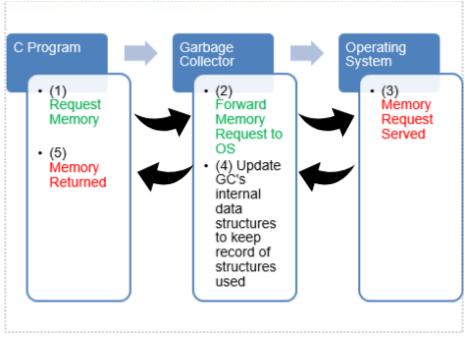
In order to understand the working of most prospering garbage collector, we looked into this publication. We understood the reasons behind the working of java garbage collector and cloned the same behavior in our project.

SYSTEM APPROACH AND DESIGN

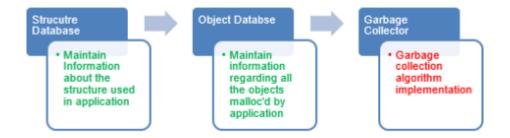
We have our project in three different modules. Each module has its implementation boundaries and specific goals assigned to it. These modules contribute to the overall approach and design of the project.

The 3 modules are as follows:

- Development of basic header and its relevant C file
- Developing the Structure database and Object Database
- Developing the Collection algorithm



Block Diagram



Module Development

Module 1:

Our goals in this module are to make sure that every data type used in the application should be registered with its type and the amount of space an object of that type requires. It's the responsibility of this module to:

- Register all the data types used in the application
- Application should give information related to the various structures that are created
- o A linked-list to be maintained to save these structures related information
- \circ We have used name of the structure as key for searching

Module 2:

Our goals in this module are to make sure that every object that is called by the application for memory should be registered with its type and the address of allocation.

It's the responsibility of this module to:

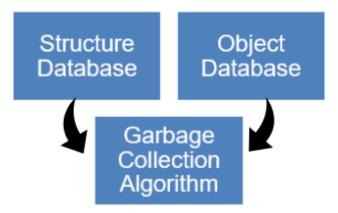
- Register all the pointers/objects used in the application
- A linked-list to be maintained to save these structures related information
- Every node has address and structure information related to the object created

Module 3:

Our goal in this module is to process the object database, with the help of structure database and find the objects that are de-allocated/leaked. Our Garbage collection algorithm works on the Disjoint set arrangement of the data types used in any application.

Whenever we write an application, all the data types present in it are automatically arranged in a disjoint/Directed cyclic set formation.

If any object is not reachable by the root of this graph, it will be eligible for garbage collection. Hence, our garbage collector problem is basically a graph problem to find out non-reachable nodes and using the object database, we can free those pointers which are no longer reachable by the root.



Implementation

Header File for Garbage Collector: (gc.h)

#ifndef __MLD__ #include <assert.h> #include <string.h>

/*Structure Data base Definition Begin*/

#define MAX_STRUCTURE_NAME_SIZE 128
#define MAX_FIELD_NAME_SIZE 128

/*Enumeration for data types*/ typedef enum { UINT8, UINT32, INT32, CHAR, OBJ_PTR, VOID_PTR, /*New Data type added to identify void * pointers*/ FLOAT, DOUBLE, OBJ_STRUCT } data_type_t;

typedef enum{

MLD_FALSE, MLD_TRUE } mld_boolean_t;

#define OFFSETOF(struct_name, fld_name) \
 (unsigned int)&(((struct_name *)0)->fld_name)

```
#define FIELD_SIZE(struct_name, fld_name) \
sizeof(((struct_name *)0)->fld_name)
```

typedef struct_db_rec_ struct_db_rec_t;

/*Structure to store the information of one field of a * C structure*/

```
typedef struct _field_info_{
  char fname [MAX_FIELD_NAME_SIZE]; /*Name of the field*/
  data type t dtype;
                               /*Data type of the field*/
                              /*Size of the field*/
  unsigned int size;
  unsigned int offset;
                              /*Offset of the field*/
  // Below field is meaningful only if dtype = OBJ PTR, Or OBJ STRUCT
  char nested_str_name[MAX_STRUCTURE_NAME_SIZE];
} field info t;
/*Structure to store the information of one C structure
* which could have 'n fields' fields*/
struct _struct_db_rec_{
  struct_db_rec_t *next; /*Pointer to the next structure in the linked list*/
  char struct name [MAX STRUCTURE NAME SIZE]; // key
  unsigned int ds_size; /*Size of the structure*/
  unsigned int n fields; /*No of fields in the structure*/
  field_info_t *fields; /*pointer to the array of fields*/
};
/*Finally the head of the linked list representing the structure
* database*/
typedef struct _struct_db_{
  struct_db_rec_t *head;
  unsigned int count;
} struct db t;
/*Structure Data base Definition Ends*/
/* Printing functions*/
void
print_structure_rec (struct_db_rec_t *struct_rec);
void
print_structure_db(struct_db_t *struct_db);
/* Fn to add the structure record in a structure database */
int /*return 0 on success, -1 on failure for some reason*/
add_structure_to_struct_db(struct_db_t *struct_db, struct_db_rec_t *struct_rec);
/*Structure Registration helping APIs*/
#define FIELD_INFO(struct_name, fld_name, dtype, nested_struct_name) \
 {#fld name, dtype, FIELD SIZE(struct name, fld name),
    OFFSETOF(struct_name, fld_name), #nested_struct_name}
#define REG STRUCT(struct db, st name, fields arr)
                                                                 do{
    struct_db_rec_t *rec = calloc(1, sizeof(struct_db_rec_t)); \
```

```
strncpy(rec->struct_name, #st_name, MAX_STRUCTURE_NAME_SIZE); \
rec->ds_size = sizeof(st_name); \
rec->n_fields = sizeof(fields_arr)/sizeof(field_info_t); \
rec->fields = fields_arr; \
if(add_structure_to_struct_db(struct_db, rec)){ \
    assert(0); \
    hubilo(0);
}
```

```
}while(0);
```

```
/*Structure Data base Definition Ends*/
```

/*Object Database structure definitions Starts here*/

```
typedef struct _object_db_rec_ object_db_rec_t;
struct _object_db_rec_{
  object_db_rec_t *next;
  void *ptr;
  unsigned int units;
  struct_db_rec_t *struct_rec;
  mld_boolean_t is_visited; /*Used for Graph traversal*/
  mld_boolean_t is_root; /*Is this object is Root object*/
};
typedef struct _object_db_{
  struct_db_t *struct_db;
  object_db_rec_t *head;
  unsigned int count;
} object_db_t;
/*Dumping functions*/
void
print_object_rec(object_db_rec_t *obj_rec, int i);
void
print_object_db(object_db_t *object_db);
/*API to malloc the object*/
void*
xcalloc(object_db_t *object_db, char *struct_name, int units);
/*APIs to register root objects*/
void mld_register_root_object (object_db_t *object_db,
                   void *objptr,
                   char *struct_name,
```

unsigned int units);

void

set_mld_object_as_global_root(object_db_t *object_db, void *obj_ptr);

/*APIs for MLD Algorithm*/ void run mld algorithm(object db t *object db);

void
report_leaked_objects(object_db_t *object_db);

#endif /* __MLD__ */

C file for Garbage Collector: (gc.c)

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include "mld.h"
#include "css.h"
#include <assert.h>
#include <memory.h>

char *DATA_TYPE[] = {"UINT8", "UINT32", "INT32", "CHAR", "OBJ_PTR", "VOID_PTR", "FLOAT", "DOUBLE", "OBJ_STRUCT"};

/* Dumping Function */ void print_structure_rec(struct_db_rec_t *struct_rec){ if(!struct_rec) return; int $\mathbf{j} = 0$; field_info_t *field = NULL; printf(ANSI_COLOR_CYAN "|------|\n" ANSI COLOR RESET); printf(ANSI_COLOR_YELLOW "| %-20s | size = %-8d | #flds = %-3d |\n" ANSI_COLOR_RESET, struct_rec->struct_name, struct_rec->ds_size, struct_rec->n_fields); printf(ANSI_COLOR_CYAN "|-----------|\n" ANSI_COLOR_RESET); for(j = 0; j < struct rec->n fields; j++) field = &struct_rec->fields[j]; printf(" %-20s |", ""); printf("%-3d %-20s | dtype = %-15s | size = %-5d | offset = %-6d | nstructname = %-20s |\n", j, field->fname, DATA_TYPE[field->dtype], field->size, field->offset, field->nested_str_name); printf(" %-20s |", ""); printf(ANSI_COLOR_CYAN "-----------l\n" ANSI_COLOR_RESET);

}

}

```
void
```

```
print_structure_db(struct_db_t *struct_db){
  if(!struct db) return;
  printf("printing STRUCURE DATABASE\n");
  int i = 0;
  struct_db_rec_t *struct_rec = NULL;
  struct_rec = struct_db->head;
  printf("No of Structures Registered = %d\n", struct_db->count);
  while(struct_rec){
     printf("structure No : %d (%p)\n", i++, struct_rec);
     print_structure_rec(struct_rec);
     struct_rec = struct_rec->next;
  }
}
int
add_structure_to_struct_db(struct_db_t *struct_db,
                struct_db_rec_t *struct_rec){
  struct_db_rec_t *head = struct_db->head;
  if(!head){
     struct_db->head = struct_rec;
     struct_rec->next = NULL;
     struct_db->count++;
     return 0;
  }
  struct_rec->next = head;
  struct db->head = struct rec;
  struct_db->count++;
  return 0;
}
static struct_db_rec_t *
struct_db_look_up(struct_db_t *struct_db,
           char *struct_name){
  struct_db_rec_t *head = struct_db->head;
  if(!head) return NULL;
  for(; head; head = head->next){
    if(strncmp(head->struct_name, struct_name, MAX_STRUCTURE_NAME_SIZE) ==0)
       return head;
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}
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}

return NULL;

```
static object_db_rec_t *
object_db_look_up(object_db_t *object_db, void *ptr){
  object_db_rec_t *head = object_db->head;
  if(!head) return NULL;
  for(; head; head = head->next){
    if(head \rightarrow ptr == ptr)
       return head;
  }
  return NULL;
}
/*Working with objects*/
static void
add_object_to_object_db(object_db_t *object_db,
            void *ptr,
            int units,
            struct_db_rec_t *struct_rec,
            mld_boolean_t is_root){
  object_db_rec_t *obj_rec = object_db_look_up(object_db, ptr);
  /*Dont add same object twice*/
  assert(!obj_rec);
  obj_rec = calloc(1, sizeof(object_db_rec_t));
  obj_rec->next = NULL;
  obj_rec->ptr = ptr;
  obj_rec->units = units;
  obj rec->struct rec = struct rec;
  obj_rec->is_visited = MLD_FALSE;
  obj_rec->is_root = is_root;
  object_db_rec_t *head = object_db->head;
  if(!head){
    object_db->head = obj_rec;
    obj_rec->next = NULL;
    object_db->count++;
    return;
  }
  obj_rec->next = head;
  object_db->head = obj_rec;
  object_db->count++;
}
```

```
void *
xcalloc(object_db_t *object_db,
    char *struct_name,
    int units){
  struct_db_rec_t *struct_rec = struct_db_look_up(object_db->struct_db, struct_name);
  assert(struct rec);
  void *ptr = calloc(units, struct_rec->ds_size);
  add_object_to_object_db(object_db, ptr, units, struct_rec, MLD_FALSE); /*xcalloc by
default set the object as non-root*/
  return ptr;
}
static void
delete_object_record_from_object_db(object_db_t *object_db,
                      object_db_rec_t *object_rec){
  assert(object_rec);
  object_db_rec_t *head = object_db->head;
  if(head == object_rec){
    object_db->head = object_rec->next;
    free(object_rec);
    return;
  }
  object_db_rec_t *prev = head;
  head = head->next;
  while(head){
    if(head != object_rec){
       prev = head;
       head = head->next;
       continue;
     }
    prev->next = head->next;
    head->next = NULL;
    free(head);
    return;
  }
}
void
xfree(object_db_t *object_db, void *ptr){
  if(!ptr) return;
  object_db_rec_t *object_rec =
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object_db_look_up(object_db, ptr);
  assert(object rec);
  assert(object rec->ptr);
  free(object_rec->ptr);
  object rec->ptr = NULL;
  /*Delete object record from object db*/
  delete object record from object db(object db, object rec);
}
/*Dumping Functions for Object database*/
void
print_object_rec(object_db_rec_t *obj_rec, int i){
  if(!obj_rec) return;
  printf(ANSI_COLOR_MAGENTA "------
-----\\n"ANSI_COLOR_RESET);
  printf(ANSI_COLOR_YELLOW "%-3d ptr = %-10p | next = %-10p | units = %-4d |
struct_name = \%-10s | is_root = \%s |\n"ANSI_COLOR_RESET,
    i, obj_rec->ptr, obj_rec->next, obj_rec->units, obj_rec->struct_rec->struct_name,
obj_rec->is_root ? "TRUE " : "FALSE");
  printf(ANSI_COLOR_MAGENTA "-----
     -----\\n"ANSI COLOR RESET);
}
void
print_object_db(object_db_t *object_db){
  object_db_rec_t *head = object_db->head;
  unsigned int i = 0:
  printf(ANSI_COLOR_CYAN "Printing OBJECT DATABASE\n");
  for(; head; head = head->next){
    print object rec(head, i++);
  }
}
/*The global object of the application which is not created by xcalloc
* should be registered with MLD using below API*/
void
mld_register_global_object_as_root (object_db_t *object_db,
             void *objptr,
             char *struct name,
             unsigned int units){
  struct db rec t *struct rec = struct db look up(object db->struct db, struct name);
  assert(struct_rec);
 /*Create a new object record and add to object database*/
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```
add_object_to_object_db(object_db, objptr, units, struct_rec, MLD_TRUE);
```

```
}
```

```
/* Application might create an object using xcalloc, but at the same time the object
* can be root object. Use this API to override the object flags for the object already
* preent in object db*/
void
mld set dynamic object as root(object db t *object db, void *obj ptr){
  object_db_rec_t *obj_rec = object_db_look_up(object_db, obj_ptr);
  assert(obj_rec);
  obj_rec->is_root = MLD_TRUE;
}
static object_db_rec_t *
get_next_root_object(object_db_t *object_db,
            object_db_rec_t *starting_from_here){
  object_db_rec_t *first = starting_from_here ? starting_from_here->next : object_db->head;
  while(first){
    if(first->is_root)
       return first;
    first = first->next;
  }
  return NULL;
}
static void
init_mld_algorithm(object_db_t *object_db){
   object_db_rec_t *obj_rec = object_db->head;
   while(obj_rec){
     obj rec->is visited = MLD FALSE;
     obj_rec = obj_rec->next;
   }
}
/* Level 2 Pseudocode : This function explore the direct childs of obj_rec and mark
* them visited. Note that obj_rec must have already visted.*/
static void
mld_explore_objects_recursively(object_db_t *object_db,
                   object_db_rec_t *parent_obj_rec){
  unsigned int i, n_fields;
  char *parent obj ptr = NULL,
     *child_obj_offset = NULL;
  void *child_object_address = NULL;
  field info t *field info = NULL;
  object_db_rec_t *child_object_rec = NULL;
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struct_db_rec_t *parent_struct_rec = parent_obj_rec->struct_rec;
/*Parent object must have already visited*/
assert(parent_obj_rec->is_visited);
if (parent struct rec->n fields == 0){
  return;
}
for(i = 0; i < parent_obj_rec -> units; i++){
  parent_obj_ptr = (char *)(parent_obj_rec->ptr) + (i * parent_struct_rec->ds_size);
  for(n fields = 0; n fields < parent struct rec->n fields; n fields++){
    field_info = &parent_struct_rec->fields[n_fields];
    /*We are only concerned with fields which are pointer to
     * other objects*/
    switch(field_info->dtype){
       case UINT8:
       case UINT32:
       case INT32:
       case CHAR:
       case FLOAT:
       case DOUBLE:
       case OBJ_STRUCT:
         break:
       case VOID_PTR:
       case OBJ PTR:
       default:
         ;
       /*child_obj_offset is the memory location inside parent object
        * where address of next level object is stored*/
       child_obj_offset = parent_obj_ptr + field_info->offset;
       memcpy(&child_object_address, child_obj_offset, sizeof(void *));
       /*child_object_address now stores the address of the next object in the
        * graph. It could be NULL, Handle that as well*/
       if(!child_object_address) continue;
       child_object_rec = object_db_look_up(object_db, child_object_address);
       assert(child object rec);
       /* Since we are able to reach this child object "child_object_rec"
        * from parent object "parent_obj_ptr", mark this
        * child object as visited and explore its children recirsively.
        * If this child object is already visited, then do nothing - avoid infinite loops*/
       if(!child object rec->is visited){
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child_object_rec->is_visited = MLD_TRUE;
            if(field_info->dtype != VOID_PTR) /*Explore next object only when it is not a
VOID PTR*/
              mld explore objects recursively(object db, child object rec);
          }
         else{
            continue; /*Do nothing, explore next child object*/
          }
       }
     }
  }
}
/* Level 1 Pseudocode : We will traverse the graph starting from root objects
* and mark all reachable nodes as visited*/
void
run_mld_algorithm(object_db_t *object_db){
  /*Step 1 : Mark all objects in object databse as unvisited*/
  init_mld_algorithm(object_db);
  /* Step 2 : Get the first root object from the object db, it could be
   * present anywhere in object db. If there are multiple roots in object db
   * return the first one, we can start mld algorithm from any root object*/
  object db rec t *root obj = get next root object(object db, NULL);
  while(root_obj){
    if(root obj->is visited){
       /* It means, all objects reachable from this root obj has already been
        * explored, no need to do it again, else you will end up in infinite loop.
        * Remember, Application Data structures are cyclic graphs*/
       root obj = get next root object(object db, root obj);
       continue;
     }
    /*root objects are always reachable since application holds the global
     * variable to it*/
    root_obj->is_visited = MLD_TRUE;
    /*Explore all reachable objects from this root_obj recursively*/
    mld explore objects recursively(object db, root obj);
    root_obj = get_next_root_object(object_db, root_obj);
  }
}
```

```
static void
mld_dump_object_rec_detail(object_db_rec_t *obj_rec){
```

```
int n_fields = obj_rec->struct_rec->n_fields;
  field_info_t *field = NULL;
  int units = obj_rec->units, obj_index = 0,
    field index = 0;
  for(; obj index < units; obj index++){
    char *current_object_ptr = (char *)(obj_rec->ptr) + \
              (obj_index * obj_rec->struct_rec->ds_size);
    for(field_index = 0; field_index < n_fields; field_index++){</pre>
       field = &obj rec->struct rec->fields[field index];
       switch(field->dtype){
         case UINT8:
         case INT32:
         case UINT32:
            printf("%s[%d]->%s = %d\n", obj_rec->struct_rec->struct_name, obj_index,
field->fname, *(int *)(current_object_ptr + field->offset));
            break;
         case CHAR:
            printf("%s[%d]->%s = %s\n", obj_rec->struct_rec->struct_name, obj_index,
field->fname, (char *)(current_object_ptr + field->offset));
           break;
         case FLOAT:
            printf("%s[%d]->%s = %f\n", obj_rec->struct_rec->struct_name, obj_index,
field->fname, *(float *)(current_object_ptr + field->offset));
            break:
         case DOUBLE:
            printf("%s[%d]->%s = %f\n", obj_rec->struct_rec->struct_name, obj_index,
field->fname, *(double *)(current object ptr + field->offset));
            break;
         case OBJ PTR:
            printf("%s[%d]->%s = %p\n", obj_rec->struct_rec->struct_name, obj_index,
field->fname, (void *)*(int *)(current_object_ptr + field->offset));
            break:
         case OBJ_STRUCT:
            /*Later*/
            break:
         default:
            break;
       }
    }
  }
}
```

void

```
report_leaked_objects(object_db_t *object_db){
  int i = 0;
  object_db_rec_t *head;
  printf("Dumping Leaked Objects\n");
  for(head = object_db->head; head; head = head->next){
    if(!head->is_visited){
       print_object_rec(head, i++);
       mld_dump_object_rec_detail(head);
       printf("\n\n");
    }
  }
}
/*Support for primitive data types*/
void
mld_init_primitive_data_types_support(struct_db_t *struct_db){
  REG_STRUCT(struct_db, int , 0);
  REG_STRUCT(struct_db, float, 0);
  REG_STRUCT(struct_db, double , 0);
}
```

Appointments Pending

Screenshots

Module 1: Strucuture Database

([36a]	10	stud name	dtype	- CHAR	size = 32	offset + 0		nstructname - 0
	B[36m							
		rolino	dtype	- UINT12	size - 4	offset = 32		nstructname - 0
		484	dtype	- UINT32	size - 4	offset = 36		nstructname = 0
		aggregate	dtype	= FLOAT	size - 4	offset = 48	1	nstructname - 8
	4	best_colleage	dtype	- 083_PTR	size = 4	offset = 44		nstructname = student_t
tructure No : 1 (00 [] []30m] emp_t []30m]		size = 52	#flds - t	1				
		emp_name	dtype	- OMR	siz# = 30	offset + 0		nstructname = 0
		emp_id	dtype	- UINT32	size = 4	offset = 32		nstructname - 0
			dtype	- UINT32	size = 4	offset = 36	I	nstructname = 0
		nir.	dtype	= 087_PTR	size = 4	offset - 40		nstructname - emp_t
	4	salary	dtype	+ FLOAT	size = 4	offset = 44		nstructname = 0
	18[36n- 5		dtype	- OBJ_PTR	siz# = 4	offset = 48	1	nstructname = 0
tructure No : 2 (0)	13[36e- 100/8E48]							

Module 2: Object Database

E[0mE[36mPri	nting OBJECT DATA	BASE			
@[35m					
@[0m@[33m0	ptr = 00661130	next = 00661110	units = 1	<pre>struct_name = int</pre>	is_root = FALSE
@[0m@[35m					
@[0m@[35m					
0[0m0[33m1	ptr = 006610A0	next = 00661080	units = 2	<pre>struct_name = emp_t</pre>	is_root = TRUE
@[0m@[35m					
0[0m0[35m					
@[0m@[33m2	ptr = 00661048	next = 00661350	units = 1	<pre>struct_name = student_t</pre>	is_root = FALSE
@[0m@[35m					
@[@m@[35m					
@[0m@[33m3	ptr = 00661010	next = 00000000	units = 1	<pre>struct_name = student_t</pre>	is_root = TRUE
@[0m@[35m					

Module 3: Collected Objects

a[0m@[33m0 ptr = 00661048 next = 00661350 units = 1 struct_name = student_t is_root = FALSE a[0m@[35m a[0mstudent_t[0]->stud_name = shivani student_t[0]->rollno = 0 student_t[0]->age = 0 student t[0]->aggregate = 0.000000	0 0 0 1 3 5 m	Leaked Objects				
[@mstudent_t[0]->stud_name = shivani student_t[0]->rollno = 0 student_t[0]->age = 0	[0m2[33m0	and the second second	next = 00661350	units = 1	struct_name = student_t	is_root = FALSE
tudent_t[0]->rollno = 0 tudent_t[0]->age = 0	B		shivani			
	tudent_t[0]	->rollno = 0				
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Conclusion

- Offers a garbage collection based on the reachability of the pointers that are created
- Close to the Java garbage collection in functionality
- Can be extended to use in C++ as well

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