

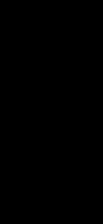
# Memory Management



**Executable file  
(a program)**

High address

stack



shared libraries

heap

bss

initialized data

text

Low address

### Process memory layout

uninitialized data

initialized data

text

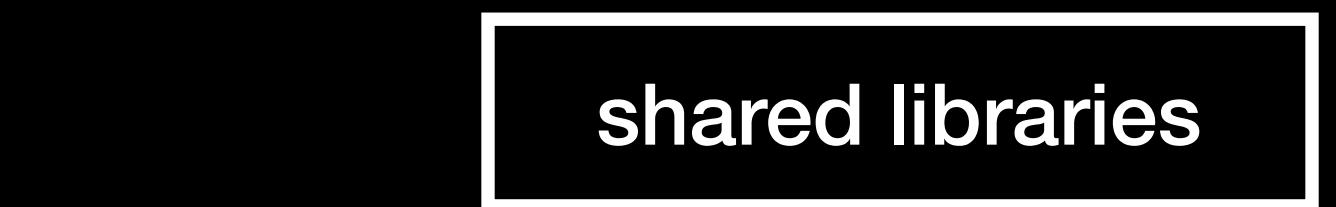
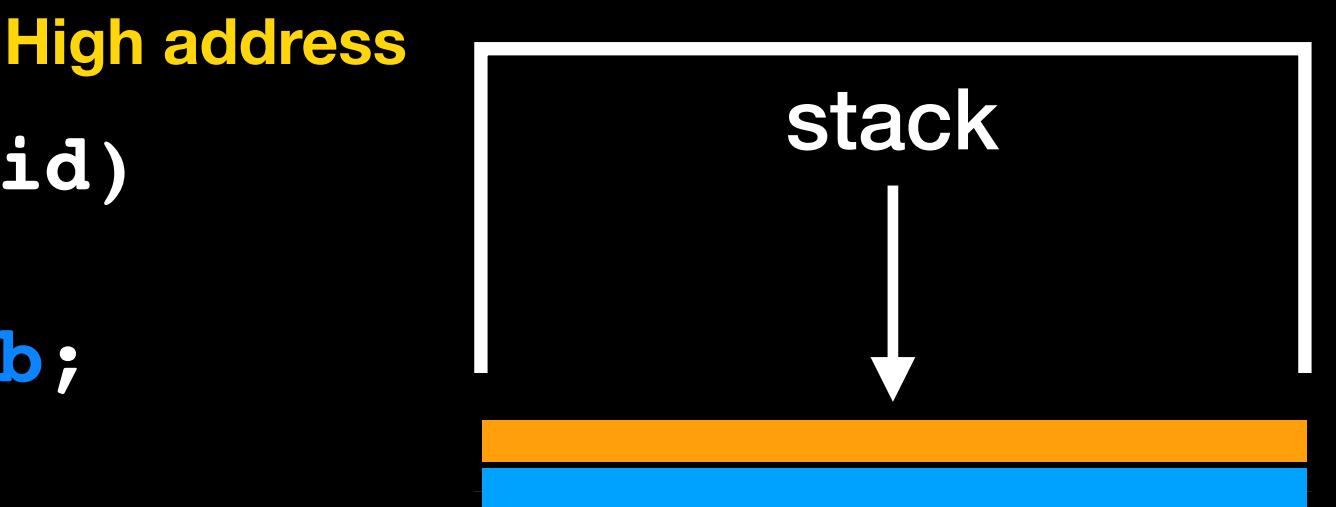
elf header

elf magic number

Executable file  
(a program)

High address

```
void foo(void)
{
    int a, b;
}
```



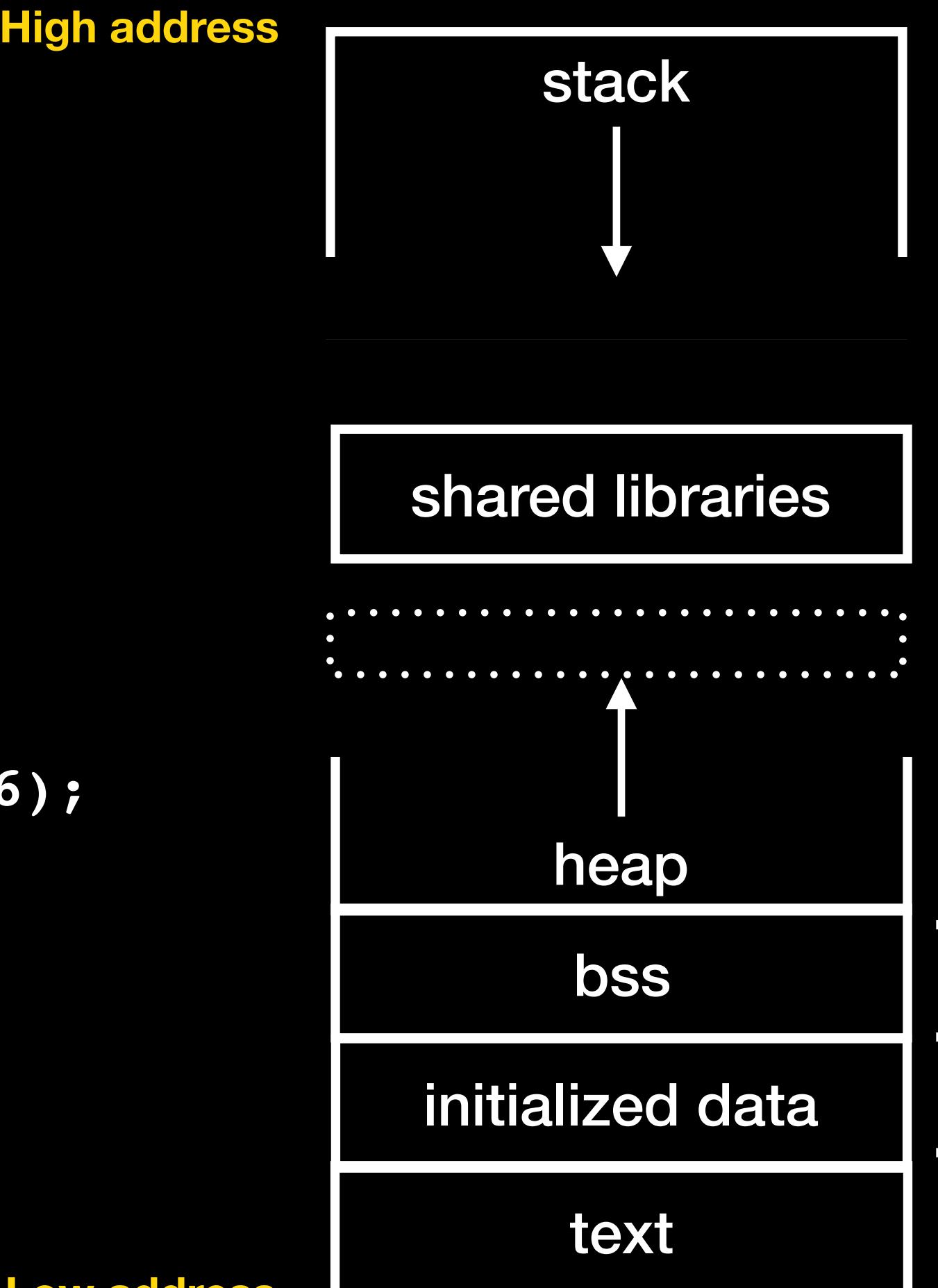
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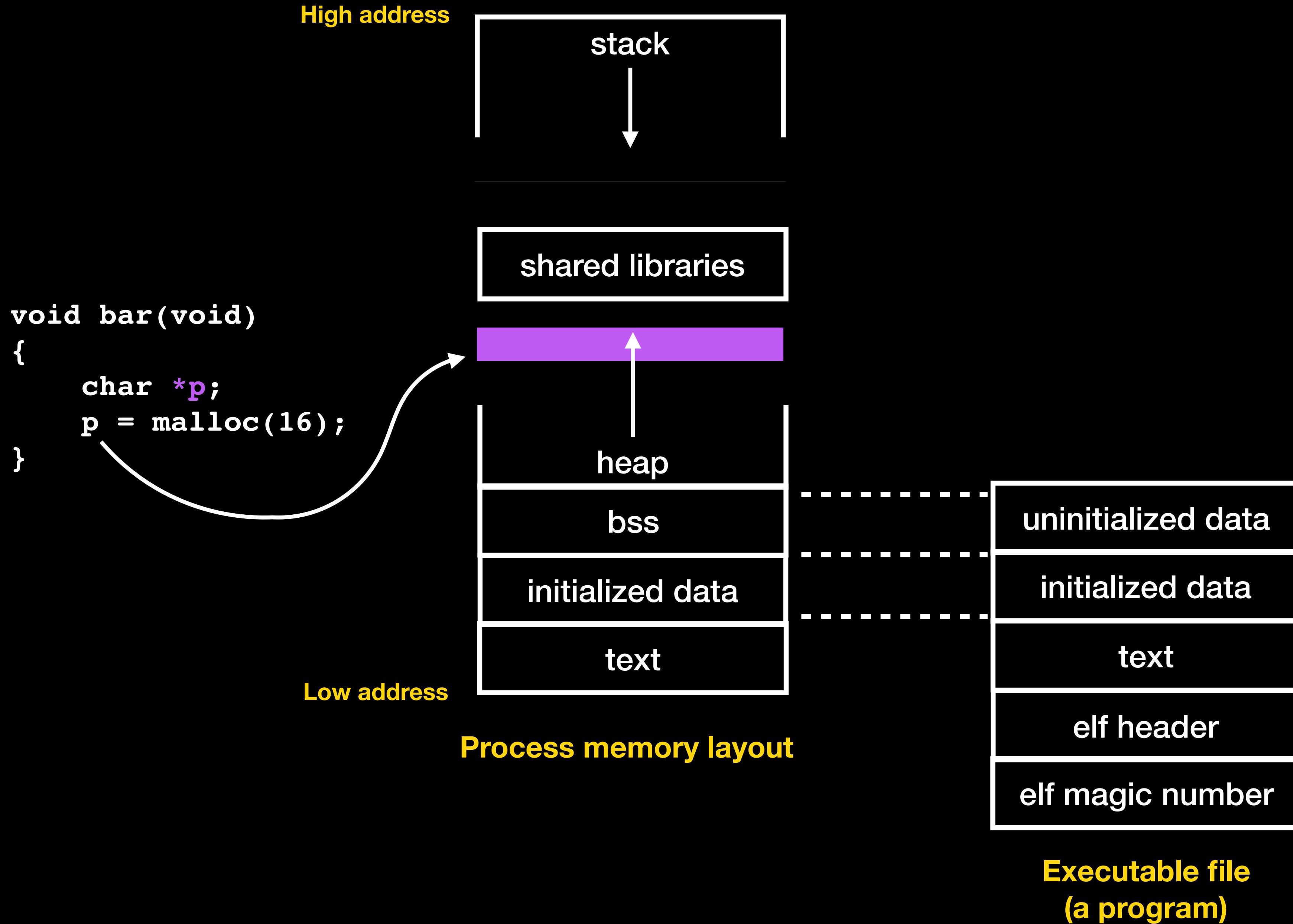
Process memory layout



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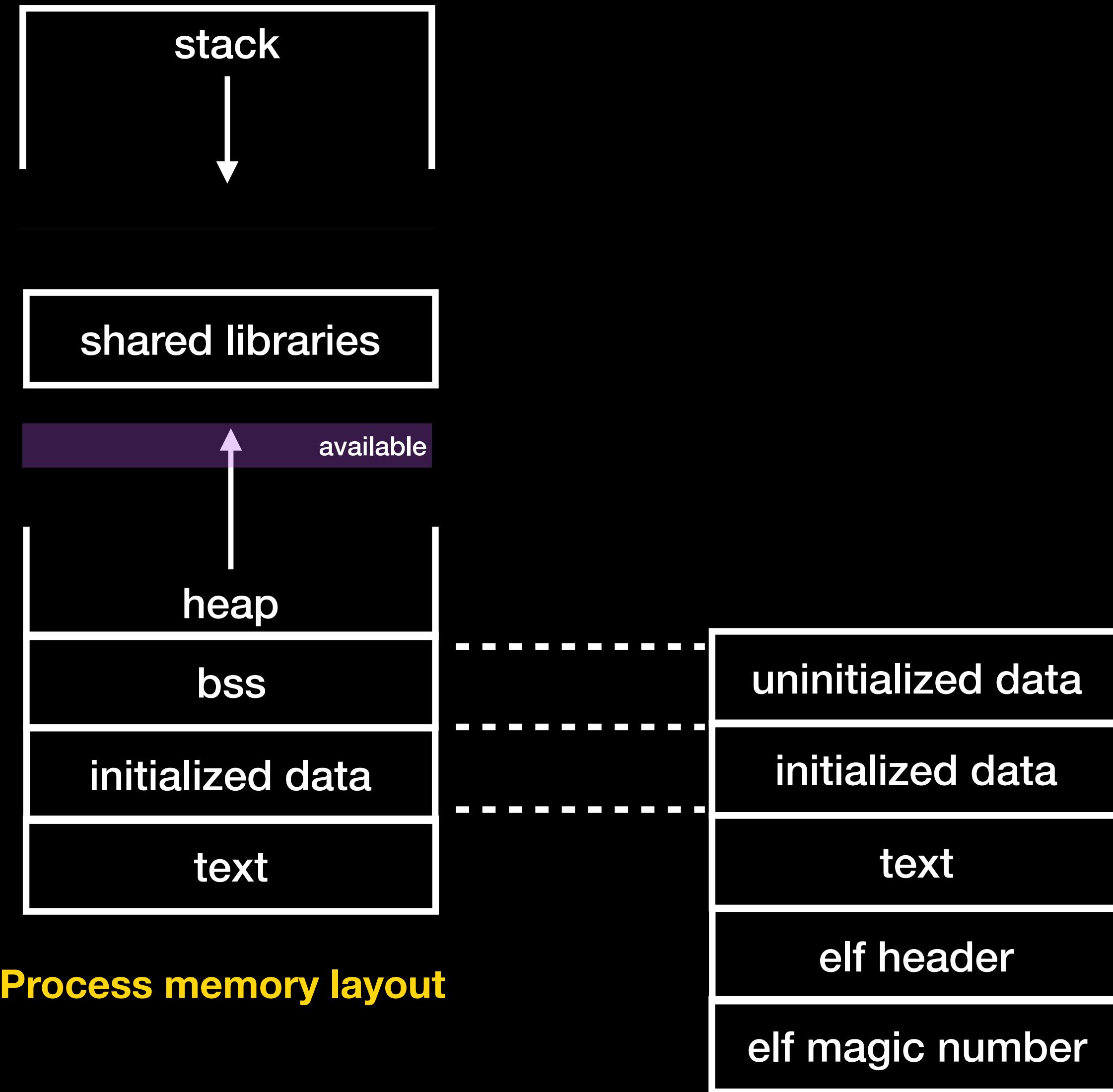
```
void bar(void)
{
    char *p;
    p = malloc(16);
}
```





```
void bar(void)
{
    char *p;
    p = malloc(16);

    free(p);
}
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Executable file  
(a program)

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See also:

[calloc](#)  
[realloc](#)  
 [strdup / strndup](#)

