

# **The five most common memory related errors in C++**

# 1. Memory Leak

Forgetting to free memory.

```
int* p = new int {10};
```

```
//  Oops! Forgot delete -> memory leak
```

## 2. Dangling Pointer / Use-After-Free

Using memory after it was deleted.

```
int* p = new int {10};
```

```
delete p;
```

```
*p = 5; //  dangling pointer
```

### 3. Double Delete

Freeing the same memory twice.

```
int* p = new int {10};
```

```
delete p;
```

```
delete p; //  double delete
```

## 4. Buffer Overflow / Out-of-Bounds Access

Writing outside allocated memory.

```
int arr[3];
```

```
arr[3] = 42; //  out of bounds (valid: 0-2)
```

## 5. Uninitialized Memory / Wild Pointers

Using a variable before setting a value.

```
int* p;
```

```
*p = 7; //  p points nowhere
```