

## Example: V-bits and A-bits in Valgrind

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1: void main()
2: {
3:     int a;
4:     int *p;
5:     a = 99;
6:     p = (int*) malloc(2*sizeof(int));
7:     p[0] = 0;
8:     printf("p[1]=%d\n", p[1]); //uninitialized read
9:     p[1] &= 0xFFFFFFFF;
10:    if(p[1] & 0x00000001)
11:        ;
12:    p[0] = p[1]; // copy is OK, even if not fully initialized
13:    free(p);
14:    p[0] = 0; //unallocated write
15: }

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### After line 4:

	content	V-bits	A-bits
a	random	0x00000000	0xF
p	random	0x00000000	0xF

### After line 5:

	content	V-bits	A-bits
a	99	0xFFFFFFFF	0xF
p	random	0x00000000	0xF

### After line 6:

	content	V-bits	A-bits
a	99	0xFFFFFFFF	0xF
p	Address of *p	0xFFFFFFFF	0xF
p[0]	random	0x00000000	0xF
p[1]	random	0x00000000	0xF

### After line 7:

	content	V-bits	A-bits
a	99	0xFFFFFFFF	0xF
p	Address of *p	0xFFFFFFFF	0xF
p[0]	0	0xFFFFFFFF	0xF
p[1]	random	0x00000000	0xF

**Line 8: Uses p[1] -> check a-bits and v-bits**  
**a-bits are fine (no unallocated read)**  
**v-bits are not (using uninitialized data) -> Warning!**

**After line 9:**

	content	V-bits	A-bits
a	99	0xFFFFFFFF	0xF
p	Address of *p	0xFFFFFFFF	0xF
p[0]	0	0xFFFFFFFF	0xF
p[1]	Random, last bit is 0	0x00000001	0xF

**Line 10: Uses the last bit of p[1] -> check a-bits and this one v-bit**  
**a-bits are fine (no unallocated read)**  
**this one v-bit is fine -> NO Warning!**

**Line 12: check a-bits. If we only copy data, we do NOT check the v-bits, we only copy them.**  
**Reason: real code copies uninitialized data quite a lot.**

**After line 12:**

	content	V-bits	A-bits
a	99	0xFFFFFFFF	0xF
p	Address of *p	0xFFFFFFFF	0xF
p[0]	Random, last bit is 0	0x00000001	0xF
p[1]	Random, last bit is 0	0x00000001	0xF

**After line 13:**

	content	V-bits	A-bits
a	99	0xFFFFFFFF	0xF
p	Address of *p	0xFFFFFFFF	0xF
p[0]	Random, last bit is 0	0x00000001	0x0
p[1]	Random, last bit is 0	0x00000001	0x0

**Line 14: Writes p[0] -> check a-bits -> Warning**