

NAME

alloc — core allocator

SYNOPSIS

char *alloc (size)

DESCRIPTION

Alloc has been made obsolete by *malloc(3C)*. It continues to exist for old programs which may still use it but it calls *malloc* to do all the work. *Alloc* is given a size in bytes; it returns a pointer which is even and hence can hold an object of any type, addressing an area of at least the requested size. A **-1** return indicates failure to allocate.

SEE ALSO

malloc(3C)