

## Second Routine Replaces `calloc`

The next routine replaces `calloc`.

In new code,

- there's less benefit\*
- to matching the original signature,
- so instead we have:

```
void* mem220_allocate_and_zero
(size_t n_bytes);
```

The routine **tries to allocate and zero a block, returning a pointer to the block or NULL.**

\*Using distinct parameter lists may help to catch some programmer mistakes.

## Third Routine Replaces `realloc`

The third interface replaces `realloc`:

```
int32_t mem220_reallocate
(void** ptr_to_ptr,
 size_t n_bytes);
```

The routine works similarly to `realloc`:

- given a pointer to a pointer to an old block\*
- and given a new size
- the routine **tries to change the block's size, copying and freeing the old block as necessary.**

\*Sadly, an explicit cast to `(void**)` is now required.

## Third Routine Avoids `realloc` Misuse Case

Also, the new version **avoids the common misuse case for `realloc`**:

```
int32_t mem220_reallocate
(void** ptr_to_ptr,
 size_t n_bytes);
```

- **`*ptr_to_ptr` changes**
- **only on success**, and
- only when the block had to move.

The function **returns 0 on success, or -1 on failure.**

## Example of a Value-Result Argument

```
int32_t mem220_reallocate
(void** ptr_to_ptr,
 size_t n_bytes);
```

**Arguments** such as `ptr_to_ptr`, that both

- convey a value to the function and
- convey an output back to the caller
- are sometimes called **value-result arguments.**