WHAT IS A WILD POINTER?

wild :   *int * ptr ;*   *// wild*

- Uninitialized pointers are known as wild pointers
- These pointers point to some arbitrary location in memory and may cause a program to crash or behave badly.
- Dereferencing wild pointers can cause nasty bugs
- It is suggested to always initialize unused pointers to NULL.

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AN EXAMPLE PROGRAM

- In the following program, ptr is a wild pointer until it is given the address of a.

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int a;=3;
int *ptr; // wild pointer
ptr = &a; // ptr no longer wild
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