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# THE COMMITTEE EXPOSED

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@mknejp



Fellow free thinking C++ programmers, join me at this year's @CppCon where I will finally expose the conspiracy that is The C++ Committee. Their iron grip on secret language features you're not supposed to know about cannot remain hidden any longer! The Standard is a lie!



**Bryan St. Amour** @bstamour1 · Jul 10



Replying to @mknejp and @CppCon

Good thing we're a committee, and not a mafia. You'd be swimming with the fishies for this tweet!



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**Corentin** @Cor3ntin · Jul 10



C++ is what the committee says it is. C++ + plus, is not C++. And there are (un)fortunately no fish in Denver





Episode 214 of CppCast is live! In this episode @robwirving and @lefticus are joined by @mknejp to discuss #cplusplus extensions that the @isocpp committee is hiding from us... Listen Now! [cppcast.com/miro-knejp-cpp...](http://cppcast.com/miro-knejp-cpp...)



**Agent C.** 04:35

Also @mknejp we will have to get rid of cppcast and its hosts because of you.

Can't have people spread lies

# Case Ranges

```
switch(ch)
{
    case '\0':
        //code
    case '0':
    case '1':
    case '2':
    case '3':
    case '4':
    case '5':
    case '6':
    case '7':
    case '8':
    case '9':
        //code
}
```

```
case 'a':
case 'b':
case 'c':
case 'd':
...
case 'w':
case 'x':
case 'y':
case 'z':
    //code
default:
    //code
```

```
if(ch == '\0')
    //code
else if(ch >= '0' && ch <= '9')
    //code
else if(ch >= 'a' && ch <= 'z')
    //code
else
    //code
```

```
switch(ch)
{
    case '\0':
        //code
    case '0' ... '9':
        //code
    case 'a' ... 'z':
        //code
    default:
        //code
}
```

# Unnamed Structure and Union Fields

```
struct vec4
{
    union
    {
        float array[4];
        struct
        {
            float x, y, z, w;
        };
    };
};
```

# Unnamed Structure and Union Fields

```
union vec4
{
    float array[4];
    struct
    {
        float x, y, z, w;
    };
};
```

```
auto v = vec4{};
v.x = 5;
v.y = 6;
print(v.array[0]); // 5
print(v.array[1]); // 6


v.array[j] = 10;

glVertex4fv(v.array);
```



# Unnamed Structure and Union Fields

```
union struct vec4  
{  
    float array[4];  
    struct  
    {  
        float x, y, z, w;  
    };  
    float& operator[](int i) { ... }  
};
```



```
auto v = vec4{};  
v.x = 5;  
v.y = 6;  
print(v[0]); // 5  
print(v[1]); // 6  
  
v[j] = 10;  
  
glVertex4fv(&v[0]);
```

# Conditionals with Omitted Operands

```
auto read() -> unique_ptr<T>;
auto default_value() -> unique_ptr<T>;

auto read_or_default()
{
    if(auto p = read(); p)
        return p;
    else
        return default_value();
}
```

```
auto read_or_default()
{
    return read() ? read() : default_value();
}

auto read_or_default()
{
    auto p = read();
    return p ? p : default_value();
}
```

# Conditionals with Omitted Operands

`a ? b : c`

`<condition> ? <expr1> : <expr2>`

`a ?: b`

`<expr1> ?: <expr2> ≡ <expr1> ? <expr1> : <expr2>`

with `<expr1>` evaluated only once

```
auto read_or_default()  
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}
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# The Elvis Operator

`a ? b : c`

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with `<expr1>` evaluated only once

```
auto read_or_default()
{
    return read() ?: default_value();
}
```



# Designated Initializers

```
struct params
{
    string file;
    bool readonly;
    bool exclusive;
};

params p = params{.file = "a.txt", .readonly = true, .exclusive = false};

file open_file(params p);

open_file({.file = "a.txt", .readonly = true, .exclusive = false});

open_file("a.txt", true, false);
```

# Designated Initializers

```
struct params  
{  
    string file;  
    bool readonly;  
    bool exclusive;  
};
```

```
params p = {params{file = "a.txt", .readonly = true, .exclusive = false}};
```

```
file & n_file(params p) {
```

```
    open_file({.file = "a.txt", .readonly = true, .exclusive = false});
```

```
    open_file("a.txt", true, false);
```

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# Designated Array Initializers

```
enum color          constexpr string_view color_name[] =  constexpr uint32_t color_value[] =
{
    red,             "red",                                0x0000ff,
    green,           "green",                              0x00ff00,
    blue,            "blue",                               0xff0000,
    black,           "black",                              0x000000,
    white,           "white",                              0xffffffff,
    cyan,            "cyan",                               0xffff00,
    yellow,          "yellow",                             0x00ffff,
    magenta,         "magenta",                            0xff00ff,
};

                    color_name[green] == "green"          color_value[white] == 0xffffffff
```

# Designated Array Initializers

```
enum color          constexpr string_view color_name[] =  constexpr uint32_t color_value[] =
{
    black,           "red",                                0x0000ff,
    blue,            "green",                              0x00ff00,
    cyan,            "blue",                               0xff0000,
    green,           "black",                              0x000000,
    magenta,         "white",                              0xffffffff,
    red,             "cyan",                               0xffff00,
    white,           "yellow",                             0x00ffff,
    yellow,          "magenta",                            0xff00ff,
};

color_name[green] == "green"                                color_value[white] == 0xffffffff
```



# Designated Array Initializers

```
enum color                constexpr string_view color_name[] =  constexpr uint32_t color_value[] =
{
    red = 0,              "red",                                0x0000ff,
    green = 1,            "green",                              0x00ff00,
    blue = 2,             "blue",                               0xff0000,
    black = 3,            "black",                              0x000000,
    white = 4,            "white",                              0xffffffff,
    cyan = 5,             "cyan",                               0xffff00,
    yellow = 6,           "yellow",                             0x00ffff,
    magenta = 7,          "magenta",                            0xff00ff,
};

color_name[green] == "green"

color_value[white] == 0xffffffff
```

# Designated Array Initializers

```
enum color          constexpr string_view color_name[] =  constexpr uint32_t color_value[] =
{
    black = 3,       "red",                                0x0000ff,
    blue  = 2,       "green",                              0x00ff00,
    cyan  = 5,       "blue",                                0xff0000,
    green = 1,       "black",                               0x000000,
    magenta = 7,     "white",                               0xffffffff,
    red   = 0,       "cyan",                                0xffff00,
    white = 4,       "yellow",                              0x00ffff,
    yellow = 6,     "magenta",                              0xff00ff,
};

color_name[green] == "green"                                color_value[white] == 0xffffffff
```

# Designated Array Initializers

```
enum color {
    black,
    blue,
    cyan,
    green,
    magenta,
    red,
    white,
    yellow,
};

constexpr string_view color_name[] = {
    [red]    = "red",
    [green]  = "green",
    [blue]   = "blue",
    [black]  = "black",
    [white]  = "white",
    [cyan]   = "cyan",
    [yellow] = "yellow",
    [magenta] = "magenta",
};

color_name[green] == "green"

constexpr uint32_t color_value[] = {
    [red]    = 0x0000ff,
    [green]  = 0x00ff00,
    [blue]   = 0xff0000,
    [black]  = 0x000000,
    [white]  = 0xffffffff,
    [cyan]   = 0xffff00,
    [yellow] = 0x00ffff,
    [magenta] = 0xff00ff,
};

color_value[white] == 0xffffffff
```

# Designated Array Initializers

```
int i[6] = { [2] = 31, [5] = 54 };
```

```
int i[6] = { 0, 0, 31, 0, 0, 54 };
```

```
int i[6] = { [2] = 31, 24, [5] = 54 };
```

```
int i[6] = { 0, 0, 31, 24, 0, 54 };
```

```
int i[] = { [2] = 31, 24, [5] = 54 };
```

```
int i[] = { 0, 0, 31, 24, 0, 54 };
```

```
int i[] = { [5] = 54, 11, [2] = 31 };
```

```
int i[] = { 0, 0, 31, 0, 0, 54, 11 };
```

```
int i[12] = {};
```

```
int i[12] = {1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1};
```

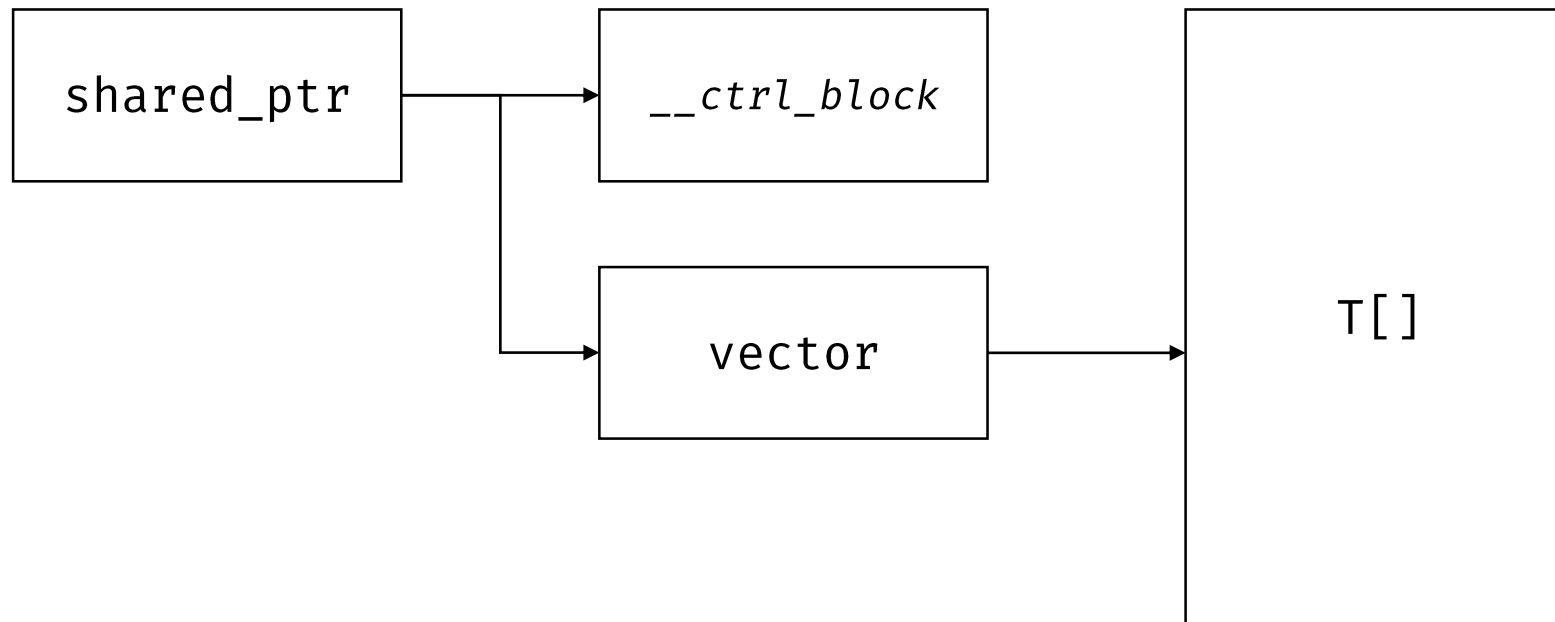
```
int i[12] = {[0 ... 11] = 1};
```

```
int i[] = {[0 ... 11] = 1};
```

```
int i[] =  
{  
    [2] = 17,  
    f(),  
    [9 ... 20] = x,  
    [4 ... 7] = 88,  
    100,  
};
```

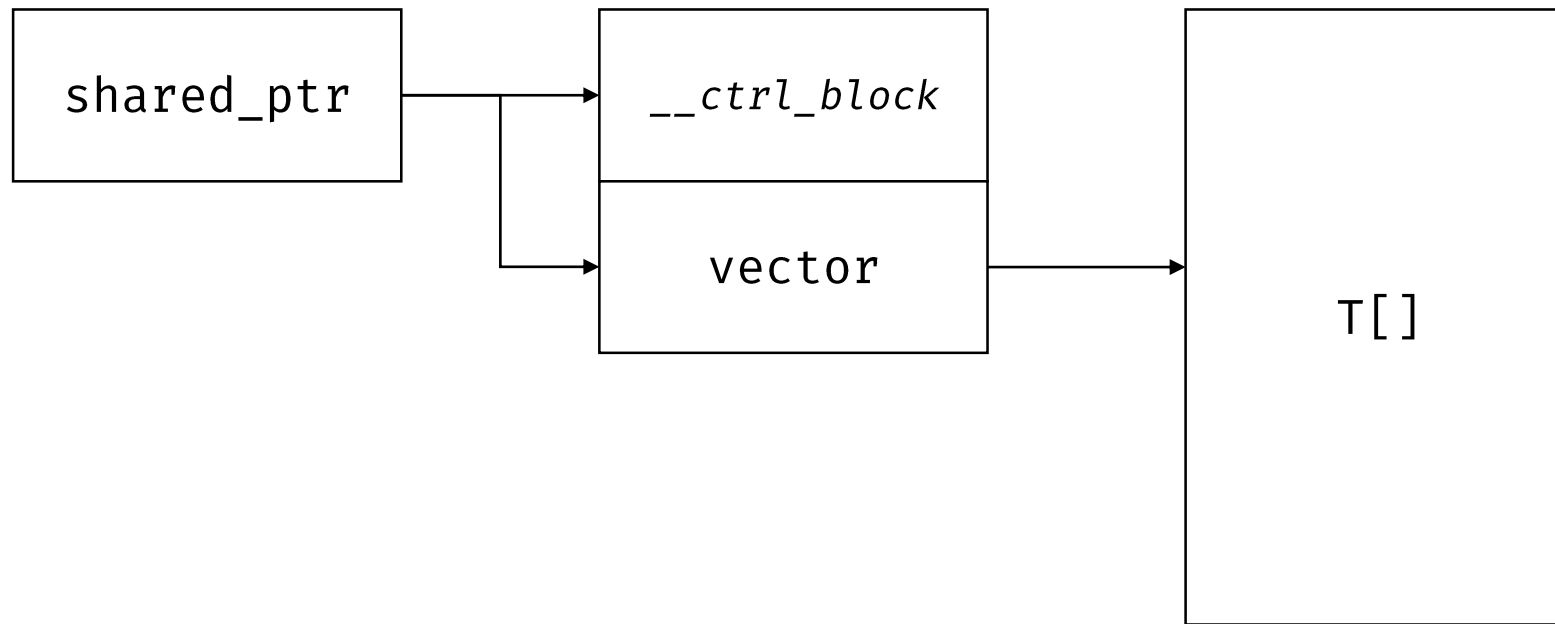
# Flexible Array Member

```
shared_ptr<vector<T> const>
```



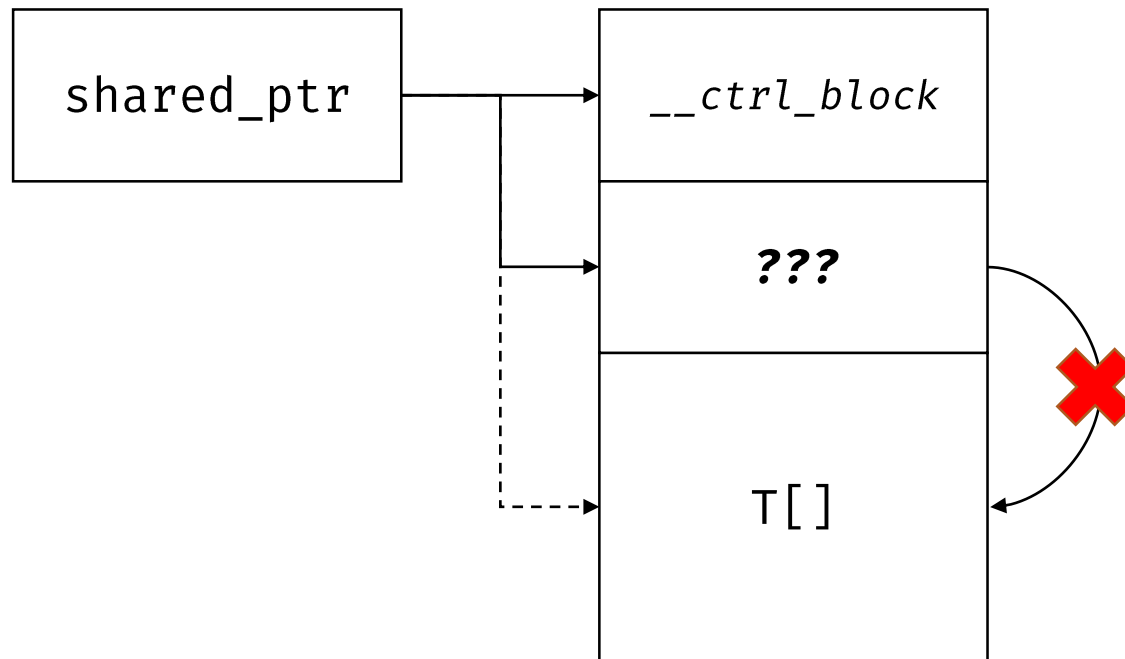
# Flexible Array Member

`shared_ptr<vector<T> const>` with `make_shared`



# Flexible Array Member

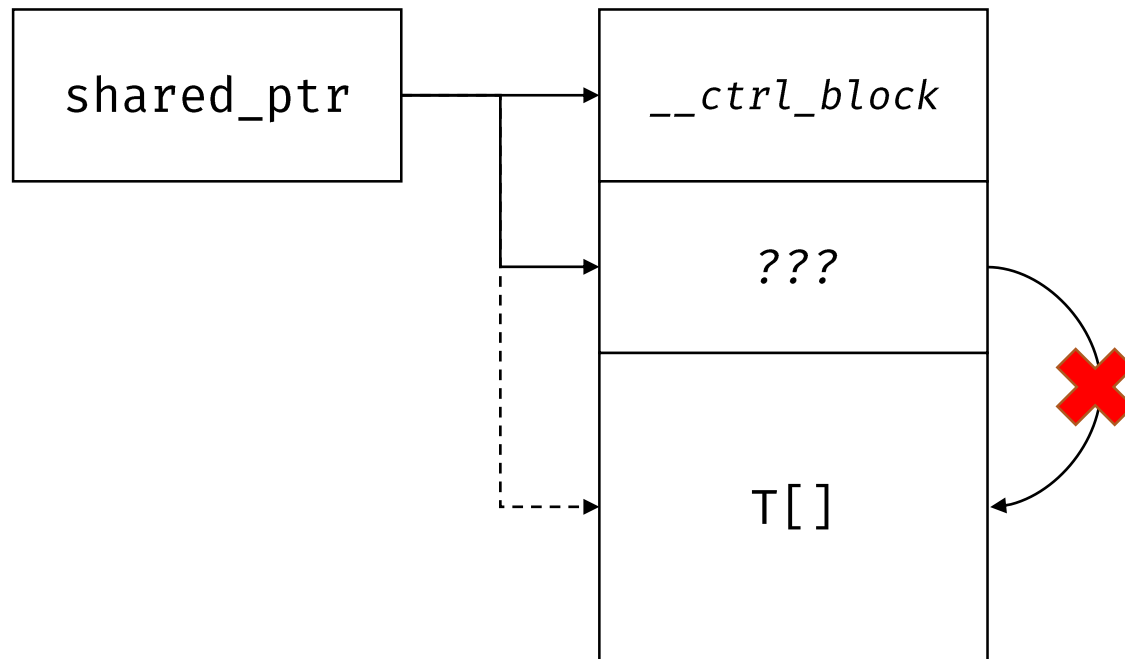
```
shared_ptr<???> const
```



# Flexible Array Member

`shared_ptr<???<T> const>`

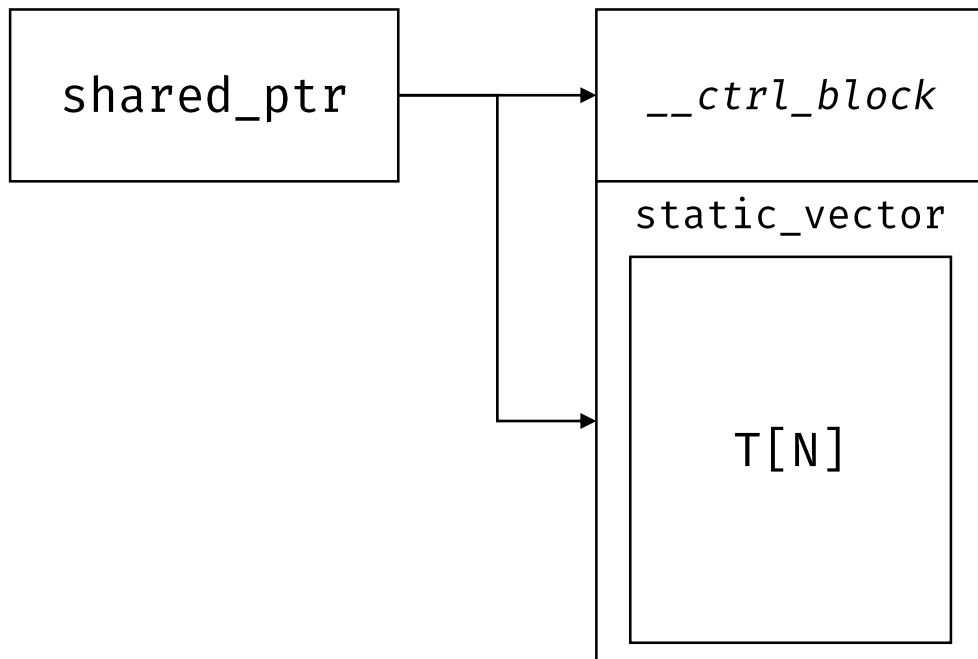
options for `???<T>`





# Flexible Array Member

```
shared_ptr<static_vector<T, N> const>
```

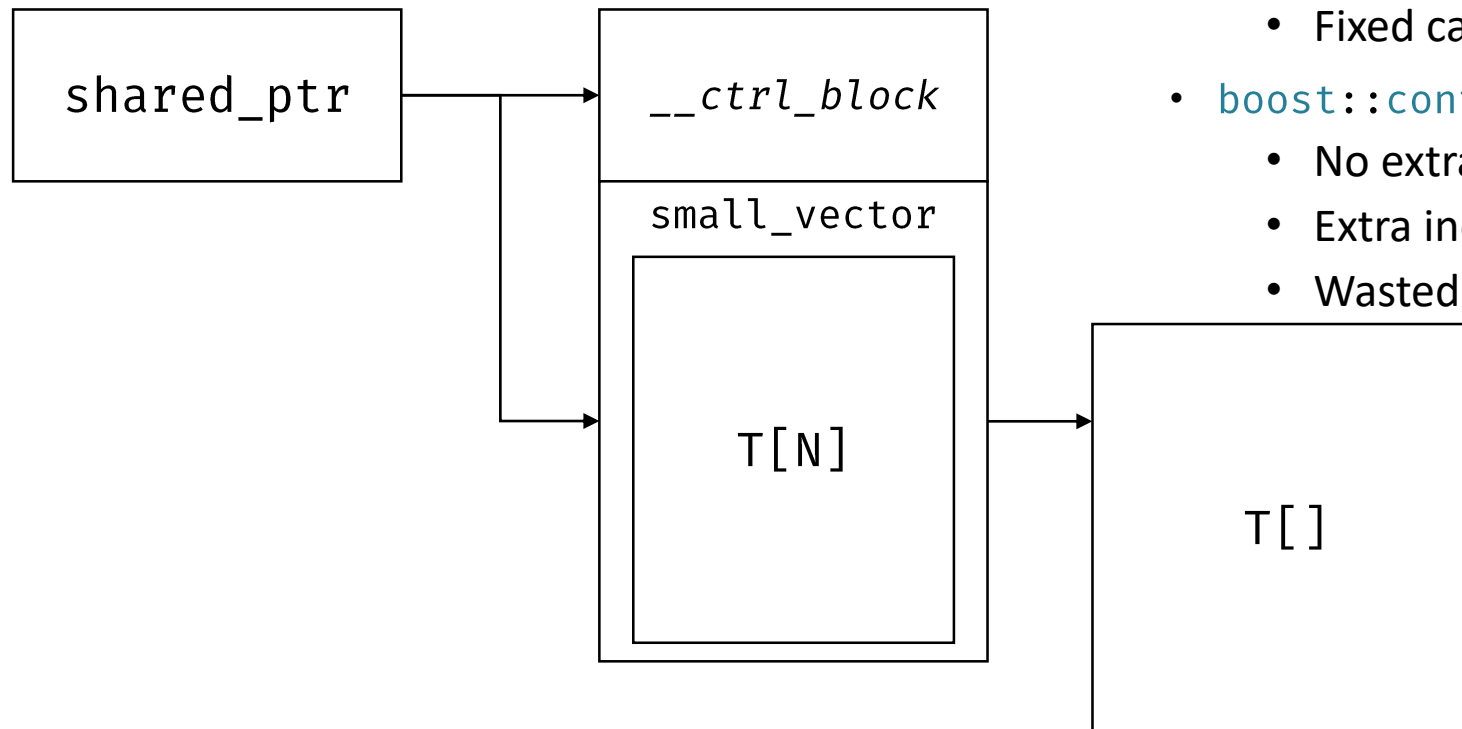


options for ???<T>

- `boost::container::static_vector<T, N>`
  - No extra indirection ✓
  - Fixed capacity ✗

# Flexible Array Member

```
shared_ptr<small_vector<T, N> const>
```

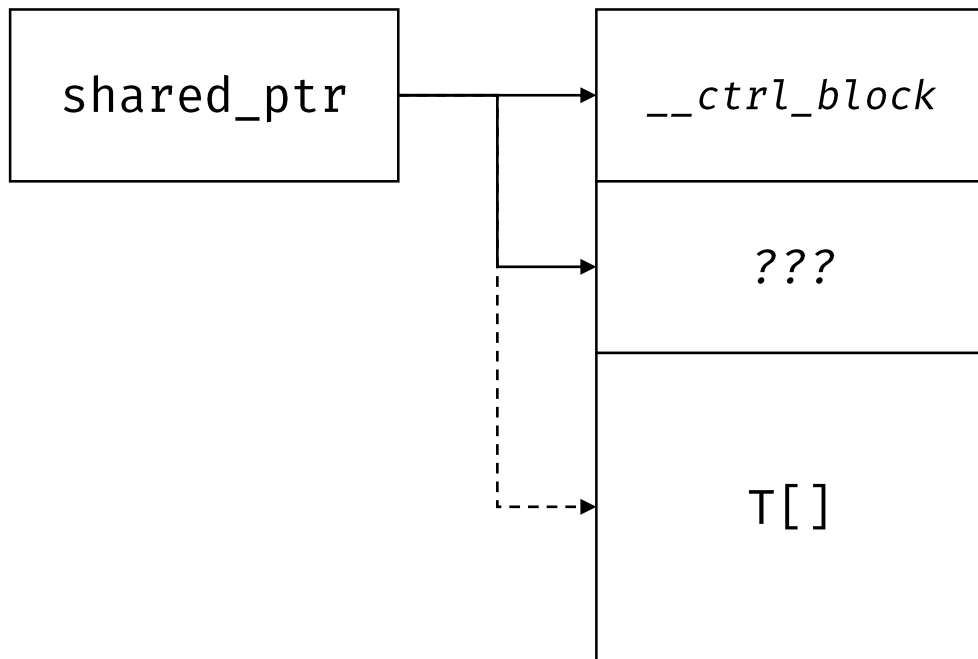


options for ???<T>

- ~~`boost::container::static_vector<T, N>`~~
  - No extra indirection ✓
  - Fixed capacity ✗
- `boost::container::small_vector<T, N>`
  - No extra indirection for size  $\leq N$  ✓
  - Extra indirection for size  $> N$  ✗
  - Wasted memory for size  $> N$  ✗

# Flexible Array Member

```
shared_ptr<???<T> const>
```

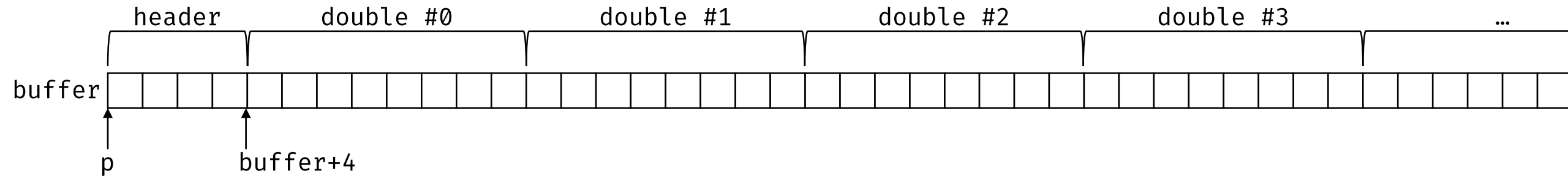


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# Flexible Array Member



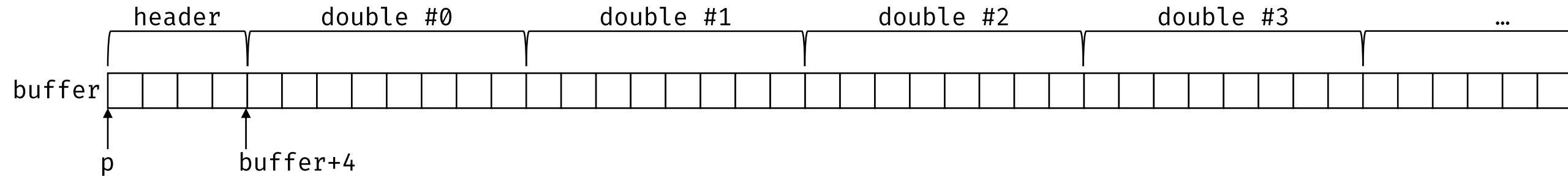
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struct header
{
    int size;
};
```

```
size_t bytes = sizeof(header) + n * sizeof(double);
byte* buffer = new byte[bytes];
header* p = new(buffer) header{n};
new(buffer + sizeof(header)) double[n];
```

```
double* data = reinterpret_cast<double*>(buffer + 4);
```

```
data[0] = data[1] + data[2];
```

# Flexible Array Member



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struct header
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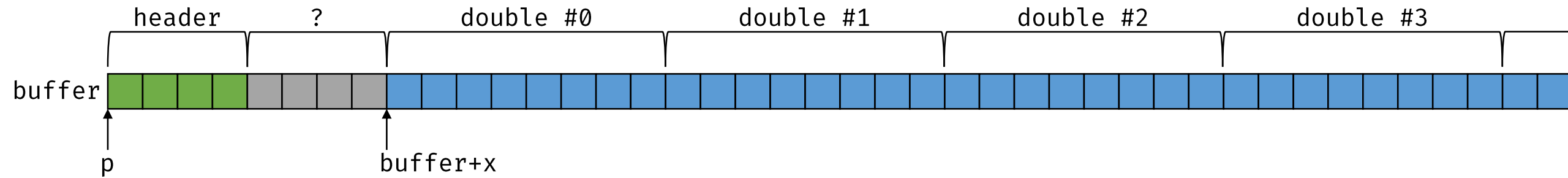
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```
data[0], data[1], data[2];
```

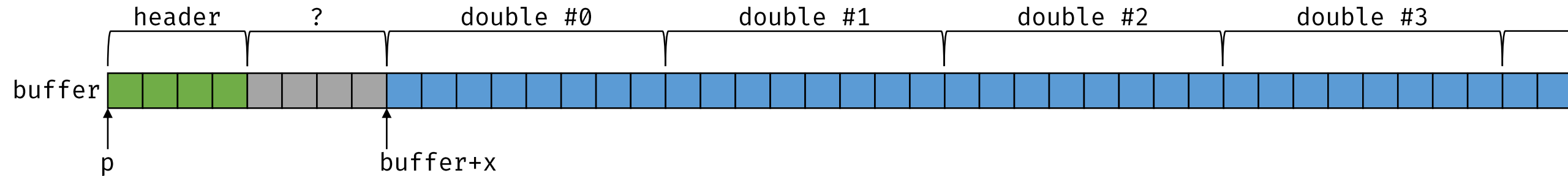
**SIGBUS**  
**unaligned load/store**

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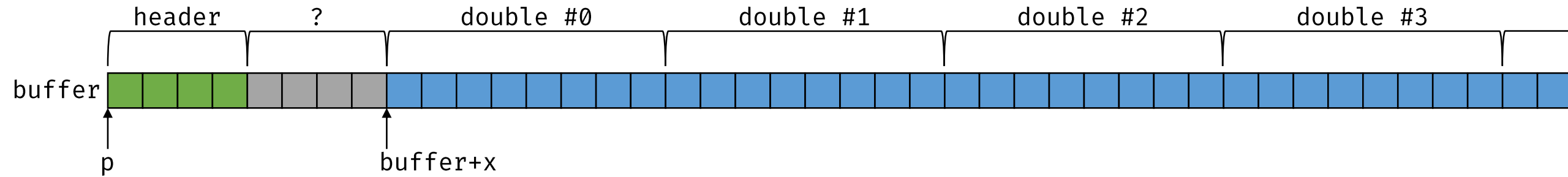
# Flexible Array Member



```
struct header
{
    int size;
};
```

```
size_t x = sizeof(double);
```

# Flexible Array Member

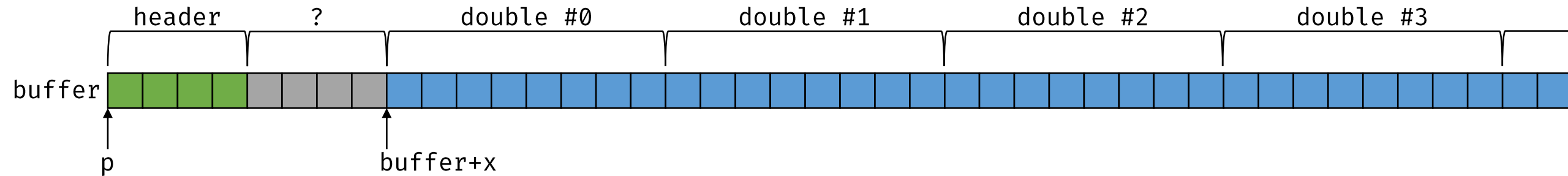


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```



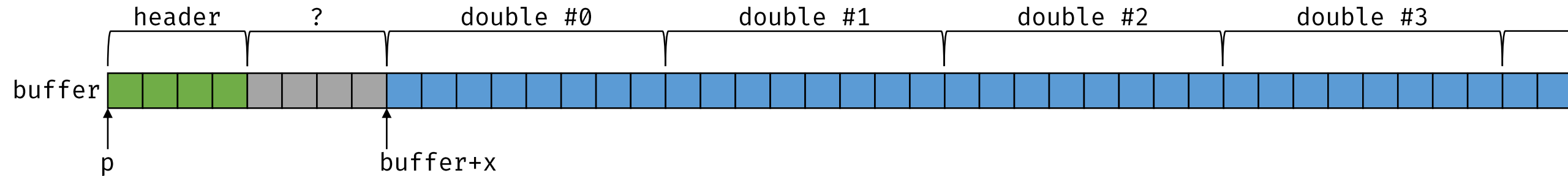
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};
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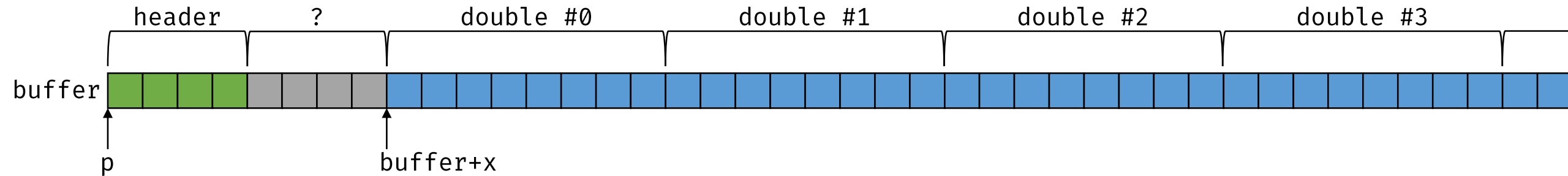
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struct header
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    int size;
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};
```

```
size_t x = sizeof(header)
```

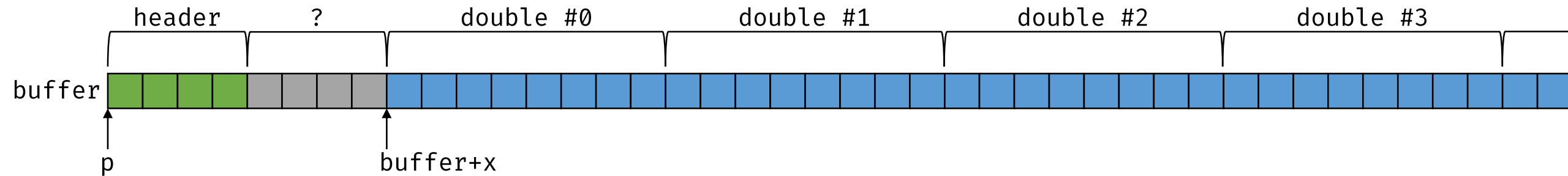
# Flexible Array Member



```
struct header
{
    int size;
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};
```

```
size_t x = sizeof(header) + alignof(double)
```

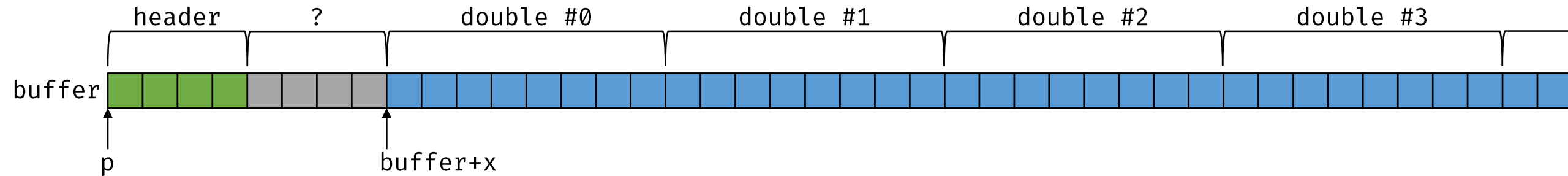
# Flexible Array Member



```
struct header
{
    int size;
    thing some;
};
```

```
size_t x = sizeof(header) + alignof(double) - 1
```

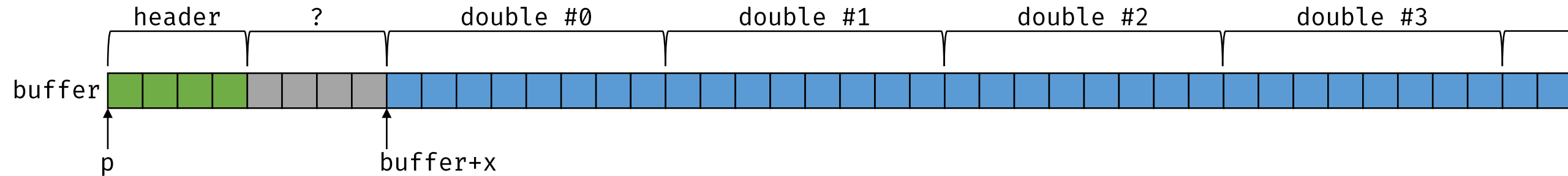
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struct header
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```
size_t x = (sizeof(header) + alignof(double) - 1)
           / alignof(double)
```

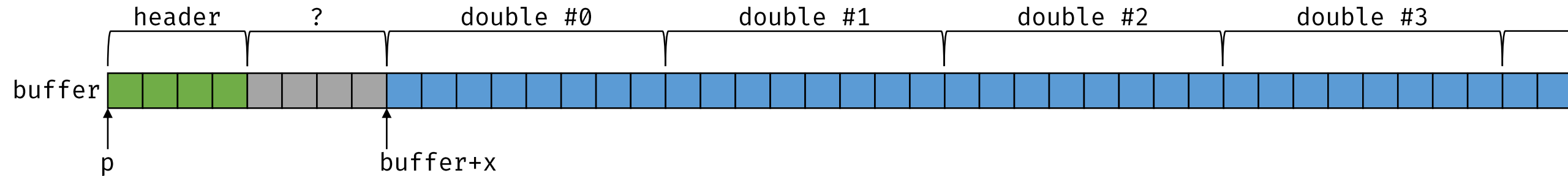
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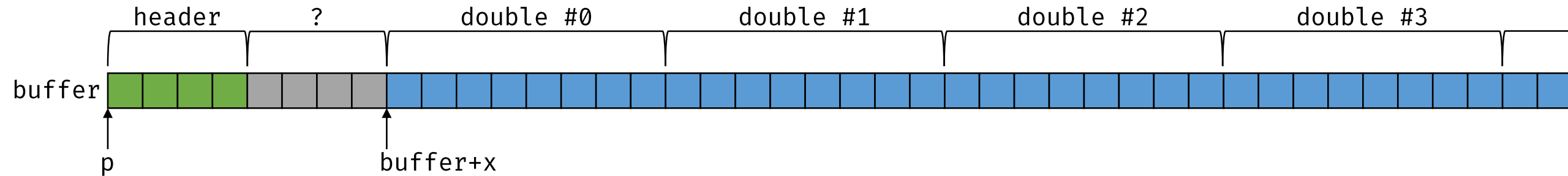
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```
constexpr size_t x = (sizeof(header) + alignof(double) - 1)
                    / alignof(double) * alignof(double);
byte* buffer = new byte[x + n * sizeof(double)];
header* p = new(buffer) header{n};
new(buffer + x) double[n];
```

```
double* data = reinterpret_cast<double*>(buffer + x);
```

```
data[0] = data[1] + data[2];
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# Flexible Array Member



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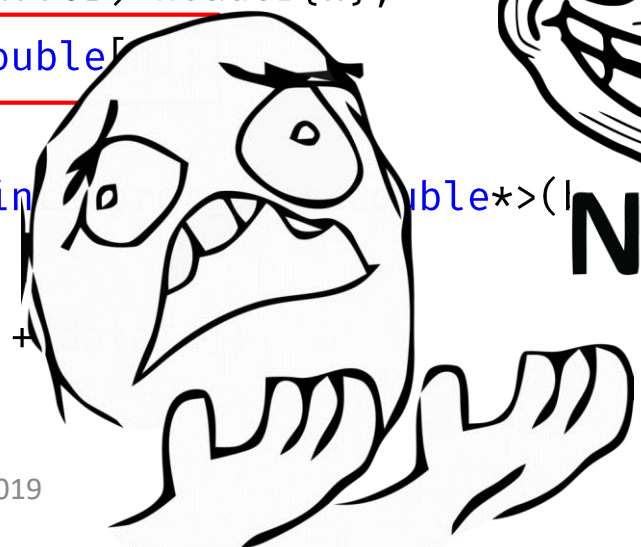
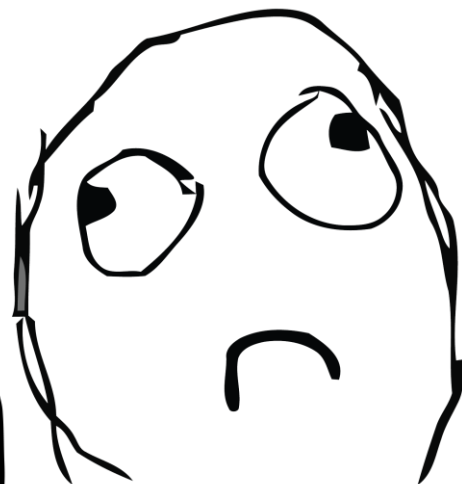
```
constexpr size_t x = (sizeof(header) + alignof(double) * 4);
byte* buffer = new byte[x + n * sizeof(double)];
header* p = new(buffer) header{n};
new(buffer + x) double[n];
```

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double* data = reinterpret_cast<double*>(buffer + x);
```

```
data[0] = data[1] + data[2];
```



**NO.**





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Working Draft, Standard for Programming Language C++

[expr.new]/19

<http://eel.is/c++draft/expr.new#19>

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operator new[](sizeof(T) * 5 + x, 2, f)
```

`new(p) double[n]`  $\rightarrow$  `operator new[](sizeof(double) * n + x, p)`

Here, each instance of `x` is a non-negative unspecified value representing array allocation overhead; the result of the *new-expression* will be offset by this amount from the value returned by `operator new[]`. This overhead may be applied in all array *new-expressions*, including those referencing the library function `operator new[](std::size_t, void*)` and other placement allocation functions. The amount of overhead may vary from one invocation of `new` to another.

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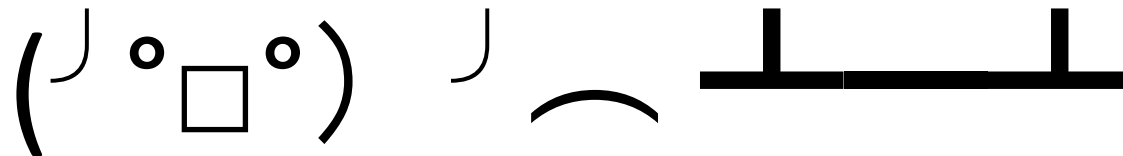
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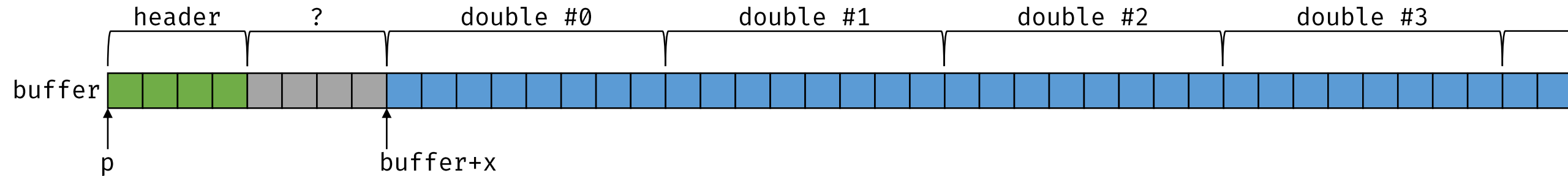
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```
struct header
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};
```

```
constexpr size_t x = (sizeof(header) + alignof(double) - 1)
                    / alignof(double) * alignof(double);
```

```
byte* buffer = new byte[x + n * sizeof(double)];
```

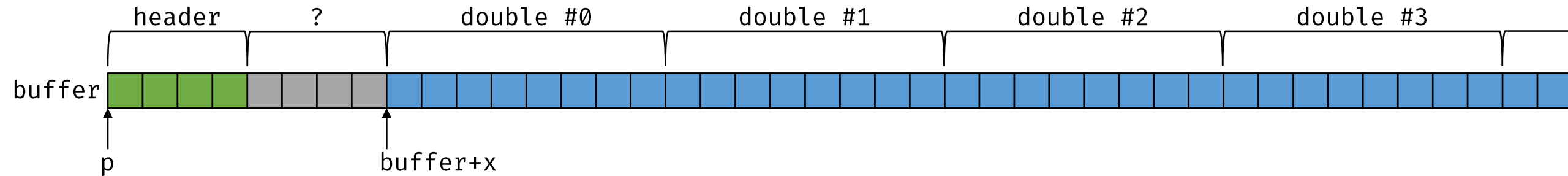
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header* p = new(buffer) header{n};
```

```
new(buffer + x) double[n];
```

```
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```

```
data[0] = data[1] + data[2];
```

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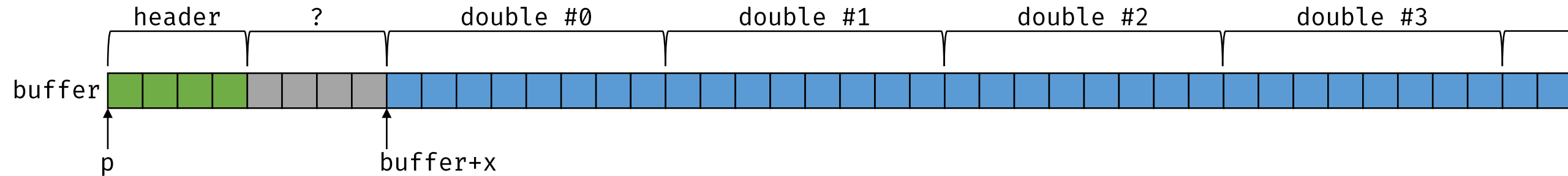


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```

```
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byte* buffer = new byte[x + n * sizeof(double)];
header* p = new(buffer) header{n};
uninitialized_default_construct_n(
    reinterpret_cast<double*>(buffer + x), n);
double* data = reinterpret_cast<double*>(buffer + x);

data[0] = data[1] + data[2];
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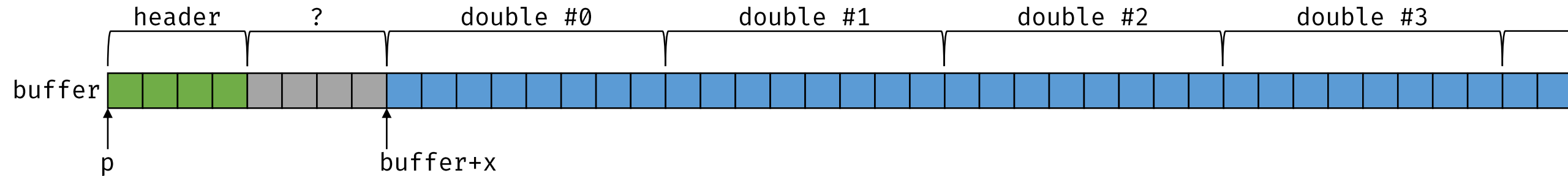
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constexpr size_t x = (sizeof(header) + alignof(double) - 1)
                    / alignof(double) * alignof(double);
byte* buffer = new byte[x + n * sizeof(double)];
header* p = new(buffer) header{n};
uninitialized_default_construct_n(
    reinterpret_cast<double*>(buffer + x), n);
double* data = reinterpret_cast<double*>(
    reinterpret_cast<byte*>(p) + x);
data[0] = data[1] + data[2];
```

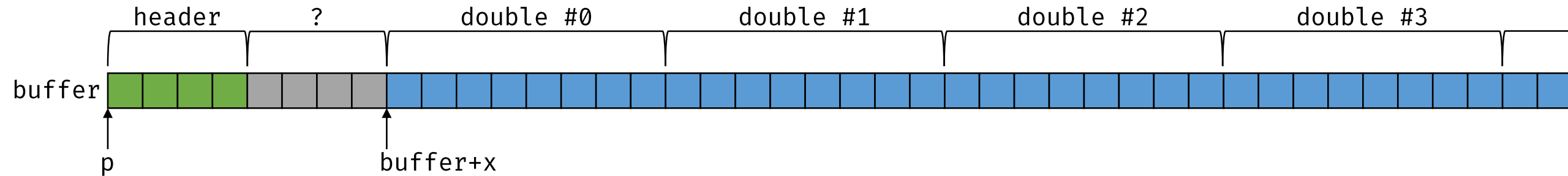
# Flexible Array Member



```
struct header
{
    int size;
    byte* buffer;
    thing some;
};
```

```
constexpr size_t x = (sizeof(header) + alignof(double) - 1)
                      / alignof(double) * alignof(double);
byte* buffer = new byte[x + n * sizeof(double)];
header* p = new(buffer) header{n, buffer};
uninitialized_default_construct_n(
    reinterpret_cast<double*>(buffer + x), n);
double* data = reinterpret_cast<double*>(
    reinterpret_cast<byte*>(p) + x);
data[0] = data[1] + data[2];
```

# Flexible Array Member



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{
    int size;
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```

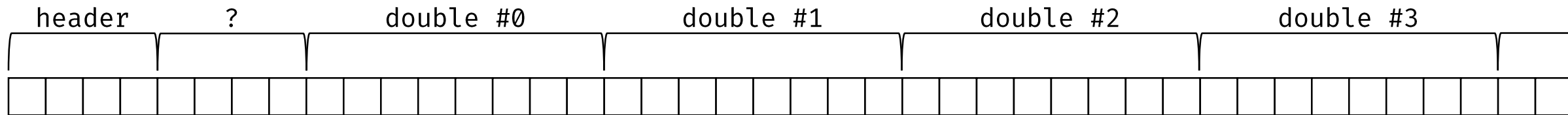
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```
constexpr size_t x = (sizeof(header) + alignof(double) - 1)
                    / alignof(double) * alignof(double);
byte* buffer = new byte[x + n * sizeof(double)];
header* p = new(buffer) header{n, buffer};
uninitialized_default_construct_n(
    reinterpret_cast<double*>(buffer + x), n);
double* data = reinterpret_cast<double*>(p->buffer + x);

data[0] = data[1] + data[2];
```

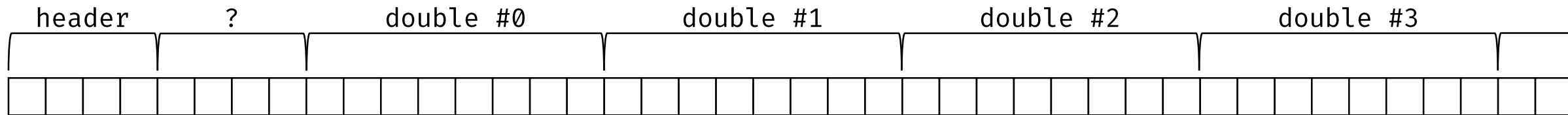


# Flexible Array Member



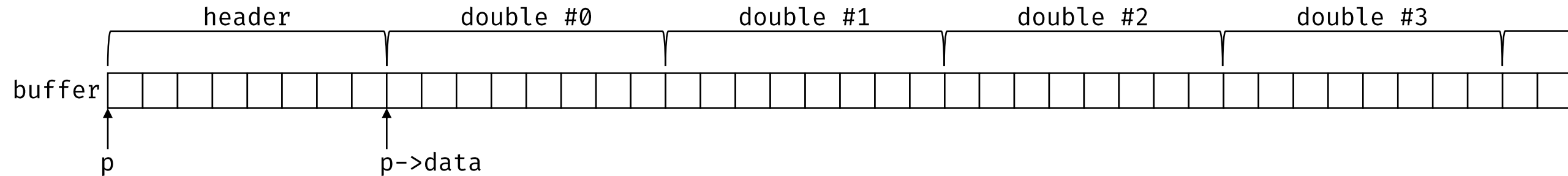
```
struct header
{
    int size;
};
```

# Flexible Array Member



```
struct header
{
    int size;
    double data[];
};
```

# Flexible Array Member



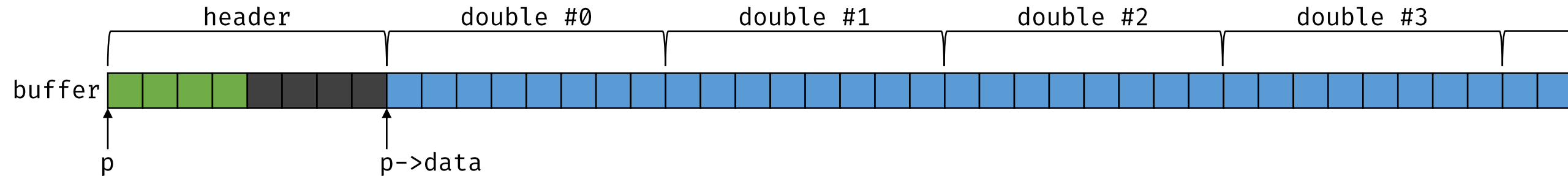
```
struct header
{
    int size;
    double data[];
};
```

```
size_t bytes = sizeof(header) + n * sizeof(double);
byte* buffer = new byte[bytes];
header* p = new(buffer) header{n};
uninitialized_default_construct_n(p->data, n);
```

```
p->data[0] = p->data[1] + p->data[2];
```

```
destroy_n(p->data, p->n);
p->~header();
delete[] reinterpret_cast<byte*>(p);
```

# Flexible Array Member



```
struct header
{
    int size;
    double data[];
    ~header()
    {
        destroy_n(data, n);
    }
};
```

```
size_t bytes = sizeof(header) + n * sizeof(double);
byte* buffer = new byte[bytes];
header* p = new(buffer) header{n};
uninitialized_default_construct_n(p->data, n);

p->data[0] = p->data[1] + p->data[2];

p->~header();
delete[] reinterpret_cast<byte*>(p);
```

# Labels as Values

```
enum bytecode : int8_t
{
    add1, sub1,
    add2, sub2,
    add3, sub3,
    add5, sub5,
    add7, sub7,

    mul2, div2,
    mul3, div3,
    mul5, div5,

    halt,
};
```

```
auto run(bytecode const* instructions)
{
    for(auto value = 0.0;;)
    {
        switch(*instructions++)
        {
            case bytecode::add1:
                value += 1.0;
                break;

            ...

            case bytecode::halt:
                return value;
        }
    }
}
```

# Labels as Values

```
auto instructions = vector<bytecode>();
instructions.reserve(count);

auto urng = mt19937_64(seed);
auto dist = uniform_int_distribution<int>(0, static_cast<int>(bytecode::halt) - 1);
generate_n(back_inserter(instructions), count - 1,
           [&] { return static_cast<bytecode>(dist(urng)); });

instructions.push_back(bytecode::halt);

run(instructions.data());
```

# Labels as Values

Benchmark	Time		CPU Iterations		
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/1000	5019	ns	5014	ns	100000
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/4096	43051	ns	43015	ns	16593
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/32768	351582	ns	351161	ns	1948
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/262144	2859706	ns	2770457	ns	249
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/2097152	23446569	ns	23002930	ns	32
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/16777216	183986273	ns	181914063	ns	4
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/100000000	1095146074	ns	1084062500	ns	1
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/1000	3842	ns	3801	ns	186667 <b>31%</b>
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/4096	37749	ns	37284	ns	17920 <b>15%</b>
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/32768	311731	ns	308384	ns	2240 <b>14%</b>
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/262144	2483572	ns	2448265	ns	299 <b>13%</b>
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/2097152	19928623	ns	19705882	ns	34 <b>17%</b>
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/16777216	159551584	ns	158242188	ns	4 <b>15%</b>
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/100000000	950968562	ns	943906250	ns	1 <b>15%</b>

# Computed goto

```
void foo(int n)
{
    int i = 0;
loop:
    if(i < n)
    {
        stuff(i);

        i++;
        goto loop;
    }
}
```

```
void bar()
{
    void* p = &&label;

    goto* p;

label:
    return;
}
```

```
void fun(int i)
{
    void* labels[] =
    {
        &&label1,
        &&label2,
        &&label3,
    };
    goto* labels[i];
label1:
    //code
label2:
    //code
label3:
    //code
}
```



# Computed goto

```
void foo(int n)
{
    int i = 0;
loop:
    if(i < n)
    {
        stuff(i);

        i++;
        goto loop;
    }
}
```

```
void bar()
{
    void* p = &&label;

    goto* p;

label:
    return;
}
```

```
void fun(int i)
{
    constexpr void* labels[] =
    {
        &&label1,
        &&label2,
        &&label3,
    };
    goto* labels[i];
label1:
    //code
label2:
    //code
label3:
    //code
}
```

# Computed goto

```
auto run(bytecode const* instructions)
{
    constexpr void* labels[] =
    {
        [bytecode::add1] = &add1_label,
        [bytecode::add2] = &add2_label,
        [bytecode::add3] = &add3_label,
        [bytecode::add5] = &add5_label,
        ...
        [bytecode::mul5] = &mul5_label,
        [bytecode::div2] = &div2_label,
        [bytecode::div3] = &div3_label,
        [bytecode::div5] = &div5_label,
        [bytecode::halt] = &halt_label,
    };
};
```

```
auto value = 0.0;
goto* labels[*instructions++];

add1_label:
    value += 1.0;
    goto* labels[*instructions++];

add2_label:
    value += 2.0;
    goto* labels[*instructions++];

...

halt_label:
    return value;
}
```

# Computed goto

```
auto run(bytecode const* instructions)
{
    constexpr void* labels[] =
    {
        [bytecode::add1] = &add1_label,
        [bytecode::add2] = &add2_label,
        [bytecode::add3] = &add3_label,
        [bytecode::add5] = &add5_label,
        ...
        [bytecode::mul5] = &mul5_label,
        [bytecode::div2] = &div2_label,
        [bytecode::div3] = &div3_label,
        [bytecode::div5] = &div5_label,
        [bytecode::halt] = &halt_label,
    };
};
```

```
auto const next = [&] {
    return labels[*instructions++];
};

auto value = 0.0;
goto* next();

add1_label:
    value += 1.0;
    goto* next();

add2_label:
    value += 2.0;
    goto* next();

...

halt_label:
    return value;
}
```

# Computed goto

...

.SWITCH:

```
movsx eax, byte ptr [rdi]
add rdi, 1
jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .JMPTBL]
```

.ADD1:

```
addsd xmm0, xmm8
jmp .SWITCH
```

.ADD2:

```
addsd xmm0, xmm9
jmp .SWITCH
```

...

.HALT:

```
ret
```

# Computed goto

...

.SWITCH:

movsx eax, byte ptr [rdi]

add rdi, 1

jmp qword ptr [8\***rax** + .JMPTBL]

.ADD1:

addsd xmm0, xmm8

jmp .SWITCH

.ADD2:

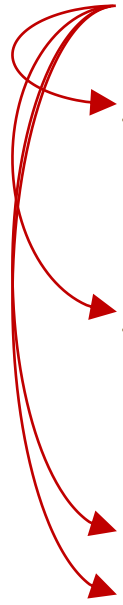
addsd xmm0, xmm9

jmp .SWITCH

...

.HALT:

ret



# Computed goto

...

**.SWITCH:**

`movsx eax, byte ptr [rdi]`

`add rdi, 1`

`jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .JMPTBL]`

**.ADD1:**

`addsd xmm0, xmm8`

**`jmp .SWITCH`**

**.ADD2:**

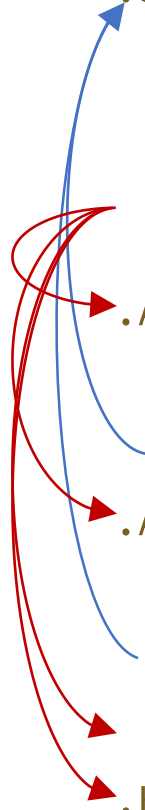
`addsd xmm0, xmm9`

**`jmp .SWITCH`**

...

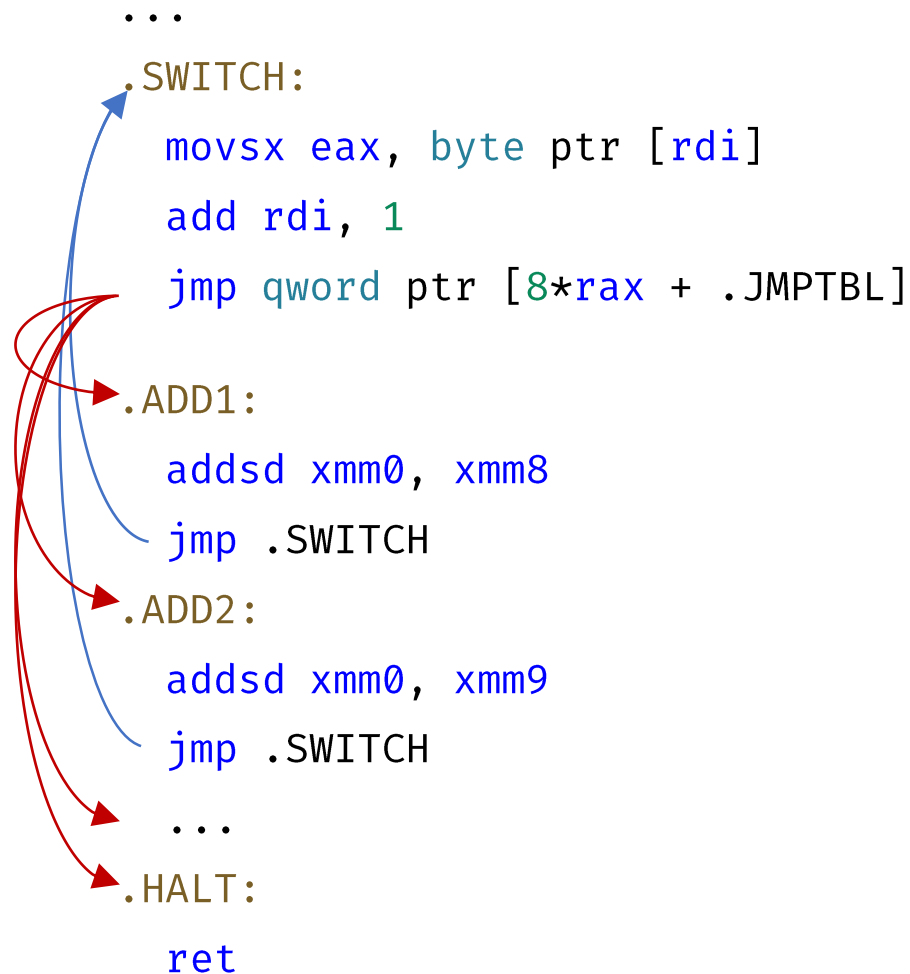
**.HALT:**

`ret`



# Computed goto

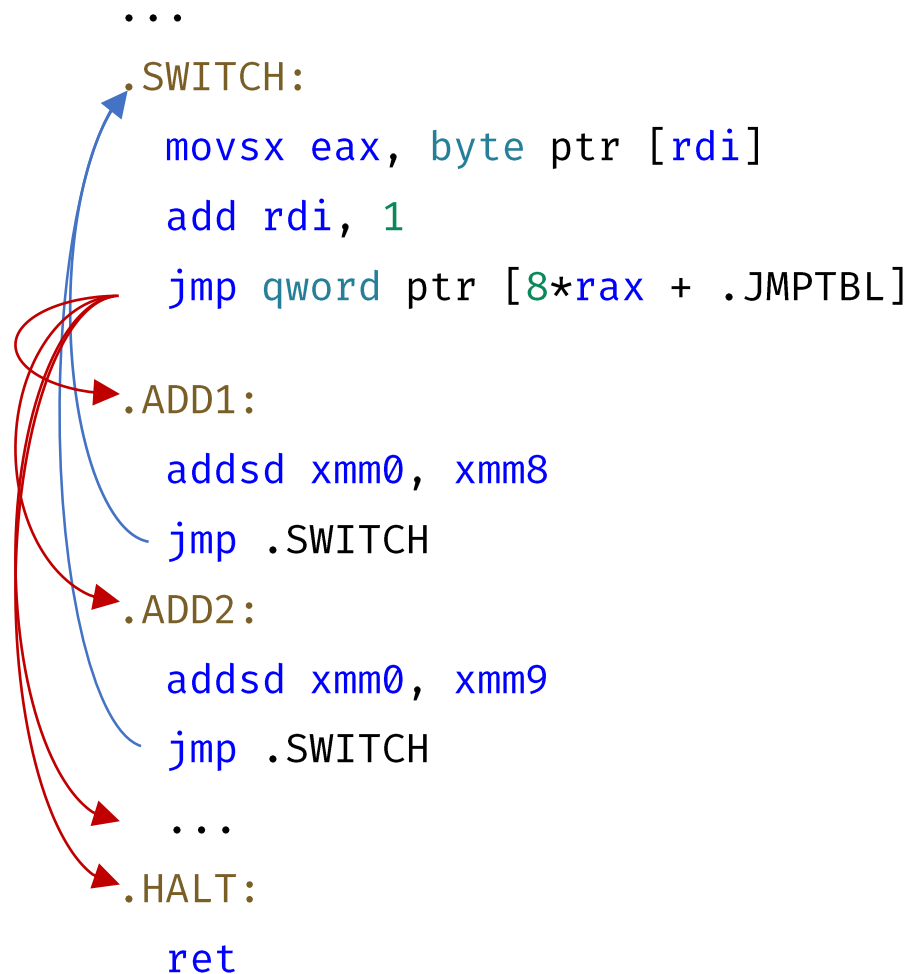
```
...  
.SWITCH:  
    movsx eax, byte ptr [rdi]  
    add rdi, 1  
    jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .JMPTBL]  
    .ADD1:  
        addsd xmm0, xmm8  
        jmp .SWITCH  
    .ADD2:  
        addsd xmm0, xmm9  
        jmp .SWITCH  
    ...  
.HALT:  
    ret
```



```
...  
.ADD1:  
    addsd xmm0, qword ptr [rip + .CONST]  
    movsx rax, byte ptr [rdi]  
    add rdi, 1  
    jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .labels]  
.ADD2:  
    addsd xmm0, qword ptr [rip + .CONST]  
    movsx rax, byte ptr [rdi]  
    add rdi, 1  
    jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .labels]  
...  
.DIV5:  
    divsd xmm0, qword ptr [rip + .CONST]  
    movsx rax, byte ptr [rdi]  
    add rdi, 1  
    jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .labels]  
.HALT:  
    ret
```

# Computed goto

```
...  
.SWITCH:  
    movsx eax, byte ptr [rdi]  
    add rdi, 1  
    jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .JMPTBL]  
    .ADD1:  
        addsd xmm0, xmm8  
        jmp .SWITCH  
    .ADD2:  
        addsd xmm0, xmm9  
        jmp .SWITCH  
    ...  
.HALT:  
    ret
```

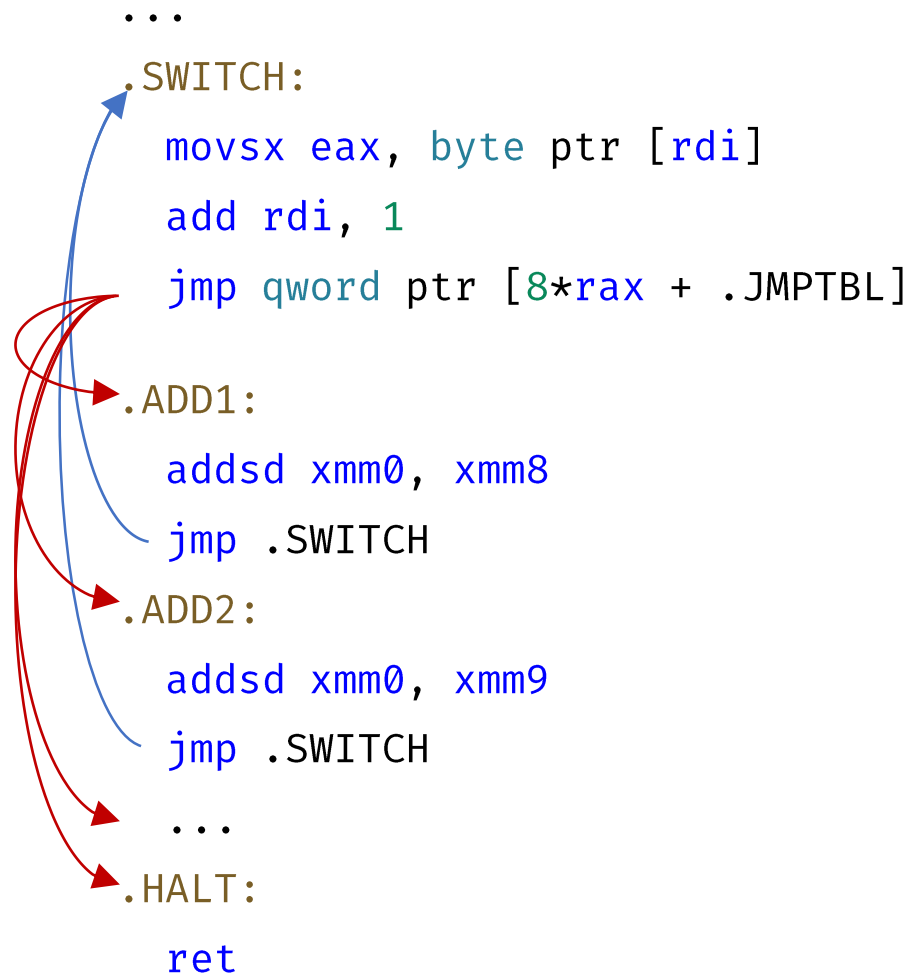


```
...  
.ADD1:  
    addsd xmm0, qword ptr [rip + .CONST]  
    movsx rax, byte ptr [rdi]  
    add rdi, 1  
    jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .labels]  
.ADD2:  
    addsd xmm0, qword ptr [rip + .CONST]  
    movsx rax, byte ptr [rdi]  
    add rdi, 1  
    jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .labels]  
...  
.DIV5:  
    divsd xmm0, qword ptr [rip + .CONST]  
    movsx rax, byte ptr [rdi]  
    add rdi, 1  
    jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .labels]  
.HALT:  
    ret
```



# Computed goto

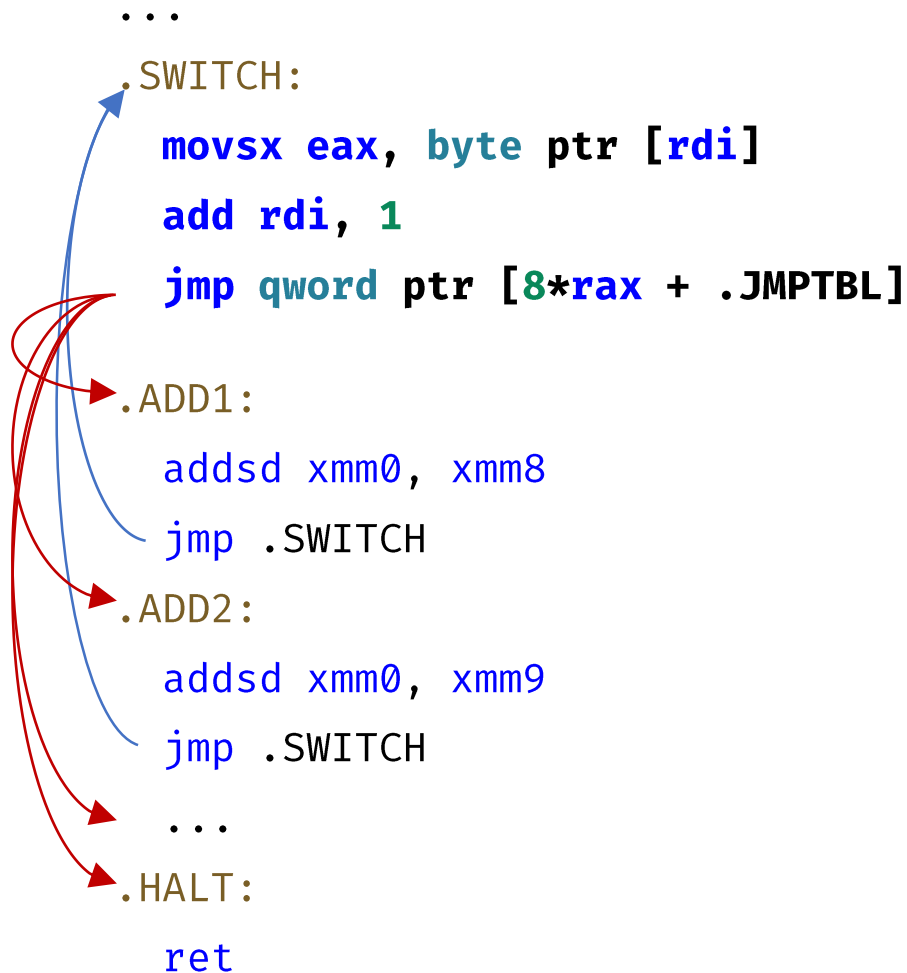
```
...  
.SWITCH:  
    movsx eax, byte ptr [rdi]  
    add rdi, 1  
    jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .JMPTBL]  
    .ADD1:  
        addsd xmm0, xmm8  
        jmp .SWITCH  
    .ADD2:  
        addsd xmm0, xmm9  
        jmp .SWITCH  
    ...  
.HALT:  
    ret
```



```
...  
.ADD1:  
    addsd xmm0, qword ptr [rip + .CONST]  
    movsx rax, byte ptr [rdi]  
    add rdi, 1  
    jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .labels]  
.ADD2:  
    addsd xmm0, qword ptr [rip + .CONST]  
    movsx rax, byte ptr [rdi]  
    add rdi, 1  
    jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .labels]  
...  
.DIV5:  
    divsd xmm0, qword ptr [rip + .CONST]  
    movsx rax, byte ptr [rdi]  
    add rdi, 1  
    jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .labels]  
.HALT:  
    ret
```

# Computed goto

```
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.SWITCH:  
    movsx eax, byte ptr [rdi]  
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    .ADD1:  
        addsd xmm0, xmm8  
        jmp .SWITCH  
    .ADD2:  
        addsd xmm0, xmm9  
        jmp .SWITCH  
    ...  
.HALT:  
    ret
```



```
...  
.ADD1:  
    addsd xmm0, qword ptr [rip + .CONST]  
    movsx rax, byte ptr [rdi]  
    add rdi, 1  
    jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .labels]  
.ADD2:  
    addsd xmm0, qword ptr [rip + .CONST]  
    movsx rax, byte ptr [rdi]  
    add rdi, 1  
    jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .labels]  
...  
.DIV5:  
    divsd xmm0, qword ptr [rip + .CONST]  
    movsx rax, byte ptr [rdi]  
    add rdi, 1  
    jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .labels]  
.HALT:  
    ret
```

# Computed goto

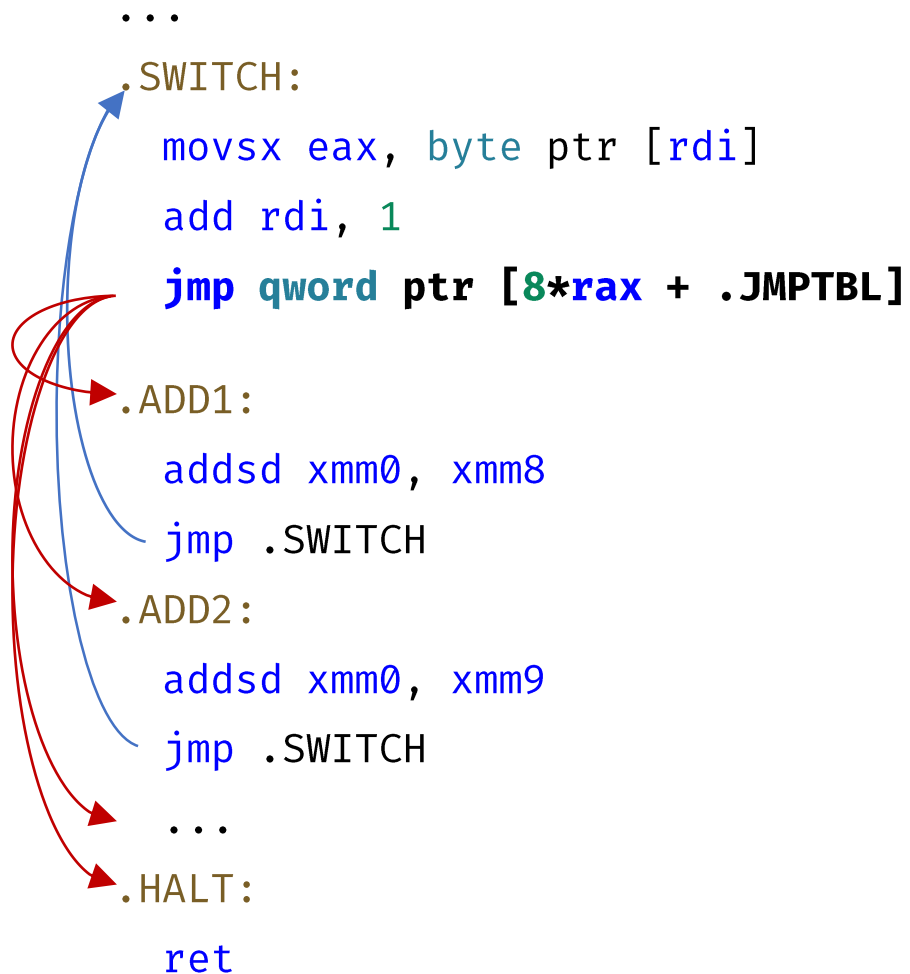
```
...  
.SWITCH:  
    movsx eax, byte ptr [rdi]  
    add rdi, 1  
    jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .JMPTBL]  
    .ADD1:  
        addsd xmm0, xmm8  
        jmp .SWITCH  
    .ADD2:  
        addsd xmm0, xmm9  
        jmp .SWITCH  
    ...  
.HALT:  
    ret
```

The diagram illustrates the control flow of the assembly code. A blue arrow points from the `jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .JMPTBL]` instruction in the `.SWITCH` block to the `.ADD1` label. Two red arrows point from the same `jmp` instruction to the `.ADD2` and `.HALT` labels, representing different possible jumps based on the value of `rax`.

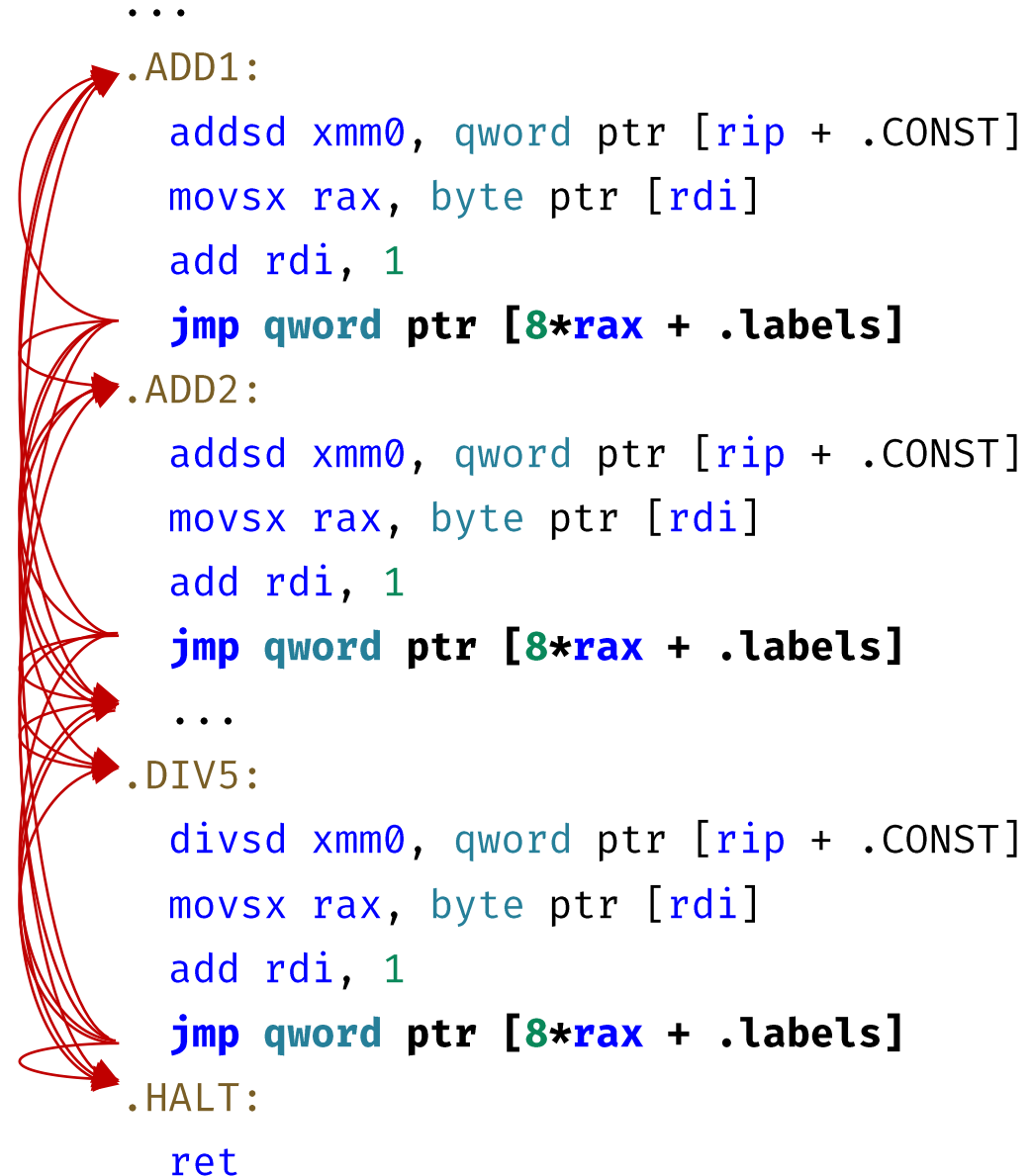
```
...  
.ADD1:  
    addsd xmm0, qword ptr [rip + .CONST]  
    movsx rax, byte ptr [rdi]  
    add rdi, 1  
    jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .labels]  
.ADD2:  
    addsd xmm0, qword ptr [rip + .CONST]  
    movsx rax, byte ptr [rdi]  
    add rdi, 1  
    jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .labels]  
...  
.DIV5:  
    divsd xmm0, qword ptr [rip + .CONST]  
    movsx rax, byte ptr [rdi]  
    add rdi, 1  
    jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .labels]  
.HALT:  
    ret
```

# Computed goto

```
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    add rdi, 1  
    jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .JMPTBL]  
  
    .ADD1:  
        addsd xmm0, xmm8  
        jmp .SWITCH  
    .ADD2:  
        addsd xmm0, xmm9  
        jmp .SWITCH  
    ...  
    .HALT:  
        ret
```



```
...  
    .ADD1:  
        addsd xmm0, qword ptr [rip + .CONST]  
        movsx rax, byte ptr [rdi]  
        add rdi, 1  
        jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .labels]  
    .ADD2:  
        addsd xmm0, qword ptr [rip + .CONST]  
        movsx rax, byte ptr [rdi]  
        add rdi, 1  
        jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .labels]  
    ...  
    .DIV5:  
        divsd xmm0, qword ptr [rip + .CONST]  
        movsx rax, byte ptr [rdi]  
        add rdi, 1  
        jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .labels]  
    .HALT:  
        ret
```



# Computed goto

A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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.SWITCH:

```
movsx eax, byte ptr [rdi]
add rdi, 1
```

```
jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .JMPTBL]
```

.A:

```
addsd xmm0, xmm8
jmp .SWITCH
```

.B:

```
addsd xmm0, xmm9
jmp .SWITCH
```

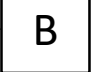


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.A:

```
addsd xmm0, qword ptr [rip + .CONST]
movsx rax, byte ptr [rdi]
add rdi, 1
```

```
jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .labels]
```



.B:

```
addsd xmm0, qword ptr [rip + .CONST]
movsx rax, byte ptr [rdi]
add rdi, 1
```

```
jmp qword ptr [8*rax + .labels]
```



# Computed goto

```
> .\lua-switch scimark.lua -large
```

```
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```

FFT	<b>17.27</b>	[1048576]
SOR	<b>44.40</b>	[1000]
MC	<b>9.62</b>	
SPARSE	<b>37.21</b>	[100000, 1000000]
LU	<b>40.67</b>	[1000]
SciMark	<b>29.83</b>	[large problem sizes]

# Computed goto

```
> .\lua-goto scimark.lua -large
```

```
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```

FFT	<b>18.19</b>	[1048576]
SOR	<b>61.59</b>	[1000]
MC	<b>13.59</b>	
SPARSE	<b>42.98</b>	[100000, 1000000]
LU	<b>43.35</b>	[1000]
SciMark	<b>35.94</b>	[large problem sizes]

# Computed goto

-----				
bench	switch	goto	speedup	
-----				
FFT	17.27	18.19	<b>x1.05</b>	Fast Fourier Transform
SOR	44.40	61.59	<b>x1.39</b>	Jacobi Successive Over-Relaxation
MC	9.62	13.59	<b>x1.41</b>	Monte Carlo Integration
SPARSE	37.21	42.98	<b>x1.16</b>	Sparse Matrix Multiplication
LU	40.67	43.35	<b>x1.07</b>	Dense Matrix Factorization
SciMark	29.83	35.94	<b>x1.20</b>	



# Portability

	Case Ranges	Unnamed Structure and Union Fields	Conditionals with Omitted Operands	Designated Array Initializers	Flexible Array Member	Labels as Values
gcc	4.1.2 ✓	4.1.2 ✓	4.1.2 ✓	4.7.1 ✓	4.1.2 ✓	4.1.2 ✓
clang	3.0.0 ✓	3.0.0 ✓	3.0.0 ✓	3.0.0 ✓	3.0.0 ✓	3.0.0 ✓
icc	13.0.1 ✓	13.0.1 ✓	13.0.1 ✓	13.0.1 ✓	13.0.1 ✓	13.0.1 ✓
cl (msvc)	✗	19.0 ✓	✗	✗	19.0 ✓	✗

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icc	13.0.1 ✓	13.0.1 ✓	13.0.1 ✓	13.0.1 ✓	13.0.1 ✓	13.0.1 ✓
cl (msvc)	✗	19.0 ✓	✗	✗	19.0 ✓	✗
clang-cl	3.1 ✓	3.1 ✓	3.1 ✓	3.1 ✓	3.1 ✓	3.1 ✓



**Agent C.** 23:12

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Allowing me to optimize your existence away retroactively



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# Rounding up integer division

$x$	$q$	$x / q$	$x + q - 1$	$(x + q - 1) / q$	$(x + q - 1) / q * q$
10	5	2	14	2	10
11	5	2	15	3	15
12	5	2	16	3	15
13	5	2	17	3	15
14	5	2	18	3	15
15	5	3	19	3	15

# Wrapping array placement-new

```
void* operator new[](size_t* bytes, void* buffer, size_t buffer_size)
{
    if(bytes <= buffer_size)
        return buffer;
    else
        throw bad_alloc();
}

new(buffer, buffer_size) T[n];
```

Benchmark	Time	CPU	Iterations
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/1000_mean	5019 ns	5014 ns	100000
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/1000_median	4934 ns	5000 ns	100000
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/1000_stddev	302 ns	303 ns	100000
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/4096_mean	43051 ns	43015 ns	16593
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/4096_median	42903 ns	43316 ns	16593
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/4096_stddev	475 ns	640 ns	16593
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/32768_mean	351582 ns	351161 ns	1948
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/32768_median	351038 ns	352926 ns	1948
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/32768_stddev	1881 ns	3708 ns	1948
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/262144_mean	2859706 ns	2770457 ns	249
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/262144_median	2854747 ns	2823795 ns	249
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/262144_stddev	20348 ns	209431 ns	249
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/2097152_mean	23446569 ns	23002930 ns	32
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/2097152_median	22994183 ns	22949219 ns	32
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/2097152_stddev	1234003 ns	769369 ns	32
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/16777216_mean	183986273 ns	181914063 ns	4
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/16777216_median	183150700 ns	183593750 ns	4
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/16777216_stddev	2356353 ns	3856813 ns	4
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/100000000_mean	1095146074 ns	1084062500 ns	1
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/100000000_median	1090610500 ns	1093750000 ns	1
BM_switch_loop/switch_loop/100000000_stddev	12933360 ns	16881312 ns	1

Benchmark	Time	CPU	Iterations
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/1000_mean	3842 ns	3801 ns	186667
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/1000_median	3806 ns	3767 ns	186667
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/1000_stddev	111 ns	130 ns	186667
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/4096_mean	37749 ns	37284 ns	17920
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/4096_median	37683 ns	37493 ns	17920
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/4096_stddev	281 ns	745 ns	17920
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/32768_mean	311731 ns	308384 ns	2240
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/32768_median	309395 ns	306920 ns	2240
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/32768_stddev	8487 ns	8312 ns	2240
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/262144_mean	2483572 ns	2448265 ns	299
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/262144_median	2478899 ns	2456104 ns	299
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/262144_stddev	27220 ns	44177 ns	299
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/2097152_mean	19928623 ns	19705882 ns	34
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/2097152_median	19892446 ns	19761029 ns	34
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/2097152_stddev	120729 ns	398820 ns	34
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/16777216_mean	159551584 ns	158242188 ns	4
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/16777216_median	159003138 ns	160156250 ns	4
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/16777216_stddev	2234747 ns	3015308 ns	4
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/100000000_mean	950968562 ns	943906250 ns	1
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/100000000_median	947749100 ns	953125000 ns	1
BM_computed_goto/computed_goto/100000000_stddev	7935442 ns	13707284 ns	1