

- Pointers
- Dynamic Variables
- Memory Management
- Pointers and Arrays
- Dynamic Arrays
- Pointers to structs

FUNDAMENTALS OF STRUCTURED PROGRAMMING

Pointers

Quote of the Day!

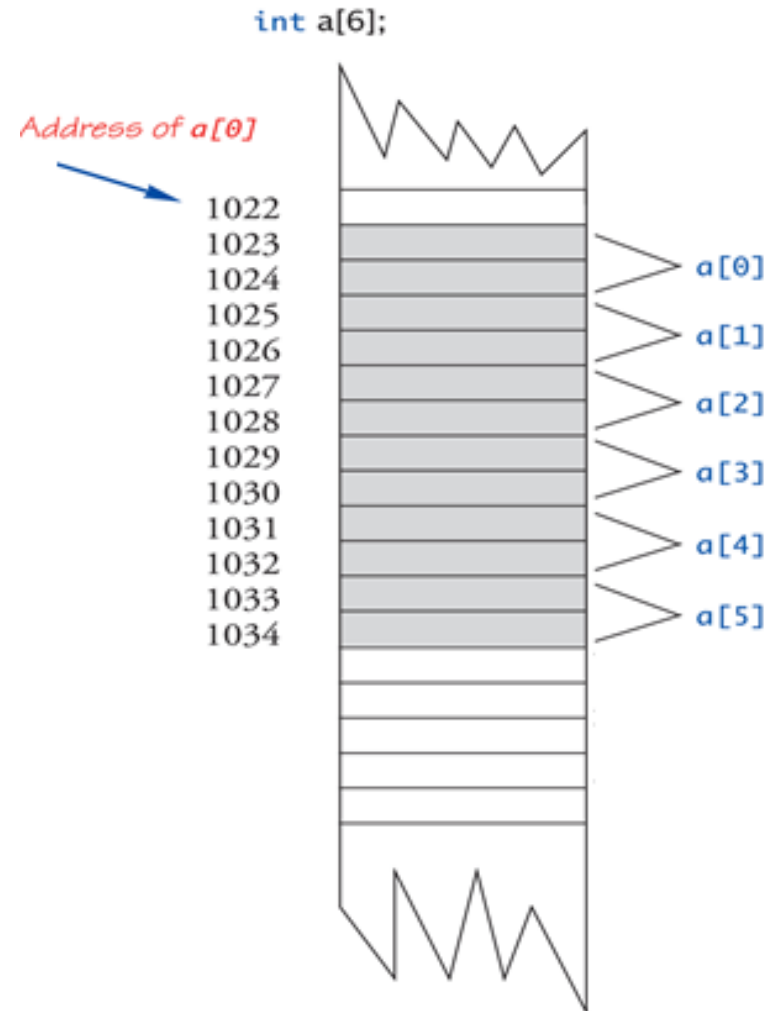
Any fool can write code that a computer can understand. Good programmers write code that humans can understand.



-Martin Fowler-

1. Pointers

- A **pointer** is the memory address of a variable.
- A **pointer variable** holds a pointer value. A pointer value is the address of a variable in memory.
- Pointer variables are typed.



1. Pointers – (cont.)

Declaration

- Pointers declared like other types.
 - Add ***** before variable name. `int *p;`
 - Produces "pointer to" that type.
- ***** must be before each pointer variable.

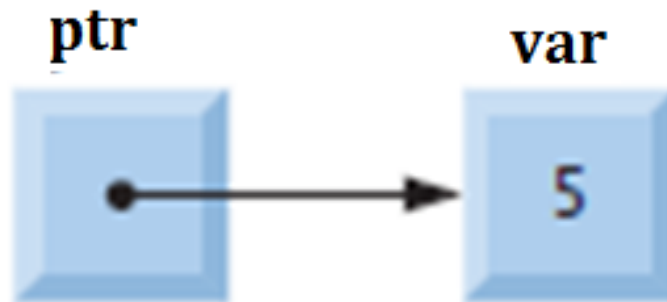
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int count = 7;
```

```
int *p1, *p2, v1, v2; double *p;
```

- p1 and p2 hold pointers to int variables.
- count, v1, and v2 are ordinary int variables.
- p holds pointer to a double variable.

1. Pointers – (cont.)

- Diagrams typically represent a pointer as an arrow from the variable that contains an address to the variable located at that address in memory.
- A variable name **directly** references a value, and a pointer **indirectly** references a value (**indirection**).



- Terminology:
Pointer variable "**points to**" ordinary variable.

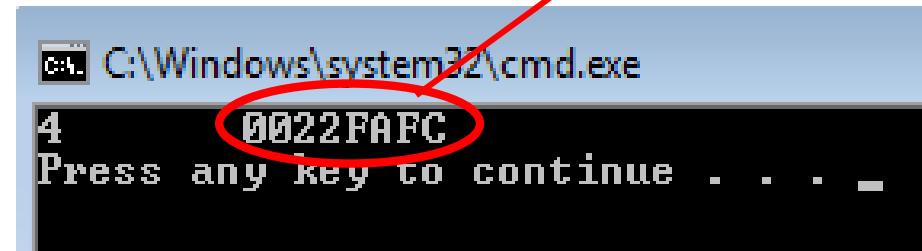
1. Pointers – (cont.)

(Initialization) Address operator

```
// variables
int num = 4;
int* ptr = &num;
```

```
// output
cout<<num<<"\t"<<ptr<<endl;
```

A HEX representation of a memory location



```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
4
0022FAFC
Press any key to continue . . . _
```

- The address operator **&** determines "address of" variable.
- Read like this:
 - "ptr equals address of num" Or "ptr points to num"

1. Pointers – (cont.)

Address operator

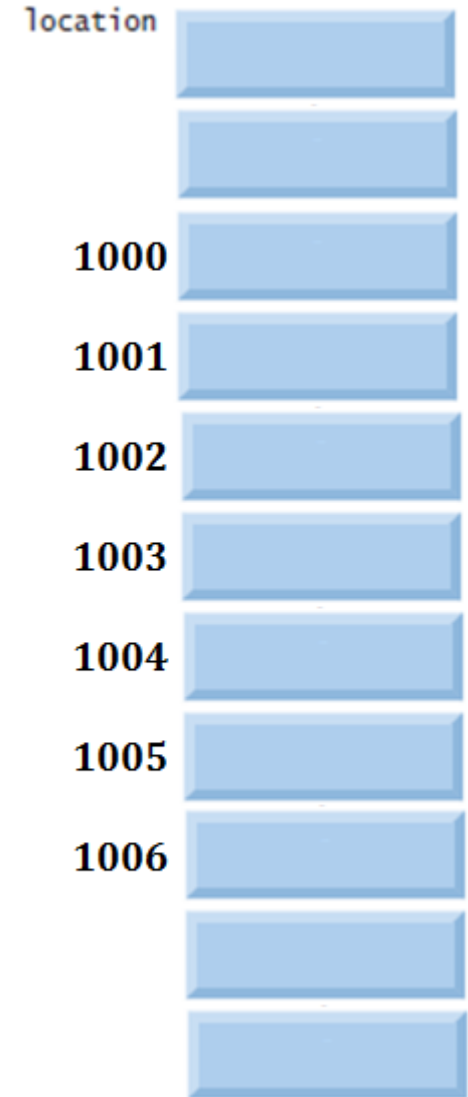
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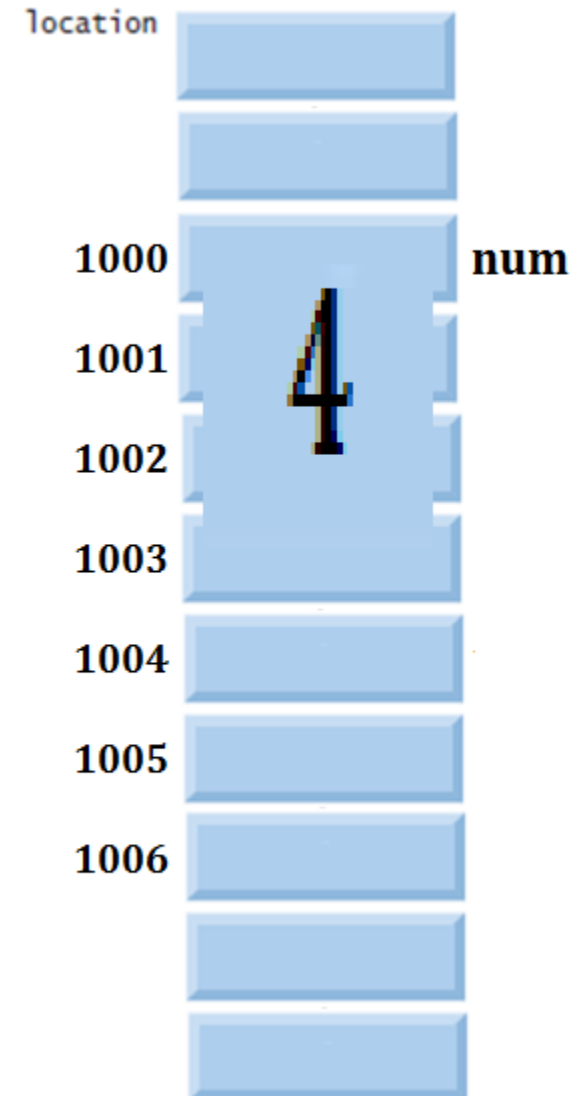


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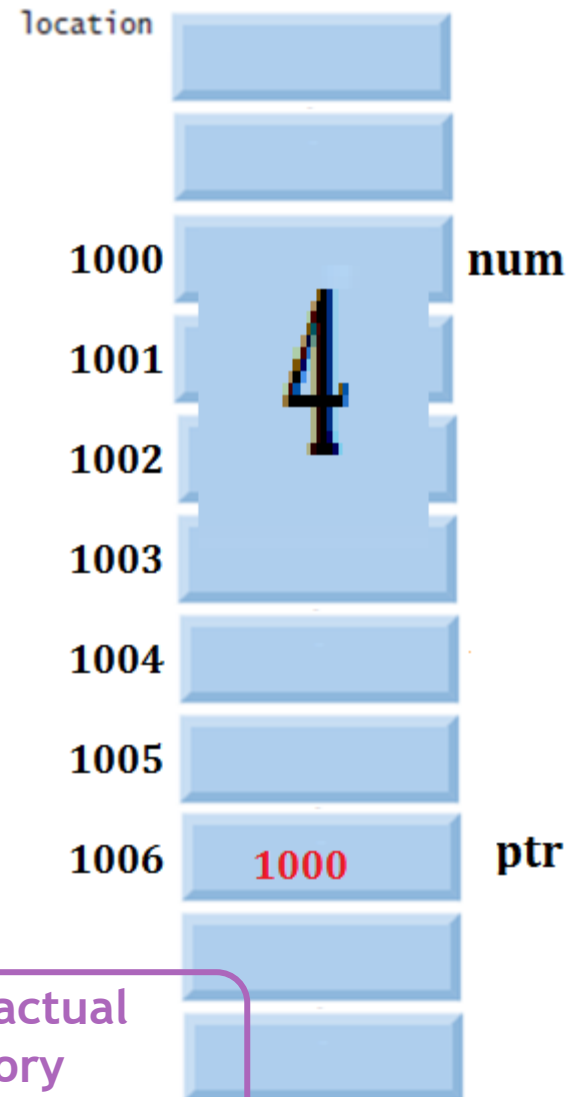


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Note that ptr is an actual variable in memory
(Unlike a reference variable)

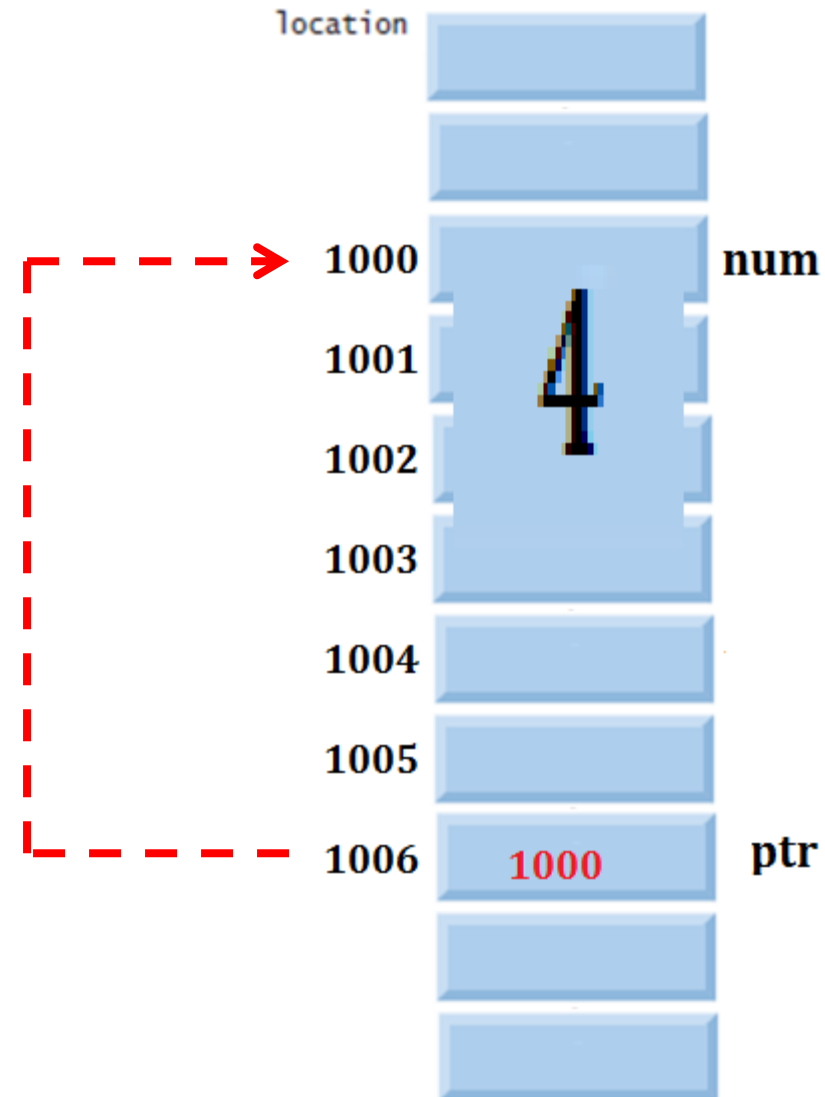
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What is the size
of a pointer
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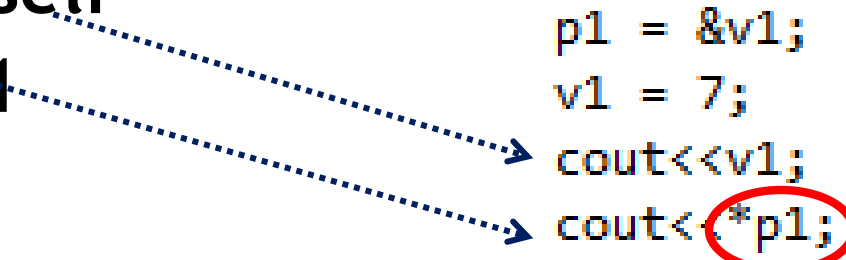
1. Pointers – (cont.)

Dereferencing operator

- Two ways to refer to v1 now:

- Variable v1 itself
- Via pointer p1

```
int *p1, *p2, v1, v2;  
p1 = &v1;  
v1 = 7;  
cout<<v1;  
cout<<*p1;
```



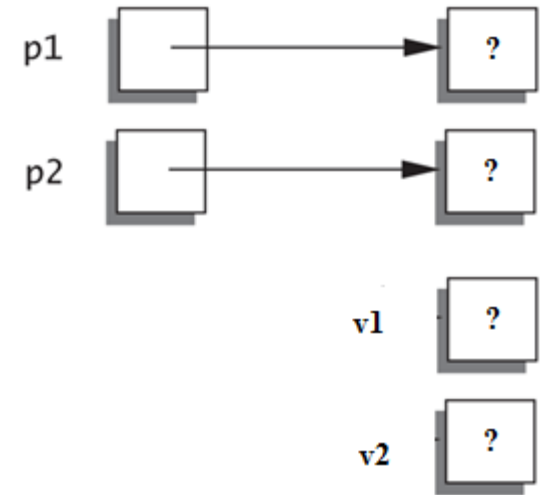
NOTE that this is NOT a declaration.

- The dereference operator ***** retrieves the value pointed to by the variable.
 - Pointer variable “dereferenced” means:
“get data that pointer points to”.

1. Pointers – (cont.)

Dereferencing operator

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  v1 = 0;  
  p1 = &v1;  
  *p1 = 42;  
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1. Pointers – (cont.)

Dereferencing operator

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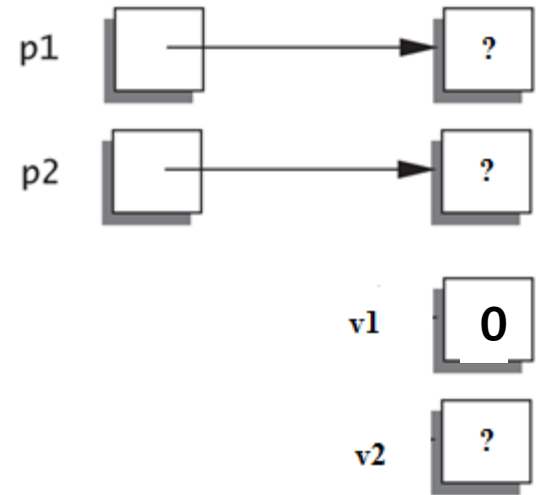
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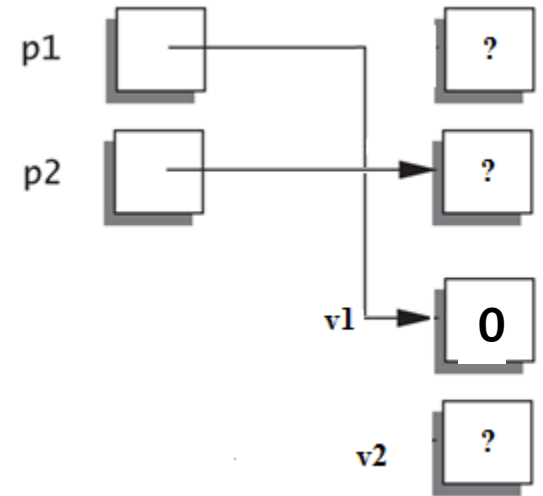
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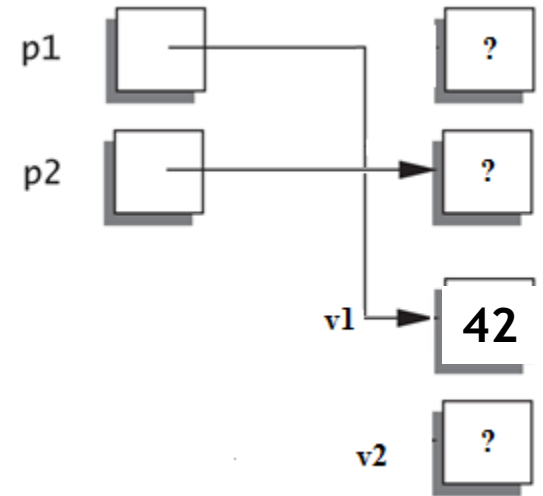
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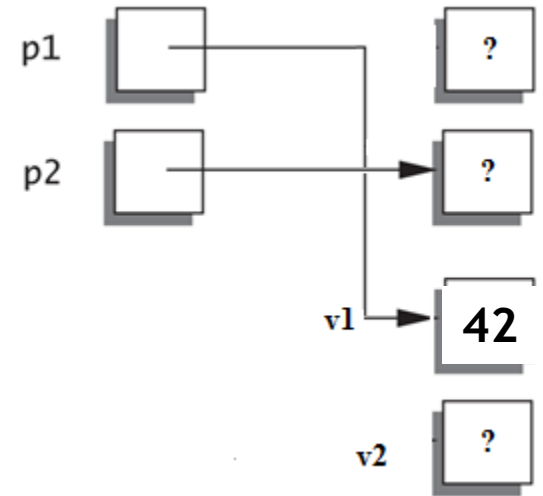
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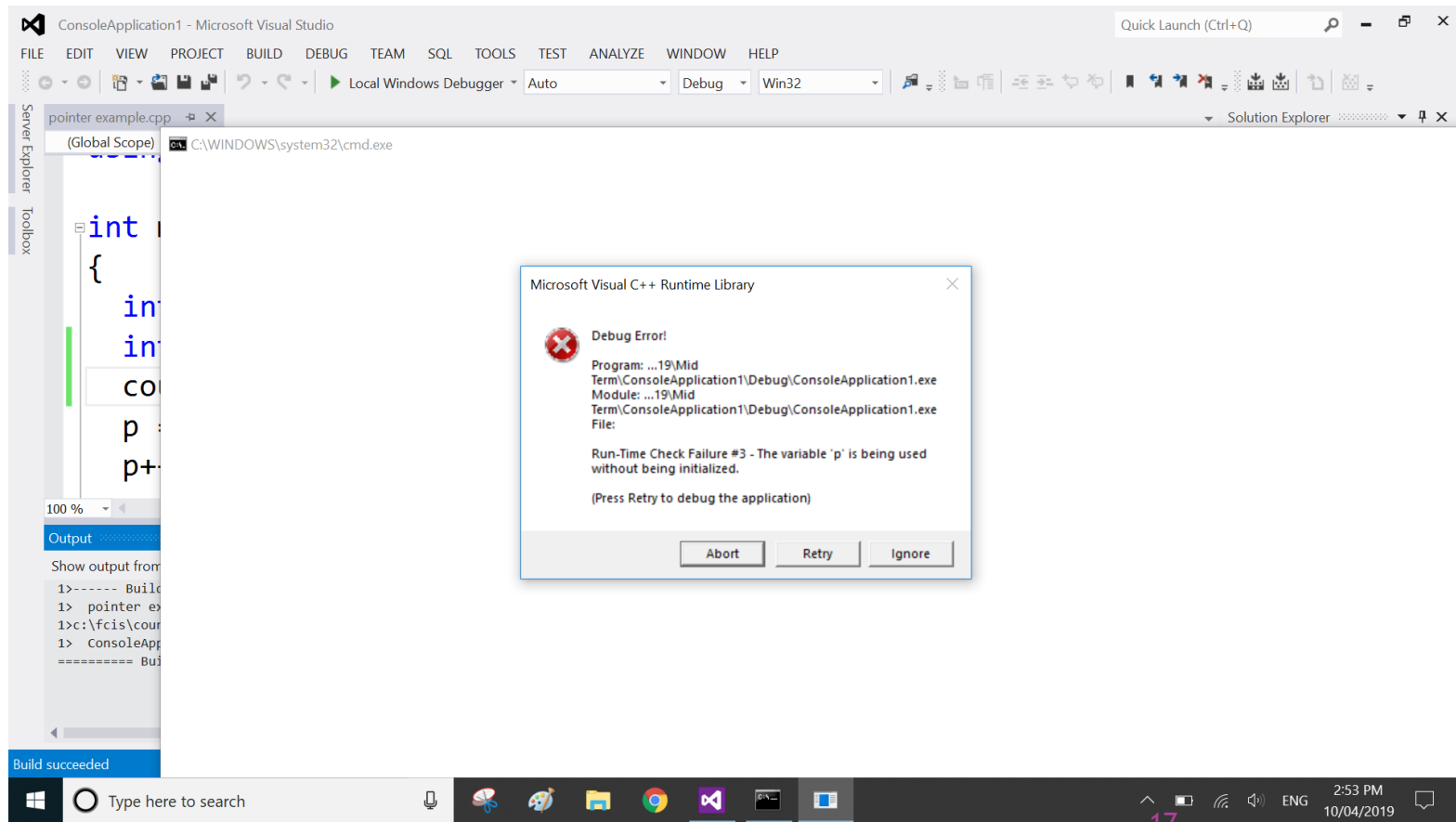
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```



- Produces output:
42
42
- `p1` and `v1` refer to same variable now.

1. Pointers – (cont.)

```
int* p;  
cout << *p;
```





\\Summary:

```
int i=17;
```

```
int* ptr; // define a ptr to an integer variable
```

```
ptr= &i; // assign the address of i to pointer
```


```
cout << *ptr; // prints contents of variable i
```

Practice

```
int v;    // defines variable v of type int
int w;    // defines variable w of type int
int *p;   // defines variable p of type pointer to int
p=&v;     // assigns address of v to pointer p
v=3;      // assigns value 3 to v
*p=7;     // assigns value 7 to v (pointed to by p)
p=&w;     // assigns address of w to pointer p
*p=12;    // assigns value 12 to w (pointed to by p)
```

1. Pointers – (cont.)

- Pointer is an address and address is a number, but pointer is **NOT** an integer! Cannot be used as numbers.

`int add = ptr+1;` 

- Although it can be incremented (What does that mean?)

✓ `ptr++;`

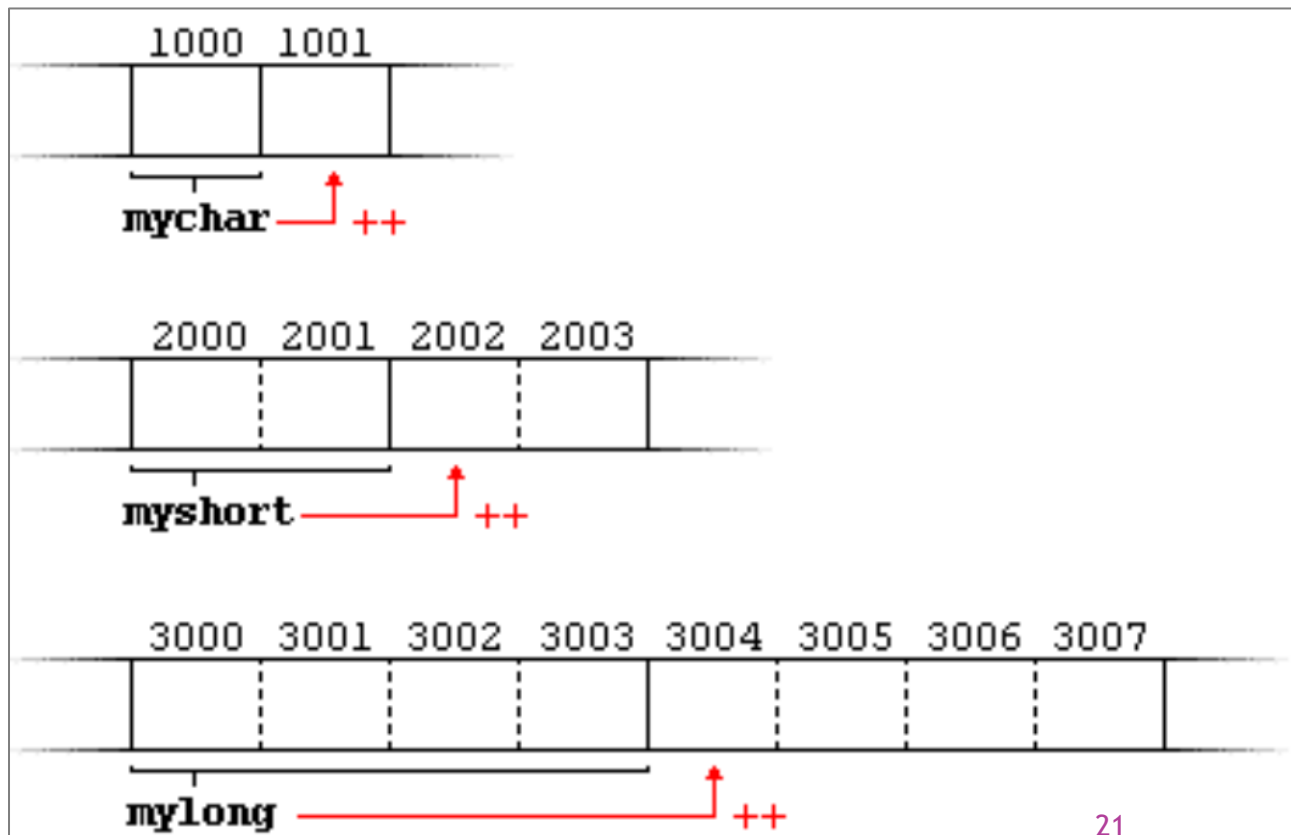
`ptr++;` is same as `++ptr;`, that is `ptr` starts pointing to the next location after increment.

`++* ptr` means to increment the value pointed by `ptr`, same as: `* ptr = * ptr + 1;`

Pointer Arithmetic

```
1 char *mychar;  
2 short *myshort;  
3 long *mylong;
```

```
1 ++mychar;  
2 ++myshort;  
3 ++mylong;
```



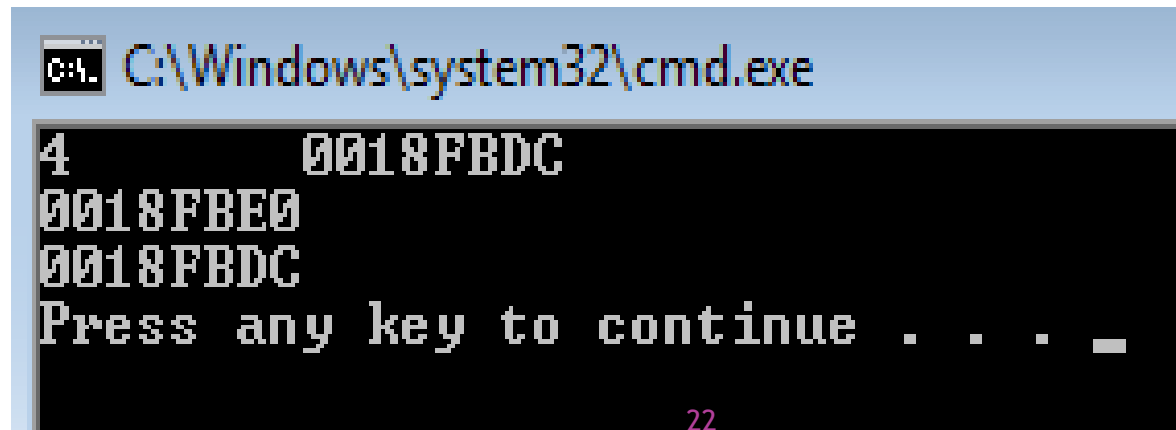
1. Pointers (cont.)

Pointer Arithmetic

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int num = 4, *ptr = &num;  
cout<<num<<"\t"<<ptr<<endl;
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```
ptr = ptr + 1; cout<<ptr<<endl;  
ptr = ptr - 1; cout<<ptr<<endl;
```

Here, the address will be altered by four bytes.



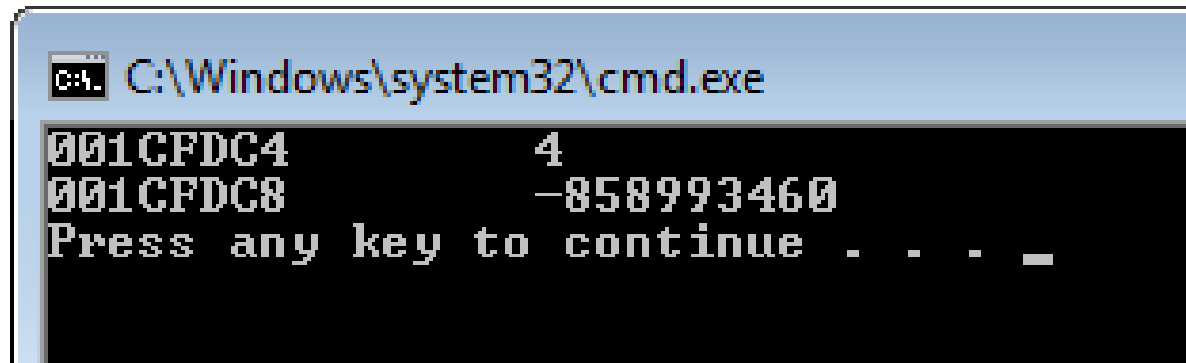
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1. Pointers – (cont.)

Pointer Arithmetic

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cout<<ptr<<"\t"<<*ptr<<endl;  
  
ptr = ptr + 1;  
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```

Here, the address will be advanced by four bytes and you can VIEW the RANDOM value in that new address.



```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe  
001CFDC4 4  
001CFDC8 -858993460  
Press any key to continue . . . _
```

1. Pointers – (cont.)

- A pointer variable can be **assigned to any variable type**.
Pointer to integer, to float, to double, to struct, to array.
- A pointer variable, like any other variable, **can be assigned** a value, or another variable of the same type.
- **Incrementing** Pointer Variable Depends Upon data type of the Pointer variable. The effect of applying the **increment** operator to a **pointer** of the type **pointer-type*** is to add `sizeof(pointer-type)` to the address that is contained in the **pointer** variable.
- This differs from compiler to compiler as memory required to store specific data types **vary compiler to compiler**.

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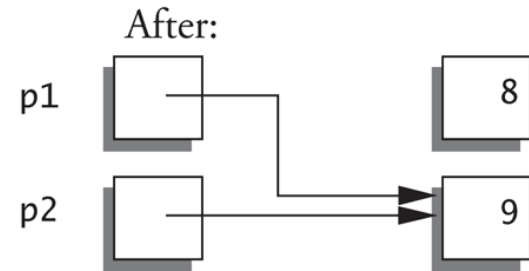
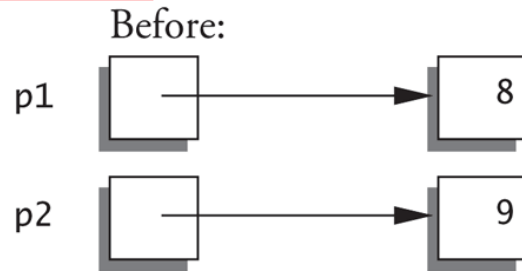
Pointers in Assignments

- **Pointer variables can be "assigned":**
`p2 = p1;`
 - Assigns one pointer to another
 - Make p2 point to where p1 points
- **Do not confuse with:**
`*p2 = *p1;`
 - Assigns "value pointed to" by p1 to "value pointed to" by p2

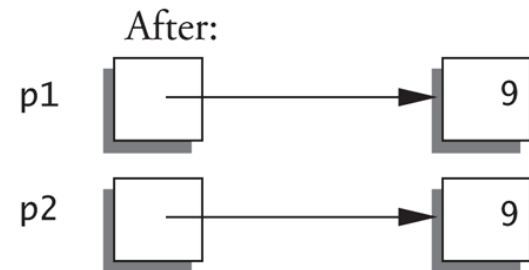
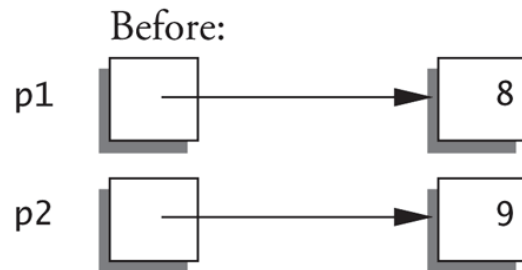
POINTER ASSIGNMENTS GRAPHIC: USES OF THE ASSIGNMENT OPERATOR WITH POINTER VARIABLES

Display 10.1 Uses of the Assignment Operator with Pointer Variables

`p1 = p2;`



`*p1 = *p2;`



1. Pointers – (cont.)

Dynamic Variables

- `p1 = new int;`
 - Creates new "nameless" variable, and assigns p1 to "point to" it.
 - Can access it with `*p1`
 - Used just like ordinary variable

1. Pointers – (cont.)

Dynamic Variables

- Since pointers can refer to variables...
 - No "real" need to have a standard identifier.
- Can dynamically allocate variables
 - For dynamic memory allocation, C++ offers operator **new**. Operator new returns the pointer to the newly allocated space.
 - No identifiers to refer to them
 - Just a pointer!

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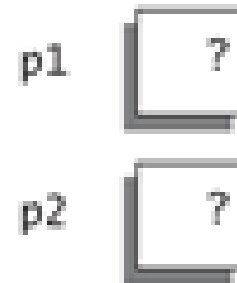
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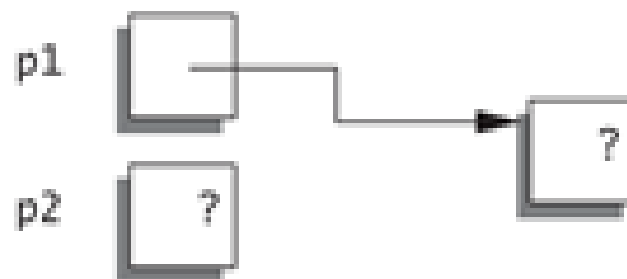
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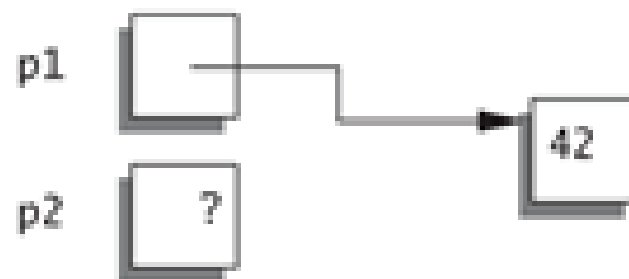
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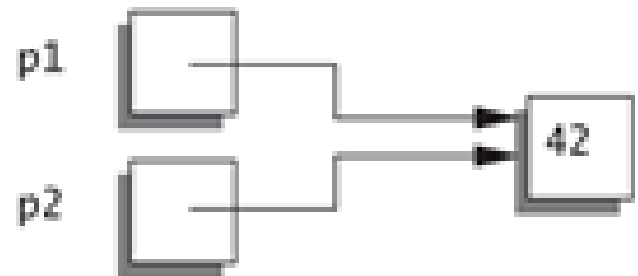
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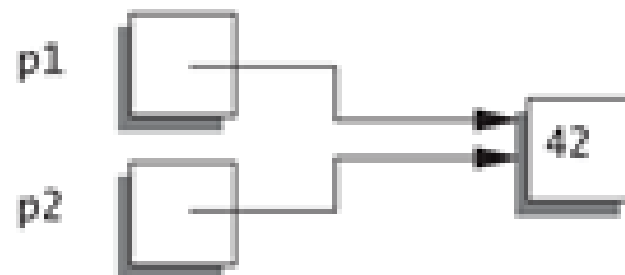
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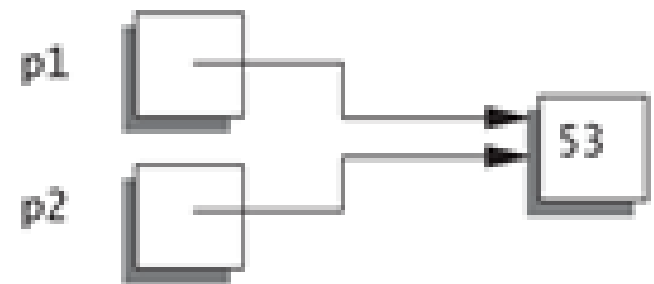
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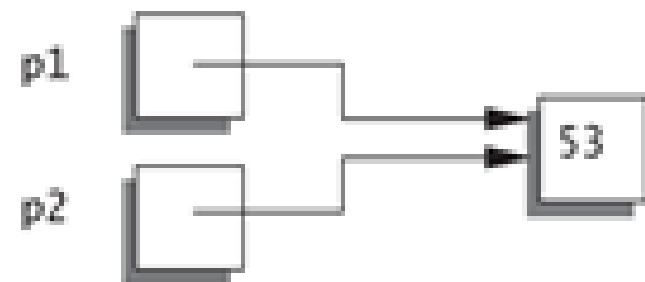
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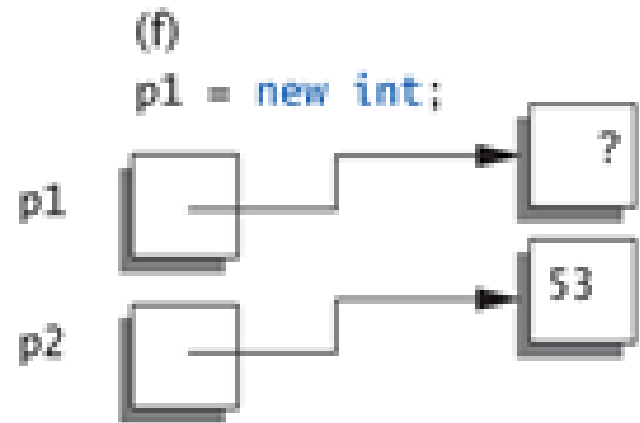
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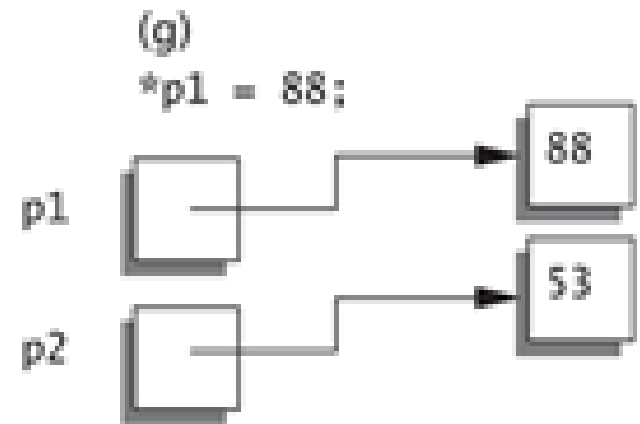
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```

```
2 #include <iostream>
3 using std::cout;
4 using std::endl;
```

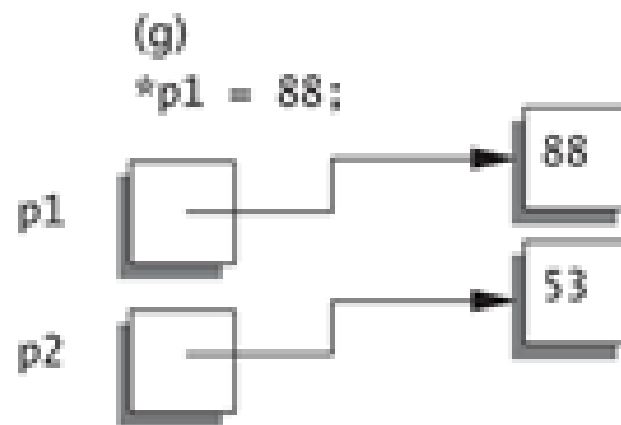
```
5 int main()
6 {
7     int *p1, *p2;

8     p1 = new int;
9     *p1 = 42;
10    p2 = p1;
11    cout << "*p1 == " << *p1 << endl;
12    cout << "*p2 == " << *p2 << endl;
```

```
13    *p2 = 53;
14    cout << "*p1 == " << *p1 << endl;
15    cout << "*p2 == " << *p2 << endl;
```

```
16    p1 = new int;
17    *p1 = 88;
18    cout << "*p1 == " << *p1 << endl;
19    cout << "*p2 == " << *p2 << endl;
```

```
20    cout << "Hope you got the point of this example!\n";
21    return 0;
22 }
```



SAMPLE DIALOGUE

*p1 == 42

*p2 == 42

*p1 == 53

*p2 == 53

*p1 == 88

*p2 == 53

Hope you got the point of this example!

1. Pointers – (cont.)

Initialization

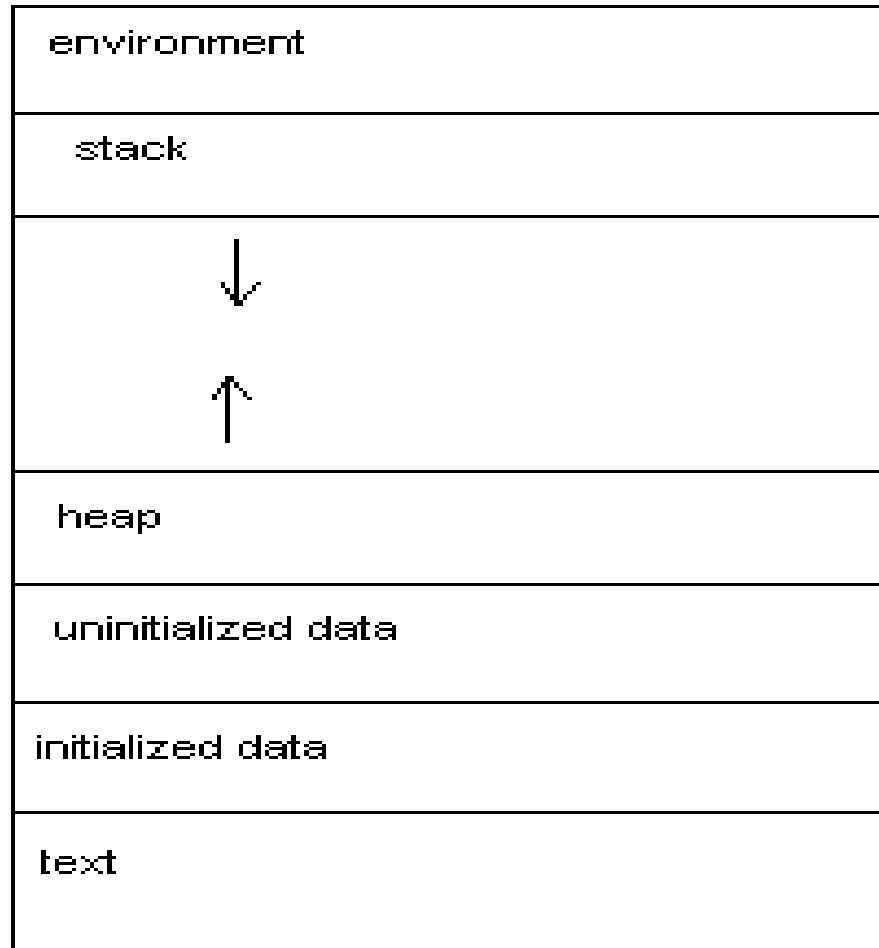
```
int *iptr = new int (33); //init *iptr to 33
```

```
double *dptr;
```

```
dptr = new double (11.2); // ptr points to  
nameless double var of value 11.2
```

```
int num(5); // exactly as int num = 5;  
int* ptr = new int(num);
```

2. Memory Management



Virtual memory organization

2. Memory Management – (cont.)

- Text segment is one of the sections of a program in an object file or in memory, which contains **executable instructions**.
- Initialized Data segment contains the **global variables** and **static variables** that are initialized by the programmer.
- Uninitialized Data contains all **global variables** and **static variables** that do not have explicit initialization in source code.

2. Memory Management – (cont.)

Stack

- All the variables, declared in **functions** (including `main()`) will be placed in **stack**.
- We call it stack memory allocation because the allocation happens in function call stack.
- The size of memory to be allocated is known to compiler and whenever a function is called, its variables get memory allocated on the stack.
- Whenever the function call is over, the memory for the variables is deallocated.
- This all happens using some predefined routines in compiler. Programmer does not have to worry about memory management of stack variables.

2. Memory Management

The Heap (free-store)

- Reserved for **dynamically-allocated** variables.
- The memory is allocated during execution of instructions written by programmers.
- All new dynamic variables consume memory in free-store.
- If too many → could use all free-store memory.
- Future "**new**" operations will fail if free-store is "full".

2. Memory Management – (cont.)

Insufficient Memory Test

- Older compilers required to test the return of the `new` operator.

```
int* ptr = new int;
if(ptr==NULL)
{
    cout<<"Failed to allocate memory.\n";
    exit(1);
}
else
    cout<<"successful new allocation.\n";
```

2. Memory Management – (cont.)

Insufficient Memory Test

- **Newer compilers:**
 - **If new operation fails:**
 - Program terminates automatically
 - Produces error message
- **Still good practice to use NULL check**

2. Memory Management – (cont.)

The delete Operator

- De-allocate dynamic memory pointed to by pointer variable
 - When no longer needed
 - Returns memory to free-store

```
// variables
int* ptr = new int(5);
// processing
//....
delete ptr;
```

2. Memory Management – (cont.)

Dangling Pointers

`delete ptr` destroys dynamic memory but `ptr` still points there! Called **dangling pointer**.

- If `ptr` is then dereferenced by `*ptr` it may cause unpredictable results!

```
int* ptr = new int(5);
```

```
// processing
```

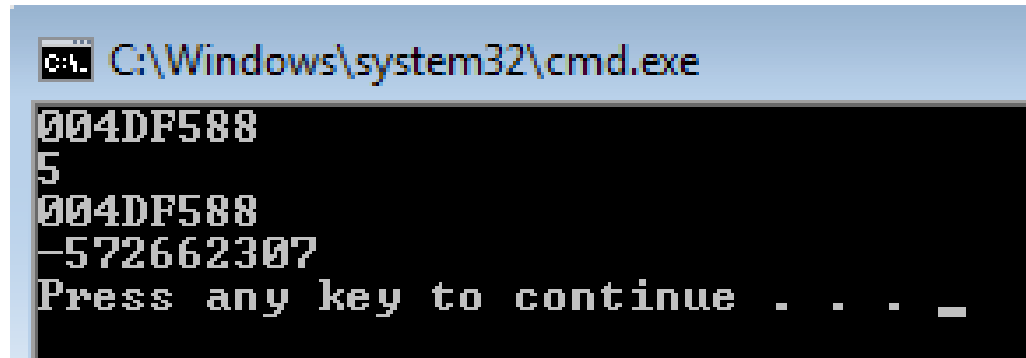
```
cout<<ptr<<endl;
```

```
cout<<*ptr<<endl;
```

```
delete ptr;
```

```
cout<<ptr<<endl;
```

```
cout<<*ptr<<endl;
```



```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
004DF588
5
004DF588
-572662307
Press any key to continue . . . _
```

2. Memory Management – (cont.)

Dangling Pointers

- Avoid dangling pointers by assigning pointer to NULL after delete: pointer not pointing to anything.

```
int* ptr = new int(5);  
// processing  
cout<<ptr<<endl;  
cout<<*ptr<<endl;
```

```
delete ptr;  
ptr = NULL;
```

Same as:
ptr= nullptr;

```
cout<<ptr<<endl;  
cout<<*ptr<<endl;
```

You cannot dereference a null pointer. Runtime Error!

2. Memory Management – (cont.)

Dynamic and Automatic Variables

⦿ **Dynamic variables**

- Created with new operator
- Created and destroyed while program runs

⦿ **Automatic (local) variables**

- Declared within function definition
- Not dynamic
 - Created when function is called
 - Destroyed when function call completes
 - Properties controlled for you

POINTERS USAGE

- ◎ Pointers are used to:
 - Access array elements
 - Passing arguments to functions when the function needs to modify the original argument
 - by value : `void f(int x);`
 - by reference : `void f(int& x);`
 - by pointer : `void f(int* x);`
 - Passing arrays and strings to functions
 - Obtaining memory from the system
 - Creating data structures whose size can grow shrink dynamically such as linked lists



Practice (Try it first)

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
```

```
firstvalue is 10
secondvalue is 20
```

```
int main ()
{
```

```
    int firstvalue = 5, secondvalue = 15;
```

5 , 15

```
    int * p1, * p2;
```

```
    p1 = &firstvalue; // p1 = address of firstvalue
```

```
    p2 = &secondvalue; // p2 = address of secondvalue
```

```
    *p1 = 10; // value pointed to by p1 = 10
```

10 , 15

```
    *p2 = *p1; // val pointed to by p2 = val pointed to by
```

10 , 10

```
    p1 = p2; // p1=p2 (value of pointer is copied)
              both points to "secondvalue"
```

```
    *p1 = 20; // value pointed to by p1 = 20
```

10 , 20

```
    cout << "firstvalue is " << firstvalue << '\n';
```

```
    cout << "secondvalue is " << secondvalue << '\n';
```

```
    return 0;
```

Practice

- ⦿ `ptr++;`

`// use it then pointer moves to the next int position`

- ⦿ `++ptr;`

`// pointer moves to the next int position then use it`

- ⦿ `++*ptr;`

`// the value is incremented by 1 then used`

- ⦿ `*++ptr;`

`// pointer moves to the next int position then uses value`

- ⦿ `*ptr++;`

`// uses value then pointer moves to the next int position`

```

int *ptr = new int (33);
cout << "Initial" << endl;
cout << ptr << '\t' << *ptr << endl;

cout << "++ptr;" << endl;
cout << ++ptr << '\t' << *ptr << endl;

cout << "ptr++;" << endl;
cout << ptr++ << '\t' << *ptr << endl;
cout << "ptr" << '\t' << ptr << endl;

cout << "++*ptr;" << endl;
cout << ++*ptr << endl;
cout << ptr << '\t' << *ptr << endl;

cout << "*++ptr;" << endl;
cout << *++ptr << endl;
cout << ptr << '\t' << *ptr << endl;

cout << "*ptr++;" << endl;
cout << *ptr++ << endl;
cout << ptr << '\t' << *ptr << endl;

```

```

Initial
0100D150      33
++ptr;
0100D154      -33686019
ptr++;
0100D154      -1607221541
ptr      0100D158
++*ptr;
-1607221540
0100D158      -1607221540
*++ptr;
-2147478819
0100D15C      -2147478819
*ptr++;
-2147478819
0100D160      -572662307
Press any key to continue . .

```

PRACTICE

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

void main ()
{
    int arr[5] = {0,1,2,3,4};
    int *ptr = arr;
    for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++)
        cout << *++ptr << " ";
}
```

C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe

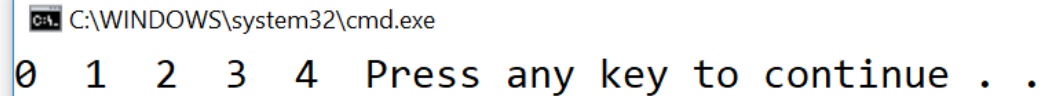
1 2 3 4 -858993460 Press any key to continue . . .

`*++ptr;` // pointer moves to the next int position then uses value

PRACTICE

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

void main ()
{
    int arr[5] = {0,1,2,3,4};
    int *ptr = arr;
    for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++)
        cout << *ptr++ << " ";
}
```



C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe

0 1 2 3 4 Press any key to continue . .

`*ptr++;` // uses value then pointer moves to the next int position

3. Examples – (cont.)

Trace Exercise

- What is the output of the following code segment:

```
int i=3,*j;
```

```
j=&i;
```

```
cout<<i**j*i+*j<<endl;
```

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Pointers And Dynamic Arrays

3. Pointers and Arrays

- Our previous Array variables
 - Really pointer variables!
- Recall: arrays stored in memory addresses, sequentially
 - Array variable "refers to" first indexed variable
 - So array variable is a kind of pointer variable!
- Example:

```
int arr[10];  
int *p;
```

 - `arr` and `p` are both pointer variables!

3. Pointers and Arrays – (cont.)

- So, can they be assigned to each other?

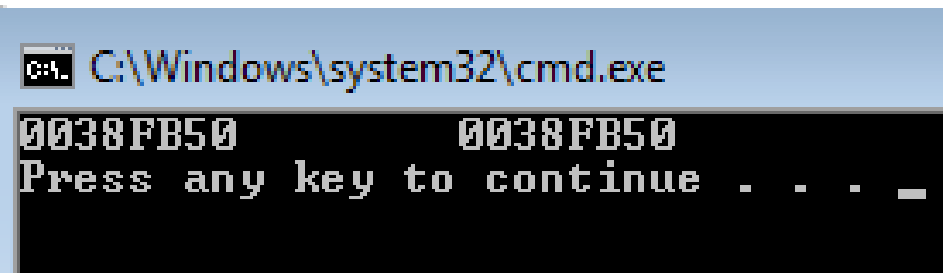
```
int num = 4;  
int arr[5] = {0};  
int *ptr;
```

```
ptr = arr;  
cout<<arr<<"\t"<<ptr<<endl;
```

```
arr = ptr;  
cout<<arr<<"\t"<<ptr<<endl;
```

ILLEGAL !

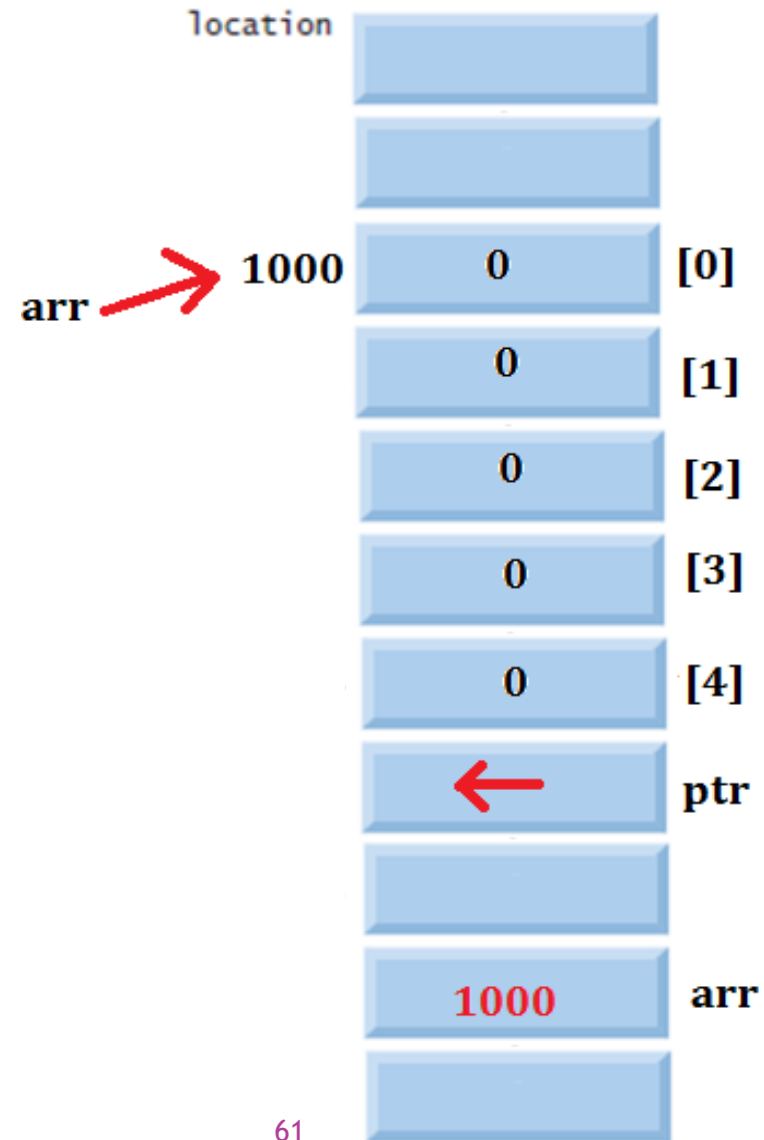
Note that an array name is exactly as a const int * type.



Main difference is that pointers can be assigned new addresses, while arrays cannot. arr can never be assigned anything, will always represent same block of 5 int elements.

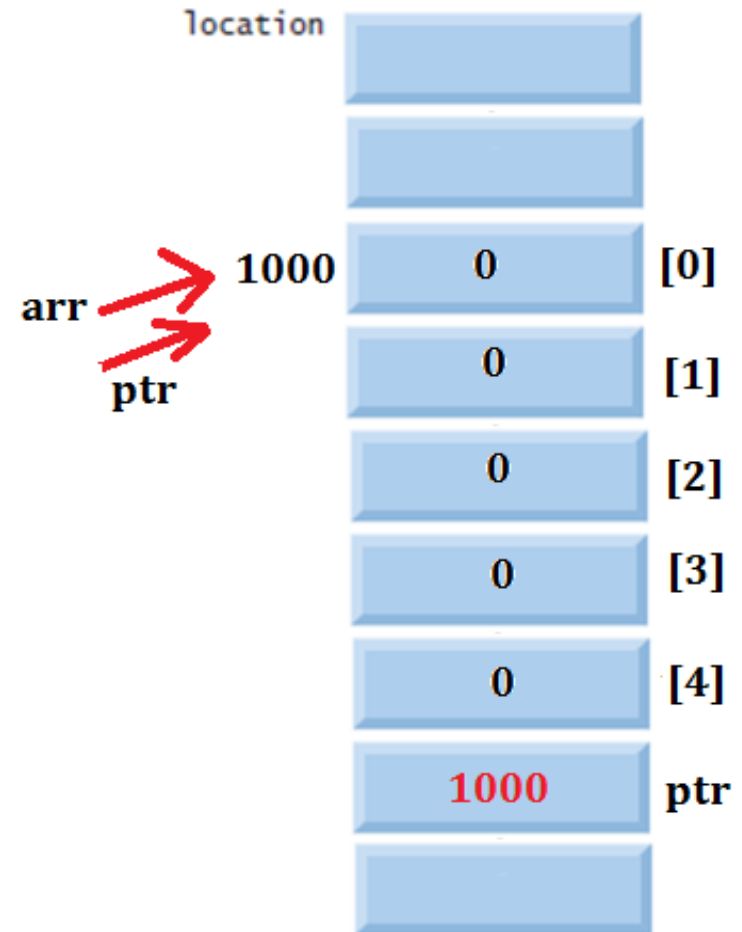
3. Pointers and Arrays – (cont.)

```
int arr[5] = {0};  
int *ptr;
```



3. Pointers and Arrays – (cont.)

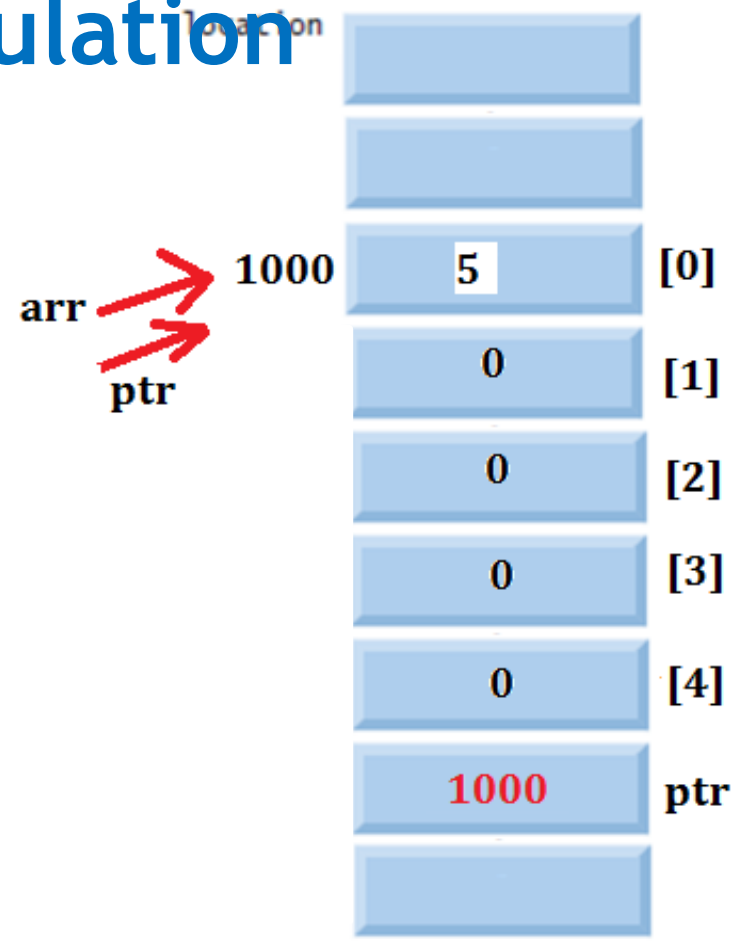
```
int arr[5] = {0};  
int *ptr;  
  
ptr = arr;
```



3. Pointers and Arrays – (cont.)

Alternative Arrays Manipulation

```
int arr[5] = {0};  
int *ptr;  
  
ptr = arr;  
.....  
  
*ptr = 5;  
cout<<arr[0]<<endl;
```



```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe  
5  
Press any key to continue . . .
```

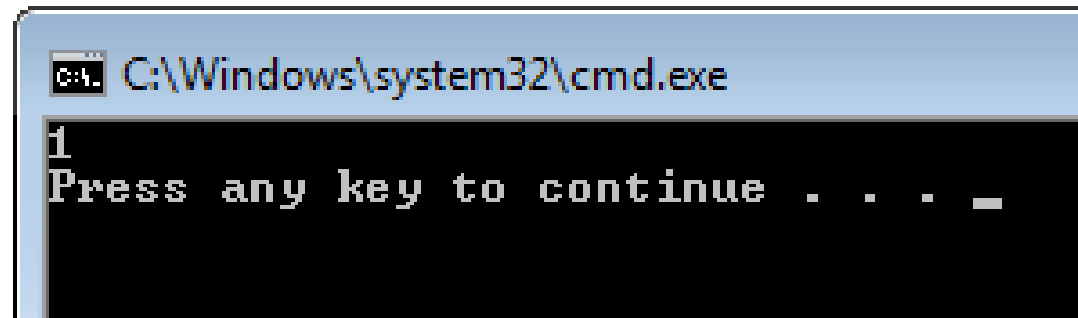
3. Pointers and Arrays – (cont.)

Alternative Arrays Manipulation

- Using address arithmetic

```
int arr[5] = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4};  
int *ptr;
```

```
ptr = arr;  
ptr++;  
cout<<*ptr<<endl;
```



This is equivalent to

```
ptr = &arr[1];
```


3. Pointers and Arrays – (cont.)

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
```

Different ways to access array elements using a pointer

```
void main ()
{
    int numbers[5];
    int * p;
    p = numbers;  *p = 10;
    p++;  *p = 20;
    p = &numbers[2];  *p = 30;
    p = numbers + 3;  *p = 40;
    p = numbers;  *(p+4) = 50;
    for (int n=0; n<5; n++)
        cout << numbers[n] << ", ";
}
```

10, 20, 30, 40, 50,

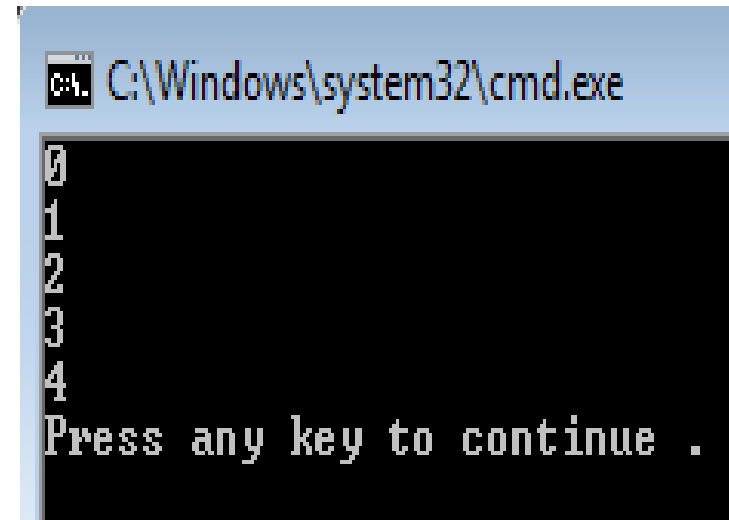
3. Pointers and Arrays – (cont.)

Alternative Arrays Manipulation

- To display all elements

```
int arr[5] = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4};  
int *ptr;
```

```
ptr = arr;  
for(int i=0; i<5; i++)  
    cout<< ? <<endl;
```



```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe  
0  
1  
2  
3  
4  
Press any key to continue .
```

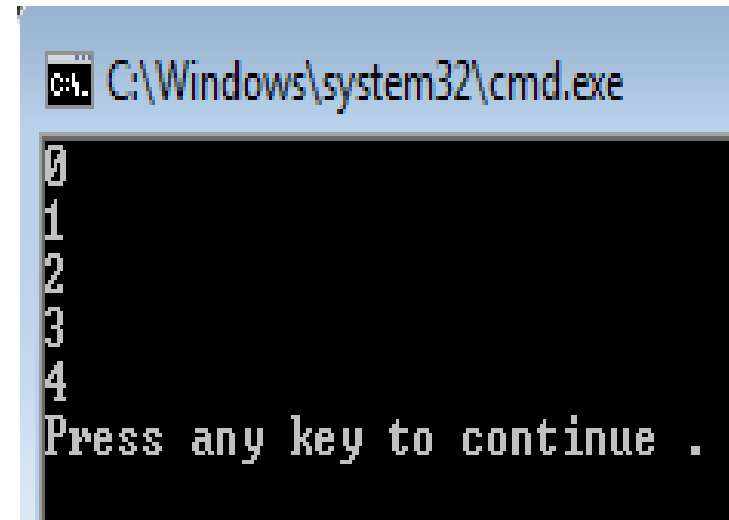
3. Pointers and Arrays – (cont.)

Alternative Arrays Manipulation

- To display all elements

```
int arr[5] = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4};  
int *ptr;
```

```
ptr = arr;  
for(int i=0; i<5; i++)  
    cout<<*(ptr+i)<<endl;
```



```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe  
0  
1  
2  
3  
4  
Press any key to continue .
```

3. Pointers and Arrays – (cont.)

Alternative Arrays Manipulation

- To display all elements

```
int arr[5] = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4};  
int *ptr;
```

```
ptr = arr;  
for(int i=0; i<5; i++)  
    cout<<*(ptr+i)<<endl;
```

This is equivalent to

```
cout<<*(arr+i)<<endl;
```



Ptr didn't move
it still points to arr[0]

```
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0  
1  
2  
3  
4  
Press any key to continue .
```

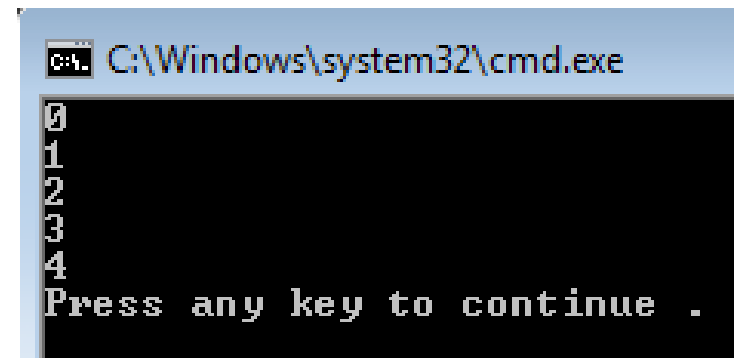
3. Pointers and Arrays – (cont.)

Alternative Arrays Manipulation

- To display all elements

```
int arr[5] = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4};  
int *ptr;
```

```
ptr = arr;  
for(int i=0; i<5; i++)  
    cout<< ? <<endl;
```



```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe  
0  
1  
2  
3  
4  
Press any key to continue .
```

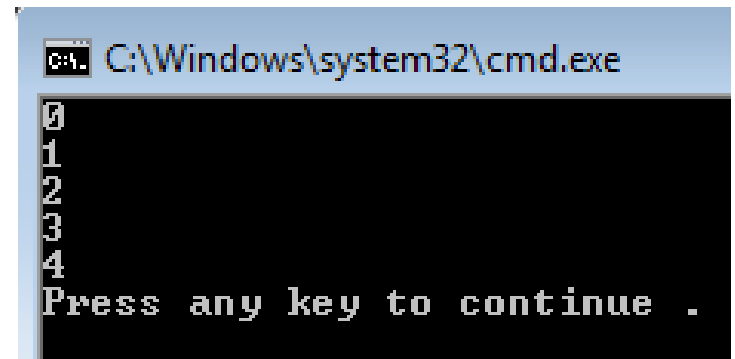
3. Pointers and Arrays – (cont.)

Alternative Arrays Manipulation

- To display all elements

```
int arr[5] = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4};  
int *ptr;
```

```
ptr = arr;  
for(int i=0; i<5; i++)  
    cout<<ptr[i]<<endl;
```



```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe  
0  
1  
2  
3  
4  
Press any key to continue .
```

*ptr++ can be used too (moves ptr itself)

3. Pointers and Arrays – (cont.)

- ◉ Brackets ([]) were explained as specifying the index of an element of the array.
- ◉ Well, these brackets are a **dereferencing** operator known as offset operator.
- ◉ They dereference the variable they follow just as * does, but they also add the number between brackets to the address being dereferenced.

```
1 a[5] = 0;           // a [offset of 5] = 0
2 *(a+5) = 0;        // pointed to by (a+5) = 0
```

4. Dynamic Arrays

Standard array

- **Must specify size first - Fixed size**
- **May not know actual used size until program runs!**
- **Must "estimate" maximum size needed**
 - "Wastes" memory

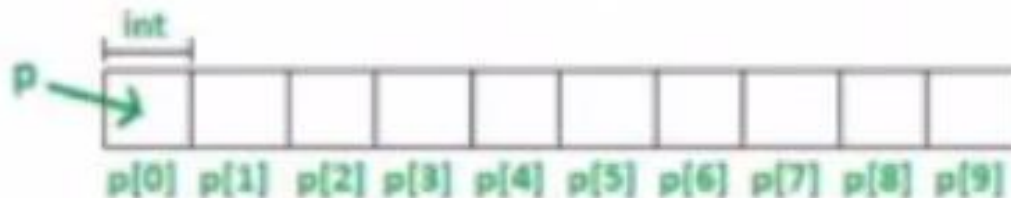
Dynamic array

- **Size not specified at program design time**
- **Determined while program runs**
- **Can grow and shrink as needed**

4. Dynamic Arrays – (cont.)

Allocating Dynamic Array Variable

- Use **new** operator
 - Dynamically allocates memory with pointer variable at run time.
- `Int *p = new int[10]`
 - Creates dynamically allocated array variable *p*, with ten elements, base type `int`.



4. Dynamic Arrays – (cont.)

Allocating Dynamic Array Variable

- The advantage here is that we can assign a variable as the array size. Something we couldn't do in automatic array variables.

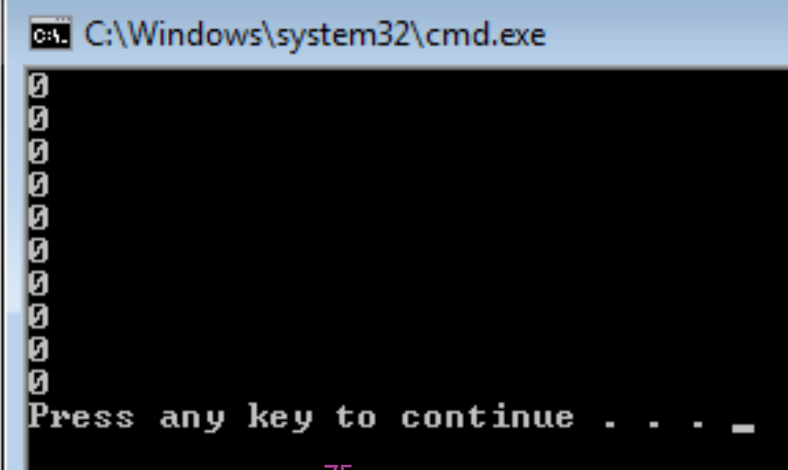
```
int size = 4; // or cin>>size from user  
int arr[size]; ✗  
int *dArr = new int[size]; ✓
```

4. Dynamic Arrays – (cont.)

Initializing Dynamic Array Variable

- Recall array variable zero initialization

```
int arr[5] = {}; // same as = {0}
for(int i=0; i<5; i++)
    cout<<arr[i]<<endl;
```



```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
0
0
0
0
0
Press any key to continue . . . _
```

4. Dynamic Arrays – (cont.)

check

Initializing Dynamic Array Variable

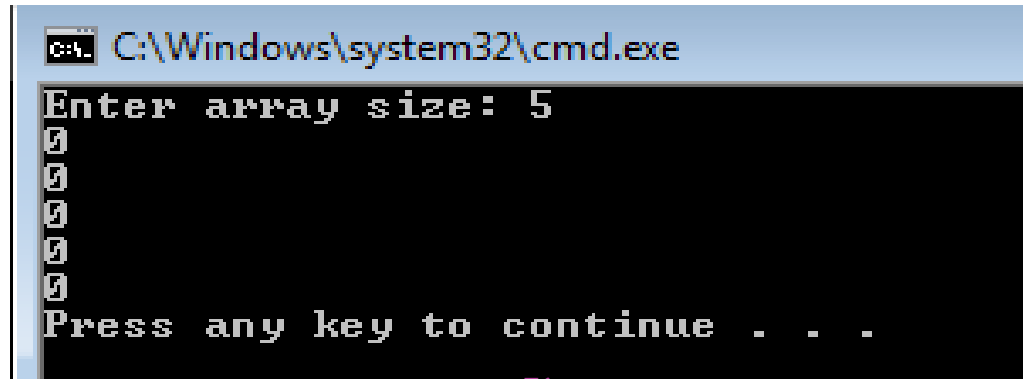
- Dynamic arrays are zero initialized only

```
int size;  
cout<<"Enter array size: "; cin>>size;
```

```
int *dArr = new int[size]();  
for(int i=0; i<size; i++)  
    cout<<dArr[i]<<endl;
```

Remember you can
also write

```
cout<<*(dArr+i)<<endl;
```



```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe  
Enter array size: 5  
0  
0  
0  
0  
0  
Press any key to continue . . .
```

4. Dynamic Arrays – (cont.)

Processing Dynamic Array Variable

- Treated like any standard array.

```
dArr = new double[10];
```

dArr contains address of dArr[0]

dArr+1 evaluates to address of dArr[1]

dArr+2 evaluates to address of dArr[2]

... and so on.

4. Dynamic Arrays – (cont.)

De-allocating Dynamic Array Variable

```
delete [] dArr;
```

- Returns memory to OS.
- Brackets indicates array;
- Remember `dArr` pointer still exists

```
DARR = NULL;
```

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
void main()
{
    int* a;           // Pointer to int
    int n;            // Size needed for array
    cin >> n;         // Read in the size
    a = new int[n];   // Allocate n ints, save ptr in a

    for (int i=0; i<n; i++)
    {
        a[i] = i;
        cout << a[i] << endl;
    }

    delete [] a;     // Free memory pointed to by a
    a = NULL;        // Prevent using invalid memory reference
}
```

5. Examples – (cont.)

Example:

- **Creating an array of student structures with variable size. Compute the average of grades for each student and the average of all students.**

Sample Run:

C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe

```
Name: Ahmed
Subject#1: 23
Subject#2: 43
Subject#3: 43
ID: 20
Name: Sarah
Subject#1: 55
Subject#2: 44
Subject#3: 55
ID: 30
Name: Ola
Subject#1: 65
Subject#2: 61
Subject#3: 62
ID: 40
Name: John
Subject#1: 87
Subject#2: 76
Subject#3: 77
Average of All Students57.5833
ID      Name      Average Score
10      Ahmed     36.3333
20      Sarah     51.3333
30      Ola       62.6667
40      John      80
Press any key to continue . . .
```

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
#define GRADES 3
struct Std
{
    int ID;
    char name[20];
    double grades[Grades];
    double avg;
};
void fillArray(Std* studs,int size);
void ComputeAvgofAll(Std* studs,int size);
double ComputeAvgofOneStud(double grades[],int size);
void display(Std* studs,int size);
void main()
{
    int numStd;
    cout<< "How many students: ";
    cin>> numStd;
```

```
// processing
// allocate
Std *students = new Std[numStd];

//fill data
fillArray (students, numStd);

//compute average
for(int i=0; i<numStd; i++)
    students[i].avg=computeAvgofOneStud (students[i].grades,
GRADES);

//compute average of all students
computeAvgofAll (students, numStd);

// output
display (students, numStd);

// dellocate
delete [] students;
students = nullptr;
}
```

Check GRADES

```
void ComputeAvgofAll(Std* studs,int size)
{
double Average=0.0;
for(int i=0;i<size;i++)
    Average += studs[i].avg;
Average = Average/size;
cout << "Average of All Students"<<Average<<endl;
}
```

```
double ComputeAvgofOneStud(double grades[],int size)
{
double Average=0.0;
for(int j=0;j<size;j++)
    Average += grades[j];
Average = Average/size;
return Average;
}
```

```

void display(Std* studs, int size)
{
    cout<<"ID\tName\tAverage Score\n";
    for(int i=0; i<size; i++)
        cout<< studs[i].ID <<"\t"<<
        studs[i].name<<"\t"<<studs[i].avg <<endl;
}
void fillArray(Std* studs, int size)
{
    for(int i=0;i<size;i++)
    {
        cout<<"ID: "; cin>> studs[i].ID;
        cout<<"Name: "; cin>> studs[i].name;
        for(int j=0; j<GRADES; j++)
        {
            cout<<"Subject#"<<j+1<<": ";
            cin>> studs[i].grades[j];
        }
    }
}
}

```

Can we create a pointer to struct ??

Pointers to structures

```
1 struct movies_t {  
2     string title;  
3     int year;  
4 };  
5  
6 movies_t amovie;  
7 movies_t * pmovie;  
pmovie = &amovie;
```

Structures can be pointed to by its own type of pointers.

The value of the pointer pmovie would be assigned the address of object amovie.

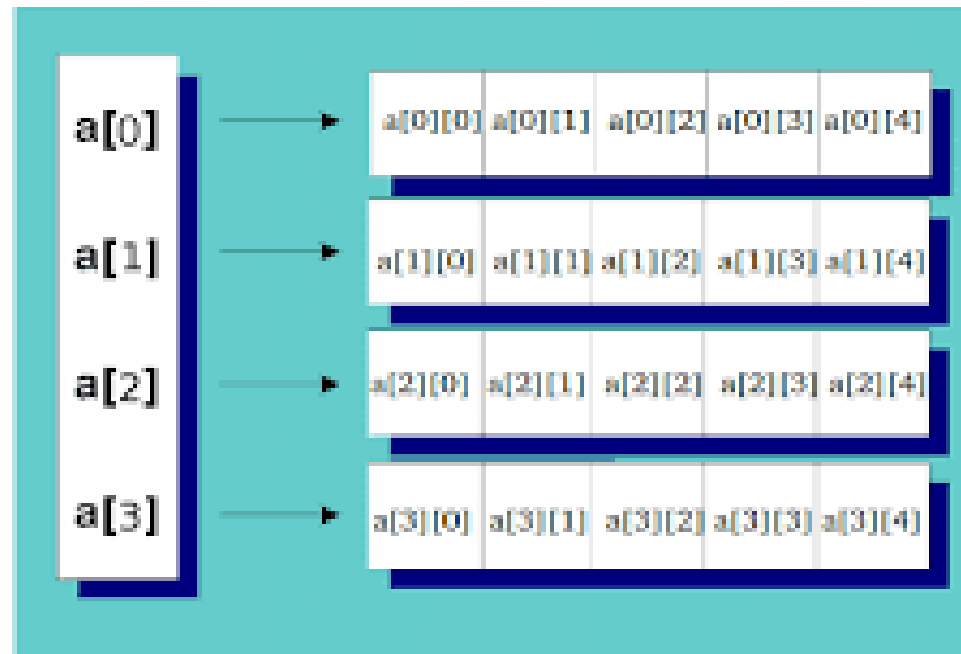
The arrow operator (->) is a dereference operator that is used exclusively with **pointers** to **objects that have members**. It accesses the member of an object directly from its address.

pmovie -> title
is equivalent to: (*pmovie).title

CAN WE CREATE A 2D DYNAMIC ARRAY ??

- ◉ A 2D array is basically a **1D array of pointers**, where every pointer is pointing to a 1D array, which holds the actual data. Number of rows and columns can be obtained from user.

- ◉ Google it !
(Not in Exam)



HOME ASSIGNMENT 6

Update the last assignment to match the following requirement:

- ◉ Instead of using a fixed 1D array of structures, use a dynamic array instead that will be created according to the size the user specifies. And delete the array at the end of the program.

Enter the number of products:5

Please enter the 5 products:

Enter values of product 1

1231

3

20

50

Enter values of product 2

2313

10

10

40

Enter values of product 3

3331

4

12

40

Enter values of product 4

3345

14

15

100

Enter values of product 5

1212

20

30

55

Please enter a number:

Press 1 to get products that has less quantity
than a certain value

Press 2 to Get Product with the highest sales

Press 3 to Apply 50% discount for products
that has quantity less than 5

Press 4 to count the number of products with
prices less than a certain amount

Press 5 to Display all the products

1

Please enter the quantity: 15

Product 1

Product 2

Product 3

Product 4

Do you want to Apply Another function, Press
'Y' or 'y' for yes, any other key to stop :y

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Please enter a number:
Press 1 to get products that has less quantity than
a certain value
Press 2 to Get Product with the highest sales
Press 3 to Apply 50% discount for products that has
quantity less than 5
Press 4 to count the number of products with prices
less than a certain amount
Press 5 to Display all the products

2
Product 4

Do you want to Apply Another function, Press 'Y' or
'y' for yes, any other key to stop :y

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Please enter a number:
Press 1 to get products that has less quantity than
a certain value
Press 2 to Get Product with the highest sales
Press 3 to Apply 50% discount for products that has
quantity less than 5
Press 4 to count the number of products with prices
less than a certain amount
Press 5 to Display all the products
3
Done
Do you want to Apply Another function, Press 'Y' or
'y' for yes, any other key to stop :y

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Please enter a number:
Press 1 to get products that has less quantity than
a certain value
Press 2 to Get Product with the highest sales
Press 3 to Apply 50% discount for products that has
quantity less than 5
Press 4 to count the number of products with prices
less than a certain amount
Press 5 to Display all the products
4

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Enter the amount :50
The number of products with price less than 50 is 3
Do you want to Apply Another function, Press 'Y' or
'y' for yes, any other key to stop :y

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Please enter a number:
Press 1 to get products that has less quantity than
a certain value
Press 2 to Get Product with the highest sales
Press 3 to Apply 50% discount for products that has
quantity less than 5
Press 4 to count the number of products with prices
less than a certain amount
Press 5 to Display all the products
5
Serial num :1231
quantity:3
sales :20
price :25
Serial num :2313
quantity:10
sales :10
price :40
Serial num :3331
quantity:4
sales :12
price :20
Serial num :3345
quantity:14
sales :15
price :100
Serial num :1212
quantity:20
sales :30
price :55
Do you want to Apply Another function, Press 'Y' or
'y' for yes, any other key to stop :n
Program ended with exit code: 0

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Sheet 7 will be
available on Drive

