

only for C++

Variable $\rightarrow x$
Pointer $\rightarrow *x$
reference $\rightarrow \&x$

Reference \rightarrow use for parameter passing

Reference: Another name given to ^{existing} variable

```
int main()  
{
```

```
    int a = 10;
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    int &a = a
```

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    cout << x;  $\rightarrow 10$ 
```

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    r++;
```

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    cout << a;  $\rightarrow 11$ 
```

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Heap

Stack

G/R
ID

(Stack
memory of
Program)

main

(Code section)

* Reference is not like pointer & it does not consume any memory it uses the same memory of the variable it is initialized (Here x uses memory of a)

* Accessing struct member using pointer

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int main()  
{
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    struct Rectangle x = {10, 5}
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    struct Rectangle *p = &x
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    x.length = 15
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    (*p).length = 20; or p->length = 20;
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// accessing structure elements using pointer

Creating ^{object} variable of type of structure dynamically in heap using pointer \nwarrow datatype

\rightarrow struct rectangle *p;

for c \rightarrow p = (struct rectangle*) malloc (size of (struct Rectangle));

for c++ \rightarrow p = new Rectangle;

p \rightarrow length = 10; or (*p).length = 10

p \rightarrow breadth = 5;