

Java / Python / Ruby

→ GC → (mark & sweep)

{ remove objects from this  
heap memory auto. }

one of the types  
of pointers

(SMART POINTERS)

# Types Of Pointers

① Void Pointers → generic pointer

→ dereferencing is not possible

② Null pointers

④ wild pointer

③ Dangling Pointers

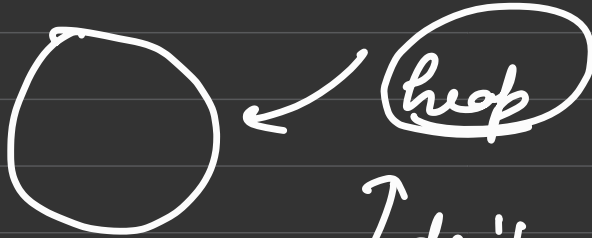
⑤ function pointers

→ Smart Pointers → No GC raw pointers

↳ an abstract interface to actual pointers.  
but with additional benefit of auto-  
resource management. and freeing memory.

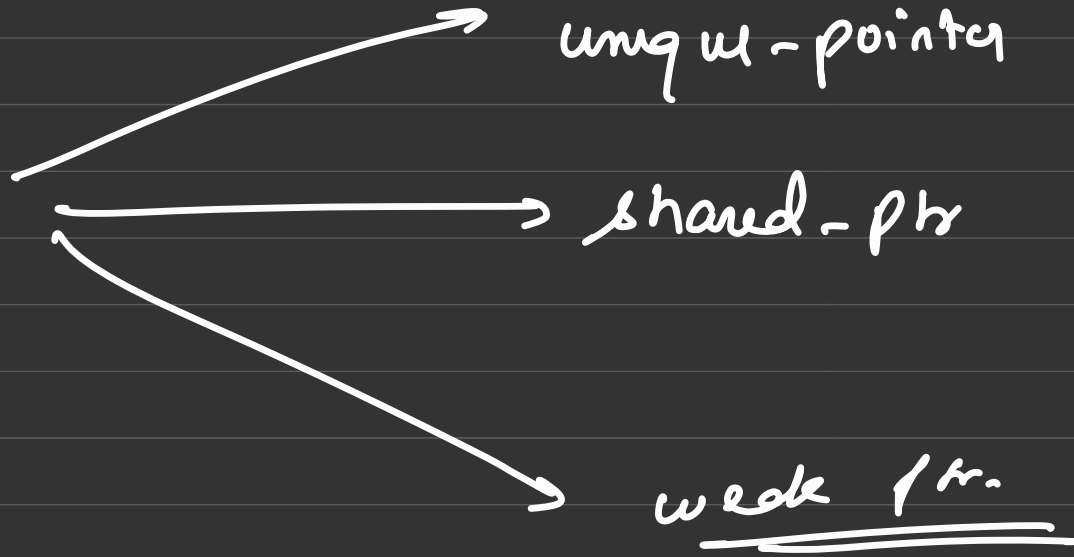
↓  
use reference  
pointing for

being smart



↑ don't need to manually  
delete the obj.

implemented internally using classes

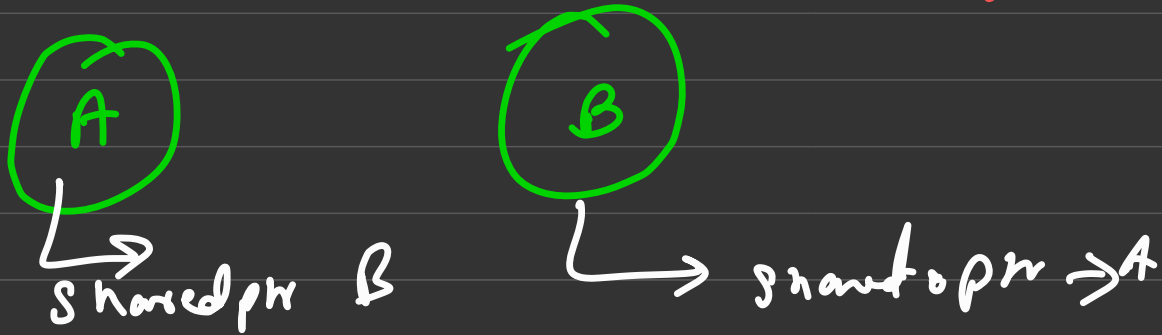


unique-ph  $\rightarrow$  This will permit one owner of  
the pointer. This can contain max one  
raw-pointer that points to a memory.

shared\_ptr → This helps us to have multiple  
owners of same memory loc.



weak\_ptr → ① Similar to shared ptr but  
do not maintain a ref count.



① No ref-count is added when you point a loc by weak ptr.

② You can't directly point to a memory by weak-ptr. You can only point to a memory in weak ptr using shared\_ptr.