

# Structure

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# Simple Program

Write a program to store three books' information (name, price, and number of pages).

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

int main()
{
    string names[3];
    double prices[3];
    unsigned int pages[3];

    for(int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
        cin >> names[i] >> prices[i] >> pages[i];

    for(int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
        cout << names[i] << "\t" << prices[i] << "\t" << pages[i] << endl;
}
```

# Introducing Structure

```
struct book
{
    string name;
    double price;
    int pages;
};
```

# Why use Structure?

- A collection of variables of different data types under a single name
- For example: We want to store some information about a person: name, date of birth, and salary.

```
struct person
{
    string name;
    string dob;
    double salary;
};
```

# Declaration of Structure

```
struct <structure_name>
{
    structure element1;
    structure element2;
    ...
    ...
};
```

# Declaration of Structure (back to our example)

```
struct Book
{
    string name;
    int pages;
    double price;
};
```

# Define a Structure Variable

```
<structure_name> <name_of_the_variable>
```

# Define a Structure Variable

```
Book b;
```



# Define a Structure Variable

```
Book b1, b2;
```

# Define a Structure Variable

```
Book b1, b2, b3;
```

# How to access members of a structure?

```
Book b1, b2, b3;

b1.name = "Intro to C++";
b1.pages = 364;
b1.price = 157.64;

b2.name = "Intro to Calculus";
b2.pages = 618;
b2.price = 113.99;

b3.name = "Intro to Physics";
b3.pages = 571;
b3.price = 132.46;
```

# Simple Program w/ Structure

Write a program to store a book's information (name, price, and number of pages).

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

struct Book
{
    string name;
    double price;
    int pages;
};

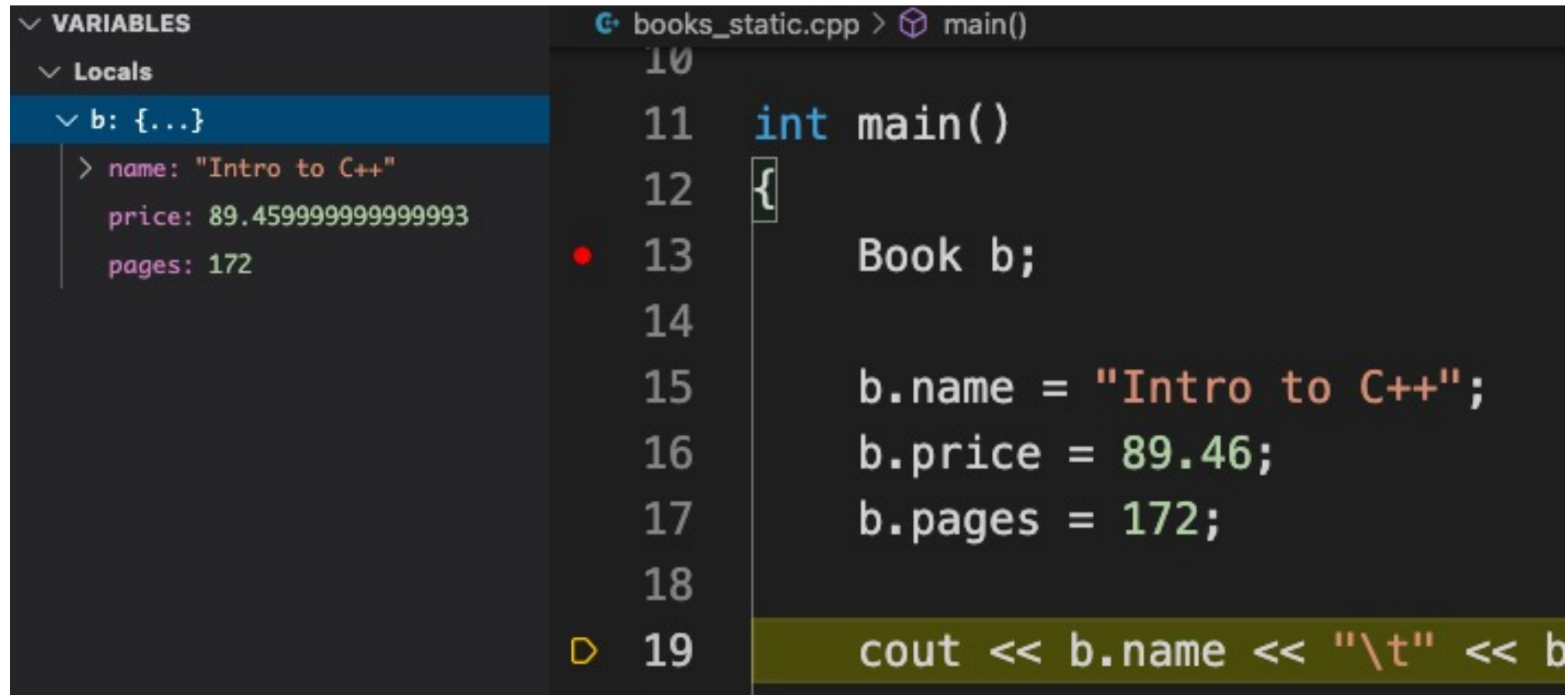
int main()
{
    Book b;           // Declare the structure variable

    getline(cin, b.name);
    cin >> b.price;
    cin >> b.pages;

    cout << b.name << "\t" << b.price << "\t" << b.pages << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

# Simple Program w/ Structure (Debug Mode)



The screenshot shows a C++ IDE in debug mode. On the left, the 'VARIABLES' pane is expanded to 'Locals', showing a variable 'b' of type '{...}'. The value of 'b' is displayed as: name: "Intro to C++", price: 89.459999999999993, and pages: 172. The main editor shows the source code for 'books\_static.cpp' in the 'main()' function. The code is as follows:

```
10  
11 int main()  
12 {  
13     Book b;  
14  
15     b.name = "Intro to C++";  
16     b.price = 89.46;  
17     b.pages = 172;  
18  
19     cout << b.name << "\t" << b
```

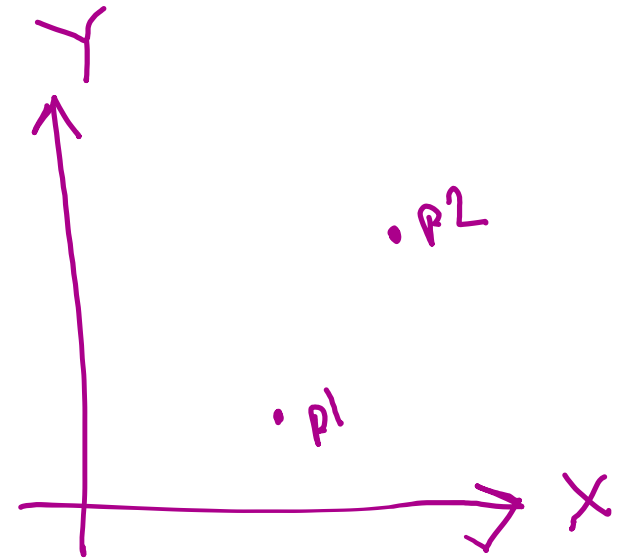
A red dot on line 13 indicates the current execution point. The line 19 is highlighted in green, indicating it is the next line to be executed.

# Let's a define a structure to hold x, y points

```
struct Points  
{  
    int x;  
    int y;  
};
```

# Let's define a structure to hold x, y points

```
Points p1, p2;  
  
p1.x = 3;  
p1.y = 2;  
  
p2.x = 5;  
p2.y = 6;
```



# Let's a define a structure to hold x, y points

$$\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

```
double distance;  
distance = pow((p2.x - p1.x), 2);  
distance += pow((p2.y - p1.y), 2);  
distance = sqrt(distance);
```



# Let's define a structure to hold x, y points

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

struct Points
{
    int x;
    int y;
};
```

```
int main()
{
    Points p1, p2;

    p1.x = 3;
    p1.y = 2;
    p2.x = 5;
    p2.y = 6;

    double distance;
    distance = pow((p2.x - p1.x), 2);
    distance += pow((p2.y - p1.y), 2);
    distance = sqrt(distance);

    cout << distance << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

# Let's dig deep with addresses and memory allocation of that program!

```
Points p1, p2;

p1.x = 3;
p1.y = 2;

p2.x = 5;
p2.y = 6;

printf("%p\n", &p1.x);
printf("%p\n", &p1.y);
printf("%p\n", &p2.x);
printf("%p\n", &p2.y);
```

C language literals to  
display addresses

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p1.y = 2;

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0x7ff7bf7fe3e0  
0x7ff7bf7fe3e4  
0x7ff7bf7fe3d8  
0x7ff7bf7fe3dc

```
Points p1, p2;

p1.x = 3;
p1.y = 2;

p2.x = 5;
p2.y = 6;

cout << &p1.x << endl;
cout << &p1.y << endl;
cout << &p2.x << endl;
cout << &p2.y << endl;
```

C++ language literals to  
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# Structures and Functions

Structure variables can be passed to a function and returned in a similar way as normal arguments.

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

struct Points
{
    int x;
    int y;
};

void DisplayPoints(Points p)
{
    cout << p.x << "\t" << p.y << endl;
}

int main()
{
    Points point;
    point.x = 10;
    point.y = 20;
    DisplayPoints(point);
    return 0;
}
```

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5  {
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8  };
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10 Points BuildPoint(int a, int b)
11 {
12     Points temp;
13     temp.x = a;
14     temp.y = b;
15     return temp;
16 }
17
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19 {
20     cout << p.x << "\t" << p.y << endl;
21 }
22
23 int main()
24 {
25     Points point;
26     point = BuildPoint(5, 7);
27     DisplayPoints(point);
28     return 0;
29 }
```

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27     DisplayPoints(point);
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29 }
```

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# Pointers to Structure

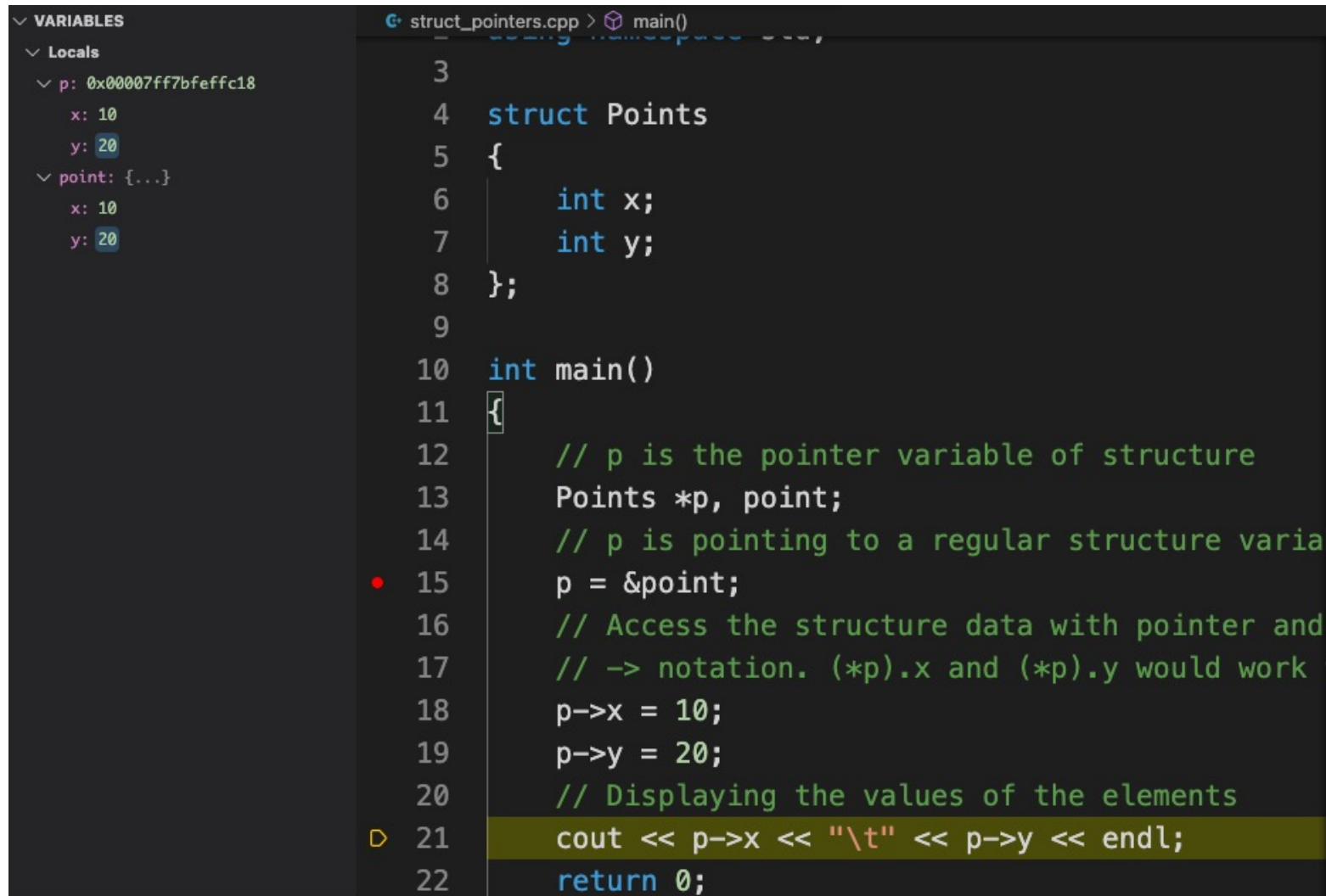
A pointer variable can be created not only for native types like (int, double etc.) but also they can also be created for user defined types like structure.

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3
4  struct Points
5  {
6      int x;
7      int y;
8  };
9
10 int main()
11 {
12     // p is the pointer variable of structure
13     Points *p, point;
14     // p is pointing to a regular structure variable
15     p = &point;
16     // Access the structure data with pointer and
17     // -> notation. (*p).x and (*p).y would work too.
18     p->x = 10;
19     p->y = 20;
20     // Displaying the values of the elements
21     cout << p->x << "\t" << p->y << endl;
22     return 0;
23 }
```

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# Pointers to Structure (Debug Mode)



The image shows a debugger window with two panes. The left pane, titled 'VARIABLES', shows the 'Locals' section with the following variables:

- `p`: `0x00007ff7bfeffc18`
  - `x`: `10`
  - `y`: `20`
- `point`: `{...}`
  - `x`: `10`
  - `y`: `20`

The right pane shows the C++ source code for `struct_pointers.cpp` in the `main()` function. The code is as follows:

```
3
4 struct Points
5 {
6     int x;
7     int y;
8 };
9
10 int main()
11 {
12     // p is the pointer variable of structure
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19     p->y = 20;
20     // Displaying the values of the elements
21     cout << p->x << "\t" << p->y << endl;
22     return 0;
```

# Simple Program w/ Structure: Array to Structures

Write a program to store  
3 books' information  
(name, price, and  
number of pages).

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

struct Book
{
    string name;
    double price;
    int pages;
};

int main()
{
    Book b[3];    // Declare an array to structure

    for(int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
        getline(cin, b[i].name);
        cin >> b[i].price;
        cin >> b[i].pages;
        cin.ignore();
    }
    for(int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
        cout << b[i].name << "\t" << b[i].price << "\t" << b[i].pages << endl;
}
```

# Array to Structure (Debug Mode)

```
4 struct Book
5 {
6     string name;
7     double price;
8     int pages;
9 };
10
11 int main()
12 {
13     Book b[3];
14
15     b[0].name = "Intro to C++";
16     b[0].price = 89.64;
17     b[0].pages = 114;
18
19     b[1].name = "Intro to Python";
20     b[1].price = 101.47;
21     b[1].pages = 156;
22
23     b[2].name = "Intro to C#";
24     b[2].price = 95.12;
25     b[2].pages = 247;
26
27     for(int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
28         cout << b[i].name << "\t" << b[i].price << "\t" << b[i].pages << endl;
```

# Array to Structure (Debug Mode)

The screenshot displays a C++ development environment with the following components:

- LOCALS PANE:** Shows the state of local variables. The array `b` of type `Book` contains three elements:
  - `b[0]`: `name: "Intro to C++", price: 89.64, pages: 114`
  - `b[1]`: `name: "Intro to Python", price: 101.47, pages: 156`
  - `b[2]`: `name: "Intro to C#", price: 95.120000000000005, pages: 247`The variable `i` is currently 0.
- WATCH PANE:** Currently empty.
- CALL STACK:** Shows the execution path: `books_array!main` and `dyld!start`. The status is "PAUSED ON STEP".
- SOURCE CODE:** The file `books_array.cpp` is open, showing the `main` function. The code defines a `Book` structure and an array `b` of 3 `Book` objects. It then iterates over the array to print each book's details. The current execution point is at line 27, which is the start of the `for` loop.

```
10
11 int main()
12 {
13     Book b[3];
14
15     b[0].name = "Intro to C++";
16     b[0].price = 89.64;
17     b[0].pages = 114;
18
19     b[1].name = "Intro to Python";
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23     b[2].name = "Intro to C#";
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25     b[2].pages = 247;
26
27     for(int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
28     {
29         cout << b[i].name << "\t" << b[i].price << "\t" << b[i].pages << endl;
30     }
31     return 0;
}
```

# Array to Structure (Another way to initialize)

```
struct Book
{
    string name;
    double price;
    int pages;
};

int main()
{
    Book b[3] = {
        {"Intro to C++", 89.64, 114},
        {"Intro to Python", 101.47, 156},
        {"Intro to C#", 95.12, 247}
    };
}
```

# Allocate Struct Memory w/ malloc

```
struct Points
{
    int x;
    int y;
};

int main()
{
    Points point;
}
```

```
struct Points
{
    int x;
    int y;
} point;
```



# Allocate Struct Memory w/ malloc

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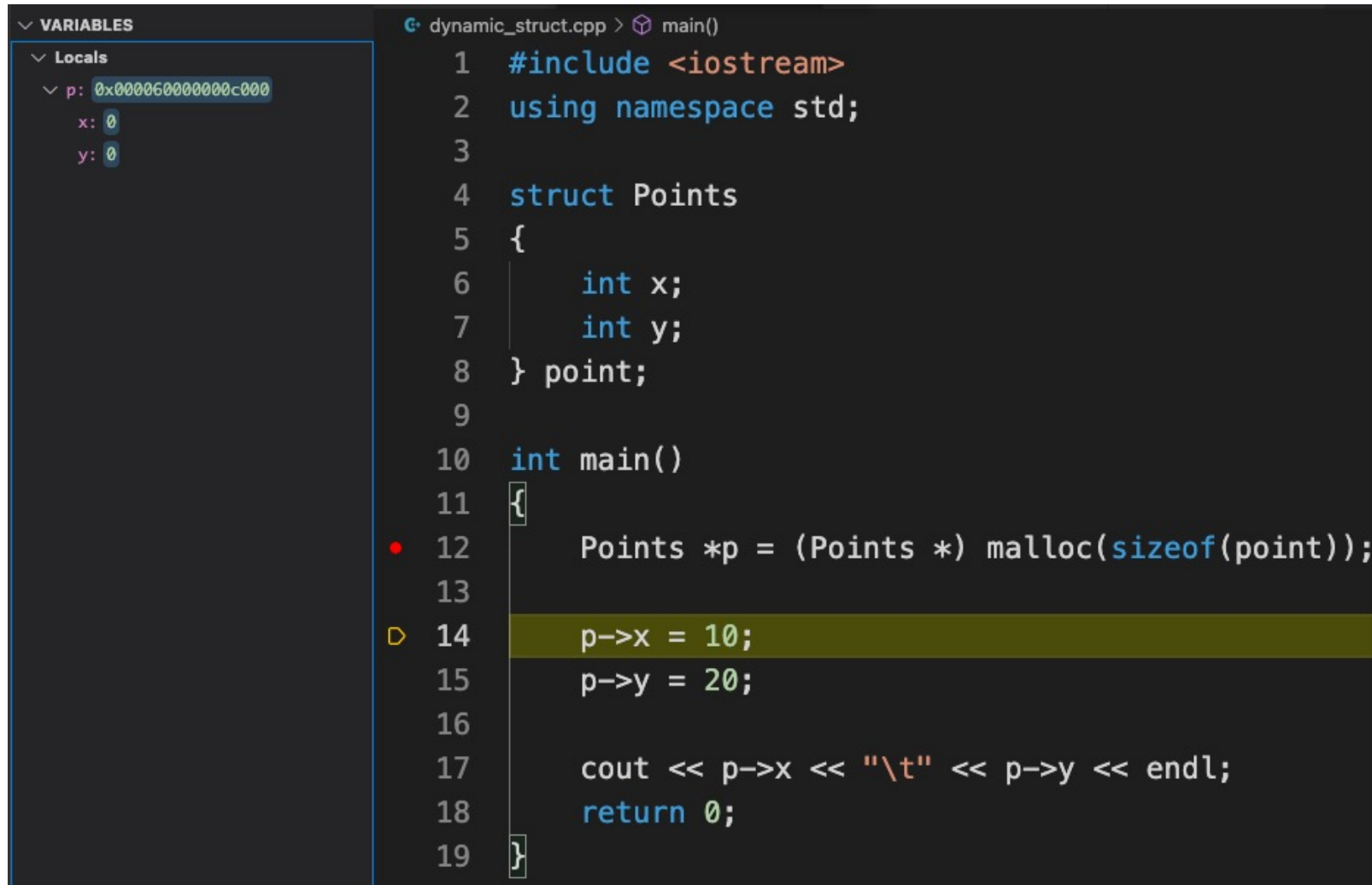
int main()
{
    Points point;
    Points *p = (points *) malloc(sizeof(point));
    p->x = 10;
    p->y = 20;
    cout << p->x << endl;
    cout << p->y << endl;
}
```

```
struct Points
{
    int x;
    int y;
} point;

int main()
{
    Points *p = (points *) malloc(sizeof(point));
    p->x = 10;
    p->y = 20;
    cout << p->x << endl;
    cout << p->y << endl;
}
```

```
10
20
```

# Allocate Struct Memory w/ malloc (Debug)



```
dynamic_struct.cpp > main()
1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3
4  struct Points
5  {
6      int x;
7      int y;
8  } point;
9
10 int main()
11 {
12     Points *p = (Points *) malloc(sizeof(point));
13
14     p->x = 10;
15     p->y = 20;
16
17     cout << p->x << "\t" << p->y << endl;
18     return 0;
19 }
```

**VARIABLES**

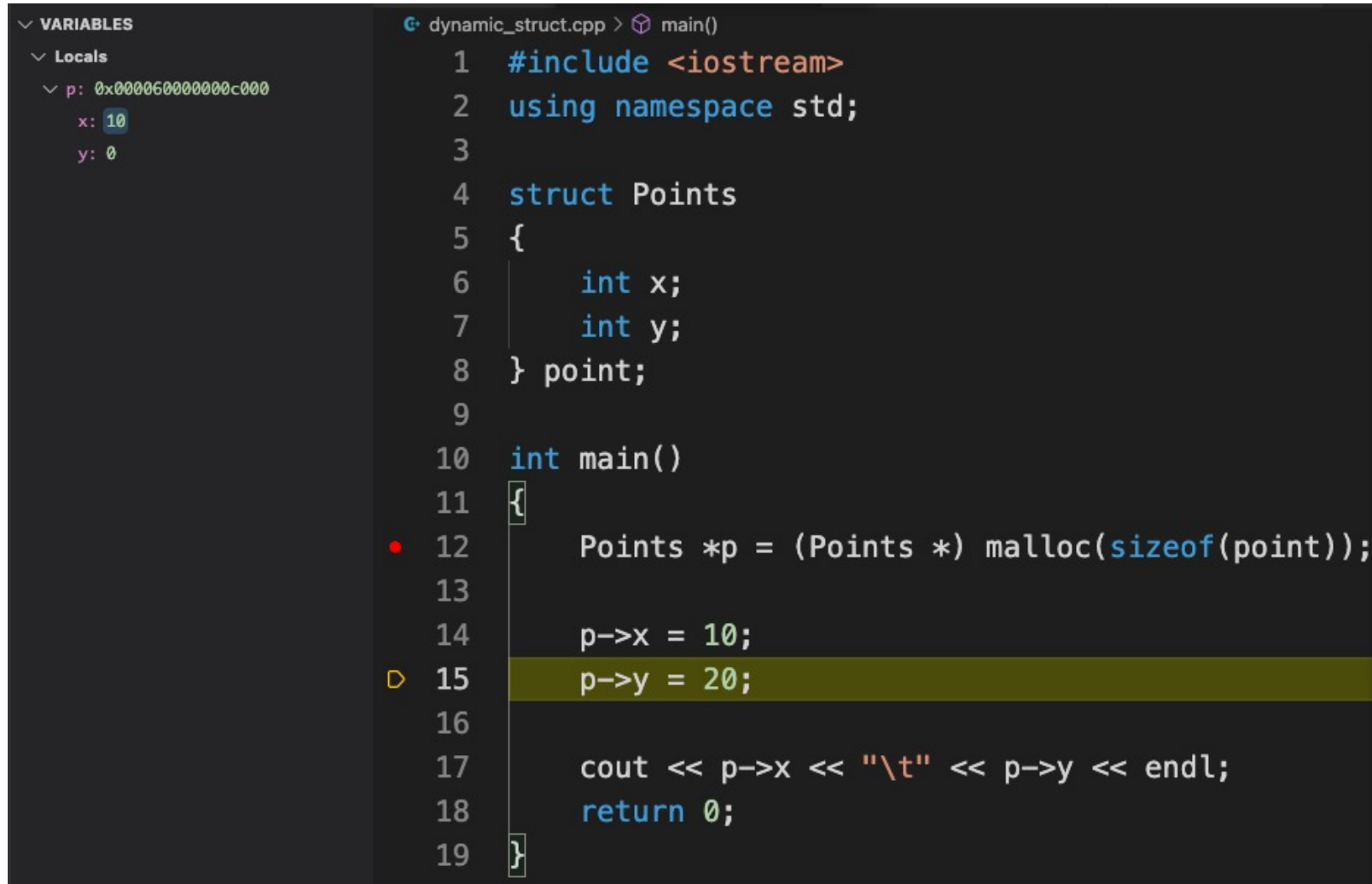
Locals

p: 0x000060000000c000

x: 0

y: 0

# Allocate Struct Memory w/ malloc (Debug)



```
dynamic_struct.cpp > main()
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2  using namespace std;
3
4  struct Points
5  {
6      int x;
7      int y;
8  } point;
9
10 int main()
11 {
12     Points *p = (Points *) malloc(sizeof(point));
13
14     p->x = 10;
15     p->y = 20;
16
17     cout << p->x << "\t" << p->y << endl;
18     return 0;
19 }
```

**VARIABLES**

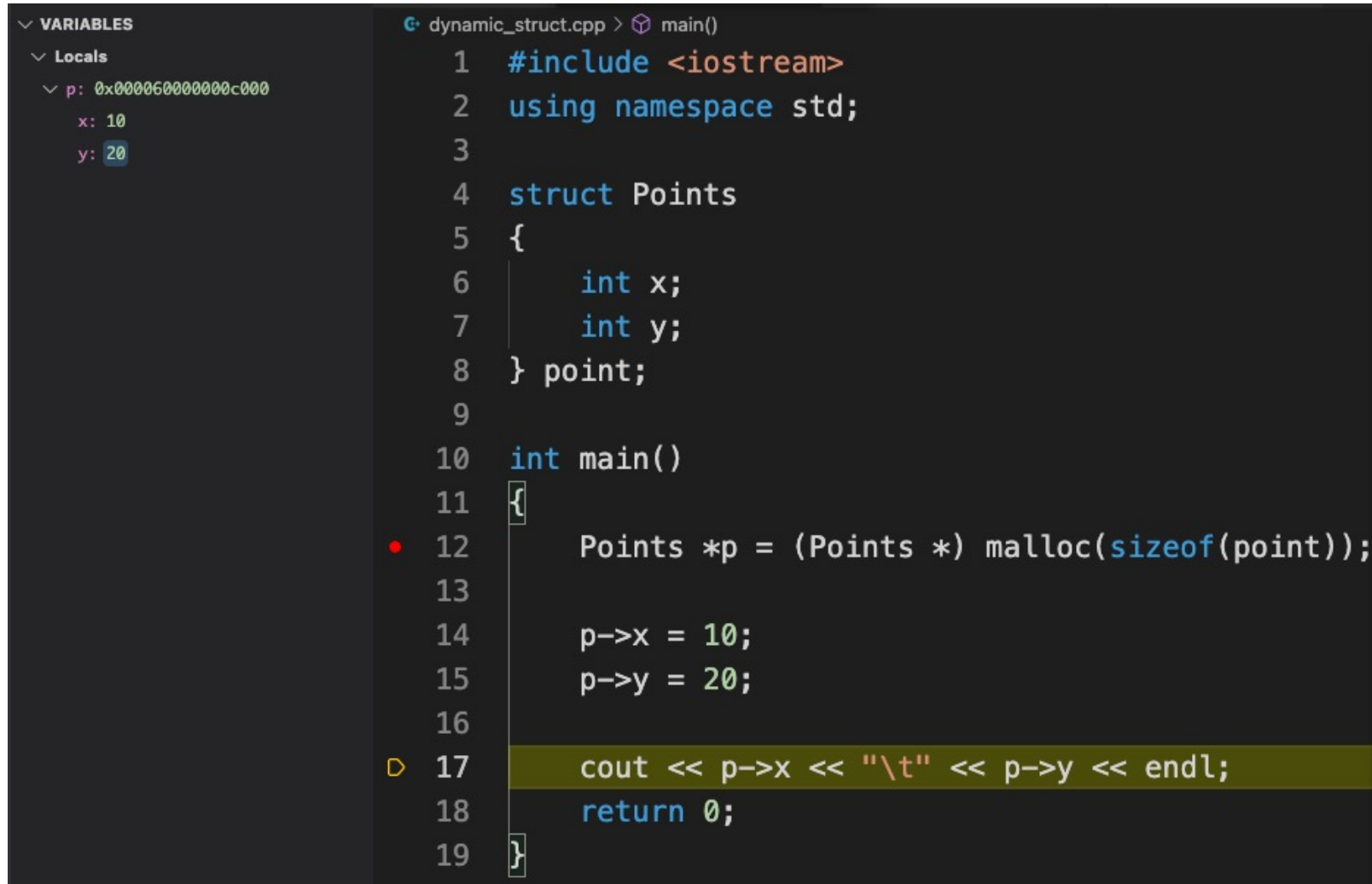
Locals

p: 0x000060000000c000

x: 10

y: 0

# Allocate Struct Memory w/ malloc (Debug)



The screenshot displays a C++ development environment with two panels. The left panel, titled 'VARIABLES', shows the 'Locals' section with a pointer variable 'p' at address 0x000060000000c000, containing a struct with 'x: 10' and 'y: 20'. The right panel shows the source code for 'dynamic\_struct.cpp' at the 'main()' function. The code defines a 'Points' struct with 'int x' and 'int y' members. In the 'main()' function, a 'Points' struct is dynamically allocated using 'malloc(sizeof(point))', its members are set to 10 and 20, and then printed using 'cout' with a tab separator. The line 'cout << p->x << "\\t" << p->y << endl;' is highlighted in green.

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1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3
4  struct Points
5  {
6      int x;
7      int y;
8  } point;
9
10 int main()
11 {
12     Points *p = (Points *) malloc(sizeof(point));
13
14     p->x = 10;
15     p->y = 20;
16
17     cout << p->x << "\\t" << p->y << endl;
18     return 0;
19 }
```

# Allocate an Array of Struct Memory w/ malloc

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3
4  struct Points
5  {
6      int x;
7      int y;
8  } point;
9
10 int main()
11 {
12     Points *p = (Points *) malloc(10 * sizeof(point));
13
14     for(int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
15     {
16         p[i].x = i;
17         p[i].y = i * 10;
18     }
19
20     for(int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
21         cout << p[i].x << "\t" << p[i].y << endl;
22
23     free(p); // Free the allocated memory
24     return 0;
25 }
```

# Allocate an Array of Struct Memory w/ malloc

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
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4  struct Points
5  {
6      int x;
7      int y;
8  } point;
9
10 int main()
11 {
12     Points *p = (Points *) malloc(10 * sizeof(point));
13
14     for(int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
15     {
16         p[i].x = i;
17         p[i].y = i * 10;
18     }
19
20     for(int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
21         cout << p[i].x << "\t" << p[i].y << endl;
22
23     free(p); // Free the allocated memory
24     return 0;
25 }
```

O/P ↗

0	0
1	10
2	20
3	30
4	40
5	50
6	60
7	70
8	80
9	90

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```
1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
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4  struct Points
5  {
6      int x;
7      int y;
8  } point;
9
10 int main()
11 {
12     Points *p = (Points *) malloc(10 * sizeof(point));
13
14     for(int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
15     {
16         (*(p+i)).x = i;      // same as p[i].x = i;
17         (*(p+i)).y = i * 10; // same as p[i].y = i * 10;
18     }
19
20     for(int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
21         cout << p[i].x << "\t" << p[i].y << endl;
22
23     free(p); // Free the allocated memory
24     return 0;
25 }
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# Remarks

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