

# SMALLEST ELEMENT PRESENT USING POINTERS

## Aim

Write a program to find the smallest number in a list of integers using pointers

## 1 Smallest number present using pointers

### 1.1 Algorithm

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Step 1: initialize a[100]
Step 2: n=Input no: of elements
Step 3: for (i=0 to n)
    a[i]=Enter number
end for
Step 4: s=*(a)
Step 5: for(i=0 to n)
    if (*(a+i)<s)
        s=*(a+i)
    end if
end for
Step 6: print Smallest element is s
```

### 1.2 Program

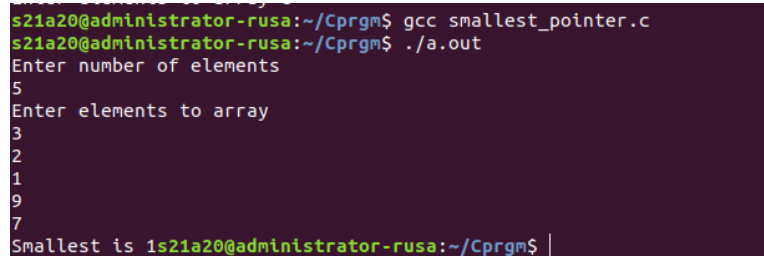
```
#include <stdio.h>
void main()
{
    int a[100];
    int i, s, n;
    printf("Enter number of elements \n");
    scanf("%d", &n);
```

### 1.3 Sample Input and Output

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```
printf("Enter elements to array\n");
for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
{
    scanf("%d", &*(a + i));
}
int temp = *a;
for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
{
    if (a[i] < temp)
    {
        temp = a[i];
    }
}
printf("Smallest is %d", temp);
}
```

### 1.3 Sample Input and Output



```
s21a20@administrator-rusa:~/Cprgm$ gcc smallest_pointer.c
s21a20@administrator-rusa:~/Cprgm$ ./a.out
Enter number of elements
5
Enter elements to array
3
2
1
9
7
Smallest is 1s21a20@administrator-rusa:~/Cprgm$
```

Figure 1: Output

### 1.4 Result

Successfully executed program to find the smallest element in an array provided using pointers.