

## Chapter 2

# Embedded C/C++ Programming

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# High-level codes to machine codes

- MCU only can run machine codes.
  - Machine code is binary instructions understandable by MCU.
  - Assembly is low-level programming language, closely related to the machine codes.
  - Machine codes can be generated from assembly codes by assembler.

# High-level codes to machine codes

- C/C++ is a high-level programming language
  - Friendly to programmers
    - Abstraction – such as the hardware abstraction layer (HAL).
    - Readability
    - Libraries, community and documentation
    - Error handling and memory management
  - Convert to machine code before it can run in MCU.

# High-level codes to machine codes

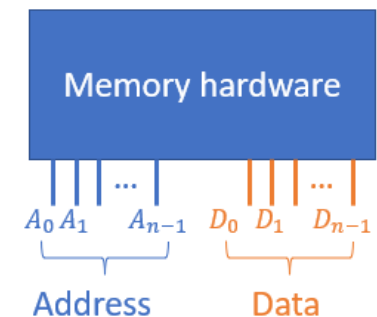
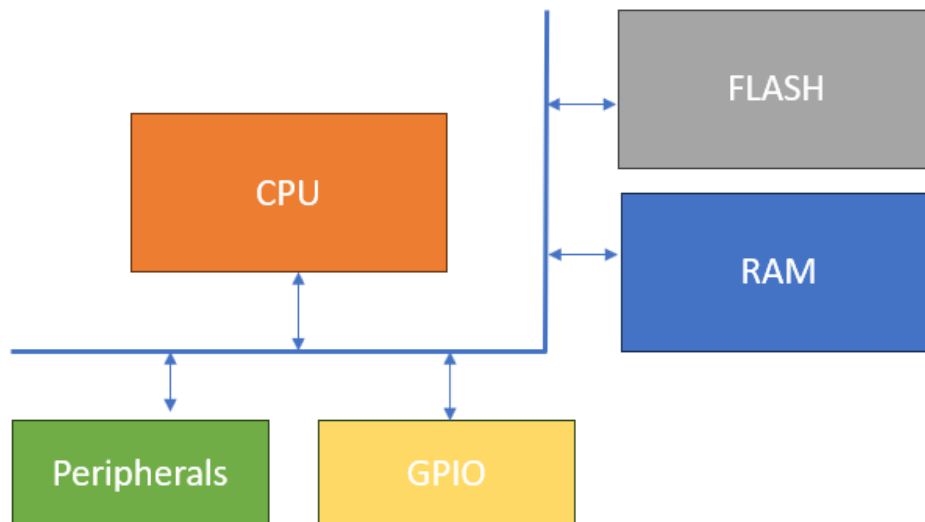
- Compilation and linking process
  - Source code → readable codes (C/C++ syntax)
  - Preprocessing → expand source code based on preprocessing directives
  - Compilation and assembly → convert to binary codes (object files)
  - Linking → Put object files together and generate machine codes

# High-level codes to machine codes

- Preprocessor directives
  - `#include`: include standard libs or custom head files.  
  
`#include <WiFi.h>`
  - `#define` and `#undef`: define/undef macros or constants
  - Conditional compilation directives.
  - `#pragma`, `#error` and `#warning` : compile-time instructions
  - Include guard

# System memory

- Data can be accessed from: FLASH, CPU registers, RAM and peripherals.



# System memory and address

- Memory of an embedded system

- Code memory (IRAM)
- Data memory (SRAM)
- Register memory (peripherals + GPIOs)
- RTC memory



Uniform  
address  
space

ESP32-S3

32-bit addr

32-bit data

Practically, much smaller  
address space

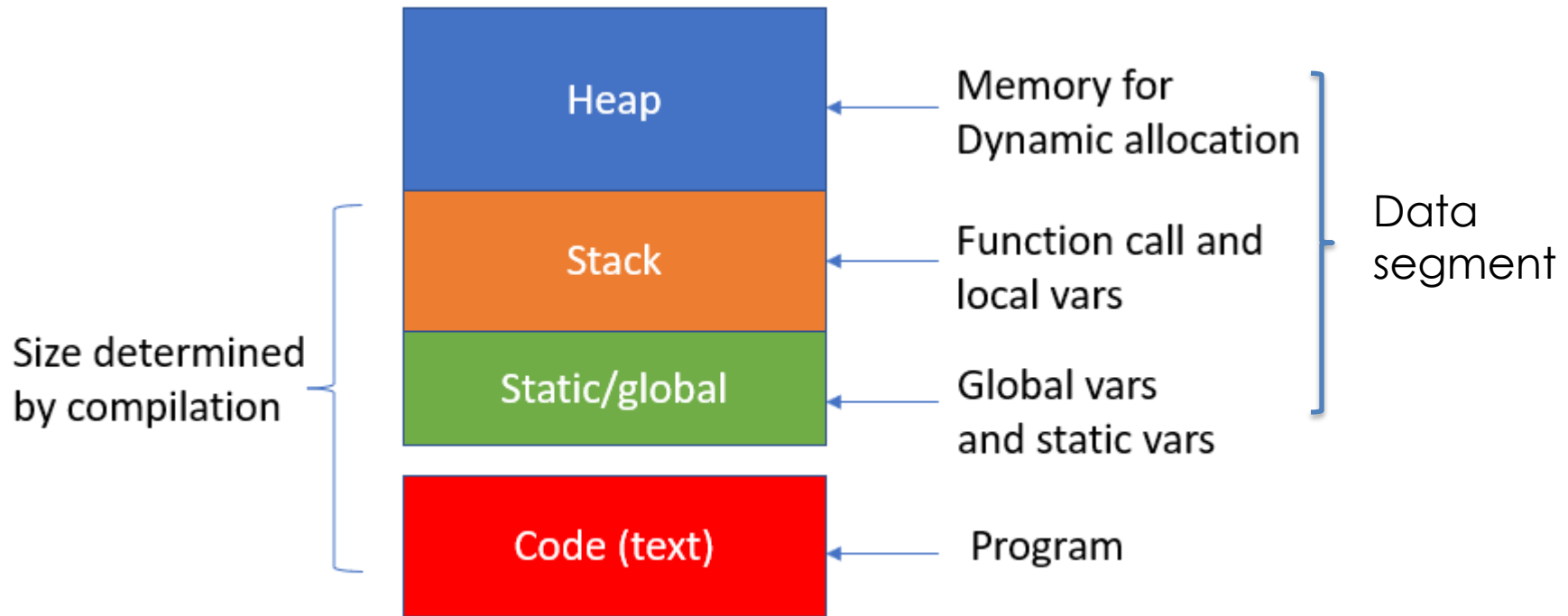
- Use address (pointer) to access memory, peripherals and  
GPIO.

# System memory and address

Memory Region	Start Address	Size	Purpose
RTC Slow Memory	0x3FF94000	8 KB	Retains data, low-power modes
RTC Fast Memory	0x3FF80000	8 KB	Retains data during deep sleep
DRAM	0x3FFB0000	320 KB	Data RAM (data, heap, stack)
IRAM	0x40000000	128 KB	Instruction RAM (code)
SPIFFS/LittleFS	Variable	Variable	File system
OTA Data	Variable	4 KB	OTA update metadata
Application Code (App)	0x10000	Variable	Main application firmware
Partition Table	0x8000	3 KB	Memory layout definitions
Bootloader	0x1000	64 KB	Boot code



# Memory map for an application



Storage segment for an application

# Data types and size

- Data types determine the variable storage, range and related operations.
- Integer types
  - Int: 32-bit, signed -- unsigned int
  - short: 16-bit, signed -- unsigned short
  - long: at least 32-bit. Same as int type in many platforms
    - unsigned long
  - long long: at least 64-bit signed integer – unsigned long long

# Data types and size

- Character types
  - char: 8-bit
  - unsigned char: 8-bit
  - signed char: 8-bit

addr	value	
7		char
6		
5		
4		
3		int
2		
1		
0		

# Data types and size

- Floating-point types
  - float: 32-bit
  - double: 64-bit
- Boolean type
  - bool: only two possible values *true* and *false*.
- Pointer type

# Storage classes

- auto: default storage for local variables. It can be omitted.
- static: persistent in storage duration, initial only once.

```
static int counter = 0;
```

- extern: declare a global variable or function in another file.
- const: declare a variable whose value cannot be changed once they are initialized.

# Storage classes

```
int globalVar = 0; // Global variable
```

```
void count(void)
{
    static int staticVar = 0; // Static variable
    staticVar ++;
    Serial.printf("%d\n", staticVar ++);
}
```

```
void setup() {
    Serial.begin(115200);
}
```

```
void loop() {
    count();
}
```

# ESP32 Specific and ESP-IDF Data Types



- Fixed-width integer types
  - `int8_t`, `uint8_t`, `int16_t`, `uint16_t`, `int32_t`, `uint32_t`, `int64_t`, `uint64_t`
- ESP-IDF specific types
  - `esp_err_t`, `gpio_num_t`, `esp_timer_handle_t`
  - `wifi_mode_t`, `wifi_config_t`, `esp_ip4_addr_t`, `esp_ip6_addr_t`
- ESP-IDF specific structures
  - `esp_event_handler_instance_t`, `esp_log_level_t`

# ESP32 Specific and ESP-IDF Data Types



- Data structure
  - Queues, semaphores, mutexes
- Peripheral and Sensor Types
  - Specific types for interfacing with hardware peripherals
    - `i2c_cmd_handle_t` for I2C
    - `adc_channel_t` for ADC channels.



# Arduino framework types on ESP32

- String: class for dynamic strings. End with ' \0 ' .
  - Char s[]="ESP32"; int c = sizeof(s);
  - String s = "ESP32"; int c = s.length();
- Hardware-specific types
  - pinMode
    - {INPUT, OUTPUT, INPUT\_PULLUP, INPUT\_PULLDOWN}
  - digitalWrite {HIGH, LOW}

# Structure

- A structure is a user-defined data type that groups variables of different data types under a single name.
- It helps in organizing related data into a single entity.

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

# struct

- Representing complex data: useful in representing complex data like coordinates, employee records, or RGB color values.
- Data passing in functions: passing multiple related parameters as a single argument to functions.

```
struct Employee {  
    int id;  
    char name[50];  
    float salary;  
};
```

# enum

- An enumeration is a user-defined data type that consists of a set of named integer constants.
- enums enhance code readability by assigning names to integral values.

```
enum Day {  
    Sunday,  
    Monday,  
    Tuesday,  
    Wednesday,  
    Thursday,  
    Friday,  
    Saturday  
};
```

# enum

```
enum TrafficLight {  
    Red,  
    Yellow,  
    Green  
};
```

```
TrafficLight light = Red;
```

# Customized data type name

- Use typedef for a customized number

```
typedef unsigned char uint8_t;
```

```
typedef struct {  
    float temperature;  
    float humidity;  
} DHT22Reading;
```

```
DHT22Reading tempReading = {25,0.7};
```

# Operators

- Arithmetic operators
- Relational operators
- Logical operators
- Bitwise operators

+	-	*	/	%
---	---	---	---	---

==	!=	>	<	>=	<=
----	----	---	---	----	----

&&		!
----	--	---

&		^	~	<<	>>
---	--	---	---	----	----

# Bitmasks

```
uint8_t a = 0b10101010;  
uint8_t b = 0b11001100;
```

```
//bitwise AND operation  
uint8_t result = a & b;
```

- A bitmask is a sequence of bits that can manipulate specific bits within another sequence.

```
// Bitmask with lower 4 bits set  
uint8_t mask = 0b00001111;
```



# Bitmasks

- Setting bits: using bitwise OR operator

```
uint8_t value = 0b00000000;  
uint8_t mask = 0b00001111;  
value |= mask; // Set lower 4 bits
```

- Clearing bits: using bitwise AND and NOT operators

```
uint8_t value = 0b11111111;  
uint8_t mask = 0b11110000;  
value &= ~mask; // Clear upper 4 bits
```

- Toggling bits: using bitwise XOR operator

```
uint8_t value = 0b10101010;  
uint8_t mask = 0b11110000;  
value ^= mask; // Toggle upper 4 bits
```

- Checking bits: using bitwise AND operator

```
uint8_t value = 0b10101010;  
uint8_t mask = 0b00001000;  
// Check if 4th bit is set  
bool isSet = value & mask;
```

# Operators

- Assignment operators

=	+=	-=	*=	/=	%=
&=	=	^=	<<=	>>=	

- Increment and decrement operators

++	--
----	----

# Operators

- Conditional (ternary) operator
  - Shorthand for if-else statement. `max = (a > b) ? a : b;`  
Y N
- Comma operator
  - Separate expressions.
  - `x = (y = 2, z = 3, y + z);`
  - `for (int i = 0, j = 10; i < j; i++, j--) { }`

# Operators

- Member and pointer operators
  - . (Direct member access)
  - -> (Indirect member access, through pointer)
  - \* (Pointer dereference)
  - & (Address of)
- Sizeof operator
  - Size of a data type or object in bytes

```
sizeof(uint8_t);
```

# Operators

- Type cast operators
  - Convert a variable from one data type to another.
  - Ensure the correct type and precision in operations when working with mixed data types

```
int x = 10; float y = (float)x;
```

```
int a = 5; int b = 2;  
int result_i;  
result_i = a/b;  
float result_f;  
result_f = (float)a/b;
```

# Control structures

- Control structures guide the flow of a program.
  - Conditional statements
  - Loops
  - Functions
- Essential for decision-making, looping through data, and structuring code.

# Control structures

- Statement if, else, and else-if.

```
if (temperature > 30) {  
    digitalWrite(fanPin, HIGH);  
} else {  
    digitalWrite(fanPin, LOW);  
}
```



# Control structures

- Statement switch-case for multi-way decisions.

```
switch (mode) {  
    case 1:  
        digitalWrite(ledPin, HIGH);  
        break;  
    case 2:  
        digitalWrite(ledPin, LOW);  
        break;  
    default:  
        break;  
}
```

# Control structures

- For loop -- iterating a fixed number of times

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {  
    Serial.println(i);  
    //Repeating actions here.  
}
```

```
int sensorPins[] = {A0, A1, A2};  
for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {  
    sensorValues[i] = analogRead(sensorPins[i]);  
}
```

# Control structures

```
for (;;) {  
    digitalWrite(ledPin, HIGH);  
    delay(500);  
    digitalWrite(ledPin, LOW);  
    delay(500);  
}
```

# Control structures

- While loop -- continuous condition checking

```
while (digitalRead(buttonPin) == LOW) {  
    delay(100);  
}
```

# Control structures

- Do-While loop -- Execute at least once

```
do {  
    readSensor();  
} while (sensorValue < threshold);
```

# Control structures

- Nested control structures

```
for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {  
    if (sensorArray[i] > threshold) {  
        activateAlarm();  
    }  
}
```

# Control structures

- The continue statement -- skips the current iteration and moves to the next iteration of the loop.

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {  
    if (sensorValues[i] < 0) {  
        continue; // Skip negative readings  
    }  
    process(sensorValues[i]);  
}
```

# Control structures

- The break statement -- exits the loop immediately, regardless of the remaining iterations.

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {  
    if (sensorValues[i] > threshold) {  
        break; // Stop loop  
    }  
}
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {  
    if (i == 5) {  
        break;  
    }  
    Serial.println(i);  
}
```



# Control structures

- Loop summary
  - Iterate through sensor pins to collect data.
  - Process the data with conditional checks.
  - Output results, such as activating alarms or lights.

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {  
    if (i == 2) {  
        continue;  
    }  
    if (i == 8) {  
        break;  
    }  
    Serial.println(i);  
}
```

# Functions and parameters

- Functions are reusable blocks of code that perform a specific task – Reusability
- Function declaration
  - Tell the compiler the function information
  - Function name – entry point (addr in memory)
  - Return data type – int, char, float, uint8\_t or void.
  - Parameters – number and type of expected inputs.

# Functions and parameters

- Function definition and call
  - Definition is the actual implementation code.
  - Function call happens when the action of the function is needed.
    - The program jumps to the function definition and executes the code inside it.
    - Return to the next instruction.

# Functions and parameters

```
int add(int, int); // function declaration
```

```
void setup() {  
    int result = add(5, 3); // function call  
    .  
    .  
    .  
}
```

```
// function definition  
int add(int a, int b) {  
    return a + b;  
}
```

# Functions and parameters

- Return types
  - Void: functions do not return a value .

```
void printMessage() {  
    Serial.println("Hello, World!");  
}
```

- Non-void.

# Functions and parameters

- Passing parameters by value
  - Pass the values of argument into the parameters.
  - Modifications to the parameter inside the function do not affect the argument values.

# Functions and parameters

```
void increment(int a) {  
    a = a + 1;  
}
```

```
void setup() {  
    int x = 5;  
    increment(x);  
    Serial.println(x); // Outputs: 5  
}
```

# Functions and parameters

- Passing parameters by reference
  - Pass the address of the arguments to the function.
  - Modifications to the parameters inside the function affect the arguments.



# Functions and parameters

```
void increment(int *a) {  
    *a = *a + 1;  
}
```

```
void setup() {  
    int x = 5;  
    increment(&x);  
    Serial.println(x); //
```


Outputs: 6

```
}
```

# Functions and parameters

```
void increment(int &a) {  
    a = a + 1;  
}
```

Reference of x



```
void setup() {  
    int x = 5;  
    increment(x);  
    Serial.println(x); // Outputs: 6  
}
```

# Functions and parameters

- Default parameters
  - Parameters that assume a default value if a value is not provided during the function call.

```
void printMessage(const char* message = "Hi") {  
    Serial.println(message);  
}  
  
void setup() {  
    printMessage();           // Outputs: Hi  
    printMessage("Hello");   // Outputs: Hello  
}
```

# Functions and parameters

- Function overloading
  - Multiple functions can have the same name with different parameters.
  - The correct function is chosen based on the arguments used during the call.

# Functions and parameters

```
int add(int a, int b) {  
    return a + b;  
}
```

```
float add(float a, float b) {  
    return a + b;  
}
```

```
void setup() {  
    // Calls int version  
    Serial.println(add(2, 3));  
  
    // Calls float version  
    Serial.println(add(2.5f, 3.5f));  
}
```

# Functions and parameters

- Use cases of functions
  - Communicate with peripherals.
  - Functions serve as interrupt service routines (ISRs).
  - Use functions to structure large programs into manageable modules
  - ...

# Functions and parameters

```
void handleButtonPress() {  
    if (digitalRead(buttonPin) == LOW) {  
        // Handle button press  
    }  
}  
  
void setup() {  
    pinMode(buttonPin, INPUT_PULLUP);  
}  
  
void loop() {  
    handleButtonPress();  
}
```

```
void initializeSensors() { }
```

```
void readSensors() { }
```

```
void processSensors() { }
```

```
void setup() {  
    initializeSensors();  
}
```

```
void loop() {  
    readSensors();  
    processSensors();  
}
```



# Inline function

- Inline function - expanded in line where they are called.

```
inline void blinkLED(int pin) {  
    digitalWrite(pin, !digitalRead(pin));  
}
```

```
void toggleLED(int pin) {  
    digitalWrite(pin, !digitalRead(pin));  
}
```

# Inline function

```
inline returnType functionName(parameters) {  
    // function body  
}
```

- Inline functions improve performance by reducing call overhead.
- Suitable for small, simple functions and not for large functions.
- Examples: LED blink, sensor reading, mathematical operations.

# Lambda function

- Defined in C++ standard.
- Anonymous: Lambda functions are not bound to a name.
- Inline: They are typically defined inline where they are needed.
- Short: Usually used for short, simple operations.
- Single-use functions and simplifying code.
- Passing functions as arguments

# Lambda function

Syntax:

```
[ captures ] ( parameters ) -> return_type {  
    // function body  
};
```

[captures]: specify variables from the surrounding scope the lambda function can access. It can be left empty ([]).

[&]: Capture all variables by reference.

[=]: Capture all variables by value.

[this]: Capture the **this** pointer, if the lambda is inside a class.

(parameters): The list of parameters the lambda function takes, similar to a normal function.

-> return\_type: (Optional) Specifies the return type. If omitted, the compiler will try to deduce the return type.

# Lambda function examples

```
//example of using a lambda function to add two numbers.  
auto add = [](int a, int b) -> int {  
    return a + b;  
};  
  
int result = add(3, 4); // result will be 7
```

# Lambda function examples

//example of using a lambda function in AsyncWebServer.

```
server.on("/", HTTP_GET, [](AsyncWebServerRequest *request){  
    request->send(200, "text/plain", "Hello, world!");  
});
```

`[]`: No variables from the surrounding scope are captured.

`(AsyncWebServerRequest *request)`: The lambda function takes a single parameter, which is a pointer to an `AsyncWebServerRequest` object.

`{}`: The body of the lambda function. Inside the body, it sends a response to the client with an HTTP status code of 200 and the text "Hello, world!".

# Lambda function examples

```
server.on("/", HTTP_GET, [](AsyncWebServerRequest *request){  
    request->send(200, "text/plain", "Hello, world!");  
});
```

The equivalent normal function is:

```
void handleRootRequest(AsyncWebServerRequest *request) {  
    request->send(200, "text/plain", "Hello, world!");  
}
```

```
server.on("/", HTTP_GET, handleRootRequest);
```

# Interrupts

- Interrupts are signals that temporarily halt the current code execution.
- Used to handle events like button presses, timers, and sensor data.
- Allow MCU to respond to external events immediately.



# Interrupts

- Types of Interrupts
  - Hardware Interrupts
    - Triggered by external hardware events.
  - Software Interrupts
    - Triggered by software instructions.

# Interrupts

- Pin change interrupts
  - Triggered when the state of a digital pin changes.
  - Example: Button press or release.
  - Functions: `attachInterrupt()`, `detachInterrupt()`

# Interrupts

- Configuring interrupts

```
attachInterrupt(digitalPinToInterrupt(pin), ISR, mode);
```

**pin:** Pin number.

**ISR:** Interrupt Service Routine function.

**mode:** Trigger mode (RISING, FALLING, CHANGE).

# Interrupts

- Interrupt Service Routine (ISR)
  - A function that executes when an interrupt occurs.
  - Short and efficient.

```
void IRAM_ATTR ISR() {  
    // Code to execute  
}
```

# Interrupts example

```
const int buttonPin = 4;
volatile bool buttonPressed = false;

void IRAM_ATTR handleButtonPress() {
    buttonPressed = !buttonPressed; // response
}

void setup() {
    pinMode(buttonPin, INPUT_PULLUP);
    attachInterrupt(digitalPinToInterrupt(buttonPin),
                    handleButtonPress, FALLING);
}

void loop() {
    if (buttonPressed) {
        // Handle button press
        buttonPressed = false;
    }
}
```

# Interrupts

- Debouncing with interrupts
  - Mechanical buttons can generate multiple signals (bounce).
  - Use software debouncing to handle bounce.

```
void IRAM_ATTR handleButtonPress() {  
    static unsigned long lastInterruptTime = 0;  
    unsigned long interruptTime = millis();  
    if (interruptTime - lastInterruptTime > 200) {  
        buttonPressed = !buttonPressed;  
    }  
    lastInterruptTime = interruptTime;  
}
```

# Interrupts

- Timer interrupts
  - Timer interrupts are triggered by hardware timers.
  - Useful for periodic tasks.

```
hw_timer_t *timer = NULL;
```

```
void IRAM_ATTR onTimer() {  
    // Timer ISR code  
}
```

```
void setup() {  
    timer = timerBegin(0, 80, true);  
    timerAttachInterrupt(timer, &onTimer, true);  
    timerAlarmWrite(timer, 1000000, true);  
    timerAlarmEnable(timer);  
}
```

# Pointer

- A pointer is a **variable** that stores the memory address of another object.
- Allows direct access to memory.
- Declare pointers     `type *pointerName;`
  - Type: Depends on the variable type a pointer pointing to.
  - Storage size: same for all pointers. 32-bit in 32-bit system.

```
int *ptr;           int value = 10;  
int *ptr = &value;
```



- Referencing and dereferencing for pointers
  - Referencing (&): Obtain the address of a variable (and store in a pointer).
  - Dereference (\*): Get the value stored at the address that the pointer is pointing to.

```
int value = 10;
```

```
int *ptr = &value;
```

```
int anotherValue = *ptr; //anotherValue is 10
```

# Pointer

addr	content
0107	0000 0000
0106	0000 0000
0105	0010 1010
0104	0100 0001
0103	0000 0000
0102	0000 0000
0101	0000 0100
0100	0000 0001

- Pointer Arithmetic

- Increase/decrease the pointer (`int *p1`)  
`p1++`; or `p1+=1`; or `p1=p1+1`;  
`p1--`; or `p1-=1`; or `p1=p1-1`;

If `p1 = 0x0104`, what is `*p1` after decrement?

- Cast pointer (assume `p1 = 0x0104`)

```
char *p2; void *p;  
p2 = (char *)p1; //what is *p2?  
p2++; //what is *p2?  
p1--; p = p1; //what is *p?
```

# Pointer

- Pointer and arrays

- Arrays and pointers are closely related.

```
int arr[] = {1, 2, 3};  
int *ptr = arr; // ptr points to arr[0]  
// *(arr+1) = 2 and *(arr+2) = 3  
// arr ++; compiler error
```

- Perform arithmetic operations to navigate through arrays.

```
int *ptr = arr;  
ptr++; // Points to the second element  
int secondElement = *ptr; //secondElement is 20
```

# Dynamic Memory Allocation

- Dynamic Memory Allocation
  - Allocate memory dynamically using new and delete.

```
int *ptr = new int; //allocate from heap
*ptr = 5;
.
.
.
delete ptr; // necessary to avoid leakage
```

# Pointer examples

- Pointers create dynamic data structures like linked lists.

```
struct Node {  
    int data;  
    Node *next;  
};
```

```
Node *head = new Node();  
head->data = 1;  
head->next = new Node();  
head->next->data = 2;
```

# Pointer examples

- Use pointers to pass large structures to functions to avoid copying.

```
struct SensorData {  
    int temperature;  
    int humidity;  
};
```

```
void processSensorData(SensorData *data) {  
    Serial.println(data->temperature);  
}
```

```
void setup() {  
    SensorData data = {25, 60}; //initiate the structure  
    processSensorData(&data);  
}
```

# Pointer examples

- Use pointers to manipulate C-style strings.

```
char str[] = "Hello";  
char *ptr = str;  
while(*ptr != '\0') {  
    Serial.println(*ptr);  
    ptr++;  
}
```

# Pointers to function

- Pointers to Functions

- Pointer points to the entry address of a function and call the function through the pointer.

```
return_type (*pointer_name)(parameter_types);
```

```
void myFunction() {    // define myFunction  
    Serial.println("Hello");  
}
```

```
//define and initialize a function pointer
```

```
void (*funcPtr)() = myFunction;  
funcPtr(); // Calls myFunction
```



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# Pointers to function

- Simplify the declaration of function pointer

```
typedef return_type (*typedef_name)(parameter_types);
```

```
int add(int a, int b) {  
    return a + b;  
}
```

```
typedef int (*Operation)(int, int);
```

```
Operation op = &add; // or just = add; in C  
int result = op(3, 4); // result will be 7
```

# Callback functions

- A callback function is a function passed as an argument to another function.
- Used to handle asynchronous events.

```
void callback() {  
    Serial.println("Callback function called");  
}
```

```
void registerCallback(void (*func)()) {  
    func();  
}
```

```
void setup() {  
    registerCallback(callback);  
}
```

# Callback functions examples

- Use function pointers to handle timer interrupts.

```
void onTimer() {  
    Serial.println("Timer interrupt");  
}
```

```
hw_timer_t *timer = NULL;
```

```
void setup() {  
    Serial.begin(115200);  
    timer = timerBegin(0, 80, true);  
    timerAttachInterrupt(timer, &onTimer, true);  
    timerAlarmWrite(timer, 1000000, true);  
    timerAlarmEnable(timer);  
}
```

# Callback functions examples

- Use function pointers to implement a state machine.

```
void state1() {  
    Serial.println("State 1");  
}  
  
void state2() {  
    Serial.println("State 2");  
}  
  
void (*state)() = state1;  
  
void setup() {  
    Serial.begin(115200);  
}  
void loop() {  
    state();  
    delay(1000);  
    state = (state == state1) ? state2 : state1;  
}
```

```
int compare(int a, int b) {  
    return (a > b) - (a < b);  
}
```

```
void sort(int *arr, int size, int (*cmp)(int, int)) {  
    // Simple bubble sort for demonstration  
    for (int i = 0; i < size - 1; i++) {  
        for (int j = 0; j < size - 1 - i; j++) {  
            if (cmp(arr[j], arr[j + 1]) > 0) { //call function by pointer  
                int temp = arr[j];  
                arr[j] = arr[j + 1];  
                arr[j + 1] = temp;  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
void setup() {  
    int arr[] = {5, 3, 8, 6, 2};  
    sort(arr, 5, compare);  
    for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {  
        Serial.println(arr[i]);  
    }  
}
```

# Callback functions examples

- Use callback functions for handling network communication.

```
void onReceive(char* data) {  
    Serial.print("Received: ");  
    Serial.println(data);  
}
```

```
void setup() {  
    Serial.begin(115200);  
    // Assume WiFi or Ethernet setup  
    attachNetworkCallback(onReceive);  
}
```

# Callback functions examples

- Use callback functions for custom serial protocol handling.

```
void onSerialDataReceived(String data) {
    Serial.print("Received data: ");
    Serial.println(data);
}

void attachSerialCallback(void (*callback)(String)) {
    if (Serial.available() > 0) {
        String data = Serial.readStringUntil('\n');
        callback(data);
    }
}

void setup() {
    Serial.begin(115200);
    delay(1000); // Give some time for the Serial Monitor to start

    Serial.println("Serial Callback Example");
}

void loop() {
    // Attach the callback function for serial data reception
    attachSerialCallback(onSerialDataReceived);
}
```



# Use of function pointer

- Ensure function signatures match.
- Use clear and descriptive names.
- Avoid excessive use of function pointers for better readability.
- Ensure proper documentation.

# Potential issues for pointers

- Dangling pointers point to deallocated memory.
- Pointer out of bound or pointing to some unknown area which may not be identified by compiler and cause some safety issue.
- Pointer to misaligned data memory.
- Memory leakage if dynamically allocated memory is not released.