Functions, Variables and Memory

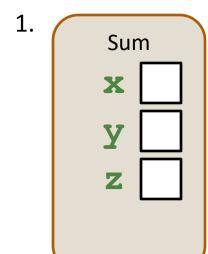
- Each function has its own memory space
 - Including main
 - All variables and parameters declared in a function refer to memory *allocated* in that space
 - When a function ends, its variables are deallocated

```
double sum_three( double x, double y, double z )
{
    double sum;
    sum = x + y + z;
    return sum;
}
...
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- 1. Allocate memory for formal parameters
- 2. Assign actual parameter values
- 3. Allocate memory for declared variable sum
- 4. Calculate the sum
- 5. Return the sum (all memory de-allocated)

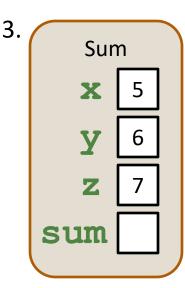


2. Sum

x 5

y 6

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- Functions cannot use variables declared in another function
 - They are out of scope
- Variables with the same name in different functions do not refer to the same memory

Pass by Value

- By default, parameters are passed to a function by value
 - The value of the actual parameters are copied into the space allocated for the formal parameters
 - Each formal parameter has its own copy of the data in the function memory space
- Inside the function
 - Parameters passed by value are used to manipulate the data stored in the function memory space

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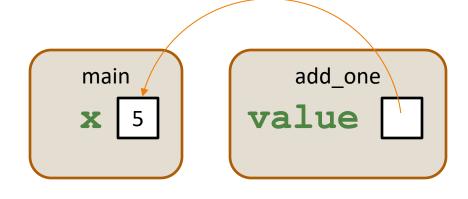
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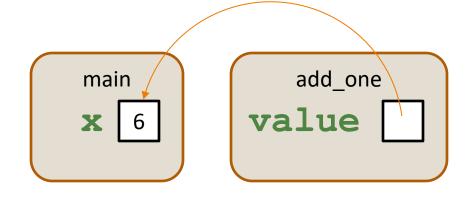
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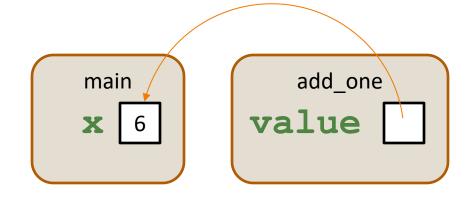
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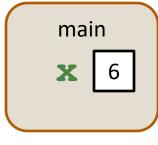
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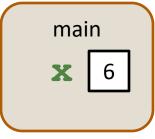
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Exercise

 What are the values of num1 and num2 after this code executes?

```
void aFunction( int a, int &b )
  b = a * 2;
  a = b + 1;
  b = a;
int main()
  int num1 = 3;
  int num2 = 4;
  aFunction ( num1, num2 );
  return 0;
```