## Legal/illegal declarations with \*, [], and ()

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an int
int i;
                                                                                      int (*pff)()();
                                                                                                          a pointer to a function returning a function
int *p;
                  an int pointer (ptr to an int)
                                                                                                            returning an int (ILLEGAL)
int a∏;
                  an array of ints
                                                                                     int **app[];
                                                                                                          an array of pointers to int pointers
int f();
                   a function returning an int
                                                                                     int (*apa[])[];
                                                                                                          an array of pointers to arrays of ints
int **pp;
                   a pointer to an int pointer (ptr to a ptr to an int)
                                                                                     int (*apf[])();
                                                                                                          an array of pointers to functions returning an int
int (*pa)[];
                   a pointer to an array of ints
                                                                                     int *aap[][];
                                                                                                          an array of arrays of int pointers
int (*pf)();
                   a pointer to a function returning an int
                                                                                     int aaa[][][];
                                                                                                          an array of arrays of arrays of ints
int *ap[];
                   an array of int pointers (array of ptrs to ints)
                                                                                     int aaf[][]();
                                                                                                          an array of arrays of functions returning an int
int aa[][];
                   an array of arrays of ints
                                                                                                             (ILLEGAL)
int af[]();
                   an array of functions returning an int (ILLEGAL)
                                                                                     int *afp[]();
                                                                                                          an array of functions returning int pointers
int *fp();
                   a function returning an int pointer
                                                                                      (ILLEGAL)
int fa()[];
                   a function returning an array of ints (ILLEGAL)
                                                                                                          an array of functions returning an array of ints
                                                                                     int afa[]()[];
int ff()();
                   a function returning a function returning an int
                                                                                                            (ILLEGAL)
                      (ILLEGAL)
                                                                                     int aff[]()();
                                                                                                         an array of functions returning functions
int ***ppp;
                    a pointer to a pointer to an int pointer
                                                                                                            returning an int (ILLEGAL)
int (**ppa)[];
                    a pointer to a pointer to an array of ints
                                                                                     int **fpp();
                                                                                                          a function returning a pointer to an int pointer
int (**ppf)();
                    a pointer to a pointer to a function returning an int
                                                                                                          a function returning a pointer to an array of ints
                                                                                     int (*fpa())[];
int *(*pap)[];
                    a pointer to an array of int pointers
                                                                                     int (*fpf())();
                                                                                                          a function returning a pointer to a function
                    a pointer to an array of arrays of ints
int (*paa)[][];
                                                                                                            returning an int
int (*paf)[]();
                    a pointer to a an array of functions returning an int
                                                                                     int *fap()[];
                                                                                                          a function returning an array of int pointers
                      (ILLEGAL)
                                                                                      (ILLEGAL)
int *(*pfp)();
                    a pointer to a function returning an int pointer
                                                                                     int faa()[][];
                                                                                                          a function returning an array of arrays of ints
                    a pointer to a function returning an array of ints
int (*pfa)()[];
                                                                                                             (ILLEGAL)
                                                                                                         a function returning an array of functions
                      (ILLEGAL)
                                                                                     int faf()[]();
                                                                                                            returning an int (ILLEGAL)
                                                                                     int *ffp()();
                                                                                                         a function returning a function
                                                                                                            returning an int pointer (ILLEGAL)
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Illegal combinations include: []() - cannot have an array of functions

- ()() cannot have a function that returns a function
- ()[] cannot have a function that returns an array