

Pointers

Session#6



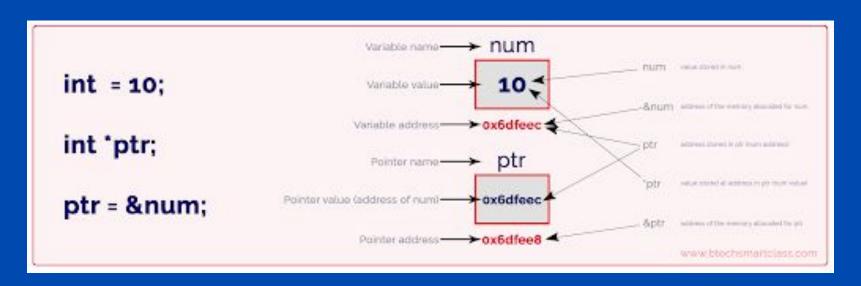
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What is a Pointer?

A pointer is a variable that stores the memory address of an object.





Pointer Types

- 1. Integer Pointers
- 2. Array Pointer
- 3. Structure Pointer
- 4. Double Pointers/Pointer to Pointer
- 5. NULL Pointer
- 6. Void Pointer/generic pointers
- 7. Constant Pointers
- 8. Pointer to Constant
- 9. Function Pointers



Managed "automatically" Stack writable; not executable (by compiler) **Dynamic Data** writable; not executable Managed by programmer (Heap) Static Data writable; not executable Initialized when process starts Literals Read-only; not executable Initialized when process starts Instructions Initialized when process starts Read-only; executable



New and Delete Keywords

New vs Delete

New

An operator in C++ that allocates memory for an object or an array of objects

Helps to allocate memory for an array or an object

Delete

An operator in C++ that deallocates a block of memory previously allocated for an object created using the new operator

Helps to deallocate the allocated memory to a particular object or an array



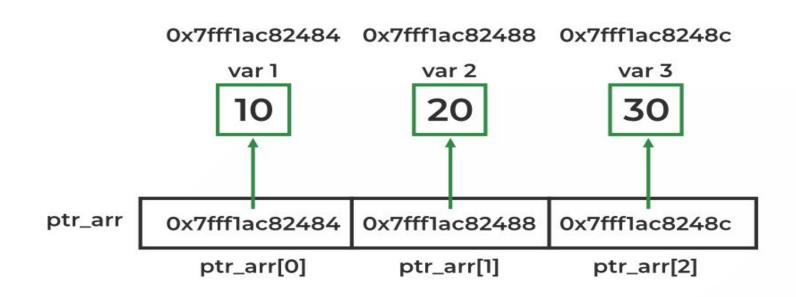


Pointers and Functions

A pointer can be used as an argument in function declaration. When a function with a pointer argument is called, the calling program will pass the address(not the value) of a variable to the argument.

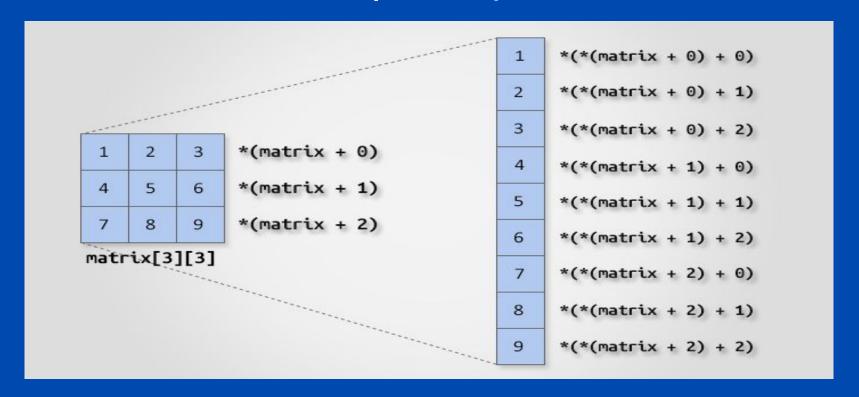


Pointers and Arrays

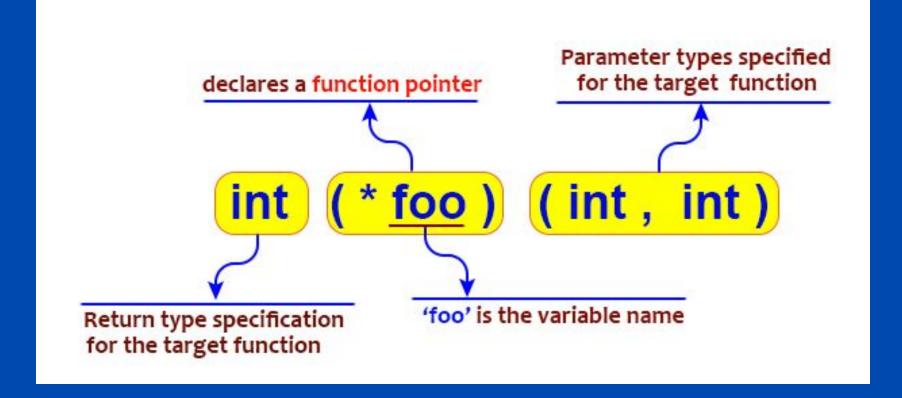




Multidimensional arrays with pointers

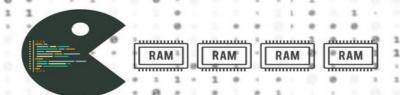


Function Pointer





Memory Leak





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More Reading

C Pointers

C Pointers 2

Malloc, calloc, free, realloc

Pointers To Pointers

Computer Memory

What is memory leak how can we avoid