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# Memory Management (Part I)

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# Memory management

- Most of the data in a nontrivial system/program will not be stored in static variables or on the stack
  - Allocated manually by the program
  - Customizable data lifetime
- Learning to allocate, manage, and deallocate memory is key in becoming a good systems programmer.



# Box and arrow diagrams

boxarrow.c

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    printf("&p: %p; p: %p; *p: %d\n", &p, p, *p);
    return 0;
}

```

address

name	value
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name	x	value
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&arr[0]	arr[0]	value
&arr[1]	arr[1]	value
&arr[2]	arr[2]	value

name	p	value
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```

address

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&x	x	1
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&arr[0]	arr[0]	2
&arr[1]	arr[1]	3
&arr[2]	arr[2]	4

&p	p	&arr[1]
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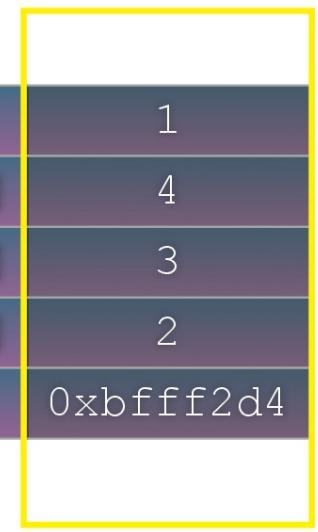
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main()'s stack frame

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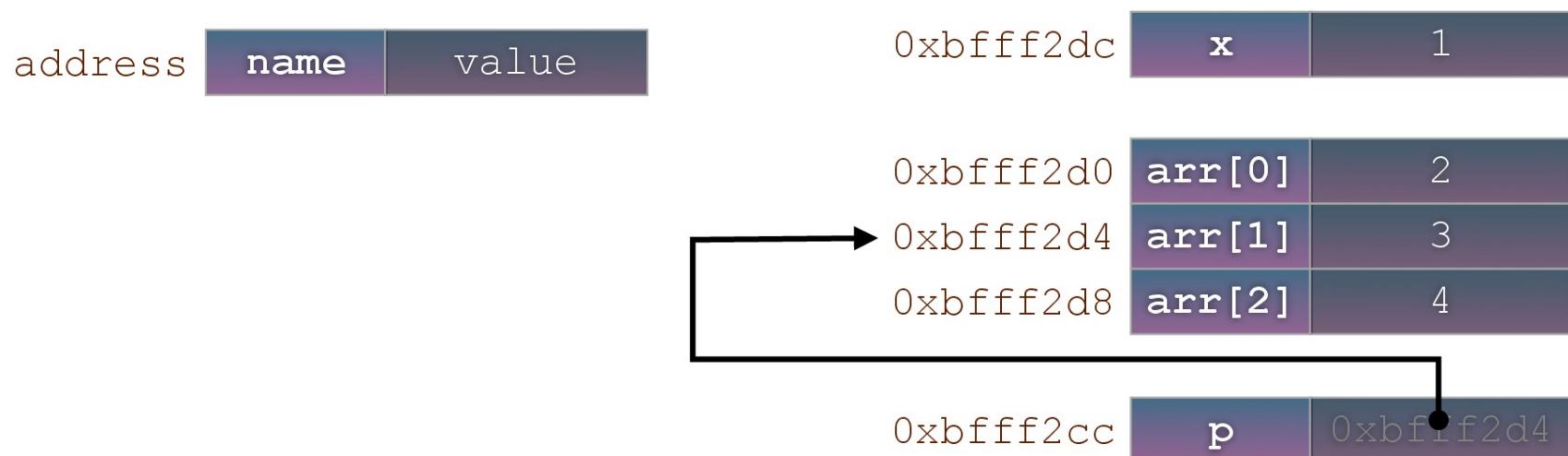
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# Box and arrow diagrams

boxarrow2.c

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    int *p = &arr[1];
    int **dp = &p;

    *(*dp) += 1;
    p += 1;
    *(*dp) += 1;
    return 0;
}

```

address	name	value
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0xbffff2dc	x	1
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0xbffff2d0	arr[0]	2
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0xbffff2c8	dp	0xbffff2cc
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0xbffff2cc	p	0xbffff2d4
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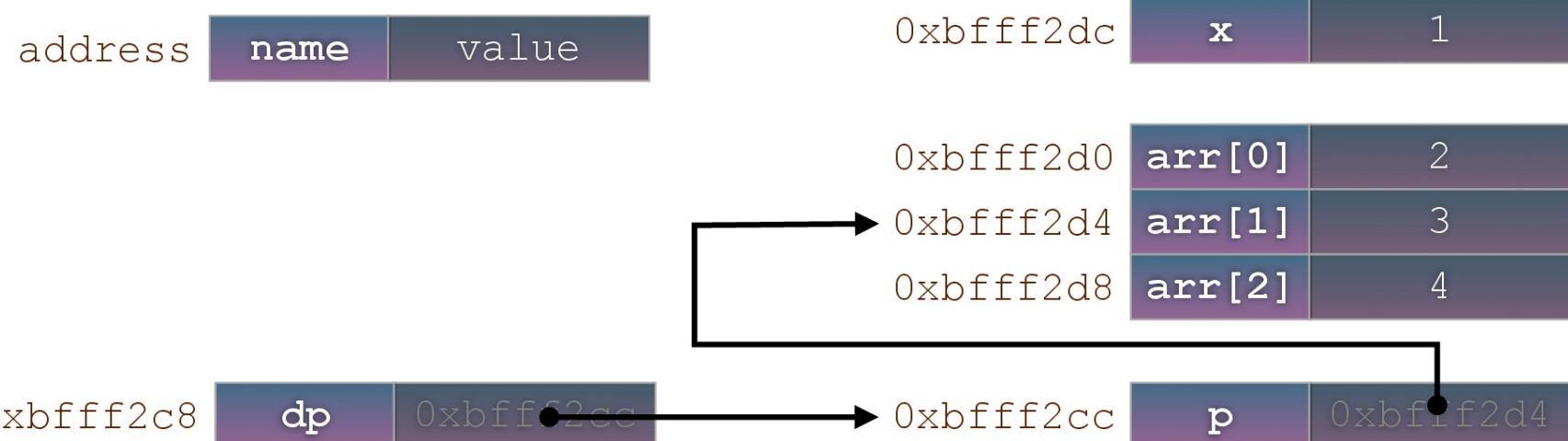


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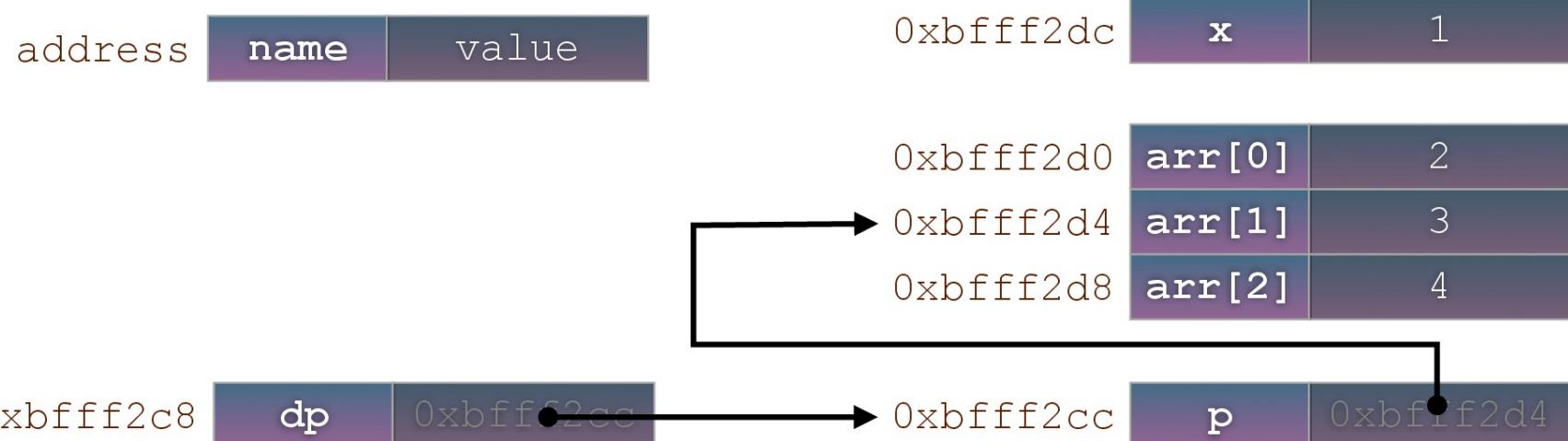


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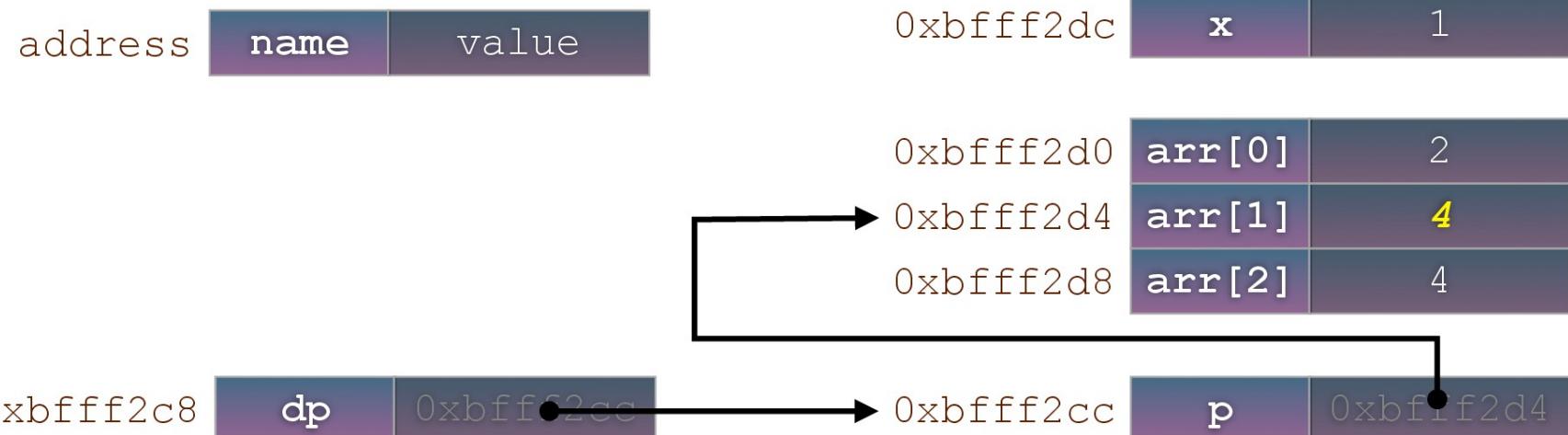


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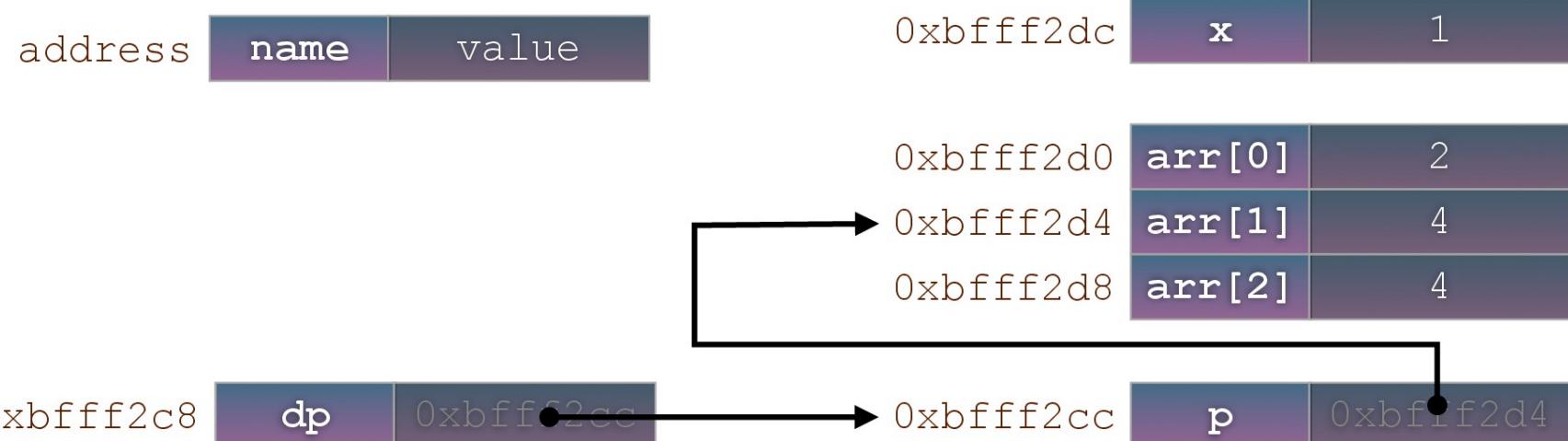


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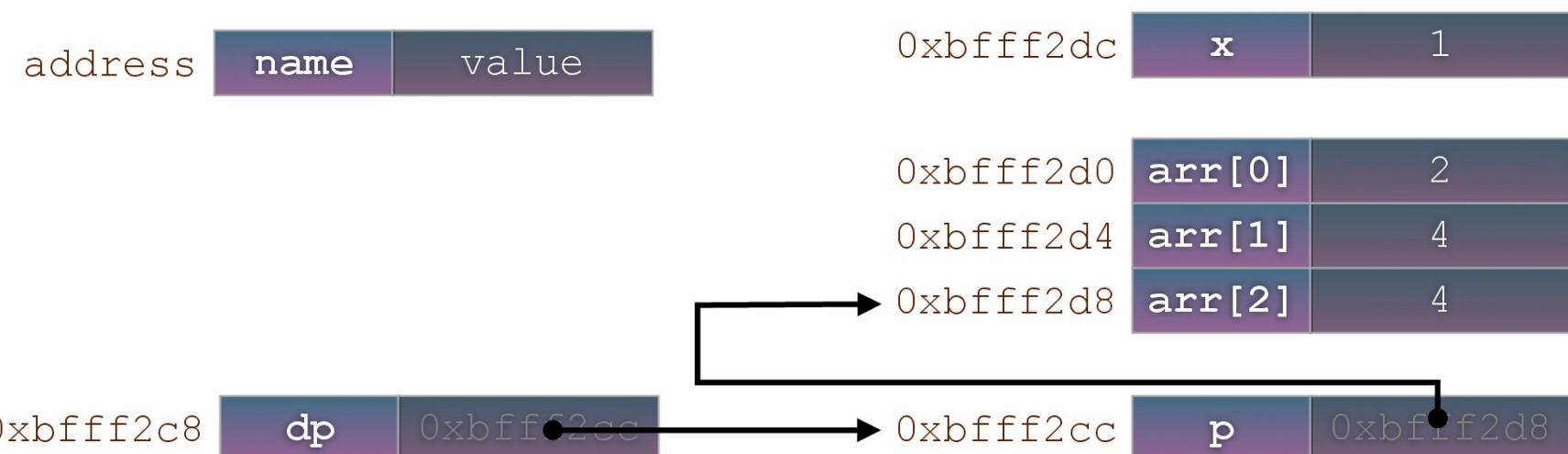


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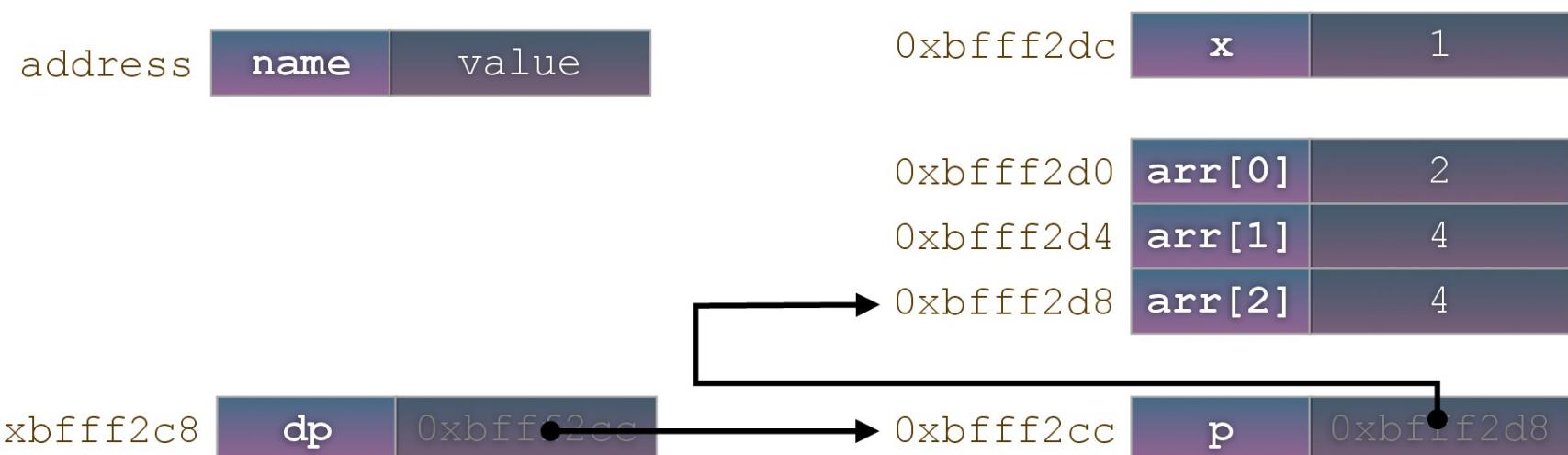


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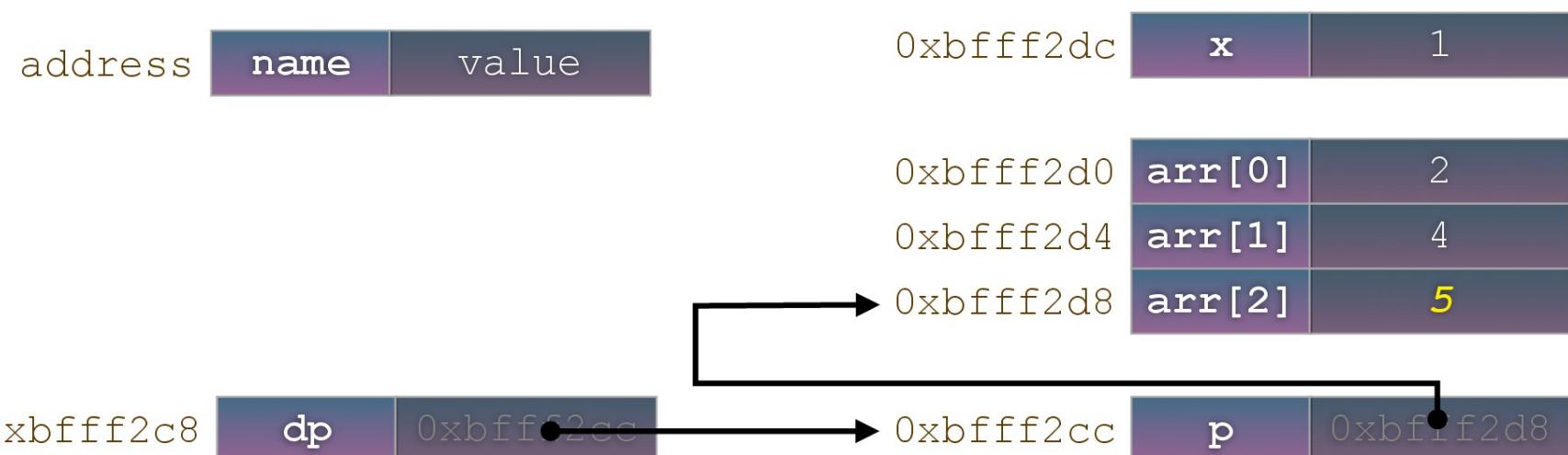


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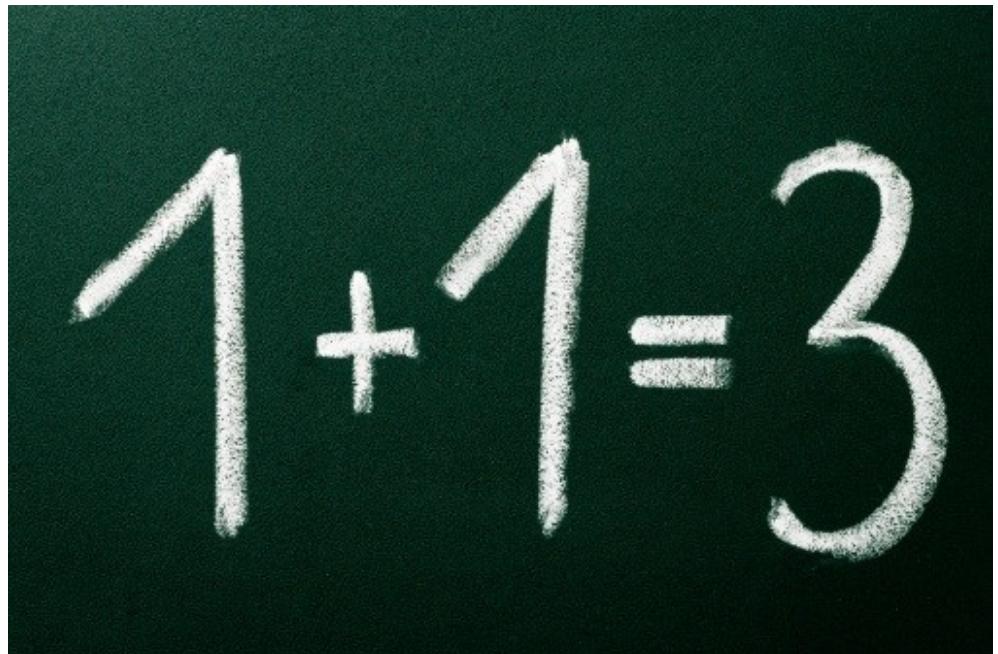
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# Pointer arithmetic redux

- Pointers are typed
  - ▶ `int *pi;`
  - ▶ `char *pch;`
  - ▶ Pointer arithmetic obeys these types
    - Adding 1 to a pointer adds the `sizeof` that type
    - Just like iterating over an array
- Exception: `void *`



# Pointer arithmetic example

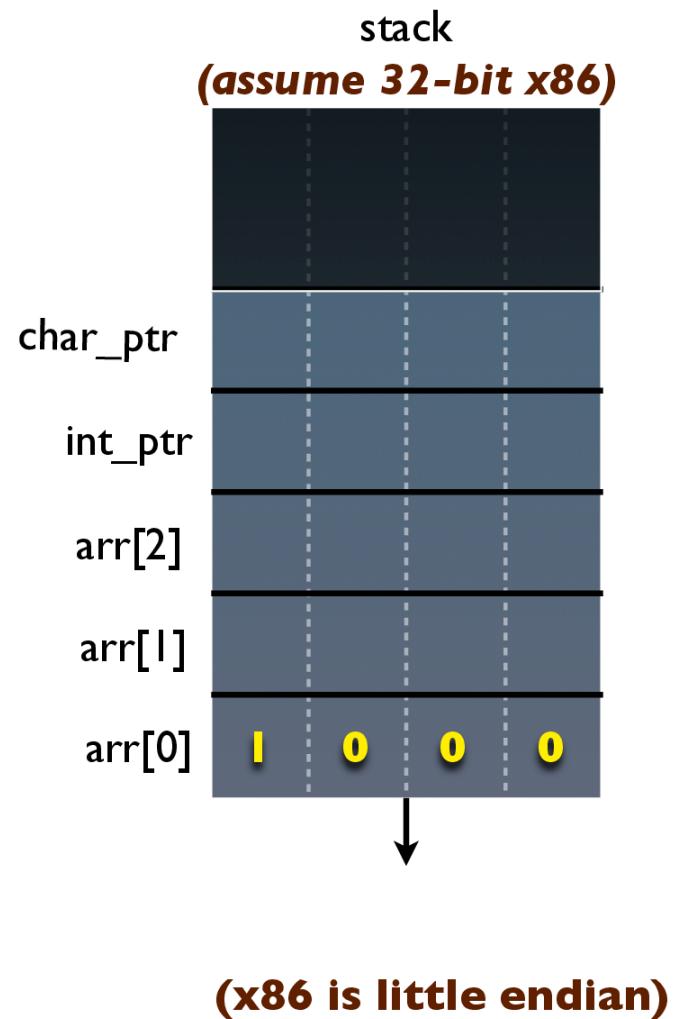
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    printf("int_ptr: %p;    *int_ptr: %d\n",
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## pointerarithmetic.c

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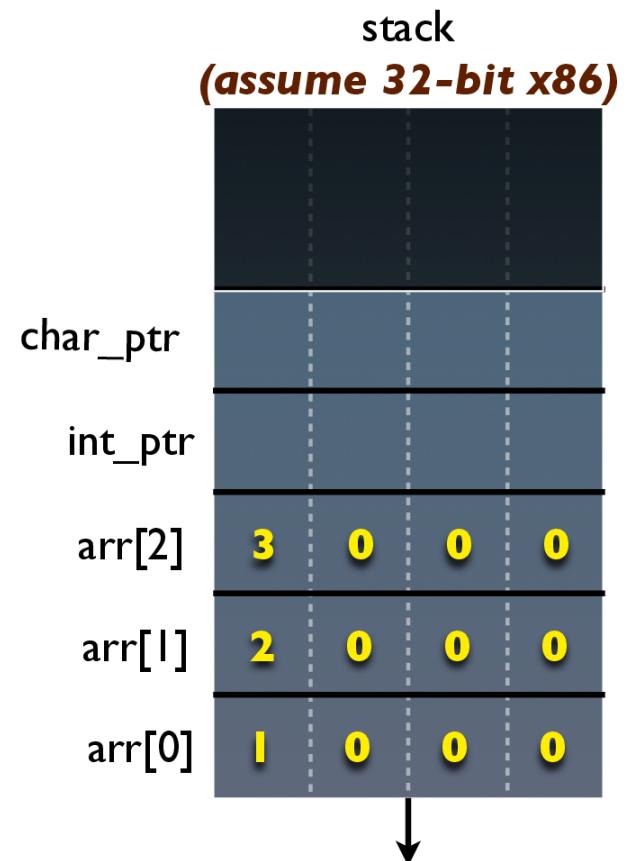
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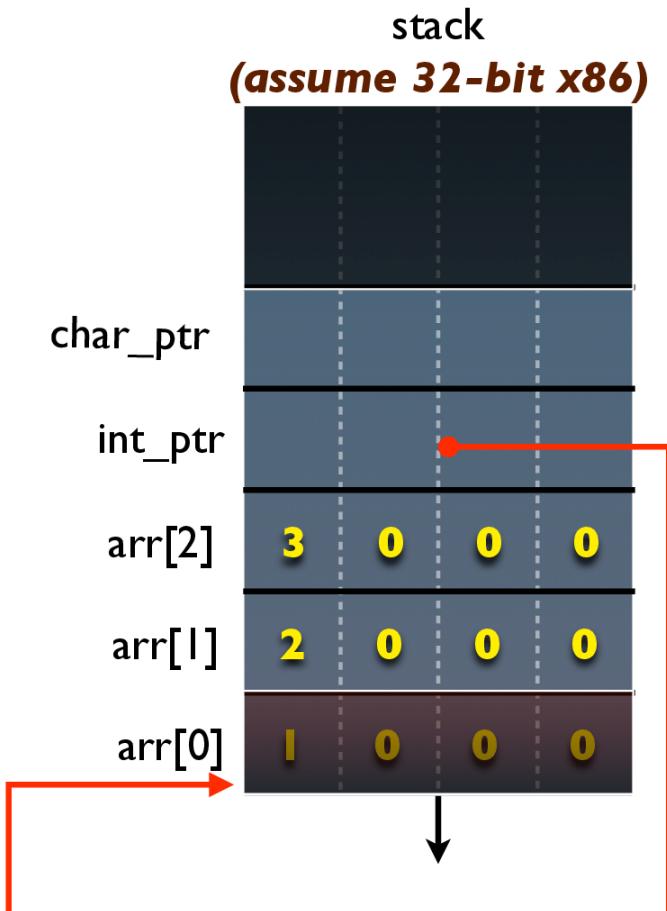
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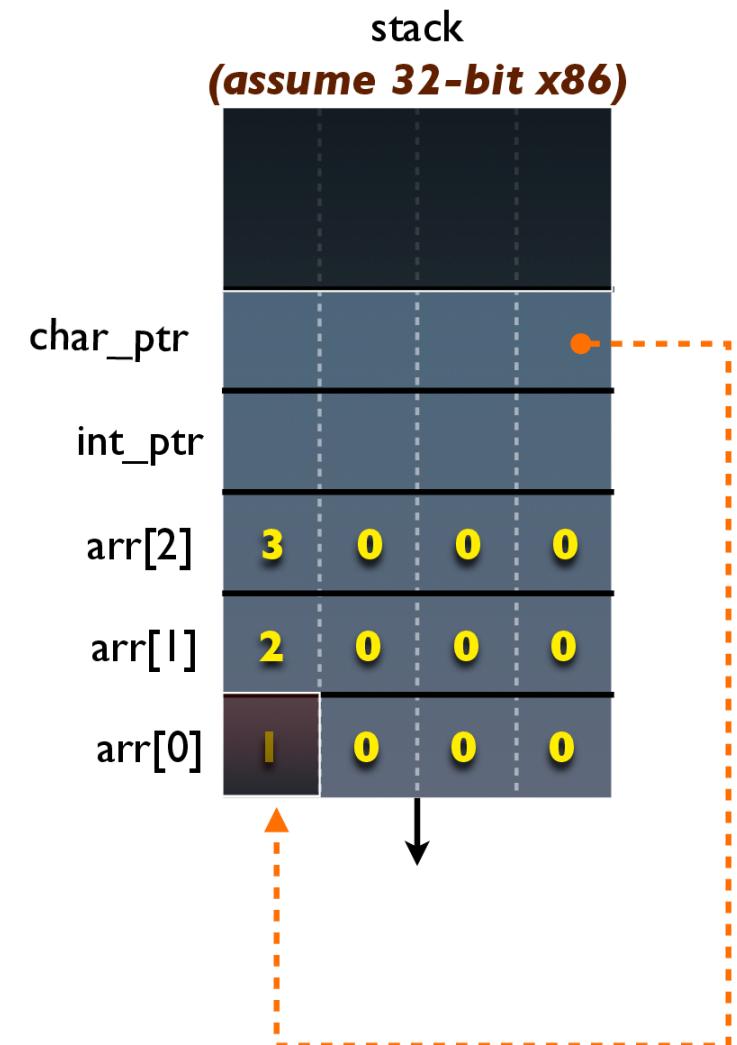
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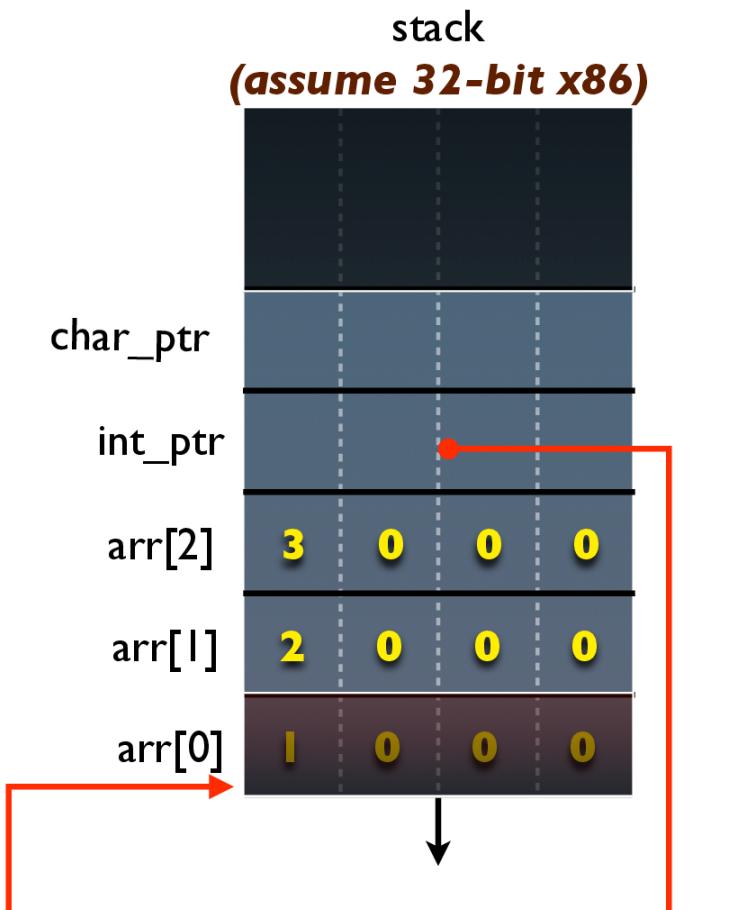
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int ptr: 0xbfffff2ac; *int ptr: 1
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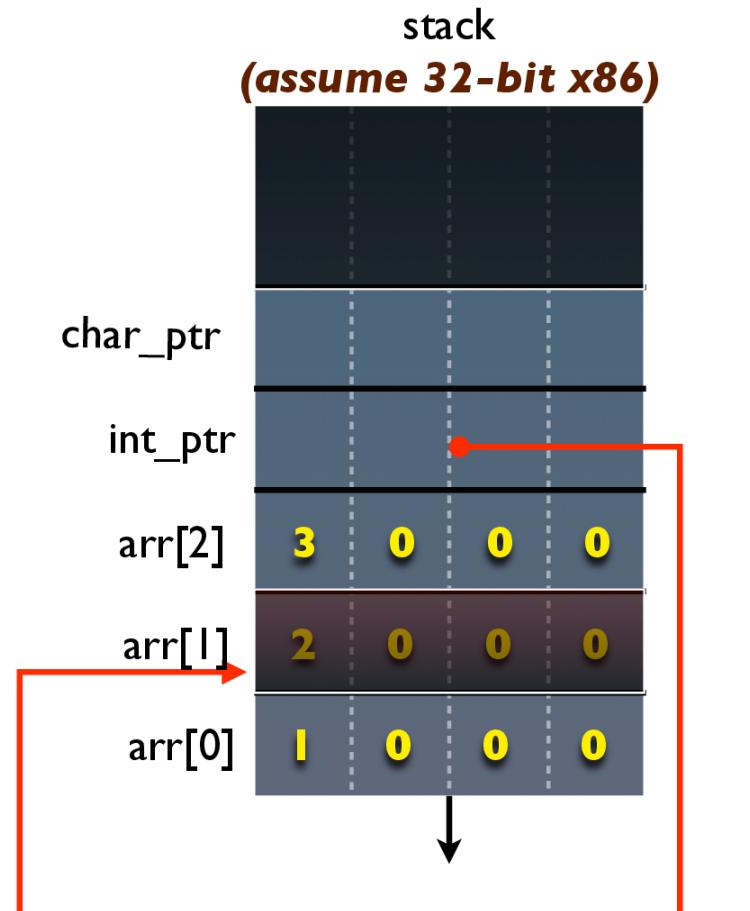
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## pointerarithmetic.c

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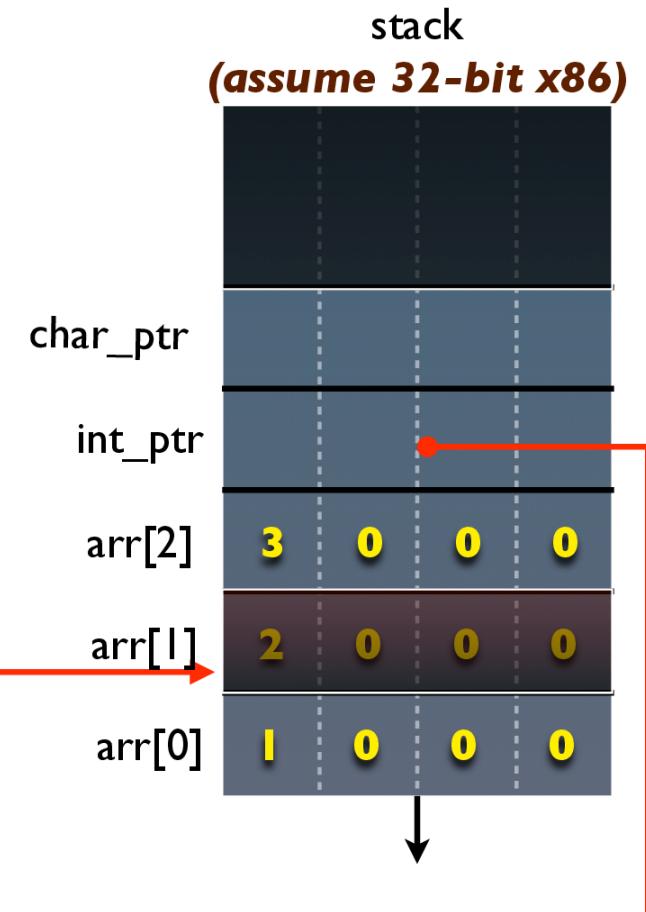
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int\_ptr: 0xfffff2ac; \*int\_ptr: 1  
 int\_ptr: 0xfffff2b0; \*int\_ptr: 2

**pointerarithmetic.c**

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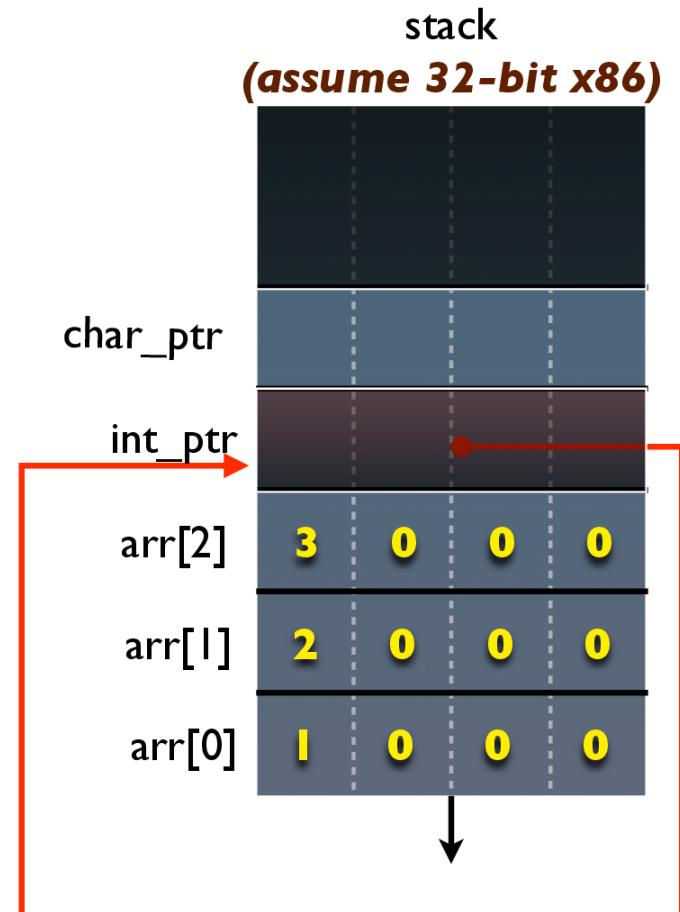
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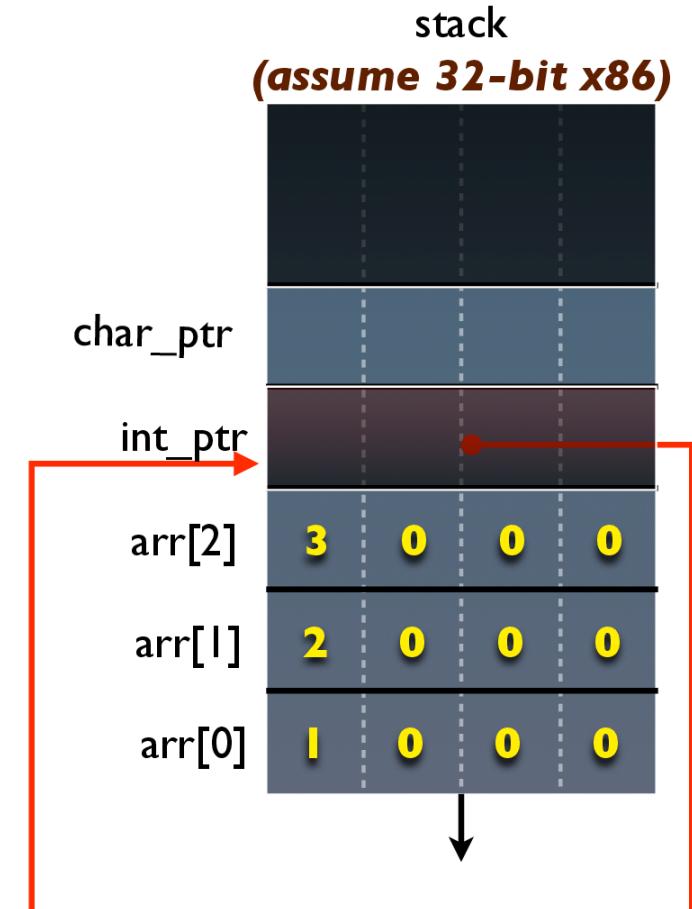
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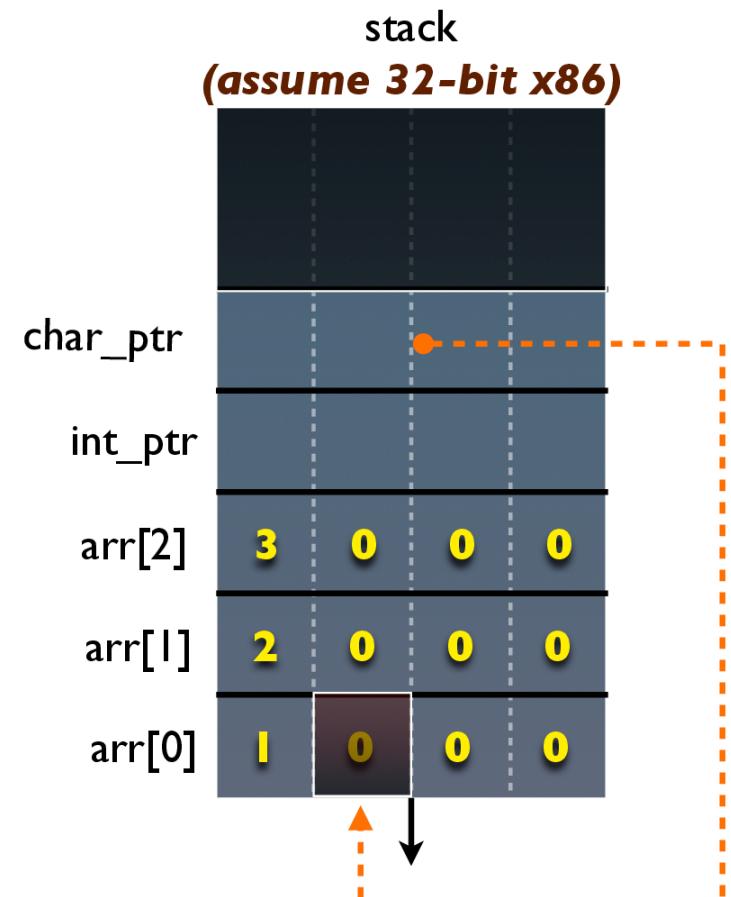
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    char *char_ptr = (char *) int_ptr;

    printf("int_ptr: %p; *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 1;
    printf("int_ptr: %p; *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 2; // uh oh
    printf("int_ptr: %p; *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);

    printf("char_ptr: %p; *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 1;
    printf("char_ptr: %p; *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 2;
    printf("char_ptr: %p; *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);

    return 0;
}
```



```
char ptr: 0xfffff2ac; *char ptr: 1
```

## pointerarithmetic.c

# Pointer arithmetic example

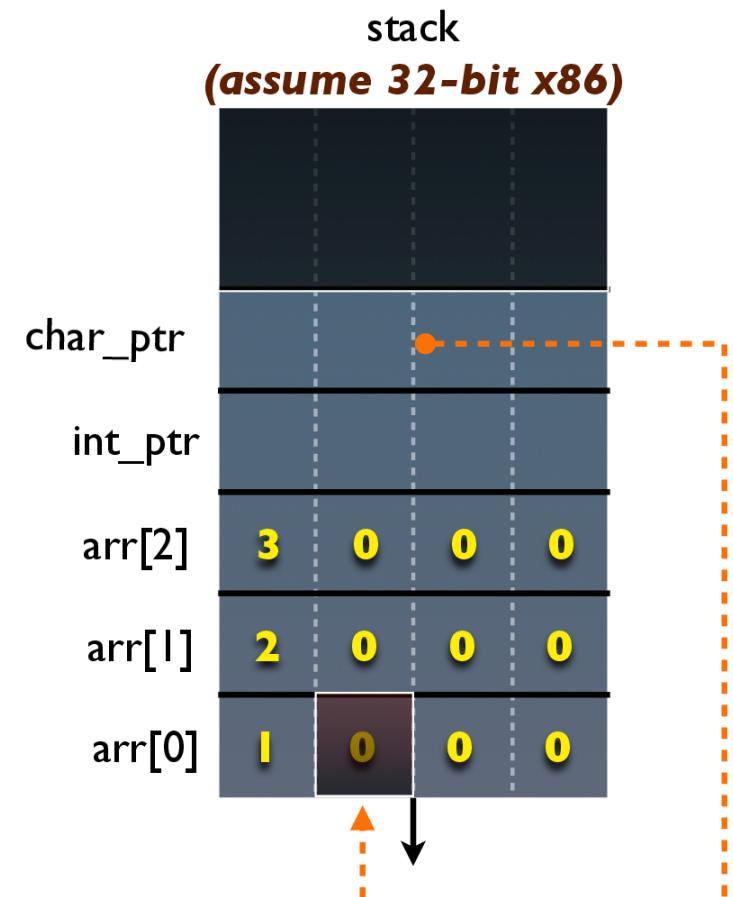
```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int arr[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *int_ptr = &arr[0];
    char *char_ptr = (char *) int_ptr;

    printf("int_ptr: %p; *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 1;
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           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 1;
    printf("char_ptr: %p; *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 2;
    printf("char_ptr: %p; *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);

    return 0;
}
```



## pointerarithmetic.c

# Pointer arithmetic example

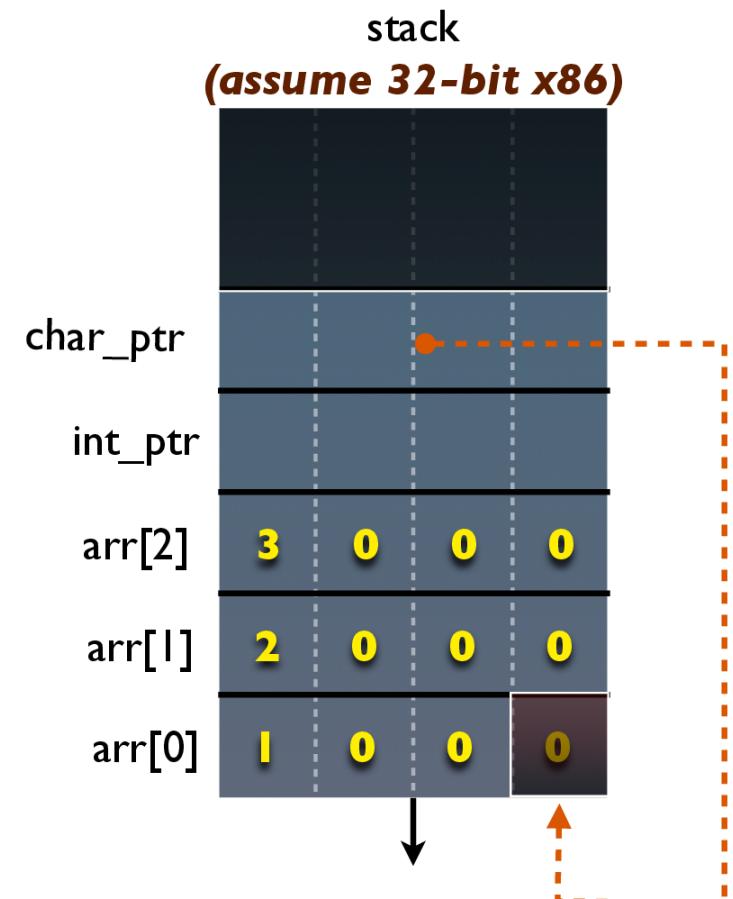
```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int arr[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *int_ptr = &arr[0];
    char *char_ptr = (char *) int_ptr;

    printf("int_ptr: %p;    *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 1;
    printf("int_ptr: %p;    *int_ptr: %d\n",
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           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 1;
    printf("char_ptr: %p;    *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 2;
    printf("char_ptr: %p;    *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);

    return 0;
}
```



## pointerarithmetic.c

# Pointer arithmetic example

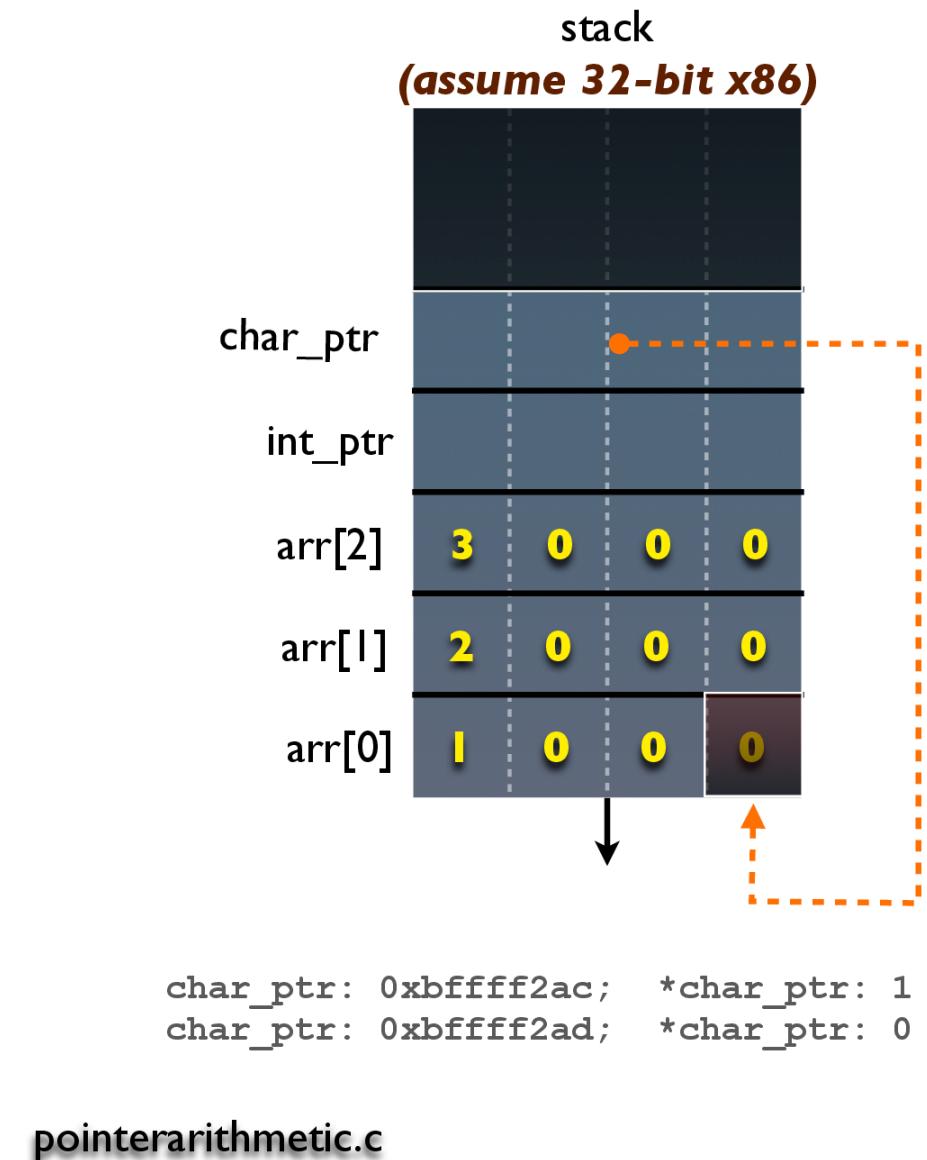
```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int arr[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *int_ptr = &arr[0];
    char *char_ptr = (char *) int_ptr;

    printf("int_ptr: %p;  *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 1;
    printf("int_ptr: %p;  *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 2; // uh oh
    printf("int_ptr: %p;  *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);

    printf("char_ptr: %p;  *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 1;
    printf("char_ptr: %p;  *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 2;
    printf("char_ptr: %p;  *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);

    return 0;
}
```



# Pointer to a pointer

- Question: what's the difference between a `char *` and a `char **`?
- Exercise: draw and update the box-and-arrow diagram for this program as it executes

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    char hi[] = "hello";
    char *p, **p2p;

    p = hi; // What does this mean?
    p2p = &p;

    printf("%c %c\n", *p, **p2p);
    printf("%p %p %p\n", p, *p2p, hi);
    p++;
    printf("%c %c\n", *p, **p2p);
    printf("%p %p %p\n", p, *p2p, hi);
    *dp += 2;
    printf("%c %c\n", *p, **p2p);
    printf("%p %p %p\n", p, *p2p, hi);
    return 0;
}
```

# Buffers

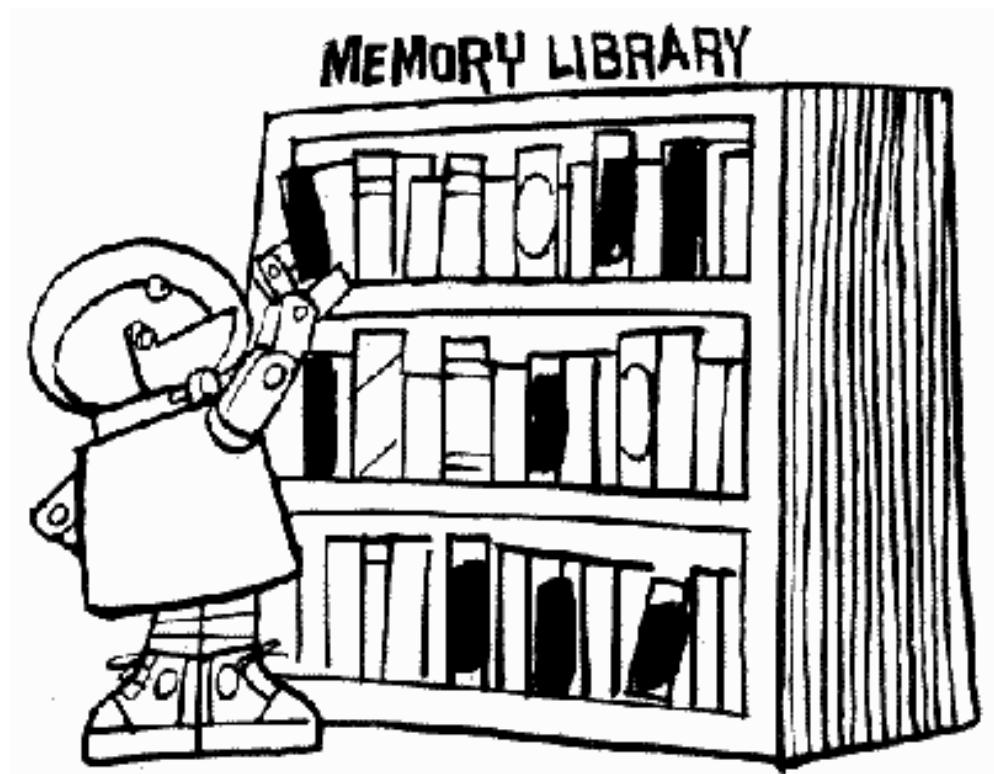
- We use the term “buffer” quite a lot but haven’t yet defined it.
  - One way to think of it is just a memory region that has some use
  - Typically referenced and maintained through a pointer:

```
char *buffer;
char buf[256];
```
- Definition: a buffer is a temporary holding place



# Memory library functions

- Found in `<string.h>`
  - Makes sense if you think about it
  - Copying memory
  - Setting memory
  - Comparing memory
- Found in `<stdlib.h>`
  - Allocating memory
  - Freeing memory
- Others in `<unistd.h>`



# Copying memory

```

char buf1[] = {0, 1, 2, 3};
char buf2[] = {0, 0, 0, 0};

printf("Before\n");
for (i = 0; i < 4; i++)
    printf("buf1[i]: %d, buf2[i]: %d\n",
           buf1[i], buf2[i]);

// Copy buf1 into buf2
memcpy(buf2, buf1, 4);

printf("After\n");
for (i = 0; i < 4; i++)
    printf("buf1[i]: %d, buf2[i]: %d\n",
           buf1[i], buf2[i]);

```

<p>Before</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>buf1[i]: 0,</td><td>buf2[i]: 0</td></tr> <tr><td>buf1[i]: 1,</td><td>buf2[i]: 0</td></tr> <tr><td>buf1[i]: 2,</td><td>buf2[i]: 0</td></tr> <tr><td>buf1[i]: 3,</td><td>buf2[i]: 0</td></tr> </table> <p>After</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>buf1[i]: 0,</td><td>buf2[i]: 0</td></tr> <tr><td>buf1[i]: 1,</td><td>buf2[i]: 1</td></tr> <tr><td>buf1[i]: 2,</td><td>buf2[i]: 2</td></tr> <tr><td>buf1[i]: 3,</td><td>buf2[i]: 3</td></tr> </table>	buf1[i]: 0,	buf2[i]: 0	buf1[i]: 1,	buf2[i]: 0	buf1[i]: 2,	buf2[i]: 0	buf1[i]: 3,	buf2[i]: 0	buf1[i]: 0,	buf2[i]: 0	buf1[i]: 1,	buf2[i]: 1	buf1[i]: 2,	buf2[i]: 2	buf1[i]: 3,	buf2[i]: 3
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buf1[i]: 2,	buf2[i]: 2															
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- **memcpy** copies one memory region to another:

**memcpy(dest, src, n);**

- Copy n bytes into “destination” buffer from “source” buffer
  - Mnemonic: order is the same as “dest = src”
- The size must be specified (unlike strcpy, there is no terminator)

# Also copying memory

- **memmove** also copies one memory region to another:  
`memmove(dest, src, n);`
- Difference: **memmove** works if memory regions overlap;  
**memcpy** has undefined behavior in this case
  - But **memcpy** can be faster if you know they don't overlap



# Setting memory

```

char buf1[] = {0, 1, 2, 3};
char buf2[] = {0, 0, 0, 0};

printf("Before\n");
for (i = 0; i < 4; i++)
    printf("buf1[i]: %d, buf2[i]: %d\n",
           buf1[i], buf2[i]);

memset(buf1, 0, 4);
memset(buf2, 7, 4);

printf("After\n");
for (i = 0; i < 4; i++)
    printf("buf1[i]: %d, buf2[i]: %d\n",
           buf1[i], buf2[i]);

```

<p>Before</p> <p>buf1[i]: 0, buf2[i]: 0          buf1[i]: 1, buf2[i]: 0          buf1[i]: 2, buf2[i]: 0          buf1[i]: 3, buf2[i]: 0</p> <p>After</p> <p>buf1[i]: 0, buf2[i]: 7          buf1[i]: 0, buf2[i]: 7          buf1[i]: 0, buf2[i]: 7          buf1[i]: 0, buf2[i]: 7</p>
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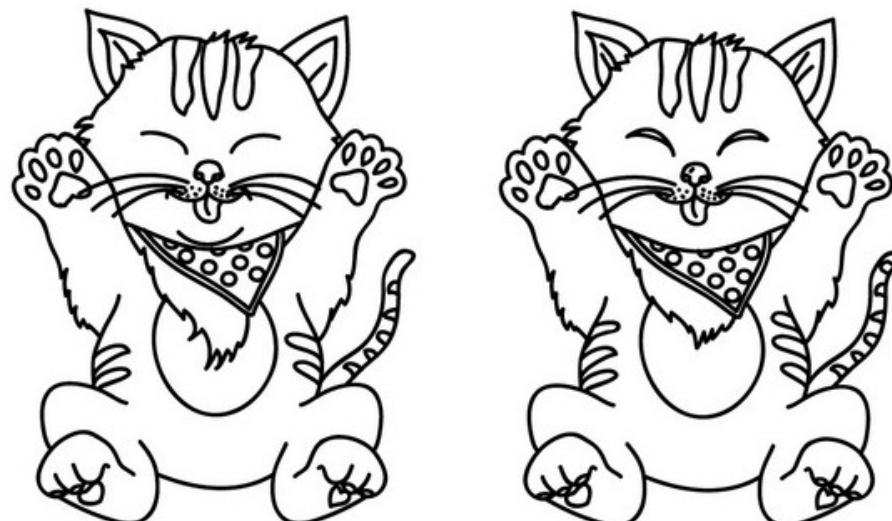
- **memset** fills a memory region with one byte:

`memset(buf, c, n);`

- Writes n copies of byte c into buf
- Useful for zeroing newly allocated memory
  - More on allocating memory next time...

# Comparing memory

- `memcmp` compares the first n bytes of two buffers:  
`memcmp(buf1, buf2, n);`
- Return value interpretation is the same as `strcmp`:
  - Negative if buf1 is less than buf2
  - 0 if buf1 is equal to buf2
  - Positive if buf1 is greater than buf2



# memcmp example

```

int i, j, x;
char cmps[4][2] = {
    {0, 0}, {1, 0},
    {0, 1}, {9, 0}};

printf("Before\n");
for (i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
    for (j = 0; j < 4; j++) {
        x = memcmp(cmps[i], cmps[j], 2);
        printf("compare %d%d with %d%d = %d\n",
               cmps[i][0], cmps[i][1],
               cmps[j][0], cmps[j][1], x);
    }
}
    
```

```

compare 00 with 00 = 0
compare 00 with 10 = -1
compare 00 with 01 = -256
compare 00 with 90 = -9
compare 10 with 00 = 1
compare 10 with 10 = 0
compare 10 with 01 = 1
compare 10 with 90 = -8
compare 01 with 00 = 256
compare 01 with 10 = -1
compare 01 with 01 = 0
compare 01 with 90 = -9
compare 90 with 00 = 9
compare 90 with 10 = 8
compare 90 with 01 = 9
compare 90 with 90 = 0
    
```

# Midterm 1

