

What have we learned?

Arrays

- Declaration & initialization

```
int arr1[10] = {5, 1, [4] = 3, 7, 2, [8] = 6};
```

Type of each
element

Name of
the array

elements in
each dimension
(optional)

Initialization (optional)

Designated
initializer

```
double Identity[3][3] = {[0][0] = 1.0, [1][1] = 1.0,  
[2][2] = 1.0};
```

What have we learned?

- Indexing *Index starts from 0 in C!*

```
#define N 10

double Identity[N][N];
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
{
    for (int j = 0; j < N; j++)
    {
        if (i == j)
            ident[i][j] = 1.0;
        else
            ident[i][j] = 0.0;
    }
}
```

Lecture 5 Pointers



Reasons to use pointers

Pointer: Location of a piece of data in memory

- Pass a pointer **to avoid** passing a whole **copy** of (a large amount of) data
- Different codes **to work on the same piece** of data



The & operator

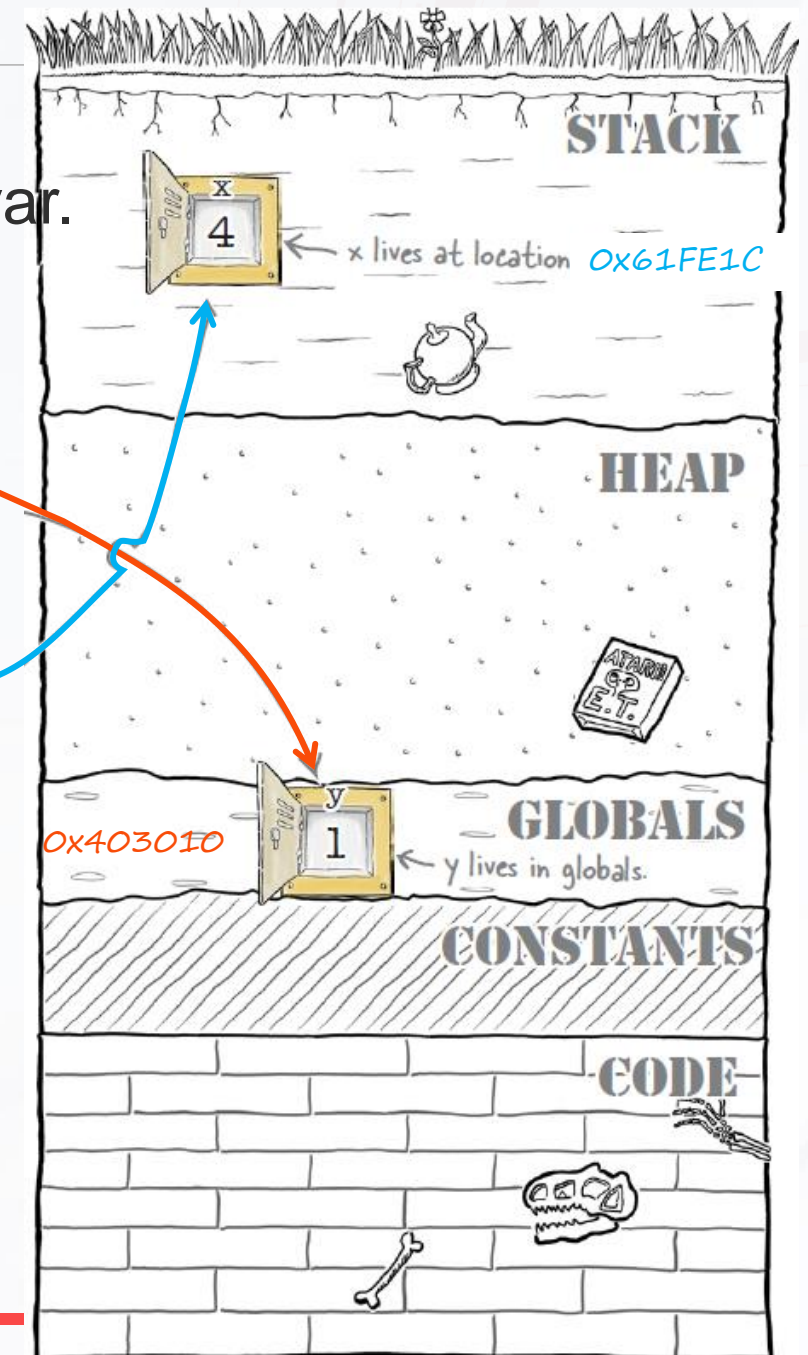
&var – to obtain the **memory address (pointer)** of var.

```
#include <stdio.h>

int y = 1;

int main()
{
    int x = 4;
    printf("x is stored at %p\n", &x);
    printf("y is stored at %p\n", &y);
    return(0);
}
```

x is stored at 000000000061FE1C
y is stored at 0000000000403010



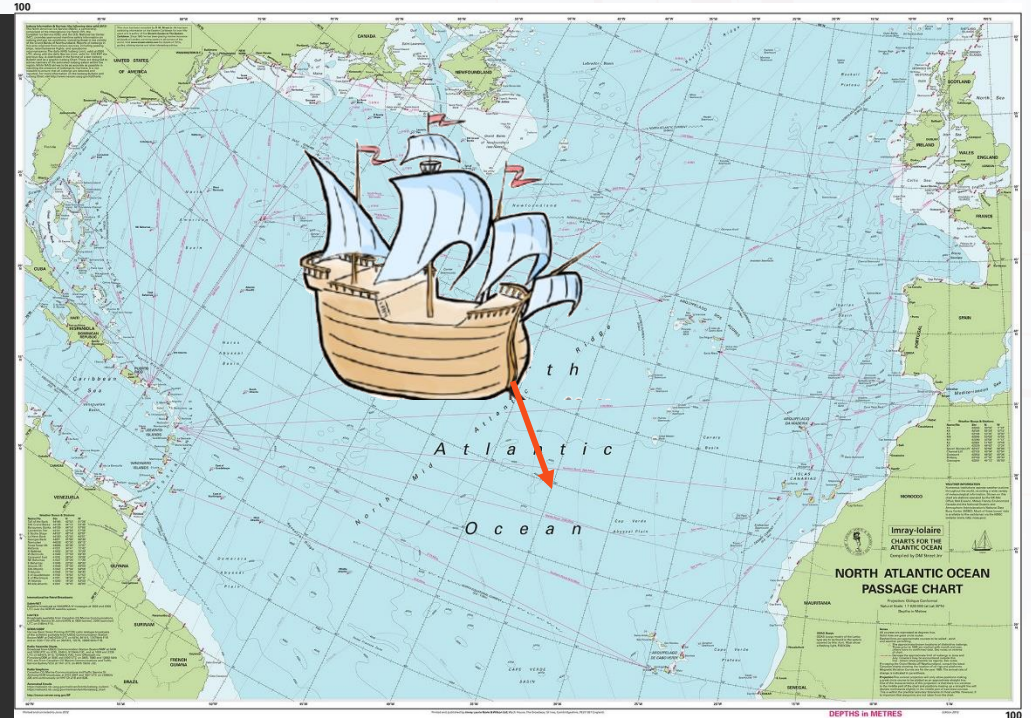
How a function handles arguments

```
#include <stdio.h>

void go_south_east(int lat, int lon)
{
    lat = lat - 1;
    lon = lon + 1;
}

int main()
{
    int latitude = 32;
    int longitude = -64;
    go_south_east(latitude, longitude);
    printf("Avast! Now at: [%i, %i]\n", latitude, longitude);
    return 0;
}
```

Avast! Now at: [32, -64]



*C makes copies of the arguments,
before passing them to a function*

Using pointers

- Obtaining the pointer (address)

```
int x = 4;  
printf("x is stored at %p\n", &x);
```

- Declaration

```
int *pointer_to_x;
```

- Assignment

```
pointer_to_x = &x;
```

- Read the contents

```
int value_stored = *pointer_to_x;
```

- Change the contents

```
*pointer_to_x = 100;
```

*** operator:**

To access the memory addressed by a pointer.

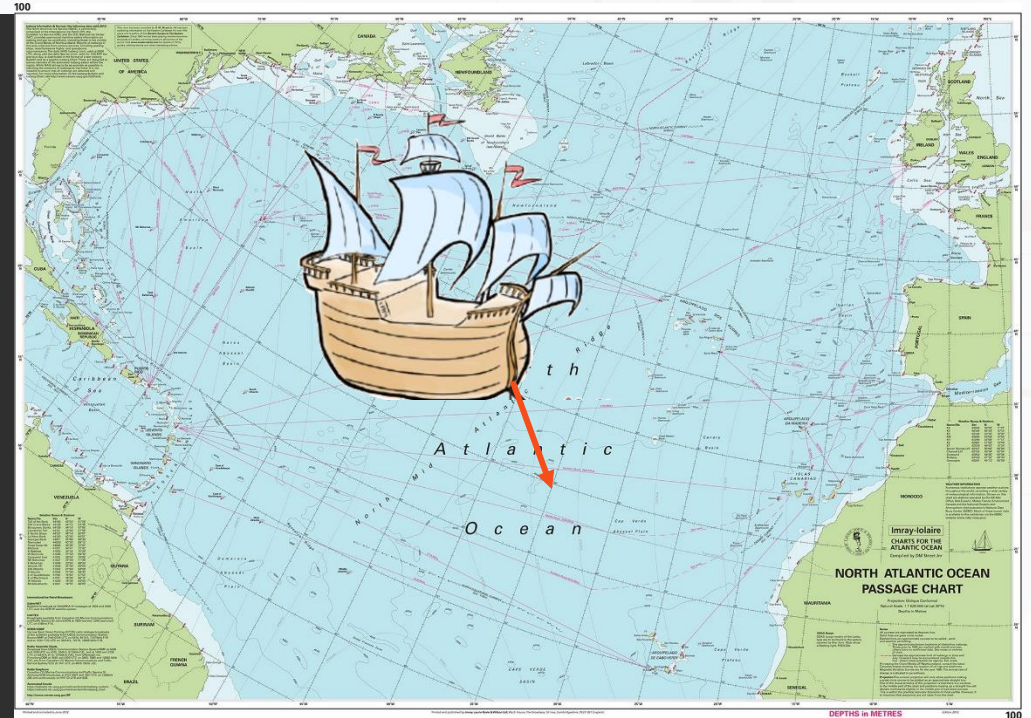
Passing pointers to a function

```
#include <stdio.h>

void go_south_east( int *lat , int *lon )
{
    *lat = *lat - 1;
    *lon = *lon + 1;
}

int main()
{
    int latitude = 32;
    int longitude = -64;
    go_south_east( &latitude , &longitude );
    printf("Avast! Now at: [%i, %i]\n", latitude, longitude);
    return 0;
}
```

? *lat--;
*lon++;



Avast! Now at: [31, -63]

C Operator Precedence

| Precedence | Operator | Description |
|------------|-----------------------|--|
| 1 | ++ -- () [] | Suffix/postfix increment and decrement Function call Array subscripting |
| 2 | ! * & sizeof | Logical NOT Indirection (dereference) Address of ... Size of ... |
| 3 | * / % | Multiplication, division, and remainder |
| 4 | + - | Addition and subtraction |
| 5 | < <= > >= | Relational operators < and ≤ respectively Relational operators > and ≥ respectively |
| 6 | == != | Relational = and ≠ respectively |
| 7 | && | Logical AND |
| 8 | | Logical OR |
| 9 | = += -= | Simple assignment Assignment by sum and difference |

Actually, we have already used such a function

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int decks;
    puts("Enter a number of decks");
    scanf("%i", &decks);
    if (decks < 1)
    {
        puts("That is not a valid number of decks");
        return 1;
    }
    printf("There are %i cards\n", (decks * 52));
    return 0;
}
```

Why does scanf need a pointer argument?

How about strings?

```
char card_name[3];  
puts("Enter the card_name: ");  
scanf("%2s", card_name);
```

Why don't we add the **&**?

```
void fortune_cookie(char msg[])  
{  
    printf("Message reads: %s\n", msg);  
}
```

A string is passed in as a char array

```
char quote[] = "Cookies make you fat";  
fortune_cookie(quote);
```



Array variables

```
#include <stdio.h>

void fortune_cookie(char msg[])
{
    printf("Message reads: %s\n", msg);
    printf("msg occupies %i bytes\n", sizeof(msg));
}

int main()
{
    char quote[] = "Cookies make you fat";
    fortune_cookie(quote);
    return(0);
}
```

`sizeof()` - a standard C operator (not a function) to find how many bytes of space something takes in memory.

Really? Just 8 bytes?

Message reads: Cookies make you fat
msg occupies 8 bytes