

Pointer

Declaration/
initialization

```
int *ptr_to_x = &x;
```

An array is like a pointer

- Accessing/writing content

```
y = *ptr_to_x;
```

```
*ptr_to_x = 99;
```

Unrecommended! `ptr_to_x[0] = 99;`

- Passing address to a function

```
scanf("%i", ptr_to_x);
```

Array

```
int Arr1[] = {4, 2, 3};
```

```
y = Arr1[0];
```

```
Arr1[1] = 5;
```

```
*(Arr1 + 1) = 5;
```

```
scanf("%i", Arr1 + 1);
```

An array is slightly different from a pointer

```
char *t = "How big is it?";
```

This creates an 8-byte pointer variable to store the address of the static string data

```
sizeof(t) → 8
```

```
&t → pointer of pointer
```

```
t[4] = 'B'; ❌
```

Static data cannot be changed!

```
t = s; ✅
```

A pointer can be re-assigned

```
char s[] = "How big is it?";
```

This creates a 15-byte char array to store a copy of the string data

```
sizeof(s) → 15
```

```
&s → Pointer to the first elem.  
Same as s
```

```
s[4] = 'B'; ✅
```

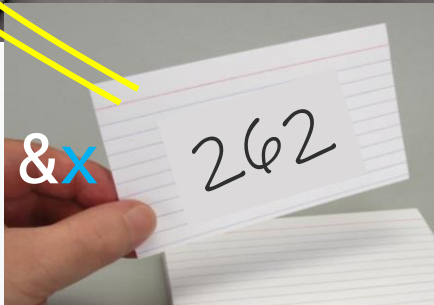
Content of an array can be changed

```
s = t; ❌
```

Name of an array cannot be changed!

Pointer decay: an array loses its length info when passed to a function.

Arr1



ptr_to_x



$\text{ptr_to_x} = \text{Arr1} + 1;$

Three-card monte

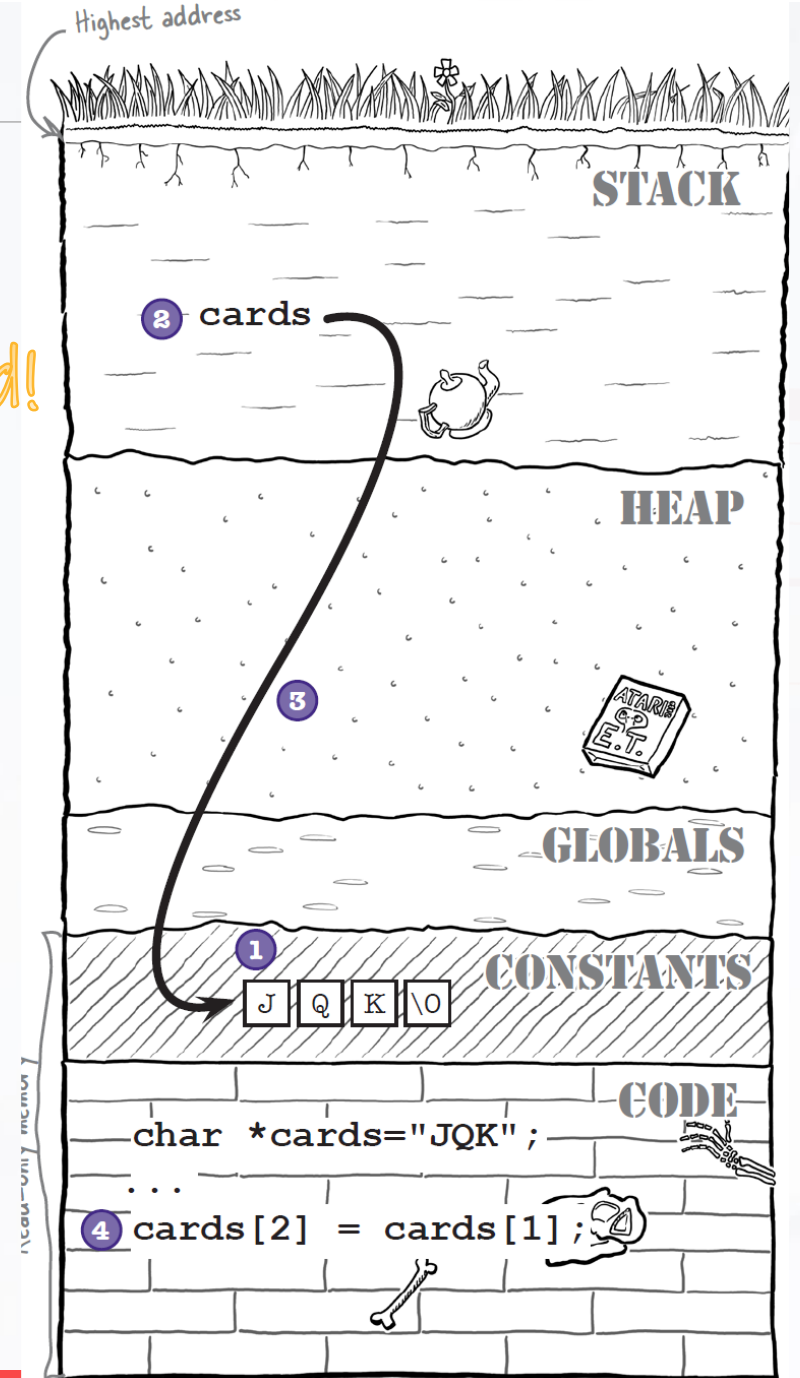
```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main()  
{
```

```
    char *cards = "JQK";  
    char a_card = cards[2];  
    cards[2] = cards[1];  
    cards[1] = cards[0];  
    cards[0] = cards[2];  
    cards[2] = cards[1];  
    cards[1] = a_card;  
    puts(cards);  
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

String literals
can't be updated!



If you are going to change a string, make a copy! ■

```
char cards[] = "JQK";
```

Creates a char array and initialize it with the string

```
char *cards = "JQK";
```

Creates a pointer which points to the static array

Or, if you don't want to change the string, make it constant!

```
const char *cards = "JQK";
```

So, what does `cards[]` really mean?

It depends...

```
char cards[] = "JQK";  char *cards = "JQK";
```

Declaration of an array with default length (calculated from initializer)

```
void skip(char msg[])  
{  
    ...  
}
```

=

```
void skip(char *msg)  
{  
    ...  
}
```

Declaration of a function argument, identical to a pointer!

Lecture 5.5 Strings



How to deal with a lot of strings?

Tracks from the new album "Little Known Sinatra."

An array of arrays (2-dimensional array)

```
char tracks[][80] = {  
    "I left my heart in Harvard Med School",  
    "Newark, Newark - a wonderful town",  
    "Dancing with a Dork",  
    "From here to maternity",  
    "The girl from Iwo Jima",  
};
```

I		l	e	f	t		m	y		h	e	a	r	t		i	n		H	a	r	v	...
N	e	w	a	r	k	,		N	e	w	a	r	k		-		a		w	o	n	d	...
D	a	n	c	i	n	g		w	i	t	h		a		D	o	r	k	\0	\0	\0	\0	...
F	r	o	m		h	e	r	e		t	o		m	a	t	e	r	n	i	t	y	\0	...
T	h	e		g	i	r	l		f	r	o	m		I	w	o		J	i	m	a	\0	...

Track list:

I left my heart in Harvard med school

Newark, Newark - a wonderful town

Dancing with a Dork

From here to maternity

The girl from Iwo Jima

...s say that there will be lots more
in the future, but they'll never be
an 79 characters long.

The library functions – Guess what they mean?

```
#include <string.h>
```

-
- strchr()
- strcmp()
- strstr()
- strcpy()
- strlen()
- strcat()
- Concatenate two strings
 - Find a string inside another
 - Find a character inside a string
 - The length of a string
 - Compare two strings
 - Copy one string to another

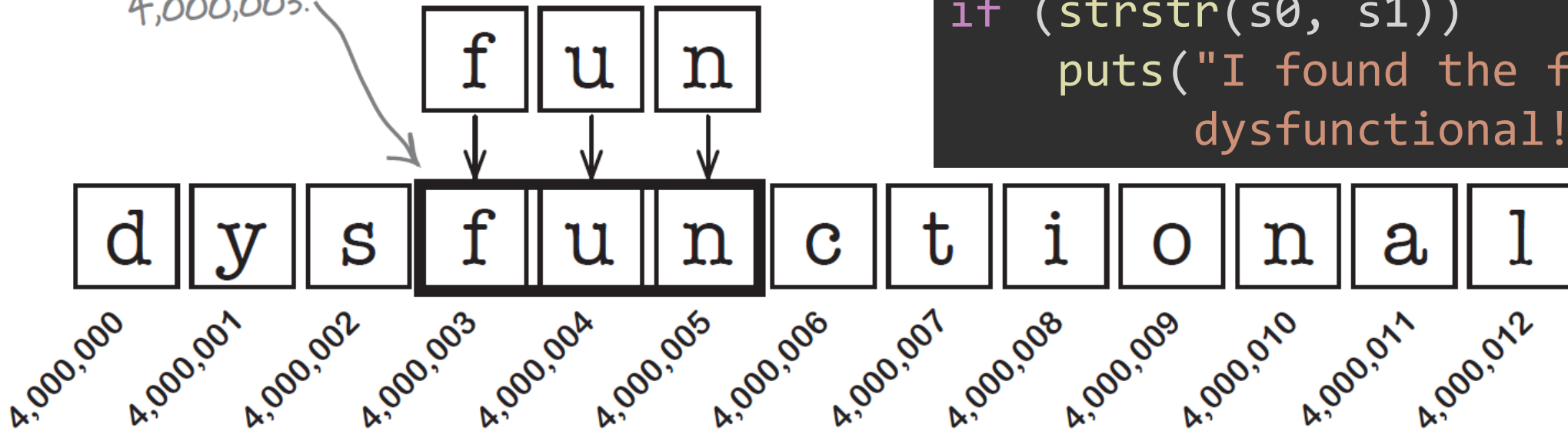
Use the strstr() function

```
strstr("dysfunctional", "fun");
```

Return the address to the starting point of the sub string
Return 0 if *not* found

↑
strstr() will find the
string "fun" starting
here at location
4,000,003.

```
char s0[] = "dysfunctional";  
char s1[] = "fun";  
if (strstr(s0, s1))  
    puts("I found the fun in  
        dysfunctional!");
```



Find the right track

To check whether the search term is in the track

```
void find_track(char search_for[])
{
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        if ( strstr( tracks[i], search_for ))
            printf("Track %i: '%s'\n", i , tracks[i] );
    }
}
```

Loop over all tracks

Print the track containing the search term.

Quiz – find the most appropriate program

```
int main()
{
    char search_for[80];
    printf("Search for: ");
    fgets(search_for, 80, stdin);
    find_track();
    return 0;
}
```

```
int main()
{
    char search_for[80];
    printf("Search for: ");
    fgets(search_for, 79, stdin);
    find_track(search_for);
    return 0;
}
```

```
int main()
{
    char search_for[80];
    printf("Search for: ");
    fgets(search_for, 80, stdin);
    find_track(search_for);
    return 0;
}
```

```
int main()
{
    char search_for[80];
    printf("Search for: ");
    scanf(search_for, 80, stdin);
    find_track(search_for);
    return 0;
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
```

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char tracks[][80] = {
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    "From here to maternity",
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};
```

```
void find_track(char search_for[])
{
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        if (strstr(tracks[i], search_for))
            printf("Track %i: '%s'\n", i,
tracks[i]);
    }
}
```

The complete program

Global variable

Can be accessed everywhere.

```
int main()
{
    char search_for[80];
    printf("Search for: ");
    fgets(search_for, 80, stdin);
    find_track(search_for);
    return 0;
}
```

Array of arrays vs. array of pointers

```
char *names_for_dog[] = {"Bowser", "Bonza", "Snodgrass"};
```

This declares a **1D array** that stores pointers

- Not a 2D array (no 0s are filled)!
- String literals are not to be changed!

```
char names_for_dog[][] = {"Bowser", "Bonza", "Snodgrass"};
```

This declares a **2D array** that stores characters

- A 3×10 array, extra slots are filled with 0s.
- May be changed to store other strings.

Lecture 6 Functions

$$f(x) = a + bx + cx^2$$

Why functions?

- **Readability** – a program divided into small pieces are easier to understand and modify.
- **Modulization** – isolate the small pieces by allowing a few explicit connection for clarity.
- **Simplicity** – avoid duplicating code to be used more than once.
- **Reusability** – code for certain purposes can be reused in other programs.