

C PROGRAMMING

Lab 5

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Introduction

A pointer in C is a variable that stores the memory address of another variable or data element. Pointers provide a way to work directly with memory locations, allowing you to access and manipulate data efficiently

Declaring Pointers:

To declare a pointer, you use the `*` symbol followed by the data type.

For example, `int *ptr;` declares a pointer to an integer.

Assigning Pointers:

You can assign a pointer the memory address of a variable using the address-of operator `&`.

For example, `int x = 42; int *ptr = &x;` assigns the address of the integer variable `x` to the pointer `ptr`

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```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main() {
    int vec[3];
    vec[0] = 1;
    vec[1] = 2;
    vec[2] = 3;
    printf("vec[2]=%d\n", vec[2]);
        // same as
        // printf("vec[2]=%d\n", *(vec+2));
    return 0;
}
```

Assignments

Solve the following problems in 2 ways:

- first, without pointers
- second, with pointers (pointer arithmetics instead of `array[i]`), but using your own user defined functions:

1. Write a program that reads 2 arrays and merges the two arrays into third array. Before merging, sort the 2 arrays in ascending order.
2. Write a program that reads a 2D array and prints transpose of the array.
3. Write a program that reverses a string (array of char) entered by the user.