

CSC 256 - Spring 2016
Pointer vs. Array Access Translation

Array Access (char)	Pointer Access (char)
<pre>char str[6]; for(i=0;i<6;i++) str[i] = 0xa;</pre>	<pre>char str[6]; char *ptr = str; for(i=0;i<6;i++){ *ptr = 0xa; ptr++; }</pre>
<pre> # \$s0 -> i # \$s1 -> base # \$t0 -> 6 # \$t1 -> 0xa # \$t2 -> base+offset .data str: .byte 0:6 .text li \$t0,6 li \$t1, 0xa li \$s0,0 la \$s1, str loop: add \$t2, \$s1, \$s0 sb \$t1, (\$t2) addi \$s0, \$s0, 1 blt \$s0, \$t0, loop</pre>	<pre> # \$s0 -> i # \$s1 -> ptr # \$t0 -> 0xa # \$t1 -> 6 # .data str: .byte 0:6 .text li \$t0, 0xa li \$t1, 6 li \$s0,0 la \$s1, str loop: sb \$t0, (\$s1) addi \$s1, \$s1, 1 addi \$s0, \$s0, 1 blt \$s0, \$t0, loop</pre>

Array Access (Int)	Pointer Access (Int)
<pre>int x[6]; for(i=0;i<6;i++) x[i] = i;</pre>	<pre>int x[6]; int *ptr = x; for(i=0;i<6;i++){ *ptr = i; ptr++; }</pre>
<pre> # \$s0 -> i # \$s1 -> base # \$t0 -> 6 # \$t1 -> base+offset .data x: .word 0:6 .text li \$t0,6 li \$s0,0 la \$s1, x loop: sll \$t1, \$t1, 2 add \$t1, \$t1, \$s1 sw \$s0, (\$t1) addi \$s0, \$s0, 1 blt \$s0, \$t0, loop</pre>	<pre> # \$s0 -> i # \$s1 -> ptr # \$t0 -> 6 # .data x: .word 0:6 .text li \$t0, 6 li \$s0,0 la \$s1, x loop: sb \$s0, (\$s1) addi \$s1, \$s1, 4 addi \$s0, \$s0, 1 blt \$s0, \$t0, loop</pre>