# Pointer dalam Bahasa C

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## Tujuan

Mahasiswa memahami sintaks dan pengertian pointer (dalam bahasa C)

Mahasiswa mengerti penggunaan pointer dengan benar

Mahasiswa memahami mekanisme kerja pointer dalam memory

## Referensi

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http://cslibrary.stanford.edu/102/PointersAndMemory.pdf



## Prinsip Dasar Pointer

#### Apakah **pointer** itu?

- Adalah variabel yang menyimpan reference dari nilai lain.
- Berbeda dengan variabel "biasa" yang menyimpan nilainya sendiri.

```
int x;
int *px;
x = 13;
px = &x;
/* reference to */
px
```

#### Mengapa pointer?

- Memungkinkan dua bagian/section dalam program berbagi akses informasi dengan mudah
- Memungkinkan struktur data berkait/linked yang rumit (seperti linked list, tree berbasis node)

## Pointer Dereference

Operasi "dereference" adalah operasi untuk mendapatkan nilai yang diacu oleh sebuah pointer.

```
int x;
int *px;

① x = 13;
    px = &x;
    /* reference to */ px

①
```

## Null Pointer, Pointer Assignment

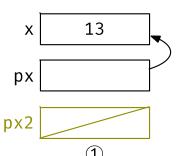
**Null pointer**: nilai khusus untuk menyatakan bahwa sebuah pointer tidak menunjuk ke mana-mana.

#### Operator assignment "="

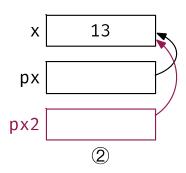
Sebuah pointer di-assign **dengan pointer lain** untuk mengacu nilai yang sama

```
int x;
int *px, *px2;
```

1 x = 13;
px = &x;
/\* reference to \*/
px2 = NULL;



 $\bigcirc$  px2 = px;



## **Bad Pointer**

Pointer yang belum diinisialisasi.

Dereference terhadap bad pointer menyebabkan runtime error.

# Contoh (1)

```
// allocate three integers and two pointers
int a = 1;
int b = 2;
int c = 3;
int* p;
int* q;
// Here is the state of memory at this point.
// T1 -- Notice that the pointers start out bad...
  a
                            XXX
                                     р
        2
  b
                             \times\!\times\!\times
                                     q
         3
```

# Contoh (2)

```
p = &a; // set p to refer to a
q = &b; // set q to refer to b

// T2 -- The pointers now have pointees
a 1 p
b 2 q
c 3
```

# Contoh (3)

### Memori Lokal

#### Alokasi dan Dealokasi

Ketika variabel diberikan tempat pada memori untuk menyimpan nilai: allocated.

Ketika variable tidak lagi memiliki tempat pada memori untuk menyimpan nilai: **deallocated**.

Periode antara allocated-deallocated: *lifetime*.

### Alokasi, Dealokasi, Lifetime

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### Contoh

```
void X() {
   int a = 1;
   int b = 2;
   // T1

   Y(a);
   // T3
   Y(b);
   // T5
}

void Y(int p) {
   int q;
   q = p + 2;
   // T2 (first time through),
   // T4 (second time through)
}
```

```
T1 - X()'s locals have
                           T2 - Y() is called with
                                                      T3 - Y() exits and its
                                                                                 T4 - Y() is called again
                                                                                                            T5 - Y() exits and its
been allocated and given
                           p=1, and its locals are
                                                      locals are deallocated.
                                                                                 with p=2, and its locals
                                                                                                            locals are deallocated.
                           allocated. X()'s locals
                                                      We are left only with
                                                                                                            X()'s locals will be
values..
                                                                                 are allocated a second
                           continue to be allocated.
                                                                                                            deallocated when it
                                                      X()'s locals.
                                                                                 time.
                                                                                                            exits.
                                                                                     Y()
                               Y()
                                       q
    X()
                                                          X()
                                                                                     X()
                               X()
                                                                                                                X()
           a
                                       a
                  2
                                             2
                                                                        2
                                                                                                   2
                                                                   b
                                                                                                                              2
                                       b
```

### Contoh error

```
// T.A.B. -- The Ampersand Bug function
// Returns a pointer to an int
int* tab() {
  int temp;
  return(&temp); // return a pointer to the local int
}

void victim() {
  int* ptr;
  ptr = tab();
  *ptr = 42; // Runtime error! The pointee was local to tab
}
```

### **Function Call Stack**

Lihat materi Nick Parlante halaman 15-16

Passing parameter by value vs Passing parameter by reference

## Passing Parameter: by Value

A()

netWorth

55

```
void B(int worth) {
  worth = worth + 1;
  // T2
void A() {
  int netWorth;
  netWorth = 55; // T1
  B(netWorth);
  // T3 -- B() did not change netWorth
 T1 -- The value of interest netWorth is
                                        T2 -- netWorth is copied to B()'s local
                                                                               T3 - B() exits and its local worth is
 local to A().
                                        worth. B() changes its local worth from
                                                                               deallocated. The value of interest has not
                                        55 to 56.
                                                                               been changed.
                                           B()
                                                      worth
                                                              5∞ 56
```

A()

55

netWorth

A()

netWorth

55

## Passing Parameter: by Reference

```
// B() now uses a reference parameter -- a pointer to the value of interest.
// B() uses a dereference (*) on the reference parameter to get at the value
// of interest.
*worthRef = *worthRef + 1; // use * to get at value of interest
   // T2
}
void A() {
   int netWorth:
   netWorth = 55; // T1 -- the value of interest is local to A()
   B(&netWorth); // Pass a pointer to the value of interest.
                  // In this case using &.
   // T3 -- B() has used its pointer to change the value of interest
 T1 -- The value of interest
                             T2 -- Instead of a copy, B() receives a pointer to
                                                                             T3 -- B() exits, and netWorth has
 netWorth is local to A() as
                             netWorth. B() dereferences its pointer to access and
                                                                             been changed.
 before.
                             change the real netWorth.
                               B()
                                    worthRef
                               A()
  A()
                                                                             A()
        netWorth
                                    netWorth
                                               56 56
                                                                                   netWorth
                                                                                               56
```

## Apakah "&" selalu diperlukan?

## Heap Memory

Heap Memory == Dynamic Memory

- Berbeda dengan Local Memory yang mengalokasi dan dealokasi memory secara otomatis saat function call
- Pada Heap Memory, programmer harus melakukan alokasi dan dealokasi

#### **Keuntungan** heap memory:

- Lifetime
- Ukuran

#### Kekurangan:

- more works
- more bugs

#### Contoh Penggunaan Heap Memory (1)

```
void Heap1() {
    int* intPtr;
    // Allocates local pointer local variable (but not its pointee)
    // T1:
                                  Local
                                                   Heap
                        intPtr
                                   XXX
    // Allocates heap block and stores its pointer in local
    // variable.
    // Dereferences the pointer to set the pointee to 42.
    intPtr = malloc(sizeof(int));
    *intPtr = 42;
    // T2:
                                  Local
                                                   Heap
                        intPtr
                                                    42
```

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#### Contoh Penggunaan Heap Memory (2)

```
// Deallocates heap block making the pointer bad.
// The programmer must remember not to use the pointer
// after the pointee has been deallocated (this is
// why the pointer is shown in gray).
free(intPtr);
// T3:
Local Heap
intPtr
```

}

### Referensi Tambahan

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