int (\*func)(int, int) = get\_op\_func(operator); how we pass operator to pointer to func

The expression int (\*func)(int, int) = get\_op\_func(operator); is performing a few different actions:

- ① Declaration of a Function Pointer: int (\*func)(int, int) is declaring a variable named func that is a pointer to a function that takes two int parameters and returns an int.
- Assignment: The = part is assigning a value to the func variable.
- Function Call: get\_op\_func(operator) is calling the function get\_op\_func and passing operator as an argument to it.

Let's break down what happens when you call get\_op\_func(operator):

- get\_op\_func is defined to take a char \*s, which is a string or a string literal representing the operator. It's expected to be one of the strings "+", "-", "\*", "/", or "%".
- Inside get\_op\_func, it uses the provided operator to determine which function to return. It does this by looping through an array of op\_t structures until it finds a structure where the op member matches the provided operator.
- When it finds a match, it returns the f member of that op\_t structure. This f member is a pointer to a function that performs the corresponding operation.
- If no match is found, get\_op\_func returns NULL.

So, after get\_op\_func(operator) is called, the func variable holds the address of the function that corresponds to the operator provided. If operator was "+", then func would point to the op\_add function. If operator was "-", then func would point to the op\_sub function, and so on.

Once you have this function pointer in func, you can use it to call the function that it points to, like so:

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int result = func(a, b);
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Here, a and b would be int values that are the operands for the operation. The actual function that gets called will depend on what operator was passed to get\_op\_func in the first place, thereby determining which function address was stored in func.

int (\*get\_op\_func(char \*s))(int, int)
why we (int, int) it just operator

The notation int (\*get\_op\_func(char \*s))(int, int) is used in C to declare a function that returns a pointer to another function. It may look confusing at first, but let's break it down:

- get\_op\_func is the name of the function you are declaring.
- (char \*s) indicates that get\_op\_func takes a single argument, which is a pointer to a char (typically this would be a string in C).
- The return type of get\_op\_func is where it gets interesting: int (\*)(int, int).

This last part describes a pointer to a function that itself takes two int arguments and returns an int. The notation int (\*)(int, int) can be read as:

- (\*): a pointer to
- (int, int): a function that takes two integers as parameters
- int: and returns an integer

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So when you see int (*get_op_func(char *s))(int, int), it means:
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"get\_op\_func is a function that takes a string (char \*s) and returns a pointer to another function. This other function takes two integers as arguments and returns an integer."

Here's an example of how you might use this in practice:

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int add(int a, int b) { return a + b; }
        int subtract(int a, int b) { return a - b; }
             int (*get_op_func(char *s))(int, int) {
                         if (*s == '+') return add;
                     if (*s == '-') return subtract;
                                        return NULL;
                                        int main() {
char *op = "+"; // This is the operator we're using
       int (*operation)(int, int) = get op func(op);
                                    if (operation) {
                       int result = operation(3, 4);
                  printf("Result is: %d\n", result);
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In the example above, get\_op\_func returns a pointer to the add function when you pass it the "+" operator. You can then use this function pointer to call the add function indirectly through operation(3, 4), which in this case will compute 3 + 4 and print Result is: 7.

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