```
#include <stdio.h>
                                                                                         struct car
                                                                                           int size;
                                                                                       char *name;
                                                                                          int main()
                                                                                    struct car car1;
                                                                               car1.name = "bmw";
                                                                                     car1.size = 10;
                                                                                   struct car car2:
                                                                             car2.name = "ferrari";
                                                                                     car2.size = 20:
                                                       printf(" car1 %d, %s\n",car1.size,car1.name);
                                                       printf(" car2 %d, %s\n",car2.size,car2.name);
                                                                                          return 0;
in this code is struct car does not loading in memory until you make a variable of type struct car car1
          I meen now var store in memory have the name size or name only car1.size and car1.name
        please explain what happen when I init struct and make variable of his type in memory lyout
```

In C, when you define a struct, you are essentially creating a blueprint for a compound data type that encapsulates multiple other data types. This struct definition by itself does not cause any memory allocation. It merely informs the compiler about the new data type and how it should be structured in memory once an instance of it is created.

Here is the breakdown of what happens when you define the struct and then create instances of it:

- struct car Definition: When you define struct car, the compiler understands that any variable of type struct car will have two members: an int named size and a char* named name. It does not allocate memory at this point; it only knows the size that will be required for each instance of struct car.
- 2 Declaration of car1: When you declare struct car car1;, the compiler allocates memory for car1. The amount of memory allocated is enough to store an int (for size) and a char* (for name). These will be contiguous in memory, with car1.size directly followed by car1.name.
- 3 Initialization of car1: When you write car1.name = "bmw"; and car1.size = 10;, you are storing the value 10 in the memory location reserved for car1.size and storing the address of the string literal "bmw" in the memory reserved for car1.name.
- 4 Declaration of car2: Similarly, when struct car car2; is declared, another block of memory is allocated, separate from car1, but of the same size and structure. Again, you have memory for an int and a char*.
- 5 Initialization of car2: The assignments car2.name = "ferrari"; and car2.size = 20; put the value 20 in the memory for car2.size and the address of the string literal "ferrari" in the memory for car2.name.

So in memory, you would have two separate areas allocated for car1 and car2, each with their size and name. Here is a simplified view of how it might look in memory:

The string literals themselves ("bmw" and "ferrari") are typically stored in a different part of the memory that is read-only and is used for constant data. The name members of car1 and car2 are pointers that refer to these locations.

Note that the actual layout in memory may include padding or other compiler-specific optimizations or arrangements, but logically this is how you can envision it.

From ChatGPT, designed with FancyGPT