

ex) `int q;` Initialization of ptr var:-

if we do `q=5`

`int *p;`

`P=&q;`

`int *P=&q;` ✓

`P [?]`

5000

points to
unknown
loc.

`float a,b;`

`int x,*P;`

`P=&a;` X

`int x,*P=&x;` ✓

`int *P=&x,x;` X

Initialization with Null:

`int *P = NULL;`

`int *P = 0;`

Flexible:-

`int x,y,z,*P;`

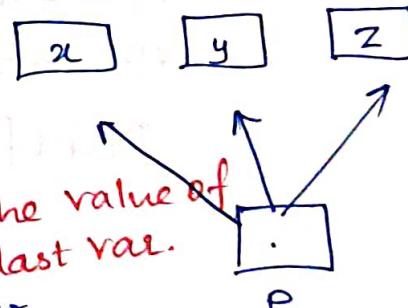
`P=&x;`

`P=&y;`

`P=&z;`

→ always have the value of
last var.
same pointer

points to dif vars



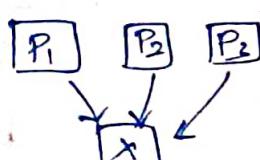
`int x;`

`int *P1=&x;`

`int *P2=&x;`

`int *P3=&x;`

same var pointed by
many pointers.



with the exception of NULL & 0,
no other constant value is assigned to a pointer

variable.

int *p = 5360; X wrong.

main()

```
{  
    int *p;  
    p = NULL;  
    Point(p);  
}
```

NULL pointer

O/p: 0.

Void pointer

Points to variable of any datatype.

main()

```
{  
    int a = 5;  
    double b = 3.14;  
    void *vp;  
    vp = &a;  
    vp = &b; printf("a=%d", *(int *)vp);  
    printf("b=%f", *(double *)vp);  
}
```

* (int *)vp;

* (double *)vp;

O/p:

a=5

b=3.14

Pointer arithmetic

- 1) Assignment of ptrs to the same type of variable.
- 2) Add|sub a pointer and an integer.
- 3) Subtracting | comparing 2 pointers that point to the elements of an array.
- 4) Inc|Dec the pto that point to the elements of an array.
- 5) Assigning the value zero to the ptr & comparing zero with the pointer.

Invalid opns:-

1) Addn of 2 ptrs.

2) multiplication & } of pointers with division }

numbers.

Examples:-

$$y = *p1 * *p2; \quad (*p1) * (*p2)$$

$$\text{sum} = \text{sum} + *p1;$$

$$z = 5 * - *p2 / *p1; \quad (5 * (-(*p2))) / (*p1)$$

$$*p2 = *p2 + 10 \quad \text{blank space}$$

→ or treated as comments.

$p1 + 4 \rightarrow$ add int

$p2 - 2 \rightarrow$ sub int

$p2 - p1 \rightarrow$ pointers to same array,

gives the no. of elements between $p1$ & $p2$

$P1++;$
 $-P2;$
 $\{$
 $\text{sum} += *P2;$
 $\}$ Valid.

Relational ops can be used.

Pointing to same array. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P1 > P2, \\ P1 == P2 \\ P1 != P2. \end{array} \right\} \checkmark$ pointer variable can be compared with zero.

Unrelated variables makes no sense.

Comparisons are used in arrays & strings.

but,

$P1 / P2,$
 $P1 * P2,$
 $P1 / 3,$
 $P1 + P2$

} all illegal.

(ex):

$a = 12;$

$b = 4;$

$\text{int } a, b, *P1, *P2, x, y, z;$

~~$a = 12;$~~ $P1 = &a;$

~~$b = 4;$~~ $P2 = &b;$

$$x = 12 \times 4 - b$$

$$x = 42$$

$x = *P1 * *P2 - 6;$

$y = 4x - *P2 / *P1 + 10;$

$$y = 4 \times 4 / 12$$

$$y = -1 + 10$$

$$y = 9$$

Print a, b $a = 12, b = 4$

Print x, y $x = 42, y = 9$

$*P2 = *P2 + 3;$

$*p1 = *p2 - 5;$
 $z = *p1 * *p2 - 6$

Print a, b $a=2, b=7$
Print z $z=8$

ex2:-

~~main()~~

~~int i=3, *x; & p is float~~

~~float j=1.5, *y;~~

~~char k='c', *z;~~

~~x=&i;~~

~~y=&j;~~

~~z=&k;~~

~~Point x,y,z~~

Incrementing a
ptr, it points to the
immediately next loc
of its type.

65524, 65520, 65519

$x++ \rightarrow x + \text{sizeof}(int)$

~~x++;~~

~~y++;~~

~~z++;~~

~~Point x,y,z.~~

65526, 65524, 65520

Property of a pointer

ex3)

~~main()~~

~~int arr[] = {10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 67, 56, 74};~~

~~int i=4, *j, *k, *p, *q;~~

~~j=&i;~~

~~j=j+q;~~

~~k=&i;~~

K = K - 3;

x = & arr[1];

y = & arr[5];

printf ("%d", y - x);

j = & arr[4];

K = (arr + 4);

if (j == K)

Pointers 2 pointers point to the
same loc.

else

The 2 pointers point to different
addrs. to diff. locations.

of course ultimate answer

Arrays & pointers:-

Arrays - stored in contiguous memory
locations.

Pointer when incremented always
point to the next loc. of its type.

main()

{ int num[] = {24, 34, 12, 44, 56, 17}; }

int i, *ptr;

ptr = &num[0]; | ptr = num;

for (i=0; i<=5; i++)

{ printf ("%u %d", *ptr, *(ptr+i));
ptr++;
}