

Initialization of ptr var:-

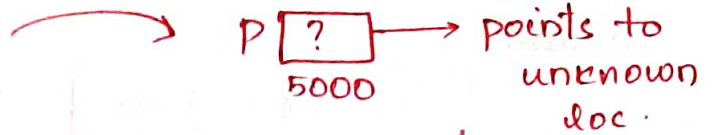
ex) int q;

q=5

int *p;

p = &q;

int *p = &q; ✓



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;

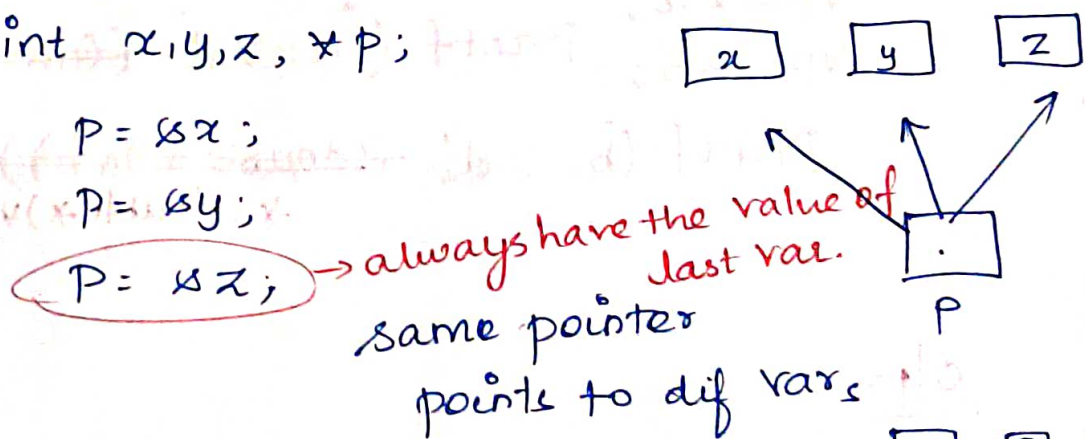
Flexible:-

int x, y, z, *p;

p = &x;

p = &y;

p = &z;

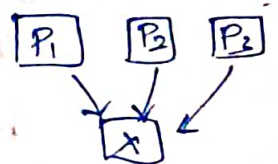


int x;

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.
Null pointer

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main()
{
    int *p;
    p = NULL;
    printf("p: %d", *p);
}
```

O/p: 0.

Void pointer

Points to variable of any datatype.

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main()
{
    int a = 5;
    double b = 3.14;
    void *vp;
    vp = &a;
    vp = &b;
    printf("a = %d", ((int *)vp) * (int *)vp);
    printf("b = %f", ((double *)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 ptrs that point to the elements of an array.
- 5) Assigning the value zero to the ptr & comparing zero with the pointer.

Invalid ops:-

- 1) Addn of 2 ptrs.
- 2) multiplication & division } of pointers with numbers.

Examples:-

$y = *p1 * *p2;$ $(*p1) * (*p2)$
 $sum = sum + *p1;$
 $z = 5 * - *p2 / *p1;$ $(5 * (-(*p2))) / (*p1)$
 $*p2 = *p2 + 10$ blank space

→ or treated as comments.

$p1 + 4$ → add int

$p2 - 2$ → sub int

$p2 - p1$ → pointers to same array, gives the no. of elements between $p1$ & $p2$


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P1++;
-P2;
Sum += *P2;

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} Valid.

Relational ops can be used.

Pointing to same array. {

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P1 > P2,
P1 == P2
P1 != P2.

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} ✓

pointer variable
can be compared
with zero.

Unrelated variables makes no sense.

Comparisons are used in arrays & strings.

but,

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

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} all illegal.

ex1):

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a = 12;
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b = 4;
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int a, b, *p1, *p2, x, y, z;
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int p1 = &a;
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p2 = &b;
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x = *p1 * *p2 - 6;
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y = 4x - *p2 / *p1 + 10;
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Print a, b
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Print x, y
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*p2 = *p2 + 3;
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$x = 12 \times 4 - 6$

$x = 42$

$y = 4x - 4/12$

$y = -1 + 10$

$y = 9$

$a = 12, b = 4$

$x = 42, y = 9$

*p1 = *p2 - 5;

z = *p1 * *p2 - 6

Print a, b

a = 2, b = 7

Print z

z = 8

ex2):-

main()

{ int i = 3, *x;

float j = 1.5, *y;

char k = 'c', *z;

x = &i;

y = &j;

z = &k;

Print x, y, z

x++;

y++

z++;

Print x, y, z.

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

65524, 65520, 65519

$x++ \rightarrow x + \text{sizeof(int)} * 1$

65526, 65524, 65520

ex3)

main()

{

int arr[] = {10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 56, 74};

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

j = &i;

j = j + 9;

k = &i;

K = K - 3;

x = &arr[1];

y = &arr[5];

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

j = &arr[4];

K = (arr + 4);

if (j == K)

printf "2 pointers point to the same loc."

else

The 2 pointers point to different locations.

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);
ptr++;
}