Parameters (on stack)

(by value, by reference, by reference out)

(local variables)

Memory space is allocated for an integer (32 bits) variable ('age') on the stack.

0xBE8A0D40

0x00000000

(age)

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```
static void Main(string[] args)
{
   int age;
}
```

(local variables)

```
0x0a = 10
(decimal). Intel uses
'little-endian': least
significant byte
first (at front).
```

0xBE8A0D40

Heap (objects & arrays)

```
0x0a000000
                             (age)
static void Main(string[] args)
    int age;
    age = 10;
```

(local variables)

A double is 64 bits, twice as 'big' as an integer variable.

0xBE8A0D44 0x00000000

0xBE8A0D40 0x00000000 (age)

```
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```

```
static void Main(string[] args)
{
  int age;
  double length;
}
```

(local variables)

The value of a double is not so easy to recognize...

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```
static void Main(string[] args)
{
   int age;
   double length;

   age = 10;
   length = 1.48;
}
```

(local variables)

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(objects & arrays)

```
0xBE8A0D40 0x0a000000 (age)
```

Now we'll take a look what happens with a 'by value'-parameter of a method.

(local variables)

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0xBE8A0D40 0x0a000000 (age)

```
static void Main(string[] args)
{
    int age = 10;
    CelebrateBirthday(age);
    Console.WriteLine("age = {0}", age);
}
static void CelebrateBirthday(int a)
{
    a = a + 1;
}
```

(local variables)

Heap (objects & arrays)

For each parameter (of a method) memory space is allocated on the stack.

The parameter is 'passed by value'; that's why the value (10) appears on the stack.

```
static void Main(string[] args)
{
   int age = 10;
   CelebrateBirthday(age);
   Console.WriteLine("age = {0}", age);
}

static void CelebrateBirthday(int a)
{
   a = a + 1;
}
```

(local variables)

```
The value <u>on the</u> <u>stack</u> is increased (to 11).
```

```
0xBE8A0D44 0x0b000000 (a)
0xBE8A0D40 0x0a000000 (age)
```

Heap (objects & arrays)

```
static void Main(string[] args)
{
   int age = 10;
   CelebrateBirthday(age);
   Console.WriteLine("age = {0}", age);
}
static void CelebrateBirthday(int a)
{
   a = a + 1;
}
```

(local variables)

The parameter is removed from stack when the method is done.

```
static void Main(string[] args)
{
   int age = 10;
   CelebrateBirthday(age);
   Console.WriteLine("age = {0}", age);
}
static void CelebrateBirthday(int a)
{
   a = a + 1;
}
```

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```
■ file:///... - □ ×
age is 10
```

(local variables)

Heap

(objects & arrays)

```
0xBE8A0D40 0x0a000000 (age)
```

Now we'll take a look what happens with a 'by reference'-parameter of a method.

(local variables)

Heap (objects & arrays)

0xBE8A0D40 0x0a000000 (age)

```
static void Main(string[] args)
{
    int age = 10;
    CelebrateBirthday(ref age);
    Console.WriteLine("age = {0}", age);
}
static void CelebrateBirthday(ref int a)
{
    a = a + 1;
}
```

(local variables)

The parameter is 'passed by reference'; that's why the address of the variable 'age' appears on the stack.

```
static void Main(string[] args)
{
   int age = 10;
   CelebrateBirthday(ref age);
   Console.WriteLine("age = {0}", age);
}

static void CelebrateBirthday(ref int a)
{
   a = a + 1;
}
```

Heap

(local variables)

The value of the variable age is increased (to 11) via its address.

```
0xBE8A0D40
                           (a)
0xBE8A0D44
             0x0b000000
                           (age)
0xBE8A0D40
```

```
Heap
(objects & arrays)
```

```
static void Main(string[] args)
   int age = 10;
   CelebrateBirthday(ref age);
   Console.WriteLine("age = {0}", age);
static void CelebrateBirthday(ref int a)
   a = a + 1;
```

(local variables)

0xBE8A0D40 0x0b000000 (age)

```
static void Main(string[] args)
{
   int age = 10;
   CelebrateBirthday(ref age);
   Console.WriteLine("age = {0}", age);
}
static void CelebrateBirthday(ref int a)
{
   a = a + 1;
}
```

Heap

```
■ file:///... — □ ×
age is 11 ^
```

(local variables)

Heap

(objects & arrays)

```
0xBE8A0D40 0x00000000 (age)
```

Now we'll take a look what happens with a 'by reference out' - parameter of a method.

(local variables)

Heap (objects & arrays)

0xBE8A0D40 0x00000000 (age)

```
static void Main(string[] args)
{
   int age;
   SetAge(out age);
   Console.WriteLine("age = {0}", age);
}
static void SetAge(out int a)
{
   a = 28;
}
```

(local variables)

The parameter is 'passed by reference out'; that's why the <u>address</u> of the variable 'age' appears on the stack.

```
(a)
0xBE8A0D44
             0xBE8A0D40
0xBE8A0D40 -
             0x00000000
                           (age)
```

```
Heap
```

```
static void Main(string[] args)
   int age;
   SetAge(out age);
   Console.WriteLine("age = {0}", age);
static void SetAge(out int a)
   a = 28;
```

(local variables)

The value of the <u>variable</u> age is set (to 28) via its address.

```
0xBE8A0D40
                           (a)
0xBE8A0D44
             0x1c000000
                           (age)
0xBE8A0D40
```

Heap (objects & arrays)

```
static void Main(string[] args)
   int age;
   SetAge(out age);
   Console.WriteLine("age = {0}", age);
static void SetAge(out int a)
   a = 28;
```

(local variables)

0xBE8A0D40 0x1c000000 (age)

```
static void Main(string[] args)
{
    int age;
    SetAge(out age);
    Console.WriteLine("age = {0}", age);
}
static void SetAge(out int a)
{
    a = 28;
}
```

Heap

```
■ file:///... — □ X
age is 28
```