

Multilevel Pointers



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Pointers - Multilevel



- A pointer, pointing to another pointer which can be pointing to others pointers and so on is known as multilevel pointers.
- We can have any level of pointers.
- As the depth of the level increases we have to be careful while dealing with it.

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001_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    → int num = 10;
      int *ptr1 = &num;
      int **ptr2 = &ptr1;
      int ***ptr3 = &ptr2;

      printf("%d", ptr3);
      printf("%d", *ptr3);
      printf("%d", **ptr3);
      printf("%d", ***ptr3);

      return 0;
}
```

| | |
|------|-----|
| | num |
| 1000 | 10 |

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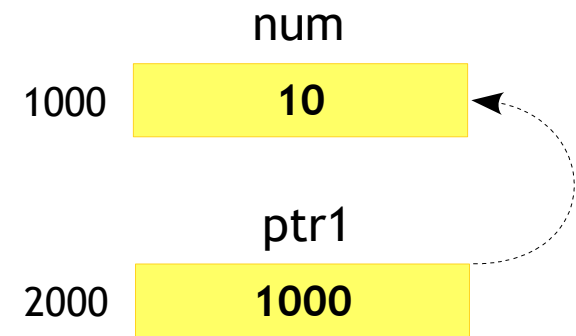
001_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int num = 10;
    → int *ptr1 = &num;
    int **ptr2 = &ptr1;
    int ***ptr3 = &ptr2;

    printf("%d", ptr3);
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    return 0;
}
```



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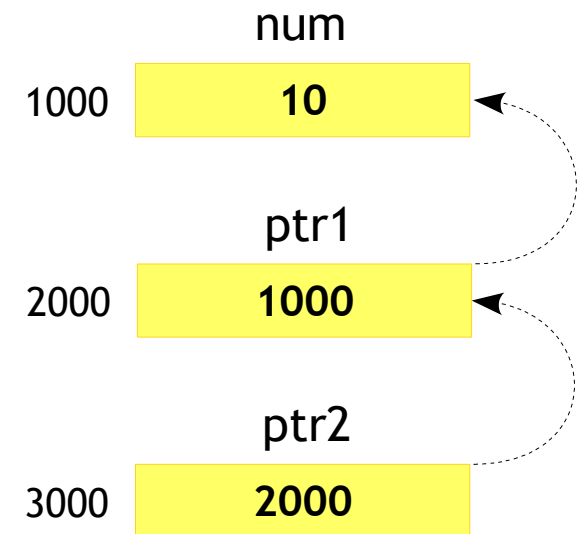
001_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int num = 10;
    int *ptr1 = &num;
    → int **ptr2 = &ptr1;
    int ***ptr3 = &ptr2;

    printf("%d", ptr3);
    printf("%d", *ptr3);
    printf("%d", **ptr3);
    printf("%d", ***ptr3);

    return 0;
}
```



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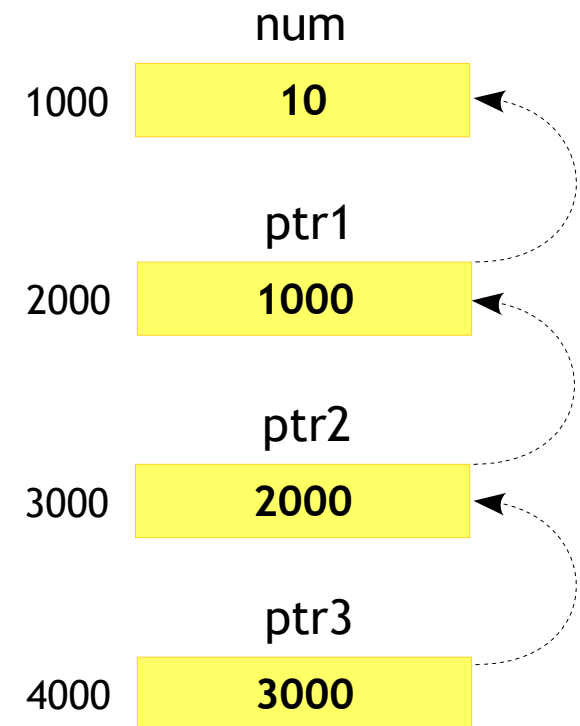
001_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int num = 10;
    int *ptr1 = &num;
    int **ptr2 = &ptr1;
    → int ***ptr3 = &ptr2;

    printf("%d", ptr3);
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```



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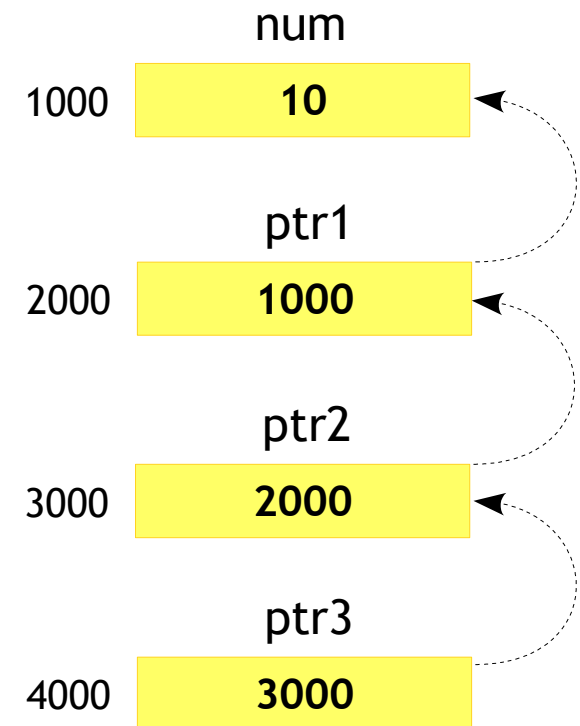
001_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int num = 10;
    int *ptr1 = &num;
    int **ptr2 = &ptr1;
    int ***ptr3 = &ptr2;

    → printf("%d", ptr3);
    printf("%d", *ptr3);
    printf("%d", **ptr3);
    printf("%d", ***ptr3);

    return 0;
}
```



Output → 3000

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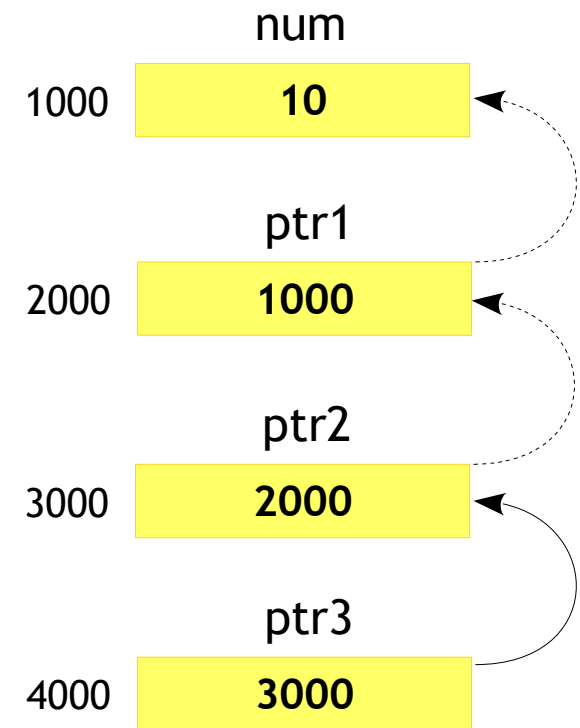
001_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int num = 10;
    int *ptr1 = &num;
    int **ptr2 = &ptr1;
    int ***ptr3 = &ptr2;

    printf("%d", ptr3);
    → printf("%d", *ptr3);
    printf("%d", **ptr3);
    printf("%d", ***ptr3);

    return 0;
}
```



Output → 2000

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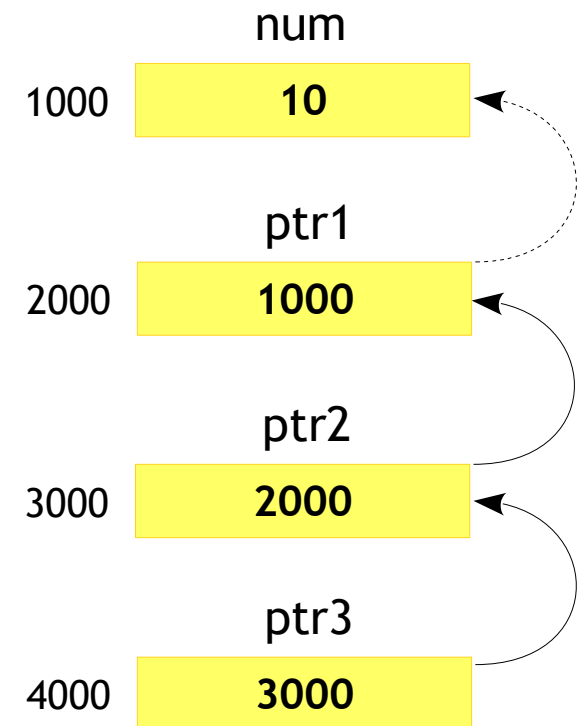
001_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int num = 10;
    int *ptr1 = &num;
    int **ptr2 = &ptr1;
    int ***ptr3 = &ptr2;

    printf("%d", ptr3);
    printf("%d", *ptr3);
    → printf("%d", **ptr3);
    printf("%d", ***ptr3);

    return 0;
}
```



Output → 1000

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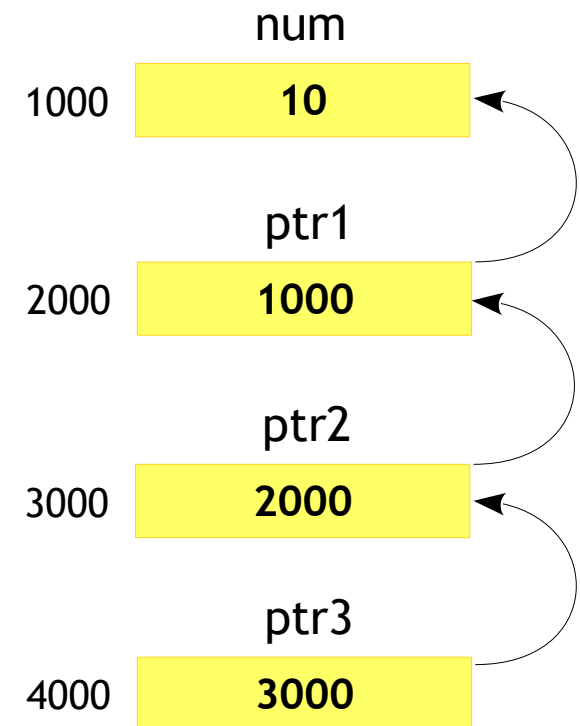
001_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int num = 10;
    int *ptr1 = &num;
    int **ptr2 = &ptr1;
    int ***ptr3 = &ptr2;

    printf("%d", ptr3);
    printf("%d", *ptr3);
    printf("%d", **ptr3);
    → printf("%d", ***ptr3);

    return 0;
}
```



Output → 10

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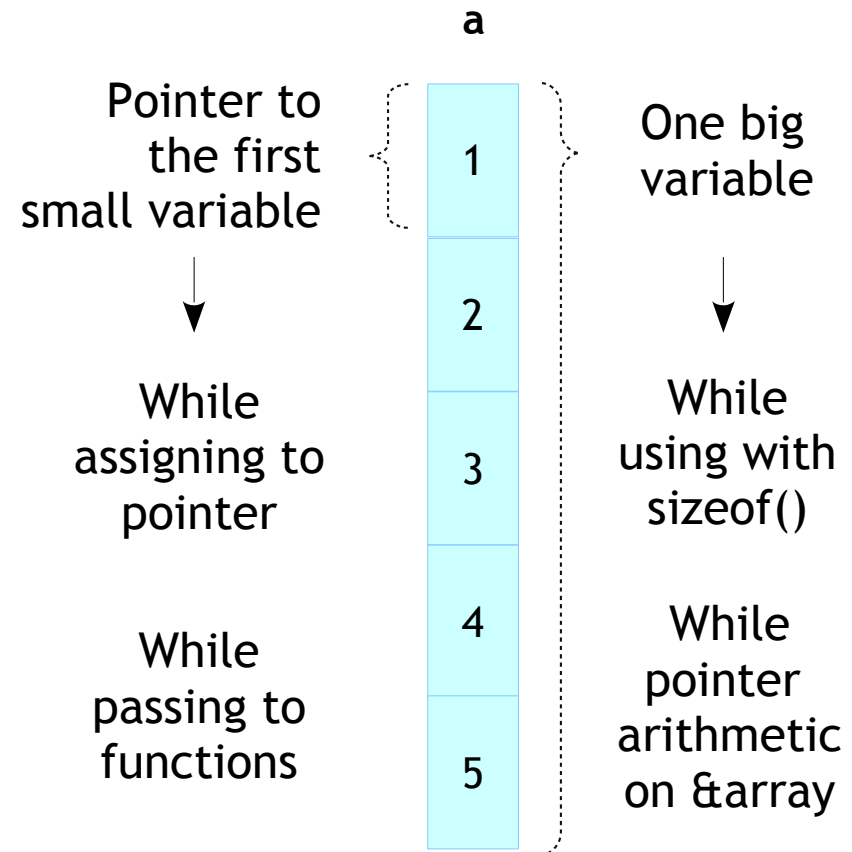
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Example

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    → int a[5] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};

    return 0;
}
```



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Arrays - Interpretations

002_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int a[5] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};

    ➔ printf("%p\n", a);
    printf("%p\n", &a[0]);
    printf("%p\n", &a);

    return 0;
}
```

| a | |
|------|---|
| 1000 | 1 |
| 1004 | 2 |
| 1008 | 3 |
| 1012 | 4 |
| 1016 | 5 |

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002_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int a[5] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};

    printf("%p\n", a);
    ➔ printf("%p\n", &a[0]);
    printf("%p\n", &a);

    return 0;
}
```

| a | |
|------|---|
| 1000 | 1 |
| 1004 | 2 |
| 1008 | 3 |
| 1012 | 4 |
| 1016 | 5 |

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002_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int a[5] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};

    printf("%p\n", a);
    printf("%p\n", &a[0]);
    ➔ printf("%p\n", &a);

    return 0;
}
```

| a | |
|------|---|
| 1000 | 1 |
| 1004 | 2 |
| 1008 | 3 |
| 1012 | 4 |
| 1016 | 5 |

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Arrays - Interpretations

003_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    ➔ int a[5] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};

    printf("%p\n", a + 1);
    printf("%p\n", &a[0] + 1);
    printf("%p\n", &a + 1);

    return 0;
}
```

| a | |
|------|---|
| 1000 | 1 |
| 1004 | 2 |
| 1008 | 3 |
| 1012 | 4 |
| 1016 | 5 |

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003_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int a[5] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};

    ➔ printf("%p\n", a + 1);
    printf("%p\n", &a[0] + 1);
    printf("%p\n", &a + 1);

    return 0;
}
```

| | a |
|------|---|
| 1000 | 1 |
| 1004 | 2 |
| 1008 | 3 |
| 1012 | 4 |
| 1016 | 5 |

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003_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int a[5] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};

    printf("%p\n", a + 1);
    ➔ printf("%p\n", &a[0] + 1);
    printf("%p\n", &a + 1);

    return 0;
}
```

| a | |
|------|---|
| 1000 | 1 |
| 1004 | 2 |
| 1008 | 3 |
| 1012 | 4 |
| 1016 | 5 |

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Arrays - Interpretations

003_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int a[5] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};

    printf("%p\n", a + 1);
    printf("%p\n", &a[0] + 1);
    → printf("%p\n", &a + 1);

    return 0;
}
```

| a | |
|-------------------|---|
| 1000 | 1 |
| 1004 | 2 |
| 1008 | 3 |
| 1012 | 4 |
| 1016 | 5 |
| 1020 ⋮ 1036 | ? |

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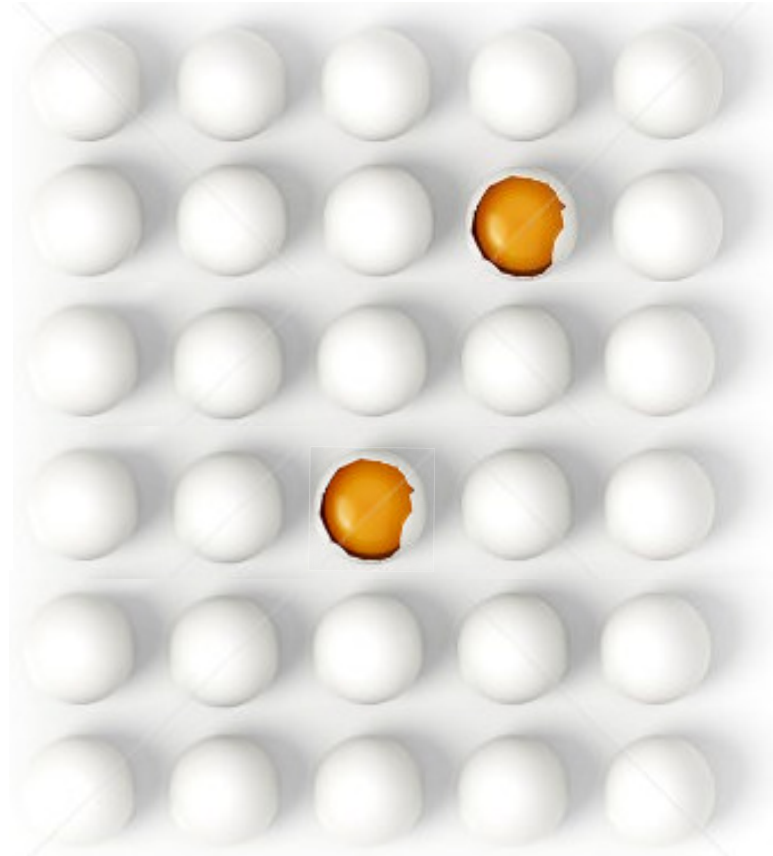
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- So in summary, if we try to print the address of `a[]`
 - `a` - prints the value of the constant pointer
 - `&a[0]` - prints the address of the first element pointed by `a`
 - `&a` - prints the address of the whole array which pointed by `a`
- Hence all the lines will print **1000** as output
- These concepts plays a very important role in multi dimension arrays

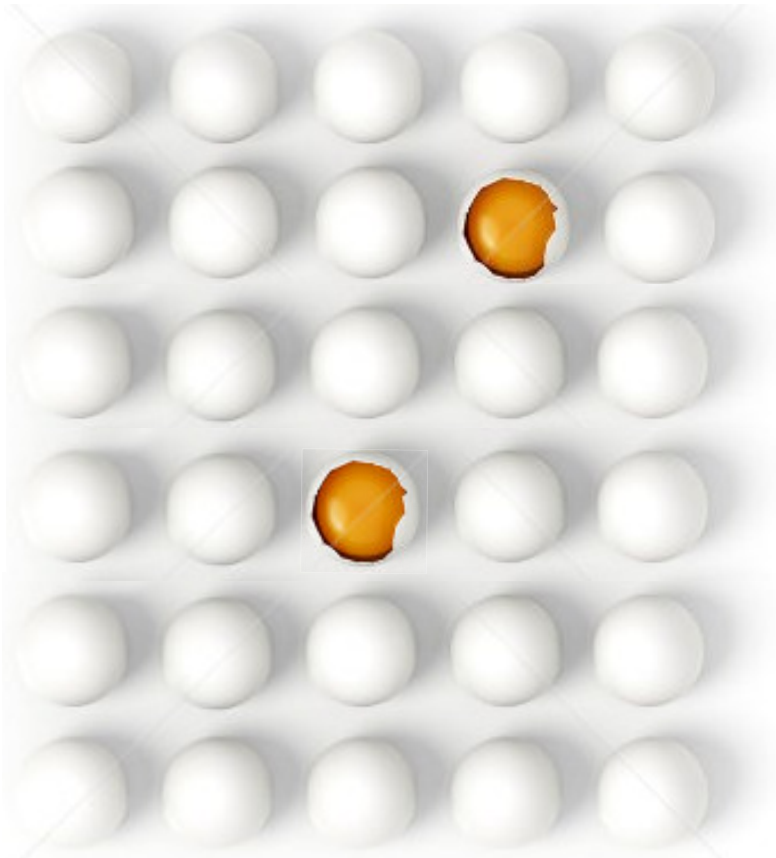
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Arrays - 2D



- Find the broken eggs!

































- Hmm, how should I proceed with count??

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Arrays - 2D






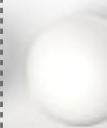


























| | C1 | C2 | C3 | C4 | C5 |
|----|---|---|---|---|---|
| R1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| R2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| R3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| R4 |  |  |  |  |  |
| R5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| R6 |  |  |  |  |  |

- Now is it better to tell which one broken??

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Arrays - 2D



| | C1 | C2 | C3 | C4 | C5 |
|----|---|---|---|---|---|
| R1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| R2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| R3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| R4 |  |  |  |  |  |
| R5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| R6 |  |  |  |  |  |

- So in matrix method it becomes bit easy to locate items
- In other terms we can reference the location with easy indexing
- In this case we can say the broken eggs are at
R2-C4 and R4-C3
or
C4-R2 and C3-R4

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- The matrix in computer memory is a bit tricky!!
- Why?. Since its a sequence of memory
- So pragmatically, it is a concept of dimensions is generally referred
- The next slide illustrates the expectation and the reality of the memory layout of the data in a system

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Arrays - 2D



Concept Illustration

| | C0 | C1 | C2 | C3 |
|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| R0 | 123 | 9 | 234 | 39 |
| R1 | 23 | 155 | 33 | 2 |
| R2 | 100 | 88 | 8 | 111 |
| R3 | 201 | 101 | 187 | 22 |

System Memory

| | |
|------|-----|
| 1001 | 123 |
| 1002 | 9 |
| 1003 | 234 |
| 1004 | 39 |
| 1005 | 23 |
| 1006 | 155 |
| 1007 | 33 |
| 1008 | 2 |
| 1009 | 100 |
| 1010 | 88 |
| 1011 | 8 |
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| 1013 | 201 |
| 1014 | 101 |
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Syntax

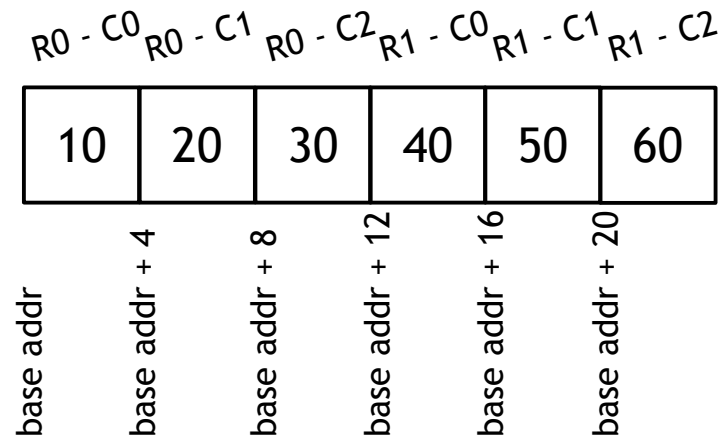
```
data_type name[ROW][COL];
```

Where ROW * COL represents number of elements

Memory occupied by array = (number of elements * size of an element)
= (ROW * COL * <size of data_type>)

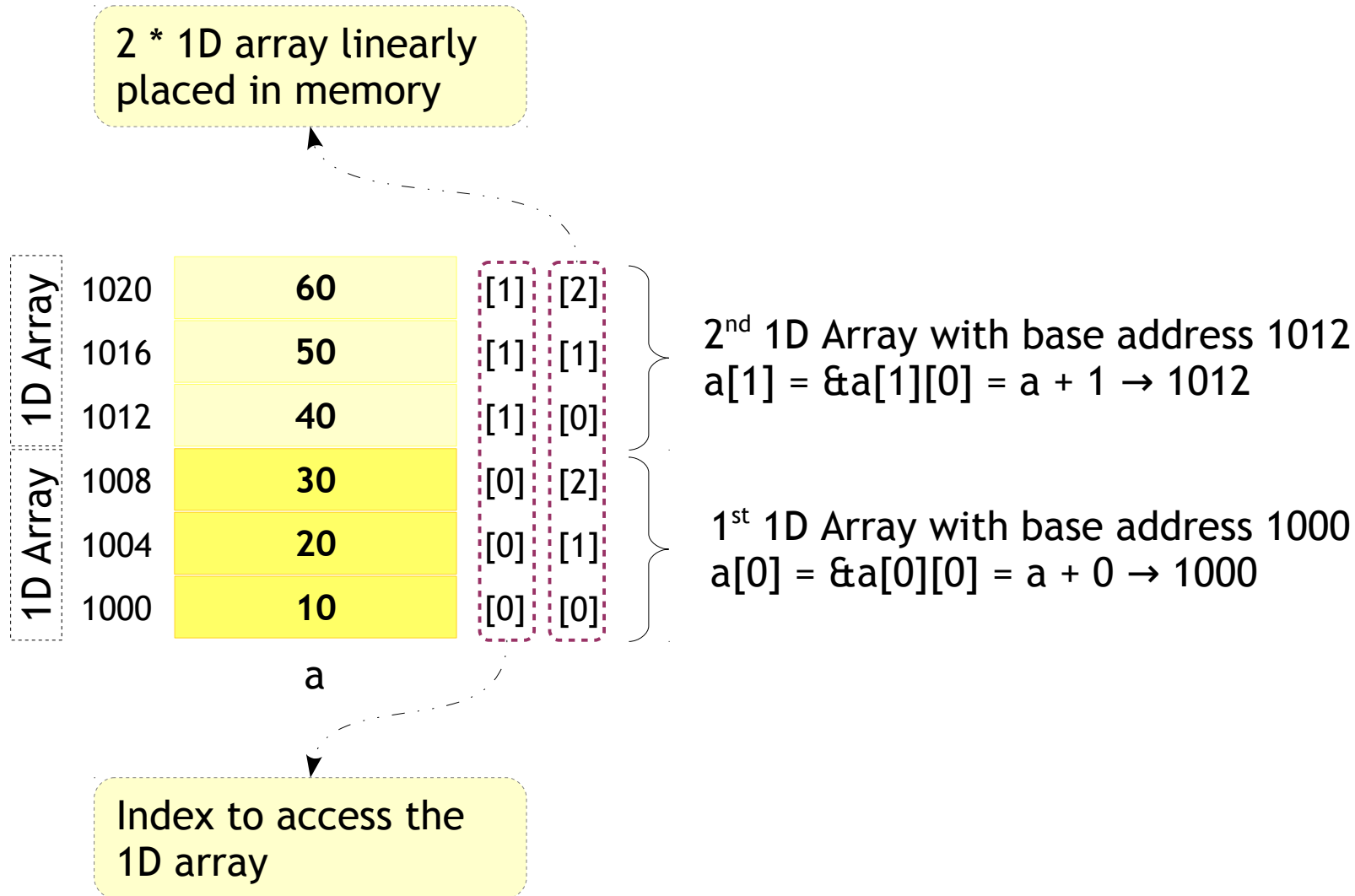
Example

```
int a[2][3] = {{10, 20, 30}, {40, 50, 60}};
```



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Arrays - 2D - Referencing



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Arrays - 2D - Dereferencing



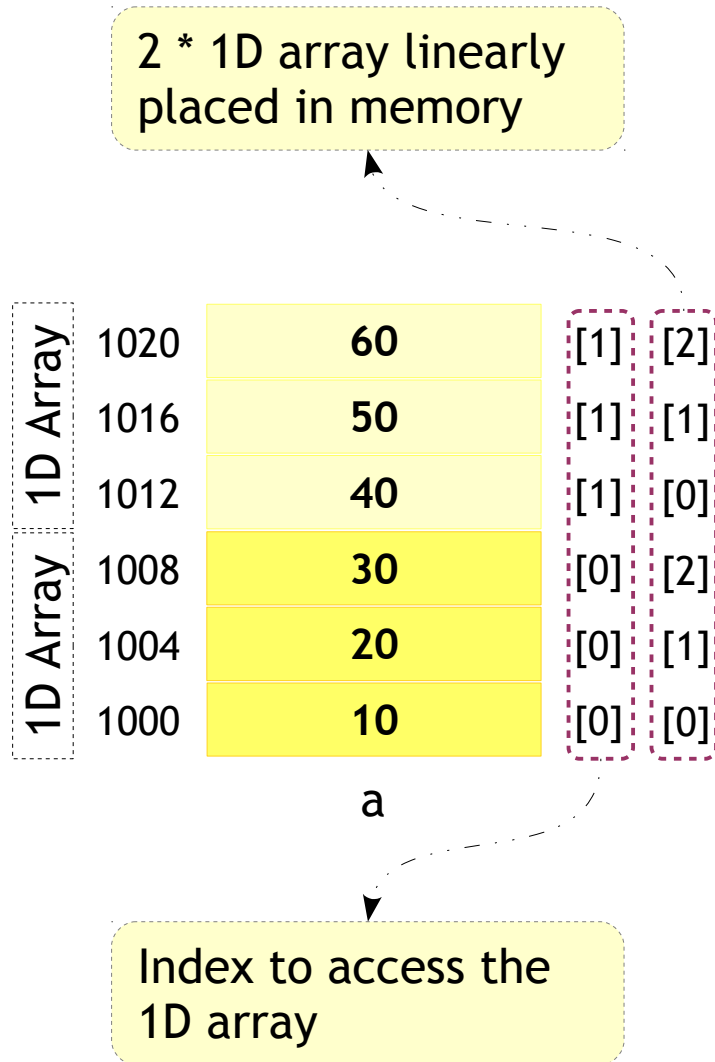
Core Principle

- Dereferencing n^{th} - dimensional array will return $(n - 1)^{\text{th}}$ -dimensional array
 - Example : dereferencing 2D array will return 1D array
- Dereferencing 1D array will return 'data element'
 - Example : Dereferencing 1D integer array will return integer

| Array | Dimension |
|---------------------|-----------|
| <code>&a</code> | $n + 1$ |
| <code>a</code> | n |
| <code>*a</code> | $n - 1$ |

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Arrays - 2D - Dereferencing



Example 1: Say `a[0][1]` is to be accessed, then decomposition happens like,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a}[0][1] &= \\ &= *(a[0] + (1 * \text{sizeof}(\text{type}))) \\ &= (*(a + (0 * \text{sizeof}(\text{1D array}))) + (1 * \text{sizeof}(\text{type}))) \\ &= (*(a + (0 * 12)) + (1 * 4)) \\ &= (*(a + 0) + 4) \\ &= (*a + 0 + 4) \\ &= (*a + 4) \\ &= *(1000 + 4) \\ &= *(1004) \\ &= 20 \end{aligned}$$

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Arrays - 2D - Dereferencing



2 * 1D array linearly placed in memory

| | | | | |
|----------|------|----|-----|-----|
| 1D Array | 1020 | 60 | [1] | [2] |
| | 1016 | 50 | [1] | [1] |
| | 1012 | 40 | [1] | [0] |
| 1D Array | 1008 | 30 | [0] | [2] |
| | 1004 | 20 | [0] | [1] |
| | 1000 | 10 | [0] | [0] |

a

Index to access the 1D array

Example 1: Say `a[1][1]` is to be accessed, then decomposition happens like,

```
a[1][1] =  
= *(a[1] + (1 * sizeof(type)))  
= (*(a + (1 * sizeof(1D array))) + (1 * sizeof(type)))  
= (*(a + (1 * 12)) + (1 * 4))  
= (*(a + 12) + 4)  
= (*(a + 12) + 4)  
= (*(a + 12) + 4)  
= (*(a + 12) + 4)  
= *(1000 + 16)  
= *(1016)  
= 50
```

Address of `a[r][c]` = `value(a) + r * sizeof(1D array) + c * sizeof(type)`

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Arrays - 2D - DIY



- WAP to find the MIN and MAX of a 2D array

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Pointers - Array of pointers

Syntax

```
datatype *ptr_name[SIZE]
```

004_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    int a = 10;
```

```
    → int b = 20;
```

```
    int c = 30;
```

```
    int *ptr[3];
```

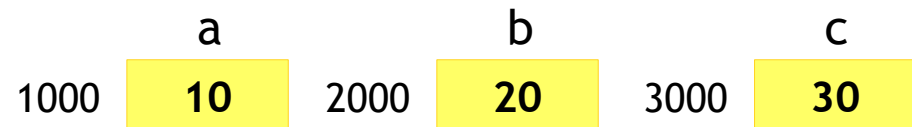
```
    ptr[0] = &a;
```

```
    ptr[1] = &b;
```

```
    ptr[2] = &c;
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```



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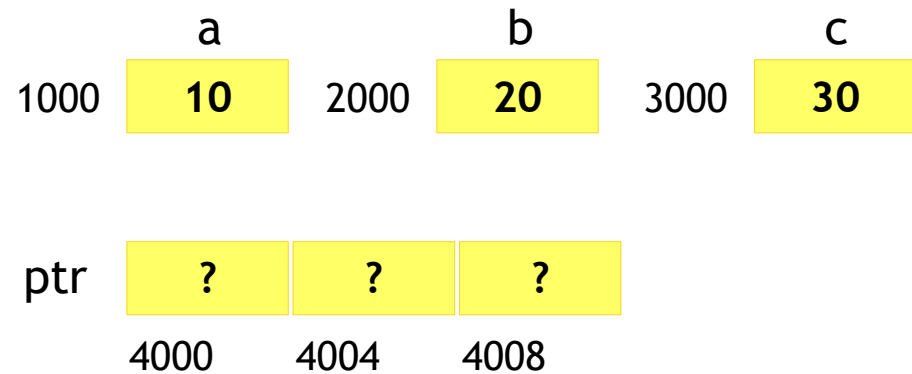
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    return 0;
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```
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```

```
    int *ptr[3];
```

```
→
```

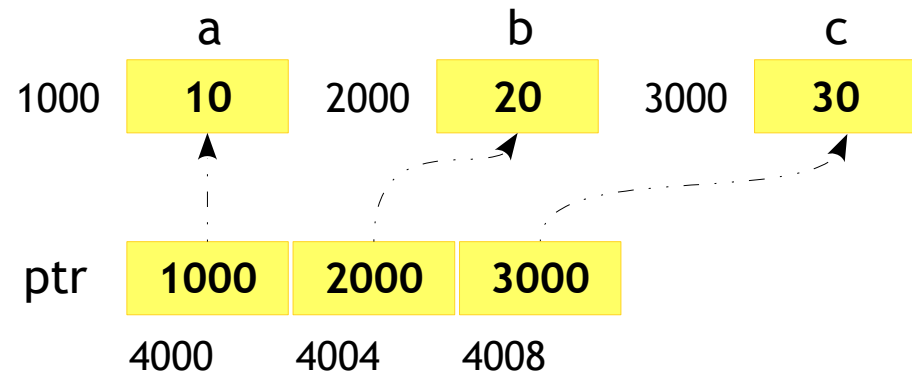
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```

```
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```

```
    ptr[2] = &c;
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```



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Pointers - Array of pointers

Syntax

```
datatype *ptr_name[SIZE]
```

005_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    → int a[2] = {10, 20};
      int b[2] = {30, 40};
      int c[2] = {50, 60};

    int *ptr[3];

    ptr[0] = a;
    ptr[1] = b;
    ptr[2] = c;

    return 0;
}
```

| | | | | | | | | |
|------|----|---|------|----|---|------|----|---|
| 1004 | 20 | | 2004 | 40 | | 3004 | 60 | |
| 1000 | 10 | a | 2000 | 30 | b | 3000 | 50 | c |

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Syntax

```
datatype *ptr_name[SIZE]
```

005_example.c

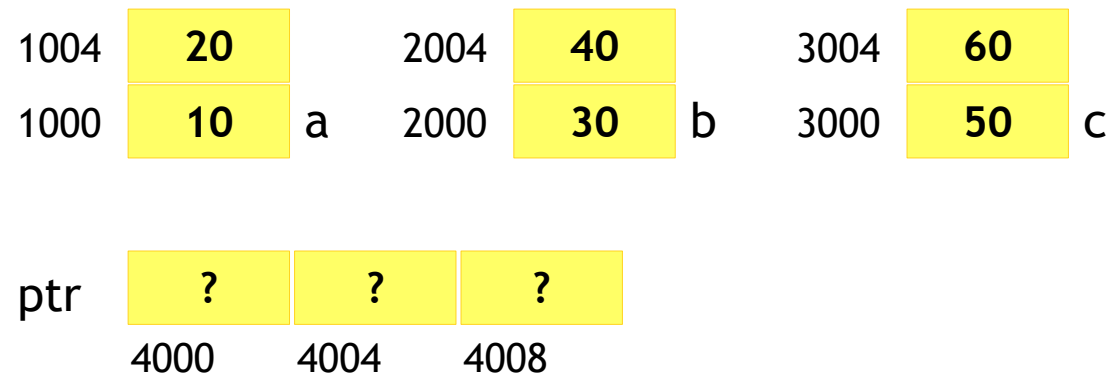
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}
```



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Syntax

```
datatype *ptr_name[SIZE]
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005_example.c

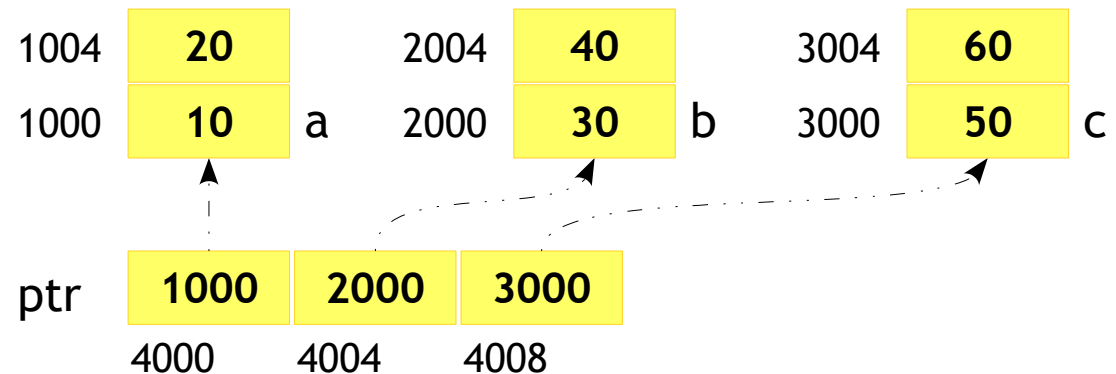
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int main()
{
    int a[2] = {10, 20};
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    int c[2] = {50, 60};

    int *ptr[3];

    ptr[0] = a;
    ptr[1] = b;
    ptr[2] = c;

    return 0;
}
```



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Pointers - Array of pointers

006_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

void print_array(int **p)
{
    int i;

    for (i = 0; i < 3; i++)
    {
        printf("%d ", *p[i]);
        printf("at %p\n", p[i]);
    }
}

int main()
{
    int a = 10;
    → int b = 20;
    int c = 30;
    int *ptr[3] = {&a, &b, &c};

    print_array(ptr);

    return 0;
}
```

a 10
 1000

b 20
 2000

c 30
 3000

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006_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

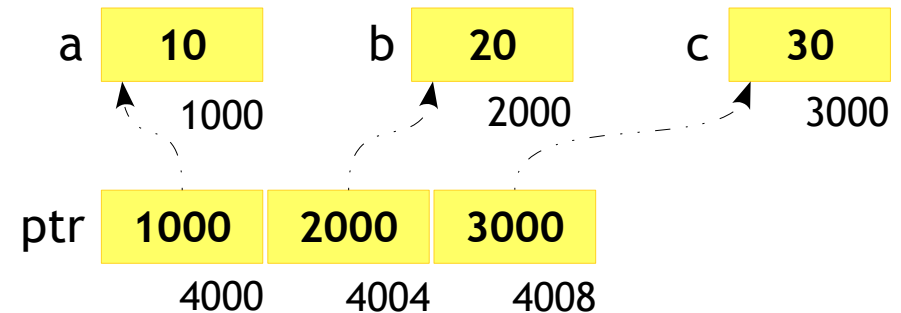
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{
    int i;

    for (i = 0; i < 3; i++)
    {
        printf("%d ", *p[i]);
        printf("at %p\n", p[i]);
    }
}

int main()
{
    int a = 10;
    int b = 20;
    int c = 30;
    → int *ptr[3] = {&a, &b, &c};

    print_array(ptr);

    return 0;
}
```



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006_example.c

```
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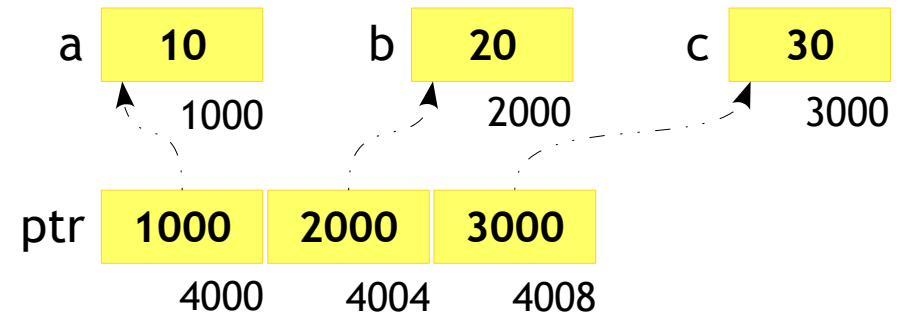
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}

int main()
{
    int a = 10;
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    int c = 30;
    int *ptr[3] = {&a, &b, &c};

    → print_array(ptr);

    return 0;
}
```



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006_example.c

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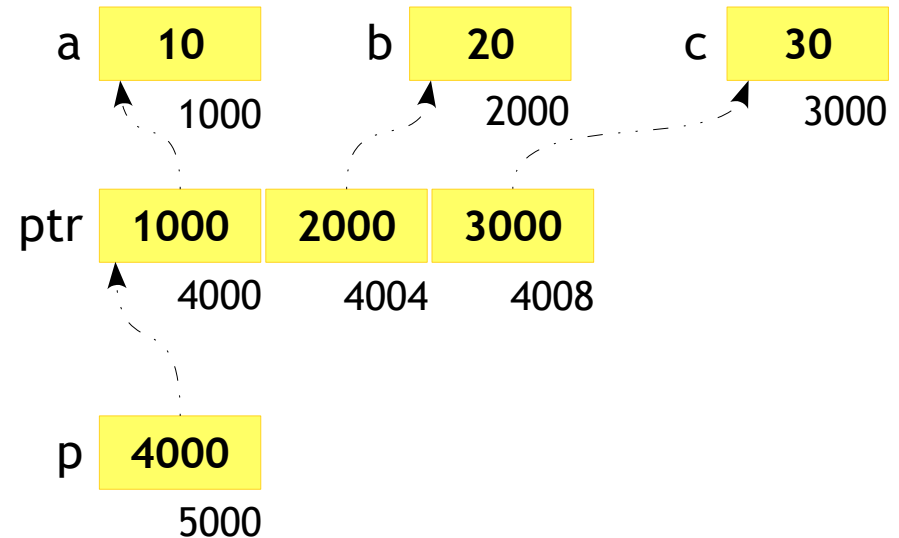
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    }
}

int main()
{
    int a = 10;
    int b = 20;
    int c = 30;
    int *ptr[3] = {&a, &b, &c};

    print_array(ptr);

    return 0;
}
```



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Pointers - Array of strings

007_example.c

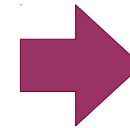
```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    → char s[3][8] = {
        "Array",
        "of",
        "Strings"
    }

    printf("%s %s %s\n", s[0], s[1], s[2]);

    return 0;
}
```

| | S |
|------|------|
| 1000 | 'A' |
| 1001 | 'r' |
| 1002 | 'r' |
| 1003 | 'a' |
| 1004 | 'y' |
| 1005 | '\0' |
| 1006 | ? |
| 1007 | ? |
| 1008 | 'o' |
| 1009 | 'f' |
| 1010 | '\0' |
| 1011 | ? |
| 1012 | ? |
| 1013 | ? |
| 1014 | ? |
| 1015 | ? |
| 1016 | 'S' |
| 1017 | 't' |
| 1018 | 'r' |
| 1019 | 'i' |
| 1020 | 'n' |
| 1021 | 'g' |
| 1022 | 's' |
| 1023 | '\0' |



| | S |
|------|------|
| 1000 | 0x41 |
| 1001 | 0x72 |
| 1002 | 0x72 |
| 1003 | 0x61 |
| 1004 | 0x79 |
| 1005 | 0x00 |
| 1006 | ? |
| 1007 | ? |
| 1008 | 0x6F |
| 1009 | 0x66 |
| 1010 | 0x00 |
| 1011 | ? |
| 1012 | ? |
| 1013 | ? |
| 1014 | ? |
| 1015 | ? |
| 1016 | 0x53 |
| 1017 | 0x74 |
| 1018 | 0x72 |
| 1019 | 0x69 |
| 1020 | 0x6E |
| 1021 | 0x67 |
| 1022 | 0x73 |
| 1023 | 0x00 |

Advanced C

Pointers - Array of strings

008_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    → char *s[3];

    s[0] = "Array";
    s[1] = "of";
    s[2] = "Strings";

    printf("%s %s %s\n", s[0], s[1], s[2]);

    return 0;
}
```

| | 4000 | 4001 | 4002 |
|---|------|------|------|
| s | ? | ? | ? |

Advanced C

Pointers - Array of strings

008_example.c

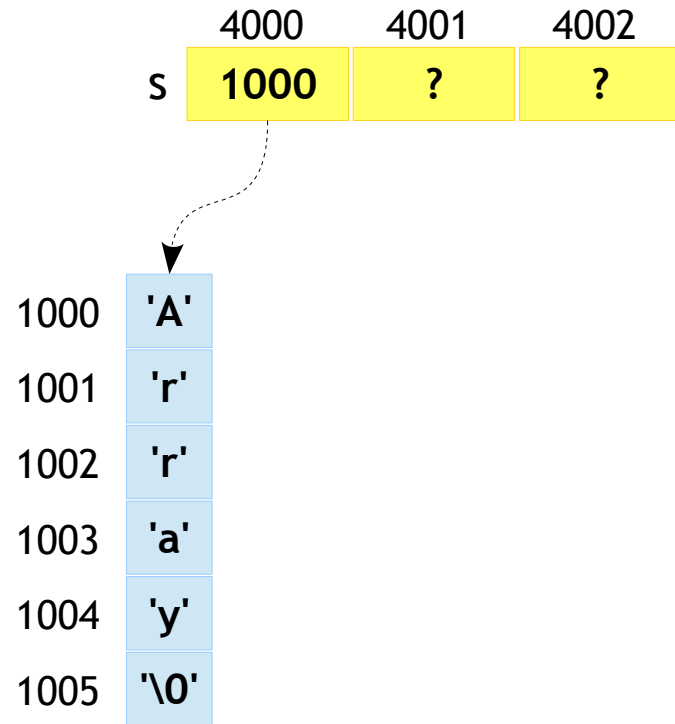
```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    char *s[3];

    s[0] = "Array";
    s[1] = "of";
    s[2] = "Strings";

    printf("%s %s %s\n", s[0], s[1], s[2]);

    return 0;
}
```



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Pointers - Array of strings

008_example.c

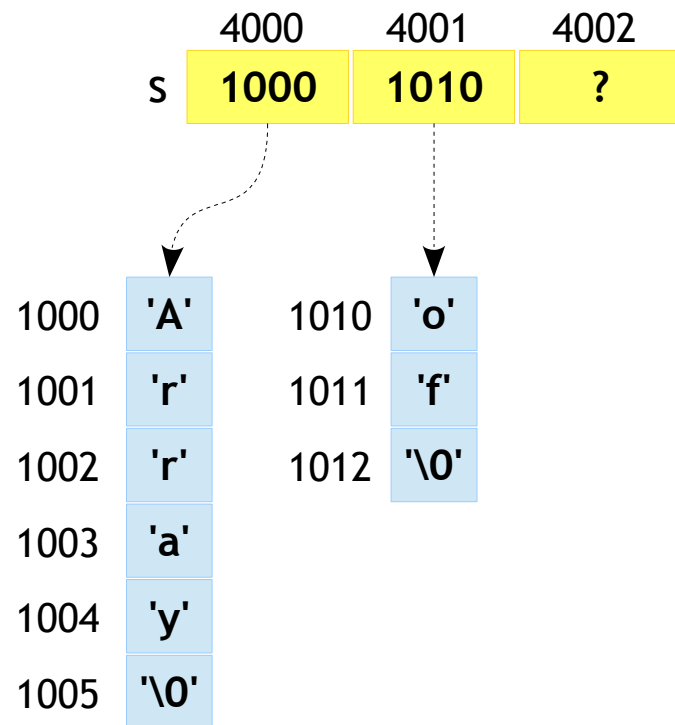
```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    char *s[3];

    s[0] = "Array";
    s[1] = "of";
    s[2] = "Strings";

    printf("%s %s %s\n", s[0], s[1], s[2]);

    return 0;
}
```



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Pointers - Array of strings

008_example.c

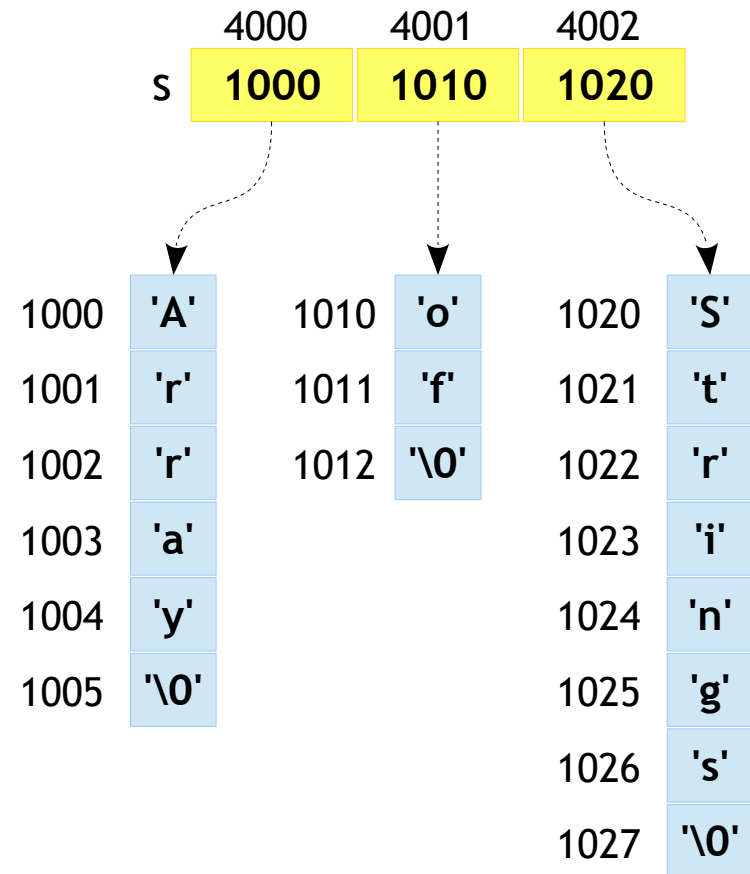
```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    char *s[3];

    s[0] = "Array";
    s[1] = "of";
    → s[2] = "Strings";

    printf("%s %s %s\n", s[0], s[1], s[2]);

    return 0;
}
```



Advanced C

Pointers - Array of strings



- W.A.P to print menu and select an option
 - Menu options { File, Edit, View, Insert, Help }
- The prototype of print_menu function
 - `void print_menu (char **menu);`

Screen Shot

```
user@user:~]  
user@user:~] ./a.out  
1. File  
2. Edit  
3. View  
4. Insert  
5. Help  
Select your option: 2  
You have selected Edit Menu  
user@user:~]
```

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Pointers - Array of strings

- Command line arguments
 - Refer to PPT “11_functions_part2”

Advanced C

Pointers - Pointer to an Array

Syntax

```
datatype (*ptr_name) [SIZE];
```

009_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *ptr;

    ptr = array;

    printf("%d\n", *ptr);

    return 0;
}
```

- Pointer to an array!!, why is the syntax so weird??
- Isn't the code shown left is an example for pointer to an array?
- Should the code print as 1 in output?
- Yes, everything is fine here except the dimension of the array.
- This is perfect code for 1D array

Advanced C

Pointers - Pointer to an Array

Syntax

```
datatype (*ptr_name) [SIZE];
```

010_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int (*ptr)[3];

    ptr = array;

    printf("%d\n", **ptr);

    return 0;
}
```

- So in order to point to 2D array we would prefer the given syntax
- Ookay, Isn't a 2D array linearly arranged in the memory?

So can I write the code as shown?

- Hmm!, Yes but the compiler would warn you on the assignment statement
- Then how should I write?

Advanced C

Pointers - Pointer to an Array

Syntax

```
datatype (*ptr_name) [SIZE];
```

011_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int (*ptr)[3];

    ptr = &array;

    printf("%d\n", **ptr);

    return 0;
}
```

- Hhoho, isn't **array** is equal to **&array**?? what is the difference?
- Well the difference lies in the compiler interpretation while pointer arithmetic and hence
- Please see the difference in the next slides

Advanced C

Pointers - Pointer to an Array

012_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *p1;
    int (*p2)[3];

    p1 = array;
    p2 = &array;

    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 0, p2 + 0);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 1, p2 + 1);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 2, p2 + 2);

    return 0;
}
```

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Pointers - Pointer to an Array

012_example.c

```
int main()
{
    → int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
      int *p1;
      int (*p2)[3];

      p1 = array;
      p2 = &array;

      printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 0, p2 + 0);
      printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 1, p2 + 1);
      printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 2, p2 + 2);

      return 0;
}
```

array

| | |
|------|---|
| 1000 | 1 |
| 1004 | 2 |
| 1008 | 3 |
| 1012 | ? |
| 1016 | ? |
| 1020 | ? |
| 1024 | ? |
| 1028 | ? |
| 1032 | ? |
| 1036 | ? |

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Pointers - Pointer to an Array

012_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    → int *p1;
    int (*p2)[3];

    p1 = array;
    p2 = &array;

    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 0, p2 + 0);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 1, p2 + 1);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 2, p2 + 2);

    return 0;
}
```

array

| | |
|------|---|
| 1000 | 1 |
| 1004 | 2 |
| 1008 | 3 |
| 1012 | ? |
| 1016 | ? |
| 1020 | ? |
| 1024 | ? |
| 1028 | ? |
| 1032 | ? |
| 1036 | ? |

p1

?

2000

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Pointers - Pointer to an Array

012_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *p1;
    → int (*p2)[3];

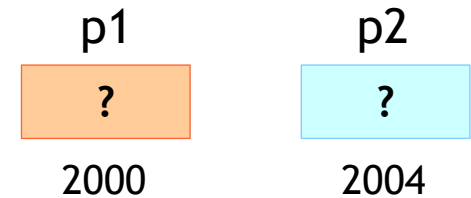
    p1 = array;
    p2 = &array;

    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 0, p2 + 0);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 1, p2 + 1);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 2, p2 + 2);

    return 0;
}
```

array

| | |
|------|---|
| 1000 | 1 |
| 1004 | 2 |
| 1008 | 3 |
| 1012 | ? |
| 1016 | ? |
| 1020 | ? |
| 1024 | ? |
| 1028 | ? |
| 1032 | ? |
| 1036 | ? |



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Pointers - Pointer to an Array

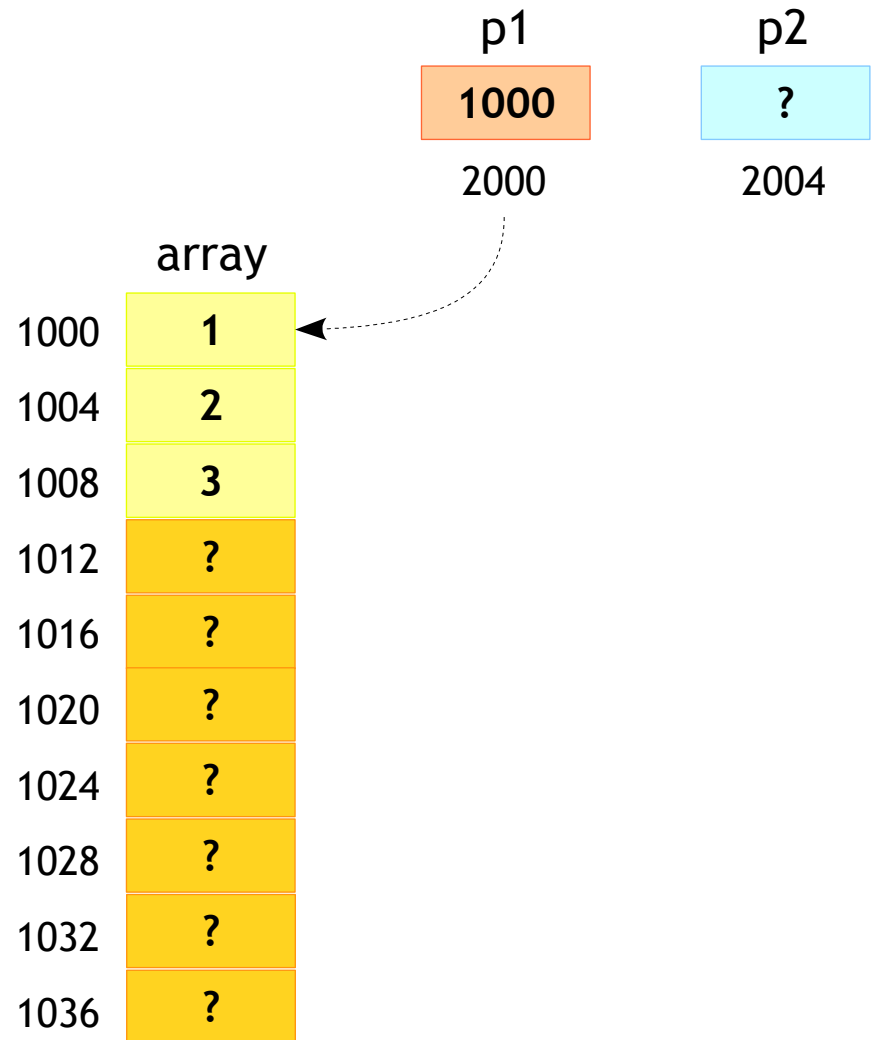
012_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *p1;
    int (*p2)[3];

    → p1 = array;
      p2 = &array;

    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 0, p2 + 0);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 1, p2 + 1);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 2, p2 + 2);

    return 0;
}
```



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Pointers - Pointer to an Array

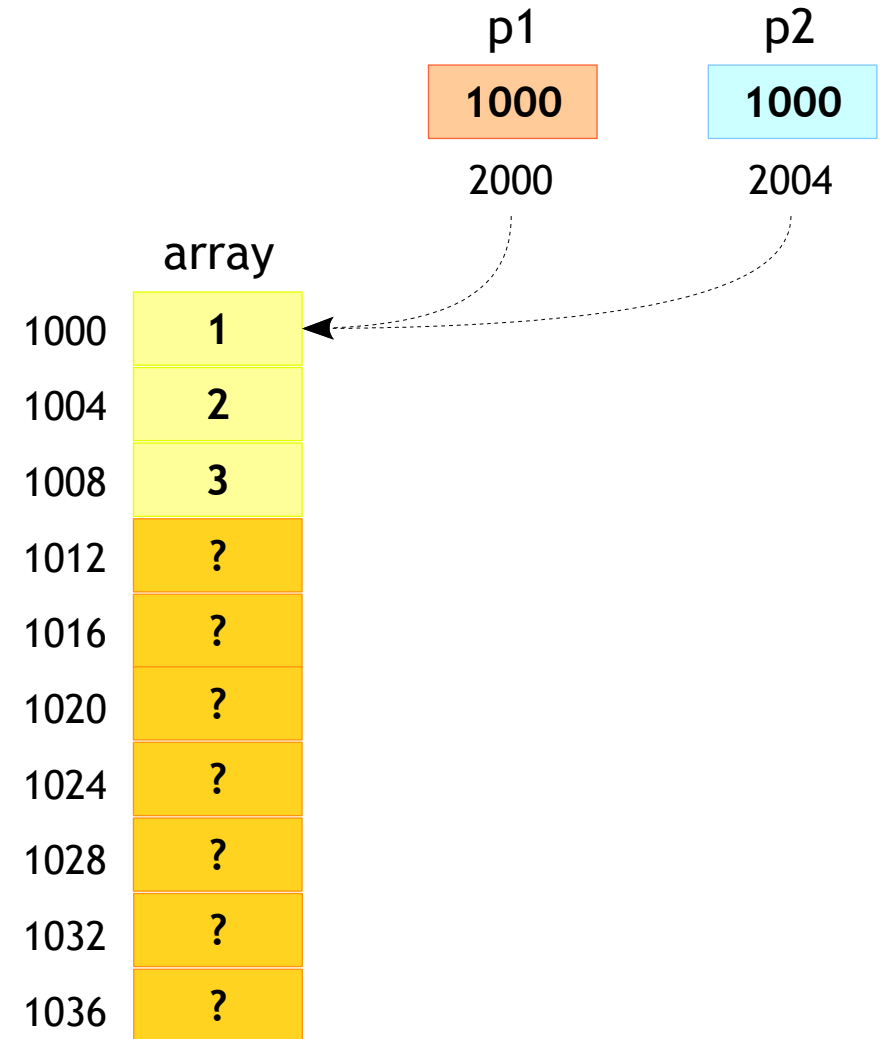
012_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *p1;
    int (*p2)[3];

    p1 = array;
    → p2 = &array;

    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 0, p2 + 0);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 1, p2 + 1);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 2, p2 + 2);

    return 0;
}
```



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Pointers - Pointer to an Array

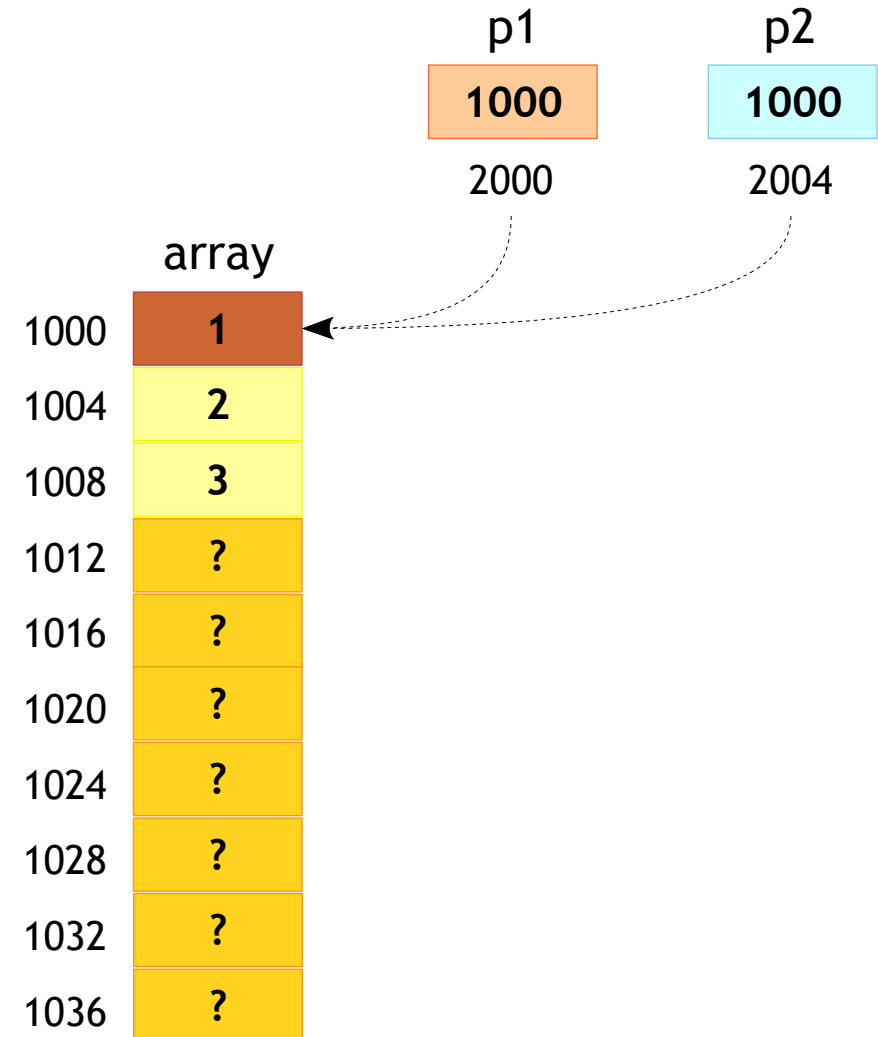
012_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *p1;
    int (*p2)[3];

    p1 = array;
    p2 = &array;

    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 0, p2 + 0);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 1, p2 + 1);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 2, p2 + 2);

    return 0;
}
```



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Pointers - Pointer to an Array

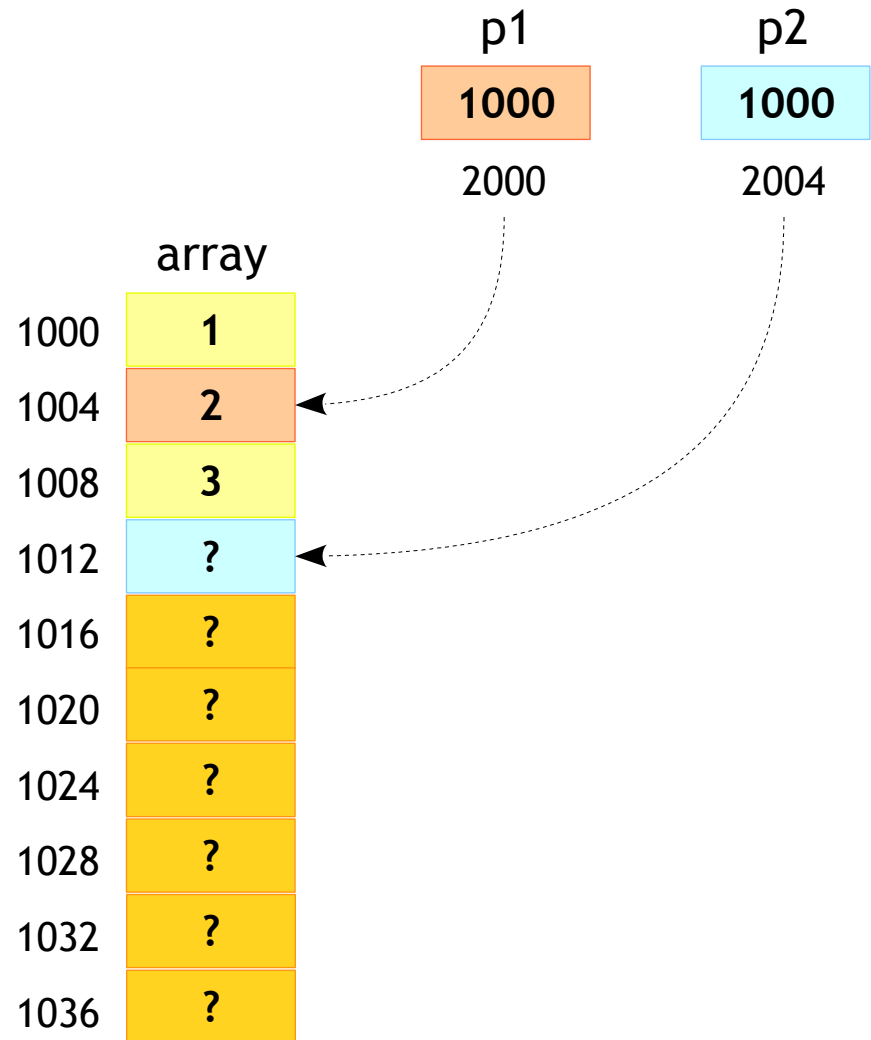
012_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *p1;
    int (*p2)[3];

    p1 = array;
    p2 = &array;

    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 0, p2 + 0);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 1, p2 + 1);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 2, p2 + 2);

    return 0;
}
```



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Pointers - Pointer to an Array

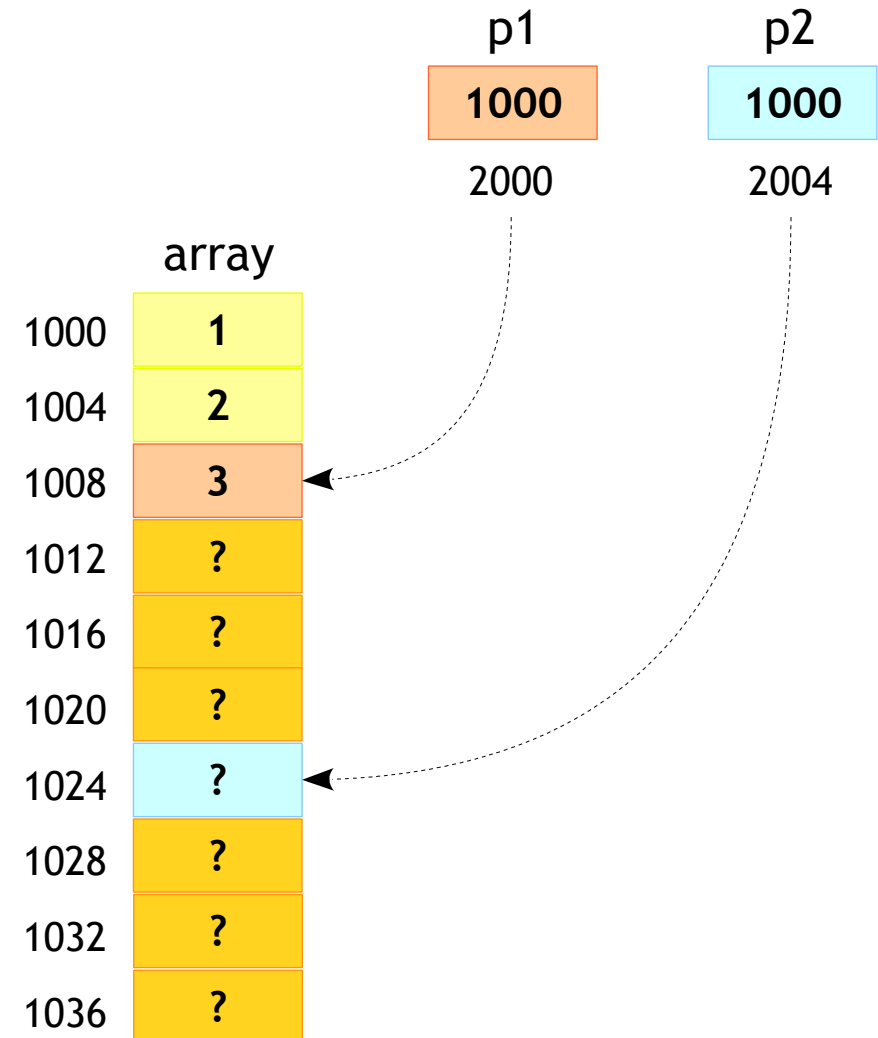
012_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *p1;
    int (*p2)[3];

    p1 = array;
    p2 = &array;

    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 0, p2 + 0);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 1, p2 + 1);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 2, p2 + 2);

    return 0;
}
```



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Pointers - Pointer to an Array



- So as a conclusion we can say the
 - Pointer arithmetic on 1D array is based on the **size of datatype**
 - Pointer arithmetic on 2D array is based on the **size of datatype** and **size of 1D array**
- Still one question remains is what is real use of this syntax if can do **p[i][j]**?
 - In case of dynamic memory allocation as shown in next slide

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Pointers - Pointer to an Array

013_example.c


```
int main()
{
    → int (*p)[3];

    p = malloc(sizeof(*p) * 3);

    (*(p + 0))[0] = 1;
    (*(p + 1))[1] = 2;
    (*(p + 2))[2] = 3;

    printf("%d\n", p[0][0]);
    printf("%d\n", p[1][1]);
    printf("%d\n", p[2][2]);

    return 0;
}
```



p
?
2000

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Pointers - Pointer to an Array

013_example.c

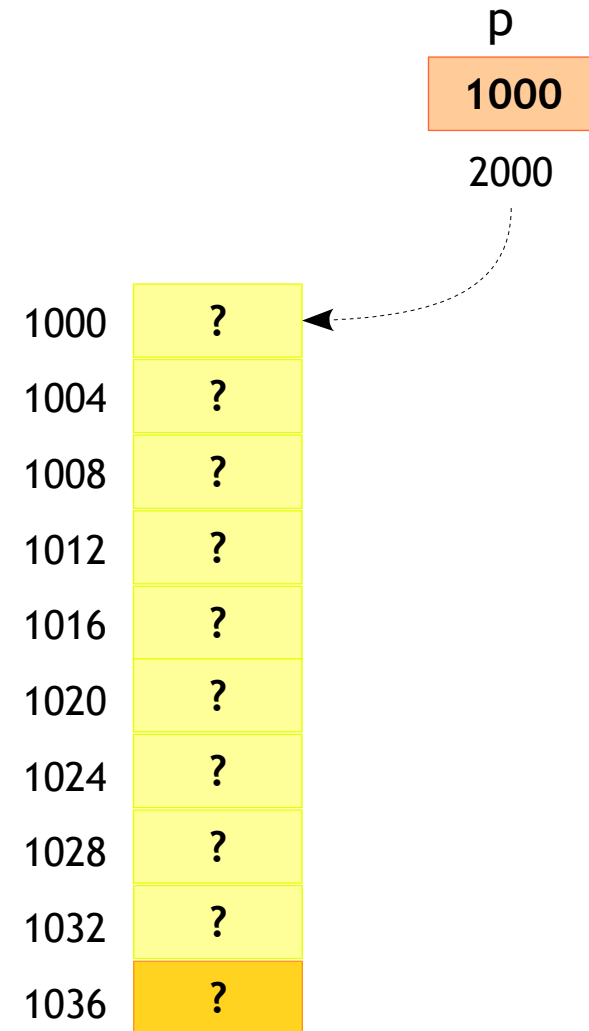
```
int main()
{
    int (*p)[3];

    → p = malloc(sizeof(*p) * 3);

    (*(p + 0))[0] = 1;
    (*(p + 1))[1] = 2;
    (*(p + 2))[2] = 3;

    printf("%d\n", p[0][0]);
    printf("%d\n", p[1][1]);
    printf("%d\n", p[2][2]);

    return 0;
}
```



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Pointers - Pointer to an Array

013_example.c

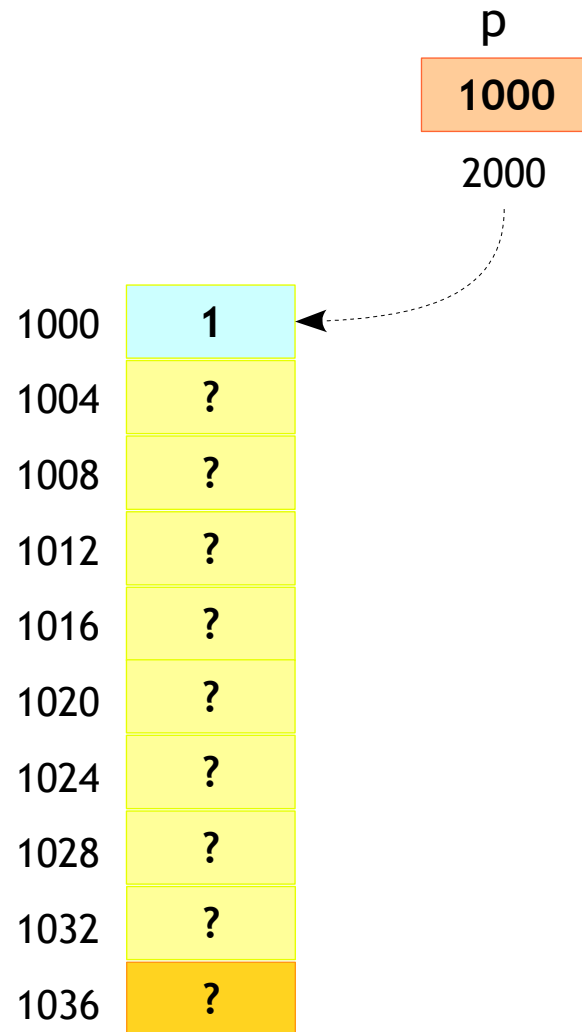
```
int main()
{
    int (*p)[3];

    p = malloc(sizeof(*p) * 3);

    → (* (p + 0)) [0] = 1;
      (* (p + 1)) [1] = 2;
      (* (p + 2)) [2] = 3;

    printf("%d\n", p[0][0]);
    printf("%d\n", p[1][1]);
    printf("%d\n", p[2][2]);

    return 0;
}
```



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Pointers - Pointer to an Array

013_example.c

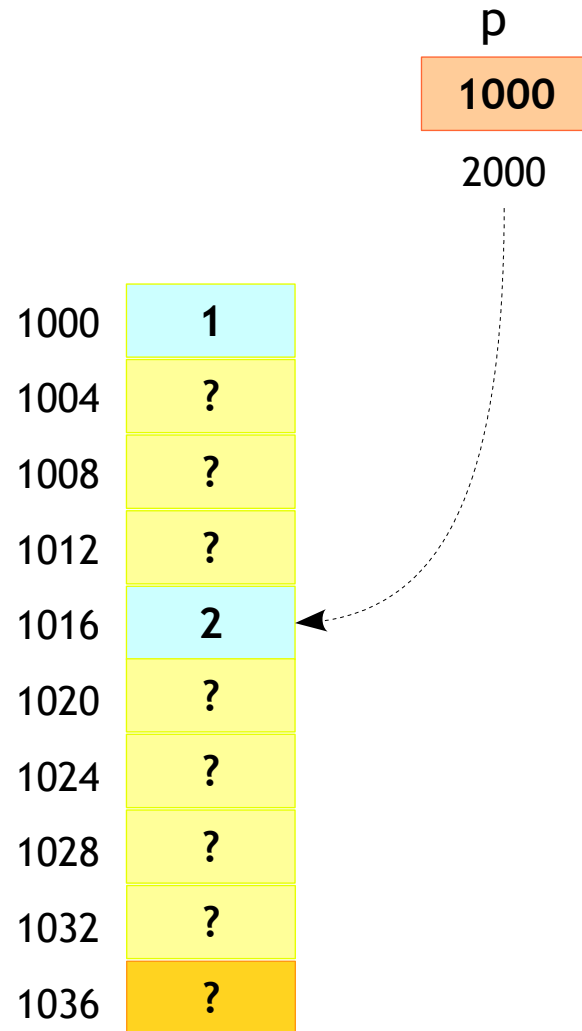
```
int main()
{
    int (*p)[3];

    p = malloc(sizeof(*p) * 3);

    (*p + 0)[0] = 1;
    (*p + 1)[1] = 2;
    (*p + 2)[2] = 3;

    printf("%d\n", p[0][0]);
    printf("%d\n", p[1][1]);
    printf("%d\n", p[2][2]);

    return 0;
}
```



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Pointers - Pointer to an Array

013_example.c

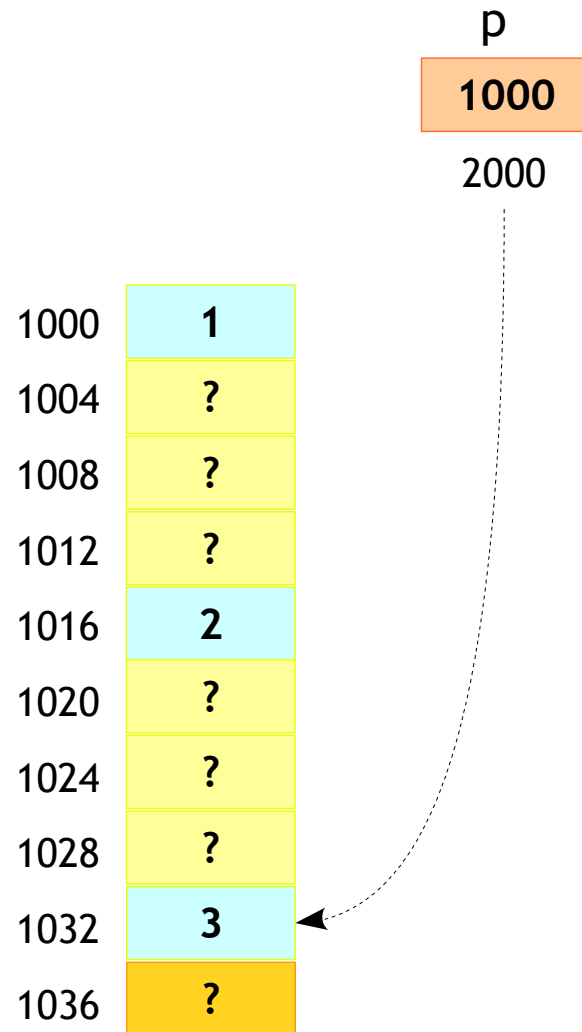
```
int main()
{
    int (*p)[3];

    p = malloc(sizeof(*p) * 3);

    (*(p + 0))[0] = 1;
    (*(p + 1))[1] = 2;
    → (*(p + 2))[2] = 3;

    printf("%d\n", p[0][0]);
    printf("%d\n", p[1][1]);
    printf("%d\n", p[2][2]);

    return 0;
}
```



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Pointers - Pointer to an 2D Array

014_example.c

```
int main()
{
    → int (*p)[3];
    int a[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};

    p = a;

    return 0;
}
```



p
2000 1000

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Pointers - Pointer to an 2D Array

014_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int (*p)[3];
    → int a[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};

    p = a;

    return 0;
}
```

p
2000 1000

a

| | |
|------|---|
| 1000 | 1 |
| 1004 | 2 |
| 1008 | 3 |
| 1012 | 4 |
| 1016 | 5 |
| 1020 | 6 |
| 1024 | ? |
| 1028 | ? |
| 1032 | ? |
| 1036 | ? |

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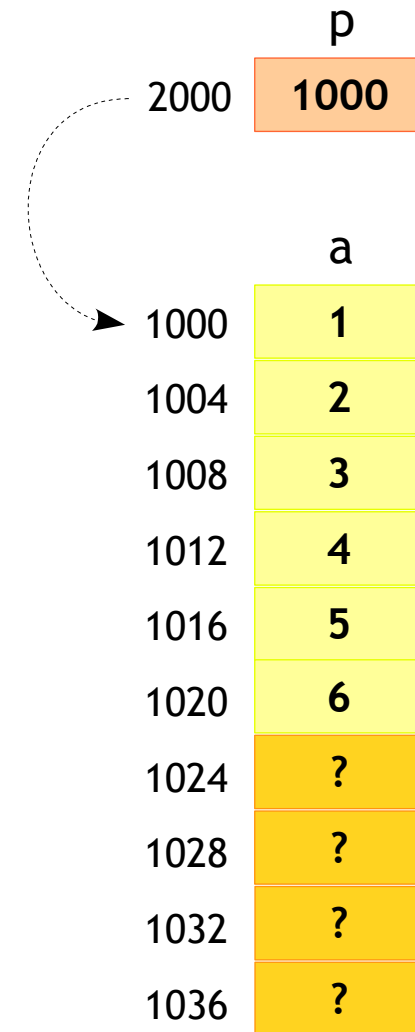
Pointers - Pointer to an 2D Array

014_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int (*p)[3];
    int a[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};

    → p = a;

    return 0;
}
```



Advanced C

Pointers - Passing 2D array to function

015_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

void print_array(int p[2][3])
{
    int i, j;

    for (i = 0; i < 2; i++)
    {
        for (j = 0; j < 3; j++)
        {
            printf("%d\n", p[i][j]);
        }
    }
}

int main()
{
    → int a[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};

    print_array(a);

    return 0;
}
```

| | a |
|------|---|
| 1000 | 1 |
| 1004 | 2 |
| 1008 | 3 |
| 1012 | 4 |
| 1016 | 5 |
| 1020 | 6 |
| 1024 | ? |
| 1028 | ? |
| 1032 | ? |
| 1036 | ? |

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Pointers - Passing 2D array to function

015_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

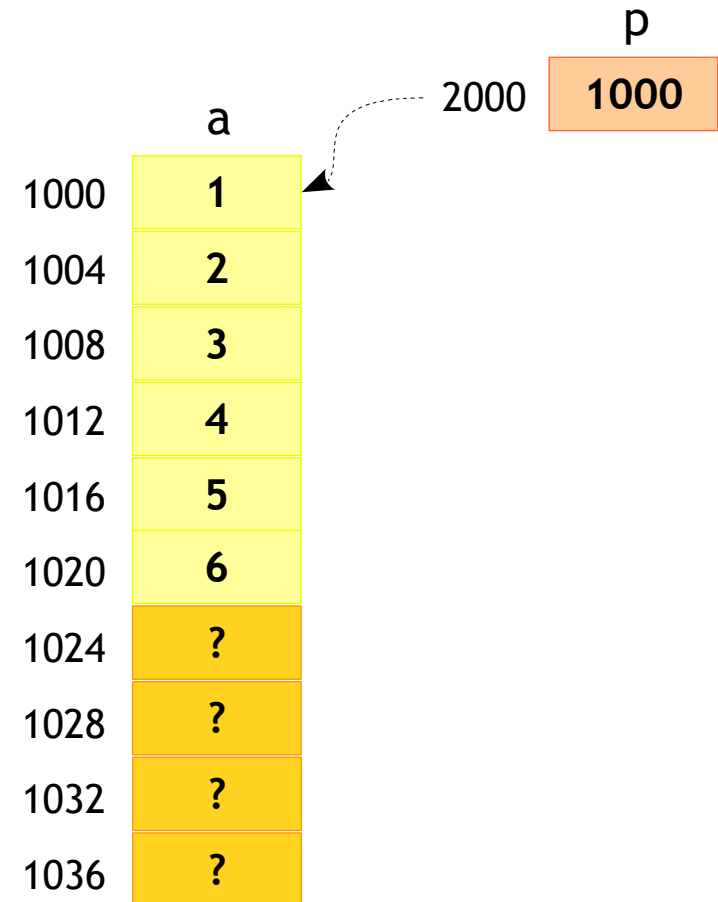
void print_array(int p[2][3])
{
    int i, j;

    for (i = 0; i < 2; i++)
    {
        for (j = 0; j < 3; j++)
        {
            printf("%d\n", p[i][j]);
        }
    }
}

int main()
{
    int a[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};

    print_array(a);

    return 0;
}
```



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Pointers - Passing 2D array to function

016_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

void print_array(int (*p)[3])
{
    int i, j;

    for (i = 0; i < 2; i++)
    {
        for (j = 0; j < 3; j++)
        {
            printf("%d\n", p[i][j]);
        }
    }
}

int main()
{
    → int a[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};

    print_array(a);

    return 0;
}
```

| | a |
|------|---|
| 1000 | 1 |
| 1004 | 2 |
| 1008 | 3 |
| 1012 | 4 |
| 1016 | 5 |
| 1020 | 6 |
| 1024 | ? |
| 1028 | ? |
| 1032 | ? |
| 1036 | ? |

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Pointers - Passing 2D array to function

016_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

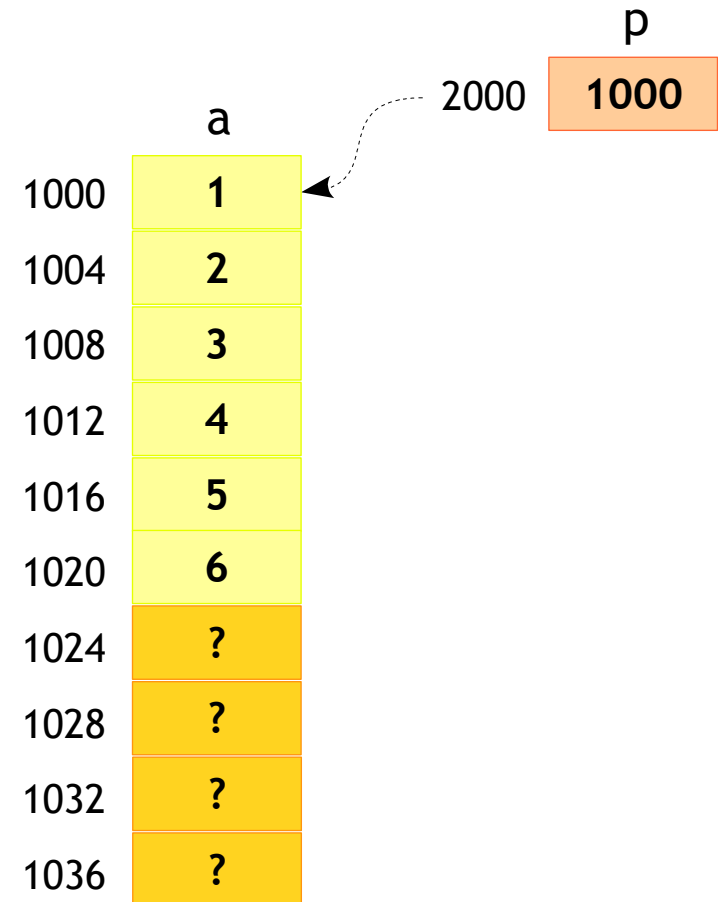
void print_array(int (*p)[3])
{
    int i, j;

    for (i = 0; i < 2; i++)
    {
        for (j = 0; j < 3; j++)
        {
            printf("%d\n", p[i][j]);
        }
    }
}

int main()
{
    int a[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};

    print_array(a);

    return 0;
}
```



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Pointers - Passing 2D array to function

017_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

void print_array(int row, int col, int (*p)[col])
{
    int i, j;

    for (i = 0; i < row; i++)
    {
        for (j = 0; j < col; j++)
        {
            printf("%d\n", p[i][j]);
        }
    }
}

int main()
{
    int a[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};

    print_array(2, 3, a);

    return 0;
}
```

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Pointers - Passing 2D array to function

018_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

void print_array(int row, int col, int *p)
{
    int i, j;

    for (i = 0; i < row; i++)
    {
        for (j = 0; j < col; j++)
        {
            printf("%d\n", *((p + i * col) + j));
        }
    }
}

int main()
{
    int a[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};

    print_array(2, 3, (int *) a);

    return 0;
}
```

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Pointers - 2D Array Creations



- Each Dimension could be Static or Dynamic
- Possible combination of creation could be
 - BS: Both Static (Rectangular)
 - FSSD: First Static, Second Dynamic
 - FDSS: First Dynamic, Second Static
 - BD: Both Dynamic

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Pointers - 2D Array Creations - BS

018_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int a[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};

    return 0;
}
```

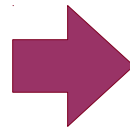
- Both Static (BS)
- Called as an rectangular array
- Total size is
 $2 * 3 * \text{sizeof}(\text{datatype})$
 $2 * 3 * 4 = 24 \text{ Bytes}$
- The memory representation can be as shown in next slide

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Pointers - 2D Array Creations - BS



| | a |
|------|---|
| 1000 | 1 |
| 1004 | 2 |
| 1008 | 3 |
| 1012 | 4 |
| 1016 | 5 |
| 1020 | 6 |



| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |

Static
2 Rows
On Stack

Static
3 Columns
On Stack

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Pointers - 2D Array Creations - FSSD



019_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main()
{
    int *a[2];

    for ( i = 0; i < 2; i++)
    {
        a[i] = malloc(3 * sizeof(int));
    }

    return 0;
}
```

- First Static and Second Dynamic (FSSD)
- Mix of Rectangular & Ragged
- Total size is
 $2 * \text{sizeof}(\text{datatype} *) +$
 $2 * 3 * \text{sizeof}(\text{datatype})$
 $2 * 4 + 2 * 3 * 4 = 32 \text{ Bytes}$
- The memory representation can be as shown in next slide

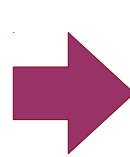
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Pointers - 2D Array Creations - FSSD



| | |
|------|-----|
| | a |
| 1004 | 524 |
| 1000 | 512 |

| | |
|-----|---|
| 532 | 6 |
| 528 | 5 |
| 524 | 4 |
| 520 | 3 |
| 516 | 2 |
| 512 | 1 |



| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | A | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | A | C |

Pointers to
2 Rows
On Stack

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |

Dynamic
3 Columns
On Heap

Static
2 Rows
On Heap

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020_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main()
{
    int (*a)[3];

    a = malloc(2 * sizeof(int [3]));

    return 0;
}
```

- First Dynamic and Second Static (FDSS)
- Total size is
 $\text{sizeof}(\text{datatype}^*) + 2 * 3 * \text{sizeof}(\text{datatype})$
 $4 + 2 * 3 * 4 = 28 \text{ Bytes}$
- The memory representation can be as shown in next slide

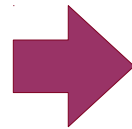
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| 516 | 2 |
| 512 | 1 |



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Pointer to
1 Row
On Stack

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| 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |

Static
3 Columns
On Heap

Dynamic
2 Rows
On Heap

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021_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main()
{
    int **a;
    int i;

    a = malloc(2 * sizeof(int *));

    for (i = 0; i < 2; i++)
    {
        a[i] = malloc(3 * sizeof(int));
    }

    return 0;
}
```

- Both Dynamic (BD)
- Total size is
 $\text{sizeof}(\text{datatype}^{**}) + 2 * \text{sizeof}(\text{datatype}^{*}) + 2 * 3 * \text{sizeof}(\text{datatype})$
 $4 + 2 * 4 + 2 * 3 * 4 = 28$ Bytes
- The memory representation can be as shown in next slide

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