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Assignment-2 (Pointers): -

- Create Pointers for various data types and test compatibility between them.
- ➤ Usage of NULL pointer, try dereferencing NULL pointer.
- ➤ Print equivalent bit pattern (in hexadecimal) for some float, double values.
- Check the endianness (little or big) of your current system.
- ➤ Conversion of short integer from little endian to big endian(network order) and vice versa.
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- Pointer arithmetic (try out for various data types)

➤ Form equivalent expressions for chain of pointers

➤ Given int a[5]={10,20,30,40,50};

int *p=a,
$$q=*(&a+1)-1$$
;

evaluate following expressions

- Convert from one type of pointer/address to other using void*
- ➤ Test arithmetic operations on void pointers
- Print all elements of a 1D array using a pointer , give equivalent expression for a[i] using pointers
- Can we use a[i] or i[a] to access an element, test with some code
- int arr[5]; int (*parr)[5];
 parr=&arr;
 sizeof(parr), sizeof(*parr), sizeof(**parr)
 access array elements with suitable dereferencing of parr
- Usage of assert macro before dereferencing any pointer.

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➤ Differentiate between the following declarations

```
#define PINT int*
PINT p1,p2;
typedef int* pint
pint p1,p2;
```

- Differentiate between
 - ➤ int *parr[5];
 - ➤ int (*parr)[5];
- Differentiate between
 - const int *p;
 - int const* p;
 - \rightarrow int* const p = &x;
 - const int * const p = &x;
 Try *p=20, p++, (*p)++, p=&y in each case
- ➤ Test the following code

```
const int x=10; int *p;
p = &x; *p=20; printf("%d\n",x);
```

Access 2D array using pointers

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int arr[3][4]; int (*p)[4]; p=arr;
sizeof(p), sizeof(*p), sizeof(**p), values of p, p+1
Check equivalence of arr[i][j], *(p+i)[j], *(*(p+i)+j)
```

- ➤ Store random numbers in an array and print them and perform linear search.
- ➤ Give an expression to print last element of array irrespective of length using pointer notation. (You shouldn't consider length or size of array)
- ➤ What is the significance of following pointer

```
int (*q)[3][4];
What are the sizes of q, *q, **q, ***q
Write some code to test this with a 2D array
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