

Home Work No.15 Pointers-1

//////////////////// Lecture 1 on Pointers 29-11-2022

Intro to pointers:

1. Pointer is a **variable**, which **stores address** of another variable.
2. Pointer is **Power programming tool** and Pointer is a two faced sword
 - a. Variable value
 - b. Variable address (pointer own value)
3. Size of pointer
 - Size of pointer depends upon System architecture.
 - Pointer size does not depend upon data type.
 - Question: Why we use type with pointers?
4. Relationship between pointer and data.
5. Same type pointer variable points to same type data.
6. Pointer has **close relationship** with arrays and strings. Using pointers, we can access arrays and string **flexibly and convenient**.
7. If passed in functions Pointers simulates pass by reference.
8. Pointer are used for **Dynamic memory allocation**. It means runtime memory allocation.
9. How to use pointers.

Pointer deceleration:

Data_Type * **PointerName**;

Assigning address to a pointer:

PointerName = **&VariableName**;

Pointer Assignment:

Two ways of assignment:

1. No address assignment or NULL/0
2. Point a variable/Array Address

10. Accessing values of pointer (Accessing Address of other variable)

11. Indirection/Dereference (Accessing data)

Run this program understand it carefully

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#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int a = 10;
    char c = 'a';

    int * aptr = NULL; //No address in pointer
    char *cptr = 0; //No address in pointer

    aptr = &a; //Integer variable address stores in pointer
    cptr = &c;

    cout << endl;

    cout << "\nAddress of variable \"a\" OR Value of pointer \"aptr\" is " << aptr << "
    :::: " << &a << endl;

    cout << "\nDereference or Indirection through pointer or variable \"a\" is " <<
    *aptr << " :::: " << a << endl; //Indirection/Dereference operator

    cout << "\nAddress of variable \"c\" OR Value of pointer \"cptr\" is " << cptr << "
    " << &c << endl;
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    cout << "\nDereference or Indirection through pointer or variable \"c\" is " <<
*cptr << " " << c << endl; //Indirection/Dereference operator
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    cout << "\nSize of Char pointer" << sizeof(cptr); //Size of Character Pointer
    cout << "\nSize of int pointer" << sizeof(aptr); //Size of integer pointer
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}
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