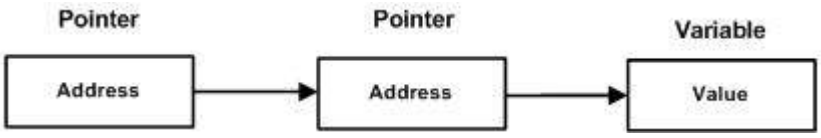
C++ POINTER TO POINTER *MULTIPLEINDIRECTION*

A pointer to a pointer is a form of multiple indirection or a chain of pointers. Normally, a pointer contains the address of a variable. When we define a pointer to a pointer, the first pointer contains the address of the second pointer, which points to the location that contains the actual value as shown below.



A variable that is a pointer to a pointer must be declared as such. This is done by placing an additional asterisk in front of its name. For example, following is the declaration to declare a pointer to a pointer of type int:

```
int **var;
```

When a target value is indirectly pointed to by a pointer to a pointer, accessing that value requires that the asterisk operator be applied twice, as is shown below in the example:

```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

int main ()
{
   int  var;
   int  *ptr;
   int  **pptr;

   var = 3000;

   // take the address of var
   ptr = &var;

   // take the address of ptr using address of operator &
   pptr = &ptr;

   // take the value using pptr
   cout << "Value of var :" << var << endl;
   cout << "Value available at *ptr :" << *ptr << endl;
   cout << "Value available at **pptr :" << **pptr << endl;

   return 0;
}
```

When the above code is compiled and executed, it produces the following result:

```
Value of var :3000
Value available at *ptr :3000
Value available at **pptr :3000
```