Pointer dalam Bahasa C

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Tujuan

Mahasiswa memahami sintaks dan pengertian pointer (dalam bahasa C)

Mahasiswa mengerti penggunaan pointer dengan benar

Mahasiswa memahami mekanisme kerja pointer dalam memory

Referensi

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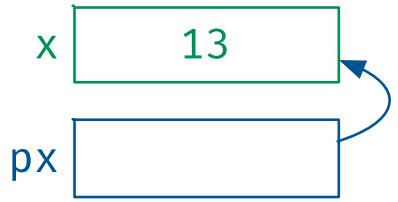
Prinsip Dasar Pointer

Apakah **pointer** itu?

- Adalah variabel yang menyimpan *reference* dari nilai lain.
- Berbeda dengan variabel "biasa" yang menyimpan nilainya sendiri.

```
int x;
int *px;
x  = 13;
px = &x;
  /* reference to */
```



Mengapa pointer?

- Memungkinkan dua bagian/*section* dalam program berbagi akses informasi dengan mudah
- Memungkinkan struktur data berkait/*linked* yang rumit (seperti *linked list*, *tree* berbasis *node*)

Pointer Dereference

Operasi "*dereference*" adalah operasi untuk mendapatkan nilai yang diacu oleh sebuah pointer.

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int x;
int *px;

①  x  = 13;
   px = &x;
     /* reference to */
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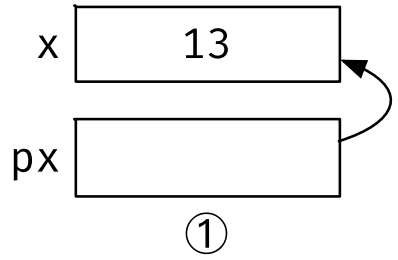
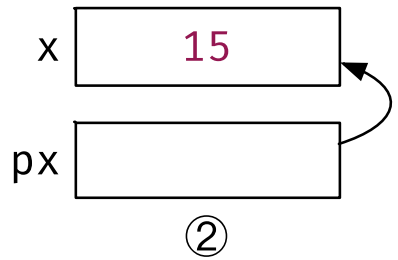



```
②  (*px) += 2;
     /* dereference */
```



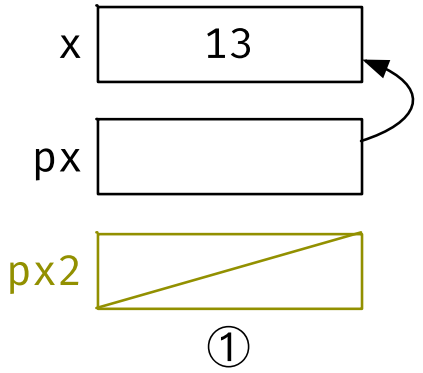
Null Pointer, Pointer Assignment

Null pointer: nilai khusus untuk menyatakan bahwa sebuah pointer tidak menunjuk ke mana-mana.

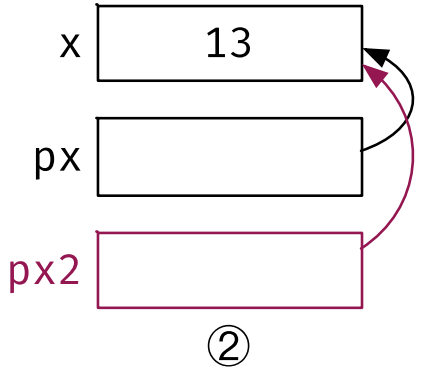
Operator assignment "="

Sebuah pointer di-assign **dengan pointer lain** untuk mengacu nilai yang sama

```
int x;
int *px, *px2;

①  x   = 13;
   px  = &x;
     /* reference to */
   px2 = NULL;
```




```
②  px2 = px;
```



Bad Pointer

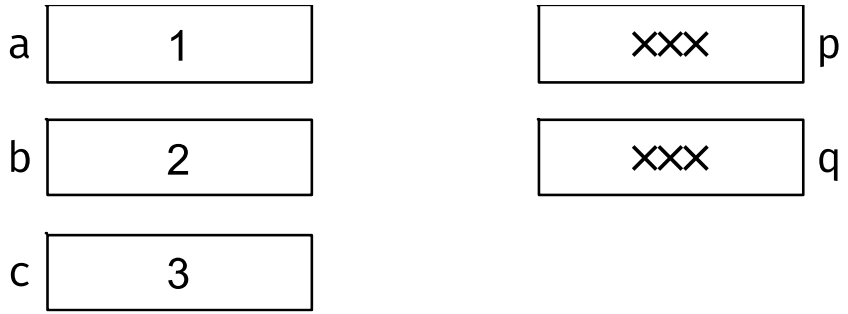
Pointer yang belum diinisialisasi.

Dereference terhadap bad pointer menyebabkan *runtime error*.

```
int *px;
```

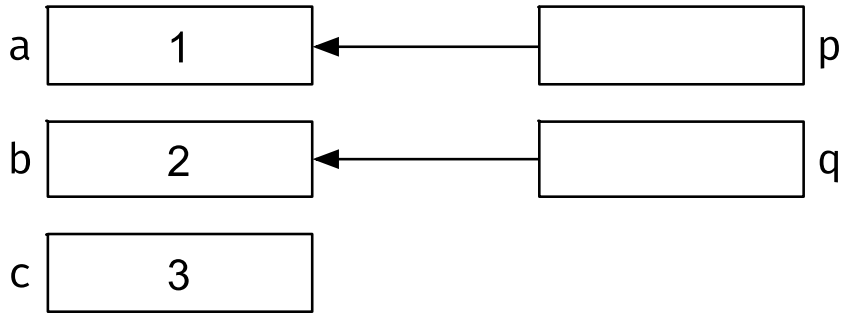
Contoh (1)

```
// allocate three integers and two pointers
int a = 1;
int b = 2;
int c = 3;
int* p;
int* q;

// Here is the state of memory at this point.
// T1 -- Notice that the pointers start out bad...
```



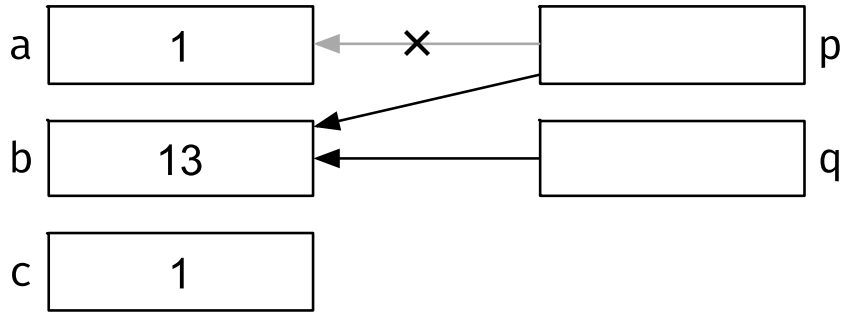
Contoh (2)

```
p = &a; // set p to refer to a
q = &b; // set q to refer to b

// T2 -- The pointers now have pointees
```



Contoh (3)

```
// Now we mix things up a bit...
c = *p;  // retrieve p's pointee value (1) and put it in c
p = q;   // change p to share with q (p's pointee is now b)
*p = 13; // dereference p to set its pointee (b) to 13
         // (*q is now 13)

// T3 -- Dereferences and assignments mix things up
```



Memori Lokal

Alokasi dan **Dealokasi**

Ketika variabel diberikan tempat pada memori untuk menyimpan nilai: ***allocated***.

Ketika variable tidak lagi memiliki tempat pada memori untuk menyimpan nilai: ***deallocated***.

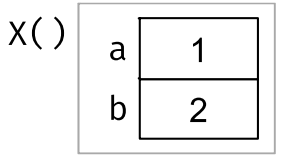
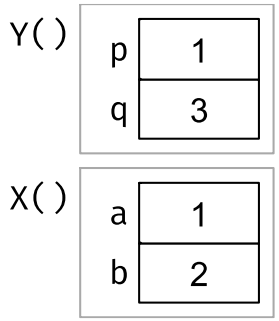
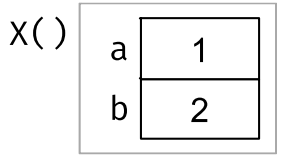
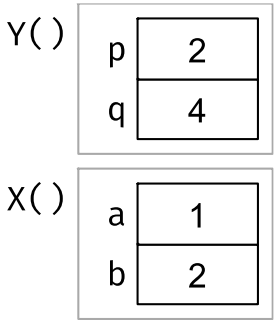
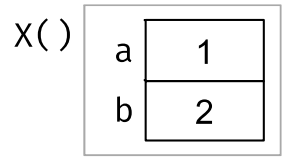
Periode antara allocated-deallocated: ***lifetime***.

Alokasi, Dealokasi, Lifetime

```
void foo(int a) { // (1) Locals (a, i, scores) allocated when foo runs
    int i;
    float scores[100]; // This array of 100 floats is allocated locally.

    a = a + 1;     // (2) Local storage is used by the computation
    for (i=0; i<a; i++) {
        bar(i + a);    // (3) Locals continue to exist undisturbed,
    }                  // even during calls to other functions.

} // (4) The locals are all deallocated when the function exits.
```

Contoh

```
void X() {
  int a = 1;
  int b = 2;
  // T1

  Y(a);
  // T3
  Y(b);
  // T5
}

void Y(int p) {
  int q;
  q = p + 2;
  // T2 (first time through),
  // T4 (second time through)
}
```

T1 - X()'s locals have been allocated and given values..	**T2** - Y() is called with p=1, and its locals are allocated. X()'s locals continue to be allocated.	**T3** - Y() exits and its locals are deallocated. We are left only with X()'s locals.	**T4** - Y() is called again with p=2, and its locals are allocated a second time.	**T5** - Y() exits and its locals are deallocated. X()'s locals will be deallocated when it exits.
				

Contoh error

```
// T.A.B. -- The Ampersand Bug function
// Returns a pointer to an int
int* tab() {
  int temp;
  return(&temp); // return a pointer to the local int
}

void victim() {
  int* ptr;
  ptr = tab();
  *ptr = 42; // Runtime error! The pointee was local to tab
}
```

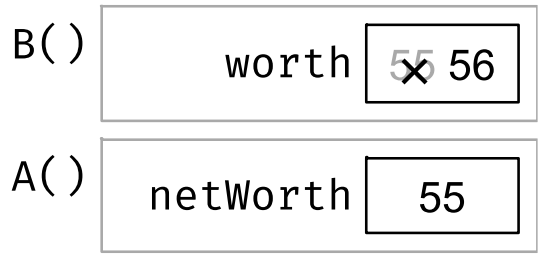
Function Call Stack

Lihat materi Nick Parlante halaman 15-16

Passing parameter by value vs Passing parameter by reference

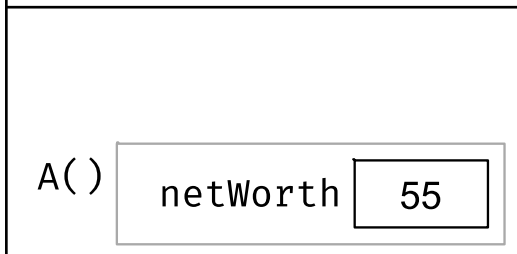
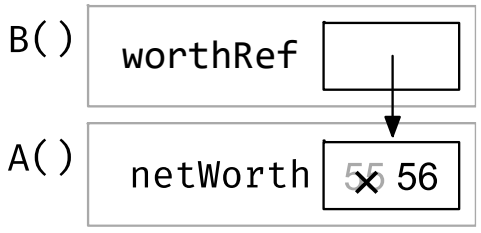
Passing Parameter: by Value

```
void B(int worth) {
  worth = worth + 1;
  // T2
}
void A() {
  int netWorth;
  netWorth = 55; // T1

  B(netWorth);
  // T3 -- B() did not change netWorth
}
```

T1 -- The value of interest `netWorth` is local to `A()`.	**T2** -- `netWorth` is copied to `B()`'s local worth. `B()` changes its local worth from 55 to 56.	**T3** -- `B()` exits and its local `worth` is deallocated. The value of interest has not been changed.
		

Passing Parameter: by Reference

```
// B() now uses a reference parameter -- a pointer to the value of interest.
// B() uses a dereference (*) on the reference parameter to get at the value
// of interest.
void B(int* worthRef) {         // reference parameter
    *worthRef = *worthRef + 1; // use * to get at value of interest
    // T2
}
void A() {
    int netWorth;
    netWorth = 55; // T1 -- the value of interest is local to A()
    B(&netWorth);  // Pass a pointer to the value of interest.
                   // In this case using &.
    // T3 -- B() has used its pointer to change the value of interest
}
```

T1 -- The value of interest `netWorth` is local to `A()` as before.	**T2** -- Instead of a copy, `B()` receives a pointer to `netWorth`. `B()` dereferences its pointer to access and change the real `netWorth`.	**T3** -- `B()` exits, and `netWorth` has been changed.
		

Apakah “&” selalu diperlukan?

```
// Takes the value of interest by reference and adds 2.
void C(int* worthRef) {
  *worthRef = *worthRef + 2;
}

// Adds 1 to the value of interest, and calls C().
void B(int* worthRef) {
  *worthRef = *worthRef + 1; // add 1 to value of interest as
                             // before
  C(worthRef); // NOTE: no & required. We already have
               // a pointer to the value of interest, so
               // it can be passed through directly.
}
```

Heap Memory

Heap Memory == Dynamic Memory

- Berbeda dengan Local Memory yang mengalokasi dan dealokasi memory secara otomatis saat function call
- Pada Heap Memory, programmer harus melakukan alokasi dan dealokasi

Keuntungan heap memory:

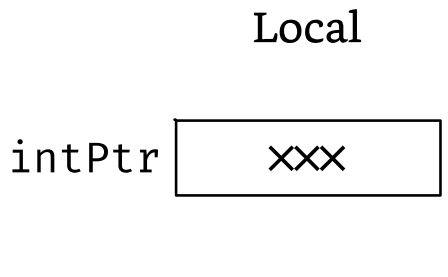
- Lifetime
- Ukuran

Kekurangan:

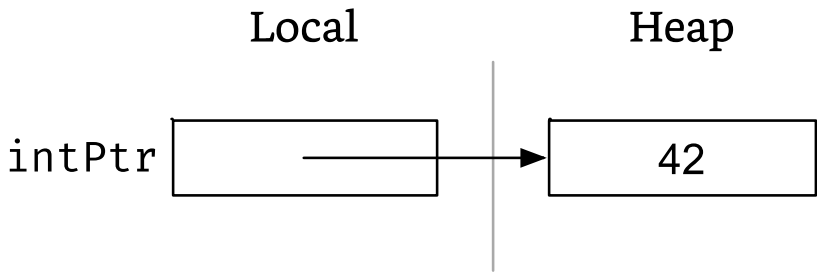
- more works
- more bugs

Contoh Penggunaan Heap Memory (1)

```
void Heap1() {
    int* intPtr;
    // Allocates local pointer local variable (but not its pointee)
    // T1:
```

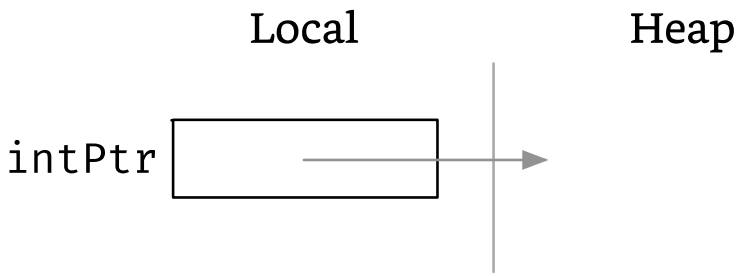



```
    // Allocates heap block and stores its pointer in local
    // variable.
    // Dereferences the pointer to set the pointee to 42.
    intPtr = malloc(sizeof(int));
    *intPtr = 42;
    // T2:
```



Contoh Penggunaan Heap Memory (2)

```
    // Deallocates heap block making the pointer bad.
    // The programmer must remember not to use the pointer
    // after the pointee has been deallocated (this is
    // why the pointer is shown in gray).
    free(intPtr);
    // T3:
```




```
}
```

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