

EE 441 Data Structures

Lecture 2: Arrays, Pointers, Input/Output

Memory

- ❑ A computer's memory is made up of bytes
- ❑ Each byte has an address, associated with it
- ❑ Different data types occupy different number of consecutive bytes in memory

❑ Examples

Type Name	Bytes	Range of Values
char	1	−128 to 127
unsigned char	1	0 to 255
short	2	−32,768 to 32,767
unsigned short	2	0 to 65,535
long	4	−2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647
unsigned long	4	0 to 4,294,967,295
enum	*	Same as int
float	4	3.4E +/- 38 (7 digits)
double	8	1.7E +/- 308 (15 digits)
long double	10	1.2E +/- 4932 (19 digits)

address	contents
1000	57
1004	31
1008	0
1012	1004
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Memory: Variables Example

❑ Character type variable declaration

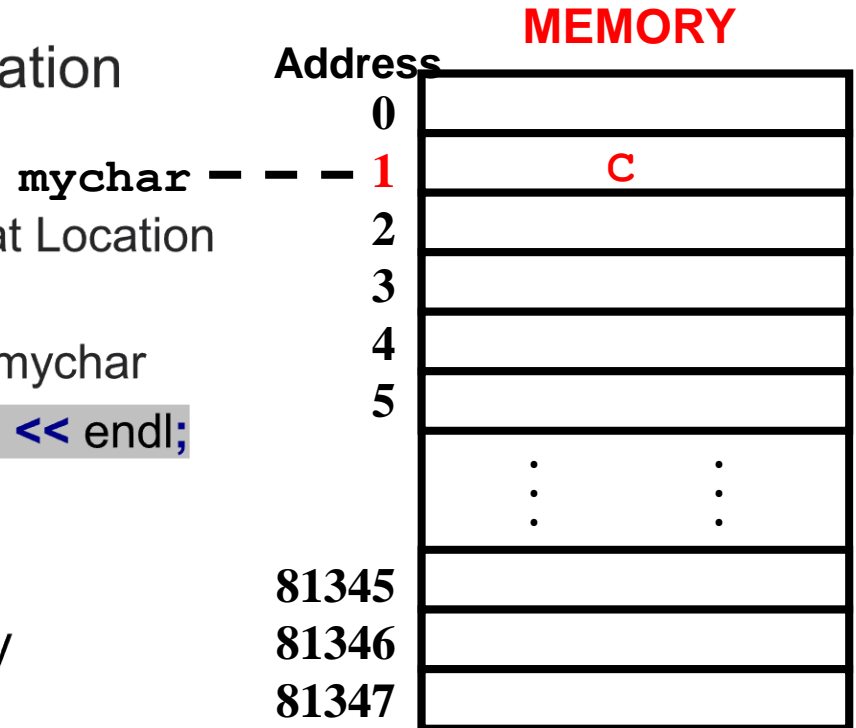
```
char mychar ='C';
```

- Allocated memory for mychar is at Location 1 (this example)
- Amount of memory allocated for mychar

```
cout << "Memory: " << sizeof(char) << endl;
```

```
Memory: 1
```

→ Location 1 contains the binary representation for character 'C'



Memory: Variables Example

- ❑ Declare another character type variable

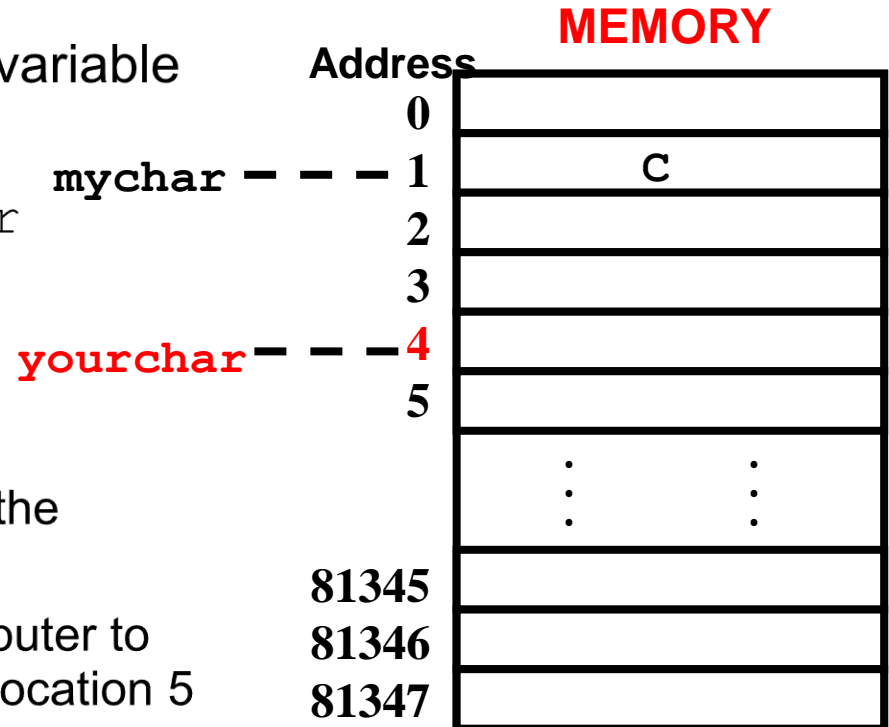
```
char yourchar;
```

- ❑ Allocated memory for `yourchar` is at Location 4

- ❑ Location 4 is uninitialized

- ❑ Important note

- Programmer has no control on the selected location
- It is not possible to tell the computer to store `mychar` or `yourchar` at location 5



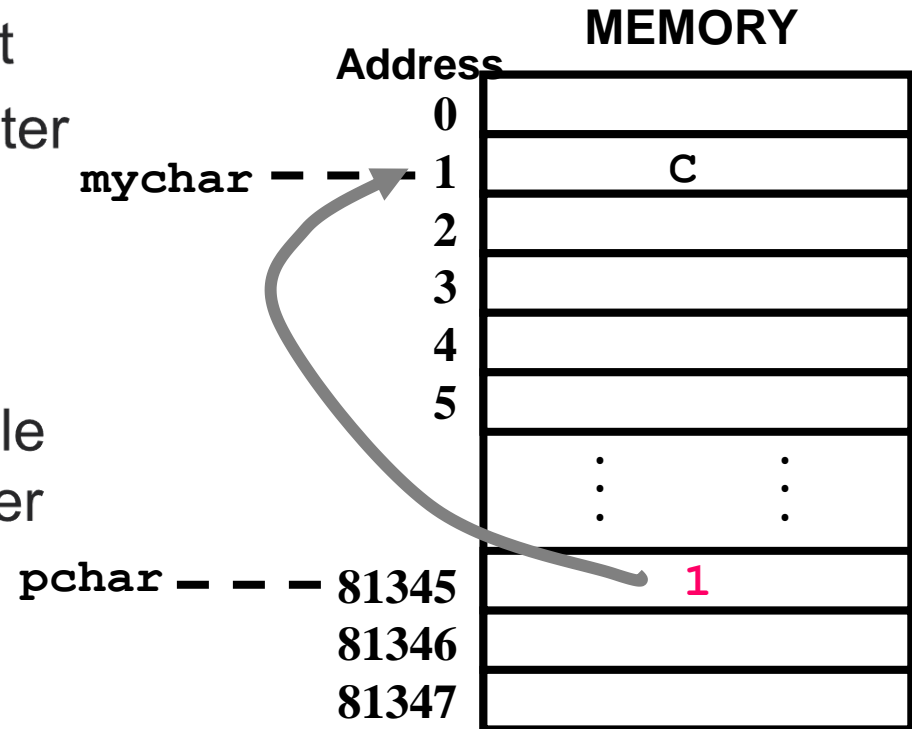
Pointers: Introduction

- ❑ A pointer is a variable that holds the address of another object
- ❑ Example: pointer to a character type variable declaration

```
char* pchar;
```

- ❑ Example: storage of the address of an existing variable of the same type in the pointer

```
pchar = &mychar;
```



Pointers: Type

- ❑ Type of the pointer variable changes according to the type of the pointed object

```
char* pchar;//pchar is a variable. Its type is  
pointer to character  
int* intaddress;//intaddress's type is pointer to  
integer  
pchar = intaddress;//will not work type mismatch!!
```

Pointers

- ❑ Typical uses of pointers are the creation of linked lists and the management of objects dynamically allocated during execution
- ❑ Example declarations

```
int* ip; // pointer declaration
int *ip; // the same as above
int *ip1, *ip2; // two pointers
int *ip1, ip2; // a pointer, an integer
```

Pointers: Assigning a value

❑ Example

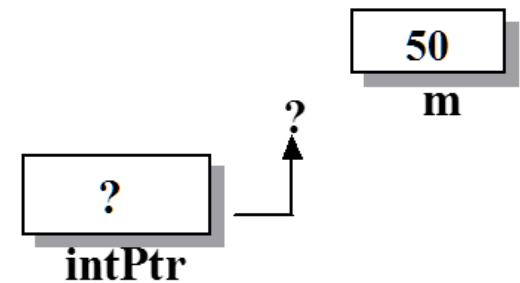
```
int m = 50;  
int* intPtr;  
(int m, *intPtr; //is valid too)
```

❑ “address-of” operator(&): Retrieves the memory address of a variable or object declared in the program

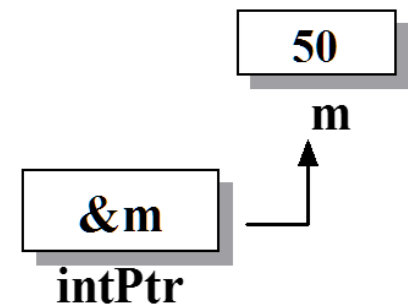
❑ &m is the address of the integer in memory

```
intPtr = &m;
```

→ sets `intPtr` to point at an actual data item



(a) After declaration



(b) After assignment

Pointers: Accessing data

❑ “de-reference” operator (*)

→ Allows access to the contents referenced by the pointer

```
intPtr = &m;
```

→ `*intPtr` is an alias form (alternative name) for `m`

❑ Equivalent operations

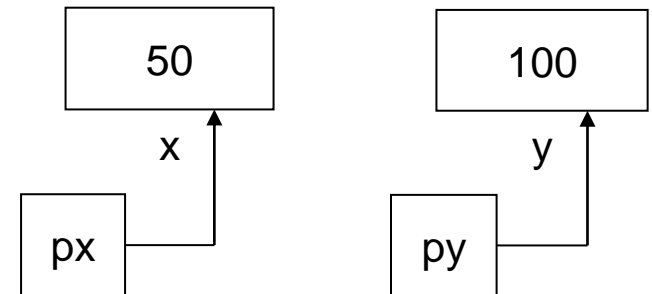
```
*intPtr = 60;
```

```
m = 60;
```

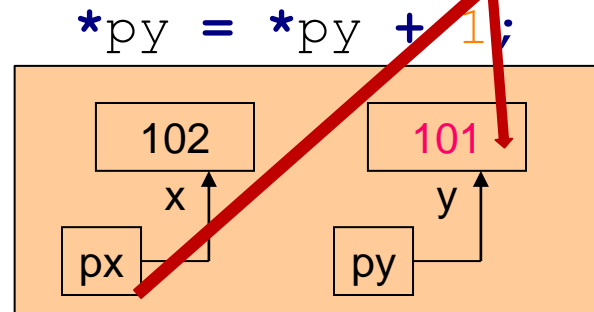
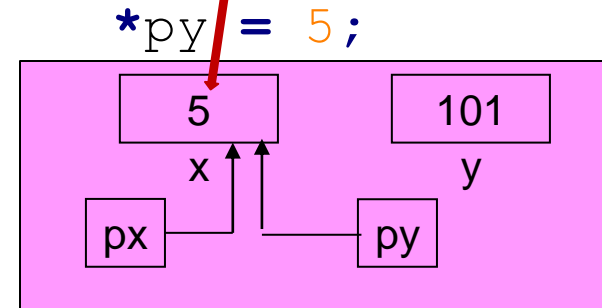
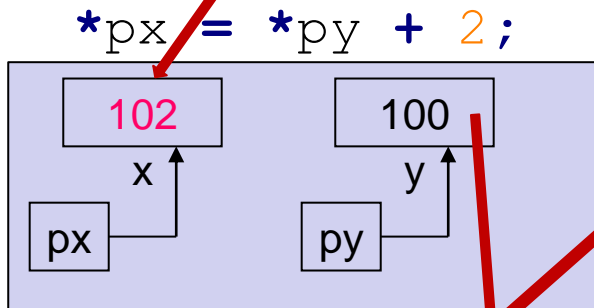
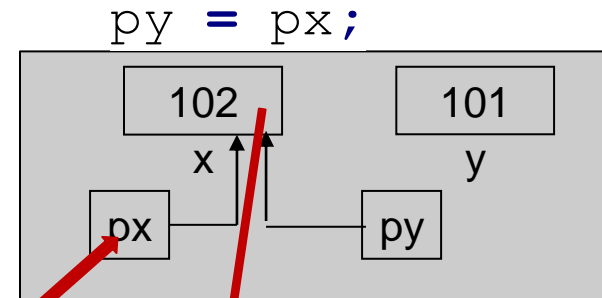
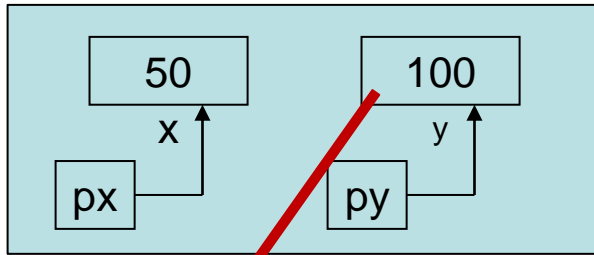
❑ Examples

```
int x=50, y=100;
```

```
int *px = &x, int *py = &y;
```



Pointers: Accessing data



```
cout<<"x: "<<x<<" y: "<<y<<endl;
cout<<"px: "<<px<<" py: "<<py<<endl;
```

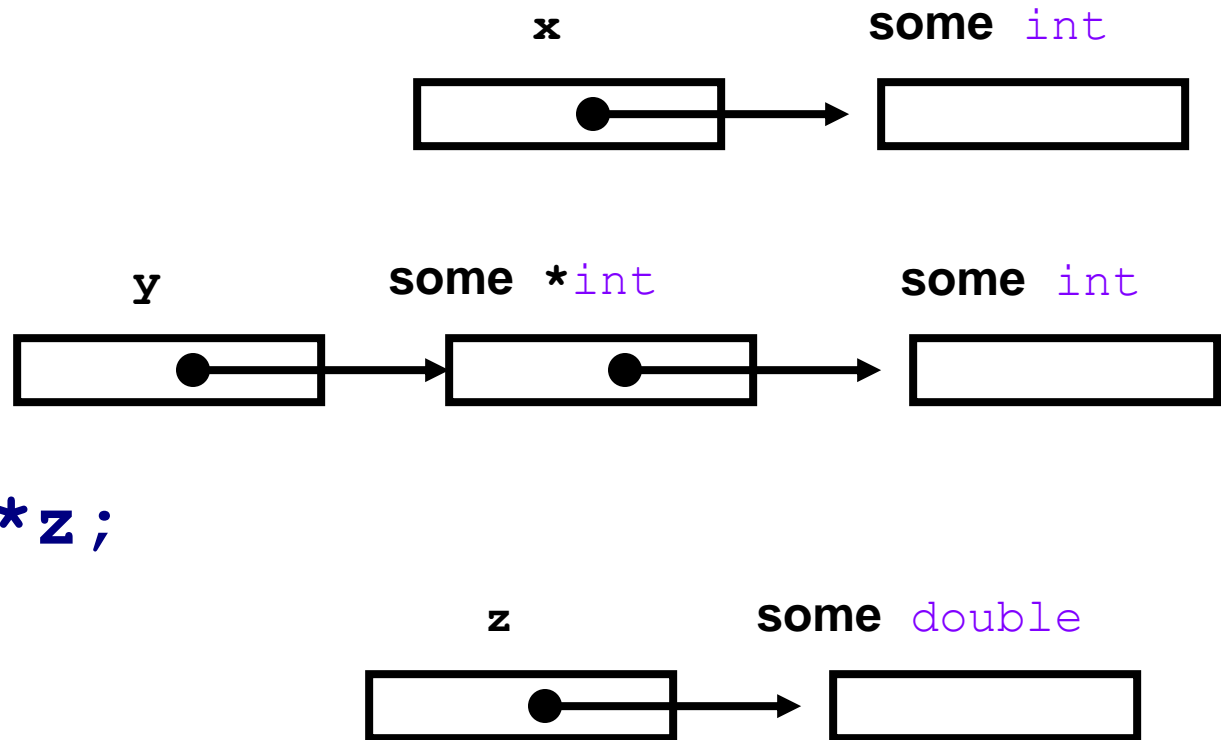
```
x: 5 y: 101
px: 0x61e3bc py: 0x61e3bc
```

Pointers: Accessing Data

```
int *x;
```

```
int **y;
```

```
double *z;
```



Pointers: Accessing Data: Example

```
int i=1024;

//create a pointer that
points to i
int *ip = i;
// error, type mismatch

int *ip = &i;
// ok. the operator & is
referred as address-of
operator
```

```
int *ip2 = ip;
// ok. now ip2 is another
pointer that also addresses i

int *ip3 = &ip2;
// error, type mismatch

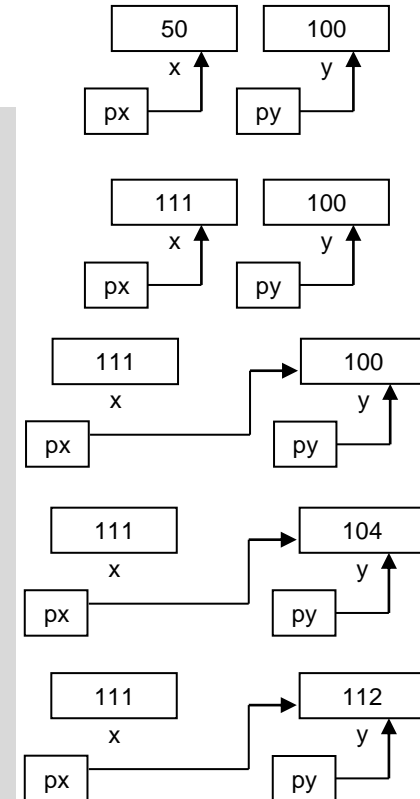
int **ip3 = &ip2;
// ok, it is a pointer to a
pointer
```

Example RUN IT @home

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main(){
    int *px, *py;
    int x, y;
    x=50;
    y=100;
    px=&x;
    py=&y;
    cout<<"x:"<<x<<" y:"<<y<<"\n";
    cout<<"px:"<<px<<" py:"<<py<<"\n";
    cout<<"*px:"<<*px<<" *py:"<<*py<<"\n";
    cout<<"\n";
    *px=y+11;
    cout<<"x:"<<x<<" y:"<<y<<"\n";
    cout<<"px:"<<px<<" py:"<<py<<"\n";
    cout<<"*px:"<<*px<<" *py:"<<*py<<"\n";
    cout<<"\n";
}
```

```
px=py;
cout<<"x:"<<x<<" y:"<<y<<"\n";
cout<<"px:"<<px<<" py:"<<py<<"\n";
cout<<"*px:"<<*px<<" *py:"<<*py<<"\n";
cout<<"\n";

*px=(*px)+4;
*py=(*py)+8;
cout<<"x:"<<x<<" y:"<<y<<"\n";
cout<<"px:"<<px<<" py:"<<py<<"\n";
cout<<"*px:"<<*px<<" *py:"<<*py<<"\n";
cout<<"\n";
return 0;
}
```



```
px:50 y:100
px:0x61fe0c py:0x61fe08
*px:50 *py:100

px:111 y:100
px:0x61fe0c py:0x61fe08
*px:111 *py:100
```

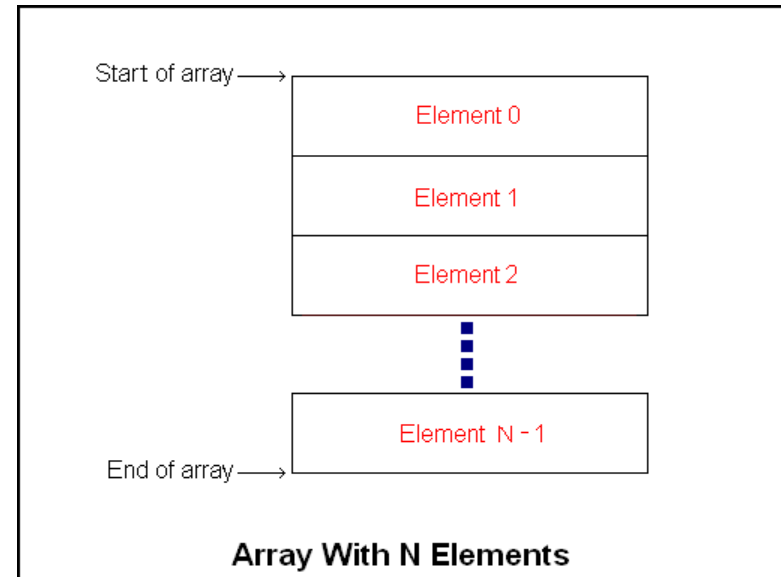
```
px:111 y:100
px:0x61fe08 py:0x61fe08
*px:100 *py:100

px:111 y:112
px:0x61fe08 py:0x61fe08
*px:112 *py:112
```

Code: Lecture2_pointers_run_at_home

Arrays

- ❑ An array is a consecutive group of memory locations (i.e., elements of the array)
- ❑ The contents of each element are of the same type
- ❑ Example: array `int`, `double`, `char`, `long int`, ...
- ❑ We know the start position of the array corresponding to element 0
- ❑ We can refer to individual elements by giving the position number (index, subscript) of the element in the array

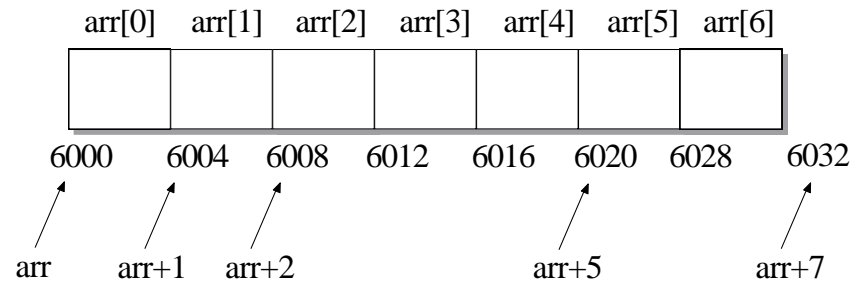


Pointers and Arrays

- ❑ Array name is the starting address of the memory block

```
int arr[7];
```

→ `arr` is the starting address



- ❑ At runtime, the computer
 - Allocates space for 7 integer objects
 - Assigns to `arr` the starting address of the memory block
 - Associates the pointer with the type and the size of the item it references
 - Knows that each data item is a 4-byte integer
- ❑ Pointer arithmetic
 - `arr+i` points at the *i*-th location of the array
 - Indexing starts with 0: `arr = arr+0`

Declaring an Array

□ General Format

```
element_type array_name[number_of_elements];
```

- `element_type`: can be any C++ data type
- `array_name`: can be any valid variable name
- `number_of_elements`: must be a constant expression known at compile time

□ Declaration Examples

```
char C[20]; // valid since fixed number
const int ArraySize = 50;
float A[ArraySize]; // valid since constant
long X[ArraySize+10];
int n;
std::cin >> n;
int arr[n]; // not valid according to standard C++
```


Initialization

- Arrays can be initialized with the declaration (like variables)

```
int grades[5] = {1,8,3,6,12};  
double d[2] = {0.707, 0.707};  
char s[] = { 'M', 'E', 'T', 'U' };  
int arr[5];  
memset(arr, 0, sizeof(arr));
```

You don't need to specify a size when initializing, the compiler will count for you

- Examples

```
long factorial(const int n)  
{  
    long f = 1;  
    for (int i=1; i<=n; ++i)  
        f *= i;  
    return f;  
}
```

Code: Lecture2_factorial

```
int main ()  
{  
    int facs[10];  
    for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)  
        facs[i] = factorial(i);  
    for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)  
        cout << "factorial(" << i << ") is "  
              << facs[i] << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

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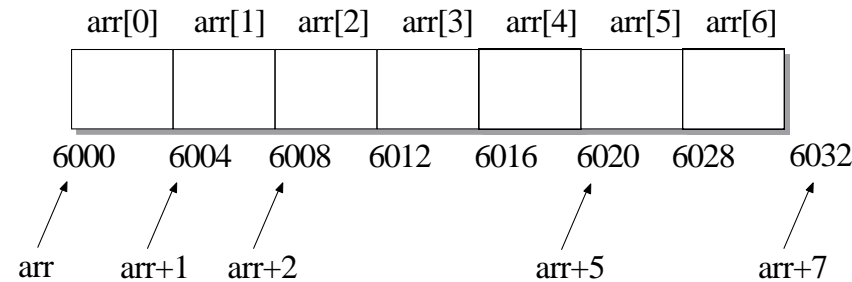
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Code: Lecture2_factorial

```
factorial(0) is 1  
factorial(1) is 1  
factorial(2) is 2  
factorial(3) is 6  
factorial(4) is 24  
factorial(5) is 120  
factorial(6) is 720  
factorial(7) is 5040  
factorial(8) is 40320  
factorial(9) is 362880
```

Pointer Arithmetic



□ Pointers behave like array indices

- If `p` points to `arr[0]`, then `p+1` points to `arr[1]`
- The arithmetic is scaled by the size of the type `sizeof(arr)`

□ Valid operations on pointers

- Increment/decrement (`p++`, `p--`)
→ move to next/previous element
- Integer addition/subtraction (`p+n`, `p-n`)
→ move `n` elements
- Difference between two pointers (`p-q`)
→ number of elements between them
(if pointing into same array)
- Comparisons (`<`, `>`, `==`)
→ relative positions inside same array

```
int arr[5] = {10, 20, 30, 40, 50};
int* p = arr; // points to arr[0]
p++;          // move to arr[1]
p--;          // back to arr[0]
int d = *(p + 2); // d = 30 (arr[2])
int e = *(p + 4); // e = 50 (arr[4])
int* q = &arr[4];
int diff = q - p; // diff = 4
bool cmp1 = (p < q); // true
bool cmp2 = (q > p); // true
bool cmp3 = (p == arr); // true
```

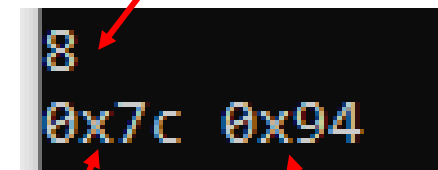
Pointer Arithmetic: Discussion

❑ Dereferencing with arithmetic

- `*(p + n)` is the same as `arr[n]`
- `p[i]` is shorthand for `*(p + i)`

```
double p;  
// Get size of double in Bytes  
cout << sizeof(p) << endl;  
double *pp;  
// Increment pointer content by 3  
double *q = pp + 3;  
// Print pointer contents  
cout << pp << " " << q;  
return 0;
```

8 Bytes is the size of double



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→ difference is $3 \times 8 = 24$ Bytes

❑ Remarks

- Only meaningful within the same array object
- Moving outside array bounds = undefined behavior
- Arithmetic is based on element size, not bytes

C++ Operations on Arrays

❑ Assignment

- Direct index assignment using brackets

```
int arr[5];  
arr[0] = 100;  
arr[4] = 200;
```

Pointer-based assignment
using “*” and pointer arithmetic

```
int arr[5];  
int* p = arr; // arr start pointer  
*p = 100; // assign via pointer arithmetic  
*(p + 4) = 200;
```

❑ Assignment Examples

```
A[i] = z;  
t = X[i];  
X[i] = X[i+1] = t;  
/*this is equivalent to x[i+1]=t; x[i]=x[i+1];i.e., right to left*/
```

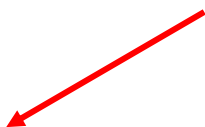
C++ Operations on Arrays

- ❑ Attention: Most C++ compilers don't check array index range !!



```
int V = 20;  
int B[20]; /* index range is 0-19 */  
B[V] = 0; /* index is out of range, but most  
           C++ compilers don't check this */
```

*Try to assign B[20],
which is not in the
address range*



Two Dimensional Arrays

❑ Example

```
int T[3][4] = {{20,5,-3,0},{-85,35,-1,2},
               {15,3,-2,-6}};
for(unsigned int i = 0; i < 3; i++){
    for(unsigned int j = 0; j < 4; j++){
        cout << T[i][j] << "\t";
        cout << endl;
    }
}
```

20	5	-3	0
-85	35	-1	2
15	3	-2	-6

❑ Assignment

T[2][3] = 12;

T[2][0] = -5

T	20	5	-3	0	T[0]
	-85	35	-1	2	T[1]
	-5	3	-2	12	T[2]

Pointers and Arrays: Example

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main(){
    int arr[7];
    int i;
    // Insert values in array
    for(i=0; i<7; i++)
        arr[i] = i;
    // Print values in array
    for(i=0; i<7; i++)
        cout << arr[i] << " ";
    cout << endl;
    // Print addresses
    for(i=0; i<7; i++)
        cout << &arr[i] << endl;
    // Access values by dereferencing
    for(i=0; i<7; i++)
        cout << *(arr+i) << " ";
```

```
        cout << endl;
    // Pointer for first array element
    int *p=arr;
    // Print values using pointer
    increment
    for(i=0; i<7; i++){
        cout << *p << " ";
        p++;
    }
    cout << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

```
0 1 2 3 4 5 6
0x61fdf0
0x61fdf4
0x61fdf8
0x61fdfc
0x61fe00
0x61fe04
0x61fe08
0 1 2 3 4 5 6
0 1 2 3 4 5 6
```

Code: Lecture2_pointers_and_arrays

Input/Output in C++

❑ Output (cout)

- From <iostream>
- Uses insertion operator <<

❑ Input (cin)

- From <iostream>
- Uses extraction operator >>

❑ Chaining

- Multiple inputs/outputs in one statement

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    int x = 10;
    cout << "Value of x = " << x << endl;

    int y;
    cout << "Enter a number: ";
    cin >> y;

    int a, b;
    // read two numbers
    cin >> a >> b;
    // output both
    cout << "a: " << a << " b: " << b << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Namespaces in C++

❑ Namespace definition

- Groups related identifiers (variables, functions, classes) under a name
- Helps avoid name conflicts in large projects or libraries

❑ Declaring a namespace

```
namespace Math {  
    int add(int a, int b) { return a + b; }  
    int mul(int a, int b) { return a * b; }  
}
```

❑ Accessing namespace members

```
// with scope operator  
int x = Math::add(2, 3); // 5  
// Using directive  
using namespace Math;  
int y = mul(4, 5); // 20
```

❑ Standard namespace (std)

- Most of the C++ standard library is in std.

```
// with scope operator  
std::cout << "Hello";  
using namespace std;  
// after using directive  
cout << "Hello";
```

Char Strings in C/C++: Definition

❑ C-Style Character Strings

- A character array ending with the null terminator ' \0 '
- Stored in contiguous memory

❑ Declaration/Initialization

```
char str1[] = "Hello";    // compiler adds '\0'  
char str2[6] = {'H','e','l','l','o','\0'};
```

❑ Input/Output using cout/cin

```
cout << str1 << endl; // prints Hello  
cin >> str1; // reads word (stops at space)
```

❑ Important Remarks

- Must always leave room for ' \0 '
- Example: "Hello" needs 6 chars (5 letters + null)

Char Strings in C/C++: Common Functions

❑ Length

- Get the number of characters
- Excludes `'\0'`

❑ Copy

- Copy string into another string
- Target must have enough chars

❑ Concatenate

- Concatenate strings
- Target must have enough chars

❑ Compare

- Compare two strings

❑ Convert

- Get integer value of char string

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cstring>
#include <cstdlib> // for atoi
using namespace std;
int main() {
    char str1[] = "Hello";
    // length excluding '\0'
    cout << " length: " << strlen(str1) << endl;
    char dest[20];
    strcpy(dest, str1); // copies "Hello" into dest
    strcat(dest, " World"); // dest = "Hello World"
    // equal strings
    if (strcmp(str1, "Hello") == 0)
        cout << " Strings are equal" << endl;
    // convert char numStr[] = "456" to int
    char numStr[] = "456"; // C-string
    int value = atoi(numStr);
    cout << " number: " << value << endl;;
    return 0;
}
```

Code: Lecture2_char_strings

Using Arguments in main

❑ Forms of main

- `int main();` // simplest form
- `int main(int argc, char* argv[]);` // with arguments

❑ Parameters

- Argument count: `argc`
→ number of command-line arguments
- Argument vector: `argv`
→ array of C-strings

❑ Command Line

```
$ ./bin/myapp.exe hello 123
Number of arguments: 3
arg[0] = ./bin/myapp
arg[1] = hello
arg[2] = 123
```

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    cout << "Number of arguments: "
         << argc << endl;

    for (int i = 0; i < argc; i++) {
        cout << "arg[" << i << "] = "
             << argv[i] << endl;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

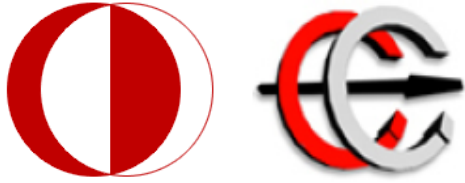
Using Arguments in main: Example

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cstdlib> // for atoi
using namespace std;

int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    if (argc < 3) {
        cout << "Usage: " << argv[0]
             << " num1 num2 [num3 ...]" << endl;
        return 1; // exit with error
    }
    int sum = 0;
    for (int i = 1; i < argc; i++) {
        sum += atoi(argv[i]); // convert string → int
    }
    cout << "Sum = " << sum << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

```
$ ./bin/myapp.exe 10 20 30
Sum = 60
```

Code: Lecture2_arguments_main



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