



# Lecture 24-26

## Runtime Environment

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```
#include <stdio.h>
int *p;
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    p = &a;
    val = * (--p) ;
    printf("In foo\n");
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void bar(int b){
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