# UNIT 1 Review of Programming Basics

CPE 1202L: Data Structures and Algorithms

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- The **C language** is one of the most popular programming languages. The standard of C was defined in 1989 with changes in 1995 and 1999. It is called ANSI/ISO Standard C. The language has:
  - Elementary and structured data types (including pointers)
  - Control constructs
  - Procedures and functions
  - Input/Output

#### Data Structures

#### Definition

- Data structure is a collection of data and a set of rules for organizing and accessing it.
- The choice of data structures obviously affects the operations that can be done on the data.
- A programmer must appropriately select the appropriate data structure given a specific problem.

## **FUNCTIONS**

#### Function

- The building blocks of C in which all program activity occurs
- General form of a Function

```
type_specifier function_name(parameter_declaration_list)
{
    body of the function
}
```

- type\_specifier
  - specifies the type of the value that function will return using the return statement
  - default return an integer result
- parameter\_declaration\_list
  - comma separated list of variable types & name that will receive the values of the arguments when function is called

## Uses of the <u>return</u> Statement

 Causes an immediate exit from function execution and transfers control to the calling code

It can be used to return a value

## Function Arguments No Return Value, with Parameter

```
#include<stdio.h>
void sqr (int x);
main()
    int num = 100;
     sqr (num);
void sqr (int x)
       prinft("%d squared is %d ", x, x*x);
      getch();
```

## Function Arguments NO RETURN VALUE, WITH PARAMETER

```
#include<stdio.h>
void mul (int a, int b);
main()
    mul (10, 11);
void mul (int a, int b)
    printf("%d", a*b);
    getch();
```

## Function Returning Values WITH RETURN VALUE, WITH PARAMETER

```
#include<stdio.h>
int mul (int a, int b);
main()
 int answer;
answer = mul (10, 11);
printf("The answer is % d", answer);
  getch();
int mul (int a, int b)
  return a*b;
```

## Ways of Passing Arguments CALLING FUNCTION

#### Call by Value

copies value of an argument into the formal parameter of a function

#### Call by Reference

 the address of an argument is copied into the parameters of a function and is used to access the actual argument

## Ways of Passing Arguments CALLING FUNCTION

#### Pointer Operator

- Ampersand (&)
  - unary operator that returns the memory address of its operand ("the address of")
- Asterisk (\*)
  - returns the value of variable located at the address that follows ("value at address")

## **ARRAYS**

## Array

Is a collection of variables of the same type placed contiguously in memory and referenced by a common name.

## One-dimensional Array

- Declaration
  - data\_type variable\_name[array\_size];
- Total number of bytes
  - size\_of\_data\_type \* size\_of\_array
- Example
  - int x[10]; # of bytes = 2\*10 = 20
  - chary[20]; # of bytes = 1\*20 = 20

## Array Indexing

- Indexes
  - Used to differentiate the elements in an array
- Example
  - int num[5];

| <u>Index</u> | Element Name | <u>Address</u> |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 0            | num[0]       | # [0], #, num  |
| 1            | num[1]       | # [1]          |
| 2            | num[2]       | # [2]          |
| 3            | num[3]       | # [3]          |
| 4            | num[4]       | # [4]          |

## Two-dimensional Array

- In essence, list of one-dimensional arrays
- Declaration
  - data\_type variable\_name[row\_size][col\_size];
- Total number of bytes
  - size\_data\_type \* row\_size \* col\_size
- Example
  - int x[5][3]; # of bytes = 2\*5\*3 = 30
  - char y[2][5]; # of bytes = 1\*2\*5 = 10

## Array Indexing

Access elements

| int x[3][2]; | <u>Index</u> | Element Name    | <u>Address</u>         |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------------|
|              | 0,0          | x[0][0]         | &x[0][0], &x[0], &x, x |
|              | 0,1          | &x[0][1]        | &x[0][1]               |
|              | 1,0          | &x[1][0], &x[1] | &x[1][0], &x[1]        |
|              | 1,1          | &x[1][1]        | &x[1][1]               |
|              | 2,0          | &x[2][0]        | &x[2][0], &x[2]        |
|              | 2,1          | &x[2][1]        | &x[2][1]               |

## STRUCTURES

#### Structure

Is a collection of variables that are referenced under one name, providing a convenient means of keeping related information together.

- Structure elements
  - Variables that make up the structures
- Uses the keyword <u>struct</u> which tells the compiler that a structure is being declared

#### General form of a structure declaration:

```
struct structure_tag_name{
  type variable_name;
  type variable_name;
  type variable_name;
  .
  .
  .
} structure_variables;
```

## Structure declaration example

```
1)
 struct stud
  char id[10];
  char name[30];
  char course[10];
  int year;
 struct stud stud info;
```

### Structure declaration example

```
2)
 struct stud
  char id[10];
  char name[30];
  char course[10];
  int year;
 } stud_info, sdata;
```

## Structure declaration example

```
3)
  struct
    char id[10];
    char name[30];
    char course[10];
    int year;
  } stud info;
```

## Referencing Structure Elements

- Individual structure elements are referenced by using the dot (.) operator
- General form:
  - structure\_name.element\_name

## Array of Structures

```
#define MAX 20
struct stud
 char id[10];
 char name[30];
 char course[10];
 int year;
struct stud stud_info[MAX];
```

## Array of Structures

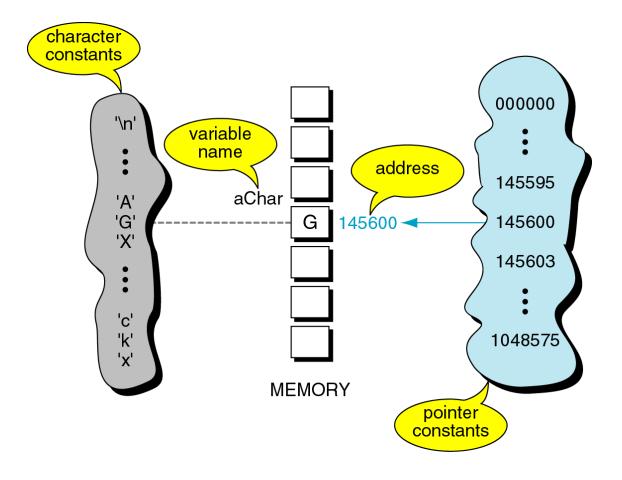
```
gets(stud info[2].id);
gets(stud info[2].name);
gets(stud info[2].course);
scanf("%d",&stud info[2].year);
printf("%s", stud info[5].id);
printf("%s", stud info[5].name);
printf("%s", stud info[5].course);
printf("%d", stud info[5].year);
```

## **POINTERS**

#### Pointers

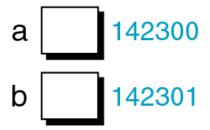
Pointer is a constant or variable that contains an address that can be used to access data.

### Pointer Constants

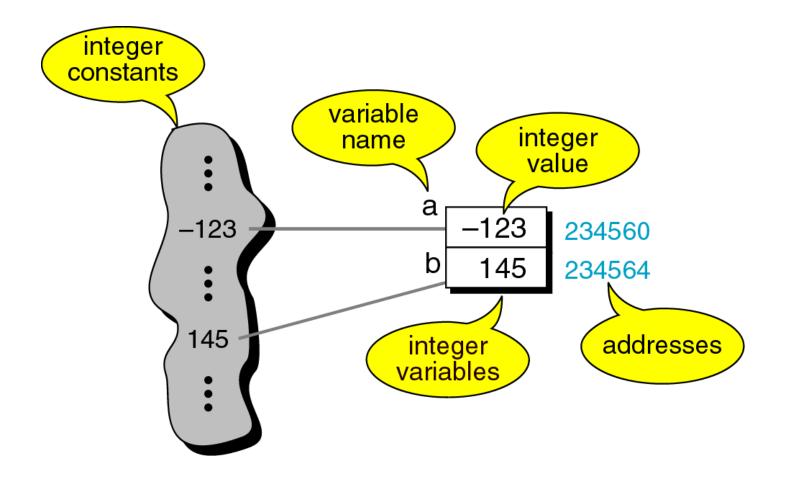


#### Print Character Address

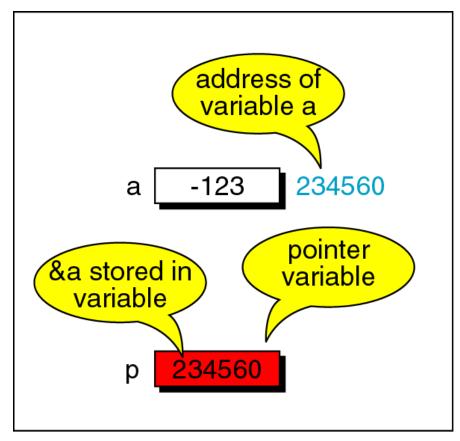
```
/* Print character addresses */
#include <stdio.h>
int main (void)
/* Local Definitions */
  char a;
  char b;
/* Statements */
  printf ("%p %p\n", &a, &b);
  return 0;
  /* main */
```



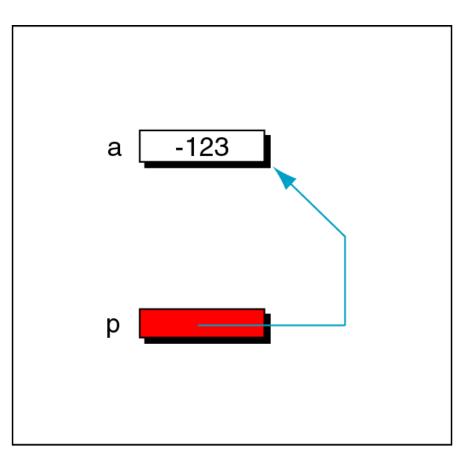
## Integer Constants and Variables



#### Pointer Variable



Physical representation



Logical representation



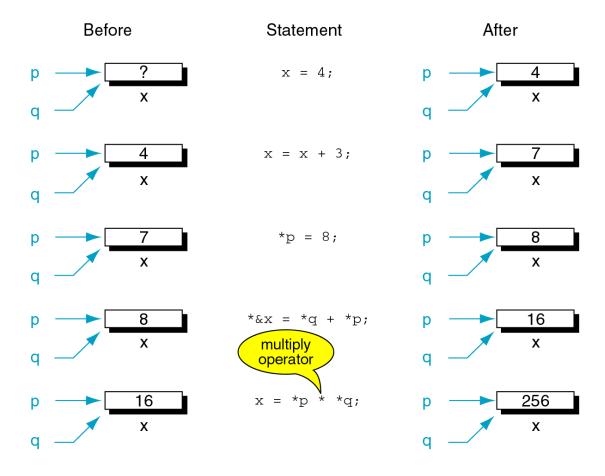
## Accessing Variables through Pointers

- The indirection operator is a unary operator whose operand must be a pointer value
- An indirection expression, one of the expression types in the unary expression category is coded with an asterisk (\*) and an identifier
- To access the variable a through the pointer p
  - \* p
  - p = &a
  - -a++; a = a + 1; \*p = \*p+1; (\*p)++

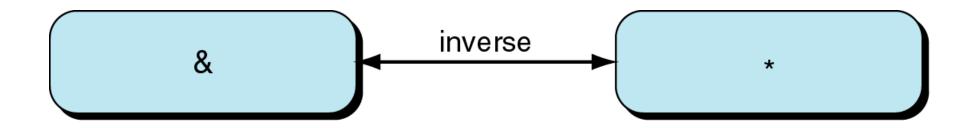
## Operations on Pointers

```
&i
                      address of a referenced location
                *p
                      contents of a referenced location
              p++
                      value of the pointer p incremented by one unit of base type size (p=p
                      + sizeof(base type))
              ++p
                      increments the pointer p = p + sizeof(base type) then gets
                      the value of p
          p = \&i
                      assigns a memory location to the pointer
         type *p
                      declares a pointer and its base type
* (p++)
         or *p++
                      increments p and than gets a value of *p
           (*p)++
                      is not equivalent to *p++
*(++p) or *++p
                      preincrements p, then gets the value
          ++(*p)
                      increments the value pointed to by p
```

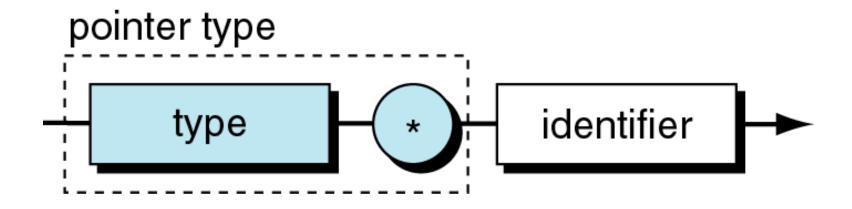
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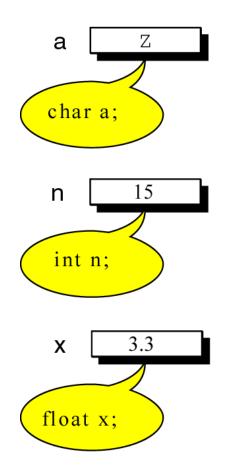
## Address and Indirection Operators

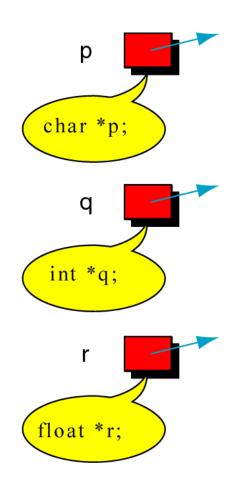


#### Pointer Variable Declaration

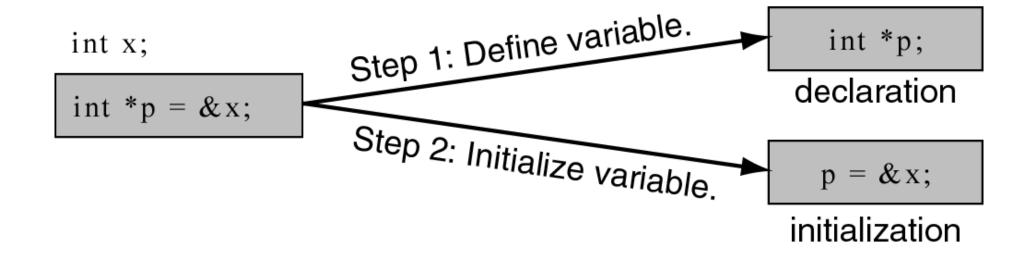


## Declaring Pointer Variables

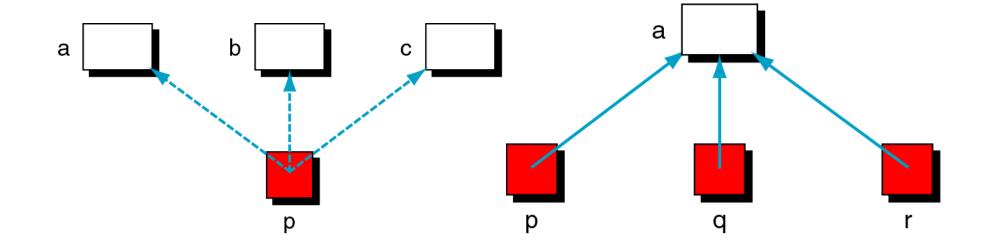




### Initializing Pointer Variables

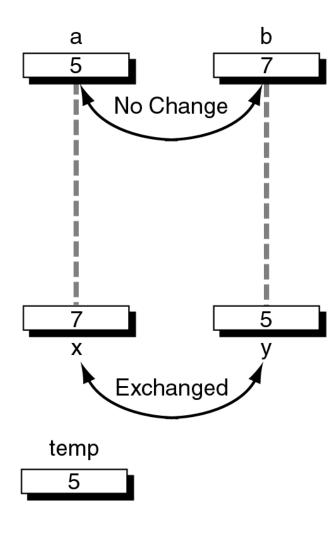


## Pointer Flexibility



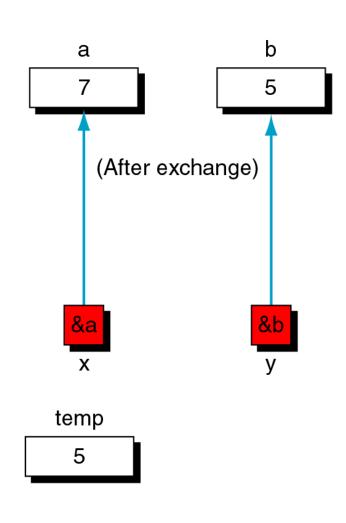
# Pointers for Inter-Function Communication

```
/* Prototype Declarations */
void exchange (int x, int y);
int main (void)
{
  int a = 5;
  int b = 7;
  exchange (a, b);
  printf("%d %d\n", a, b);
  return 0;
} /* main */
```



# Pointers for Inter-Function Communication

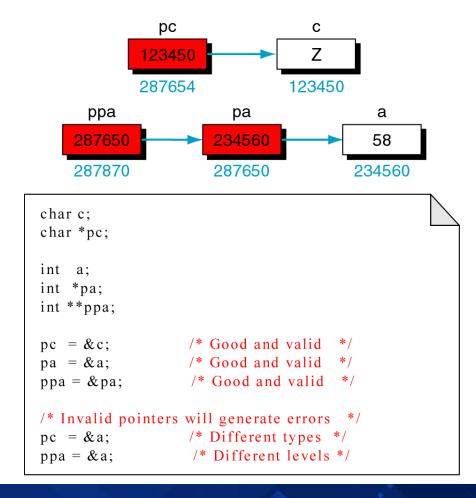
```
/* Prototype Declarations */
void exchange (int *, int *);
int main (void)
{
  int a = 5;
  int b = 7;
  exchange (&a, &b);
  printf("%d %d\n", a, b);
  return 0;
} /* main */
```



#### Pointers to Pointers

```
/* Local Declarations */
        int
        int
                **q;
        int
                        pointer to
      pointer to
                                              integer
   pointer to integer
                                             variable
                         integer
                                      а
                                           58
                     234560
397870
                                         287650
        /* Statements */
        a = 58;
        p = &a;
        q = &p;
        printf(" %3d", a);
        printf(" %3d", *p);
        printf(" %3d", **q);
```

### Deference Type Compatibility



■ To allocate memory dynamically the function malloc is used. It returns a generic pointer of type void\*. In order to obtain a correct type we must change the generic pointer type to a type we need using a cast (for instance, (int\*)). The obtained pointer indicates the beginning of the allocated space. If malloc fails to allocate memory it returns NULL.

```
int *a;
a = (int *) malloc(sizeof(int));
if (a == NULL) { printf("malloc failed\n"); }
*a = 120;
```

 Usually, we do not allocate space for variables of primitive type at run time. Typically, malloc is used to allocate space for a structure or an array.

• Examples typedef struct { int ID; double GPA; /\* grade \*/ } Student; Student \*sptr; sptr = (Student \*) malloc(sizeof(Student)); sptr->ID = 2310;sptr->GPA = 3.4;

To allocate an array dynamically, we multiply sizeof(type) by the required number of elements of the array.

```
int i;
Student *p; /* p is an array */
p = (Student *) malloc(35*sizeof(Student));
for (i = 0; i < 35; i++) {
   p[i].ID = 120 + i;
   p[i].GPA = 0.0;
}</pre>
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
struct name {
 int a;
 float b;
 char c[30];
```

```
for(i=0;i<n;++i)
      printf("Enter string, integer and floating number respectively:\n");
      scanf("%s%d%f",&(ptr+i)->c,&(ptr+i)->a,&(ptr+i)->b);
printf("Displaying Infromation:\n");
for(i=0;i<n;++i)
      printf("%s\t%d\t%.2f\n",(ptr+i)->c,(ptr+i)->a,(ptr+i)->b);
return 0;
```

### Memory Deallocation

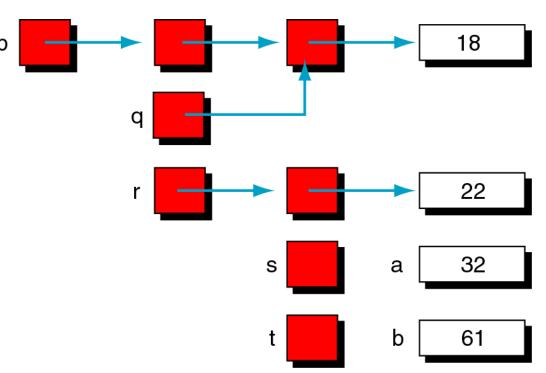
The allocated memory remains in use until the program has finished or memory is released using the function **free**.

#### Homework 1

 Assuming all variables are integers, and all pointers are typed appropriately, show the final values of the variables in Figure below

after the following assignments:

```
a = ***p;
s = **p;
t = *p;
b = **r;
**a = b;
```



#### Homework 2

 Create a program that adds, subtracts, multiples, and divides two numbers using pointers.

#### References

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