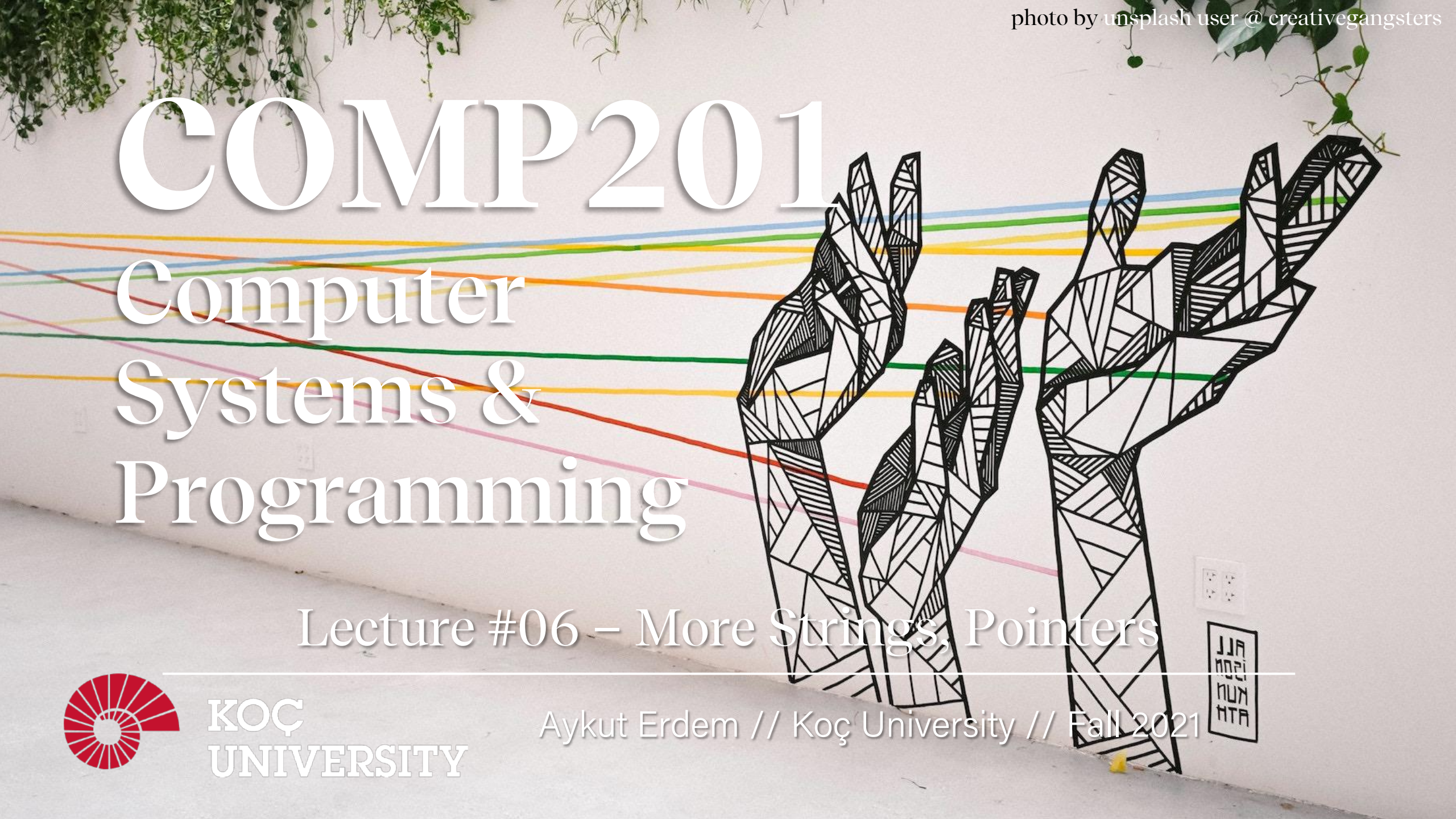

COMP201

Computer Systems & Programming

Lecture #06 – More Strings, Pointers

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Recap

- Characters
- Strings
- Common String Operations
  - Comparing
  - Copying
  - Concatenating
  - Substrings
- Practice: Diamonds

Plan for Today

- Searching in Strings
- Practice: Password Verification
- Pointers
- Practice: Printing the value of a pointer
- Strings in Memory

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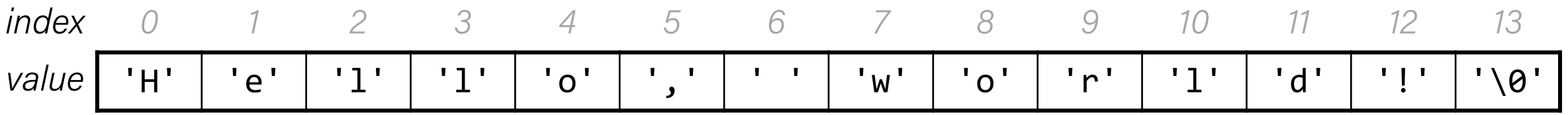
C Strings

C strings are arrays of characters ending with a **null-terminating character** '\0'.



String operations such as `strlen` use the null-terminating character to find the end of the string.

Side note: use `strlen` to get the length of a string. Don't use `sizeof`!

Common `string.h` Functions

Function	Description
`strlen(`***`str`***`)`	returns the # of chars in a C string (before null-terminating character).
`strcmp(`***`str1, str2`***`),` `strncmp(`***`str1, str2, n`***`)`	compares two strings; returns 0 if identical, <0 if ***`str1`*** comes before ***`str2`*** in alphabet, >0 if ***`str1`*** comes after ***`str2`*** in alphabet. ***`strncmp`*** stops comparing after at most ***`n`*** characters.
`strchr(`***`str, ch`***`)` `strrchr(`***`str, ch`***`)`	character search: returns a pointer to the first occurrence of ***`ch`*** in ***`str`***, or ***`NULL`*** if ***`ch`*** was not found in ***`str`***. `strrchr` find the last occurrence.
`strstr(`***`haystack, needle`***`)`	string search: returns a pointer to the start of the first occurrence of ***`needle`*** in ***`haystack`***, or ***`NULL`*** if ***`needle`*** was not found in ***`haystack`***.
`strcpy(`***`dst, src`***`),` `strncpy(`***`dst, src, n`***`)`	copies characters in ***`src`*** to ***`dst`***, including null-terminating character. Assumes enough space in ***`dst`***. Strings must not overlap. **`strncpy`** stops after at most ***`n`*** chars, and <u>does not</u> add null-terminating char.
`strcat(`***`dst, src`***`),` `strncat(`***`dst, src, n`***`)`	concatenate ***`src`*** onto the end of ***`dst`***. **`strncat`** stops concatenating after at most ***`n`*** characters. <u>Always</u> adds a null-terminating character.
`strspn(`***`str, accept`***`),` `strcspn(`***`str, reject`***`)`	**`strspn`** returns the length of the initial part of ***`str`*** which contains <u>only</u> characters in ***`accept`***. **`strcspn`** returns the length of the initial part of ***`str`*** which does <u>not</u> contain any characters in ***`reject`***.

Searching For Letters

`strchr` returns a pointer to the first occurrence of a character in a string, or NULL if the character is not in the string.

```
char daisy[6];
strcpy(daisy, "Daisy");
char *letterA = strchr(daisy, 'a');
printf("%s\n", daisy);              // Daisy
printf("%s\n", letterA);            // aisy
```

If there are multiple occurrences of the letter, **`strchr`** returns a pointer to the *first* one. Use **`strrchr`** to obtain a pointer to the *last* occurrence.

Searching For Strings

`strstr` returns a pointer to the first occurrence of the second string in the first, or NULL if it cannot be found.

```
char daisy[10];
strcpy(daisy, "Daisy Dog");
char *substr = strstr(daisy, "Dog");
printf("%s\n", daisy);              // Daisy Dog
printf("%s\n", substr);             // Dog
```

If there are multiple occurrences of the string, `strstr` returns a pointer to the *first* one.

String Spans

`strspn` returns the *length* of the initial part of the first string which contains only characters in the second string.

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char daisy[10];
strcpy(daisy, "Daisy Dog");
int spanLength = strspn(daisy, "aDeoi");        // 3
```

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int spanLength = strcspn(daisy, "driso");      // 2
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C Strings As Parameters

When we pass a string as a parameter, it is passed as a **char *.** We can still operate on the string the same way as with a char[]. (*We'll see why today!)*.

```
int doSomething(char *str) {
     char secondChar = str[1];
     ...
}

// can also write this, but it is really a pointer
int doSomething(char str[]) { ...
```

Arrays of Strings

We can make an array of strings to group multiple strings together:

```
char *stringArray[5];   // space to store 5 char *s
```

We can also use the following shorthand to initialize a string array:

```
char *stringArray[] = {
     "Hello",
     "Hi",
     "Hey there"
};
```

Arrays of Strings

We can access each string using bracket syntax:

```
printf("%s\n", stringArray[0]);  // print out first string
```

When an array is passed as a parameter in C, C passes a *pointer to the first element of the array*. This is what **argv** is in **main**! This means we write the parameter type as:

```
void myFunction(char **stringArray) {

// equivalent to this, but it is really a double pointer
void myFunction(char *stringArray[]) {
```

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Practice: Password Verification

Write a function **`verifyPassword`** that accepts a candidate password and certain password criteria and returns whether the password is valid.

```
bool verifyPassword(char *password, char *validChars,
char *badSubstrings[], int numBadSubstrings);
```

password is valid if it contains only letters in **validChars**, and does not contain any substrings in **badSubstrings**.

Practice: Password Verification

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Example:

```
char *invalidSubstrings[] = { "1234" };

bool valid1 = verifyPassword("1572", "0123456789",
          invalidSubstrings, 1);       // true
bool valid2 = verifyPassword("141234", "0123456789",
          invalidSubstrings, 1);       // false
```

Practice: Password Verification

`verify_password.c`

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Pointers

- A *pointer* is a variable that stores a memory address.
- Because there is no pass-by-reference in C like in C++, pointers let us pass around the address of one instance of memory, instead of making many copies.
- One (8 byte) pointer can refer to any size memory location!
- Pointers are also essential for allocating memory on the heap, which we will cover later.
- Pointers also let us refer to memory generically, which we will cover later.

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- Memory is a big array of bytes.
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Address	Value
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0x105	'\0'
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0x103	'l'
0x102	'p'
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Looking Closely at C

- All parameters in C are “pass by value.” For efficiency purposes, arrays (and strings, by extension) passed in as parameters are converted to pointers.
- This means whenever we pass something as a parameter, we pass a copy.
- If we want to modify a parameter value in the function we call and have the changes persist afterwards, we can pass the location of the value instead of the value itself. This way we make a copy of the *address* instead of a copy of the *value*.

Pointers

```
int x = 2;


// Make a pointer that stores the address of x.
// (& means "address of")
int *xPtr = &x;


// Dereference the pointer to go to that address.
// (* means "dereference")
printf("%d", *xPtr);    // prints 2
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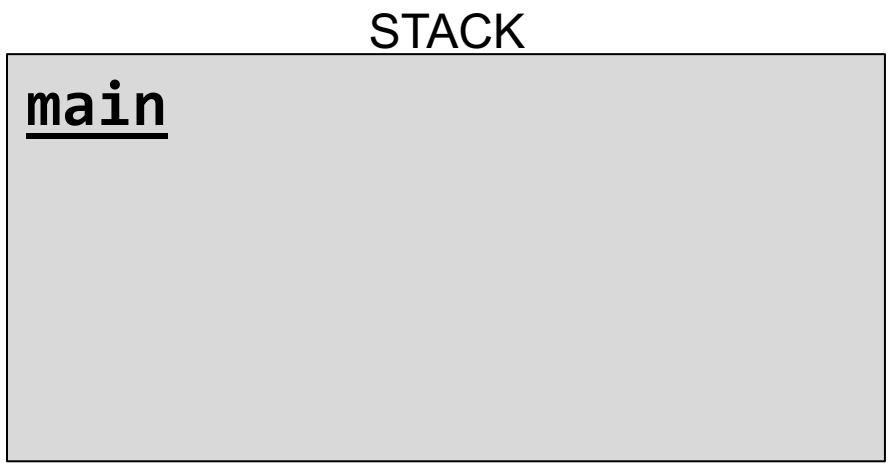

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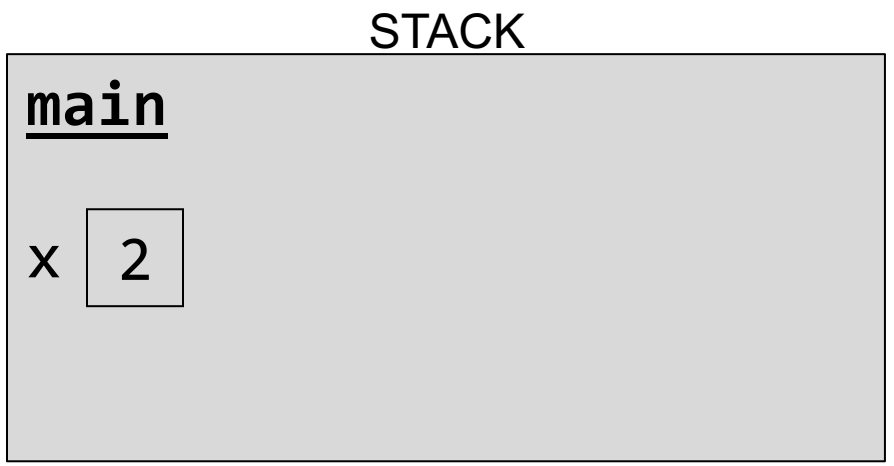

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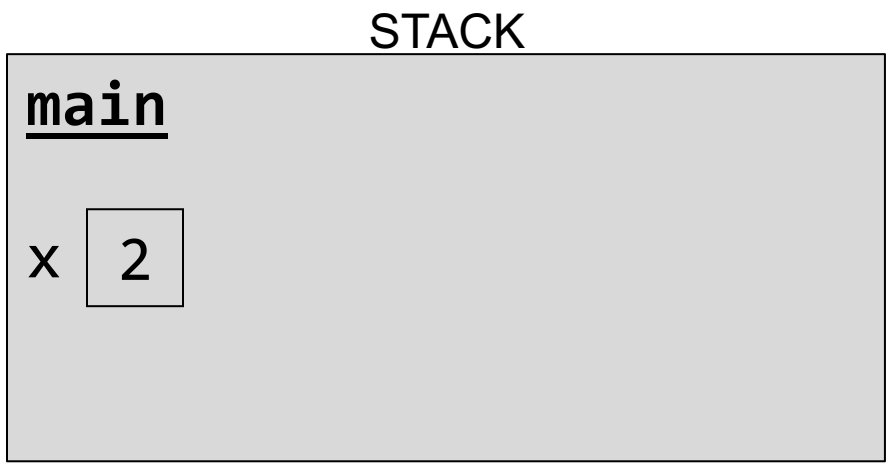

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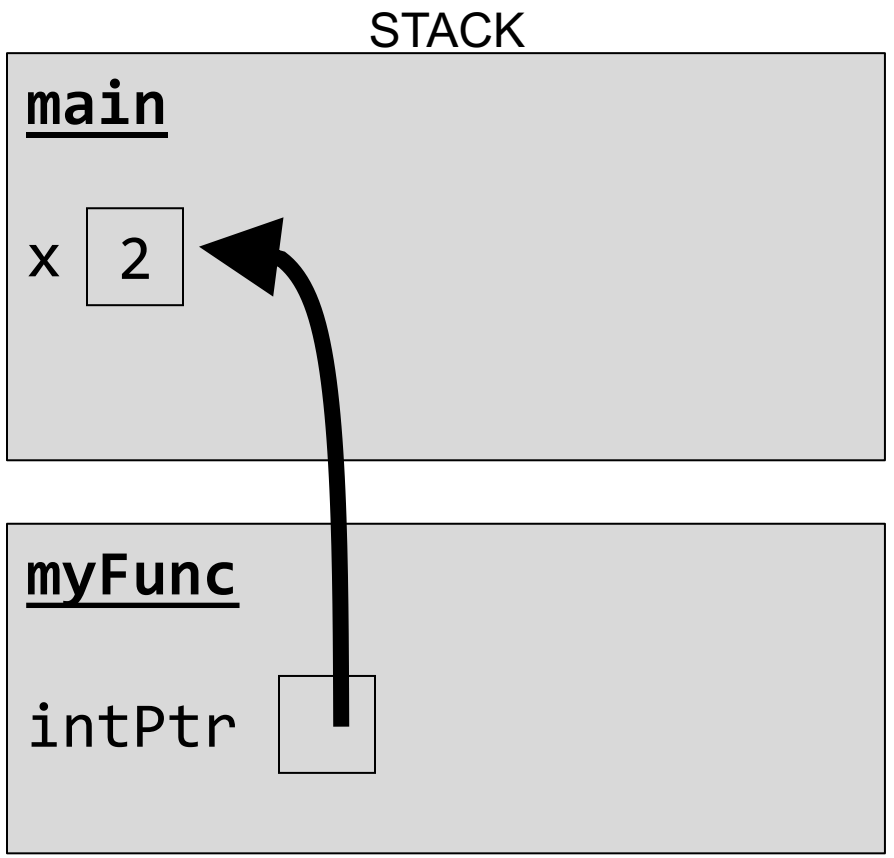

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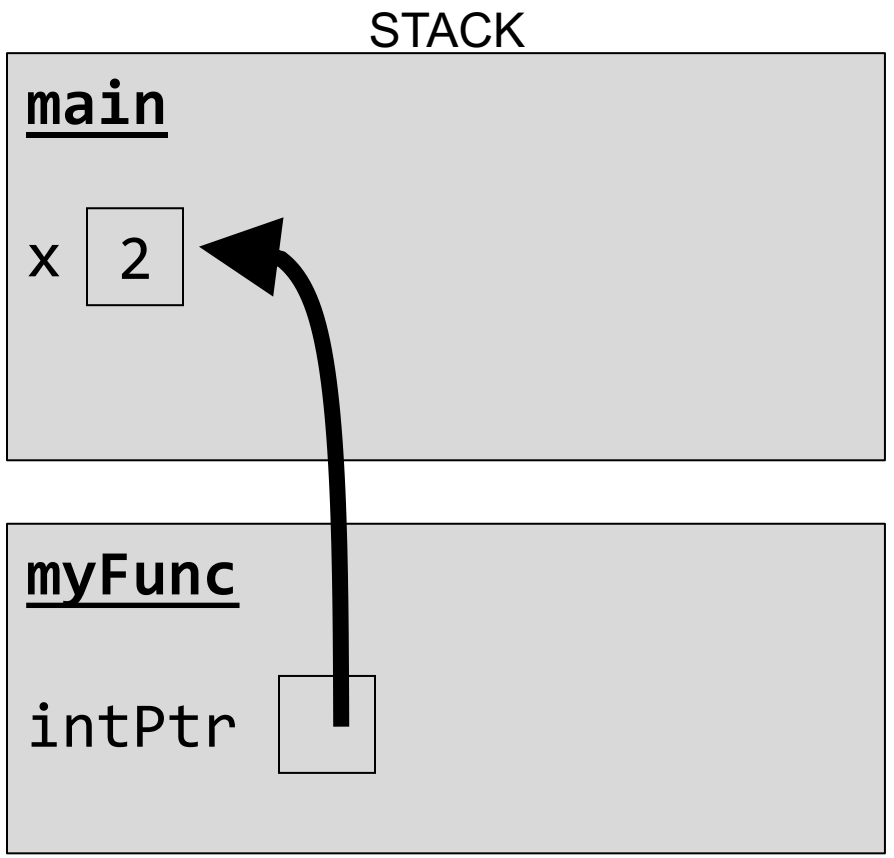

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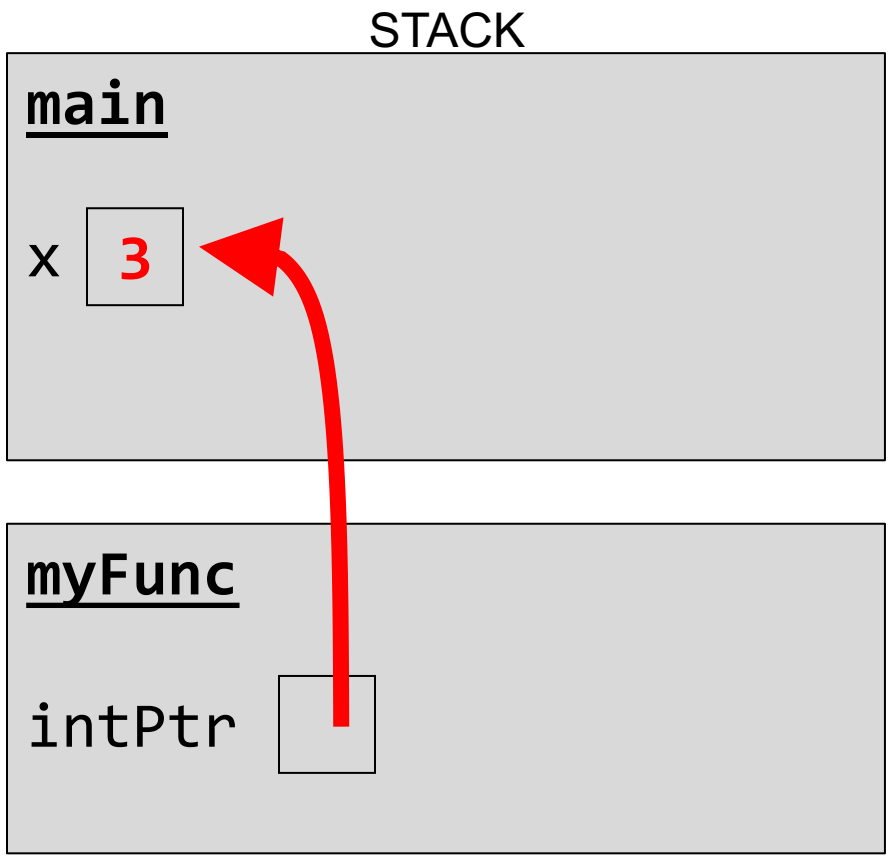

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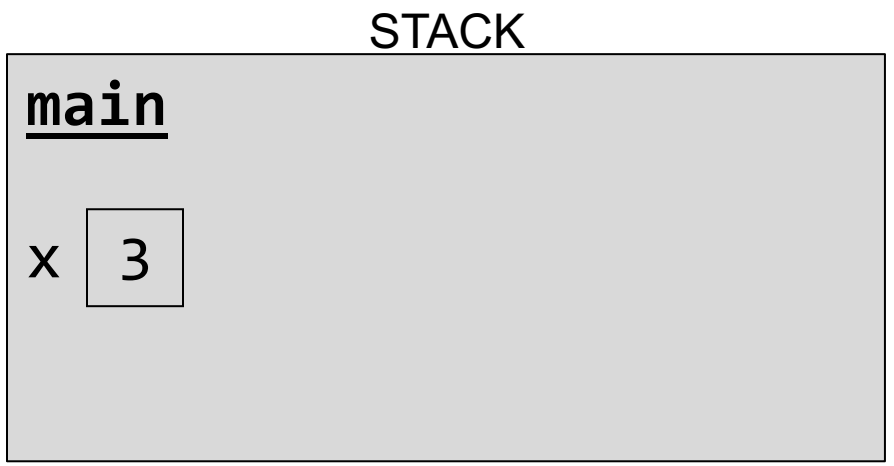

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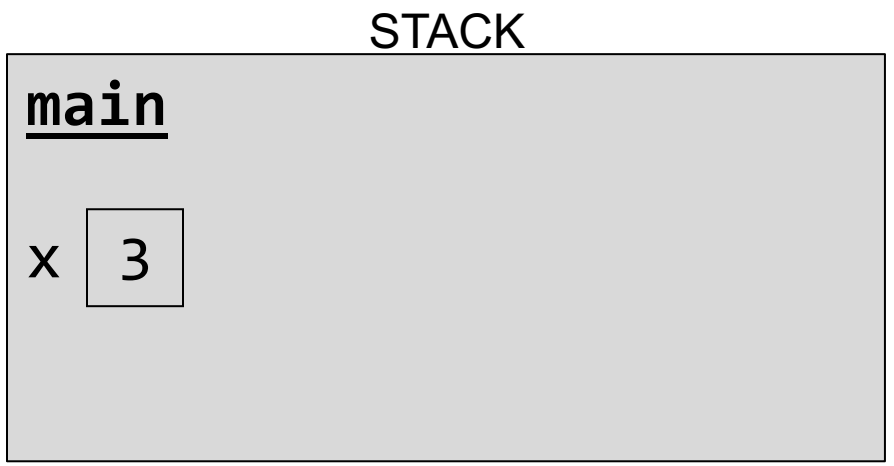

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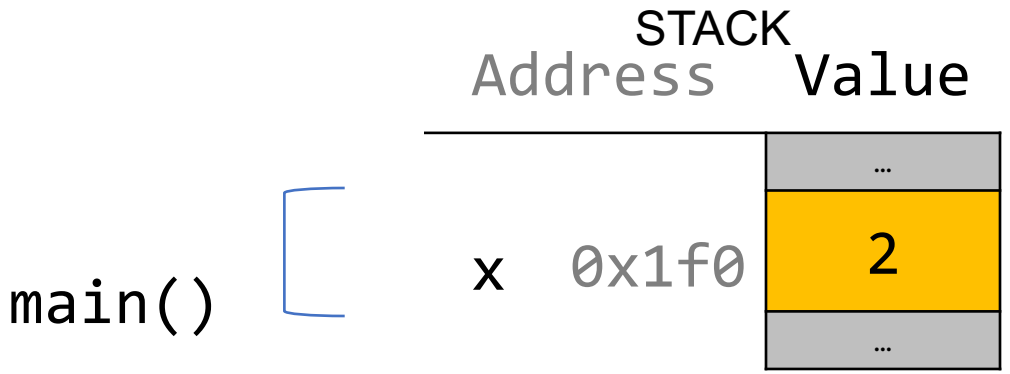

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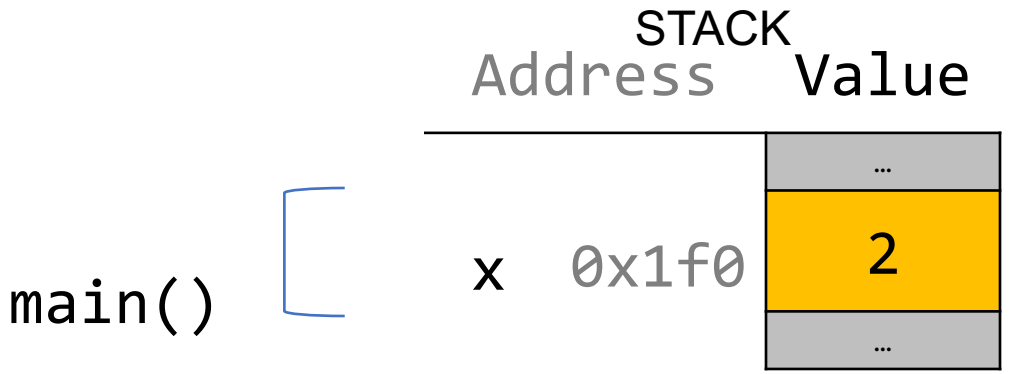

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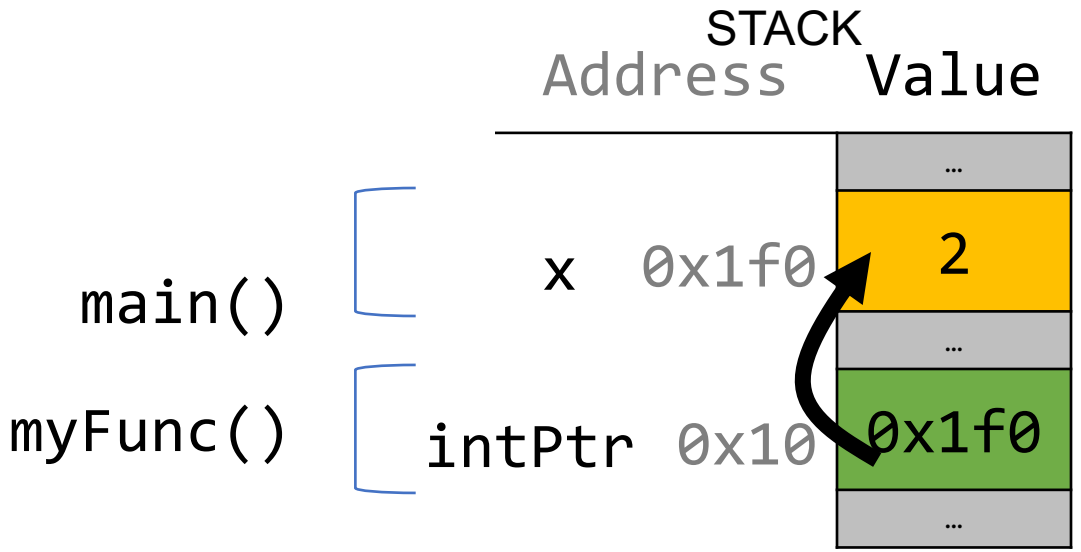

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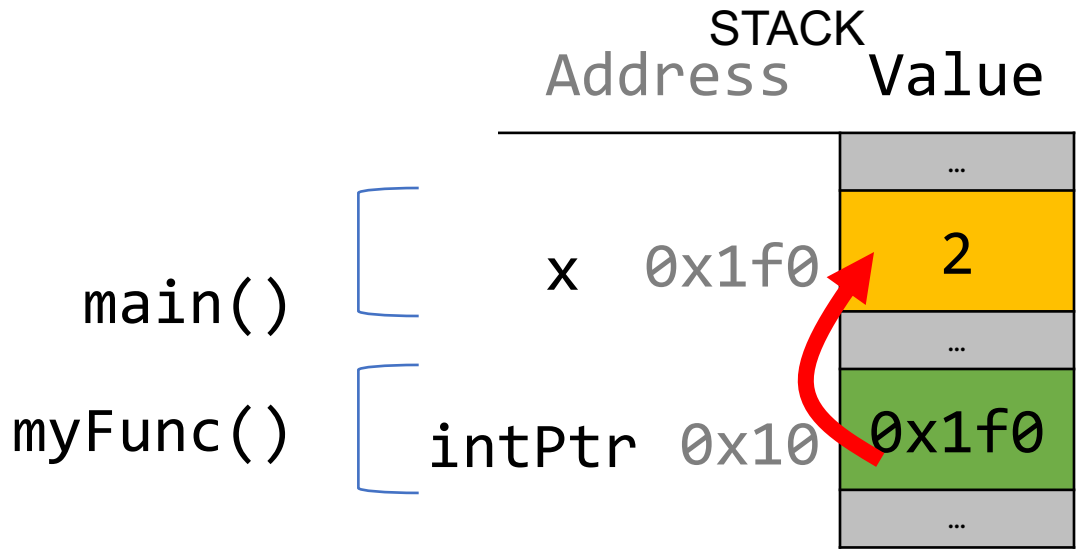

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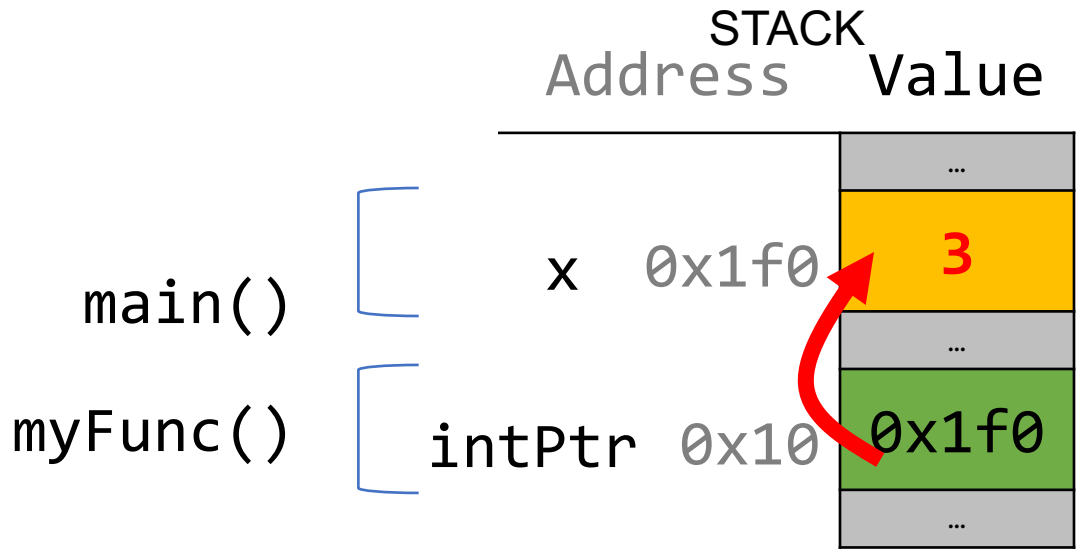

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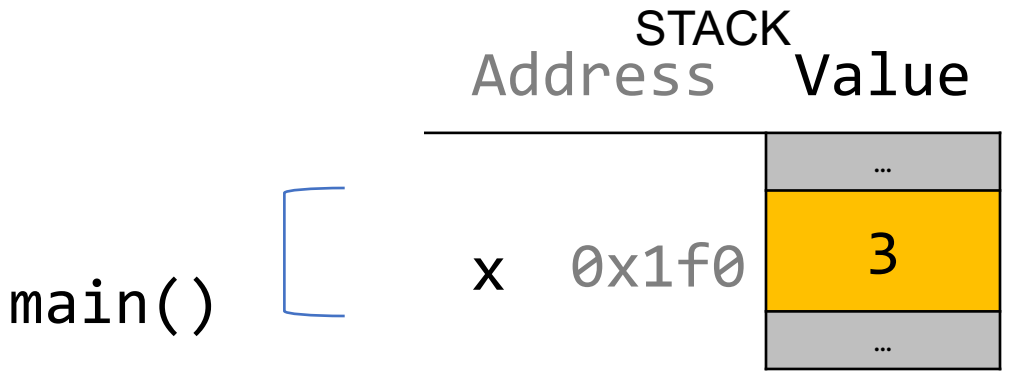

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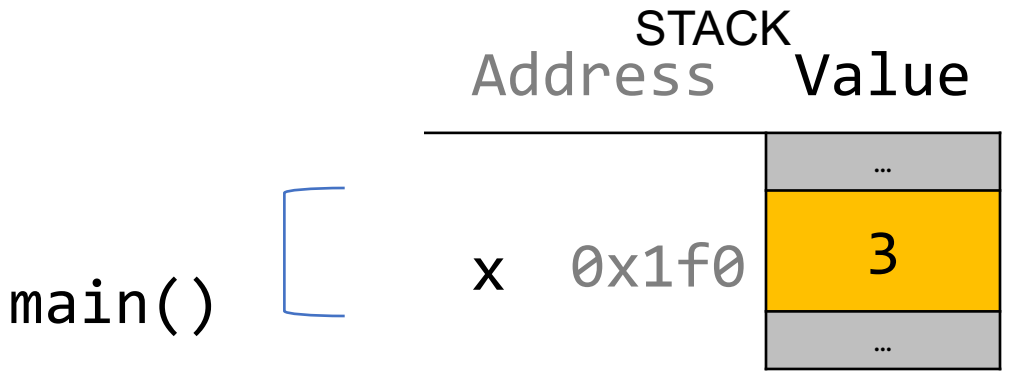

Pointers Summary

- If you are performing an operation with some input and do not care about any changes to the input, **pass the data type itself**. This makes a copy of the data.
- If you are modifying a specific instance of some value, **pass the location** of what you would like to modify. This makes a copy of the data's location.
- If a function takes an address (pointer) as a parameter, it can *go to* that address if it needs the actual value.

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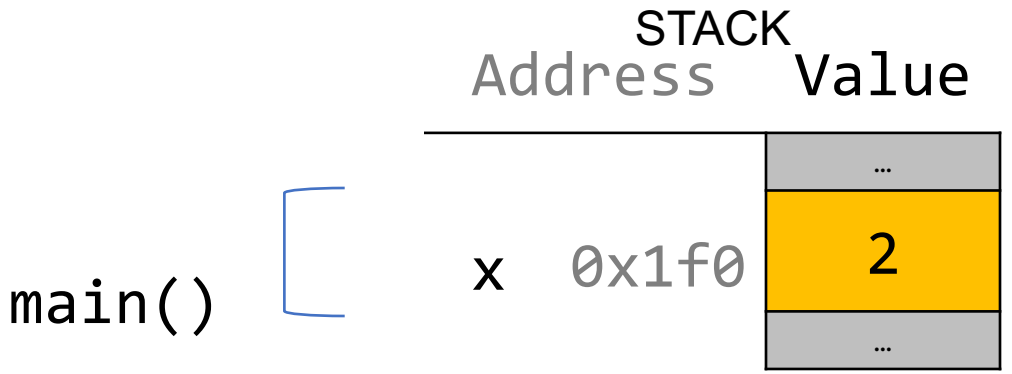

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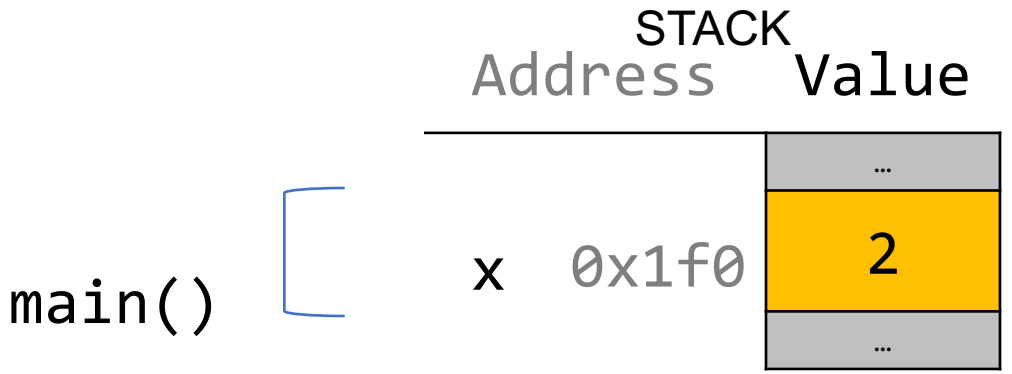

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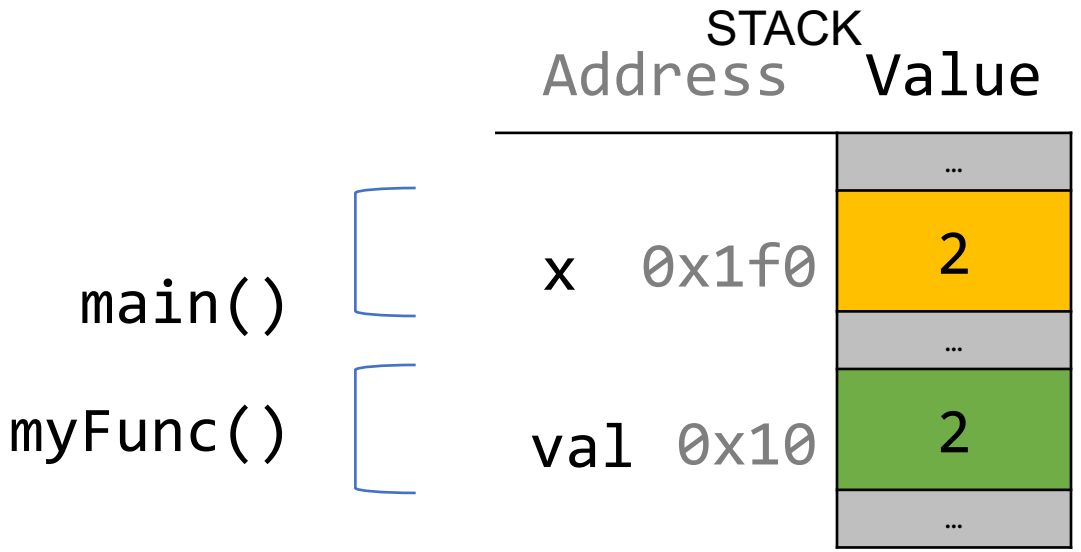

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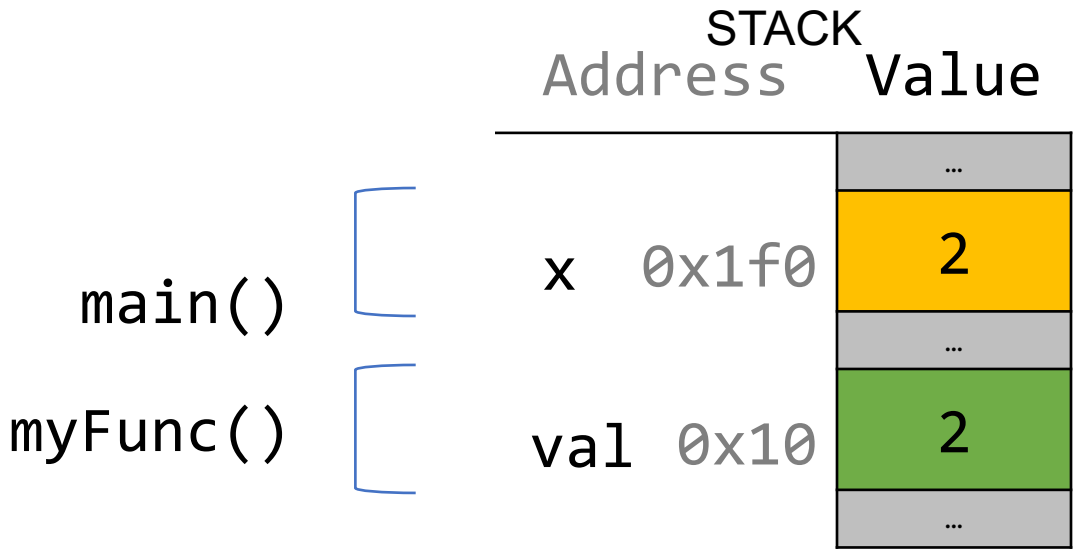

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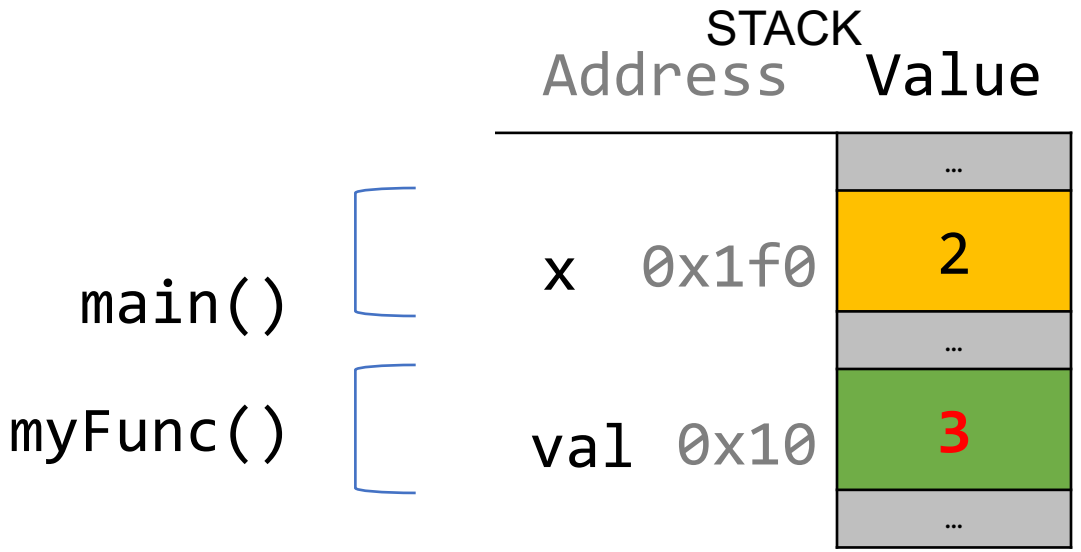

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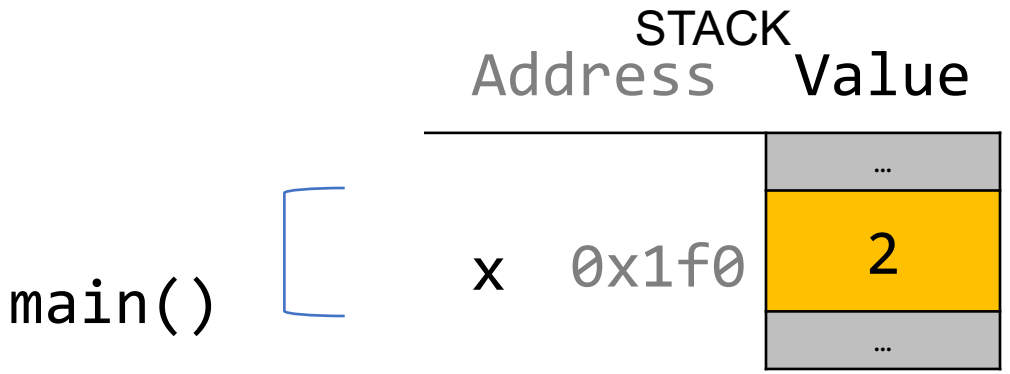

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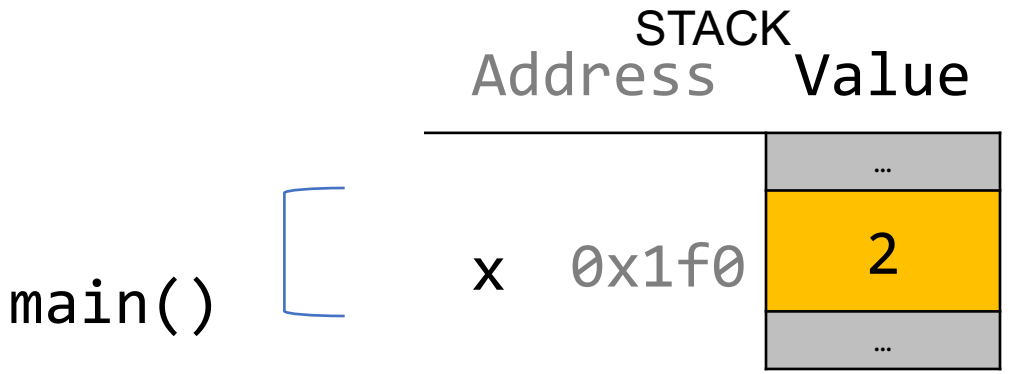

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Practice: Printing the value of a pointer

`pointer.c`

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Strings In Memory

1. If we create a string as a **`char[]`**, we can modify its characters because its memory lives in our stack space.
2. We cannot set a **`char[]`** equal to another value, because it is not a pointer; it refers to the block of memory reserved for the original array.
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Character Arrays

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strcpy(str, "apple");
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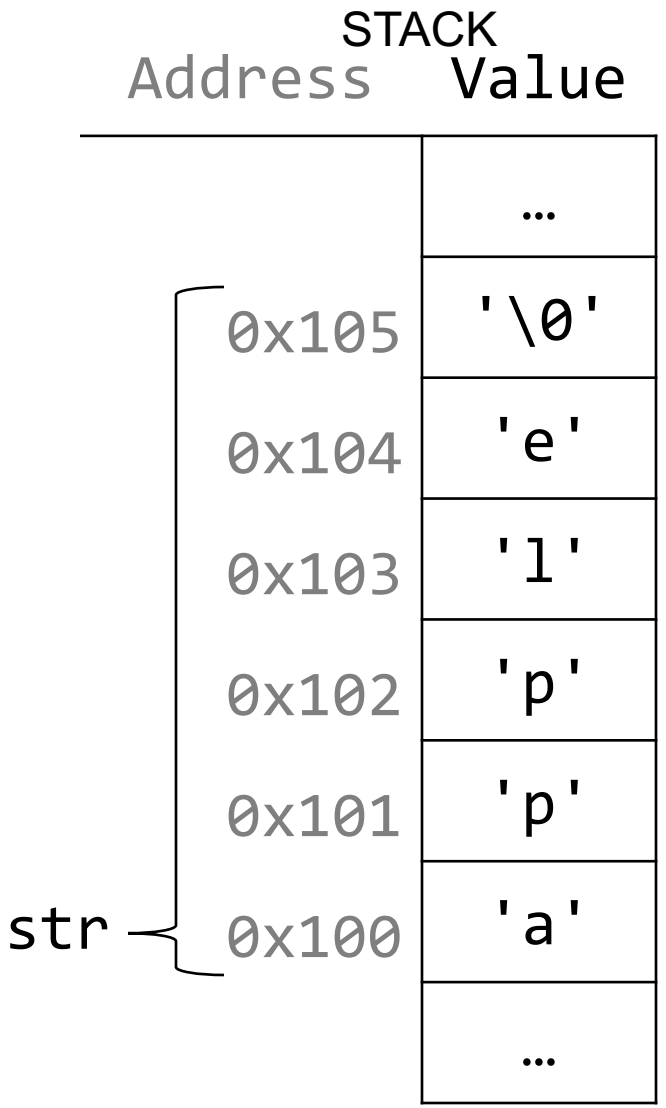

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Character Arrays

An array variable refers to an entire block of memory. We cannot reassign an existing array to be equal to a new array.

```
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strcpy(str, "apple");
char str2[8];
strcpy(str2, "apple 2");

str = str2;   // not allowed!
```

An array's size cannot be changed once we create it; we must create another new array instead.

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String Parameters

How do you think the parameter `str` is being represented?

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}

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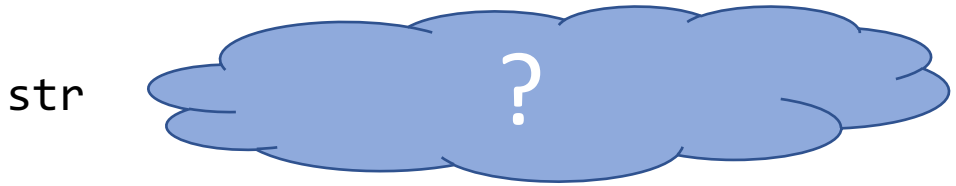
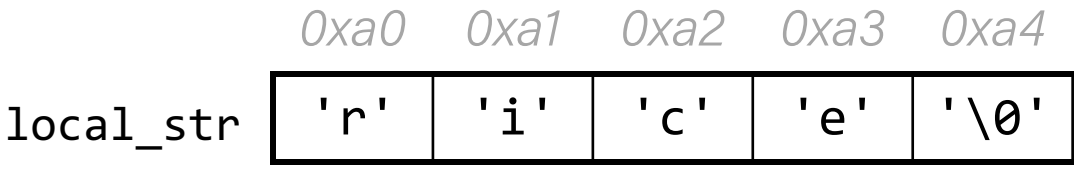
```





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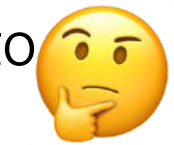

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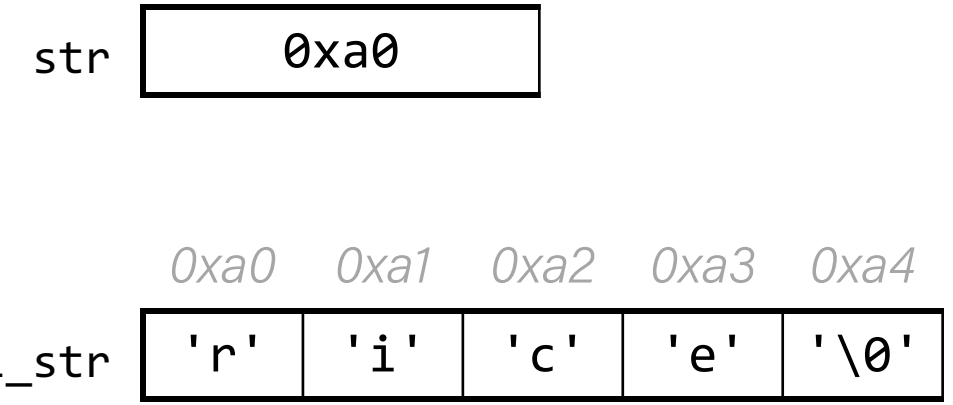

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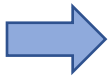
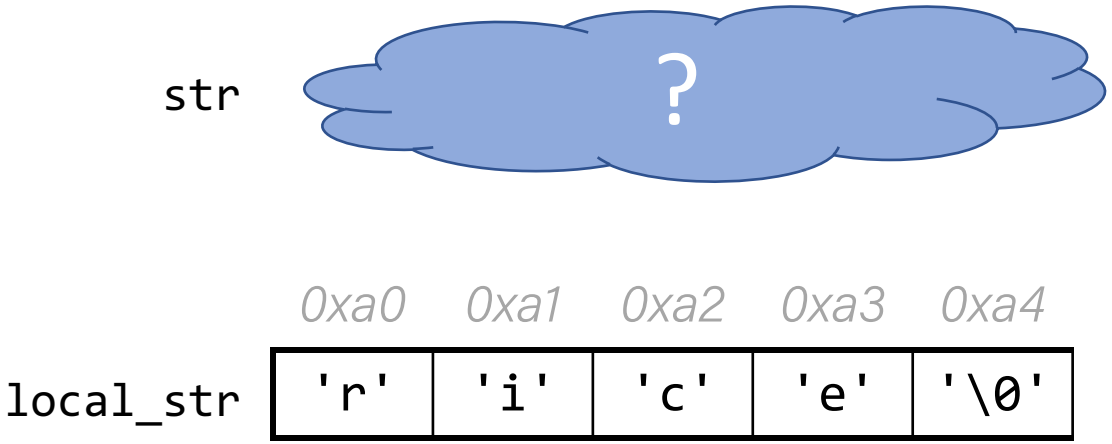
```





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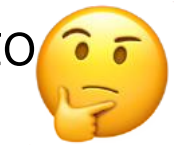

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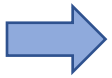

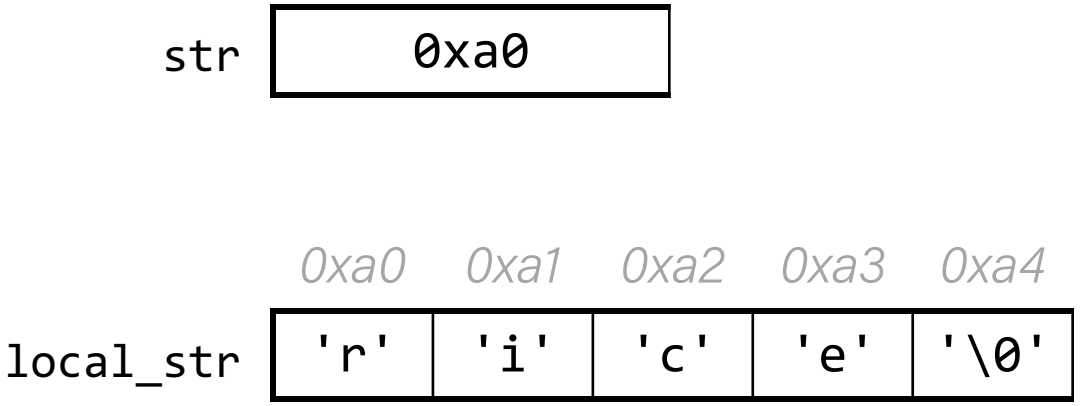

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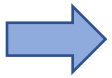
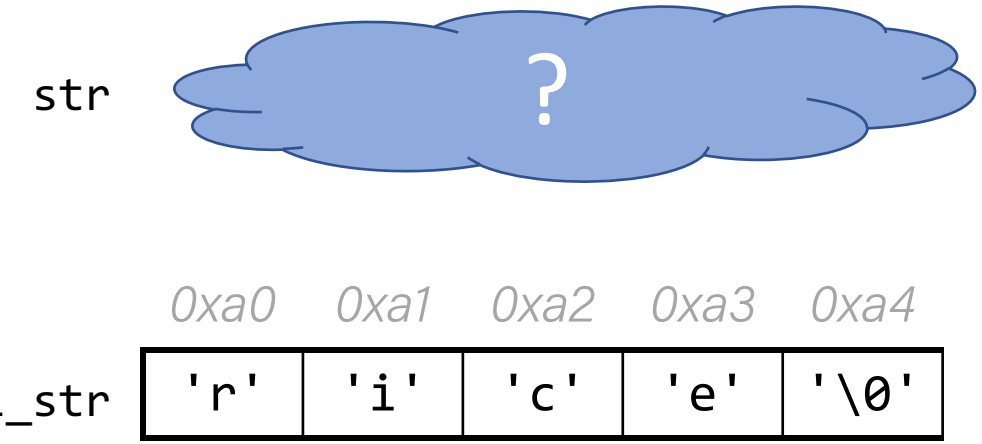
    ...
    return 0;
}
```





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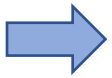

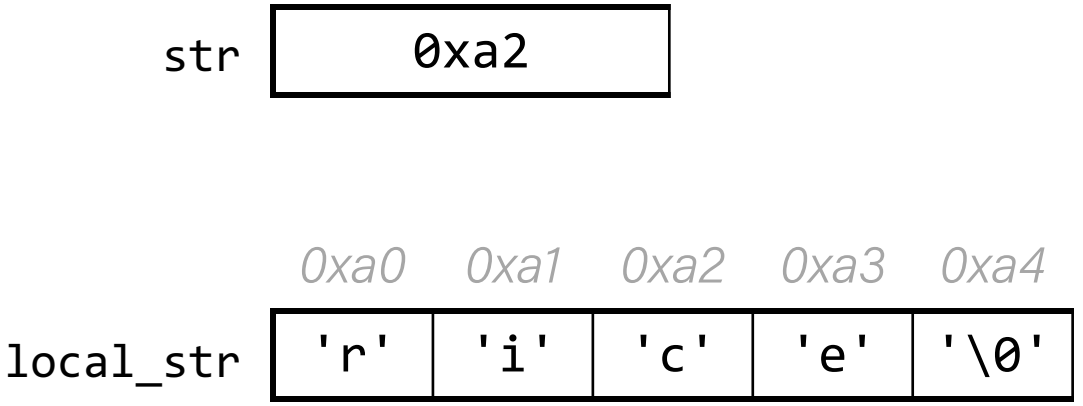

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String Parameters

All string functions take `char *` parameters – they accept `char[]`, but they are implicitly converted to char * before being passed.

- `strlen(char *str)`
- `strcmp(char *str1, char *str2)`
- …

- char * is still a string in all the core ways a char[] is
  - Access/modify characters using bracket notation
  - Print it out
  - Use string functions
  - But under the hood they are represented differently!
- **Takeaway:** We create strings as `char[]`, pass them around as `char *`

String Behavior #4: If we create a new string with new characters as a **`char *`**, we cannot modify its characters because its memory lives in the data segment.

char *

There is another convenient way to create a string if we do not need to modify it later. We can create a `char *` and set it directly equal to a string literal.

```
char *myString = "Hello, world!";
char *empty = "";

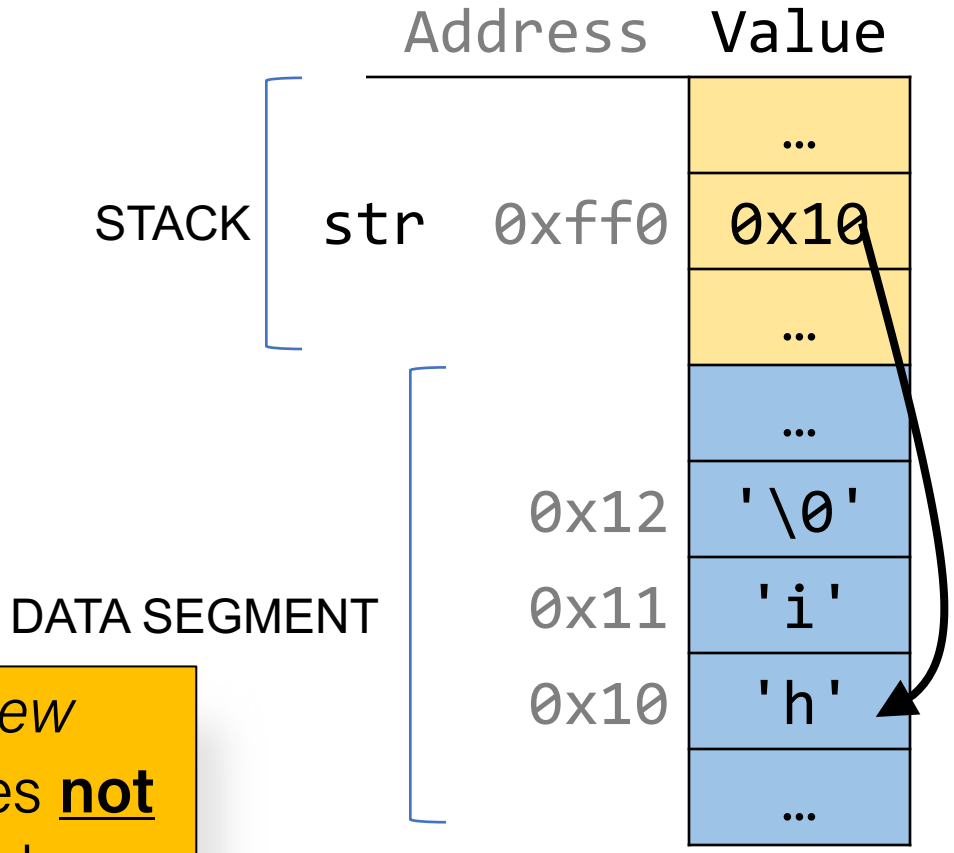
myString[0] = 'h';                  // crashes!
printf("%s", myString);             // Hello, world!
```

`char *`

When we declare a char pointer equal to a string literal, the characters are not stored on the stack. Instead, they are stored in a special area of memory called the "data segment". We *cannot modify memory in this segment*.

```
char *str = "hi";
```

The pointer variable (e.g. **str**) refers to the *address of the first character of the string in the data segment.*



This applies only to creating *new* strings with `char *`. This does **not** apply for making a `char *` that points to an existing stack string.

Memory Locations

For each code snippet below, can we modify the characters in **`myStr`**?

```
char myStr[6];
```

Key Question: where do its characters live? Do they live in memory we own? Or the read-only data segment?

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For each code snippet below, can we modify the characters in **`myStr`**?

```
char buf[6];
strcpy(buf, "Hi");
char *myStr = buf;
```

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For each code snippet below, can we modify the characters in **`myStr`**?

```
char *otherStr = "Hi";
char *myStr = otherStr;
```

Key Question: where do its characters live? Do they live in memory we own? Or the read-only data segment?

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```
void myFunc(char *myStr) {
    ...
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    char buf[6];
    strcpy(buf, "Hi");
    myFunc(buf);
    return 0;
}
```

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Memory Locations

Q: Is there a way to check in code whether a string's characters are modifiable?

A: No. This is something you can only tell by looking at the code itself and how the string was created.

Q: So then if I am writing a string function that modifies a string, how can I tell if the string passed in is modifiable?

A: You can't! This is something you instead state as an assumption in your function documentation. If someone calls your function with a read-only string, it will crash, but that's not your function's fault :-)

String Behavior #5: We can set a **`char *`** equal to another value, because it is a reassign-able pointer.

char *

A **char *** variable refers to a single character. We can reassign an existing **char *** pointer to be equal to another **char *** pointer.

```
char *str = "apple";          // e.g. 0xfff0
char *str2 = "apple 2";       // e.g. 0xfe0
str = str2;   // ok!  Both store address 0xfe0
```

Arrays and Pointers

We can also make a pointer equal to an array; it will point to the first element in that array.

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
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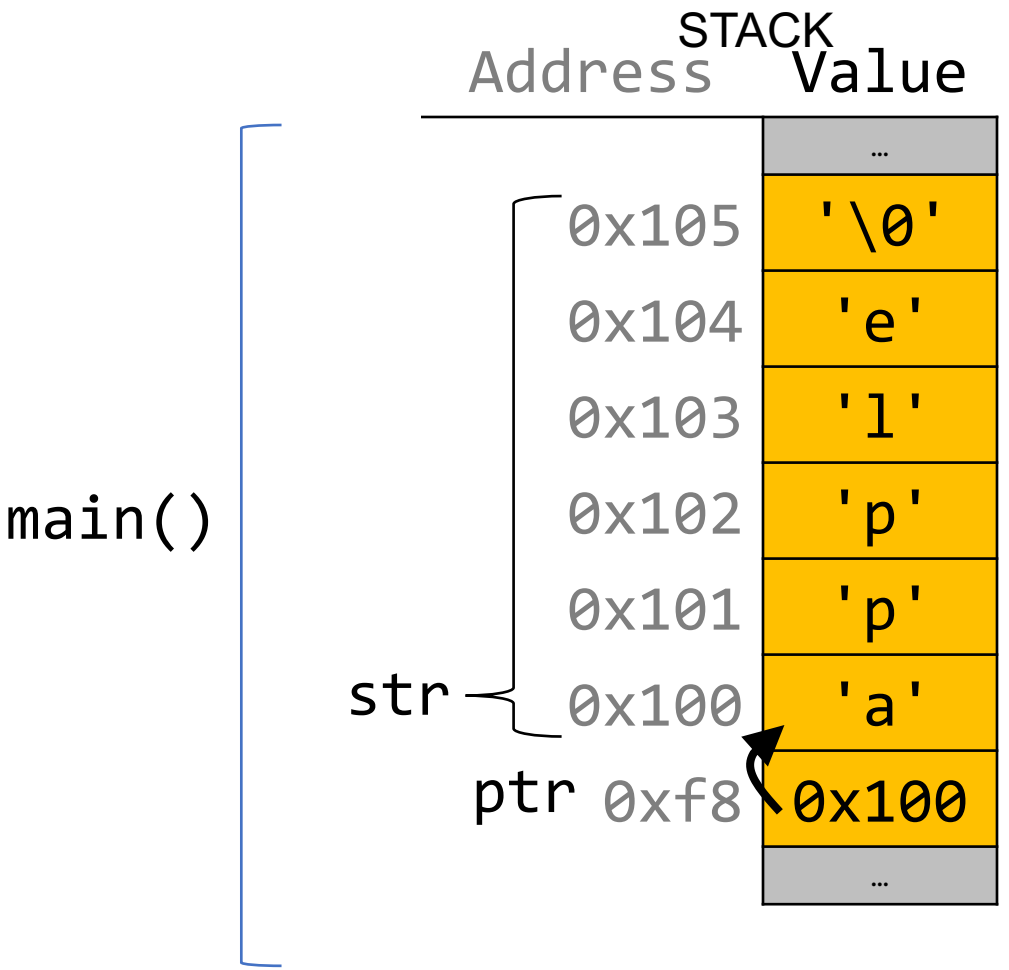
      strcpy(str, "apple");
      char *ptr = str;
      ...
}
```



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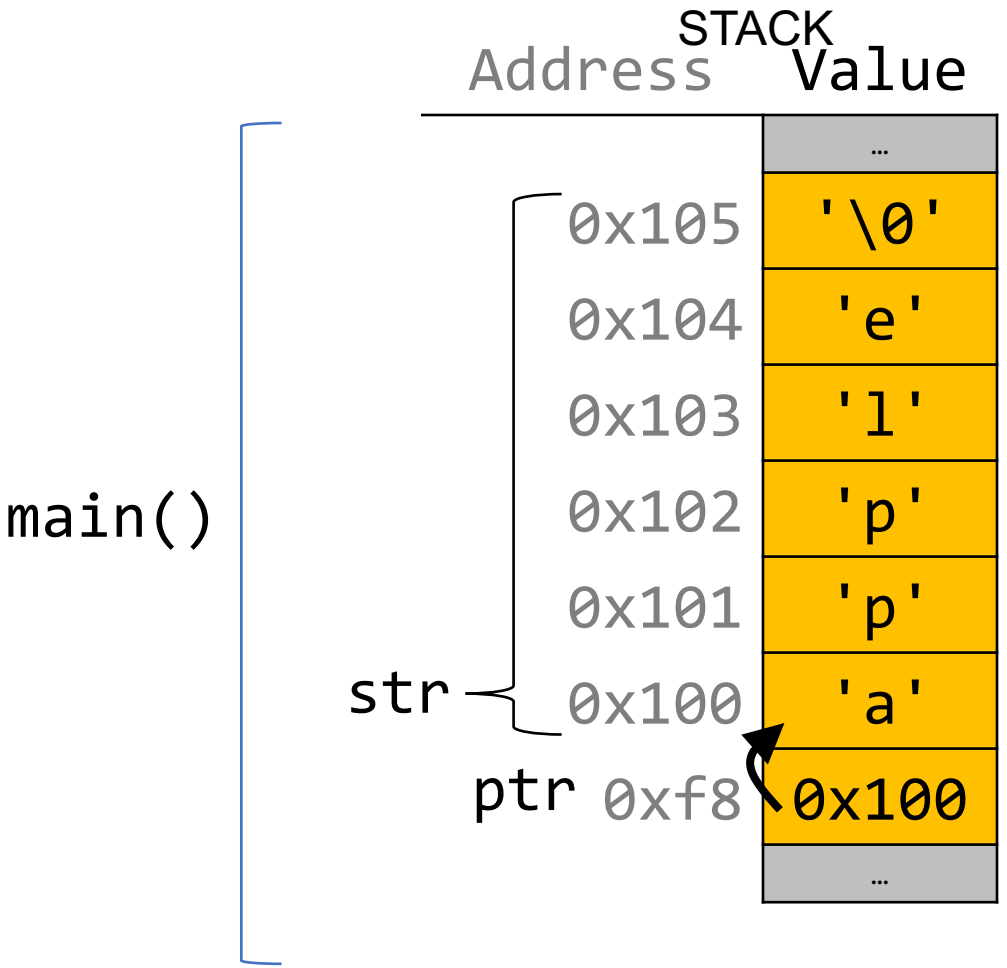
      strcpy(str, "apple");
      char *ptr = str;

      // equivalent
      char *ptr = &str[0];

      // confusingly equivalent, avoid
      char *ptr = &str;
      ...
}
```



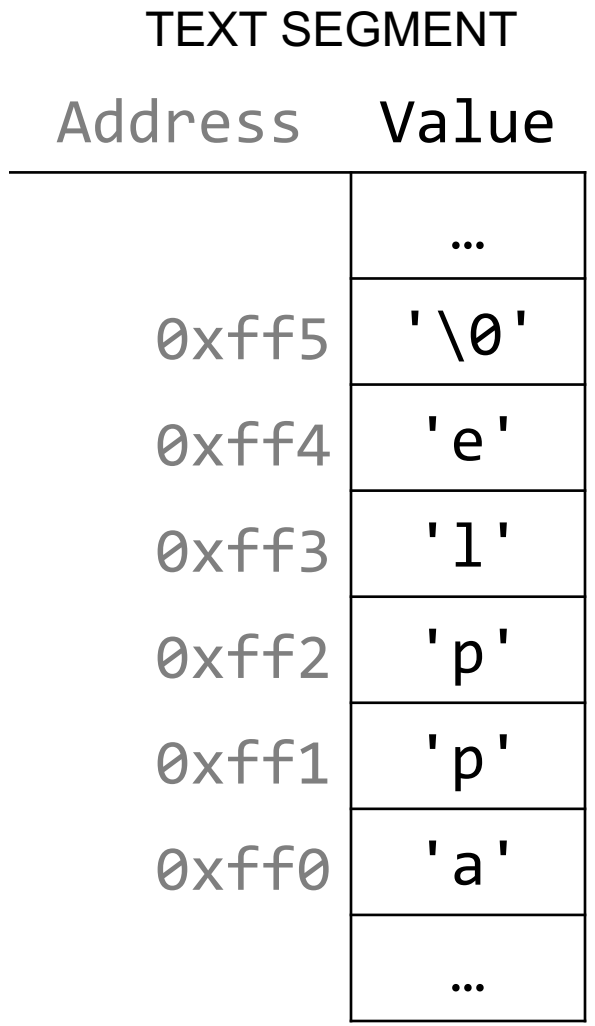
String Behavior #6: Adding an offset to a C string gives us a substring that many places past the first character.

Pointer Arithmetic

When we do pointer arithmetic, we are adjusting the pointer by a certain *number of places* (e.g. characters).

```
char *str = "apple";    // e.g. 0xff0
char *str2 = str + 1;   // e.g. 0xff1
char *str3 = str + 3;   // e.g. 0xff3

printf("%s", str);      // apple
printf("%s", str2);     // pple
printf("%s", str3);     // le
```

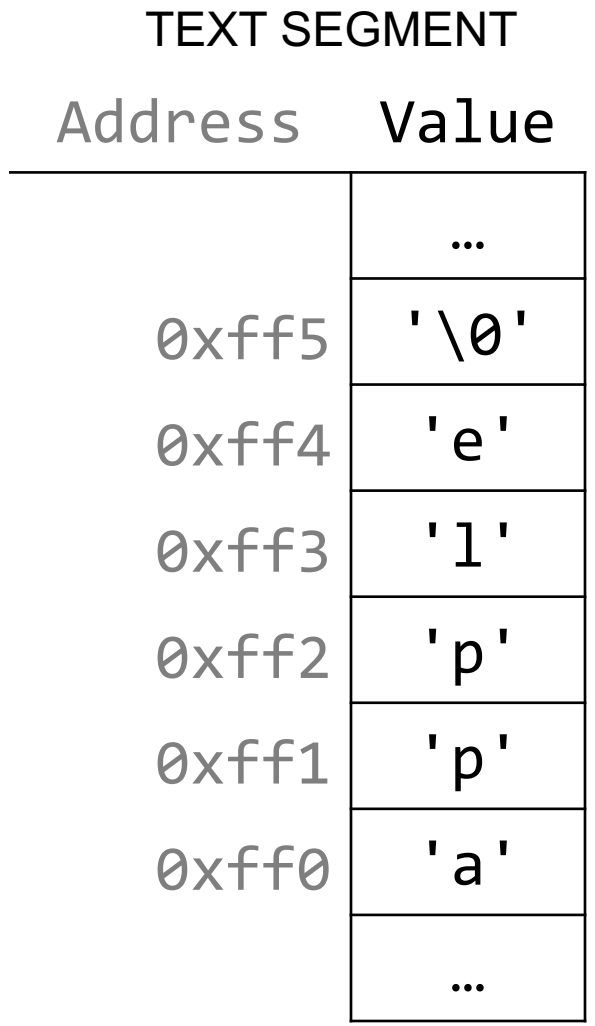


char *

When we use bracket notation with a pointer, we are performing *pointer arithmetic and dereferencing*:

```
char *str = "apple";    // e.g. 0xff0

// both of these add three places to str,
// and then dereference to get the char
there.
// E.g. get memory at 0xff3.
char thirdLetter = str[3];        // 'l'
char thirdLetter = *(str + 3);    // 'l'
```



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Strings as Parameters

When we pass a **`char *`** string as a parameter, C makes a *copy* of the address stored in the **`char *`** and passes it to the function. This means they both refer to the same memory location.

```
void myFunc(char *myStr) {
      ...
}

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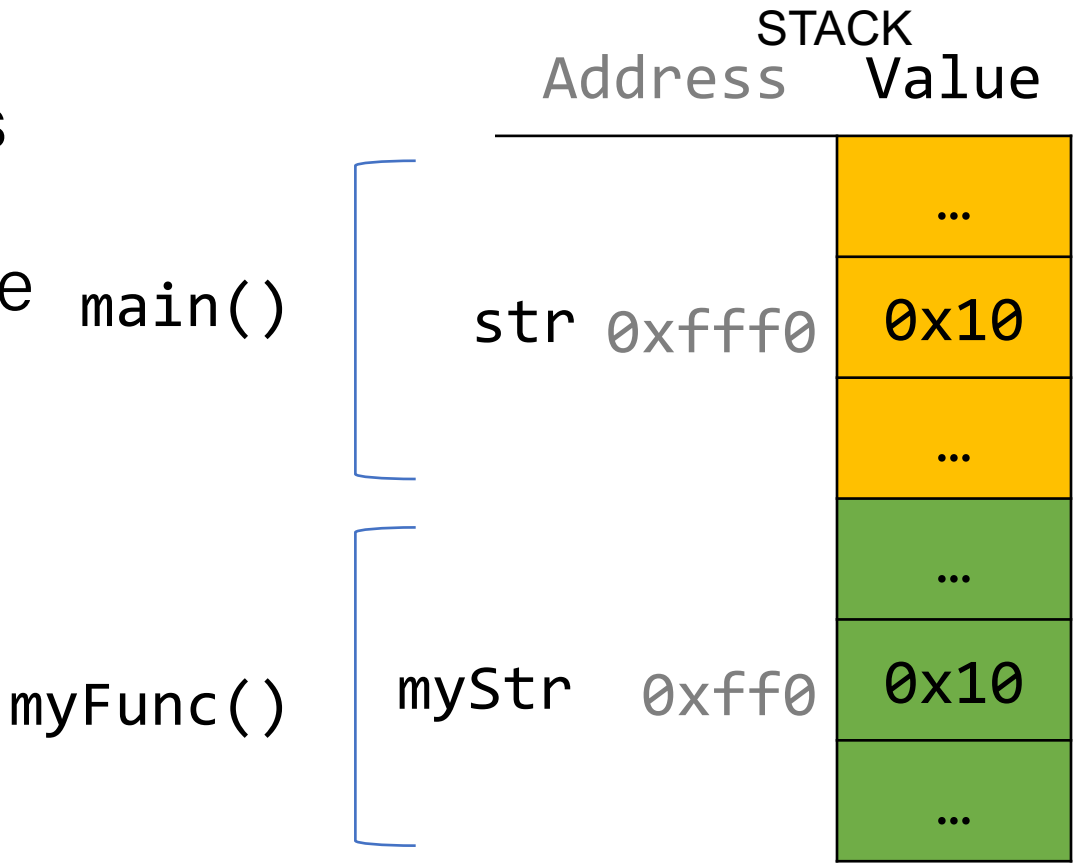
      myFunc(str);
      ...
}
```



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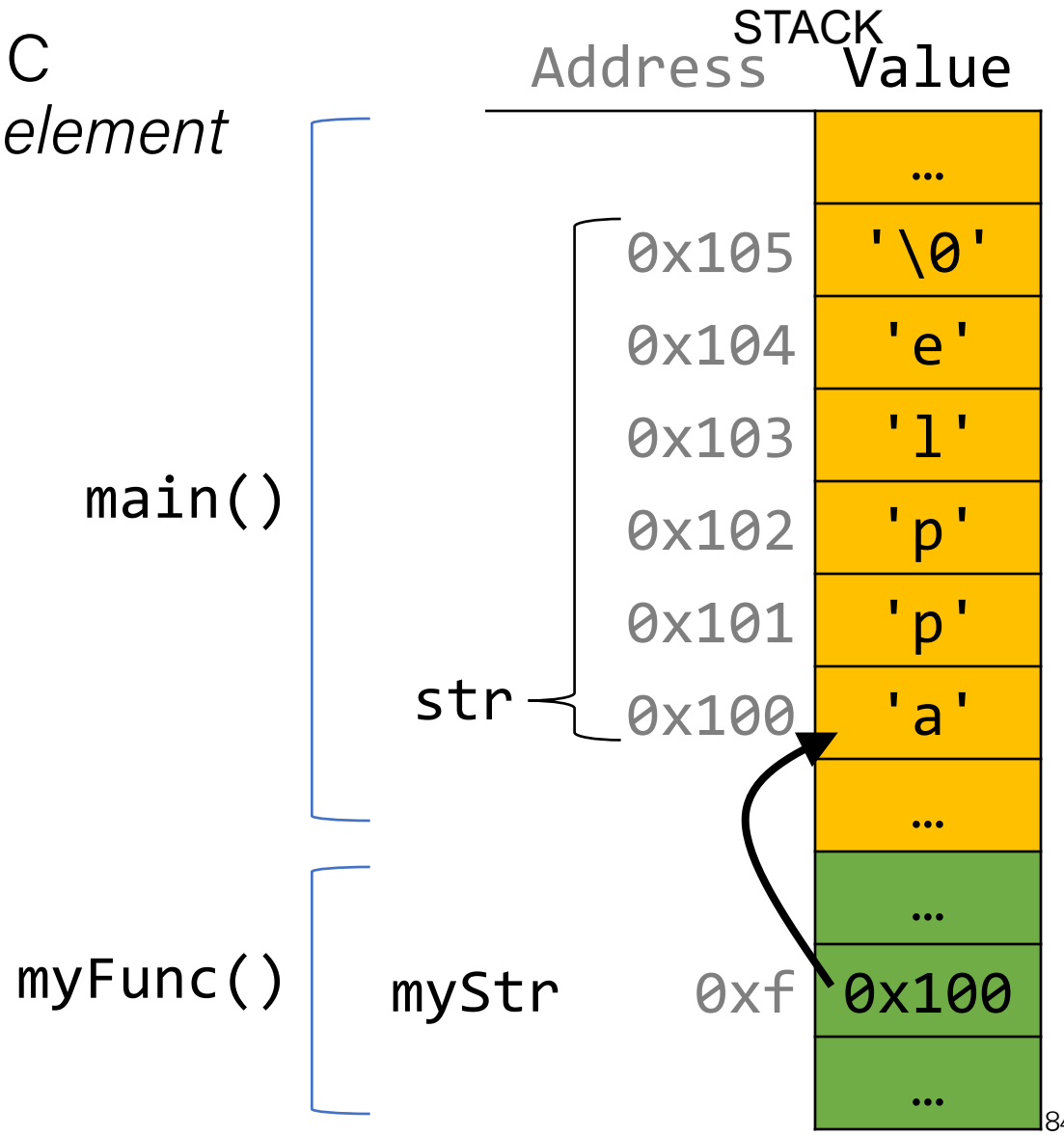

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      myFunc(strAlt);
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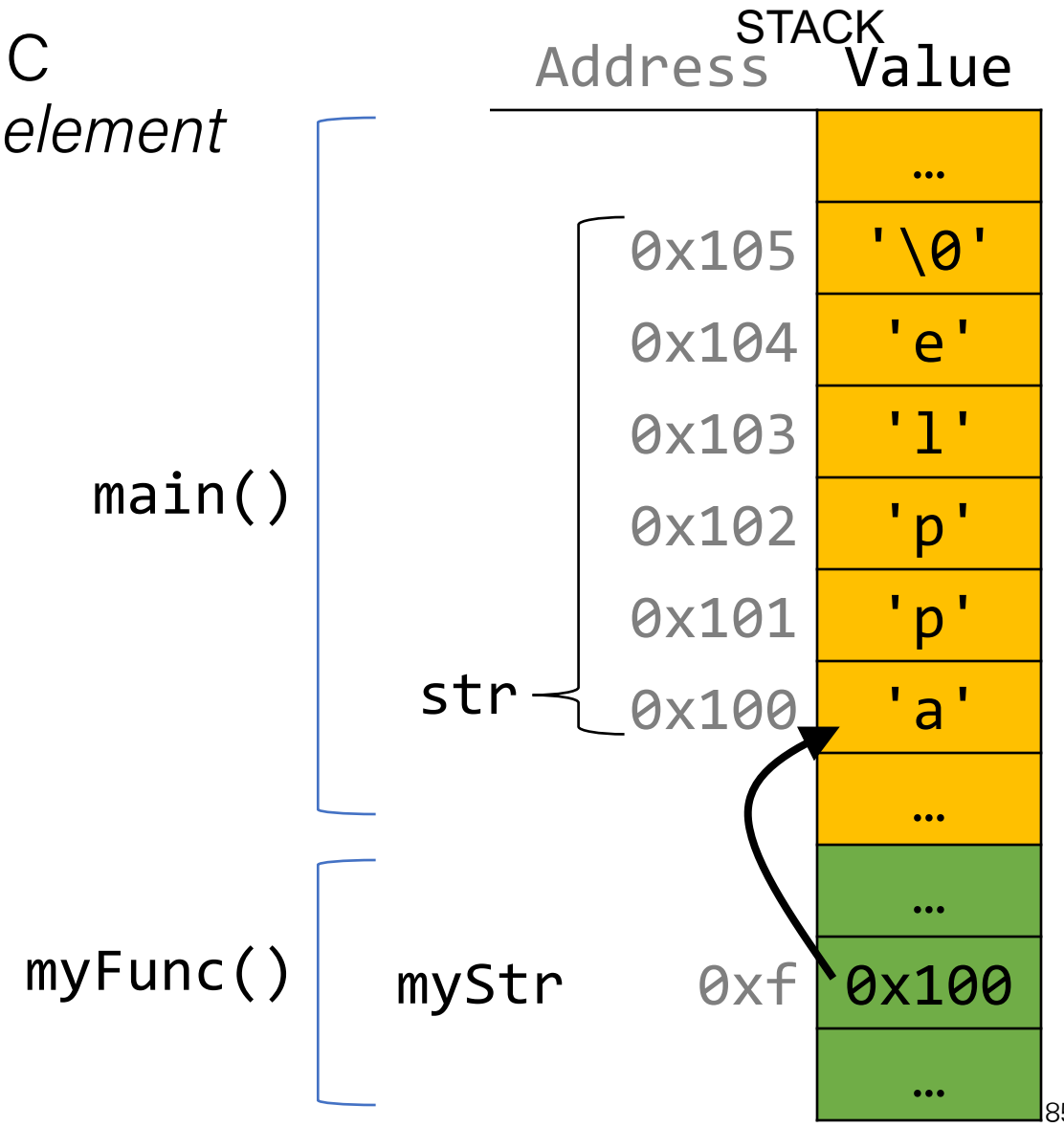
```



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      printf("%s", str);    // apply
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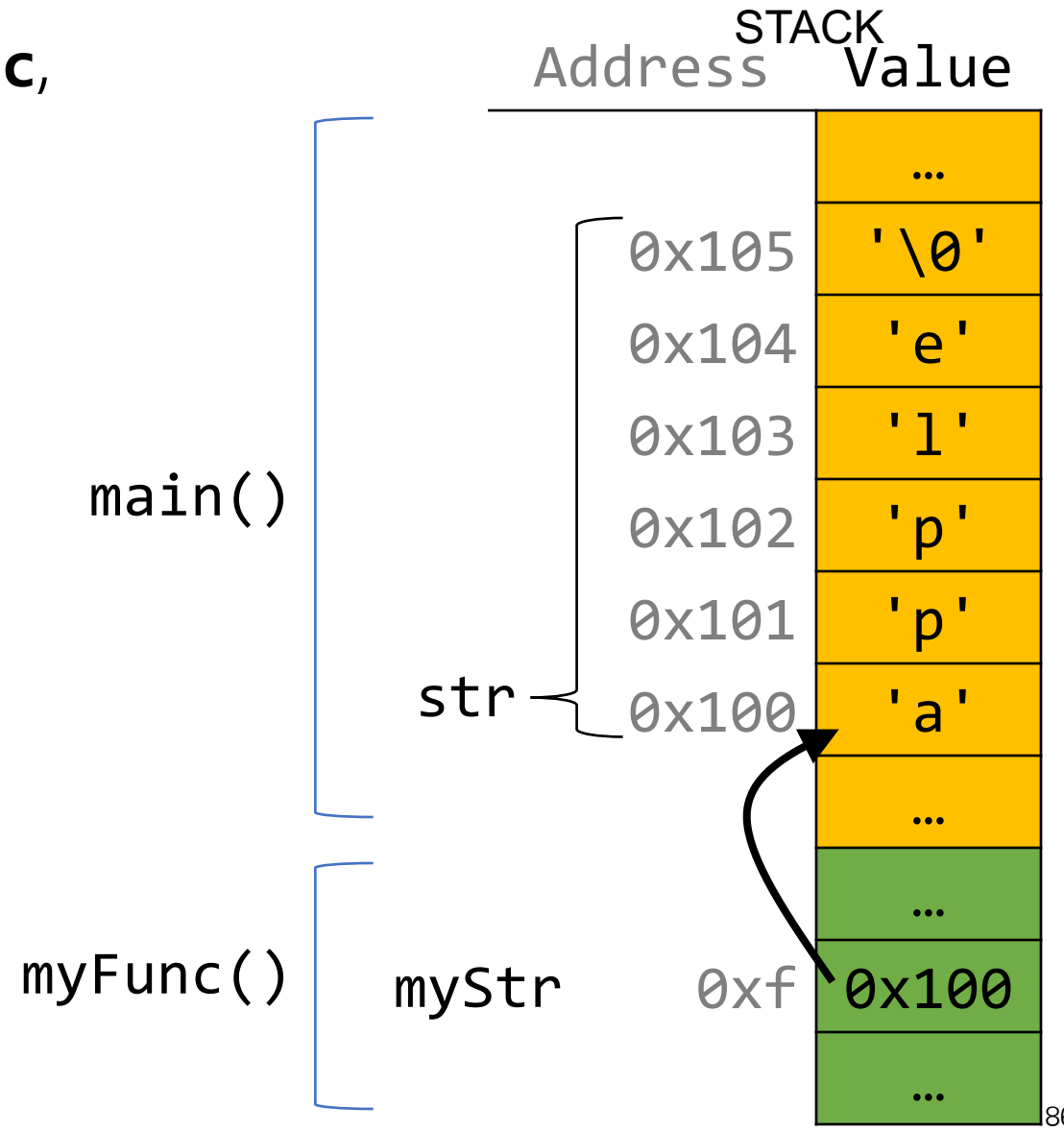

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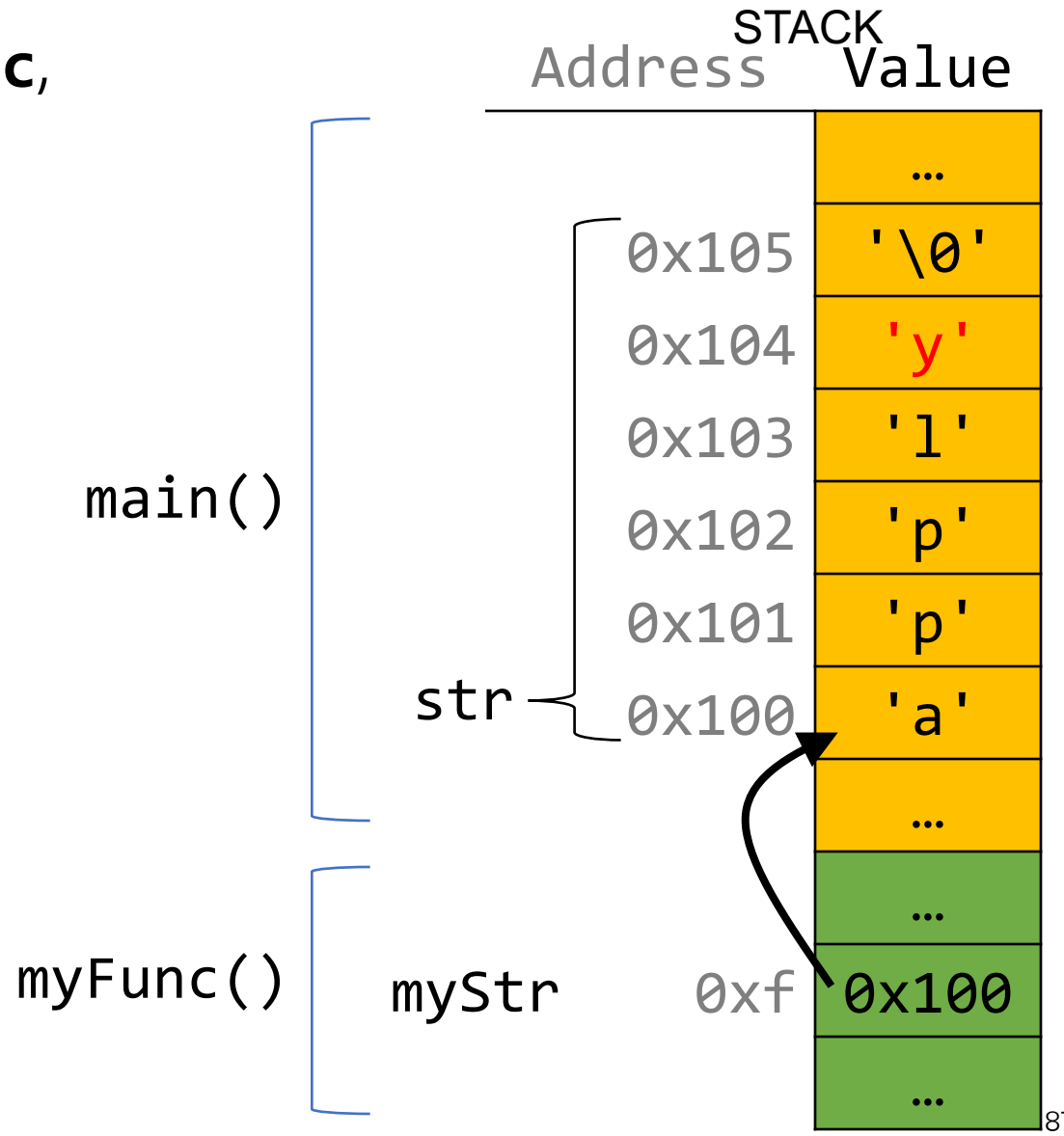

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4.
```
char *ptr = "Hello4";
char *str = ptr;
```

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Extra Slides

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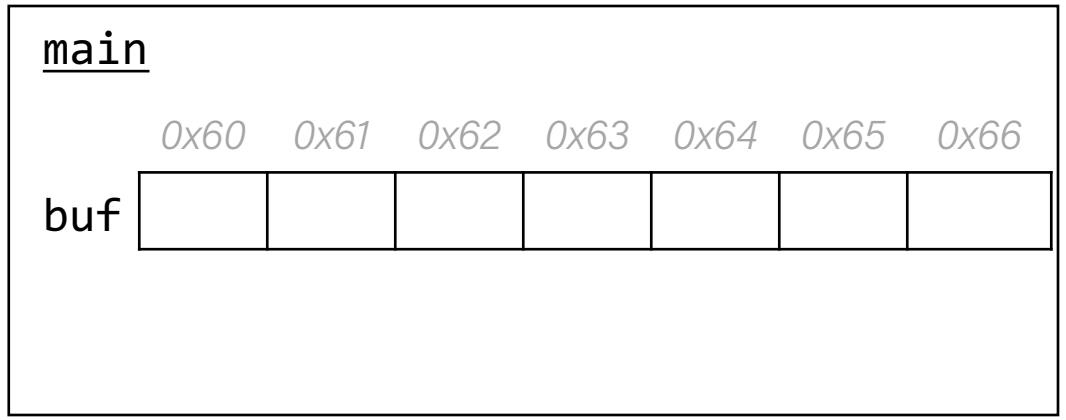

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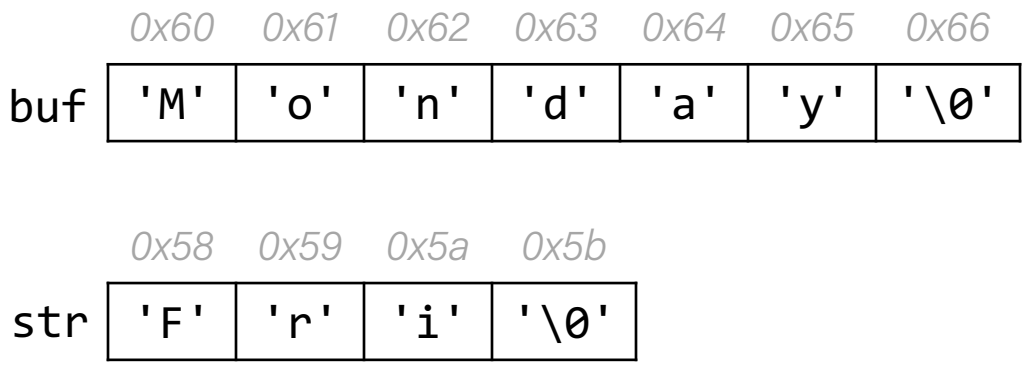


```c
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```

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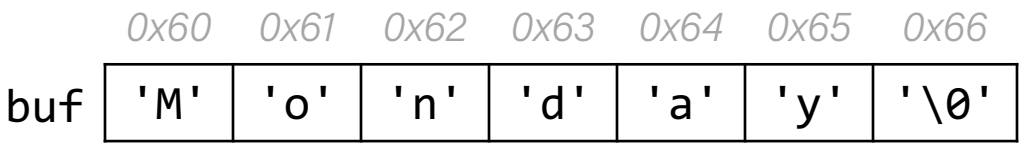

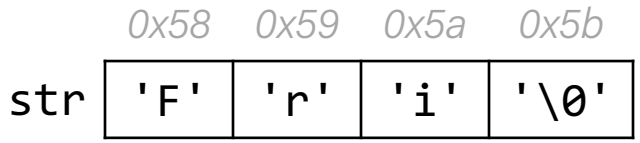


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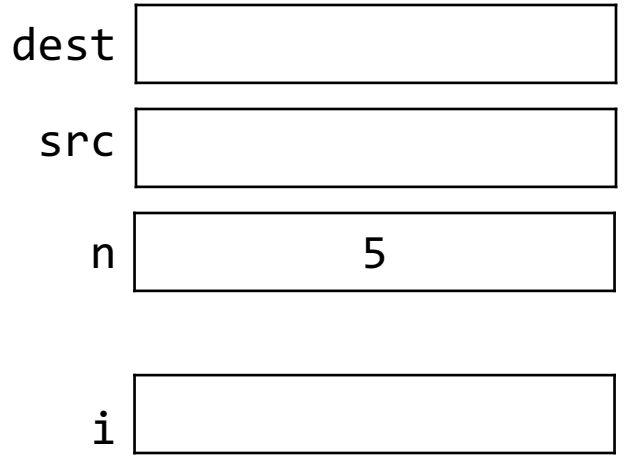

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```
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```

3.
```
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Line A: Compile error (cannot reassign array)

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Line B: Segmentation fault (string literal)

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Prints `eulo3`

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4. Bonus: Tricky addresses

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7    printf("       address:   %p\n", &ptr1);
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What is stored in each variable? (We cover double pointers later in the course)

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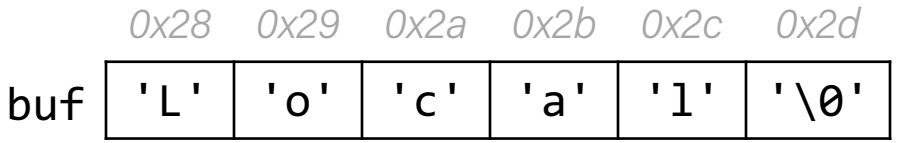

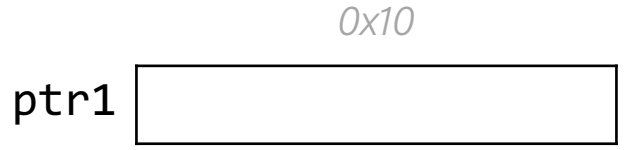

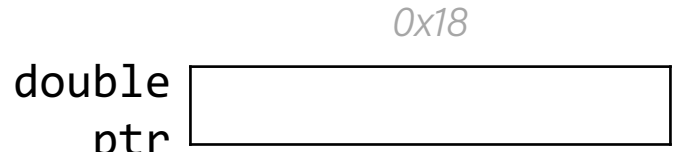

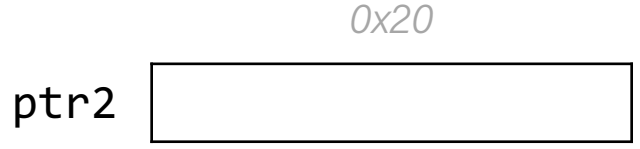

While Line 10 raises a compiler warning, functionally it will still work—because pointers are **addresses**.

Recap

- Searching in Strings
- Practice: Password Verification
- Pointers
- Practice: Printing the value of a pointer
- Strings in Memory

Next time: Arrays and Pointers