

# Programming with C I

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# Segmentation fault

- Runtime error
- Means you tried to access memory that you weren't allowed to access
- Examples of causes:
  - trying to read from a file that wasn't open
  - accessing data beyond array bounds

**Let's introduce a segmentation fault in nofile.c**

# The NULL pointer

- Uninitialized pointers point somewhere
- NULL is a pointer that points nowhere
- 0 also works for the null pointer

```
int* ptr = NULL;  
  
if (ptr == NULL) {  
    ...  
    ...  
}
```

# sizeof() function

- Gives the number of bytes that a variable or value takes up

**sizeof(m)**

- On our server:
  - Char: 1 bytes
  - Int: 4 bytes
  - Float: 4 bytes
  - Double: 8 bytes
  - Pointer: 8 bytes

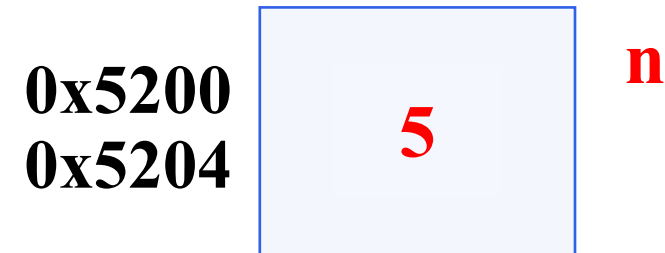
# Pointers

➤ Create an integer pointer variable and set it

```
int main(void) {  
    int *b;  
    int n;  
    n = 5;  
    b = &n;  
}
```



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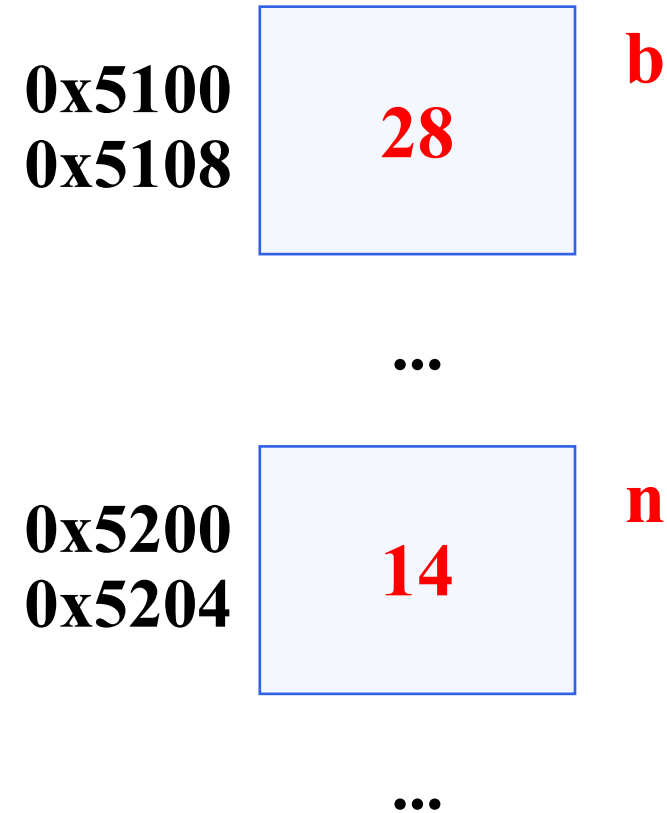


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# Pointers

➤ Create an integer pointer variable and set it

```
int main(void) {  
    int *b;  
    int n;  
    n = 5;  
    b = &n;  
    n = 6;  
    *b += 1;  
    *b = 2 * (*b);  
    b = 2 * (*b);  
}
```

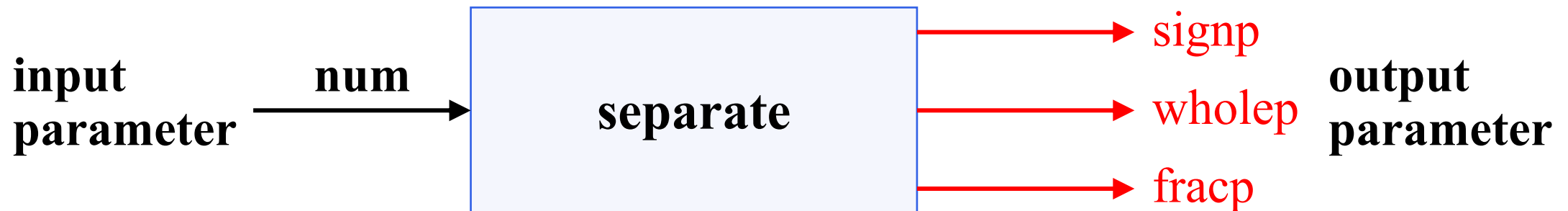


ptr0.c shows seg fault accessing \*b

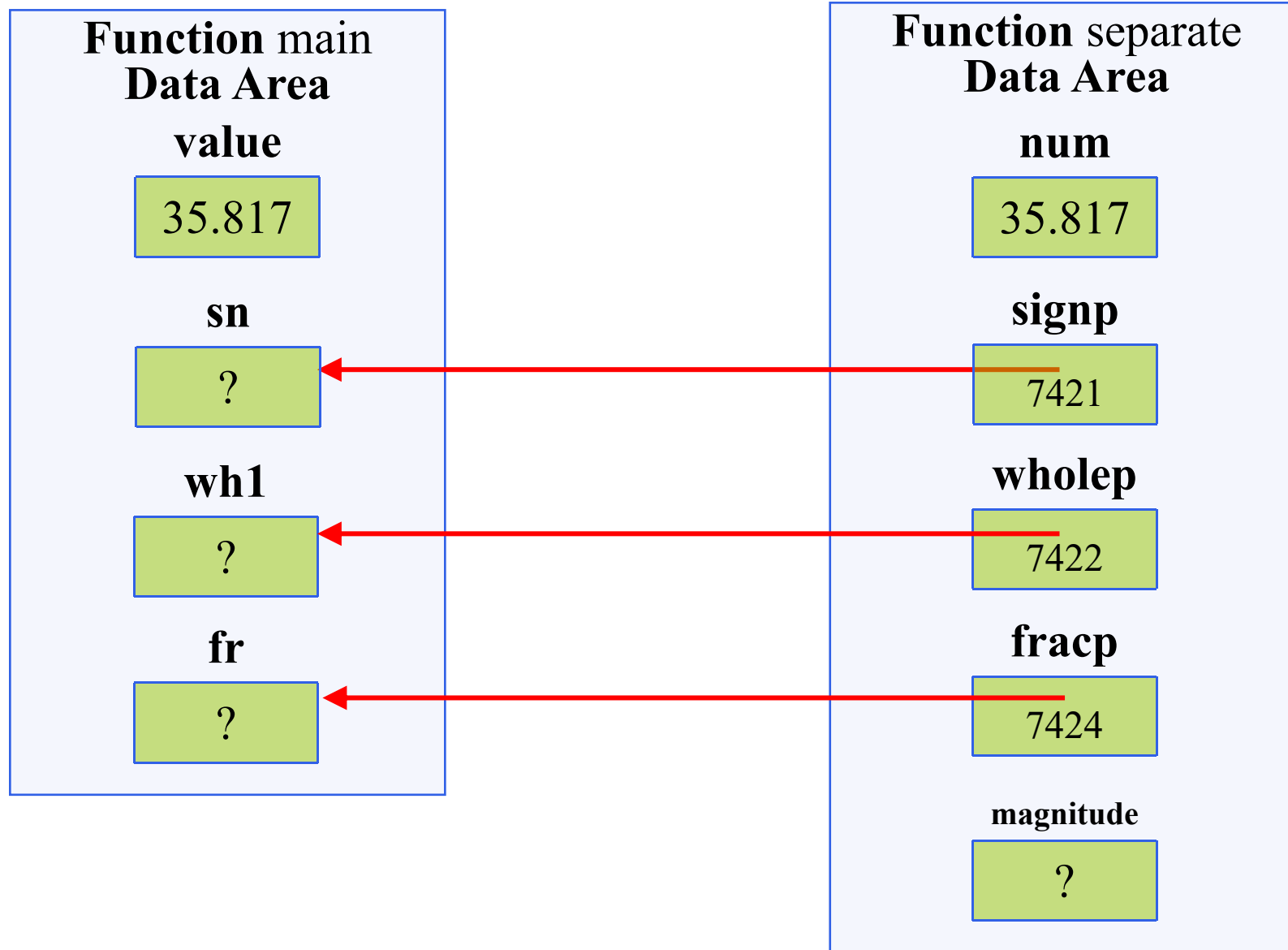
# Functions with Output Parameters

- We've used the return statement to send back one result value from a function.
- We can also use output parameters to return multiple results from a function.

➤ *Figure Diagram of function separate with Multiple Results*



**Figure** Parameter Correspondence for `separate(value, &sn, &whl, &fr);`






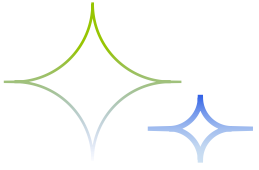


## Table Effect of & Operator on the Data Type of a Reference

Declaration		Data Type of x	Data Type of &x
char	x	char	char * (pointer to char)
int	x	int	int * (pointer to int)
double	x	double	double * (pointer to double)

# Meaning of Symbol \*

-  **binary operator for multiplication**
-  **“pointer to” when used when declaring a variable or a function parameters**
-  **unary indirection operator in a function body**



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