

# Multilevel Pointers



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## Pointers - Multilevel



- A pointer, pointing to another pointer which can be pointing to others pointers and so on is known as multilevel pointers.
- We can have any level of pointers.
- As the depth of the level increases we have to be careful while dealing with it.

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## Pointers - Multilevel



001\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    → int num = 10;
      int *ptr1 = &num;
      int **ptr2 = &ptr1;
      int ***ptr3 = &ptr2;

      printf("%d", ptr3);
      printf("%d", *ptr3);
      printf("%d", **ptr3);
      printf("%d", ***ptr3);

      return 0;
}
```

	num
1000	10

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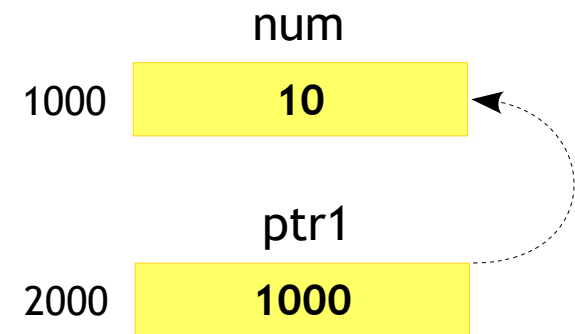
001\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int num = 10;
    → int *ptr1 = &num;
    int **ptr2 = &ptr1;
    int ***ptr3 = &ptr2;

    printf("%d", ptr3);
    printf("%d", *ptr3);
    printf("%d", **ptr3);
    printf("%d", ***ptr3);

    return 0;
}
```



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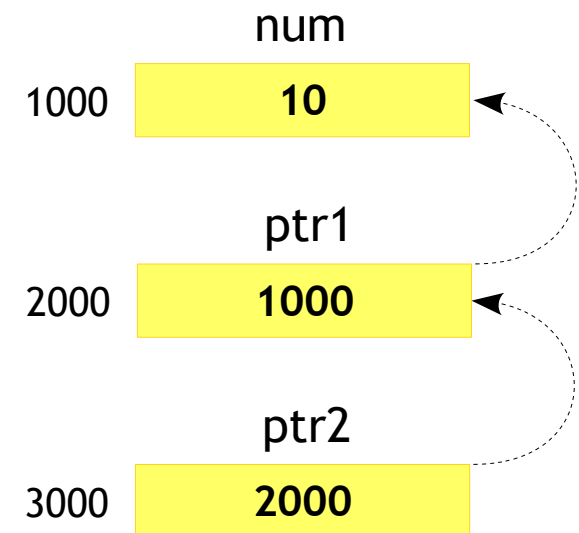
001\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int num = 10;
    int *ptr1 = &num;
    → int **ptr2 = &ptr1;
    int ***ptr3 = &ptr2;

    printf("%d", ptr3);
    printf("%d", *ptr3);
    printf("%d", **ptr3);
    printf("%d", ***ptr3);

    return 0;
}
```



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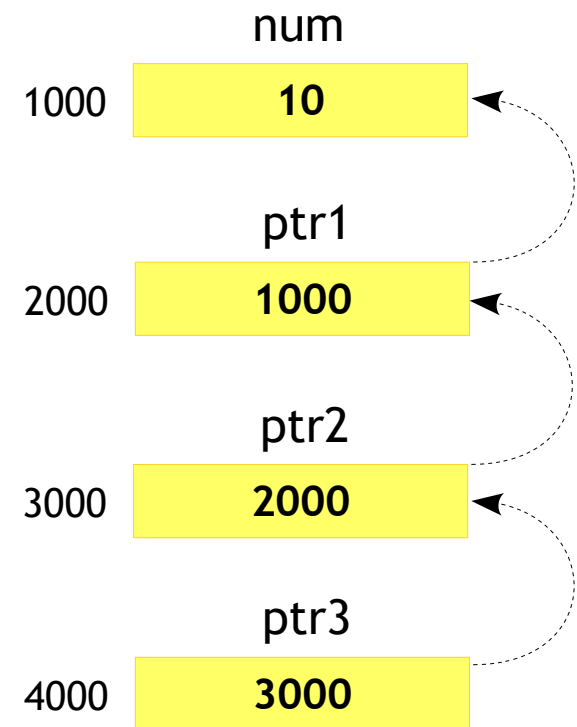
001\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int num = 10;
    int *ptr1 = &num;
    int **ptr2 = &ptr1;
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    printf("%d", ptr3);
    printf("%d", *ptr3);
    printf("%d", **ptr3);
    printf("%d", ***ptr3);

    return 0;
}
```



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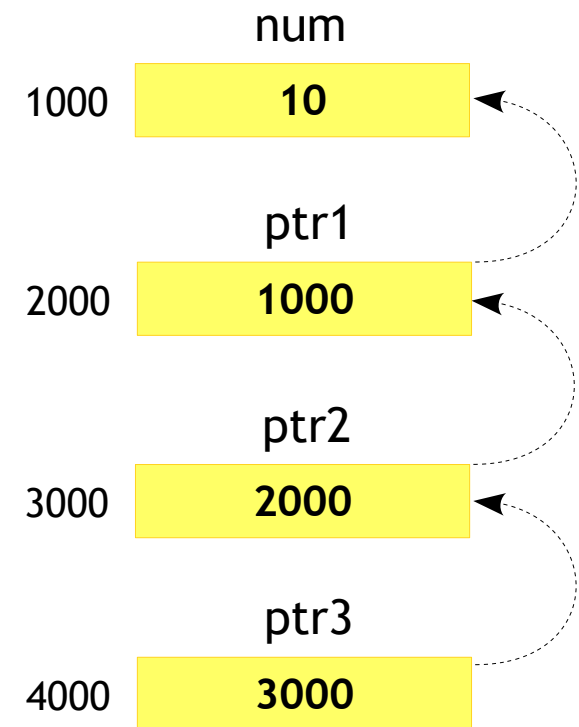
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```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int num = 10;
    int *ptr1 = &num;
    int **ptr2 = &ptr1;
    int ***ptr3 = &ptr2;

    → printf("%d", ptr3);
    printf("%d", *ptr3);
    printf("%d", **ptr3);
    printf("%d", ***ptr3);

    return 0;
}
```



Output → 3000

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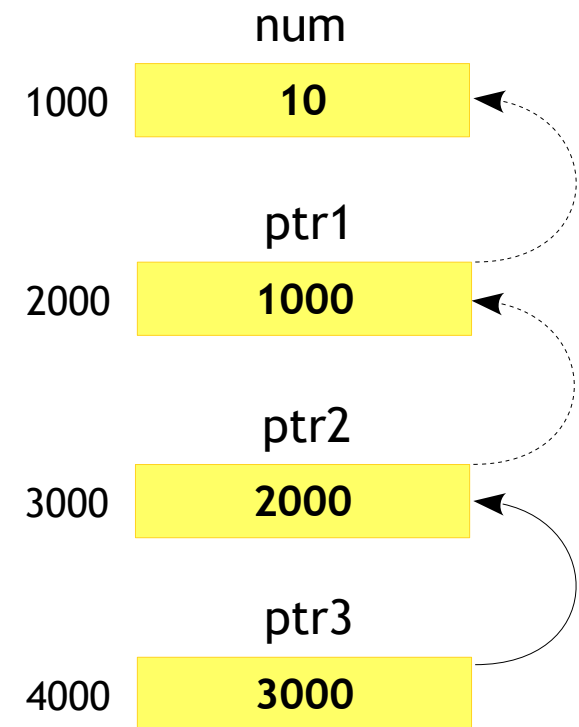
001\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int num = 10;
    int *ptr1 = &num;
    int **ptr2 = &ptr1;
    int ***ptr3 = &ptr2;

    printf("%d", ptr3);
    → printf("%d", *ptr3);
    printf("%d", **ptr3);
    printf("%d", ***ptr3);

    return 0;
}
```



Output → 2000



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## Pointers - Multilevel

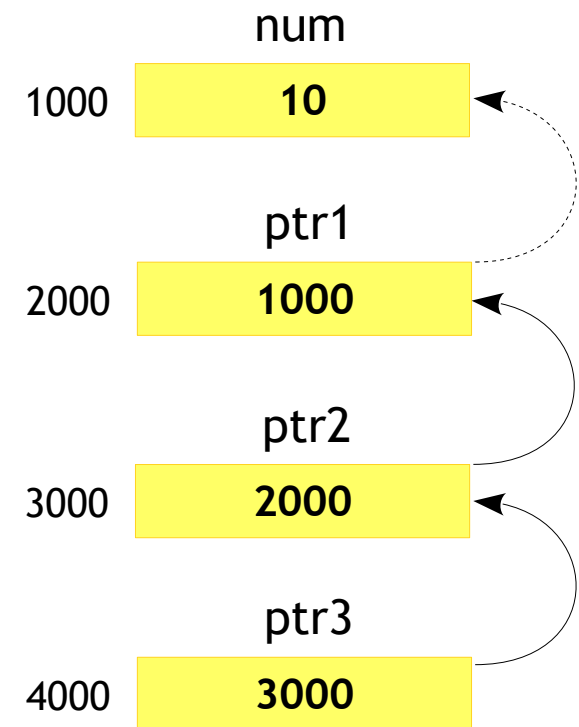
001\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int num = 10;
    int *ptr1 = &num;
    int **ptr2 = &ptr1;
    int ***ptr3 = &ptr2;

    printf("%d", ptr3);
    printf("%d", *ptr3);
    → printf("%d", **ptr3);
    printf("%d", ***ptr3);

    return 0;
}
```



Output → 1000

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## Pointers - Multilevel

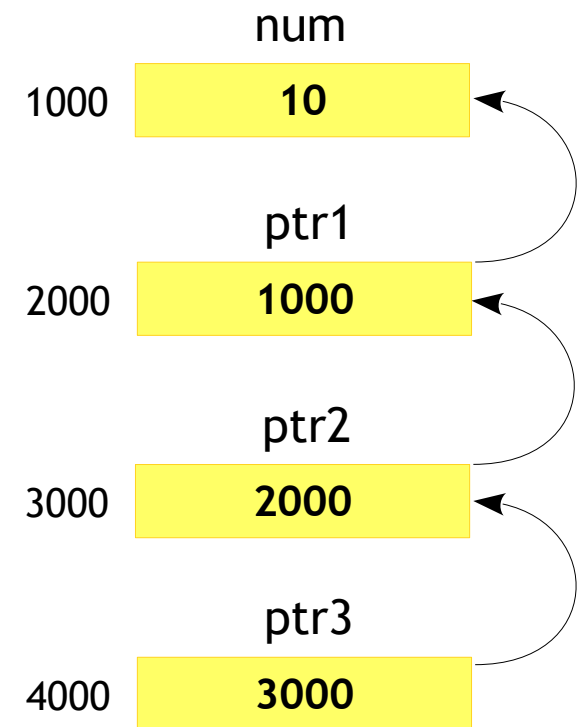
001\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int num = 10;
    int *ptr1 = &num;
    int **ptr2 = &ptr1;
    int ***ptr3 = &ptr2;

    printf("%d", ptr3);
    printf("%d", *ptr3);
    printf("%d", **ptr3);
    → printf("%d", ***ptr3);

    return 0;
}
```



Output → 10

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## Arrays - Interpretations

### Example

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

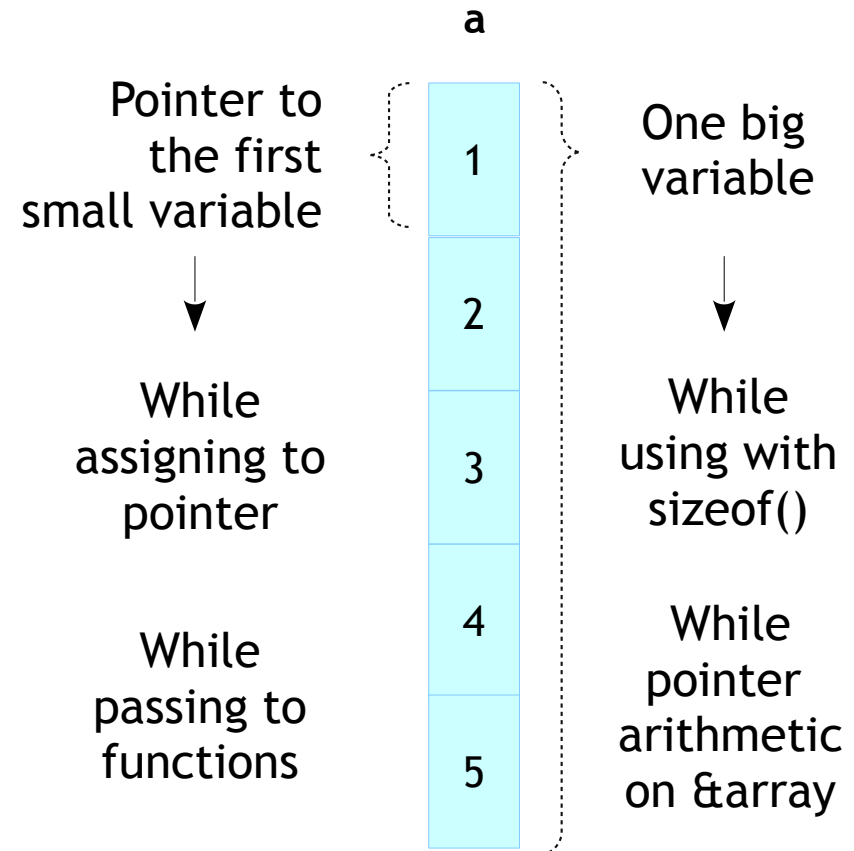
```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
→ int a[5] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```



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## Arrays - Interpretations

002\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int a[5] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};

    ➔ printf("%p\n", a);
    printf("%p\n", &a[0]);
    printf("%p\n", &a);

    return 0;
}
```

a	
1000	1
1004	2
1008	3
1012	4
1016	5

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## Arrays - Interpretations

002\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int a[5] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};

    printf("%p\n", a);
    → printf("%p\n", &a[0]);
    printf("%p\n", &a);

    return 0;
}
```

a	
1000	1
1004	2
1008	3
1012	4
1016	5

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## Arrays - Interpretations

### 002\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int a[5] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};

    printf("%p\n", a);
    printf("%p\n", &a[0]);
    → printf("%p\n", &a);

    return 0;
}
```

a	
1000	1
1004	2
1008	3
1012	4
1016	5

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## Arrays - Interpretations

### 003\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    ➔ int a[5] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};

    printf("%p\n", a + 1);
    printf("%p\n", &a[0] + 1);
    printf("%p\n", &a + 1);

    return 0;
}
```

a	
1000	1
1004	2
1008	3
1012	4
1016	5

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## Arrays - Interpretations

### 003\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int a[5] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};

    ➔ printf("%p\n", a + 1);
    printf("%p\n", &a[0] + 1);
    printf("%p\n", &a + 1);

    return 0;
}
```

	a
1000	1
1004	2
1008	3
1012	4
1016	5



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## Arrays - Interpretations

### 003\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int a[5] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};

    printf("%p\n", a + 1);
    ➔ printf("%p\n", &a[0] + 1);
    printf("%p\n", &a + 1);

    return 0;
}
```

a	
1000	1
1004	2
1008	3
1012	4
1016	5

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## Arrays - Interpretations

### 003\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int a[5] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};

    printf("%p\n", a + 1);
    printf("%p\n", &a[0] + 1);
    → printf("%p\n", &a + 1);

    return 0;
}
```

a	
1000	1
1004	2
1008	3
1012	4
1016	5
1020 ⋮ 1036	?

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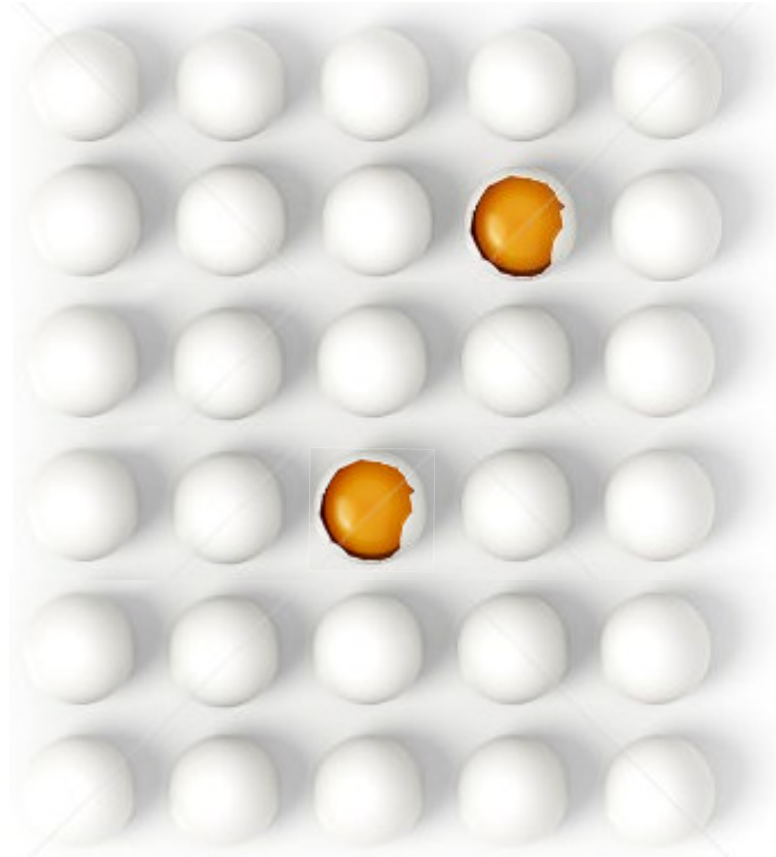
## Arrays - Interpretations



- So in summary, if we try to print the address of `a[]`
  - `a` - prints the value of the constant pointer
  - `&a[0]` - prints the address of the first element pointed by `a`
  - `&a` - prints the address of the whole array which pointed by `a`
- Hence all the lines will print **1000** as output
- These concepts plays a very important role in multi dimension arrays

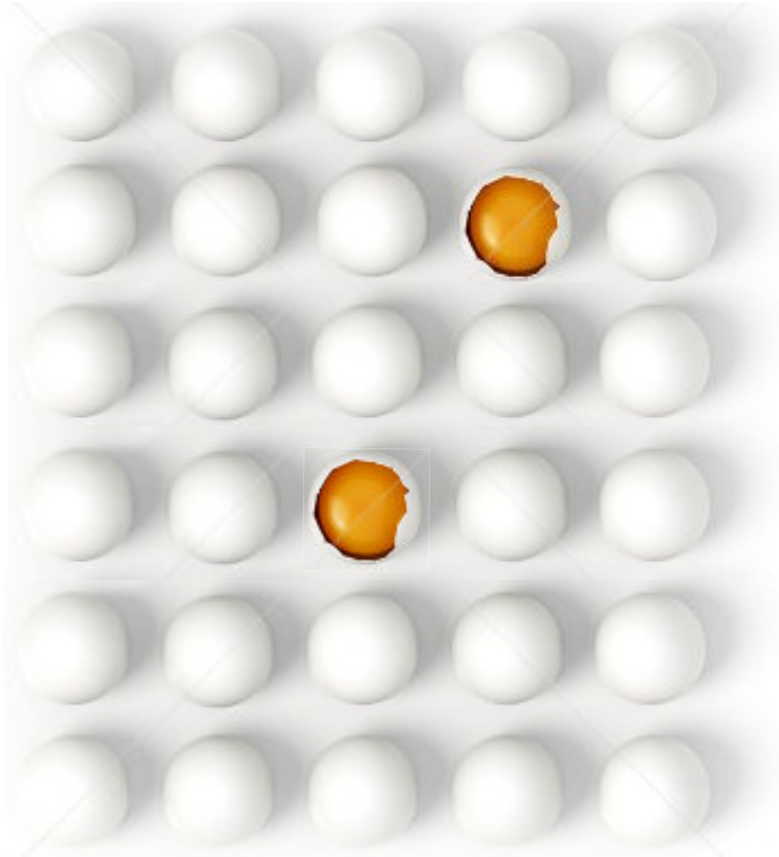
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## Arrays



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## Arrays - 2D



- Find the broken eggs!




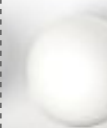




























- Hmm, how should I proceed with count??

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## Arrays - 2D














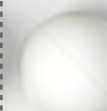













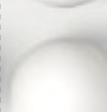




	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5
R1					
R2					
R3					
R4					
R5					
R6					

- Now is it better to tell which one broken??

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## Arrays - 2D

	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5
R1					
R2					
R3					
R4					
R5					
R6					

- So in matrix method it becomes bit easy to locate items
- In other terms we can reference the location with easy indexing
- In this case we can say the broken eggs are at  
R2-C4 and R4-C3  
or  
C4-R2 and C3-R4

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## Arrays - 2D



- The matrix in computer memory is a bit tricky!!
- Why?. Since its a sequence of memory
- So pragmatically, it is a concept of dimensions is generally referred
- The next slide illustrates the expectation and the reality of the memory layout of the data in a system



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## Arrays - 2D



### Concept Illustration

	C0	C1	C2	C3
R0	123	9	234	39
R1	23	155	33	2
R2	100	88	8	111
R3	201	101	187	22

### System Memory

1001	123
1002	9
1003	234
1004	39
1005	23
1006	155
1007	33
1008	2
1009	100
1010	88
1011	8
1012	111
1013	201
1014	101
1015	187
1016	22

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## Arrays - 2D

### Syntax

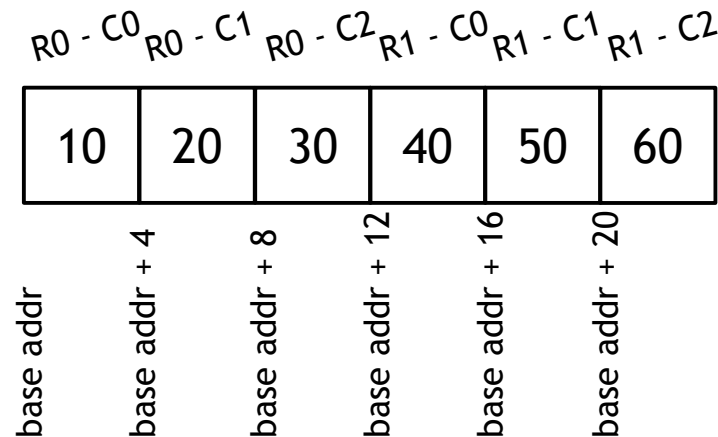
```
data_type name[ROW][COL];
```

Where ROW \* COL represents number of elements

Memory occupied by array = (number of elements \* size of an element)  
= (ROW \* COL \* <size of data\_type>)

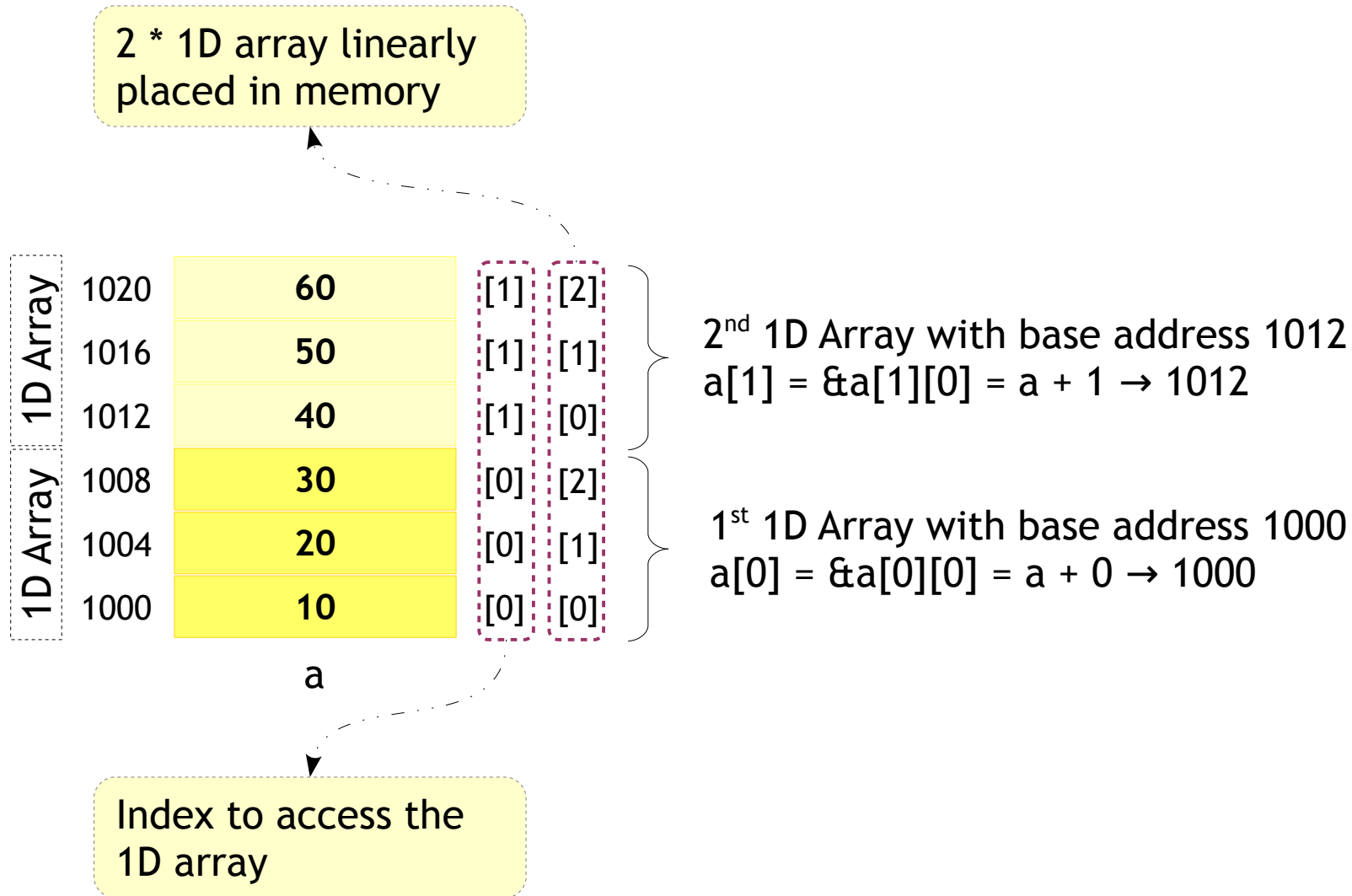
### Example

```
int a[2][3] = {{10, 20, 30}, {40, 50, 60}};
```



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## Arrays - 2D - Referencing



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## Arrays - 2D - Dereferencing



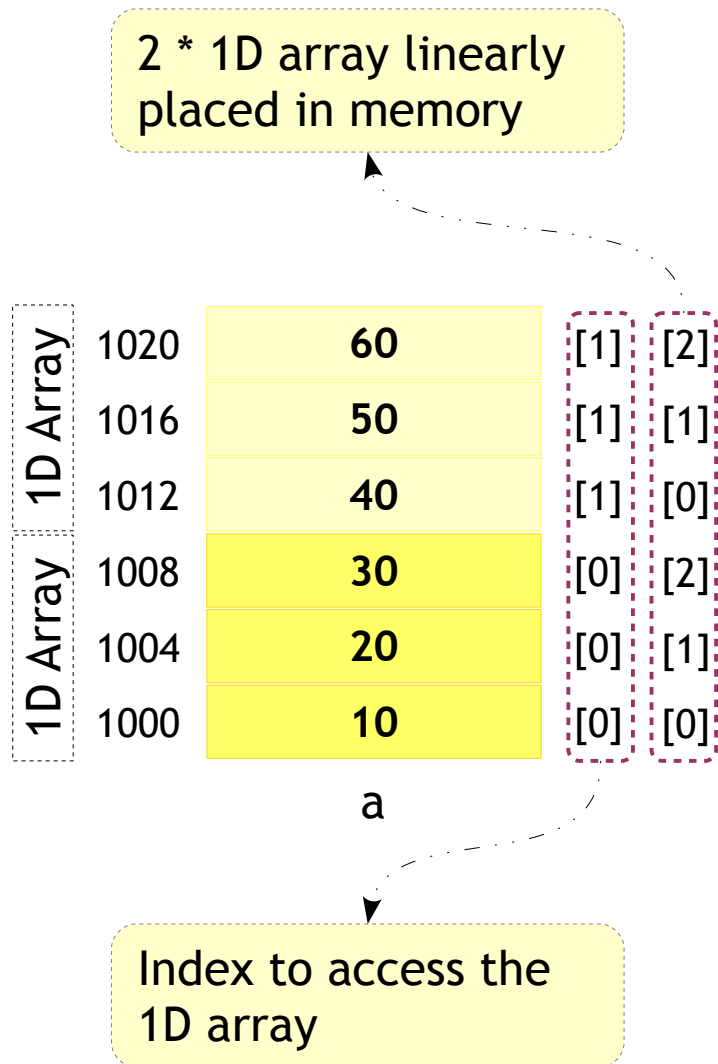
### Core Principle

- Dereferencing  $n^{\text{th}}$  - dimensional array will return  $(n - 1)^{\text{th}}$  -dimensional array
  - Example : dereferencing 2D array will return 1D array
- Dereferencing 1D array will return 'data element'
  - Example : Dereferencing 1D integer array will return integer

Array	Dimension
<code>&amp;a</code>	$n + 1$
<code>a</code>	$n$
<code>*a</code>	$n - 1$

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## Arrays - 2D - Dereferencing



**Example 1:** Say `a[0][1]` is to be accessed, then decomposition happens like,

```
a[0][1] =  
= *(a[0] + (1 * sizeof(type)))  
= (*(a + (0 * sizeof(1D array))) + (1 * sizeof(type)))  
= (*(a + (0 * 12)) + (1 * 4))  
= (*(a + 0) + 4)  
=>(*a + 0 + 4)  
=>(*a + 4)  
=*(1000 + 4)  
=*(1004)  
= 20
```

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## Arrays - 2D - Dereferencing



2 \* 1D array linearly placed in memory

1D Array	1020	60	[1]	[2]
	1016	50	[1]	[1]
	1012	40	[1]	[0]
1D Array	1008	30	[0]	[2]
	1004	20	[0]	[1]
	1000	10	[0]	[0]

a

Index to access the 1D array

**Example 1:** Say `a[1][1]` is to be accessed, then decomposition happens like,

`a[1][1]` =

= `*(a[1] + (1 * sizeof(type)))`

= `*(*(a + (1 * sizeof(1D array))) + (1 * sizeof(type)))`

= `*(*(a + (1 * 12)) + (1 * 4))`

= `*(*(a + 12) + 4)`

= `*(a + 12 + 4)`

= `*(a + 16)`

= `*(1000 + 16)`

= `*(1016)`

= 50

Address of `a[r][c]` = `value(a) + r * sizeof(1D array) + c * sizeof(type)`

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## Arrays - 2D - DIY



- WAP to find the MIN and MAX of a 2D array

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## Pointers - Array of pointers

### Syntax

```
datatype *ptr_name[SIZE]
```

### 004\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    int a = 10;
```

```
    → int b = 20;
```

```
    int c = 30;
```

```
    int *ptr[3];
```

```
    ptr[0] = &a;
```

```
    ptr[1] = &b;
```

```
    ptr[2] = &c;
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

	a
1000	10
	b
1004	20
	c
1008	30



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## Pointers - Array of pointers

### Syntax

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```

### 004\_example.c

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#include <stdio.h>
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```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    int a = 10;
```

```
    int b = 20;
```

```
    int c = 30;
```

```
→ int *ptr[3];
```

```
    ptr[0] = &a;
```

```
    ptr[1] = &b;
```

```
    ptr[2] = &c;
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

ptr		
4000	?	a 1000 10
4004	?	b 1004 20
4008	?	c 1008 30

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## Pointers - Array of pointers

### Syntax

```
datatype *ptr_name[SIZE]
```

### 004\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    int a = 10;
```

```
    int b = 20;
```

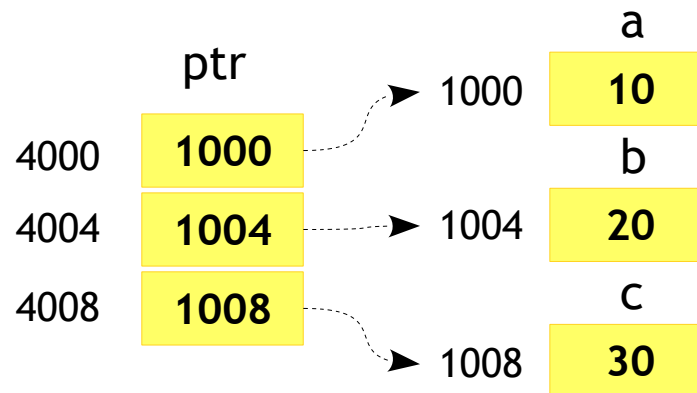
```
    int c = 30;
```

```
    int *ptr[3];
```

```
→ ptr[0] = &a;  
    ptr[1] = &b;  
    ptr[2] = &c;
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```



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## Pointers - Array of pointers

### Syntax

```
datatype *ptr_name[SIZE]
```

### 005\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int a[2] = {10, 20};
    → int b[2] = {30, 40};
    int c[2] = {50, 60};

    int *ptr[3];

    ptr[0] = a;
    ptr[1] = b;
    ptr[2] = c;

    return 0;
}
```

	1000	1004
a	10	20
	1008	1012
b	30	40
	1016	1020
c	50	60

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## Pointers - Array of pointers

### Syntax

```
datatype *ptr_name[SIZE]
```

### 005\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int a[2] = {10, 20};
    int b[2] = {30, 40};
    int c[2] = {50, 60};

    → int *ptr[3];

    ptr[0] = a;
    ptr[1] = b;
    ptr[2] = c;

    return 0;
}
```

	ptr
4000	?
4004	?
4008	?

	1000	1004
a	10	20
	1008	1012
b	30	40
	1016	1020
c	50	60

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## Pointers - Array of pointers

### Syntax

```
datatype *ptr_name[SIZE]
```

### 005\_example.c

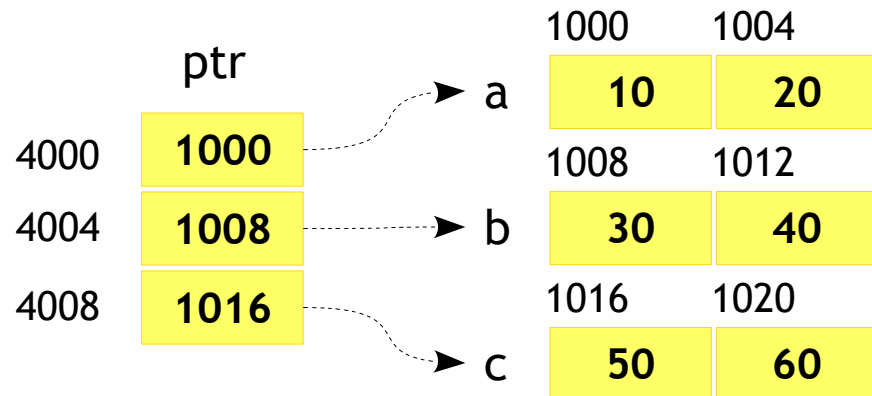
```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int a[2] = {10, 20};
    int b[2] = {30, 40};
    int c[2] = {50, 60};

    int *ptr[3];

    ptr[0] = a;
    ptr[1] = b;
    ptr[2] = c;

    return 0;
}
```



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## Pointers - Array of pointers

### 006\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

void print_array(int **p)
{
    int i;

    for (i = 0; i < 3; i++)
    {
        printf("%d ", *p[i]);
        printf("at %p\n", p[i]);
    }
}

int main()
{
    int a = 10;
    → int b = 20;
    int c = 30;
    int *ptr[3] = {&a, &b, &c};

    print_array(ptr);

    return 0;
}
```

	a
1000	10
	b
1004	20
	c
1008	30

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## Pointers - Array of pointers

### 006\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

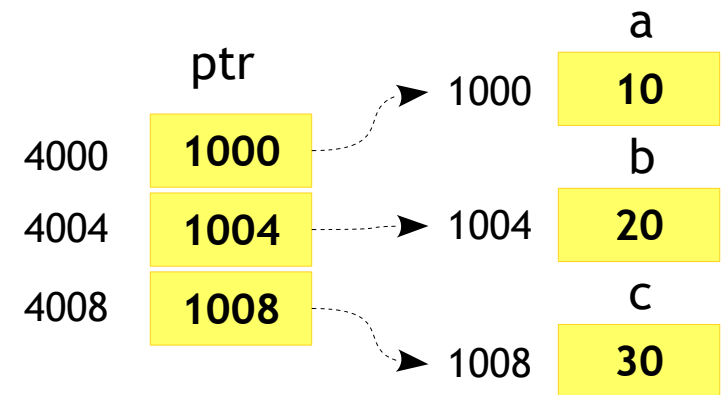
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{
    int i;

    for (i = 0; i < 3; i++)
    {
        printf("%d ", *p[i]);
        printf("at %p\n", p[i]);
    }
}

int main()
{
    int a = 10;
    int b = 20;
    int c = 30;
    → int *ptr[3] = {&a, &b, &c};

    print_array(ptr);

    return 0;
}
```



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## Pointers - Array of pointers

### 006\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

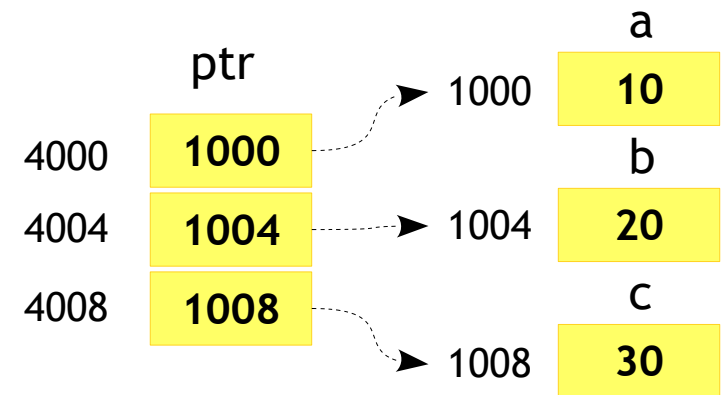
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        printf("at %p\n", p[i]);
    }
}

int main()
{
    int a = 10;
    int b = 20;
    int c = 30;
    int *ptr[3] = {&a, &b, &c};

    → print_array(ptr);

    return 0;
}
```





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## Pointers - Array of pointers

### 006\_example.c

```
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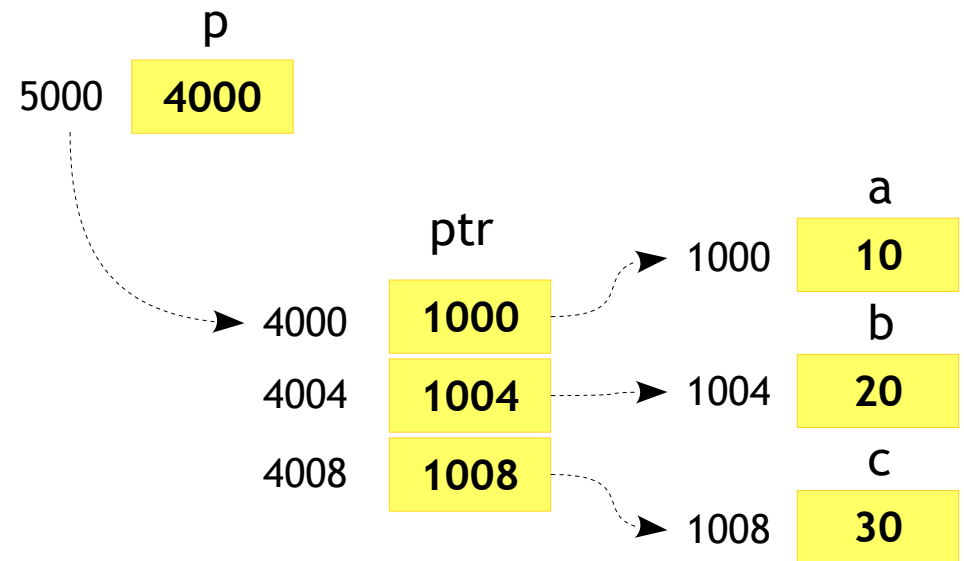
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    for (i = 0; i < 3; i++)
    {
        printf("%d ", *p[i]);
        printf("at %p\n", p[i]);
    }
}

int main()
{
    int a = 10;
    int b = 20;
    int c = 30;
    int *ptr[3] = {&a, &b, &c};

    print_array(ptr);

    return 0;
}
```



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## Pointers - Array of strings

### 007\_example.c

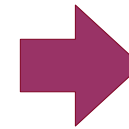
```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    → char s[3][8] = {
        "Array",
        "of",
        "Strings"
    };

    printf("%s %s %s\n", s[0], s[1], s[2]);

    return 0;
}
```

	S
1000	'A'
1001	'r'
1002	'r'
1003	'a'
1004	'y'
1005	'\0'
1006	?
1007	?
1008	'o'
1009	'f'
1010	'\0'
1011	?
1012	?
1013	?
1014	?
1015	?
1016	'S'
1017	't'
1018	'r'
1019	'i'
1020	'n'
1021	'g'
1022	's'
1023	'\0'



	S
1000	0x41
1001	0x72
1002	0x72
1003	0x61
1004	0x79
1005	0x00
1006	?
1007	?
1008	0x6F
1009	0x66
1010	0x00
1011	?
1012	?
1013	?
1014	?
1015	?
1016	0x53
1017	0x74
1018	0x72
1019	0x69
1020	0x6E
1021	0x67
1022	0x73
1023	0x00

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## Pointers - Array of strings



### 008\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    → char *s[3];

    s[0] = "Array";
    s[1] = "of";
    s[2] = "Strings";

    printf("%s %s %s\n", s[0], s[1], s[2]);

    return 0;
}
```

	4000	4004	4008
s	?	?	?

# Advanced C

## Pointers - Array of strings

### 008\_example.c

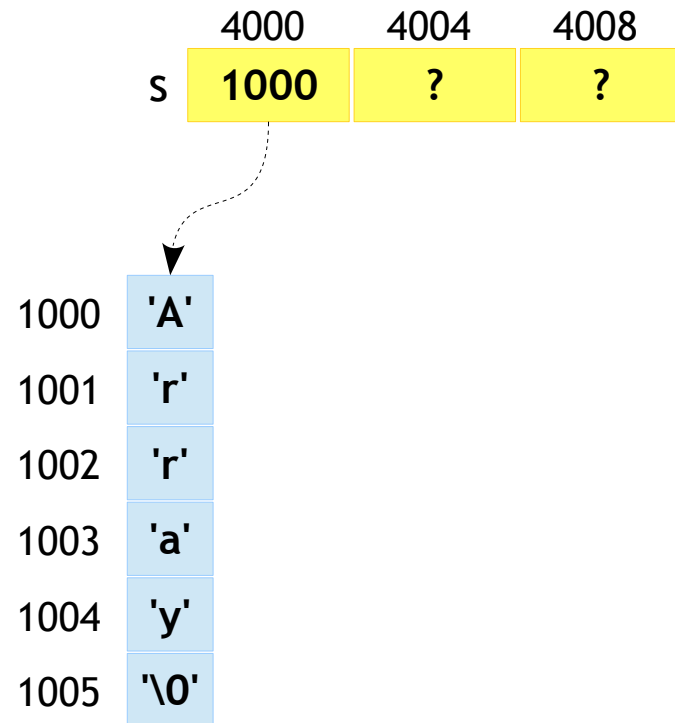
```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    char *s[3];

    s[0] = "Array";
    s[1] = "of";
    s[2] = "Strings";

    printf("%s %s %s\n", s[0], s[1], s[2]);

    return 0;
}
```



# Advanced C

## Pointers - Array of strings

### 008\_example.c

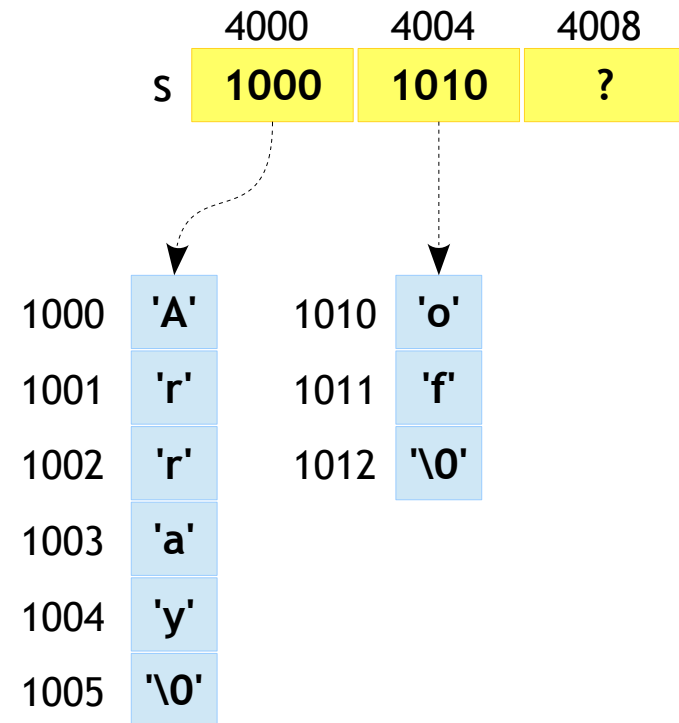
```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    char *s[3];

    s[0] = "Array";
    s[1] = "of";
    s[2] = "Strings";

    printf("%s %s %s\n", s[0], s[1], s[2]);

    return 0;
}
```



# Advanced C

## Pointers - Array of strings

### 008\_example.c

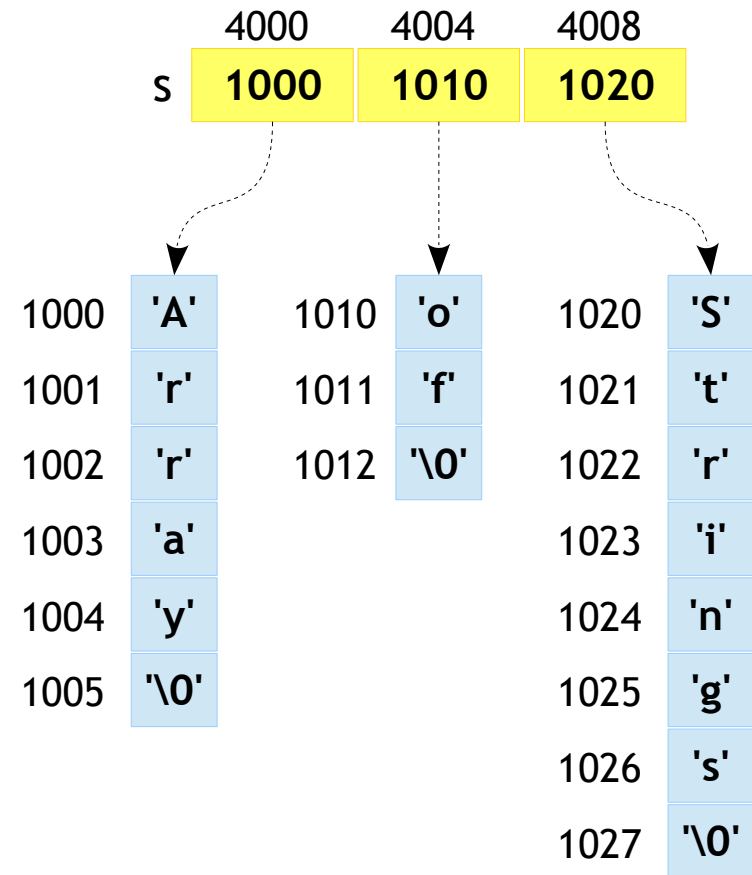
```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    char *s[3];

    s[0] = "Array";
    s[1] = "of";
    → s[2] = "Strings";

    printf("%s %s %s\n", s[0], s[1], s[2]);

    return 0;
}
```



# Advanced C

## Pointers - Array of strings



- W.A.P to print menu and select an option
  - Menu options { File, Edit, View, Insert, Help }
- The prototype of print\_menu function
  - void print\_menu (char \*\*menu);

### Screen Shot

```
user@user:~]  
user@user:~] ./a.out  
1. File  
2. Edit  
3. View  
4. Insert  
5. Help  
Select your option: 2  
You have selected Edit Menu  
user@user:~]
```



# Advanced C

## Pointers - Array of strings



- Command line arguments
  - Refer to PPT “11\_functions\_part2”



# Advanced C

## Pointers - Pointer to an Array

### Syntax

```
datatype (*ptr_name) [SIZE];
```

### 009\_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *ptr;

    ptr = array;

    printf("%d\n", *ptr);

    return 0;
}
```

- Pointer to an array!!, why is the syntax so weird??
- Isn't the code shown left is an example for pointer to an array?
- Should the code print as 1 in output?
- Yes, everything is fine here except the dimension of the array.
- This is perfect code for 1D array

# Advanced C

## Pointers - Pointer to an Array

### Syntax

```
datatype (*ptr_name) [SIZE];
```

### 010\_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int (*ptr)[3];

    ptr = array;

    printf("%d\n", **ptr);

    return 0;
}
```

- So in order to point to 2D array we would prefer the given syntax
- Okay, Isn't a 2D array linearly arranged in the memory?

So can I write the code as shown?

- Hmm!, Yes but the compiler would warn you on the assignment statement
- Then how should I write?

# Advanced C

## Pointers - Pointer to an Array

### Syntax

```
datatype (*ptr_name) [SIZE];
```

### 011\_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int (*ptr)[3];

    ptr = &array;

    printf("%d\n", **ptr);

    return 0;
}
```

- Hhoho, isn't **array** is equal to **&array**?? what is the difference?
- Well the difference lies in the compiler interpretation while pointer arithmetic and hence
- Please see the difference in the next slides

# Advanced C

## Pointers - Pointer to an Array

### 012\_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *p1;
    int (*p2)[3];

    p1 = array;
    p2 = &array;

    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 0, p2 + 0);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 1, p2 + 1);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 2, p2 + 2);

    return 0;
}
```

# Advanced C

## Pointers - Pointer to an Array

### 012\_example.c

```
int main()
{
    → int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
      int *p1;
      int (*p2)[3];

      p1 = array;
      p2 = &array;

      printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 0, p2 + 0);
      printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 1, p2 + 1);
      printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 2, p2 + 2);

      return 0;
}
```

	array
1000	1
1004	2
1008	3
1012	?
1016	?
1020	?
1024	?
1028	?
1032	?
1036	?

# Advanced C

## Pointers - Pointer to an Array

### 012\_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    → int *p1;
    int (*p2)[3];

    p1 = array;
    p2 = &array;

    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 0, p2 + 0);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 1, p2 + 1);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 2, p2 + 2);

    return 0;
}
```

array

1000	1
1004	2
1008	3
1012	?
1016	?
1020	?
1024	?
1028	?
1032	?
1036	?

p1

?

2000

# Advanced C

## Pointers - Pointer to an Array

### 012\_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *p1;
    → int (*p2)[3];

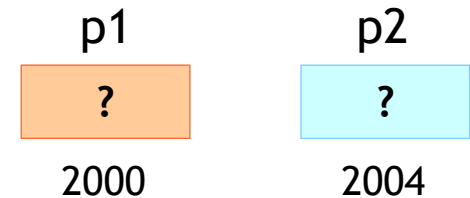
    p1 = array;
    p2 = &array;

    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 0, p2 + 0);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 1, p2 + 1);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 2, p2 + 2);

    return 0;
}
```

array

1000	1
1004	2
1008	3
1012	?
1016	?
1020	?
1024	?
1028	?
1032	?
1036	?



# Advanced C

## Pointers - Pointer to an Array

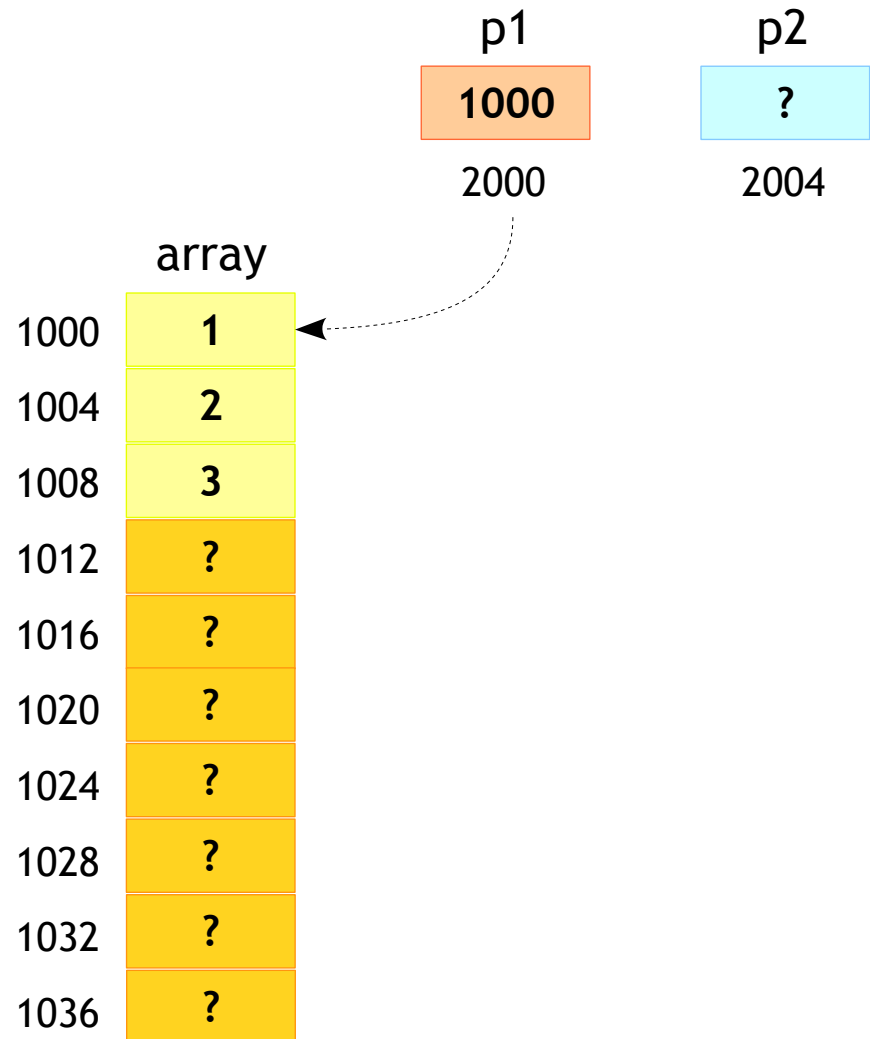
### 012\_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *p1;
    int (*p2)[3];

    p1 = array;
    p2 = &array;

    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 0, p2 + 0);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 1, p2 + 1);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 2, p2 + 2);

    return 0;
}
```





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## Pointers - Pointer to an Array

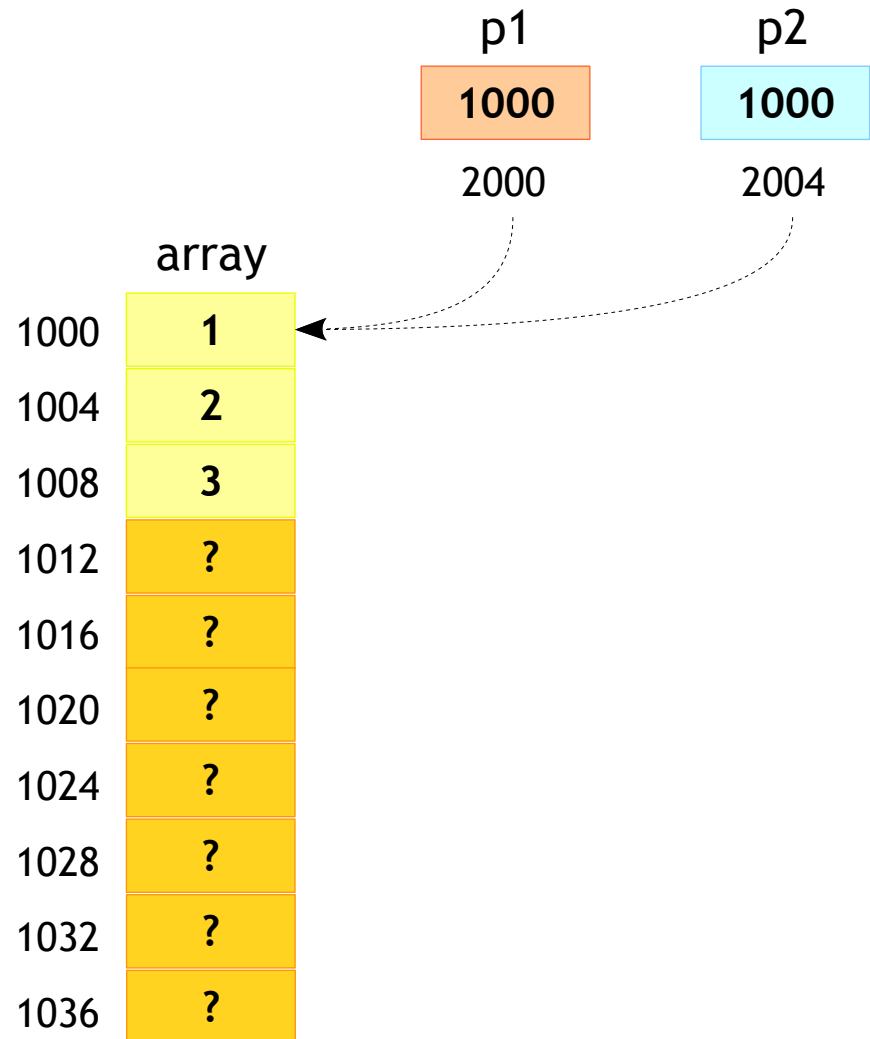
### 012\_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *p1;
    int (*p2)[3];

    p1 = array;
    → p2 = &array;

    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 0, p2 + 0);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 1, p2 + 1);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 2, p2 + 2);

    return 0;
}
```



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## Pointers - Pointer to an Array

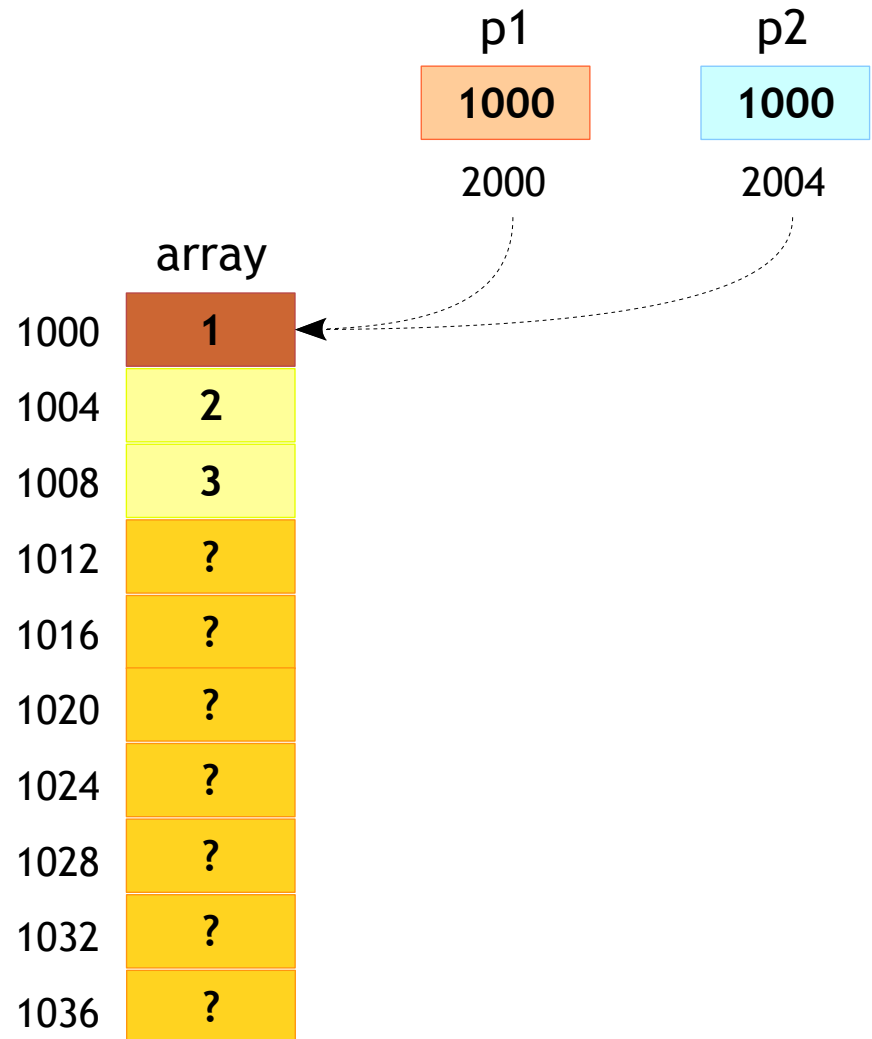
### 012\_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *p1;
    int (*p2)[3];

    p1 = array;
    p2 = &array;

    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 0, p2 + 0);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 1, p2 + 1);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 2, p2 + 2);

    return 0;
}
```



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## Pointers - Pointer to an Array

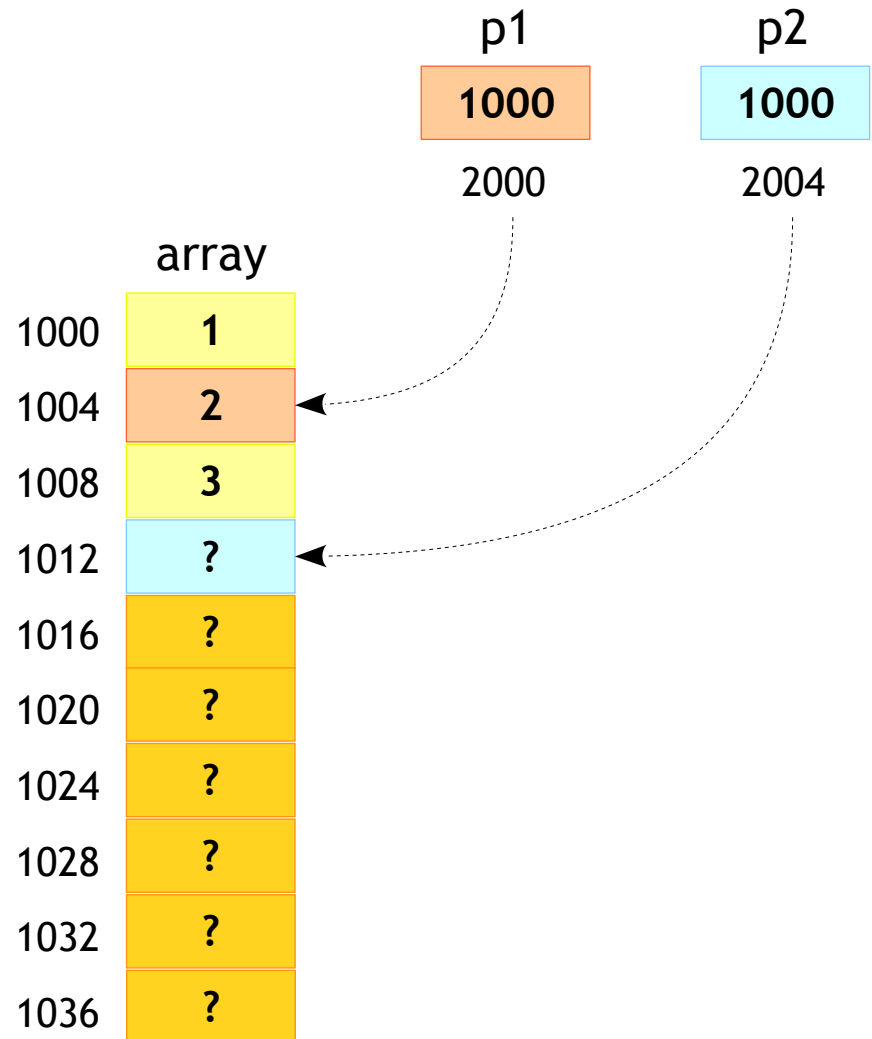
### 012\_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *p1;
    int (*p2)[3];

    p1 = array;
    p2 = &array;

    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 0, p2 + 0);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 1, p2 + 1);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 2, p2 + 2);

    return 0;
}
```



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## Pointers - Pointer to an Array

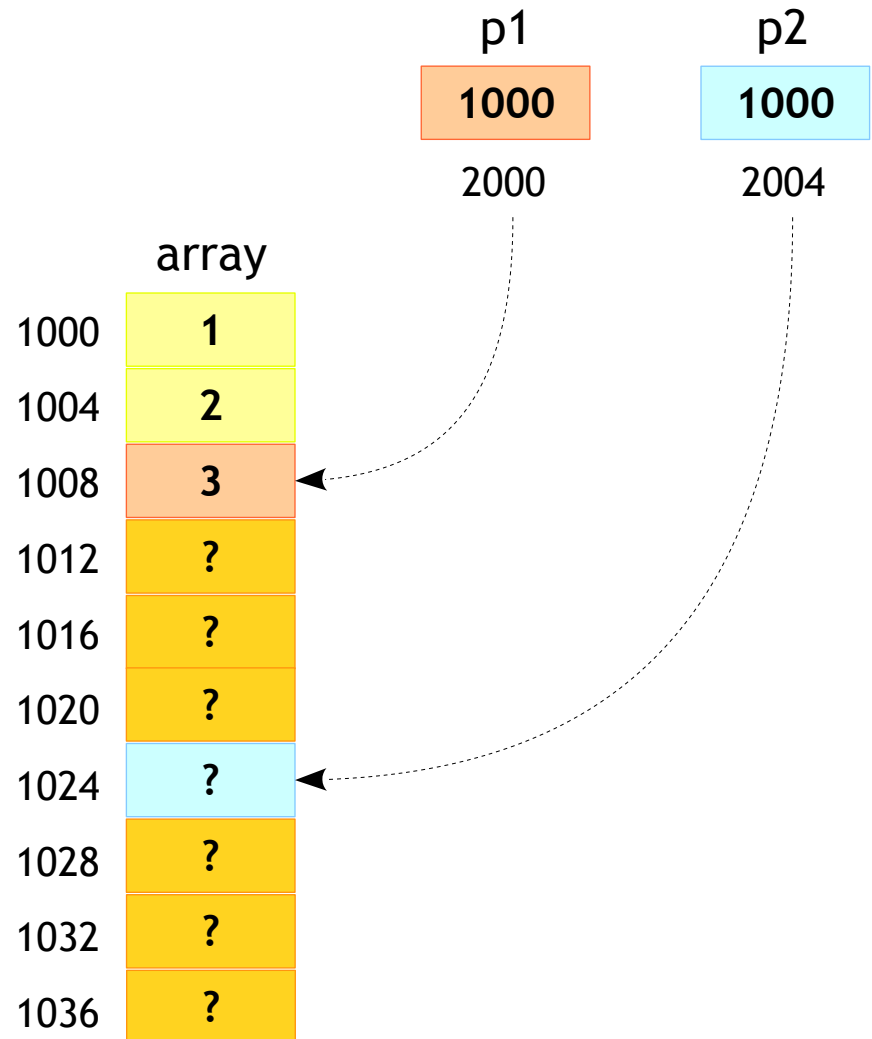
### 012\_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int array[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *p1;
    int (*p2)[3];

    p1 = array;
    p2 = &array;

    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 0, p2 + 0);
    printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 1, p2 + 1);
    → printf("%p %p\n", p1 + 2, p2 + 2);

    return 0;
}
```



# Advanced C

## Pointers - Pointer to an Array



- So as a conclusion we can say the
  - Pointer arithmetic on 1D array is based on the **size of datatype**
  - Pointer arithmetic on 2D array is based on the **size of datatype** and **size of 1D array**
- Still one question remains is what is real use of this syntax if can do **p[i][j]**?
  - In case of dynamic memory allocation as shown in next slide

# Advanced C

## Pointers - Pointer to an Array

### 013\_example.c


```
int main()
{
    → int (*p)[3];

    p = malloc(sizeof(*p) * 3);

    (*(p + 0))[0] = 1;
    (*(p + 1))[1] = 2;
    (*(p + 2))[2] = 3;

    printf("%d\n", p[0][0]);
    printf("%d\n", p[1][1]);
    printf("%d\n", p[2][2]);

    return 0;
}
```



p  
?  
2000

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## Pointers - Pointer to an Array

### 013\_example.c

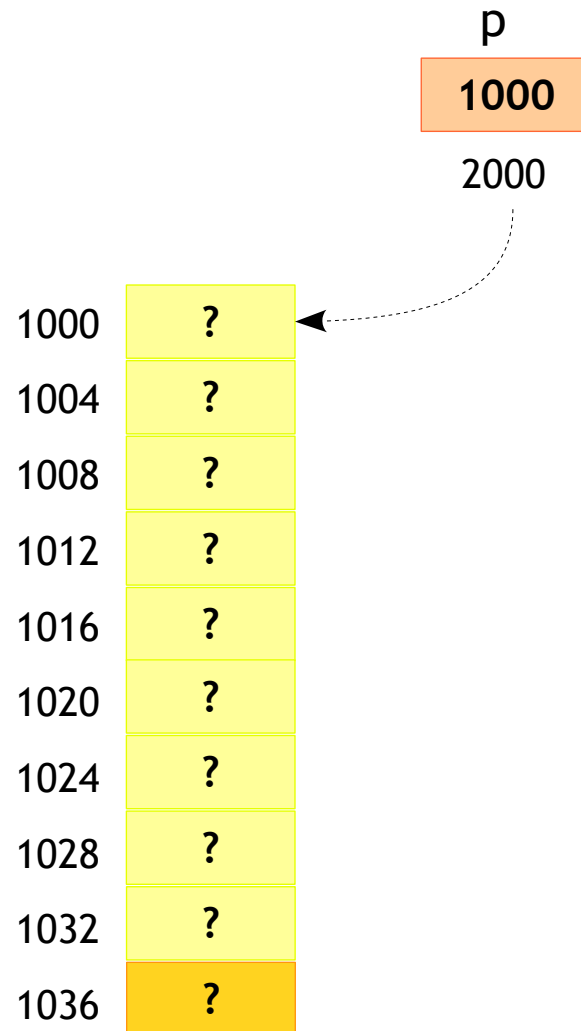
```
int main()
{
    int (*p)[3];

    → p = malloc(sizeof(*p) * 3);

    (*(p + 0))[0] = 1;
    (*(p + 1))[1] = 2;
    (*(p + 2))[2] = 3;

    printf("%d\n", p[0][0]);
    printf("%d\n", p[1][1]);
    printf("%d\n", p[2][2]);

    return 0;
}
```



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## Pointers - Pointer to an Array

### 013\_example.c

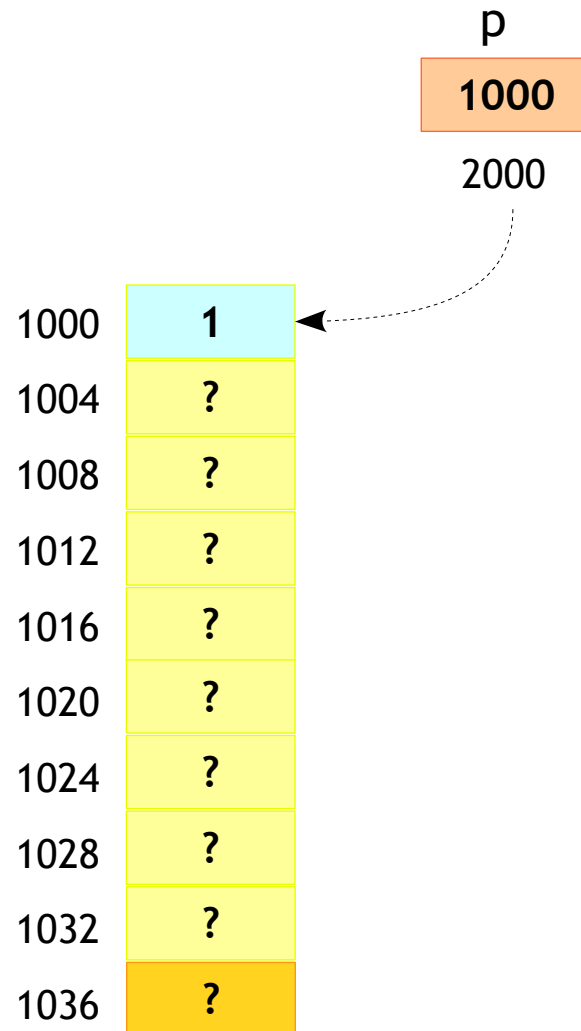
```
int main()
{
    int (*p)[3];

    p = malloc(sizeof(*p) * 3);

    → (*p + 0)[0] = 1;
      (*p + 1)[1] = 2;
      (*p + 2)[2] = 3;

    printf("%d\n", p[0][0]);
    printf("%d\n", p[1][1]);
    printf("%d\n", p[2][2]);

    return 0;
}
```





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## Pointers - Pointer to an Array

### 013\_example.c

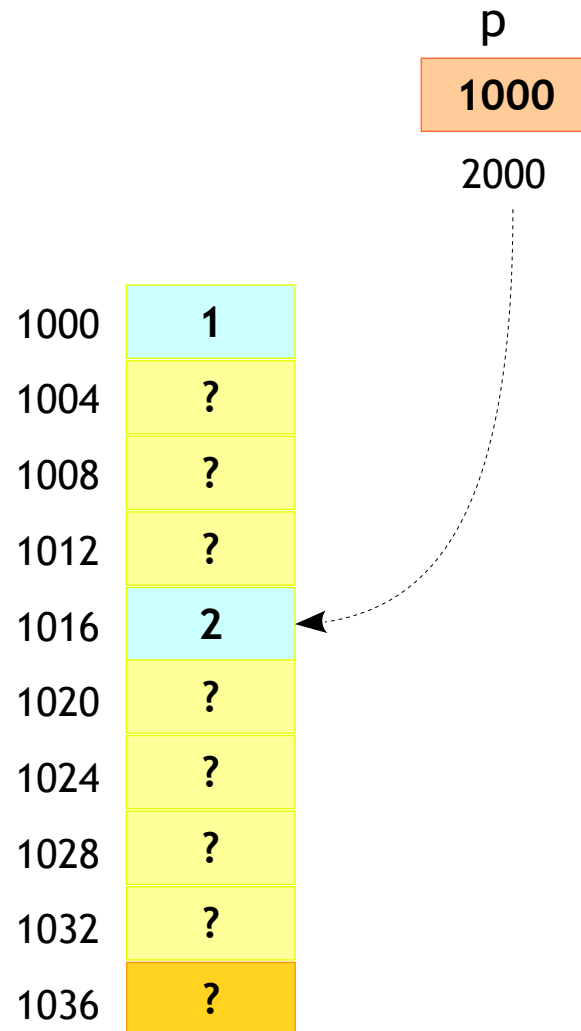
```
int main()
{
    int (*p)[3];

    p = malloc(sizeof(*p) * 3);

    (*p + 0)[0] = 1;
    (*p + 1)[1] = 2;
    (*p + 2)[2] = 3;

    printf("%d\n", p[0][0]);
    printf("%d\n", p[1][1]);
    printf("%d\n", p[2][2]);

    return 0;
}
```



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## Pointers - Pointer to an Array

### 013\_example.c

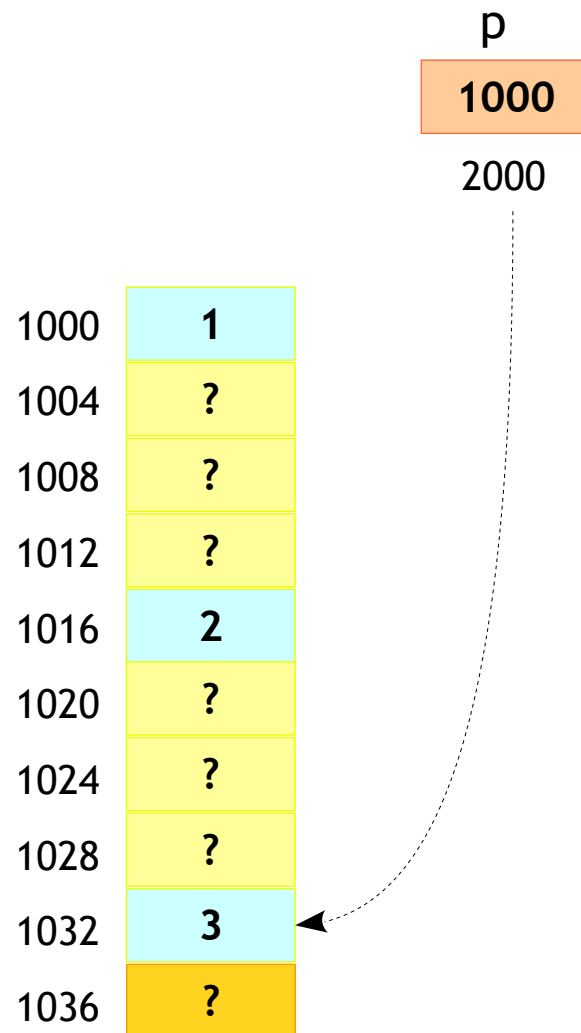
```
int main()
{
    int (*p)[3];

    p = malloc(sizeof(*p) * 3);

    (*(p + 0))[0] = 1;
    (*(p + 1))[1] = 2;
    → (*(p + 2))[2] = 3;

    printf("%d\n", p[0][0]);
    printf("%d\n", p[1][1]);
    printf("%d\n", p[2][2]);

    return 0;
}
```



# Advanced C


## Pointers - Pointer to an 2D Array

014\_example.c

```
int main()
{
    → int (*p)[3];
    int a[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};

    p = a;

    return 0;
}
```



p  
2000 1000

# Advanced C

## Pointers - Pointer to an 2D Array

014\_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int (*p)[3];
    → int a[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};

    p = a;

    return 0;
}
```

p  
2000 1000

a

1000	1
1004	2
1008	3
1012	4
1016	5
1020	6
1024	?
1028	?
1032	?
1036	?

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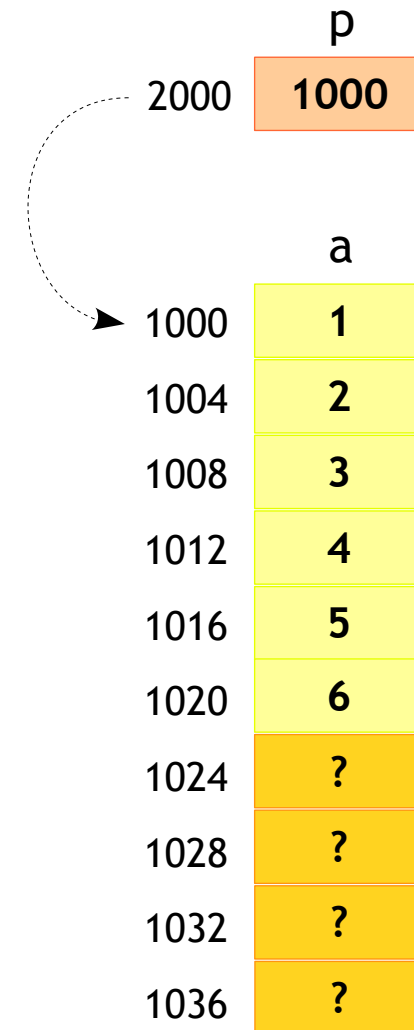
## Pointers - Pointer to an 2D Array

014\_example.c

```
int main()
{
    int (*p)[3];
    int a[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};

    → p = a;

    return 0;
}
```



# Advanced C

## Pointers - Passing 2D array to function

### 015\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

void print_array(int p[2][3])
{
    int i, j;

    for (i = 0; i < 2; i++)
    {
        for (j = 0; j < 3; j++)
        {
            printf("%d\n", p[i][j]);
        }
    }
}

int main()
{
    → int a[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};

    print_array(a);

    return 0;
}
```

	a
1000	1
1004	2
1008	3
1012	4
1016	5
1020	6
1024	?
1028	?
1032	?
1036	?

# Advanced C

## Pointers - Passing 2D array to function

### 015\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

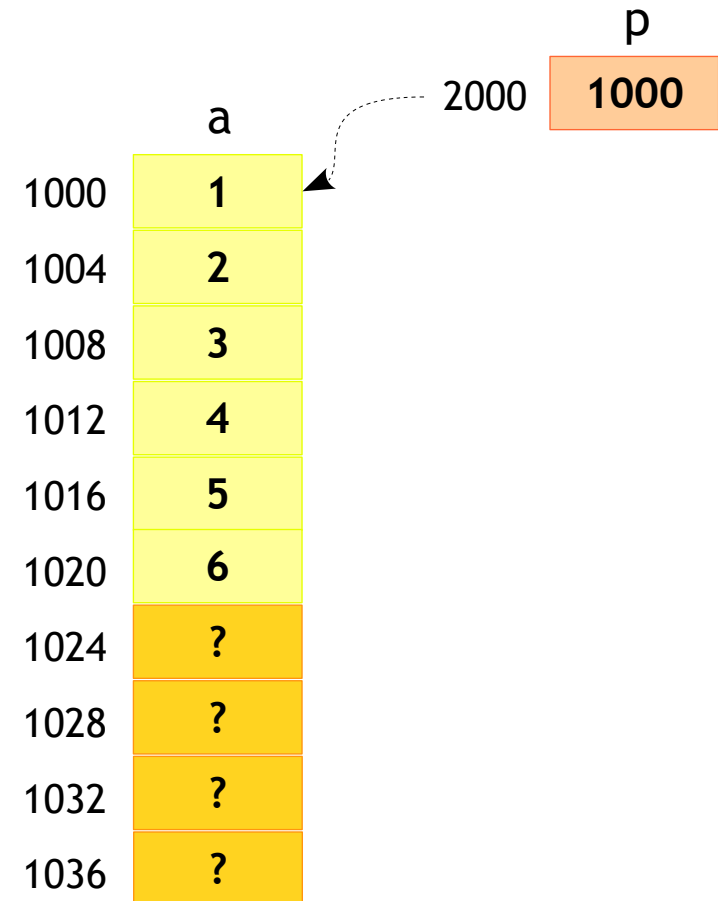
void print_array(int p[2][3])
{
    int i, j;

    for (i = 0; i < 2; i++)
    {
        for (j = 0; j < 3; j++)
        {
            printf("%d\n", p[i][j]);
        }
    }
}

int main()
{
    int a[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};

    print_array(a);

    return 0;
}
```



# Advanced C

## Pointers - Passing 2D array to function

### 016\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

void print_array(int (*p)[3])
{
    int i, j;

    for (i = 0; i < 2; i++)
    {
        for (j = 0; j < 3; j++)
        {
            printf("%d\n", p[i][j]);
        }
    }
}

int main()
{
    → int a[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};

    print_array(a);

    return 0;
}
```

	a
1000	1
1004	2
1008	3
1012	4
1016	5
1020	6
1024	?
1028	?
1032	?
1036	?



# Advanced C

## Pointers - Passing 2D array to function

### 016\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

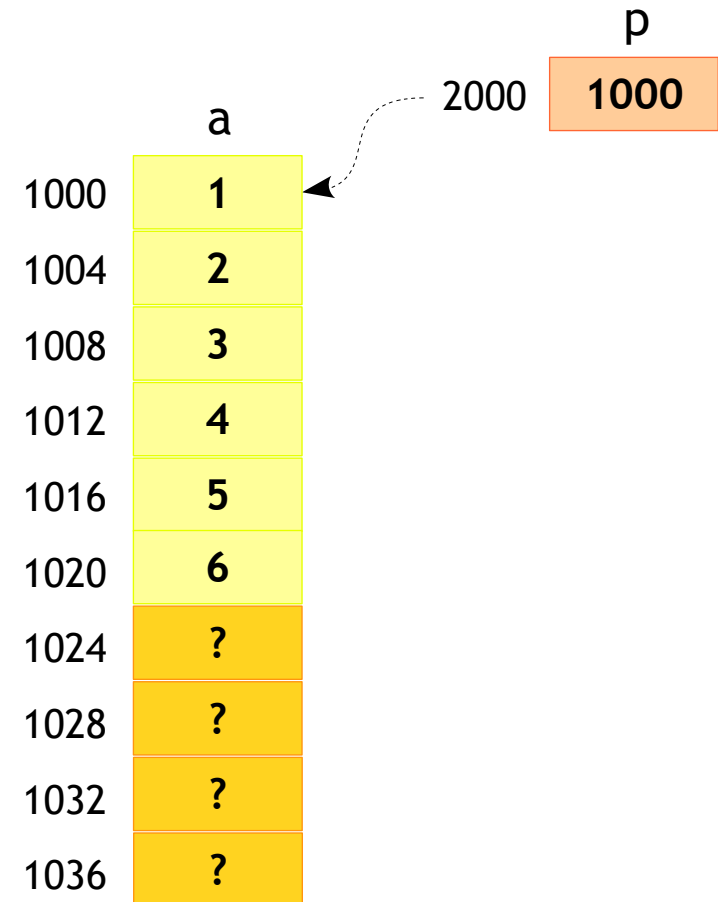
void print_array(int (*p)[3])
{
    int i, j;

    for (i = 0; i < 2; i++)
    {
        for (j = 0; j < 3; j++)
        {
            printf("%d\n", p[i][j]);
        }
    }
}

int main()
{
    int a[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};

    print_array(a);

    return 0;
}
```



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## Pointers - Passing 2D array to function

### 017\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

void print_array(int row, int col, int (*p)[col])
{
    int i, j;

    for (i = 0; i < row; i++)
    {
        for (j = 0; j < col; j++)
        {
            printf("%d\n", p[i][j]);
        }
    }
}

int main()
{
    int a[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};

    print_array(2, 3, a);

    return 0;
}
```

# Advanced C

## Pointers - Passing 2D array to function

### 018\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

void print_array(int row, int col, int *p)
{
    int i, j;

    for (i = 0; i < row; i++)
    {
        for (j = 0; j < col; j++)
        {
            printf("%d\n", *((p + i * col) + j));
        }
    }
}

int main()
{
    int a[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};

    print_array(2, 3, (int *) a);

    return 0;
}
```

# Advanced C

## Pointers - 2D Array Creations



- Each Dimension could be Static or Dynamic
- Possible combination of creation could be
  - BS: Both Static (Rectangular)
  - FSSD: First Static, Second Dynamic
  - FDSS: First Dynamic, Second Static
  - BD: Both Dynamic

# Advanced C

## Pointers - 2D Array Creations - BS

### 018\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int a[2][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}};

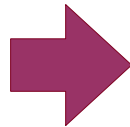
    return 0;
}
```

- Both Static (BS)
- Called as an rectangular array
- Total size is  
 $2 * 3 * \text{sizeof}(\text{datatype})$   
 $2 * 3 * 4 = 24 \text{ Bytes}$
- The memory representation can be as shown in next slide

# Advanced C

## Pointers - 2D Array Creations - BS

	a
1000	1
1004	2
1008	3
1012	4
1016	5
1020	6



0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3
0	0	0	4	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	6

**Static**  
3 Columns  
On Stack

**Static**  
2 Rows  
On Stack

# Advanced C

## Pointers - 2D Array Creations - FSSD

### 019\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main()
{
    int *a[2];

    for ( i = 0; i < 2; i++)
    {
        a[i] = malloc(3 * sizeof(int));
    }

    return 0;
}
```

- First Static and Second Dynamic (FSSD)
- Mix of Rectangular & Ragged
- Total size is  
 $2 * \text{sizeof}(\text{datatype} *) + 2 * 3 * \text{sizeof}(\text{datatype})$   
 $2 * 4 + 2 * 3 * 4 = 32 \text{ Bytes}$
- The memory representation can be as shown in next slide

# Advanced C

## Pointers - 2D Array Creations - FSSD



	a
1004	524
1000	512

532	6
528	5
524	4
520	3
516	2
512	1



0	0	A	0
0	0	A	C

Pointers to  
2 Rows  
On Stack

0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3
0	0	0	4	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	6

Dynamic  
3 Columns  
On Heap

Static  
2 Rows  
On Heap



# Advanced C

## Pointers - 2D Array Creations - FDSS



### 020\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main()
{
    int (*a)[3];

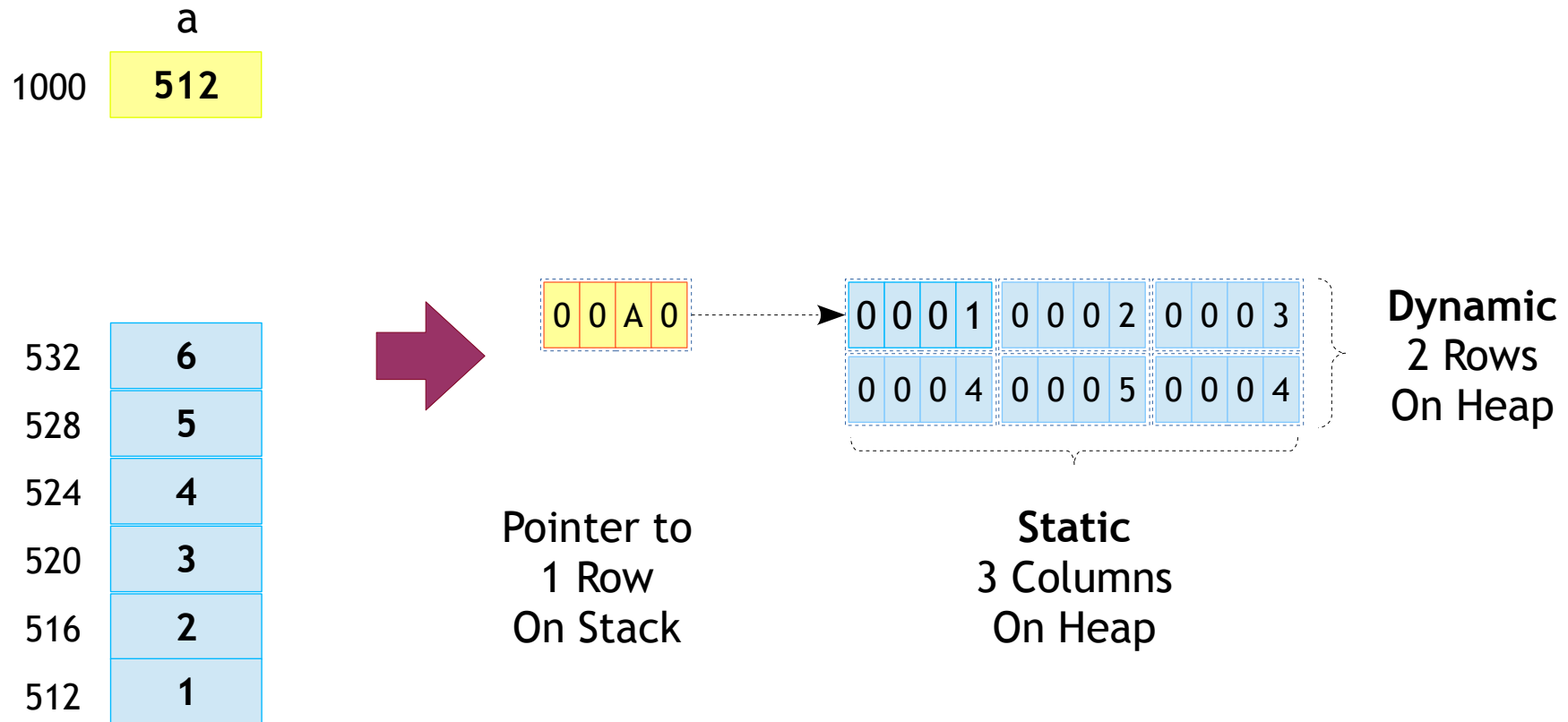
    a = malloc(2 * sizeof(int [3]));

    return 0;
}
```

- First Dynamic and Second Static (FDSS)
- Total size is  
 $\text{sizeof}(\text{datatype} *) + 2 * 3 * \text{sizeof}(\text{datatype})$   
 $4 + 2 * 3 * 4 = 28 \text{ Bytes}$
- The memory representation can be as shown in next slide

# Advanced C

## Pointers - 2D Array Creations - FDSS



# Advanced C

## Pointers - 2D Array Creations - BD

### 021\_example.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main()
{
    int **a;
    int i;

    a = malloc(2 * sizeof(int *));

    for (i = 0; i < 2; i++)
    {
        a[i] = malloc(3 * sizeof(int));
    }

    return 0;
}
```

- Both Dynamic (BD)
- Total size is  
 $\text{sizeof}(\text{datatype}^{**}) + 2 * \text{sizeof}(\text{datatype}^{*}) + 2 * 3 * \text{sizeof}(\text{datatype})$   
 $4 + 2 * 4 + 2 * 3 * 4 = 36$  Bytes
- The memory representation can be as shown in next slide

# Advanced C

## Pointers - 2D Array Creations - BD

