

COMP0204: Introduction to Programming for Robotics and AI

Lecture 6: Pointers

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Tips for improving programming skills

For those who think they are still behind in programming:

- **Reachout to the CS Programming Tutor – for one-to-one sessions!**
(you should have information about this in your induction week notes)
- Make sure you revise the lectures
- Make sure to practice (exercises with solutions added in additional resources of each week)

Today's lecture

- Pointers basics - declaration, referencing, dereferencing
- Pass by value vs pass by reference
- Arithmetic on Pointers
- Logical operators on Pointers
- Accessing arrays with Pointers
- 2D and multi-dimensional arrays with Pointers

Pointers basics

Memory addresses

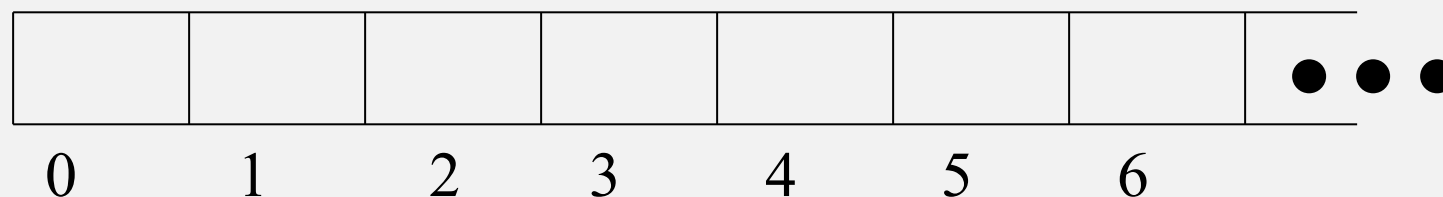
- All data (software instructions, variables, arrays) is in memory.
- Memory holds our program as it executes, and it also holds our program's variables.
- Memory addresses are all unique.
- When a variable is defined, C finds an unused place in memory and attaches the variable name to this location.
- Two variables defined back-to-back doesnot mean that C stores them back-to-back in memory.
- For any variable x, &x returns the address of x.

Address	Data
981	
982	
983	
984	
985	
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...	
1180	

Memory

Bits and Bytes

- Memory is divided into bytes, each of which are further divided into bits
 - Each bit can have a value of 0 or 1
 - A byte is eight bits
 - Can hold any value from 0 to 255
 - Memory can be thought of as a sequence of bytes, numbered starting at 0



Storing Variables

- Each variables is stored in some sequence of bytes

- Number of bytes depends on what?

Number of bytes depends on the data type

- Can two variables share a byte?

Two variables will never share a byte – a variable uses all of a byte, or none of it

- Example:

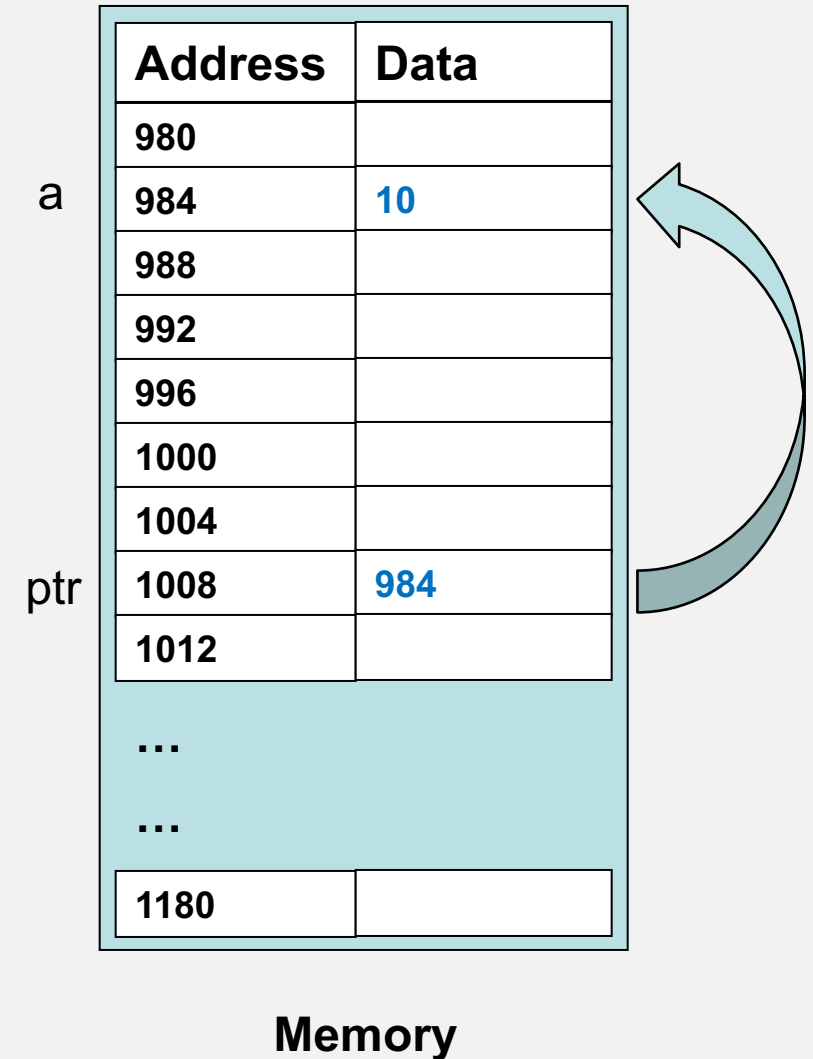
- An int is usually stored as a sequence of four bytes

Pointer basics

- A variable that stores the memory **address** of another variable
 - ***** - accessing or storing the **value** at the address in the pointer.
 - **&** - accessing or storing the memory **address** in the pointer.

```
int a = 10;
int *ptr = &a; // storing address of a
```

- But ***** has two different roles in pointers. What is the other role?



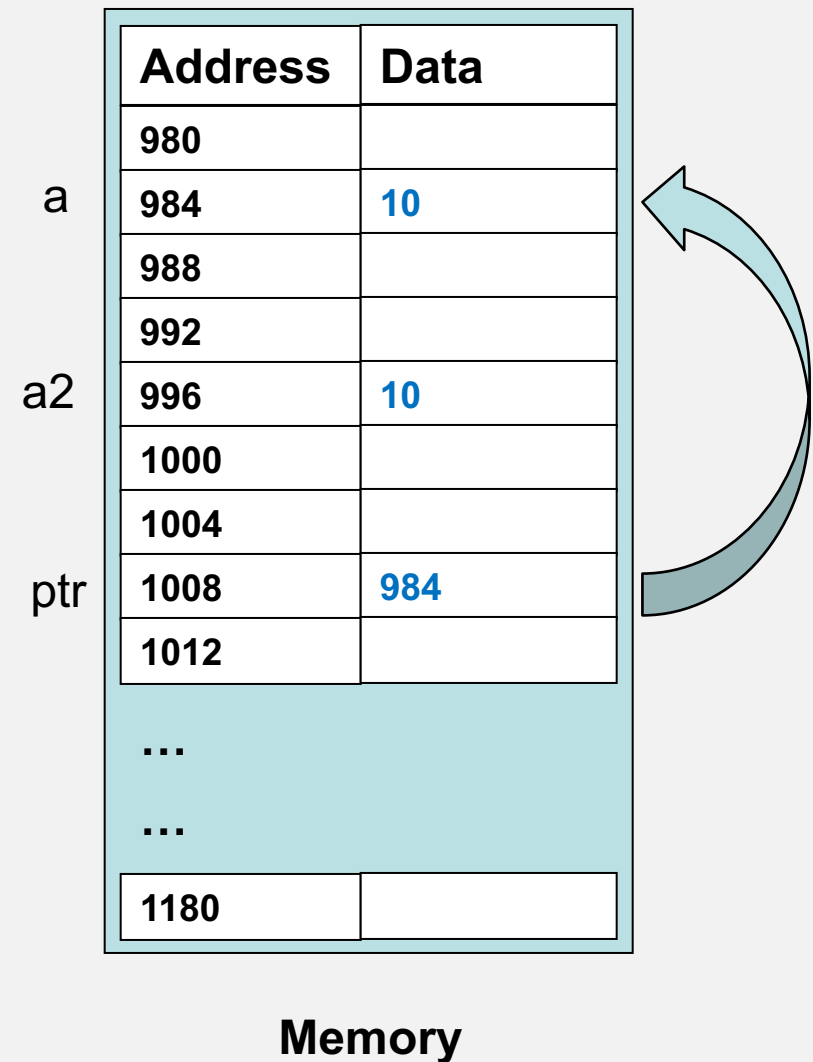
Pointer basics

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 - **&** - accessing or storing the memory **address** in the pointer.

```
int a = 10;
int *ptr = &a; // storing address of a

int a2 = *ptr;
```

- Is ***** in pointer the same as the ***** in multiplication?



Pointer basics

- All data type have corresponding pointer data types.
- Only the address of same data type of variable can be assigned to pointer of the same data type.
- Pointer variables hold addresses of other variables.
- Until an address of a variable is assigned to pointer, the pointer remains uninitialized (indeterminate) and cannot be used.

Address	Data
980	
984	
988	
992	
996	
1000	
1004	
1008	
1012	
...	
...	
1180	

Memory

Pointer basics

```

3  #include <stdio.h>
4
5  int main(){
6      int a = 10; // declare a variable
7      int *ptr = &a; // declare a pointer and assign the address of a to it
8
9      printf("The value of a is: %d\n", a);
10     printf("The address of a is: %p\n", &a);
11     printf("The address of ptr is: %p\n", &ptr);
12     printf("The value of ptr is: %p\n", ptr);
13     printf("The value of *ptr is: %d\n", *ptr);
14     return 0;
15 }

```

Referencing

De-referencing

Output

```

The value of a is: 10
The address of a is: 0061FF1C
The address of ptr is: 0061FF18
The value of ptr is: 0061FF1C
The value of *ptr is: 10

```

What will be the output of the following?

```
Printf("%d\n", *(&a));
```

output: 10

Practice exercise



```
int *ptr;  
int n;
```

```
ptr = &n; // address of n assigned to ptr  
*ptr = 10; // value of n assigned to 10  
printf("n = %d\n", n);  
printf("*ptr = %d\n", *ptr);
```

```
*ptr += 1; // value of n incremented by 1  
printf("n = %d\n", n);  
printf("*ptr = %d\n", *ptr);
```

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

Output:

```
n = 10  
*ptr = 10  
n = 11  
*ptr = 11  
n = 12  
*ptr = 12
```

Pointers & Allocation

- After declaring a pointer:

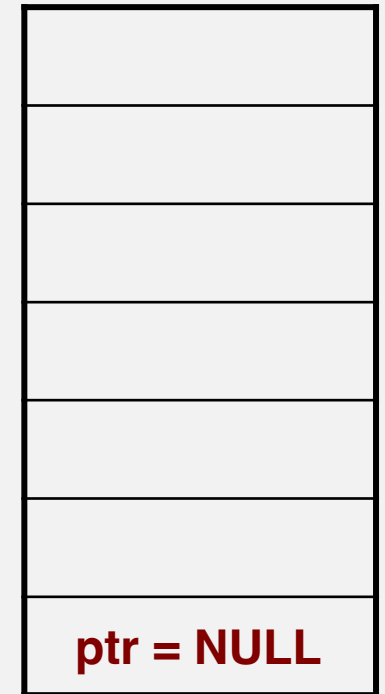
```
int *ptr1;
```

ptr1 doesn't actually point to anything yet. It will contain some garbage value (indeterminate).

(**Note:** some compiler by default assigns this to NULL)

```
int *ptr1 = NULL; // address is NULL
```

- We can either:
 - make it point to something that already exists,
 ptr1 = &C
 - or
 - allocate room in memory for something new that it will point to...
 (dynamic memory **will discuss later**)

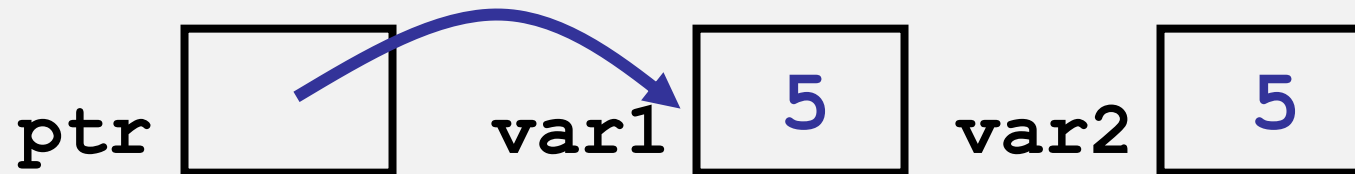


Memory

Pointers & Allocation

- Pointing to something that already exists:

```
int *ptr, var1, var2;  
var1 = 5;  
ptr = &var1;  
var2 = *ptr;
```



More C Pointer Dangers

- Declaring a pointer just allocates space to hold the pointer – it does not allocate something to be pointed to!
- What does the following code do?

```
void f()
{
    int *ptr;
    *ptr = 5;
}
```

TAKEAWAY:

- Always initialize pointers
Must at least set to NULL

We can't store anything in the pointer (**ptr**) unless **ptr** contains some address.

Pointer Types - NULL Pointer

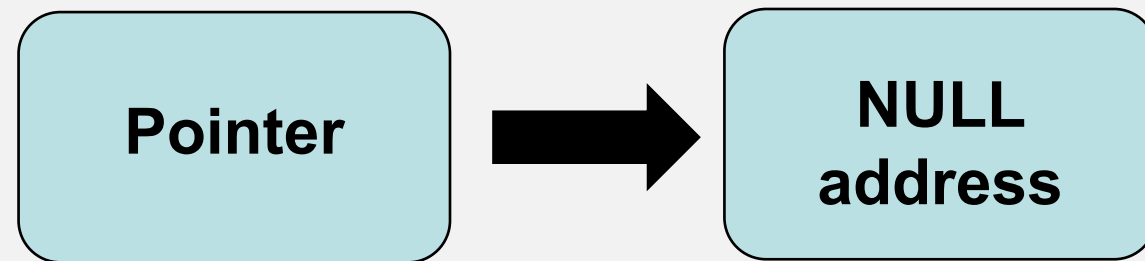
If you assign a NULL value to a pointer during its declaration, it is called Null Pointer.

Syntax:

```
Int *var = NULL;
```

Example:

```
#include<stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int *var = NULL;
    printf("var=%d", *var);
}
```



Pointer Types - Void Pointer

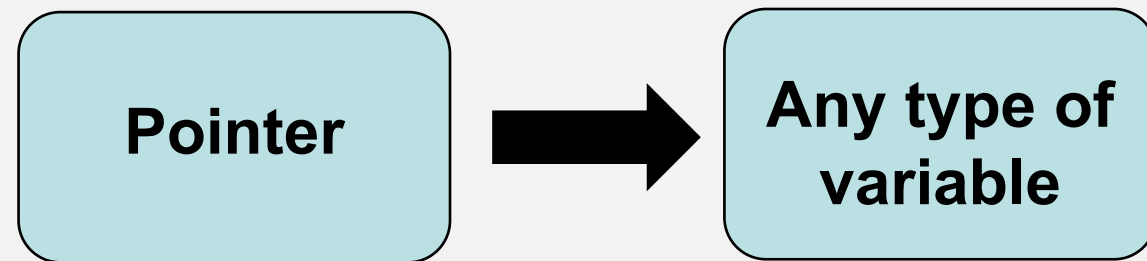
When a pointer is declared with a void keyword, then it is called a void pointer. To print the value of this pointer, you need to typecast it.

Syntax:

```
void *var;
```

Example:

```
#include<stdio.h>
int main(){
    int a=2;
    void *ptr;
    ptr= &a;
    printf("After Typecasting, a = %d", *(int *)ptr);
    return 0;
}
```



Pointer Operators

Arithmetic on Pointers

- A pointer may be incremented or decremented.
- This means **only address** in the pointer is incremented or decremented.
- An integer (**can be constant**) may be added to or subtracted from a pointer.
- Pointer variables may be subtracted from one another.
- Pointer variables can be used in comparisons, but usually only in a comparison **to pointer variables or NULL**.

Arithmetic on Pointers

- When an integer (n) is added to or subtracted from a pointer (ptr)
 - The new pointer value (ptr) is changed by

$ptr \text{ current value} + n * (\text{bytes of } ptr \text{ data type})$

Example 1:

```
int *ptr;  
ptr = 1000;  
ptr = ptr + 2;  
// ptr address is now changed to 1000 + 2*4 (because integer  
consumes 4 bytes) New address is now 1008
```

Address	data
1000	
1004	
1008	
1012	
1016	

Remember: The operator (+ / -) on a pointer updates its location (address) based on the operator.

Arithmetic on Pointers

Example 2:

```
long *ptr;
ptr = 1000;
ptr++; // 1000 + 1*8 = 1008 (long = 8 bytes)
```

Example 3:

```
float *ptr;
ptr = 1000;
ptr+=3; // 1000 + 3*8 = 1024
```

Example 4:

```
int *ptr;
int num1 = 0;
ptr = &num1;
ptr++; // 1000 + 4 = 1004
```

Address	data
1000	
1004	num1
1008	
1012	
1016	

Memory width is 4 bytes

Arithmetic on Pointers

Example 4:

```
int *ptr;
int num1 = 0;
ptr = &num1;
ptr++; //1000 + 4 = 1004
```

```
2  #include <stdio.h>
3
4  int main()
5  {
6      int *ptr;
7      int num1 = 0;
8      ptr = &num1;
9
10     printf("%u\n", ptr);
11     printf("%d\n", *ptr);
12     ptr++; // 1000 + 1*4 = 1004
13
14     printf("%u\n", ptr);
15     printf("%d", *ptr);
16
17     return 0;
18 }
```

Output:

```
2465927468
0
2465927472
-1829039824
```

Arithmetic on Pointers

Example 5:

```
int main (){
    int *pointer1, *pointer2;
    int num1 = 93;
    pointer1 = &num1; //address of num1
    pointer2 = pointer1; //pointer1 address is assign to pointer2

    printf("The value of num1 is: %d\n", num1);
    printf("pointer1 value is: %u\n", pointer1);
    printf("pointer2 value is: %u\n", pointer2);

    printf("pointer1 address %u\n", &pointer1);
    printf("pointer2 address %u\n", &pointer2);

    return 0;
}
```

Address	data
1000	
1004	num1 = 93
1008	
1012	
1016	pointer1 = 1004
1020	
1024	
1028	pointer2 = 1004

Arithmetic on Pointers

Example 5:

```
int main (){
    int *pointer1, *pointer2;
    int num1 = 93;
    pointer1 = &num1; //address of num1
    pointer2 = pointer1; //pointer1 address is assign to pointer2

    printf("The value of num1 is: %d\n", num1);
    printf("pointer1 value is: %u\n", pointer1);
    printf("pointer2 value is: %u\n", pointer2);

    printf("pointer1 address %u\n", &pointer1);
    printf("pointer2 address %u\n", &pointer2);

    return 0;
}
```

Address	data
1000	
1004	num1 = 93
1008	
1012	
1016	pointer1 = 1004
1020	
1024	
1028	pointer2 = 1004

Logical operators on Pointers

- We can apply logical operators (<, >, <=, >=, ==, !=) on pointers.
 - But remember **pointers can be compared to pointers** or **NULL**
- Example 6:

```

2  #include <stdio.h>
3
4  int main(){
5      int *pointer1 = NULL, *pointer2 = NULL; // both pointer2 contains NULL addresses
6      int num1 = 93;
7
8      printf("The value of pointer1 is: %p\n", pointer1);
9      if( pointer1 == NULL ){ // pointer compared to NULL
10         pointer1 = &num1;
11         printf("The value of pointer1 is: %p\n", pointer1);
12     }
13     pointer2 = &num1;
14     if( pointer1 == pointer2 ){ // pointer compared to pointer
15         printf("Both pointers are equal");
16         printf("The value of pointer2 is: %p\n", pointer2);
17     }
18
19     return 0;
20 }

```

Output:

```

The value of pointer1 is: 0000000000000000
The value of pointer1 is: 000000ed107ffccc
Both pointers are equal
The value of pointer2 is: 000000ed107ffccc

```

Pointer Operators (using & and * operators)

- * and & are inverses of each other
 - Will “cancel one another out” when applied consecutively to either order

Pointer Operators (using & and * operators)

```

3  #include <stdio.h>
4
5  int main(){
6      int a; // a is an integer
7      int *aPtr; // aPtr is a pointer to an integer
8
9      a = 7; // assign 7 to a
10     aPtr = &a; // assign address of a to aPtr
11
12     printf("The address of a is %p", &a);
13     printf("\nThe value of aPtr is %p", aPtr);
14     printf("\n\nThe value of a is %d", a);
15     printf("\nThe value of *aPtr is %d", *aPtr);
16     printf("\n\nShowing that * and & are complements of ");
17     printf("each other\n&*aPtr = %p", &*aPtr);
18     printf("\n*&aPtr = %p\n", *&aPtr);
19
20     return 0;
21 }

```

Output:

Variable **aPtr** is a
The address of a is 000000a5d9fff81c
The value of aPtr is 000000a5d9fff81c

The value of a is 7
The value of *aPtr is 7

Showing that * and & are complements of each other
&*aPtr = 000000a5d9fff81c
*&aPtr = 000000a5d9fff81c

Address of **a** and the
value of **aPtr** are

Value of **a** and the
dereferenced **aPtr** are
identical

***** and **&** are inverses;
same result when both are
applied to **aPtr**

Passing Pointers to Function

Passing Pointers to Function

- We know pointers contains two things (**address and value in the address**).
- We can pass the pointers to functions as input parameter or output parameter as
 - **By value** and
 - **By address**
- When we pass the pointers to functions by value. **It is called passing by value.**
- When we pass the pointers to functions by address. **It is called passing by reference.**

Passing Pointers to Function

- A function can return only one value
- Arguments passed to a function using reference arguments or pointer arguments
 - Function can modify original values of arguments
 - More than one value “returned”

Passing Pointers to Function

- Pass-by-reference with pointer arguments
 - Pass address of argument using **& operator**
 - Arrays not passed with **&** because array name is already a pointer

Passing Pointers to Function

Passing by value (example)

```
void fun1(int pass_by_value){  
    printf("value is %d\n", pass_by_value);  
}
```

```
int main(){  
    int *pointer;  
    int num1 = 10;  
  
    pointer = &num1;  
    fun1(*pointer); // Pass by value  
    return 0;  
}
```

Output:

The value is 10

Passing Pointers to Function

Passing by reference (Example)

```
void fun1 (int *pass_by_reference){
    printf("The value is %d\n", *pass_by_reference);
    *pass_by_reference = *pass_by_reference + 5;
}
```

```
int main (){
    int *pointer;
    int num1 = 10;

    pointer = &num1;
    fun1 (pointer); // address of num1 is passed
    fun1 (&num1); // address of num1 is passed
    printf("The value is %d\n", num1);

    return 0;
}
```

Address	data
1000	
1004	num1 = 10
1008	
1012	pointer = 1004
1016	

Output:

?

Practice – pass by value and pass by reference



- Performing sum, product and average using pointers

```
3  #include <stdio.h>
4
5  void sum_prod_avg(int a, int b, int *sum, int *product, int *avg);
6
7  int main(){
8      int a = 3, b = 7; // local variables
9      int sum, product, avg;
10
11      // address of sum, product, avg are passed
12      sum_prod_avg(a, b, &sum, &product, &avg);
13
14      printf("The sum is %d\n", sum);
15      printf("The product is %d\n", product);
16      printf("The avg is %d\n", avg);
17
18      return 0;
19  }
20
21  // a and b - pass by value, sum, product, avg - pass by reference
22  void sum_prod_avg(int a, int b, int *sum, int *product, int *avg){
23      *sum = a + b;
24      *product = a * b;
25      *avg = (a + b) / 2;
26  }
```

Output:

```
The sum is 10
The product is 21
The avg is 5
```

sizeof Operator

- Returns size of operand in bytes
- For arrays, sizeof returns
 - (size of 1 element) * (number of elements)
- If sizeof(int) returns 4 then

```
int myArray[ 10 ];
printf(“%d”, sizeof(myArray));
```

will print 40

- Can be used with
 - Variable names
 - Type names
 - Constant values

Relationship Between Pointers and Arrays

Relationship Between Pointers and Arrays

- Arrays and pointers are closely related
 - Array name is like constant pointer
 - Pointers can do array subscripting operations

Relationship Between Pointers and Arrays

- Accessing array elements with pointers
 - Assume declarations:

```
int b[ 5 ];  
int *bPtr;  
bPtr = b;
```
 - Element `b[n]` can be accessed by `*(bPtr + n)`
 - Called pointer/offset notation
 - Addresses
 - `&b[3]` is same as `bPtr + 3`
 - Array name can be treated as pointer
 - `b[3]` is same as `*(b + 3)`
 - Pointers can be subscripted (pointer/subscript notation)
 - `bPtr[3]` is same as `b[3]`

Using subscripting and pointer notations with arrays

```

3  #include <stdio.h>
4
5  int main(){
6      int b[] = {10, 20, 30, 40}; // create 4-element array b
7      int *bPtr = b; // set bPtr to point to array b
8
9      //output array b using array subscript notation
10     printf("Array b printed with:\nArray subscript notation\n");
11     for (size_t i = 0; i < 4; ++i){
12         printf("b[%u] = %d\n", i, b[i]);
13     }
14
15     //output array b using array name and pointer/offset notation
16     printf("\nPointer/offset notation where\n"
17           "the pointer is the array name\n");
18     for (size_t offset = 0; offset < 4; ++offset)
19         printf("(b + %u) = %d\n", offset, *(b + offset));
20
21     // output array b using bPtr and array subscript notation
22     printf("\nPointer subscript notation\n");
23     for (size_t i = 0; i < 4; ++i)
24         printf("bPtr[%u] = %d\n", i, bPtr[i]);
25
26     // output array b using bPtr and pointer/offset notation
27     printf("\nPointer/offset notation\n");
28     for (size_t offset = 0; offset < 4; ++offset)
29         printf("(bPtr + %u) = %d\n", offset, *(bPtr + offset));
30
31     return 0;
32 }

```

Using array subscript notation

Using array name and pointer/offset notation

Using pointer subscript notation

Using pointer name and pointer/offset notation

Using subscripting and pointer notations with arrays

Output:

```

Array b printed with:
Array subscript notation
b[0] = 10
b[1] = 20
b[2] = 30
b[3] = 40

Pointer/offset notation where
the pointer is the array name
*(b + 0) = 10
*(b + 1) = 20
*(b + 2) = 30
*(b + 3) = 40

Pointer subscript notation
bPtr[0] = 10
bPtr[1] = 20
bPtr[2] = 30
bPtr[3] = 40

Pointer/offset notation
*(bPtr + 0) = 10
*(bPtr + 1) = 20
*(bPtr + 2) = 30
*(bPtr + 3) = 40

```

```

3  #include <stdio.h>
4
5  int main(){
6      int b[] = {10, 20, 30, 40}; // create 4-element array b
7      int *bPtr = b; // set bPtr to point to array b
8
9      //output array b using array subscript notation
10     printf("Array b printed with:\nArray subscript notation\n");
11     for (size_t i = 0; i < 4; ++i){
12         printf("b[%u] = %d\n", i, b[i]);
13     }
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27     printf("\nPointer/offset notation\n");
28     for (size_t offset = 0; offset < 4; ++offset)
29         printf("*(bPtr + %u) = %d\n", offset, *(bPtr + offset));
30
31     return 0;
32 }

```


Accessing 1-Dimensional Array

- We know, Array name denotes the memory address of its first slot.

– Example:

```
int List [ 50 ];
int *Pointer;
Pointer = List;
```

- Other slots of the Array (List [50]) can be accessed by performing Arithmetic operations on Pointer.
- For example, the address of (element 4th) can be accessed using:

```
int *Value = Pointer + 3;
```

- The value of (element 4th) can be accessed using:-

```
int Value = *(Pointer + 3);
```

Address	Data
980	Element 0
984	Element 1
988	Element 2
992	Element 3
996	Element 4
1000	Element 5
1004	Element 6
1008	Element 7
1012	Element 8
...	
...	
1180	Element 50

Accessing 1-Demensional Array

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

```
    int List [ 50 ];
    int *Pointer;
    Pointer = List; // Address of first Element
```

```
    int *ptr;
    ptr = Pointer + 3; // Address of 4th Element
    *ptr = 293; // 293 value store at 4th element
    address
```

```
    printf("Value is %d", *ptr);
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

Address	Data
980	Element 0
984	Element 1
988	Element 2
992	293
996	Element 4
1000	Element 5
1004	Element 6
1008	Element 7
1012	Element 8
...	
...	
1180	Element 50

Accessing 1-Dimensional Array

We can access all element of List [50] using Pointers and for loop combinations.

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

    int List [ 50 ];
    int *Pointer;
    Pointer = List;
    for ( int i = 0; i < 50; i++ ){
        printf("%d\n",*Pointer);
        Pointer++; // Address of next element
    }
    return 0;
}
```

This is Equivalent to

```
for ( int loop = 0; loop < 50; loop++ )
    printf("%d\n"), List[ loop ]);
```

Address	Data
980	Element 0
984	Element 1
988	Element 2
992	Element 3
996	Element 4
1000	Element 5
1004	Element 6
1008	Element 7
1012	Element 8
...	
...	
1180	Element 50

Accessing 2-Dimensional Array

- Note that the statements
 - `int *Pointer;`
 - `Pointer = &List [3];`
- represents that we are accessing the address of 4th slot.
- In 2-Dimensional array the statements
 - `int List [5] [6];`
 - `int *Pointer;`
 - `Pointer = List[3];`
- Represents that we are accessing the address of 4th row
or the address the 4th row and 1st column.

Address	Data
980	Element 0
984	Element 1
988	Element 2
992	Element 3
996	Element 4
1000	Element 5
1004	Element 6
1008	Element 7
1012	Element 8
...	
...	
1180	Element 50

Exercise: Pre/post increment/decrement



```
int main(){
    int a[] = {2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18};
    int *p = &a[0];

    printf("%d ", *(p++));
    printf("%d ", *p);

    return 0;
}
```

Output:
?

Address	Data
980	2
984	4
988	8
992	10
996	12
1000	14
1004	16
1008	18
1012	
...	
...	
1180	

Exercise: Pre/post increment/decrement



```
int main(){
    int a[] = {2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18};
    int *p = &a[0];

    printf("%d ", *(++p));
    printf("%d ", *p);

    return 0;
}
```

Output:
?

Address	Data
980	2
984	4
988	8
992	10
996	12
1000	14
1004	16
1008	18
1012	
...	
...	
1180	

Exercise: Pre/post increment/decrement



```
int main(){
    int a[] = {2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18};
    int *p = &a[2];

    printf("%d ", *(--p));
    printf("%d ", *(p--));

    return 0;
}
```

Output:
?

Address	Data
980	2
984	4
988	8
992	10
996	12
1000	14
1004	16
1008	18
1012	
...	
...	
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Comparing pointers – explained with arrays

- Use relational operators (<,>,<=,>=) and equality operators (==,!=) to compare pointers
- Only possible when both pointers point to same array
- Output depends upon the relative positions of both the pointers

Exercise: Comparing pointers



```
int main(){
    int a[] = {2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18};
    int *p = &a[3];
    int *q = &a[5];

    printf("%d\n", p<=q);
    printf("%d\n", p>=q);

    q = &a[3];
    printf("%d ", p==q);

    return 0;
}
```

Output:
?

Address	Data
980	2
984	4
988	8
992	10
996	12
1000	14
1004	16
1008	18
1012	
...	
...	
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Exercise: Pointers operations



```
int main(){
    int a[] = {2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18};
    int *ptr1 = &a[1], *ptr2 = &a[5];

    printf("%d\n", *(ptr1+3));
    printf("%d\n", *(ptr2-4));
    printf("%d\n", ptr2-ptr1);
    printf("%d\n", ptr1<ptr2);
    printf("%d\n", *ptr1<*ptr2);

    return 0;
}
```

Output:
?

Address	Data
980	2
984	4
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...	
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Exercise: Sum of elements of array using pointer



Given an array containing five positive integers, calculate the sum of the elements of array using pointer.

Exercise: Minimum and maximum element of an array



Given an array containing five positive integers, find the minimum and maximum element in this array using pointer.

Accessing 2-Dimensional Array

```
int b[2][3]
```

$\left. \begin{matrix} b[0] \\ b[1] \end{matrix} \right\}$ 1D arrays of 3 elements each

```
int *p = b; ERROR
```

(return a pointer to 1D array of 3 integers)

```
int *p = b[0]; CORRECT
```

$b[i][j]$, $*(b[i]+j)$, $*(*(b+i)+j)$ are all same expressions

$\left. \begin{matrix} b[0] \\ b[1] \end{matrix} \right\}$
 $\left. \begin{matrix} b[0][0] \\ b[0][1] \\ b[1][0] \end{matrix} \right\}$

Address	Data
...	...
980	2
984	4
988	6
992	8
996	10
1000	12
1004	
1008	
1012	
...	...

Accessing 2-Dimensional Array

```

3  int main(){
4      int b[2][3] = {{2, 4, 6}, {8, 10, 12}};
5      int *p = b[0];
6      int *q = b[1];
7
8      printf("**b = %p, b[0] = %p, &b[0][0]=%p\n", *b, b[0], &b[0][0]);
9
10     printf("***b = %d\n", *(*b));
11     printf("**p = %d\n\n", *p);
12
13     printf("**(*b+1) = %d\n", *(*b+1));
14     printf("**(p+1) = %d\n\n", *(p+1));
15
16     printf("**(*(b+1)+1) = %d\n", *(*b+1)+1);
17     printf("**(q+1) = %d\n\n", *(q+1));
18
19     return 0;
20 }

```

b[0] { b[0][0]
 b[0][1]
 b[1] { b[1][0]

Address	Data
...	...
980	2
984	4
988	6
992	8
996	10
1000	12
1004	
1008	
1012	
...	...

Accessing 2-Dimensional Array

```
int List [ 9 ] [ 6 ];
```

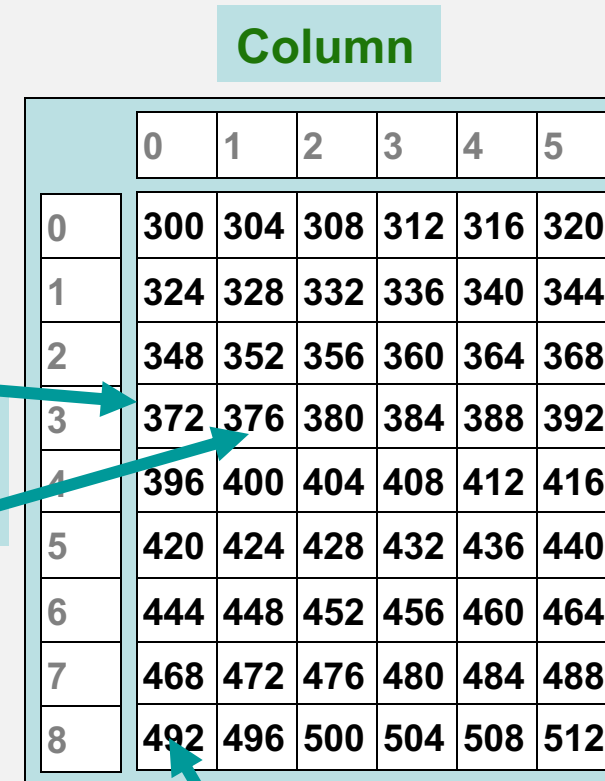
```
int *ptr;
```

```
ptr = List [3];
```

- To access the address of 4th row 2nd column, we can increment the value of (ptr).

```
ptr++; // address of 4th row 2nd column
```

```
Equivalent to List [3][1] ;
```



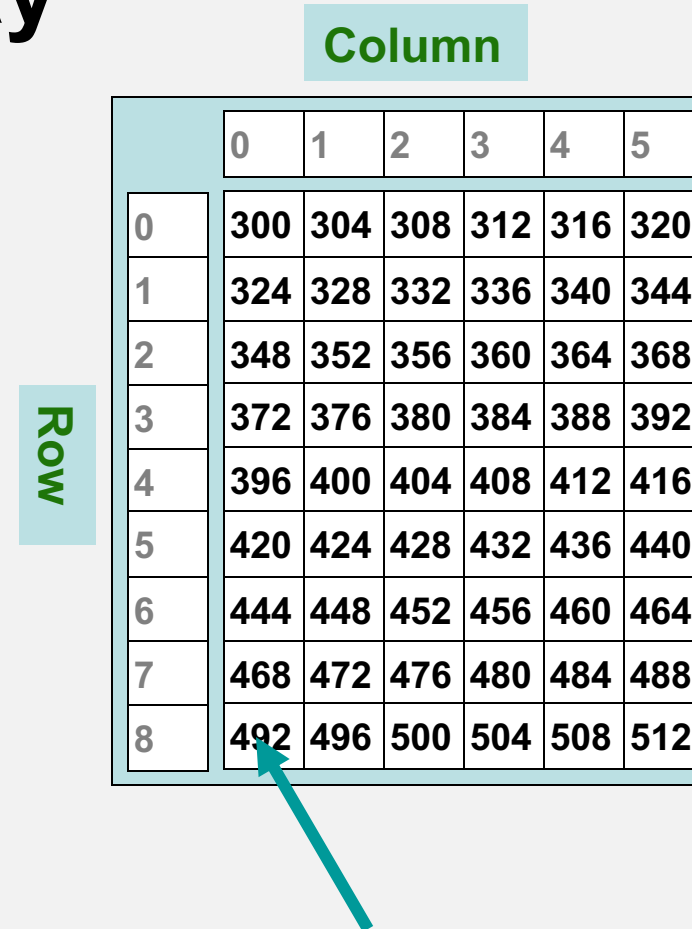
The diagram shows a 2D array grid with 9 rows and 6 columns. The columns are labeled 0 through 5, and the rows are labeled 0 through 8. A vertical label 'Row' is placed to the left of the row indices, and a horizontal label 'Column' is placed above the column indices. Two teal arrows originate from the text 'ptr++' in the code: one points to the cell at row 3, column 1 (value 376), and the other points to the cell at row 4, column 0 (value 396).

	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	300	304	308	312	316	320
1	324	328	332	336	340	344
2	348	352	356	360	364	368
3	372	376	380	384	388	392
4	396	400	404	408	412	416
5	420	424	428	432	436	440
6	444	448	452	456	460	464
7	468	472	476	480	484	488
8	492	496	500	504	508	512

Memory address

Accessing 2-Demensional Array

- Suppose you have to write a C code which calculates the average of the values of 6*9 table:-
- There are two methods to calculate the average of table
 - Without pointer
 - With pointer



	Column					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	300	304	308	312	316	320
1	324	328	332	336	340	344
2	348	352	356	360	364	368
3	372	376	380	384	388	392
4	396	400	404	408	412	416
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Accessing 2-Demensional Array

Without pointer

```
#include <iostream.h>
void main (void)
{
    int List [ 9 ][ 6 ];
    int Sum = 0;
    for ( int row = 0; row < 9; row++ ){
        for ( int col = 0; col < 6; col++ ){
            sum += List [row][col];
        }
    }
    cout << "Average is " << Sum/(9*6);
    getch ();
}
```

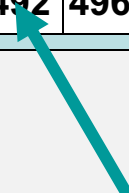
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		0	1	2	3	4	5
Row	0	300	304	308	312	316	320
	1	324	328	332	336	340	344
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Accessing 2-Demensional Array

With pointer

```
#include <iostream.h>
void main (void)
{
    int List [ 9 ][ 6 ];
    int Sum = 0, *Pointer;
    for ( int row = 0; row < 9; row++ )
    {
        Pointer = List [row];
        for ( int col = 0; col < 6; col++ )
        {
            sum += *Pointer;
            Pointer++;
        }
    }
    cout << "Average is " << Sum/(9*6);
    getch ();
}
```

		Column					
		0	1	2	3	4	5
Row	0	300	304	308	312	316	320
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Accessing 3D array with pointers




Declare a 3D array `C` of size `2 x 2 x 2`.

Make the memory map showing how this will appear in the memory.

Print `C`, `C[0]`, `C[0][0]`. What is the result? Discuss

Access `C[0][0][1]` and `C[1][1][0]` using pointers arithmetic


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- 27th Nov 2023
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