

The "stack" is efficient but memory is much more limited and can't be dynamically allocated.

## Variable Model

data
address
identifier

example `int x = 50;`

Allocates on "runtime stack"  
Automated deletion by scope

Model
50
0x001
x

The heap has much more memory available, and can be dynamic.

## The 'new' command

creates a variable without an identifier on the "heap".

example `new int(5);`

Allocates on "heap"  
Programmer MUST delete

Model
5
0x002

How do we use a variable with no identifier?

'new' returns the address. Try printing it.

example `cout << new int(5);` // printed 0x1d5de70

So how do we use/store addresses?

## Pointers

are relatively small variables (stack-friendly) which store an address of a variable of a specific type.

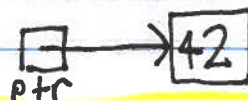
(int pointer stores the address of an int)

Pointers are created with the referenced type and an asterisk.

example `int *ptr = new int(42);`

Model
data: 0x012
add: 0x004
ptr

Shorthand model



Pointers also have an address where they are stored! All variables do!