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#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    char names[5][10] = {"Omar", "Ibtasaam", "Maaz", "Aryan",
"Rayyan"};
    cout<<static_cast<char>*( *(names + 2) + 3)<<endl;
    cout<<names<<endl;
    cout<<&names<<endl;
    cout<<*(&names)<<endl;
    cout<<*names<<endl;
    cout<<*( *(names))<<endl<<endl;

    int nums[5][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}, {7, 8, 9}, {10, 11, 12},
{13, 14, 15}};
    cout<<(unsigned long long)nums<<endl;
    cout<<(unsigned long long) (nums+1)<<endl;
    cout<<&nums<<endl;
    cout<<*(&nums)<<endl;
    cout<<*nums<<endl;
    cout<<*( *nums)<<endl;

    int (*ptr)[3] = &nums[0];
    cout<<*( *(ptr+3) + 1)<<endl;
}

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Try **and** understand **this** program...it will teach you everything on how arrays store data in the memory

Program Overview:

The program demonstrates how multi-dimensional arrays (both character and integer types) are stored in memory. It explores pointer arithmetic, memory addresses, and dereferencing techniques to access elements of these arrays.

1. Character Array (2D):

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char names[5][10] = {"Omar", "Ibtasaam", "Maaz", "Aryan", "Rayyan"};
cout << static_cast<char>(*( *(names + 2) + 3)) << endl;
cout << names << endl;
cout << &names << endl;
cout << *(&names) << endl;
cout << *names << endl;
cout << *( *(names)) << endl << endl;
```

Explanation:

1. Declaration:

- `char names[5][10]` creates a 2D character array with 5 rows and 10 columns.
- Each row can hold a C-style string of up to 9 characters (last column reserved for the null character `\0`).

2. Accessing a Specific Character:

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cout << static_cast<char>(*( *(names + 2) + 3)) << endl;
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- `names + 2`: Points to the 3rd row (index 2, "Maaz").
- `* (names + 2)`: Dereferences to point to the first character of the 3rd row ('M').
- `* (*(names + 2) + 3)`: Moves 3 characters forward in the 3rd row, reaching 'z'.
- The `static_cast<char>` ensures proper character output.

3. Address and Dereferencing Analysis:

- `names`: Pointer to the first row of the 2D array.

- &names: Pointer to the entire array.
 - *(&names): Dereferences the pointer to the array, resulting in the same as names.
 - *names: Pointer to the first character of the first row.
 - *(*names): Dereferences to the first character of the first row ('O' from "Omar").
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2. Integer Array (2D):

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int nums[5][3] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}, {7, 8, 9}, {10, 11, 12}, {13, 14, 15}};
cout << (unsigned long long)nums << endl;
cout << (unsigned long long)(nums+1) << endl;
cout << &nums << endl;
cout << *(&nums) << endl;
cout << *nums << endl;
cout << *( *nums) << endl;
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int (*ptr)[3] = &nums[0];
cout << *( *(ptr+3) + 1) << endl;
```

Explanation:

1. Declaration:

- int nums[5][3] creates a 2D integer array with 5 rows and 3 columns.
- Each row contains 3 integers.

2. Memory Address Exploration:

- (unsigned long long)nums: Address of the first row (pointer to nums[0]).
- (unsigned long long)(nums + 1): Address of the second row (nums[1]). The difference between these two addresses is 3 * sizeof(int) (12 bytes for 3 integers).
- &nums: Address of the entire 2D array (similar to nums but treated as a pointer to the entire array).
- *(&nums): Dereferences the pointer to the 2D array, equivalent to nums.

3. Pointer Arithmetic and Dereferencing:

- `*nums`: Pointer to the first row of the array (`nums[0]`).
- `*(*nums)`: Dereferences to the first element of the first row (1 from `nums[0][0]`).

4. Using Pointer to Row:

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int (*ptr)[3] = &nums[0];
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cout << *( *(ptr+3) + 1) << endl;
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- `ptr`: A pointer to an array of 3 integers.
- `ptr + 3`: Points to the 4th row (`nums[3]`).
- `*(ptr + 3)`: Dereferences to get the 4th row.
- `*(*(ptr+3) + 1)`: Moves to the 2nd element of the 4th row, yielding 11.

3. Key Takeaways:

Pointer Arithmetic:

- **Row Traversal:** `nums + i` points to the *i*-th row. Each increment adds the size of one row (in bytes).
- **Element Traversal:** `*nums + j` points to the *j*-th column in the current row.

Memory Layout:

- A 2D array in C++ is stored contiguously in memory. For `nums[5][3]`, the layout in memory is:

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nums[0][0], nums[0][1], nums[0][2],
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nums[1][0], nums[1][1], nums[1][2], ...
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Address Differences:

- Adding 1 to a pointer increases the address by the size of the type it points to. For example:
 - Adding 1 to a row pointer (`nums + 1`) moves by `sizeof(int) * columns`.
 - Adding 1 to a pointer to the array (`&nums + 1`) moves by `sizeof(int) * rows * columns`.

Pointers to Arrays:

- `int (*ptr)[3]`: A pointer to an array of 3 integers.
- Such pointers allow row-level traversal.

Character Arrays:

- Accessing a specific character in a 2D character array requires two dereferences:
 - First dereference points to the row.
 - Second dereference points to the character within the row.
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4. Notes on Casting:

- **Static Casting:**
 - `static_cast<char>` ensures correct type interpretation when dereferencing character pointers.
 - **Unsigned Casting for Addresses:**
 - `(unsigned long long)` is used to display memory addresses as integers to prevent ambiguity.
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5. Summary Table of Outputs:

Expression	Description	Example Output
<code>names</code>	Pointer to the first row of names.	Address of <code>names[0]</code>
<code>&names</code>	Pointer to the entire 2D array.	Address of the array
<code>*names</code>	Pointer to the first element of the first row.	Address of 'O'
<code>*(*(names + 2) + 3)</code>	Specific character in the array (row 3, column 4). 'z'	
<code>nums</code>	Pointer to the first row of nums.	Address of <code>nums[0]</code>
<code>(nums + 1)</code>	Pointer to the second row of nums.	Address offset by 12 bytes
<code>*(*(ptr + 3) + 1)</code>	Value at 4th row, 2nd column.	11