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# INFORMÁTICA INDUSTRIAL INDUSTRIAL COMPUTING

## Third class BASICS OF PROGRAMMING WITH C++

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# 8. Pointers

# Pointers

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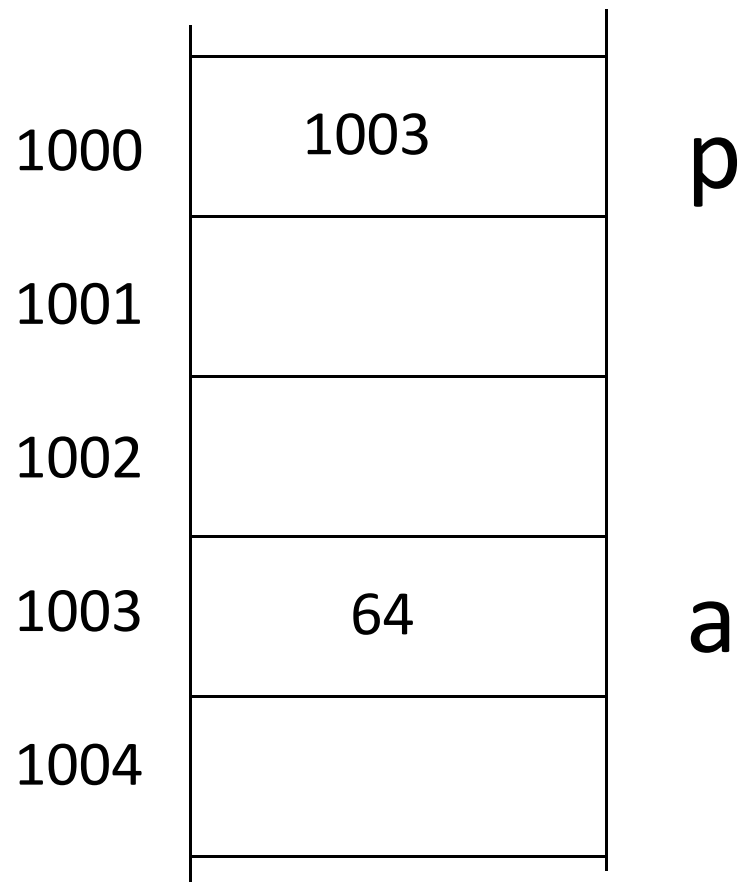
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Address of the variable



# Pointers



```
int a = 64;  
int * p = &a;
```

- $a$  is a variable with a value 64
- $p$  is a variable that contains the value of the address of an other variable

# Pointers

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- A pointer is a variable that points to another variable or function
- Declaration:  

```
type * name_of_pointer;
```

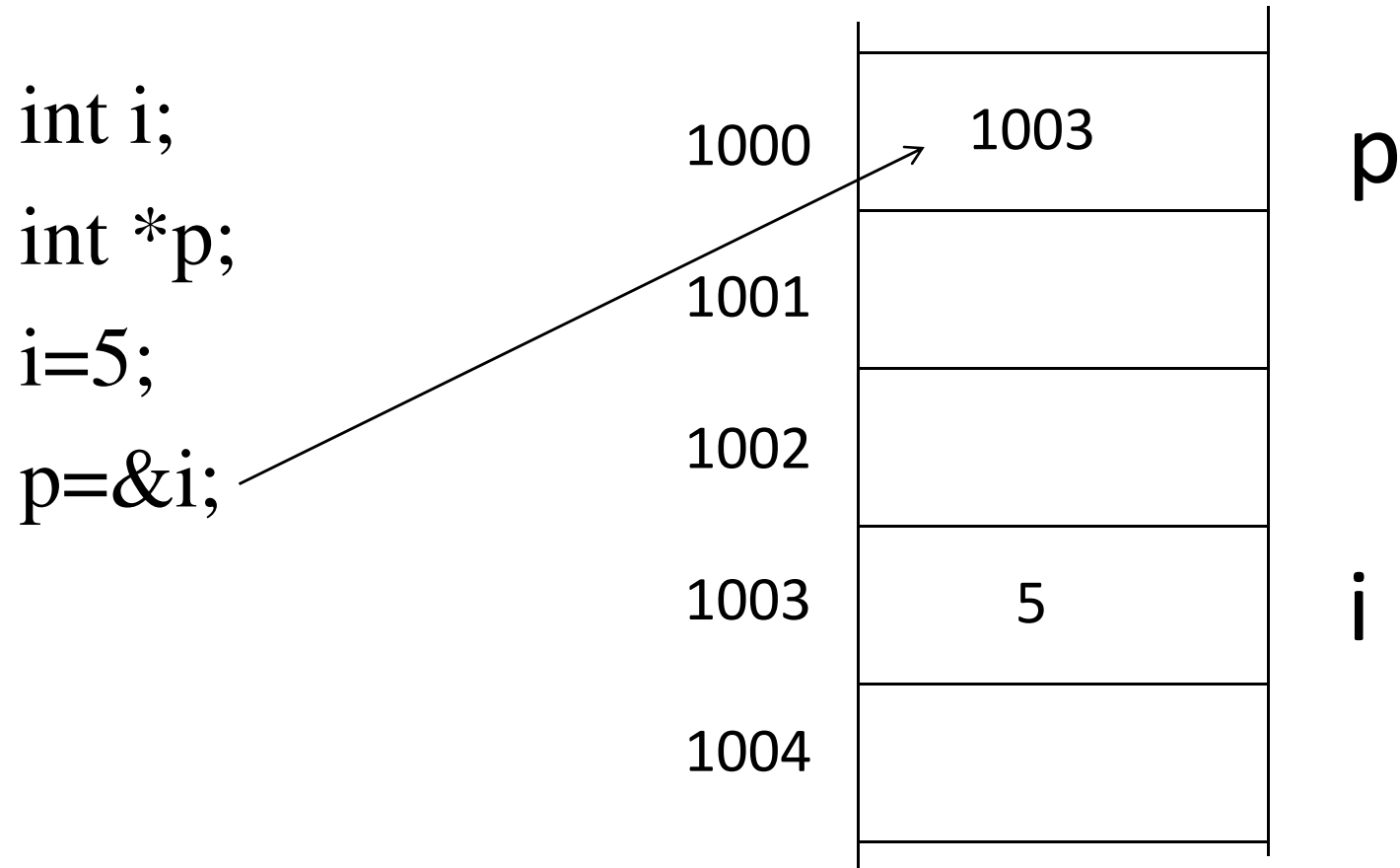
Example: `int * y;`
- `y` is a pointer to a variable of type integer.
- `y` is NOT an integer

# Pointers

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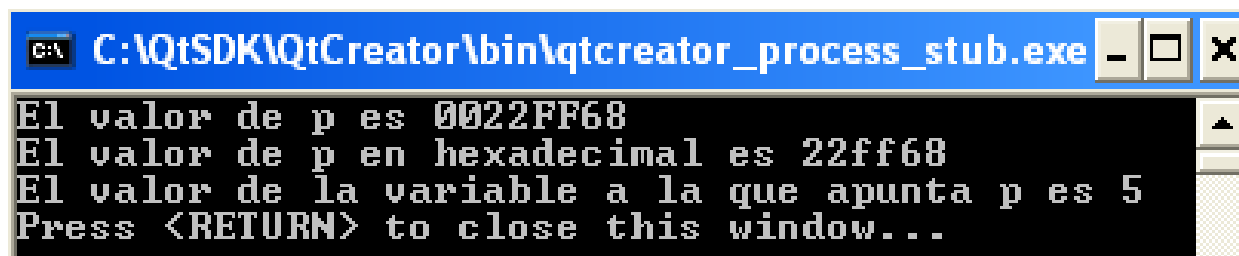
- **&** is used to obtain the address of a variable
- **\*** is used to obtain the value stored in a given memory address

# Initialization of pointers



# Initialization of pointers

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main(){
    int i = 5;
    int *p;
    p = &i;
    cout<<"El valor de p es "<< p << endl;
    cout<<"El valor de p en hexadecimal es "<< hex << p << endl;
    cout<<"El valor de la variable a la que apunta p es "<< *p << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

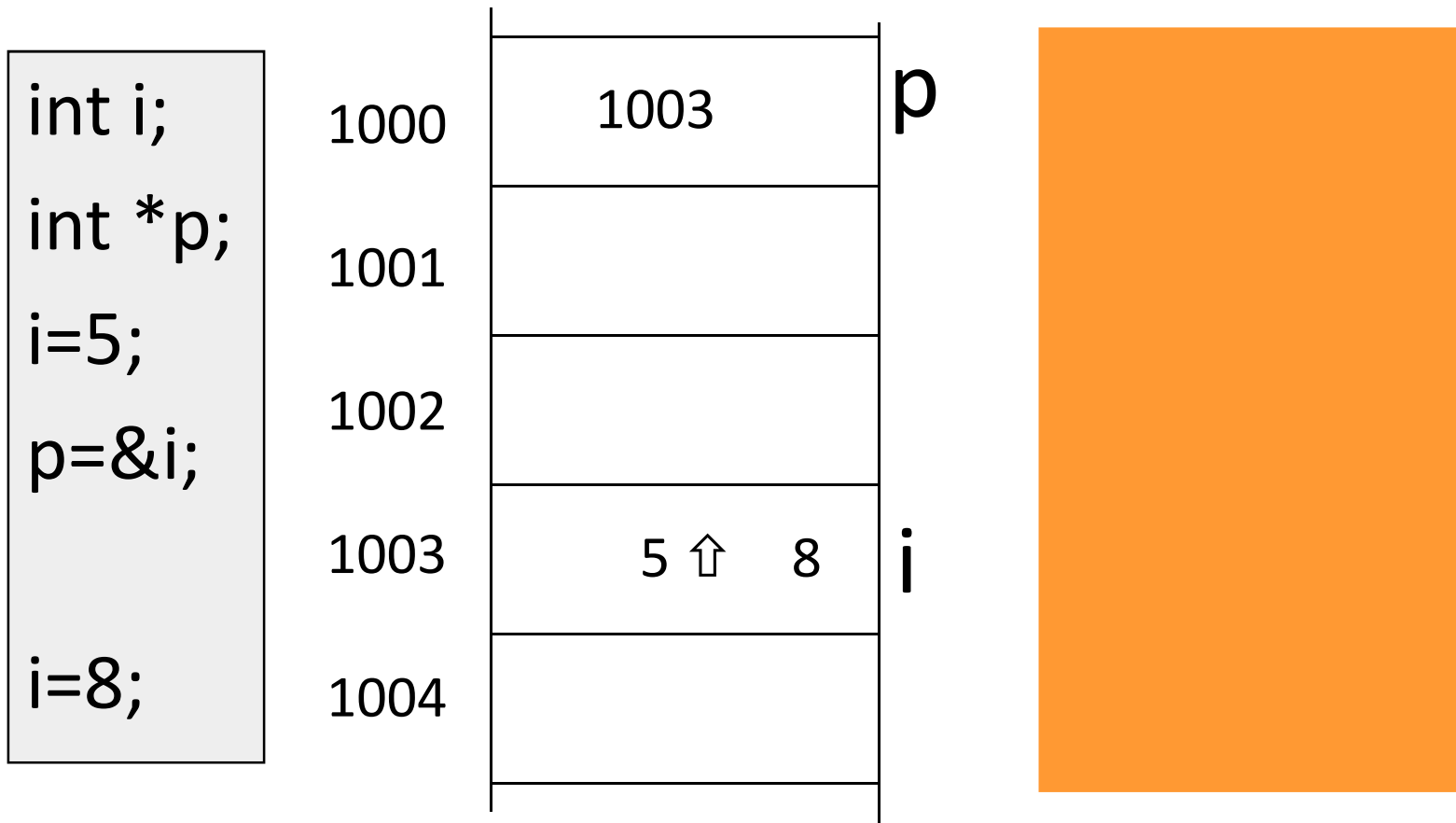


The screenshot shows a command prompt window with the title bar "C:\QtSDK\QtCreator\bin\qtcreator\_process\_stub.exe". The output of the program is displayed as follows:

```
El valor de p es 0022FF68
El valor de p en hexadecimal es 22ff68
El valor de la variable a la que apunta p es 5
Press <RETURN> to close this window...
```

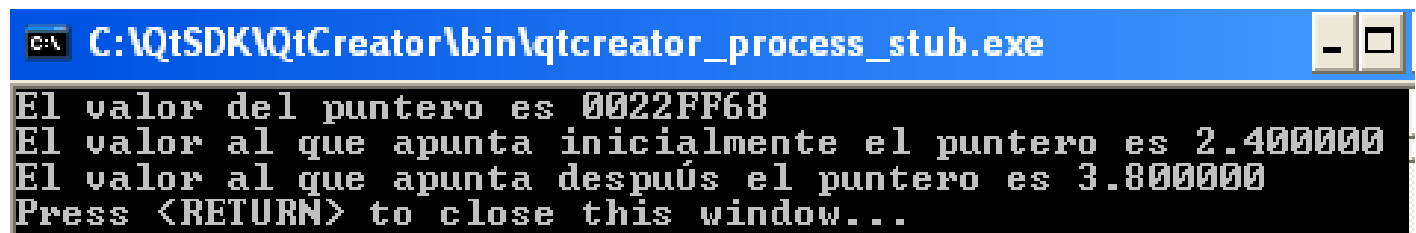


# Access to a variables by pointers



# Access to a variables by pointers

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main(){
    float f ;
    float *p;
    f = 2.4;
    p = &f;
    cout<<"El valor del puntero es "<< p << endl;
    cout<<"El valor al que apunta inicialmente el puntero es "<< *p << endl;
    f = 3.8;
    cout<<"El valor al que apunta después el puntero es "<< *p << endl;
    return 0;
}
```



The screenshot shows a console window titled "C:\QtSDK\QtCreator\bin\qtcreator\_process\_stub.exe". The output text is as follows:

```
El valor del puntero es 0022FF68
El valor al que apunta inicialmente el puntero es 2.400000
El valor al que apunta después el puntero es 3.800000
Press <RETURN> to close this window...
```

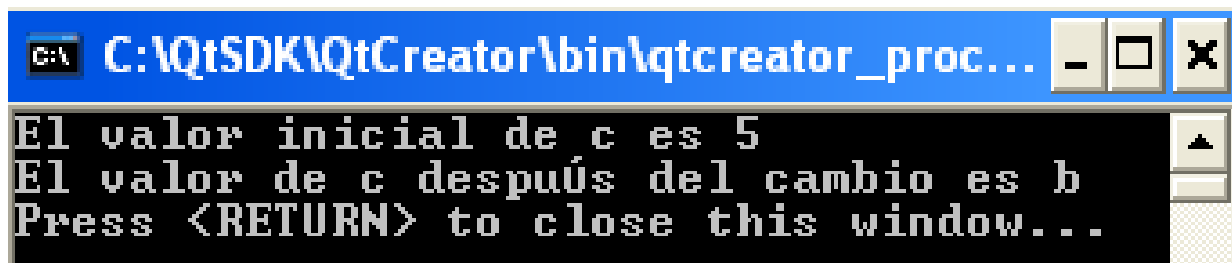
# Access to a variables by pointers

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```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main(){
    char c ;
    char *p;
    p = &c;
    *p = '5'
    cout<<"El valor inicial de c es "<< c << endl;
    *p = 'b';
    cout<<" El valor de c después del cambio es "<< c << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

# Access to a variables by pointers

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main(){
    char c ;
    char *p;
    p = &c;
    *p = '5'
    cout<<"El valor inicial de c es "<< c << endl;
    *p = 'b';
    cout<<" El valor de c después del cambio es "<< c << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

A screenshot of a Qt Creator console window. The title bar shows the path 'C:\QtSDK\QtCreator\bin\qtcreator\_proc...'. The console output displays the program's execution: 'El valor inicial de c es 5', 'El valor de c después del cambio es b', and a prompt 'Press <RETURN> to close this window...'.

```
C:\QtSDK\QtCreator\bin\qtcreator_proc...
El valor inicial de c es 5
El valor de c después del cambio es b
Press <RETURN> to close this window...
```

# Pointers and functions

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- If we want to change the value of a variable inside a function, the variable should be global, which causes loss of control of the program.
- We can use **reference**
- The other option is passing the **address** of the variable instead of the **value or reference**

# Pointers and functions

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```
main()
{
    int x1=100,x2=200;
    printf("%d %d\n",x1,x2);
    exchange(x1,x2);
    printf("%d %d\n",x1,x2);
}
```

```
void exchange(int n1, int n2)
{
    int temp;
    temp=n1;
    n1=n2;
    n2=temp;
}
```

It prints:



# Pointers and functions

1000	100	x1
1001	200	x2
1002		
1003	100 ↑ 200	n1
1004	200 ↑ 100	n2
1005	100	temp

exchange(x1,x2);

```
void exchange(int n1,int n2)
{
    int temp;
    temp=n1;
    n1=n2;
    n2=temp;
}
```

# Pointers and functions

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```
main()
{
    int x1=100,x2=200;
    printf("%d %d\n",x1,x2);
    exchange(&x1,&x2);
    printf("%d %d\n",x1,x2);
}
```

```
void exchange(int *n1,int *n2)
{
    int temp;
    temp=*n1;
    *n1=*n2;
    *n2=temp;
}
```

This prints:     **100   200**  
                 **200   100**



# Pointers and functions

1000	100 ↑ 200	x1	exchange(&x1,&x2);
1001	200 ↑ 100	x2	void exchange(int *n1,int *n2)
1002			{
1003	1000	n1	int temp;
1004	1001	n2	temp=*n1;
1005	100	temp	*n1=*n2;
			*n2=temp;
			}

# Pointers and functions

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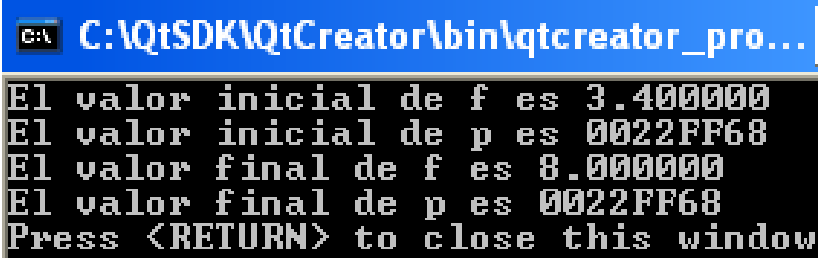
- Two pointers are created in the function
- Although they are not from main, they point to variables in main (when the call is made)
- Therefore, if we change what they point to, we would be modifying the variables of main

# Pointers and functions

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
void FixToEight(float *pun);

int main(){
    float f = 3.4;
    float *p;
    p = &f;
    cout<<"El valor inicial de f es "<< f << endl;
    cout<<"El valor inicial de p es "<< p << endl;
    FixToEight(p);
    cout<<"El valor final de f es "<< f << endl;
    cout<<"El valor final de p es "<< p << endl;
    return 0;
}

void FixToEight(float *pun){
    *pun = 8;
    pun = 0;
}
```



```
C:\QtSDK\QtCreator\bin\qtcreator_pro...
El valor inicial de f es 3.400000
El valor inicial de p es 0022FF68
El valor final de f es 8.000000
El valor final de p es 0022FF68
Press <RETURN> to close this window
```

# Pointers and arrays

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- The name of an array is a pointer to the first element of the array

```
char data[5],*p;
```

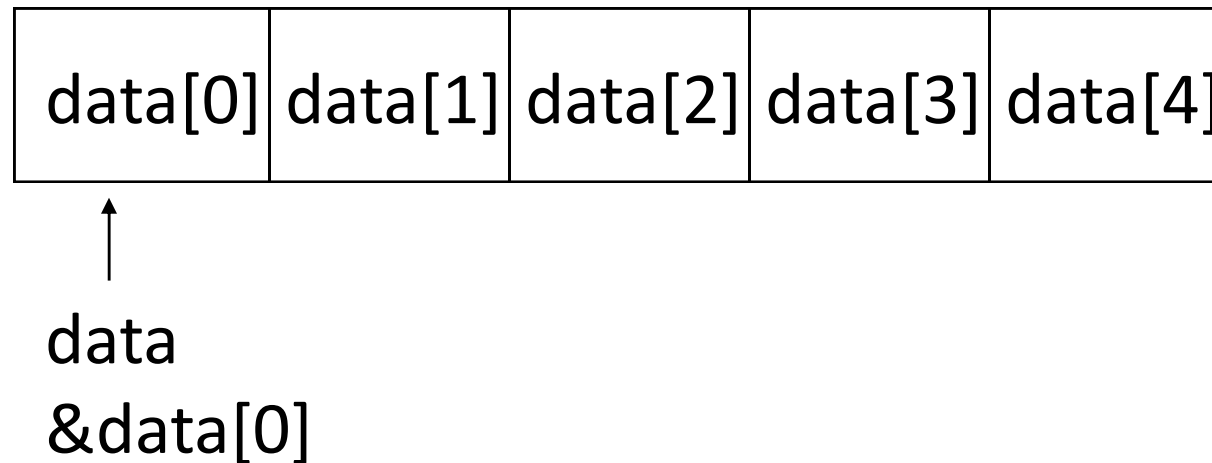
```
p=&data[0]; es equivalente a p=data;
```

# Pointers and arrays

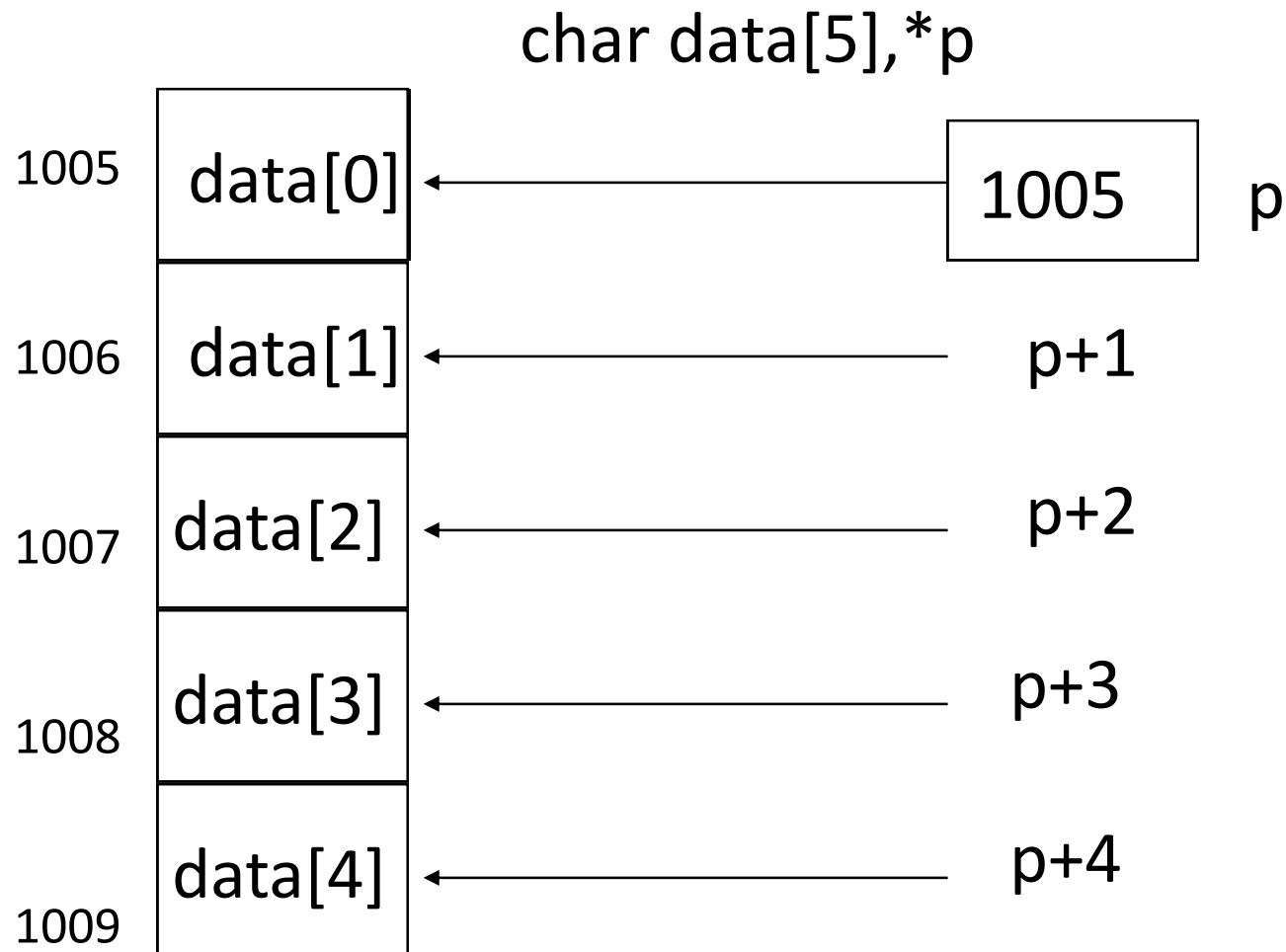
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```
char data[5],*p;
```

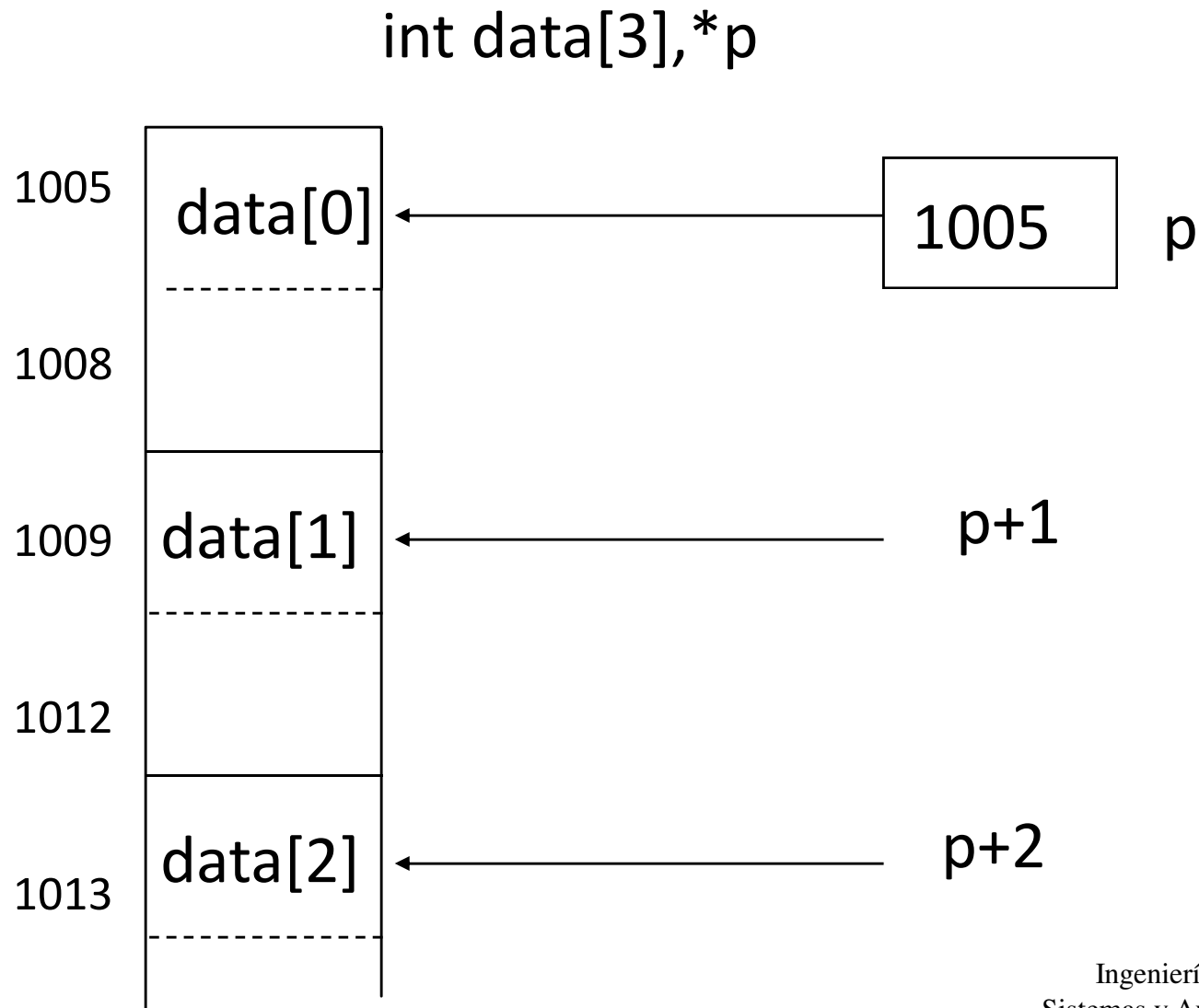
`p=&data[0];` is *equivalent to* `p=data;`



# Pointers and arrays



# Pointers and arrays



# Pointers and arrays

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```
int i,b[20],suma;
```

```
suma=0;  
for(i=0;i<20;++i)  
    suma=suma+b[i];
```

```
int i,b[20],suma,*p;
```

```
suma=0;  
p=b;  
for(i=0;i<20;++i)  
    suma=suma+*(p+i);
```

**Be Careful:**

**OJO:**

- $*(p+i) \neq *p+i$
- $b[i] \neq b[0]+i$



# Arrays as function parameters

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- Three equivalent forms
  - `function (int a[10])`
  - `function (int a[])`
  - `function (int *a)`
- If an array is passed as a parameter, it can always be changed from inside the function
  - The array is modified, not the copy, and then the changes persist in the calling function

# Pointers and bi-dimensional arrays

```
char dias[7][10]={“domingo”, “lunes”, “martes”, “miércoles”,  
“jueves”, “viernes”, “sábado”}
```

1000	d	o	m	i	n	g	o	'\0'		
1010	l	u	n	e	s	'\0'				
1020	m	a	r	t	e	s	'\0'			
1030	m	i	e	r	c	o	l	e	s	'\0'
1040	j	u	e	v	e	s	'\0'			
1050	v	i	e	r	n	e	s	'\0'		
1060	s	a	b	a	d	o	'\0'			

**What is dias[0]?**

# Pointers and bi-dimensional arrays

- `dias[0]` is a pointer to the first character of the first line
- `cout << dias[0]; domingo`

<code>dias[0]</code>	d	o	m	i	n	g	o	'\0'		
<code>dias[1]</code>	l	u	n	e	s	'\0'				
<code>dias[2]</code>	m	a	r	t	e	s	'\0'			
<code>dias[3]</code>	m	i	e	r	c	o	l	e	s	'\0'
<code>dias[4]</code>	j	u	e	v	e	s	'\0'			
<code>dias[5]</code>	v	i	e	r	n	e	s	'\0'		
<code>dias[6]</code>	s	a	b	a	d	o	'\0'			

# Pointers and bi-dimensional arrays

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```
char dias[7][10]={ "domingo","lunes","martes","miércoles",  
                  "jueves","viernes","sábado"};
```

```
char *DIAS[7]={ "domingo","lunes","martes","miércoles",  
               "jueves","viernes","sábado"};
```

`*DIAS[7]` is an array of 7 pointers to strings

# bi-dimensional arrays y functions

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
void asignavalor(int mat[][4], int k, int l);
int main(){
    int mat[3][4],i,j;
    asignavalor(mat,3,4);
    for(i=0;i<3;++i){
        for(j=0;j<4;++j)
            cout<<mat[i][j];
        cout<<"\n";
    }
    return 0;
}
```

```
void asignavalor(int mat[][4],int k, int l){
    int i,j;
    for(i=0;i<k;++i)
        for(j=0;j<l;++j)
            mat[i][j]=j+i*l;
}
```

# bi-dimensional arrays y functions

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
void asignavalor(int *mat, int k, int l);
int main(){
    int mat[3][4],i,j;
    asignavalor(&mat[0][0],3,4);
    for(i=0;i<3;++i){
        for(j=0;j<4;++j)
            cout<<mat[i][j];
        cout<<"\n";
    }
    return 0;
}
```

```
void asignavalor(int *mat,int k, int l){
    int i,j;
    for(i=0;i<k;++i)
        for(j=0;j<l;++j)
            *(mat+i*l+j)=j+i*l;
}
```

# Functions with pointer return

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- The declaration:

**int \* function(float a)**

- Declares that the function has a float **a** parameter and returns a pointer

# Functions with pointer return

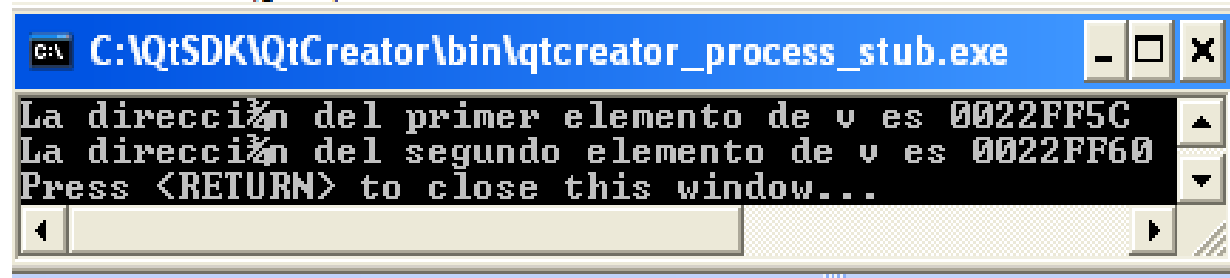
```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

float *DevuelveDireccion(float vector[5]) ;

int main(){
    float v[5] ;
    cout<< "La dirección del primer elemento de v es "<< &v[0] << endl;
    cout<< "La dirección del primer elemento de v es " DevuelveDireccion(v) << endl;
    return 0;
}

float *DevuelveDireccion(float vector[5])
{
    float *pun;
    pun= &vector[1]
    return (pun);
}
```





# 9. Structures

# Structures

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- With arrays we relate data of the same type that have something in common.
  - float marks[20]
- Structures allow to generalize and mix data from different types.

# Structures

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```
struct num_complex  
{  
    float real;  
    float imaginary;  
};
```

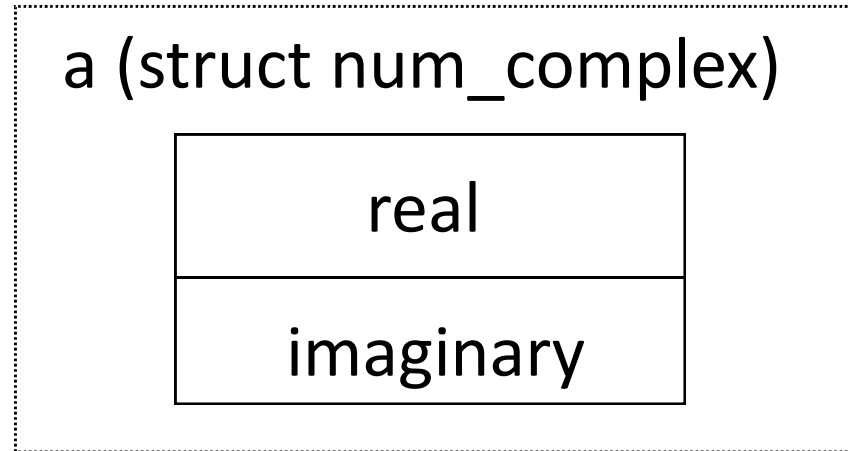
```
struct num_complex a,b,c;  
int i,j;
```

```
typedef struct  
{  
    float real;  
    float imaginary;  
} num_complex;
```

```
num_complex a,b,c;  
int i,j;
```

# Access to field

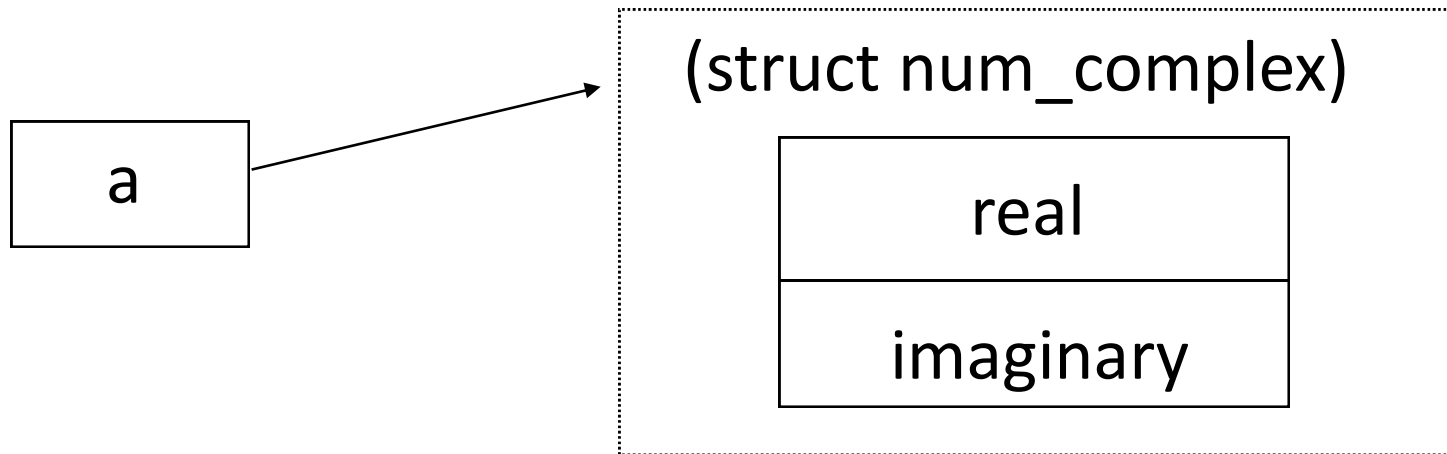
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`variable_structure.name_field`

`module=sqrt(a●real* a●real +a●imaginary* a●imaginary)`

# Structures and Pointers



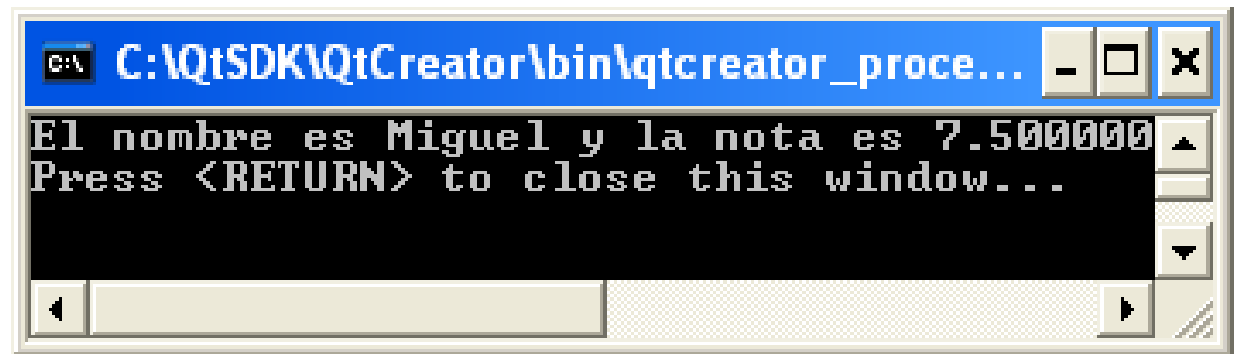
`pointer_to_structure->name_field`

```
module=sqrt(a->real* a->real +a->imaginary* a->imaginary)
```

```

#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
typedef struct alumno
{
    char nombre[15];
    float nota;
};
int main(){
    alumno a ;
    a.nombre[0] = 'M' ;
    a.nombre[1] = 'i' ;
    a.nombre[2] = 'g' ;
    a.nombre[3] = 'u' ;
    a.nombre[4] = 'e' ;
    a.nombre[5] = 'l' ;
    a.nombre[6] = '\0' ;
    a.nota = 7.5 ;
    alumno *punt;
    punt=&a;
    cout<< "El nombre es "<< punt->nombre << ;
    cout<< " y la nota es " << punt->nota << endl;
    return 0;
}

```



# Structures and Pointers

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- A structure can be passed and returned like “normal” variables

complex suma (complex a, complex b)

```
{  
    complex sum;  
    sum.real=a.real+b.real;  
    sum.imaginary=a.imaginary+b.imaginary;  
    return(sum)  
}
```

# Structures and Functions

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- Structures can be passed and returned like pointers

```
void suma (complex a, complex b, complex *sum)
{
    sum->real=a.real+b.real;
    sum->imaginary=a.imaginary+b.imaginary;
}
```



# Dynamic Memory Allocation

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```
int * reverse(.....)
{
    int *result = new int[5]; // Dynamic creation
    do something;
    return result;
}
```

- C++ allocates local variables in the **stack**, but the **new** operator reserves memory in the **heap**.
- When you create a dynamic array, its size is determined at runtime.
- When you create a regular array, its size must be known at compile time (i.e., cannot be a variable).

# Dynamic Memory Allocation

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```
delete pValue; // Pointer  
delete [ ] list; //Array
```

- Use the **delete** keyword only with the pointer that points to the memory created by the **new** operator.

# Dynamic Memory Allocation

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```
int *p = new int;  p → 0013FF60  
*p = 45;  
p = new int;  p → 0013FF64
```

- This procedure incurs *memory leak* problem.
- The original memory space that holds value 45 (at 0013FF60) is not accessible (due to new memory space for the same pointer variable p at 0013FF64), the original memory cannot be deleted.

# Command line arguments

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- C++ allows access through the program to command line arguments

**my\_program** *fichero dato\_1 dato\_2*

# Command line arguments

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- `main(int argc, char *argv[])`
  - `argc` is the number of introduced arguments.
    - Note: the name of the program is also counted as an argument
  - `*argv[]` is a pointer to an array of pointers to characters
    - Each pointer refer to a string

# Command line arguments

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int i;
    cout <<"Number of parameters is " << argc << endl ;
    for (i=0;i<argc;++i)
        cout <<"argument " << i <<"is " << argv[i] << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

```
./my_program fichero.txt 5

Number of parameters is 3
argument 0 is my_program
argument 1 is fichero.txt
argument 2 is 5
```

# The Pre-processor

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- Originally used to simplify the development of compilers
- Currently it is part of the compiler
- It is possible to write programs with it
- The commands start with `#`

# #include

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- `#include<filename>`  
Read a text file supplied by the system to use it in the source file
- They are of type `name.h`
- Include definitions of variables and prototypes
- `#include"filename"`



# #define

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- Define variables

```
#define PI 3.1415
```

- Text is substituted by the value
- Be careful with divisions

```
#define RAD_TO_GRAD 180/3.14
```

```
#define RAD_TO_GRAD (180/3.14)
```

# #define

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```
#include <iostream>
#define PI = 3.1416

main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    float radio, area;
    std::cout<<" Introduzca el radio: ";
    std::cin>> radio;
    area = PI * radio * radio;
    std::cout<<"El area es "<< area <<"\n";

    return 0;
}
```

## Output::

```
Introduzca el radio: 2
El area es 12.566400
```

# #ifdef

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- Used to include part of the code in a conditional manner
  - `#ifdef SUNOS`
  - `/* Section of code specific to Sunos */`
  - `#endif`
- Debugging

# Macros

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- The pre-processor recognize

`#define SQR(a,b) a * a + b * b`

$\text{SQR}(a,3) \Rightarrow a * a + 3 * 3$

$\text{SQR}(a+1,3) \Rightarrow a+1 * a+1 + 3 * 3$

$(2a + 10 \text{ NO } a^2 + 2a + 10)$

# Organization of the code

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- Function Prototypes:

*<files>.h / <files>.hpp*

- Implementation of the functions:

*<files>.c / <files>.cpp*

- Function main :

*<man\_file>.c / <main\_file>.cpp*

# Code Organization

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## functions.h

```
int suma(int a, int b);
```

## functions.cpp

```
#include "functions.h"
int suma(int a, int b)
{
    return a+b;
}
```

## principal.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
#include "functions.h"

int main()
{
    int i=2, j=5;
    int s = suma(i,j);
    std::cout <<"la suma es "
        << s <<std::endl ;
}
```