



# Pointers & References in C++

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A reference variable is a "reference" to an existing variable, and it is created with the **&** operator.

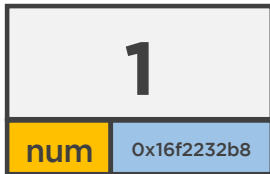
A pointer however, is a variable that stores the memory address as its value.

A pointer variable points to a data type (like *int* or *string*) of the same type, and is created with the **\*** operator.

The address of the variable you're working with is assigned to the pointer

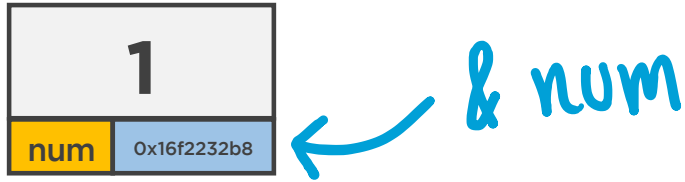
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int num = 1;
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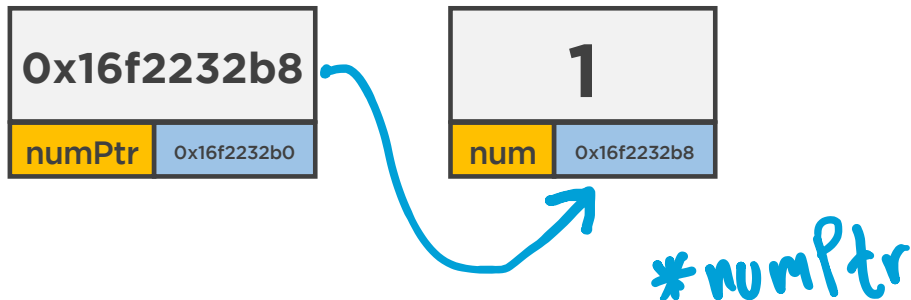
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int num = 1;
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int * numPtr = & num;
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Update 'num' value using the 'numPtr'

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*numPtr = 2;
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