

## Mnemonics



As mentioned in the textbook and class, the declaration of a pointer related variable is intended as a *mnemonic* (means 'it helps you memorize things'). For example, declaration `int *ptr;` can be interpreted as "expression `*ptr` is an `int`" -- thus `ptr` is an integer pointer.

Following this rule, what is the type that `argv` is declared to be?

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{.....}
```



```
int * a[]
```

```
int a[]
int ** a[]
```

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## Pointers K&R Ch 5

- Basics: Declaration and assignment (5.1)
- Pointer to Pointer (5.6)
- Pointer and functions (pass pointer by value) (5.2)
- Pointer arithmetic `+- ++ --` (5.4)
- Pointers and arrays (5.3)
  - Stored consecutively
  - Pointer to array elements `p + i = &a[i]` `*(p+i) = a[i]`
  - Array name contains address of 1<sup>st</sup> element `a = &a[0]`
  - Pointer arithmetic on array (extension) `p1-p2` `p1<>!= p2`
  - Array as function argument – “decay”
  - Pass `sub_array`
- **Array of pointers (5.6)**
- **Pointer arrays vs. two dimensional arrays (5.9)**
- **Command line argument (5.10)**
- Memory allocation (extra)
- Pointer to structures (6.4)
- Pointer to functions

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# Pointers K&R Ch 5

- **Pointer arrays (5.6)**

- Declaration, initialization, accessing via element pointers
  - Array of pointers to scalar type
  - Array of pointers to strings
- Pointer to the pointer arrays (what type is it?)
  - Array of pointers to scalar type
  - Array of pointers to strings
- Passing pointer arrays to functions (what is it decayed to?)
  - Array of pointers to scalar type
  - Array of pointers to strings
- Pointer array vs. 2D array



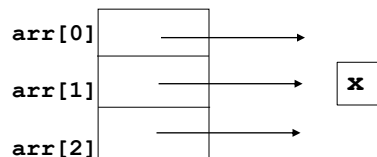
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## Array of Pointers (5.6)

- Pointers are variables

- Can be arrayed like others (int, char, double) ...

```
int a[3]
int ** a[3]
int * arr[3]; // array of 3 pointers to integer
```



- `arr[i]` is an integer pointer `int *` `*arr[1] = 4`  

```
int x;
arr[1] = &x;
```



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# Precedence

Operator Type	Operator
Primary Expression Operators	() [] . ->
Unary Operators	* & + - ! ~ ++ -- (typecast) sizeof
Binary Operators	* / % arithmetic
	+ - arithmetic
	>> << bitwise
	< > <= >= relational
	== != relational
	& bitwise
	^ bitwise
	bitwise
	&& logical
	logical
Ternary Operator	?:
Assignment Operators	= += -= *= /= %= >>= <<= &=
Comma	^=  =
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```
int * arr[3]
/* array of 3
integer pointers */
```

```
char * arr[5]
/* array of 5 char
pointers */
```

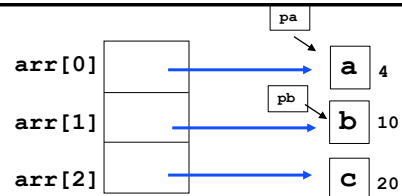
No () needed

```
char (*arr)[5]
/* ??? */
```

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## Array of pointers to scalar types

```
main() {
    int a,b,c, *pa, *pb;
    a=4; b=10; c=20;
    pa=&a, pb=&b;
```

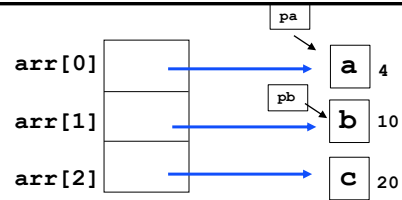


```
int * arr[3]; // an array of 3 (uninitialized) int pointers
arr[0]= pa;  arr[1]= pb;  arr[2]= &c;  //different ways
arr[0]= &a;  arr[1]= &b;
```

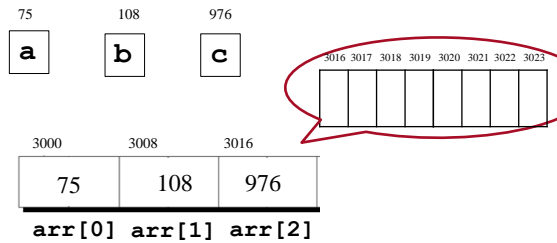
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Each element is a pointer, size usually 8 bytes (regardless of the type)

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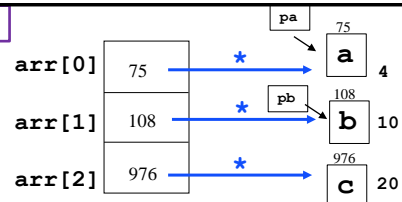
```
printf("%p %p\n", arr[0], arr[1]); // 75 108
```



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### main() { Array of pointers to scalar types

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```

```
printf("%p %p\n", arr[0], arr[1]); // 75 108
printf("%d\n",      : // arr[0] is a pointer to a
printf("%d\n",      : //
printf("%d\n",      : ); //
```

```
? = 100; // set b to 100
```



Operator
[ ] . ->
* & + - ! ~ ++ -- (typecast) sizeof

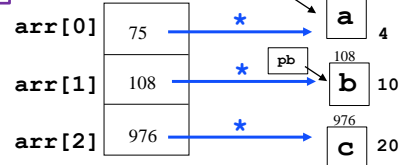
Recall:

```
int a=10;  char arr[]="apple";
int pA = &a;  char * pArr = arr;
printf("%d %d", a, *pA); // pointee level
printf("%s %s", arr, pArr); // pointer level
```

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main() { **Array of pointers to scalar types**

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```

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printf("%p %p\n", arr[0], arr[1]); // 75 108
printf("%d\n", *arr[0]);           // 4   **(arr+0)
printf("%d\n", *arr[1]);           // 10  **(arr+1)
printf("%d\n", *(arr[2]));         // 20  **(arr+2)
```

```
*arr[1] = 100; // alias of b. Set b to 100
```

```
for (i=0; i<3, i++)
    printf("%d ", *arr[i]); // ** (arr+i)  4 100 20
```

}  
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**Pointee level**

