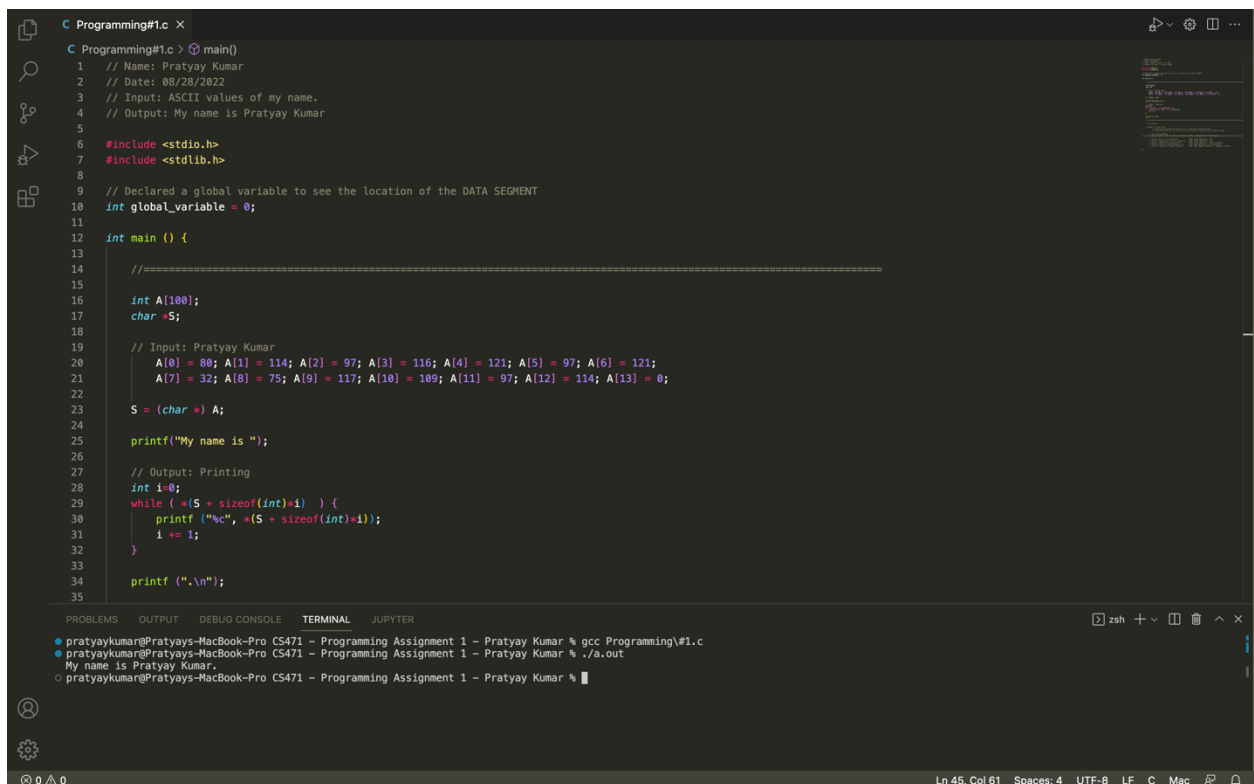


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## Answers for Programming#1 -- Simple C aliasing problem

- 1) The code is properly commented
- 2) Screenshot of my Program and Experiment is with name: Program: Programming#1.c - running.



The screenshot shows a C program in a code editor with the following code:

```
1 // Name: Pratyay Kumar
2 // Date: 08/28/2022
3 // Input: ASCII values of my name.
4 // Output: My name is Pratyay Kumar
5
6 #include <stdio.h>
7 #include <stdlib.h>
8
9 // Declared a global variable to see the location of the DATA SEGMENT
10 int global_variable = 0;
11
12 int main () {
13
14     //=====
15
16     int A[100];
17     char *S;
18
19     // Input: Pratyay Kumar
20     A[0] = 80; A[1] = 114; A[2] = 97; A[3] = 116; A[4] = 121; A[5] = 97; A[6] = 121;
21     A[7] = 32; A[8] = 75; A[9] = 117; A[10] = 109; A[11] = 97; A[12] = 114; A[13] = 0;
22
23     S = (char *) A;
24
25     printf("My name is ");
26
27     // Output: Printing
28     int i=0;
29     while ( *(S + sizeof(int)*i) ) {
30         printf ("%c", *(S + sizeof(int)*i));
31         i += 1;
32     }
33
34     printf (".\n");
35 }
```

The terminal output shows the execution of the program:

```
pratyaykumar@Pratyays-MacBook-Pro CS471 ~ % gcc Programming#1.c
pratyaykumar@Pratyays-MacBook-Pro CS471 ~ % ./a.out
My name is Pratyay Kumar.
```

- 3) 

My name is Pratyay Kumar.	
Array A is located at:	1871819416: Stack Address
The pointer to A is located at:	1871819400: Stack Address
Address of Test_Variable:	1871819384: Stack Address
Value of Test_Variable is at:	937453424: Heap Address
Address of Global Variable:	5160960: Data Segment Address

- a) The Array A [100] is Allocated in: STACK.
- b) The Pointer to A is in: STACK.
- c) The array A [] is currently in STACK, to make the Array in another segment we can dynamically allocate the array. Here I have made a pointer array named test\_variable, whose values are stored in Heap Address.

- d) Little endianness.
- e) The endianness name has come from Swift Gulliver's travel story war, because of whether the boiled egg should be cracked open at the big end or at the small end.

Endianness in computer science is about how bytes are stored in memory and not how we deal with the memory. In a machine which has memory location greater than a byte, those bytes must be stored in memory in particular order. So, we can put the most significant byte first (big endian) or the least significant byte first (little endian) at the byte with the lowest address, this is called endianness. Endianness is important because not knowing how data is stored would lead to communicating different values.

We cannot really say big endian is better or little endian is better. Both has their own advantages. Big endian is commonly used for networking purpose. If we want to transfer data between two different systems over a network or on a file, or construct then when receiving, we need to know which way that data is been represented.

Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Endianness>

Source: <https://www.section.io/engineering-education/what-is-little-endian-and-big-endian/>

- 4) No, we don't need to fill the entire last integer with '0'. We can fill the last byte of with '0' to terminate while () loop.

In the experiment I have taken `arr[4] = 256`, whose binary representation is 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0001 0000 0000. The code works fine, because my PC is little endian, it takes the last byte first in the while loop, and since the last byte is zero, the while loops become false, and hence the code works fine.

Below I have attached the screenshot of the experiment, The first one with `arr[4] = 0`, and the second one with `arr[4] = 256`. The code is present in `endianness_check.c` file.

```
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C endianness_check.c > main()
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int main () {
4
5     // 1 Int takes 4 bytes = 4*8 = 32 bits, in C.
6     int arr[10];
7     char *ref;
8     arr[0] = 97; // Binary Representation of 97 -> 0000 0000 | 0000 0000 | 0000 0000 | 0110 0001
9     arr[1] = 98; // Binary Representation of 97 -> 0000 0000 | 0000 0000 | 0000 0000 | 0110 0010
10    arr[2] = 99; // Binary Representation of 97 -> 0000 0000 | 0000 0000 | 0000 0011 | 0101 0010 [ 0 | 0 | 3 | 82 ] = 850
11    arr[3] = 100; // Binary Representation of 97 -> 0000 0000 | 0000 0000 | 0000 0000 | 0110 0100
12    arr[4] = 0;
13    //arr[4] = 256; // Binary Representation of 256 -> 0000 0000 | 0000 0000 | 0000 0001 | 0000 0000
14
15    // 1 Char takes 1 bytes = 8 bits, in C.
16    // Here we are type casting int to char i.e 4 byte of integer to 1 byte of character.
17    ref = (char *) arr;
18
19    // Output:
20    int i = 0;
21    while ( *(ref + sizeof(int)*i) ) {
22        printf("value: %c, integer value: %d\n", *(ref + i*sizeof(int)), *(ref + i*sizeof(int)) );
23        i += 1;
24    }
25
26    // printf("value: %c, integer value: %d\n", *(ref + 0), *(ref + 0));
27    // printf("value: %c, integer value: %d\n", *(ref + 1), *(ref + 1));
28
29 PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL
30 pratyaykumar@Pratyays-MacBook-Pro Assignment % gcc endianness_check.c
31 pratyaykumar@Pratyays-MacBook-Pro Assignment % ./a.out
32 value: a, integer value: 97
33 value: b, integer value: 98
34 value: c, integer value: 99
35 value: d, integer value: 100
36 pratyaykumar@Pratyays-MacBook-Pro Assignment %
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