

Function pointers in C

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Let's start with a basic function which we will be *pointing to*:

```
int addInt(int n, int m) {  
    return n+m;  
}
```

First thing, let's define a pointer to a function which receives 2 `int` s and returns an `int` :

```
int (*functionPtr)(int,int);
```

Now we can safely point to our function:

```
functionPtr = &addInt;
```

Now that we have a pointer to the function, let's use it:

```
int sum = (*functionPtr)(2, 3); // sum == 5
```

Passing the pointer to another function is basically the same:

```
int add2to3(int (*functionPtr)(int, int)) {  
    return (*functionPtr)(2, 3);  
}
```

We can use function pointers in return values as well (try to keep up, it gets messy):

```
// this is a function called functionFactory which receives parameter n  
// and returns a pointer to another function which receives two ints  
// and it returns another int  
int (*functionFactory(int n))(int, int) {  
    printf("Got parameter %d", n);  
    int (*functionPtr)(int,int) = &addInt;  
    return functionPtr;  
}
```

But it's much nicer to use a `typedef` :

```
typedef int (*myFuncDef)(int, int);  
// note that the typedef name is indeed myFuncDef  
  
myFuncDef functionFactory(int n) {  
    printf("Got parameter %d", n);  
    myFuncDef functionPtr = &addInt;  
    return functionPtr;  
}
```

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