

# CSci 3081W: Program Design and Development

References and Pointers

# Announcements

- Class Logistics
  - Class Email: [csci3081f22@umn.edu](mailto:csci3081f22@umn.edu) (for grading and logistical questions)
  - Labs will be due on the following Thursday going forward.
  - Homework 1 Q&A – logistic questions only – last 5 minutes of lecture
  - Zybooks reminder

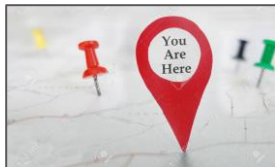
# Roadmap for Today



“The Stack” - Layer 1



“The Stack” - Layer N



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Pointers

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**Queue**

First In



Last Out



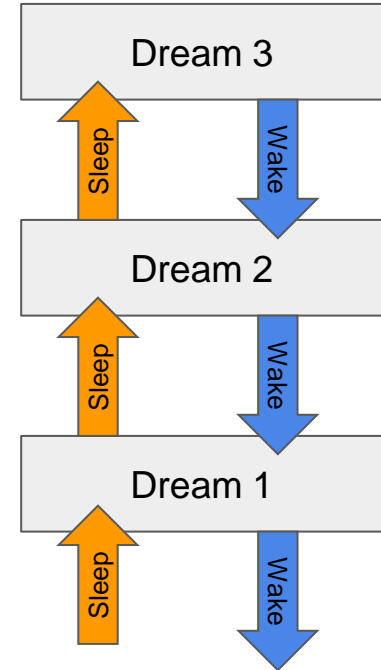
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**A Dream within a Dream**



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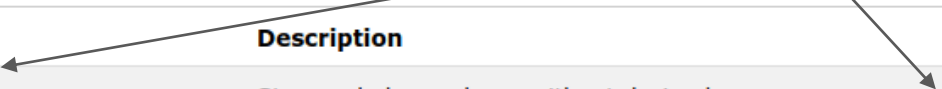
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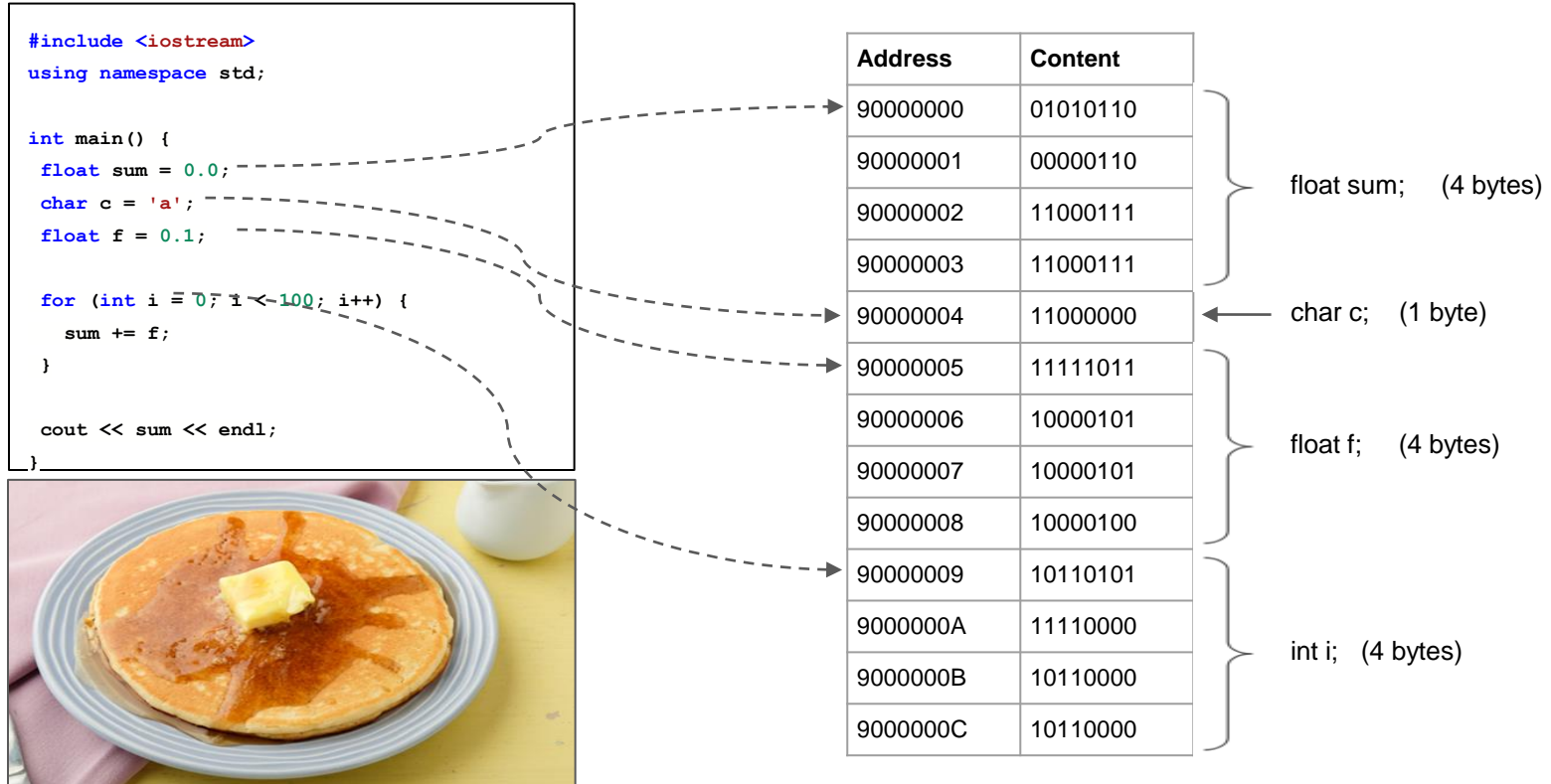
    for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
        sum += f;
    }

    cout << sum << endl;
}
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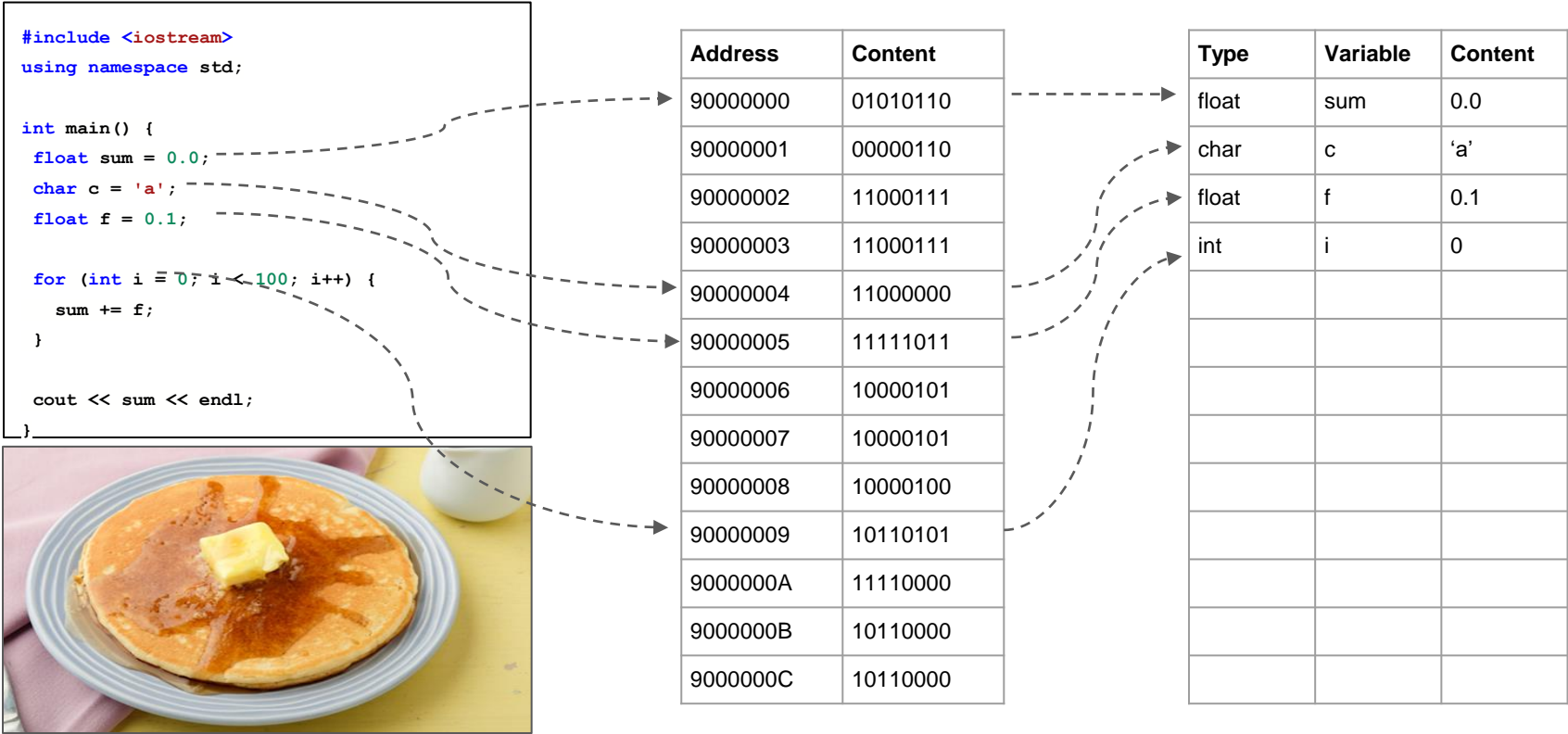


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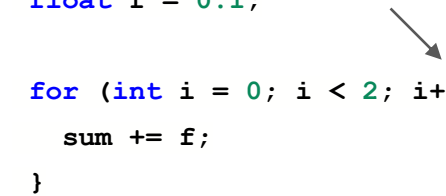
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float	sum	0.1
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float	f	0.1
int	i	0 1

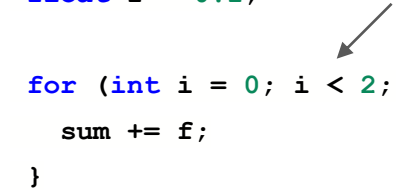
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1 < 2?


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float	sum	0.1 0.2
char	c	'a'
float	f	0.1
int	i	1



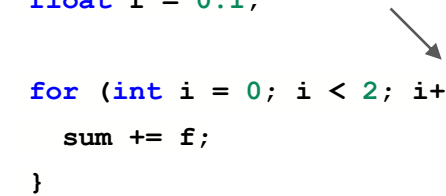
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float	sum	0.2
char	c	'a'
float	f	0.1
int	i	4 2

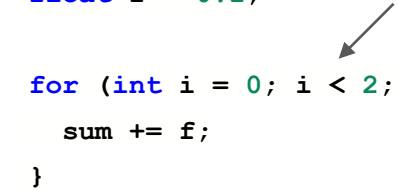
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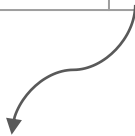
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int	i	2



**2 < 2?**


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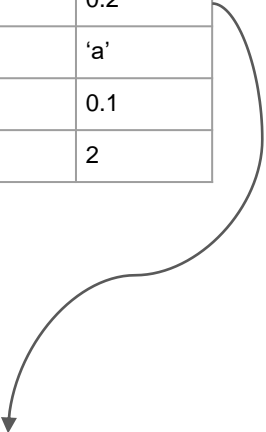
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**Output: 0.2**

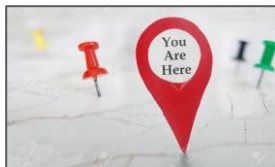
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“The Stack” - Layer 1



“The Stack” - Layer N



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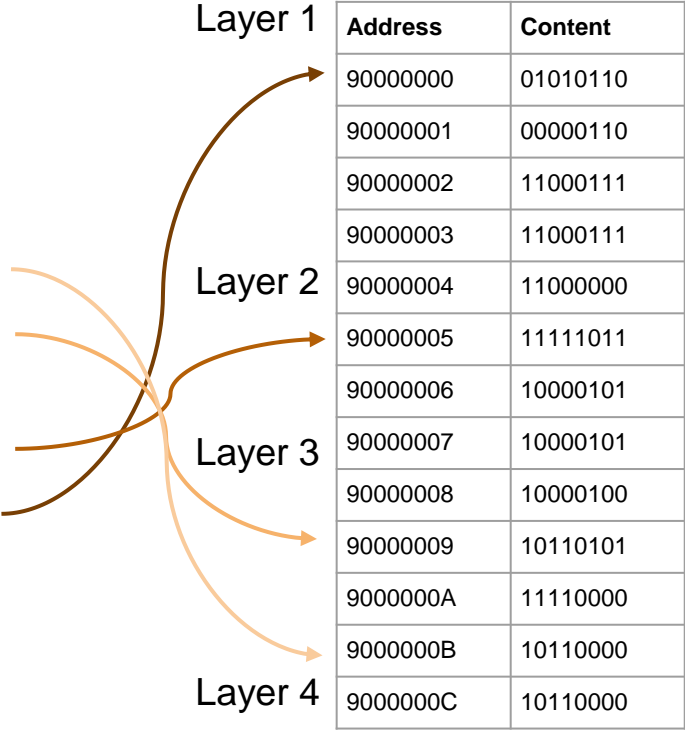
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Pointers

Each time a function is called the stack size increases



Layer N  
...  
Layer 3  
Layer 2  
Layer 1



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float add(float a, float b);

float double_value(float x);

int main() {
    float val = 5.0;
    cout << double_value(val) << endl;
}

float add(float a, float b) {
    return a + b;
}

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5	double_value	float	x	8
6	double_value	float	x	16
7	double_value	float	x	32
8	double_value	float	x	64
9	double_value	float	x	128
10	double_value	float	x	256
11	double_value	float	x	512
...	...	...	...	...

# What do you think will happen here?

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**Stack Overflow!!!**  
(runs out of stack memory)



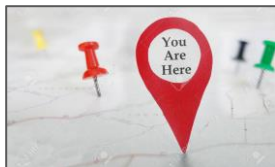
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*References “point” to the same memory as another variable.*

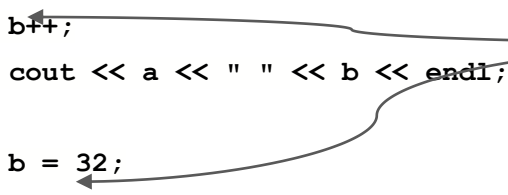
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```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int a = 10;
    int& b = a;

    b++;
    cout << a << " " << b << endl;

    b = 32;
    // a = 32;
    cout << a << " " << b << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

A diagram with two arrows. One arrow starts from the text 'b is another name for the variable a' and points to the line 'int& b = a;'. The other arrow starts from the text 'a and b point to the same memory!' and points to the same line. A third arrow starts from the text 'When a change occurs in one, the other changes since it is the same memory being updated.' and points to the line 'b = 32;'. There is also a fourth arrow starting from the same text and pointing to the line 'cout << a << " " << b << endl;'. The arrows are grey and have a slight curve.

**b** is another name for the variable **a**

**a** and **b** *point* to the same memory!

When a change occurs in one, the other changes since it is the same memory being updated.

References are considered “safe” pointers with restrictions.

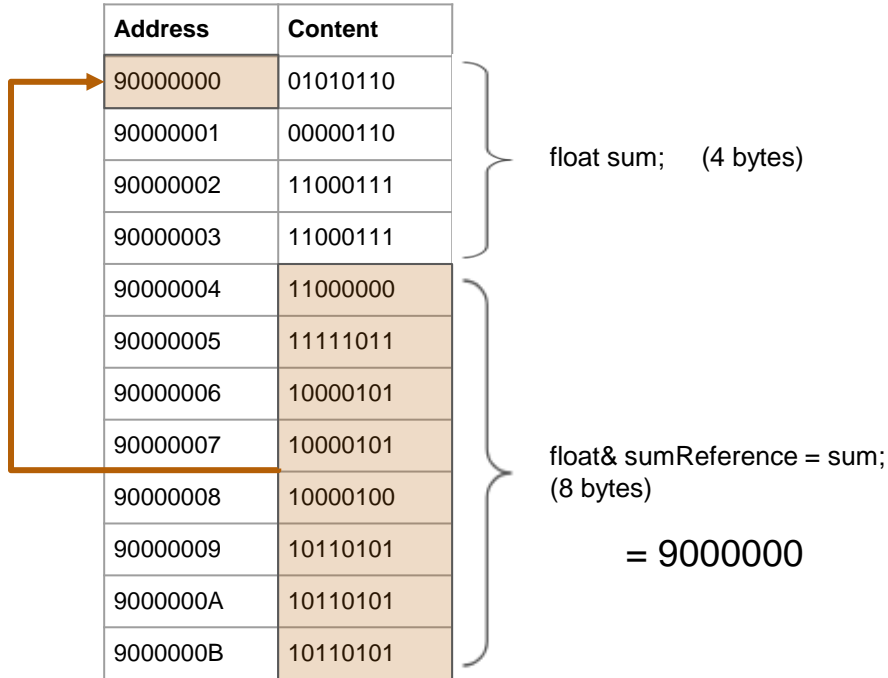
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90000000	01010110
90000001	00000110
90000002	11000111
90000003	11000111
90000004	11000000
90000005	11111011
90000006	10000101
90000007	10000101
90000008	10000100
90000009	10110101
9000000A	10110101
9000000B	10110101

float sum; (4 bytes)

float& sumReference; (8 bytes)  
= 9000000

A reference saves the address to a variable in memory.

References are considered “safe” pointers with restrictions.



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90000003	11000111
90000004	11000000
90000005	11111011
90000006	10000101
90000007	10000101
90000008	10000100
90000009	10110101
9000000A	10110101
9000000B	10110101

float sum; (4 bytes)

float& sumReference = sum;  
(8 bytes)

= 9000000

A reference saves the address to a variable in memory.

### Restrictions

- The memory is assumed to exist!
  - Cannot point to invalid location
- It must be initialized from another variable.
- It cannot be changed.

# Why should we use them?

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int a = 10;
    int& b = a;

    b++;
    cout << a << " " << b << endl;

    a = 32;
    cout << a << " " << b << endl;
    return 0;
}
```



**Read Only Variables:** The keyword **const** means that the variable cannot be changed.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int a = 10;
    const int& b = a;

    b++;

    cout << a << " " << b << endl;

    a = 32;
    cout << a << " " << b << endl;
    return 0;
}
```



Fail!

**Output Parameters:** *Passing by reference* allows you to change variables within a function.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

void add(int a, int b, int& sum) {
    sum = a + b;
}

int main()
{
    int sum;
    add(1, 2, sum);
    cout << sum << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Sum is changed within the add function!



**Output Parameters:** *Passing by reference* allows you to change variables within a function.

```
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void add(int a, int b, int& sum) {
    sum = a + b;
}

int main()
{
    int sum;
    add(1, 2, sum);
    cout << sum << endl;
    return 0;
}
```


*Pass by Value - Makes Copy*

*Pass by Reference - Same Memory*

Sum is changed within the add function!

**Key Takeaway:** In functions, pass by reference if you would like to use parameters as output variables.

```
int divide(int a, int b, int& remainder) {  
    remainder = a % b;  
    return a / b;  
}
```



Here we get the remainder from the parameter.

Multiple outputs!

Consider a data structure for an employee at a company using C++.

- Name
- Employee ID
- Salary
- Date of Birth
- Age
- Phone Number
- Email
- etc...

```
class Employee {  
    ...  
};  
  
...  
  
Employee jsmith;
```



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```
struct Date {  
    int month;  
    int day;  
    int year;  
};  
  
struct PhoneNumber {  
    int areaCode;  
    int number;  
};  
  
struct Employee {  
    char name[50];  
    int id;  
    float salary;  
    Date dateOfBirth;  
    int age;  
    PhoneNumber phone;  
    char email[100];  
};
```

Consider a data structure for an employee at a company using C++.

- Name
- Employee ID
- Salary
- **Date of Birth**
- Age
- **Phone Number**
- Email
- etc...
- **Manager**

```
struct Date {
    int month;
    int day;
    int year;
};

struct PhoneNumber {
    int areaCode;
    int number;
};

struct Employee {
    char name[50];
    int id;
    float salary;
    Date dateOfBirth;
    int age;
    PhoneNumber phone;
    char email[100];
    Employee manager; // ????
};
```



Consider a data structure for an employee at a company using C++.

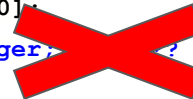
- Name
- Employee ID
- Salary
- **Date of Birth**
- Age
- **Phone Number**
- Email
- etc...
- **Manager**

```
struct Date {  
    int month;  
    int day;  
    int year;  
};
```

```
struct PhoneNumber {  
    int areaCode;  
    int number;  
};
```

```
struct Employee {  
    char name[50];  
    int id;  
    float salary;  
    Date dateOfBirth;  
    int age;  
    PhoneNumber phone;  
    char email[100];  
    Employee manager;  
};
```

**Incomplete Type!**



Consider a data structure for an employee at a company using C++.

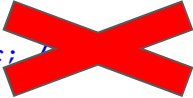
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- Salary
- **Date of Birth**
- Age
- **Phone Number**
- Email
- etc...
- **Manager**

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    int day;  
    int year;  
};  
  
struct PhoneNumber {  
    int areaCode;  
    int number;  
};  
  
struct Employee {  
    char name[50];  
    int id;  
    float salary;  
    Date dateOfBirth;  
    int age;  
    PhoneNumber phone;  
    char email[100];  
    Employee& manager; // ????  
};
```

Consider a data structure for an employee at a company using C++.

- Name
- Employee ID
- Salary
- **Date of Birth**
- Age
- **Phone Number**
- Email
- etc...
- **Manager**

```
struct Date {  
    int month;  
    int day;  
    int year;  
};  
  
struct PhoneNumber {  
    int areaCode;  
    int number;  
};  
  
struct Employee {  
    char name[50];  
    int id;  
    float salary;  
    Date dateOfBirth; Uninitialized Reference  
    int age;  
    PhoneNumber phone;  
    char email[100];  
    Employee& manager;  
};
```



Consider a data structure for an employee at a company using C++.

- Name
- Employee ID
- Salary
- **Date of Birth**
- Age
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- Email
- etc...
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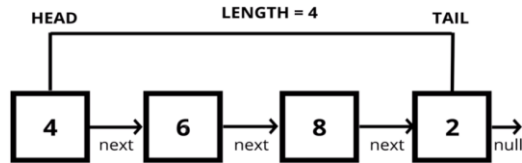
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};  
  
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    char name[50];  
    int id;  
    float salary;  
    Date dateOfBirth;  
    int age;  
    PhoneNumber phone;  
    char email[100];  
    Employee* manager;  
};
```

First example of where  
pointers are useful!

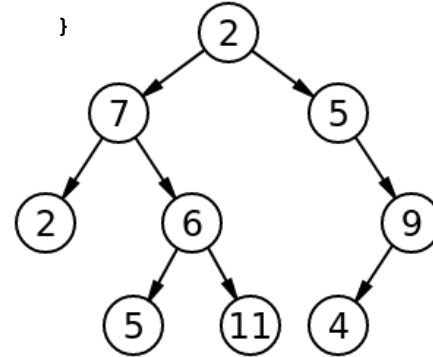


Common data structures like linked lists and binary trees use this technique.

```
// Linked List
struct Node {
    DataType
    data;
    Node*
    next;
}
```



```
// Binary Tree
struct Node {
    DataType
    data;
    Node*
    left;
    Node*
    right;
}
```



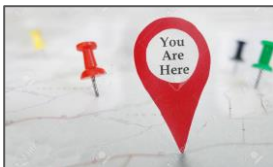
# Roadmap for Today



“The Stack” - Layer 1



“The Stack” - Layer N



References

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Pointers

**Recall:** [References](#) use the same address as a variable.

```
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using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int a = 10;
    int& b = a;
    b++;

    cout << a << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Why is the output for a 11?

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```

Memory

Variable	Value



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}
```

Memory

Variable	Value
a	10


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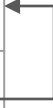
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}
```

Memory

Variable	Value
a	10
b	




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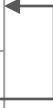
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```

Memory

Variable	Value
a	10 11
b	



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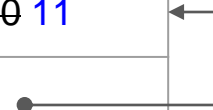
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int main()
{
    int a = 10;
    int& b = a;
    b++;

    cout << a << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Memory

Variable	Value
a	10 11
b	●



**Recall:** Passing by value makes a copy of the memory.

```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

float add(int x, int y) {
    return x+y;
}

int main()
{
    int a = 1;
    int b = 2;
    int sum;

    sum = add(a, b);

    cout << sum << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

## Memory

[illegible]

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    int sum;

    sum = add(a, b);

    cout << sum << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

## Memory

Variable	Value
a	1
b	2

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    int sum;

    sum = add(a, b);

    cout << sum << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Memory

Variable	Value
a	1
b	2
sum	?



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float add(int x, int y) {
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}

int main()
{
    int a = 1;
    int b = 2;
    int sum;

    sum = add(a, b);

    cout << sum << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Memory

Variable	Value
a	1
b	2
sum	?
x	1
y	2

**Notice the  
copy of a  
and b here**

**Recall:** Passing by value makes a copy of the memory.

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}

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{
    int a = 1;
    int b = 2;
    int sum;

    sum = add(a, b);

    cout << sum << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Memory

Variable	Value
a	1
b	2
sum	3
x	1
y	2

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}

int main()
{
    int a = 1;
    int b = 2;
    int sum;

    sum = add(a, b);

    cout << sum << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Memory

Variable	Value
a	1
b	2
sum	3
x	1
y	2

Notice x  
and y no  
longer exist

**Recall:** **Passing by reference** uses the same memory address.

Memory

Variable	Value

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

void add(int x, int y, int& s) {
    s = x+y;
    x++;
    y = x + 1;
}

int main()
{
    int a = 1;
    int b = 2;
    int sum = 0;

    add(a, b, sum);

    cout << a << " " << b << " " << sum <<
endl;

    return 0;
}
```

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Memory

Variable	Value
a	1

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

void add(int x, int y, int& s) {
    s = x+y;
    x++;
    y = x + 1;
}

int main()
{
    int a = 1;
    int b = 2;
    int sum = 0;

    add(a, b, sum);

    cout << a << " " << b << " " << sum <<
endl;

    return 0;
}
```

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Memory

Variable	Value
a	1
b	2

```
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void add(int x, int y, int& s) {
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}

int main()
{
    int a = 1;
    int b = 2;
    int sum = 0;

    add(a, b, sum);

    cout << a << " " << b << " " << sum <<
endl;

    return 0;
}
```

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Memory

Variable	Value
a	1
b	2
sum	0

```
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void add(int x, int y, int& s) {
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    y = x + 1;
}

int main()
{
    int a = 1;
    int b = 2;
    int sum = 0;

    add(a, b, sum);

    cout << a << " " << b << " " << sum <<
endl;

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```

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    int a = 1;
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    int sum = 0;


    add(a, b, sum);

    cout << a << " " << b << " " << sum <<
endl;

    return 0;
}
```

Memory

Variable	Value
a	1
b	2
sum	0
x	1
y	2
s	





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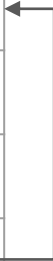
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    cout << a << " " << b << " " << sum <<
endl;

    return 0;
}
```

Memory

Variable	Value
a	1
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x	1
y	2
s	



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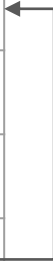
    add(a, b, sum);

    cout << a << " " << b << " " << sum <<
endl;

    return 0;
}
```

Memory

Variable	Value
a	1
b	2
sum	0 3
x	4 2
y	2
s	●



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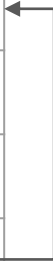
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}
```

Memory

Variable	Value
a	1
b	2
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x	4 2
y	2 3
s	



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    x++;
    y = x + 1;
}

int main()
{
    int a = 1;
    int b = 2;
    int sum = 0;

    add(a, b, sum);

    cout << a << " " << b << " " << sum <<
endl;

    return 0;
}
```

Memory

Variable	Value
a	1
b	2
sum	0 3
x	1 2
y	2 3
s	



# What is a pointer?

```
int main()
{
    int a = 5;
    int* pointerToA = &a;
}
```

**A pointer** is a memory address. That's all folks...


```
int main()
{
    int a = 5;
    int* pointerToA = &a;

    cout << "a: " << a << endl;
    cout << "address of a: " << pointerToA <<
endl;
}
```

```
a: 5
address of a: 0x7ffeee67c81c
```

Memory

Variable	Value
a	5
pointerToA	0x7ffeee67c81c

A diagram showing a horizontal arrow pointing from the 'pointerToA' row to the 'a' row. A small black dot is located on the arrow, just above the '0x7ffeee67c81c' value in the 'pointerToA' row.

A pointer is declared with the \*

Type

Declares Pointer Type

Variable Name



```
int* a;
```

To get the address of an existing variable the & operator can be used.

Type

Declares Pointer Type

Variable Name



```
int* a;
```

```
int myInt = 5;
```

```
a = &myInt;
```



Gets address of myInt



To dereference a pointer to a value, you can use the \* operator.

Type

Declares Pointer Type

Variable Name



```
int* a;
```



```
int myInt = *a;
```

Gets value at pointer a

Below is an example of getting the memory address and printing the pointer value.

```
int main()
{
    // normal integer
    int normalInt = 5;

    // pointer to integer
    int* ptr = &normalInt;

    // print out values:
    cout << "Normal Int: " << normalInt <<
endl;

    cout << "Normal Address: " << &normalInt <<
endl;

    cout << "Pointer to Normal: " << ptr <<
endl;

    cout << "Value of pointer: " << *ptr <<
endl;
}
```

```
Normal Int: 5
Normal Address: 0x7ffec5de67fc
Pointer to Normal: 0x7ffec5de67fc
Value of pointer: 5
```

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```
int main()
{
    // normal integer
    int normalInt = 5;

    // pointer to integer
    int* ptr = &normalInt;

    // print out values:
    cout << "Normal Int: " << normalInt <<
endl;
    cout << "Normal Address: " << &normalInt <<
endl;
    cout << "Pointer to Normal: " << ptr <<
endl;
    cout << "Value of pointer: " << *ptr <<
endl;
}
```

```
Normal Int: 5
Normal Address: 0x7ffec5de67fc
Pointer to Normal: 0x7ffec5de67fc
Value of pointer: 5
```

Memory

Variable	Value
normalInt	5
ptr	●

# Pointers can point to other pointers and down the rabbit hole!

```
int main()
{
    // normal integer
    int normalInt = 5;

    // pointer to integer
    int* ptr = &normalInt;

    // pointer to pointer
    int** ptrToPtr = &ptr;

    // print out values:
    cout << "Normal Int: " << normalInt << endl;
    cout << "Normal Address: " << &normalInt <<
endl;

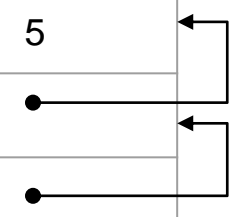
    cout << "Pointer to Normal: " << ptr << endl;
    cout << "Value of pointer: " << *ptr << endl;
    cout << "Pointer to pointer: " << ptrToPtr <<
endl;

    cout << "Value of ptrToPtr: " << *ptrToPtr <<
```

```
Normal Int: 5
Normal Address: 0x7fffb378ec34
Pointer to Normal: 0x7fffb378ec34
Value of pointer: 5
Pointer to pointer: 0x7fffb378ec38
Value of ptrToPtr: 0x7fffb378ec34
```

Memory

Variable	Value
normalInt	5
ptr	●
ptrToPtr	●



# What is the key difference between a **pointer** and a **reference**?

```
int main()
{
    int a = 5;
    int* pointerToA = &a;
    int &b = a;

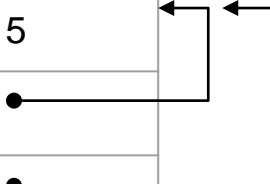
    cout << "a: " << a << endl;
    cout << "address of a: " << pointerToA <<
endl;

    cout << "b: " << b << endl;
    cout << "address of b: " << &b << endl;
}
```

```
a: 5
address of a: 0x7ffeee67c81c
b: 5
address of b: 0x7ffeee67c81c
```

Memory

Variable	Value
a	5
pointerToA	●
b	●



A **pointer** is a memory address and a **reference** is a valid memory address.

```
int main()
{
    int a = 5;
    int* pointerToA = (int*)2343242234;
    int &b = a;

    cout << "a: " << a << endl;
    cout << "pointer to some memory: " << pointerToA <<
endl;

    cout << "b: " << b << endl;
    cout << "address of b: " << &b << endl;
}
```

```
a: 5
pointer to some memory:: 0x8bab09fa
b: 5
address of b: 0x7ffeee67c81c
```

Memory

Variable	Value
a	5
pointerToA	0x8bab09fa
b	0x7ffeee67c81c
...	...
some memory	

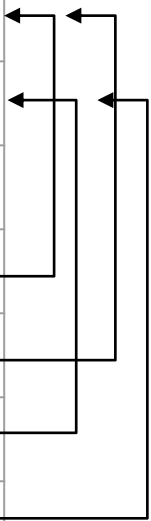
Arrays can be converted to pointers since they are pointers.

```
int array[] = {1, 2, 3};  
int* arrayPtr = array;
```

```
int main()  
{  
    int array[] = {1, 2, 3};  
    int* arrayPtr = array;  
    int* secondElement = &array[1];  
    int* secondElement2 = arrayPtr + 1;  
  
    cout << *secondElement << endl;  
}
```

Memory

Variable	Value
	1
	2
	3
array	•
arrayPtr	•
secondElement	•
secondElement2	•



**NULL or nullptr** is a memory address that allows us to point to nothing.

```
int main()
{
    int* pointer = NULL; // can also use nullptr

    cout << "pointer: " << pointer << endl;
    cout << *pointer << endl;
}
```

```
pointer: 0x0000000
exited, segmentation fault
```

Memory

Variable	Value
NULL	/
pointer	•



**NULL or nullptr** is a memory address that allows us to point to nothing.

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{
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    cout << "pointer: " << pointer << endl;
    cout << *pointer << endl;
}
```

```
pointer: 0x0000000
exited, segmentation fault
```

Memory

Variable	Value
NULL	/
pointer	•

*Why would you want to do this?*

**NULL or nullptr** is a memory address that allows us to point to nothing.

```
int main()
{
    int* pointer = NULL; // can also use nullptr

    cout << "pointer: " << pointer << endl;
    cout << *pointer << endl;
}
```

This is what causes the dreaded segfault:

- Accessing invalid memory

```
pointer: 0x00000000
exited, segmentation fault
```

Memory

Variable	Value
NULL	/
pointer	•

To access class variables and methods, use the `->` operator.

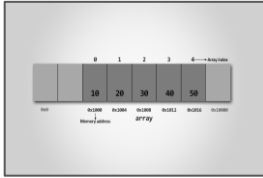
```
class Vector3 {  
public:  
    float x, y, z;  
}
```

The Arrow operator "`->`" allows us access class members and methods.

```
int main() {  
    Vector3 vec;  
    Vector3* vecPtr = &vec;  
    Vec.x = 0.0;  
    vecPtr->x = 1.0;  
    return 0;  
}
```

This is the same as: `*(vecPtr).x`

# Roadmap for Today



**Practice:** Diagramming Memory



Dynamic Memory



Classes and Dynamic Memory

## Example 1: Pass by Value

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int add(int x, int y) {
    x = x + y;
    return x;
}

int main() {
    int a = 5;
    int b = 6;
    int sum = add(a, b);
    sum = add(sum, a);
    std::cout << "The answer is: " << sum << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

[illegible]

# Example 1: Pass by Value

```
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using namespace std;

int add(int x, int y) {
    x = x + y;
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}

int main() {
    int a = 5;
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    int sum = add(a, b);
    sum = add(sum, a);
    std::cout << "The answer is: " << sum << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```



Add variables to the stack.

Memory

Type	Name	Value
int	a	?
int	b	?
int	sum	?

# Example 1: Pass by Value

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int add(int x, int y) {
    x = x + y;
    return x;
}

int main() {
    int a = 5;
    int b = 6;
    int sum = add(a, b);
    sum = add(sum, a);
    std::cout << "The answer is: " << sum << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

 Initialize

Memory

Type	Name	Value
int	a	5
int	b	?
int	sum	?

# Example 1: Pass by Value

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int add(int x, int y) {
    x = x + y;
    return x;
}

int main() {
    int a = 5;
    int b = 6;
    int sum = add(a, b);
    sum = add(sum, a);
    std::cout << "The answer is: " << sum << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

← Initialize

Memory

Type	Name	Value
int	a	5
int	b	6
int	sum	?




# Example 1: Pass by Value

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int add(int x, int y) {
    x = x + y;
    return x;
}

int main() {
    int a = 5;
    int b = 6;
    int sum = add(a, b);
    sum = add(sum, a);
    std::cout << "The answer is: " << sum << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```




Add variables to the stack.

Memory

Type	Name	Value
int	a	5
int	b	6
int	sum	?
int	x	?
int	y	?

# Example 1: Pass by Value

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int add(int x, int y) {  Copy Values
    x = x + y;
    return x;
}

int main() {
    int a = 5;
    int b = 6;
    int sum = add(a, b);
    sum = add(sum, a);
    std::cout << "The answer is: " << sum << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Memory

Type	Name	Value
int	a	? 5
int	b	? 6
int	sum	?
int	x	? 5
int	y	? 6

# Example 1: Pass by Value

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int add(int x, int y) {
    x = x + y;
    return x;
}

int main() {
    int a = 5;
    int b = 6;
    int sum = add(a, b);
    sum = add(sum, a);
    std::cout << "The answer is: " << sum << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Add and store

Memory

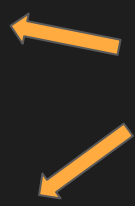
Type	Name	Value
int	a	? 5
int	b	? 6
int	sum	?
int	x	? <b>5 11</b>
int	y	? 6

# Example 1: Pass by Value

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int add(int x, int y) {
    x = x + y;
    return x;
}

int main() {
    int a = 5;
    int b = 6;
    int sum = add(a, b);
    sum = add(sum, a);
    std::cout << "The answer is: " << sum << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```



Return value and set

The diagram consists of two orange arrows. The first arrow originates from the `return x;` line in the `add` function and points to the `int sum = add(a, b);` line in the `main` function. The second arrow originates from the `sum = add(sum, a);` line in the `main` function and points to the `return x;` line in the `add` function. The text "Return value and set" is placed to the right of these arrows.

Memory

Type	Name	Value
int	a	5
int	b	6
int	sum	11
int	x	5 11
int	y	6

# Example 1: Pass by Value

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int add(int x, int y) {
    x = x + y;
    return x;
}

int main() {
    int a = 5;
    int b = 6;
    int sum = add(a, b);
    sum = add(sum, a);
    std::cout << "The answer is: " << sum << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

 Pop variables off the stack

Memory


Type	Name	Value
int	a	5
int	b	6
int	sum	11
		5 11
		6

# Example 1: Pass by Value

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int add(int x, int y) {
    x = x + y;
    return x;
}

int main() {
    int a = 5;
    int b = 6;
    int sum = add(a, b);
    sum = add(sum, a);
    std::cout << "The answer is: " << sum << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```




Add variables to the stack.

Memory

Type	Name	Value
int	a	5
int	b	6
int	sum	11
int	x	5
int	y	6

## Example 1: Pass by Value

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int add(int x, int y) {  Copy Values
    x = x + y;
    return x;
}

int main() {
    int a = 5;
    int b = 6;
    int sum = add(a, b);
    sum = add(sum, a);
    std::cout << "The answer is: " << sum << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Memory

Type	Name	Value
int	a	? 5
int	b	? 6
int	sum	? 11
int	x	? 5 11 11
int	y	? 5 5

# Example 1: Pass by Value

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int add(int x, int y) {
    x = x + y;
    return x;
}

int main() {
    int a = 5;
    int b = 6;
    int sum = add(a, b);
    sum = add(sum, a);
    std::cout << "The answer is: " << sum << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

← Add and store

Memory

Type	Name	Value
int	a	5
int	b	6
int	sum	11
int	x	5 11 16
int	y	5 5

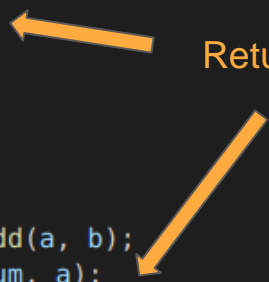


# Example 1: Pass by Value

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int add(int x, int y) {
    x = x + y;
    return x;
}

int main() {
    int a = 5;
    int b = 6;
    int sum = add(a, b);
    sum = add(sum, a);
    std::cout << "The answer is: " << sum << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```



Return value and set

The diagram consists of two orange arrows. The first arrow points from the text 'Return value and set' to the 'return x;' line in the 'add' function. The second arrow points from the same text to the 'sum = add(sum, a);' line in the 'main' function.

Memory

Type	Name	Value
int	a	? 5
int	b	? 6
int	sum	? 11 16
int	x	? 5 11 11 16
int	y	? 5 5

# Example 1: Pass by Value

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int add(int x, int y) {
    x = x + y;
    return x;
}

int main() {
    int a = 5;
    int b = 6;
    int sum = add(a, b);
    sum = add(sum, a);
    std::cout << "The answer is: " << sum << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

← Pop variables off the stack

Memory

Type	Name	Value
int	a	? 5
int	b	? 6
int	sum	? 11 16
		? 5 11 11 16
		? 5 5

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int add(int& x, int y) {
    x = x + y;
    return x;
}

int main() {
    int a = 5;
    int b = 6;
    int& c = b;
    int sum = add(a, b);
    sum = add(sum, a);
    std::cout << "The answer is: " << sum << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

[illegible]

# Example 2: Pass by Reference

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int add(int& x, int y) {
    x = x + y;
    return x;
}

int main() {
    int a = 5;
    int b = 6;
    int& c = b;
    int sum = add(a, b);
    sum = add(sum, a);
    std::cout << "The answer is: " << sum << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```



Add variables to the stack.

Memory

Type	Name	Value
int	a	?
int	b	?
int&	c	●
int	sum	?



# Example 2: Pass by Reference

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int add(int& x, int y) {
    x = x + y;
    return x;
}

int main() {
    int a = 5;
    int b = 6;
    int& c = b;
    int sum = add(a, b);
    sum = add(sum, a);
    std::cout << "The answer is: " << sum << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```



Add variables to the stack.

Memory

Type	Name	Value
int	a	?
int	b	?
int&	c	●
int	sum	?



Complete Together In Class

## Example 3: Segmentation Fault

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int* addOne(int val) {
    int newVal = val+1;
    return &newVal;
}

int main() {
    int value = 5;
    std::cout << "Old Value: " << value << std::endl;
    int* newValue = addOne(value);
    value = *newValue;
    std::cout << "New Value: " << value << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

*Complete Together In Class*

## Example 4: Buffer Overflow

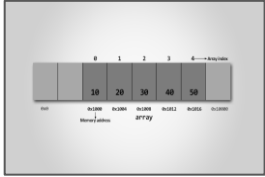
```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

char& getIndexValue(char* array, int index) {
    char* value = &array[index];
    return *value;
}

int main() {
    char str[5] = "Test";
    char first = getIndexValue(str, 0);
    char overflow = getIndexValue(str, 7);
    std::cout << first << " " << overflow << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

*Try on your own.*

# Roadmap for Today



**Practice:** Diagramming Memory



Dynamic Memory



Classes and Dynamic Memory



What is conceptually wrong with the following application?

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    string employees[50];
    int numEmployees = 0;

    employees[0] = "Alice";
    numEmployees++;
    employees[1] = "Bob";
    numEmployees++;
    employees[2] = "Beth";
    numEmployees++;

    for (int i = 0; i < numEmployees; i++) {
        cout << employees[i] << endl;
    }
}
```

# What is conceptually wrong with the following application?

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    string employees[50];
    int numEmployees = 0;

    employees[0] = "Alice";
    numEmployees++;
    employees[1] = "Bob";
    numEmployees++;
    employees[2] = "Beth";
    numEmployees++;

    for (int i = 0; i < numEmployees; i++) {
        cout << employees[i] << endl;
    }
}
```

We have to specify the size of the array!

- What if we have more than 50 employees?
- Increasing the size will cause a recompile.

# What is conceptually wrong with the following application?

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int size;
    cin >> size;

    string employees[size];
    int numEmployees = 0;

    employees[0] = "Alice";
    numEmployees++;
    employees[1] = "Bob";
    numEmployees++;
    employees[2] = "Beth";
    numEmployees++;

    for (int i = 0; i < numEmployees; i++) {
        cout << employees[i] << endl;
    }
    delete[] employees;
}
```

We have to specify the size of the array!

- What if we have more than 50 employees?
- Increasing the size will cause a recompile.
- **Dynamic array sizes are not possible on the stack.**

## Solution: Use dynamic memory allocation (**new / delete**)

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int size;
    cin >> size;

    string* employees = new string[size];
    int numEmployees = 0;

    employees[0] = "Alice";
    numEmployees++;
    employees[1] = "Bob";
    numEmployees++;
    employees[2] = "Beth";
    numEmployees++;

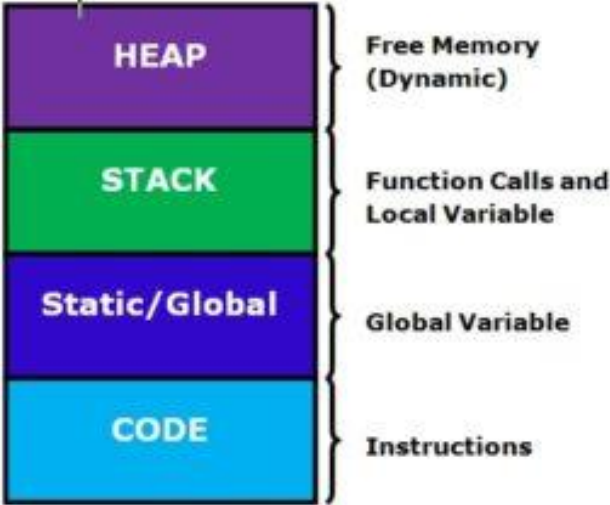
    for (int i = 0; i < numEmployees; i++) {
        cout << employees[i] << endl;
    }
    delete[] employees;
}
```

Creates a dynamic array based on input.

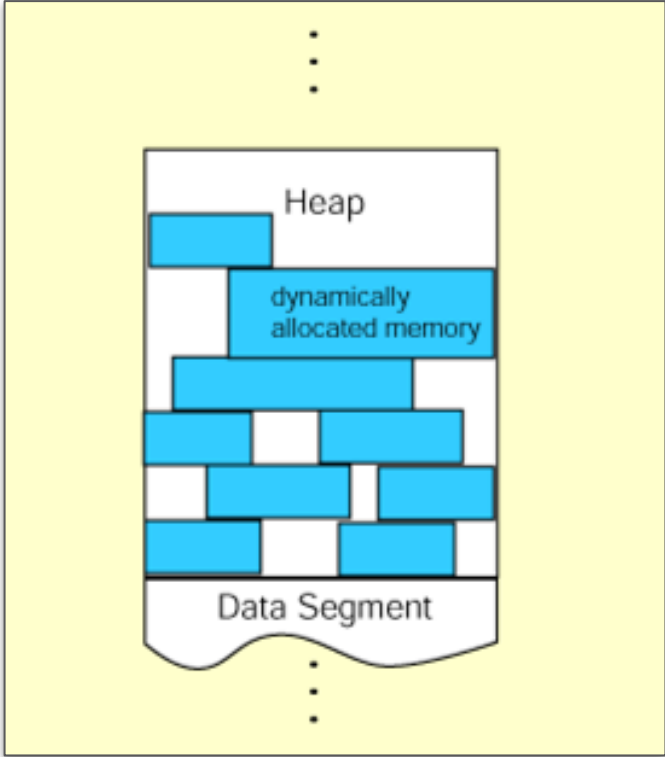
Deletes the dynamic array.

Dynamic memory allocation occurs on the **heap** instead of the **stack**.

**Application Memory**



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The **new** operator creates memory on the **heap** instead of the **stack**.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int* a = new int(5);
    cout << *a << endl;
}
```



Memory

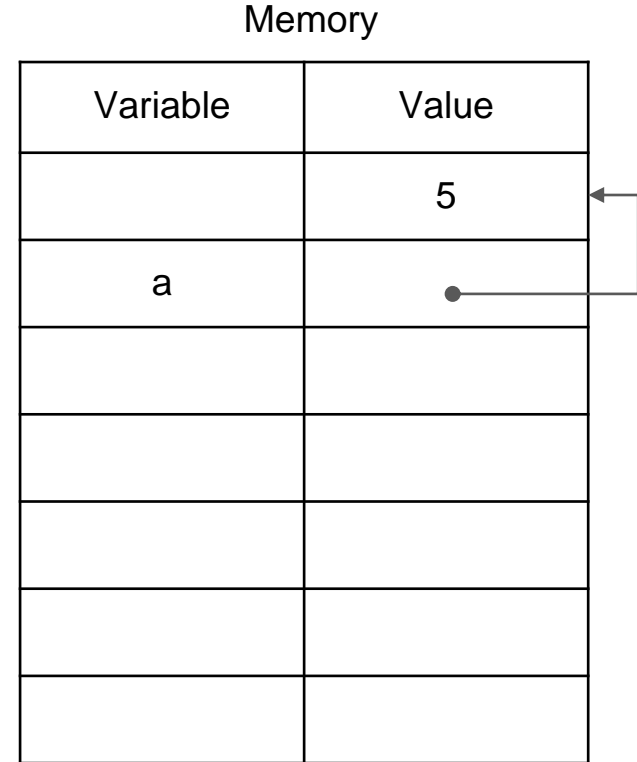
Variable	Value
	5
a	

The **new** operator creates memory on the **heap** instead of the **stack**.

```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int* a = new int(5);
    cout << *a << endl;
}
```




We must always **delete** the allocated memory off the heap with the delete keyword.

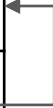
```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int* a = new int(5);
    cout << *a << endl;
    delete a;
}
```



Memory

Variable	Value
	5
a	





We must always **delete** the allocated memory off the heap with the delete keyword.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int* a = new int(5);
    cout << *a << endl;
    delete a;
}
```



Memory

Variable	Value
	5 <deleted>
a	

Let's look at an example. What is wrong with this program?


```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int* a;
    while (true) {
        a = new int(5);
        cout << *a <<
endl;
    }
    delete a;
}
```

**A memory leak** is caused when we don't delete our allocated memory off the heap.

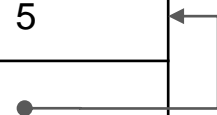
```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int* a;
    while (true) {
        a = new int(5);
        cout << *a <<
endl;
    }
    delete a;
}
```



Memory

Variable	Value
	5
	5
	5
	5
	...
	5
a	●



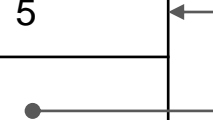
We can fix the memory leak by deleting every value we allocate.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int* a;
    while (true) {
        a = new int(5);
        cout << *a <<
endl;
        delete a;
    }
    // delete a;
}
```

Memory

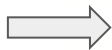
Variable	Value
	5
a	●



To create and destroy a dynamic **array** on the heap, we can use `new type[]` and `delete[]`.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int dynamicSize;
    cin >> dynamicSize;
    int* a = new
int[dynamicSize];
    a[0] = 0;
    a[1] = 1;
    a[2] = 2;
    delete[] a;
}
```



Memory

Variable	Value
	0
	1
	2
	...
a	●

To create and destroy a dynamic **array** on the heap, we can use `new type[]` and `delete[]`.

```
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using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int dynamicSize;
    cin >> dynamicSize;
    int* a = new
int[dynamicSize];
    a[0] = 0;
    a[1] = 1;
    a[2] = 2;
    delete[] a;
}
```



Memory

Variable	Value
	0 <deleted>
	1 <deleted>
	2 <deleted>
	...
a	●

If we just used delete, it would not deallocate the array.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int dynamicSize;
    cin >> dynamicSize;
    int* a = new
int[dynamicSize];
    a[0] = 0;
    a[1] = 1;
    a[2] = 2;
    // delete[] a;
    delete a;
```

Memory

Variable	Value
	0
	1
	2
	...
a	●

What would happen?

If we just used delete, it would not deallocate the array.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int dynamicSize;
    cin >> dynamicSize;
    int* a = new
int[dynamicSize];
    a[0] = 0;
    a[1] = 1;
    a[2] = 2;
    // delete[] a;
    delete a;
```

Memory

Variable	Value
	0 <deleted>
	1
	2
	...
a	●

Memory Leak!



To create and destroy a dynamic **array** on the heap, we can use `new type[]` and `delete[]`.

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#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int dynamicSize;
    cin >> dynamicSize;
    int* a = new
int[dynamicSize];
    a[0] = 0;
    a[1] = 1;
    a[2] = 2;
    delete[] a;
}
```



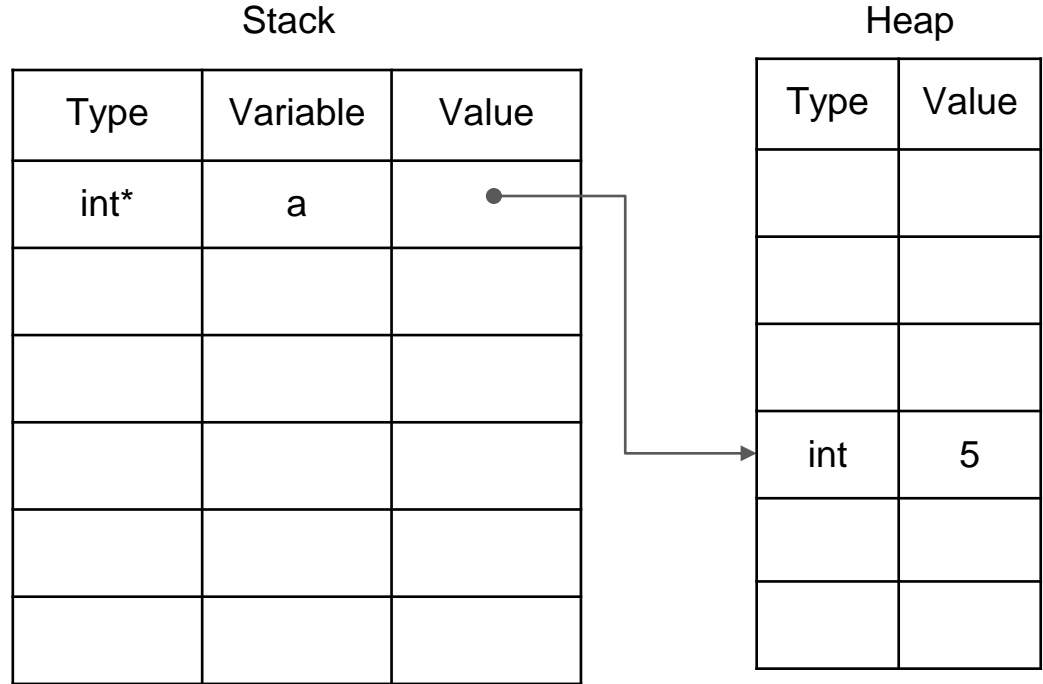
Memory

Variable	Value
	0 <deleted>
	1 <deleted>
	2 <deleted>
	...
a	●

## Stack vs. Heap: `new` and `delete` allocates memory on the heap

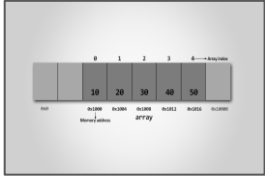
```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int* a = new
int(5);
    cout << *a <<
endl;
    delete a;
}
```



*This is a picture of how the stack and heap are related.*

# Roadmap for Today



**Practice:** Diagramming Memory



Dynamic Memory



Classes and Dynamic Memory

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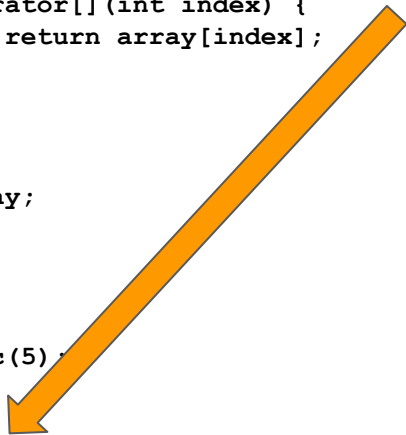
Memory Leak!  
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**Copy Constructor** or **operator=** will do a direct copy of The data!

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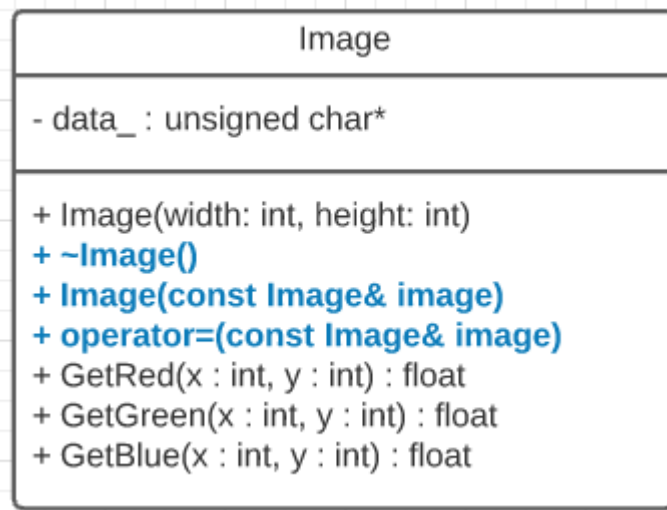
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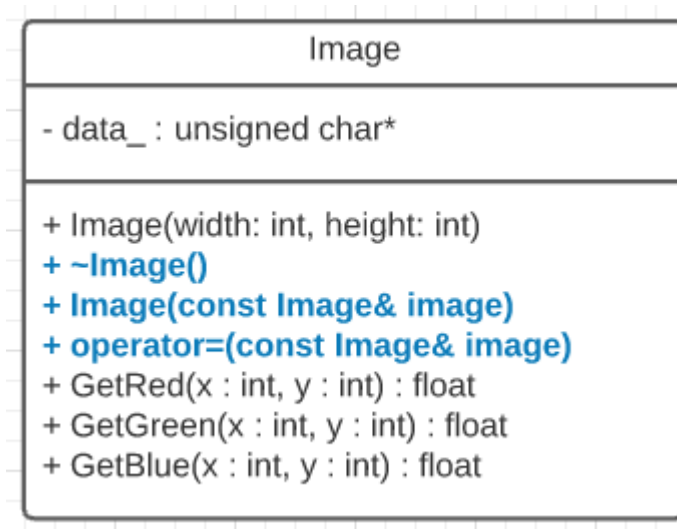
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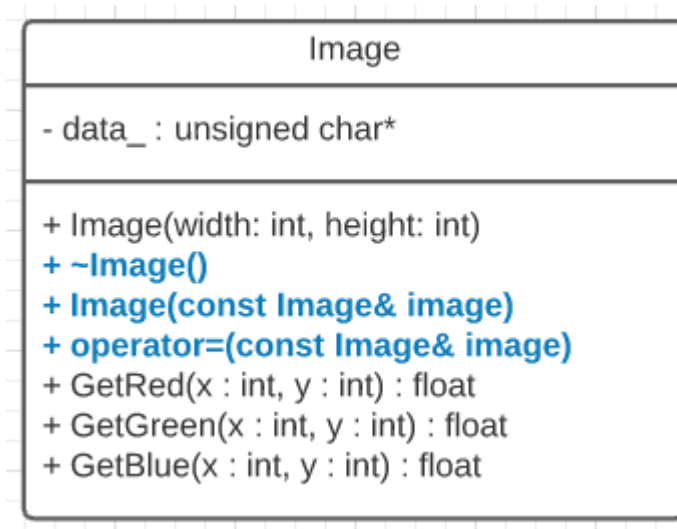
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**this** keyword is a pointer to the current class.

**\*this** dereferences the pointer to get the value.

# Summary

`* & ->`

## Pointers

- Pointers are memory addresses
- They can point to any location in memory.
- The memory doesn't need to exist (e.g. NULL).

`new /  
delete`

## Dynamic Memory

- Anytime a **new** is used on the heap, there must be a **delete**.
- If you allocate with **new[]** you must delete memory with **delete[]**.
- The **Big Three** (destructor, copy constructor, assignment operator)