

Part 1: Warm-up & Code Analysis (10 points)

Before you write any new code, analyze the following C++ program. Predict its exact output and write down your reasoning. This exercise is crucial for understanding how pointers affect variables inside and outside of functions.

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#include <iostream>

void processData(int val, int* ptr) {
    val += 10;
    *ptr += 10;
}

int main() {
    int alpha = 20;
    int beta = 20;

    std::cout << "Before function call:" << std::endl;
    std::cout << "alpha = " << alpha << std::endl;
    std::cout << "beta = " << beta << std::endl;

    processData(alpha, &beta);

    std::cout << "\nAfter function call:" << std::endl;
    std::cout << "alpha = " << alpha << std::endl;
    std::cout << "beta = " << beta << std::endl;

    return 0;
}
```

Your Task:

On a separate document (e.g., a Google Doc or a text file), answer the following questions:

1. The `processData` function takes two parameters: `int val` and `int* ptr`. Which of these is passed by value, and which is passed by reference?

In the `processData` function `val` is passed by the value, and `int* ptr` is passed by the pointer reference.

2. What will be the final value of `alpha` printed by the program? Why doesn't it change to 30?

Alpha is = 20. It does not change because the function is only modified by a local copy of the data, not the original variable in main.

3. What will be the final value of `beta` printed by the program? Why does its value change?

Beta is = 20. It changes because the function is used by a pointer to have access and to modify beta's actual memory address.