

# **Pointers and Memory**

#### What is a pointer?

A pointer is a variable that stores the hexadecimal address of the variable it is pointing to.

#### **Declaring Pointers**

A pointer variable is declared like so:

```
type* pntr;
type *pntr;
```

#### **Accessing Memory Address**

A memory address of a variable is obtained using the reference operator ( & ). Example: &var .

### **Dereferencing Pointers**

A pointer is dereferenced using the dereference operator (\*). Example: \*pntr.

## **Incrementing and Decrementing Pointers**

Pointers can be incremented and decremented using the + and - arithmetic operators.

#### **Accessing Arrays**

Arrays can be accessed by using a pointer to the first element and incrementing and decrementing as necessary.







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