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1. Functions, Pointers, and Tricky declarations activity.

- 1) The proper output of the code will be 22 on one line then 11 on a new line. The original variable for the int x is 44. The next instruction is `divBy2(x)` which calls the function `divBy2(int & n)` that takes in n as a reference to an integer also known as pass by reference. In this case x with the value of 44, and divides it by two yielding 22. Since the function takes in a reference to an integer it modifies the original integer meaning the x in main and n in `divBy2()` are the same integer being manipulated. Next the function `divBy2(&x)` is called, which goes to the `divBy2(int * np)` function. This is because the “&” operator gives the function the address of x as the parameter and `divBy2(int * np)` takes in a pointer to an int which is now housing the address of x. Then within `divBy2(int * np)` it is using the “*” operator to perform the operation $*np = *np / 2$, this changes the actual value that np is pointing to rather than the memory address. Since x is 22 before this function call and np is now pointing to the address of x, the value stored at the address np is pointing to is now 11 which is also x since np is pointing to the address of x.
- 2) `&x` is used as a function parameter because it is calling the `divBy2(int * np)` function. Where np is a pointer to an int and needs a memory address of an int. The “&” supplies the memory address for x and supplies that to the function being called assigned the memory address of x to the pointer np. This allows it to manipulate it with a dereference operator “*” just like how it is doing by dividing

it by 2 with the statement `*np = *np / 2`, this also changes the value of the int np points to which is x.

3)

Declaration Syntax	Meaning
<code>int x</code>	x is an int
<code>int * x</code>	x is a pointer to an int
<code>char ** x</code>	x is a pointer to a pointer to a char
<code>int * x [5]</code>	x is an array of 5 pointers to ints
<code>int (* x) [5]</code>	x is a pointer to an array of 5 ints
<code>int (* x [5]) [5]</code>	x is an array of 5 pointers to arrays of 5 ints
<code>int * (* x [5]) [5]</code>	x is an array of 5 pointers to arrays of 5 pointers to ints
<code>int x()</code>	x is a function with no parameters that returns an int
<code>int x(int)</code>	x is a function that has one int parameter and returns an int
<code>int * x()</code>	x is a function with no parameters that returns a pointer to an int
<code>int * x(int *)</code>	x is a function that has one pointer to an int parameter that returns a pointer to an int
<code>int (* x) ()</code>	x is a pointer to a function that has no parameters and returns an int
<code>int ** (* x)(int **)</code>	x is a pointer to a function that has one pointer to a pointer to an int parameter that returns a pointer to a pointer to an int

2. Const Pointer Activity

1)

- a) Both statements are valid for part a because p1 is a non-constant pointer to non-constant data, and x is a non-constant the assignment `int * p1 = &x` works and causes no errors. Since x is non-constant that statement `*p1 = 11`, also works since x is allowed to be modified.
- b) The first statement `const int * p2 = &x` is a valid statement but the next statement `*p2 = 11`, is not because p2 is declared as a pointer to a constant integer. Since the value that it is pointed to is constant in the pointer's eyes it cannot be modified. The third statement `p2 = &y` is valid, since p2 is not a constant pointer it can change the address it is pointing to.
- c) The first statement `const int * const p3 = &x` is valid, but the next two statements are invalid. Since p3 is a constant pointer to constant data that data cannot be modified which is why `*p3 = 11` is invalid. Also, since p3 is a constant pointer to constant data the address that p3 points to cannot change which is why the statement `p3 = &y` is invalid and not allowed.

2)

- a) All three statements are valid, it just creates different types of pointers pointing to the first element in a.
- b) The first statement `p1++` is valid because p1 is a non-constant pointer to non-constant data and this operation shifts p1 to point to another location in memory. The second statement `p2++` is also valid because p2 is a non-constant pointer meaning it is able to be shifted over and point to a new location in

memory. The third statement `p3++` is invalid because `p3` is a constant pointer and cannot change the location in memory that it is pointing to.

- c) The first statement, `a = b`, and the second statement, `a++`, is invalid because `a` is an array and arrays in C++ cannot be assigned new addresses. `a = b` attempts to assign the address that `a` is pointing to towards the address `b` is pointing to, but `a` is an array and this is invalid. The next statement, `a++` attempts to increment the address `a` is pointing to by 1 but arrays cannot be assigned new addresses, therefore invalid. The third statement `(*a)++` is valid because we are using the dereference operator on `a` which is referring to the value in the first element and incrementing it by one which is valid.
- 3)
- a) Both the first two statements are valid and will compile and run just fine. The last statement, `foo()++` is invalid because `foo()` is a function call and this will cause a compiler error since the postfix increment operator requires an lvalue to increment and `foo()` is not a value or a variable.
 - b) Only the first two statements are valid. The third statement, `(*p1)++`, is invalid because `p1` is pointing to constant data and therefore the data cannot be modified with a dereference operator. The third statement, `bar()++`, `bar` returns is invalid because `bar()` is a function call and not a value, therefore it cannot be used as an lvalue for the postfix increment operator. The last statement, `(*bar())++` is invalid because the value that `bar()` returns is a pointer to constant data and therefore cannot be modified with a dereference operator.

- c) Only the third and fourth statements are invalid. The third statement is invalid because the value returned by `baz()` is being assigned to a pointer to constant data and therefore cannot be modified by the statement with the dereference operator `(*p2)++` because `p2` is pointing to constant data. The fourth statement is invalid because `baz()` is a function call and therefore cannot be incremented with a postfix increment operator since `baz()` is not an lvalue and the postfix increment requires an lvalue.