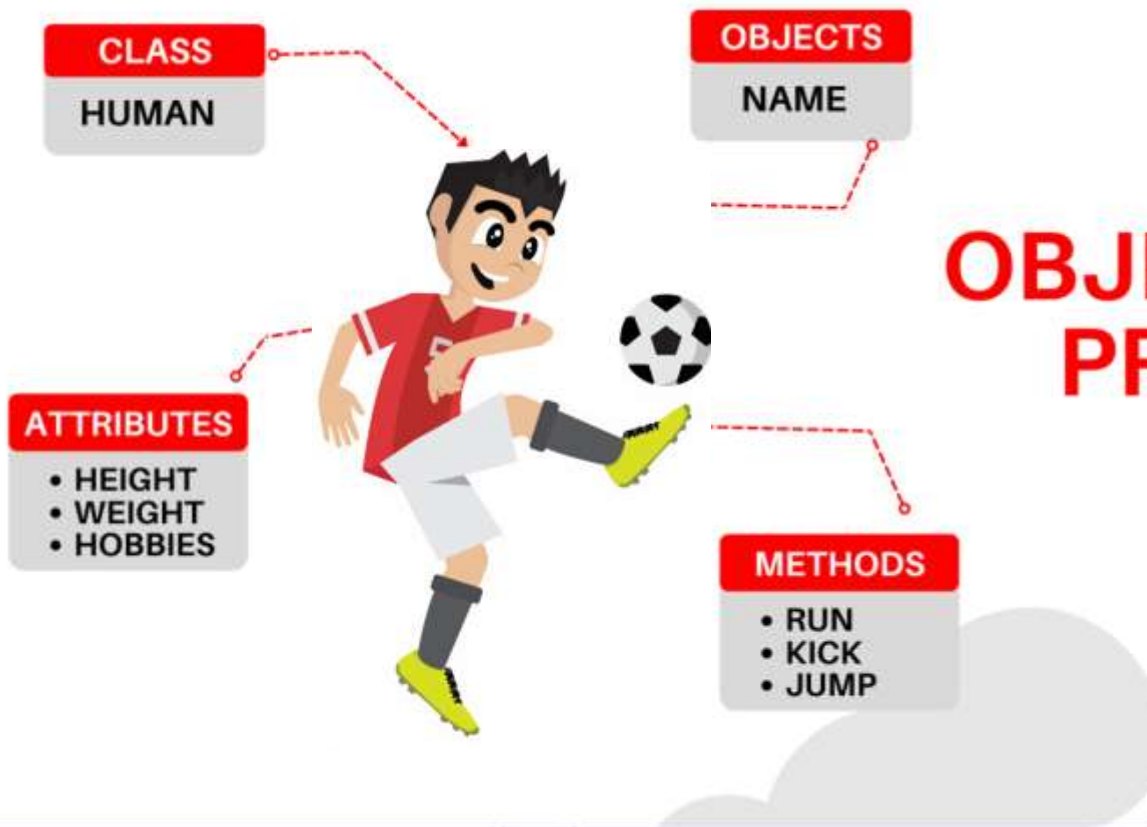




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Lecture # 3 Pointers and DMA

Casting pointers

- Pointers have types, so you cannot just do this

```
int *pi;  
double *pd;  
pd = pi;
```

- Even if they are both the same size, C++ will still give an error on implicit typecasting

Casting pointers

- C++ will let you **change the type of a pointer** with an **explicit cast**

```
int *pi; char *pd;  
pd = (char*) pi;
```



Casting pointers

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```
int *pi = new int;  
*pi = 65;  
char *pd;  
pd = (char*) pi;  
cout<<*pd;  
//prints A (ascii 65)
```



Casting pointers

```
int *pi = new int; //size 4 bytes  
*pi = 131072;
```

00000000	00000010	00000000	00000000
byte 4	byte 3	byte 2	byte 1

```
short *pd;  
pd = (short*) pi;  
cout<<*pd;  
//Prints 0 (short size 2 bytes)
```



Pointer Arithmetic

```
int x = 25;  
int *intptr = &x;
```

```
intptr++;
```

What happens now?

Pointer address increases by 4 bytes because the pointer is of type int

Same as `intptr + 1`



Pointer Arithmetic

```
int x = 25;  
int *intptr = &x;
```

```
intptr++;
```

e.g. address of x was 4000

intptr will now be 4004



Pointer Arithmetic

```
char x = '4' ;  
char *charptr = &x;
```

```
charptr++;
```

What happens now?

Pointer address increases by **1 bytes** because the **pointer is of type char**

Same as `charptr + 1`



Pointer Arithmetic

Expression	Assuming p is a pointer to a...	... and the size of *p is...	Value added to the pointer
p+1	char	1	1
p+1	short	2	2
p+1	int	4	4
p+1	double	8	8
p+2	char	1	2
p+2	short	2	4
p+2	int	4	8
p+2	double	8	16

Pointer Arithmetic

```
int x = 25;  
int *intptr = &x;
```

Can we increment the value of x using the pointer?

```
(*intptr) ++;
```

- * Gets the value the pointer points at.
- Value of **x** becomes **26**
- Brackets needed because * has **lower precedence**



Pointer Arithmetic

Only two types of arithmetic operations allowed:

- 1) **Addition**: only integers can be added
- 2) **Subtraction**: only integers be subtracted

- | | | |
|-------|-----------------------------------------|---|
| I. | pointer + integer (ptr+1) | ✓ |
| II. | integer + pointer (1+ptr) | ✓ |
| III. | pointer + pointer (ptr + ptr) | ✗ |
| IV. | pointer - integer (ptr - 1) | ✓ |
| V. | integer - pointer (1 - ptr) | ✗ |
| VI. | pointer - pointer (ptr - ptr) | ★ |
| VII. | compare pointer to pointer (ptr == ptr) | ✓ |
| VIII. | compare pointer to integer (1 == ptr) | ✗ |
| IX. | compare pointer to 0 (ptr == 0) | ✓ |
| X. | compare pointer to NULL (ptr == NULL) | ✓ |

Relationship Between Pointers and Arrays

- Arrays and pointers are closely related
- Array name is a constant pointer that stores the starting address of an array
- All arrays elements are placed in the consecutive locations



The Relationship Between Arrays and Pointers

- Array name is the **starting address of array**

```
int vals[] = {4, 7, 11};
```

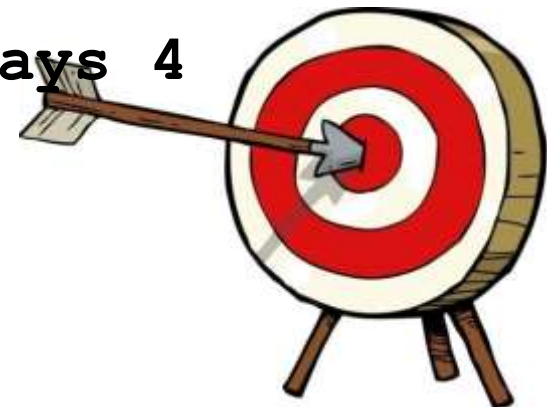
starting address of vals: **0x4a00**

4	7	11
---	---	----

```
cout << vals;           // displays
```

```
0x4a00
```

```
cout << vals[0];        // displays 4
```



The Relationship Between Arrays and Pointers

- Array name can be used as a pointer:

```
int vals[] = {4, 7, 11};  
cout << *vals;    // displays 4
```

- Pointer can be used as an array name:

```
int *valptr = vals;  
cout << valptr[1]; // displays 7
```



Array Access

`vals[i]` is equivalent to `*(vals + i)`

- No bounds checking performed on array access, whether using array name or a pointer



Array Access

- We can access array elements using array index
`int num = vals[2]; //value assignment`
- We can access array elements using pointers
`int* p = vals; //address assignment`
- List is an address, no need for &
- The pointer `p` will contain the address of the first element of array List.
- Element `vals[2]` can be accessed by `*(p + 2)`

Array Access

- Array elements can be accessed in many ways:

Array access method	Example
array name and []	<code>vals[2] = 17;</code>
pointer to array and []	<code>valptr[2] = 17;</code>
array name and subscript arithmetic	<code>*(vals + 2) = 17;</code>
pointer to array and subscript arithmetic	<code>*(valptr + 2) = 17;</code>

Pointers in Expressions

Given:

```
int vals[]={4,7,11}, *valptr;  
valptr = vals;
```

What is `valptr + 1`? It means (address in `valptr`) + (1 * size of an int)

```
cout << *(valptr+1); //displays 7  
cout << *(valptr+2); //displays 11
```

Must use () as shown in the expressions

- This does not change the value of the pointer

Relationship between Arrays and Pointers

```
void main()
```

```
{
```

```
    int numbers[] = {10,20,30,40,50};
```

```
    cout<< numbers[0] <<endl;
```

```
    cout<< numbers <<endl;
```

```
    cout<< *numbers <<endl;
```

```
    cout<< *(numbers+1) ;
```

```
}
```

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Address e.g.,
&34234

10

20

Pointer Arithmetic

- Operations on pointer variables:

Operation	Example
	<pre>int vals[]={4,7,11}; int *valptr = vals;</pre>
<code>++, --</code>	<pre>valptr++; // points at 7 valptr--; // now points at 4</pre>
<code>+, - (pointer and int)</code>	<pre>cout << *(valptr + 2); // 11</pre>
<code>+=, -= (pointer and int)</code>	<pre>valptr = vals; // points at 4 valptr += 2; // points at 11</pre>
<code>- (pointer from pointer)</code>	<pre>cout << valptr-vals; // difference // (number of ints) between valptr // and val</pre>

```
7    const int SIZE = 8;
8    int set[SIZE] = {5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40};
9    int *numPtr;    // Pointer
10   int count;      // Counter variable for loops
11
12   // Make numPtr point to the set array.
13   numPtr = set;
14
15   // Use the pointer to display the array contents.
16   cout << "The numbers in set are:\n";
17   for (count = 0; count < SIZE; count++)
18   {
19       cout << *numPtr << " ";
20       numPtr++;
21   }
22
23   // Display the array contents in reverse order.
24   cout << "\nThe numbers in set backward are:\n";
25   for (count = 0; count < SIZE; count++)
26   {
27       numPtr--;
28       cout << *numPtr << " ";
29   }
```

```
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8     int set[SIZE] = {5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40};
9     int *numPtr;    // Pointer
10    int count;      // Counter variable for loops
11
12    // Make numPtr point to the set array.
13    numPtr = set;
14
15    // Use the pointer to display the array contents.
16    cout << "The numbers in set are:\n";
17    for (count = 0; count < SIZE; count++)
18    {
19        cout << *numPtr << " ";
20        numPtr++;
21    }
22
23    // Display the array contents in reverse order.
24    cout << "\nThe numbers in set backward are:\n";
25    for (count = 0; count < SIZE; count++)
26    {
27        numPtr--;
28        cout << *numPtr << " ";
29    }
```

Program Output

The numbers in set are:

5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40

The numbers in set backward are:

40 35 30 25 20 15 10 5

Arrays and Pointers

Array name is the starting address of the array

```
int A[25];  
int *p; int i=0, j=0;
```

`p = A;`

`p` points to `A[0]`

`p + i` points to `A[i]`

`&A[j]` is also the same as `p+j`

`A[j]` is also the same as `*(p+j)`

Arrays Decay to Pointers

- We learned to **pass arrays as arguments to functions**
- For example, suppose we use this statement to pass the array **numbers** to the **showValues** function:

```
showValues (numbers , SIZE) ;
```

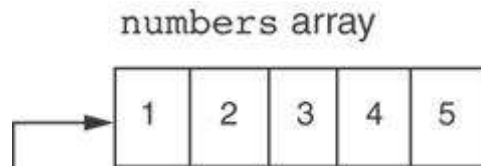


Arrays Decay to Pointers

Arrays passed by value **decay into a pointer.**

Cannot find size using sizeof() and must pass size as a function parameter

The `showValues`



`showValues(numbers, SIZE)`

address

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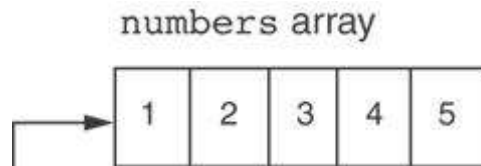
```
void showValues(int values[], int size)
{
    for (int count = 0; count < size; count++)
        cout << values[count] << endl;
}
```

C++ automatically stores the address of `numbers` in the `values` parameter.

Arrays Decay to Pointers

Using `sizeof()` on **an array passed by value to a function** will return the **size of the pointer**

The `showValues`



`showValues(numbers, SIZE)`

address

5

```
void showValues(int values[], int size)
{
    for (int count = 0; count < size; count++)
        cout << values[count] << endl;
}
```

C++ automatically stores the address of **numbers** in the **values** parameter.

Comparing Pointers

- Relational operators (<, >=, etc.) can be used to compare addresses in pointers
- Comparing addresses in pointers is not the same as comparing contents pointed at by pointers:

```
if (ptr1 == ptr2) // compares addresses
if (*ptr1 == *ptr2) // compares contents
```

Comparing Pointers

- If one address comes **before** another address in memory, the first address is considered **less** than the second address.
- In an array, elements are stored in **consecutive memory locations**, E.g., address of Arr[2] will be **smaller** than the address of Arr[3] etc.

Accessing 1-Dimensional Array Using Pointers

- We know, Array name denotes the memory address

- Example:

```
int List [ 50 ];  
int *Pointer;  
Pointer = List;
```

- Other slots of the Array (List [50]) can be accessed using Arithmetic operations on Pointer.
- For example the address of (element 4th) can be accessed

```
int *Value = Pointer + 3;
```

- The value of (element 4th) can be accessed using:-

```
int Value = *(Pointer + 3);
```

Address	Data
980	Element 0
984	Element 1
988	Element 2
992	Element 3
996	Element 4
1000	Element 5
1004	Element 6
1008	Element 7
1012	Element 8
...	
...	
...	Element 49

Accessing 1-Dimensional Array


```
....  
....  
int List [ 50 ];  
int *Pointer;  
Pointer = List; // Address of first Element  
  
int *ptr;  
ptr = Pointer + 3; // Address of 4th Element  
*ptr = 293; // 293 value store at 4th element  
address  
}
```

Address	Data
980	Element 0
984	Element 1
988	Element 2
992	293
996	Element 4
1000	Element 5
1004	Element 6
1008	Element 7
1012	Element 8
...	
...	
...	Element 49

Accessing 1-Dimensional Array

We can access all element of List [50] using Pointers and a for loop

```
int List [ 50 ];
int *Pointer;
Pointer = List;
for ( int i = 0; i < 50; i++ )
{
    cout << *Pointer;
    Pointer++; // Address of next element
}
```



This is Equivalent to

```
for ( int index = 0; index < 50; index++ )
    cout << Array [ index ] ;
```

Address	Data
980	Element 0
984	Element 1
988	Element 2
992	Element 3
996	Element 4
1000	Element 5
1004	Element 6
1008	Element 7
1012	Element 8
...	
...	
...	Element 49

Accessing 2-Dimensional Array

- Note that the statements

```
int *Pointer;  
Pointer = &List [3];
```

- represents that we are accessing the address of **4th slot**

- In 2-Dimensional array the statements

```
int List[ 5 ][ 6 ];  
int *Pointer;  
Pointer = &List [3];
```

Represents that we are accessing the address of **4th row** and **1st column**

Address	Data
980	Element 0
984	Element 1
988	Element 2
992	Element 3
996	Element 4
1000	Element 5
1004	Element 6
1008	Element 7
1012	Element 8
...	
...	
...	Element 49

Accessing 2-Dimensional Array

- `int List [9] [6] ;`
- `int *ptr;`
- `ptr = &List [3];`

• To access the address of 4th row
2nd column:

- `ptr++; // address of 4th row 2nd column`

- Equivalent to `List [3][1] ;`

		Column					
		0	1	2	3	4	5
Row	0	300	302	304	306	308	310
	1	312	314	316	318	320	322
	2	324	326	328	330	332	334
	3	336	338	340	342	344	346
	4	348	350	352	354	356	358
	5	360	362	364	366	368	370
	6	372	374	376	378	380	382
	7	384	386	388	390	392	394
	8	396	398	400	402	404	406

Memory address

Dynamic Memory Allocation

- Can also use **new** to allocate array:
- `int SIZE = 25;`
`double *arrayPtr = new double[SIZE];`
- Can then use `[]` or pointer arithmetic to access array:
`for(int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++)`
`arrayptr[i] = i;`
or
`for(int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++)`
`*(arrayptr + i) = i;`
- Program will terminate if not enough memory available to allocate

```
// Dynamically allocate memory for 1d array
```

```
int N, i;
```

```
N = 15;
```

```
// Dynamically allocate memory of size N
```

```
int *array = new int[N];
```

```
// Assign values of allocated memory
```

```
for(i = 0; i < N; i++){  
    cin >> *(array+i); }
```

```
for(i = 0; i < N; i++){  
    cout<<array[i]<<" "; // is equal to cout<<*(array+i);
```

```
delete [] array; //deallocate memory
```

```
// Dynamically allocate memory for 1d array
```

```
int N, i;
```

```
cout<<"Enter size of array: ";
```

```
cin >> N; //get size from user
```

```
// Dynamically allocate memory of size N
```

```
int *array = new int[N];
```

```
// Assign values of allocated memory
```

```
for(i = 0; i < N; i++){
```

```
    cin >> *(array+i); }
```

```
for(i = 0; i < N; i++){
```

```
    cout<<array[i]<<" "; // is equal to cout<<*(array+i);
```

```
delete [] array; //deallocate memory
```

Creating Dynamic 2D Arrays

- Two basic methods:
 1. Using [Only one Pointer/One array](#)
 2. Using an [Array of Pointers](#)

Dynamic two dimensional arrays

1. Using One Pointer/One array

- Total elements in a 2D Array:

$M * N$ (i.e., rows * cols)

5 rows * 4
columns = 20
elements

Approach:

- Allocate 20 elements using **dynamic allocation**
- Use a pointer to **point** and **access those items**

Accessing 2-Dimensional Array

- Access static array elements using a pointer

```
int arr[9]={ 1,2,3,  
            4,5,6,  
            7,8,9};
```

```
int *p = &arr[0];
```

```
* (p + (TotCols * rowIndx) + colIndx) ;
```

```
//equivalent to arr[1][1]
```

```
cout<<* (p + (3 * 1) + 1) ; //prints 5
```

```
//equivalent to arr[2][2]
```

```
cout<<* (p + (3 * 2) + 2) ; //prints 9
```

Accessing 2-Dimensional Array

- Access dynamic array elements using a pointer

```
int *p = new int[9];  
for(int i=0;i<9;i++){  
    p[i] = i+1;  
}  
*(p + (TotCols * rowIndx) + colIndx);  
  
//equivalent to arr[1][1]  
cout<<*(p + (3 * 1) + 1); //prints 5  
  
//equivalent to arr[2][2]  
cout<<*(p + (3 * 2) + 2); //prints 9
```


Dynamic 2D Arrays

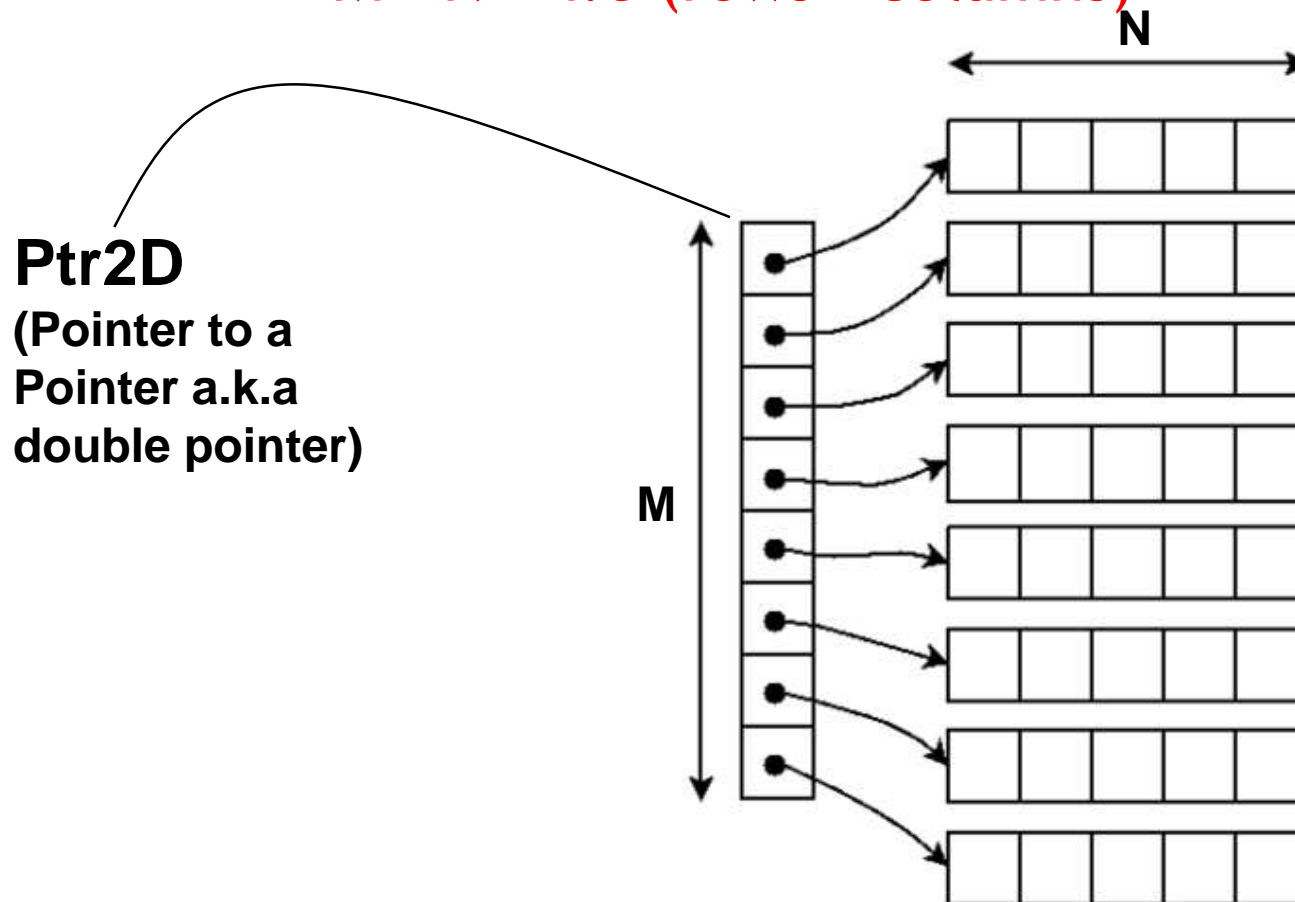
```
1  #include <iostream>
2
3  // M x N matrix
4  #define M 4
5  #define N 5
6
7  // Dynamically Allocate Memory for 2D Array in C++
8  int main()
9  {
10     // dynamically allocate memory of size M*N
11     int* A = new int[M * N];
12
13     // assign values to allocated memory
14     for (int i = 0; i < M; i++)
15         for (int j = 0; j < N; j++)
16             *(A + i*N + j) = rand() % 100;
17
18     // print the 2D array
19     for (int i = 0; i < M; i++)
20     {
21         for (int j = 0; j < N; j++)
22             std::cout << *(A + i*N + j) << " ";
23
24         std::cout << std::endl;
25     }
26
27     // deallocate memory
28     delete[] A;
29
30     return 0;
31 }
```

Dynamic 2D Array – Double Pointer

2. Using a Pointer that points to an Array of Pointer

- Total elements in a 2D Array:

$M * N$ i.e (rows * columns)



Dynamic 2D Array – Double Pointer

```
int M=3, N=4;
```

```
// Dynamically create
```

```
int **arr = new int*
```

```
// Dynamic allocate
```

```
for(int i = 0; i < M; i++)
    arr[i] = new int[N];
}
```

```
// deallocate memory
```

```
for(int i = 0; i < M; i++){
    delete[] arr[i]; }
delete[] arr;
```

arr □ start of array of pointers

*arr □ First Address pointed by first row (sub array)

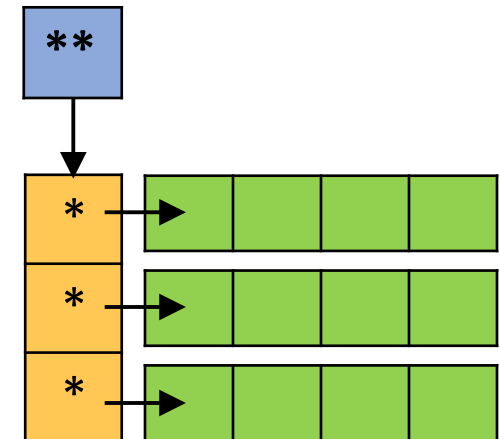
(*arr) □ First value of first array

(*arr)++ □ Move to next address in the first

row (second array

**Can we vary the size
of each column in
Dynamic 2D Array
(using double
pointer)**

each row



```
// Dynamically Allocate Memory for 2D Array in C++
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    // dynamically create array of pointers of size M
```

```
    int** A = new int*[M];
```

```
    // dynamically allocate memory of size N for each row
```

```
    for (int i = 0; i < M; i++)
```

```
    |     A[i] = new int[N+i];
```

```
    // assign values to allocated memory
```

```
    for (int i = 0; i < M; i++)
```

```
    |     for (int j = 0; j < N+i; j++)
```

```
    |         A[i][j] = rand() % 100;
```

```
    // print the 2D array
```

```
    for (int i = 0; i < M; i++)
```

```
    {
```

```
    |     for (int j = 0; j < N+i; j++)
```

```
    |         std::cout << A[i][j] << " ";
```

```
    |     std::cout << std::endl;
```

```
    }
```

```
    // deallocate memory using delete[] operator
```

```
    for (int i = 0; i < M; i++)
```

```
    |     delete[] A[i];
```

```
    delete[] A;
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

Dynamic 2D Array (Varying Row Size)

Output

```
83 86 77 15 93
35 86 92 49 21 62
27 90 59 63 26 40 26
72 36 11 68 67 29 82 30
```

C - Strings

#include <string> VS

<cstring>
String class
header

#include <string.h>
#include

C language
file

strings as
char arrays

Stores



C - Strings

- In C++, a C-string is a **sequence of characters** stored in consecutive memory locations (**array**), **terminated by a null character**.

```
string name= "Bailey";
```

B	a	i	l	e	y	\0
0	1	2	3	4	5	6

\0 is the NULL character



Character Arrays

- Be careful, every character array is **not** a string, however the behavior is similar

```
char name[7]= {'B','a','i','l','e','y','y'};
```

B	a	i	l	e	y	y
0	1	2	3	4	5	6



Character Arrays

- Character array initialized with **string literal**

```
char name[7]="Bail"; //always stores /0 at the end
```

- If initializer values of a char array are **less than array size**, remaining filled with **null character** – can treat **array like a string**

B	a	i	l	\0	\0	\0
0	1	2	3	4	5	6



Character Arrays

- Character array initialized with **string literal**

```
char name[]="Bailey"; //always stores /0 at the end
```

- Array size **not specified**, char array size = number of characters in string literal + 1 (for \0)

B	a	i	l	e	y	\0
0	1	2	3	4	5	6



Character Arrays

- Be careful, every character array is **not a string**

```
char name[4]="Bail"; //always stores /0 at the end
```

- Array size is 4, characters to store are also 4, **no space for NULL character – ERROR!!**

B	a	i	l	\0
0	1	2	3	4



Character Arrays

```
char name[]="Bail"; //always stores /0 at the end  
cout<< name; //what happens now?  
//Prints Bail
```

- The char array is treated as a **string** and cout prints characters from the starting address of the array till the null character

B	a	i	l	\0
0	1	2	3	4



Character Arrays

```
char name[4] = {'B','a','i','l'};  
cout<< name; //what happens now?  
//Prints Bail
```

- The char array is treated as a **string** and cout prints characters from the starting address of the array till the end

B	a	i	l
0	1	2	3



Character Arrays

```
char name[4] = {'B','a','i','l'};  
cout<< (name+1); //what happens now?  
//Prints ail
```

- The char array is treated as a **string** and cout prints characters from the starting address till the end

B	a	i	l
0	1	2	3



Character Arrays and Char Pointer

```
char arr[] = "****";  
int i = 1;  
for (; i < 3; i++) {  
    cout << (arr+i) << endl;  
  
}  
for (; i >= 1; i--) {  
    cout << (arr + i) << endl;  
  
}
```

* * *

* *

*

* *

* * *



Character Arrays and Char Pointer

```
char name[]="Bail"; //always stores /0 at the end  
char *ptr = name;  
cout<< ptr; //what happens now?  
//Prints Bail
```

- cout prints characters from the pointer address till the null character

B	a	i	l	\0
0	1	2	3	4



Character Arrays and Char Pointer

```
char name[]="Bail"; //always stores /0 at the end  
char *ptr = name;  
cout<< ptr;  
ptr++;
```

- cout prints characters from the starting address of the array till the null character, print **ail**

B	a	i	l	\0
0	1	2	3	4



Character Arrays and Char Pointer

```
void match(char* str, char ch, int size) {  
    for(int i=0;i<size;i++) {  
        if(*str == ch) {  
            cout << str;  
            break;  
        }  
        else  
            str++;    }  
}  
  
void main() {  
    char arr[] = "some string";  
    match(arr, 'e', sizeof(arr));  
}
```

e string



Character Arrays and Char Pointer

```
// Copying string using Pointers
```

```
char* str1 = "Self-conquest is the greatest  
victory.";
```

```
char str2[80]; //empty string
```

```
char* src = str1;
```

```
char* dest = str2;
```

```
while( *src ) //until null character,
```

```
    *dest++ = *src++; //copy from src to dest
```

```
*dest = '\0'; //terminate dest
```

```
cout << str2 << endl; //display str2
```



Cin vs Getline

Input can be performed by the cin object.

```
const int SIZE = 21;  
char name[SIZE];  
cin >> name;
```

This code allows the user to enter a string (**with no whitespace characters**) into the name array



Cin vs Getline

C-string input can be performed by the getline function of the cin object.

```
const int SIZE = 21;  
char name[SIZE];  
  
cin.getline(name, SIZE);
```

This code allows the user to enter a string
whitespace characters) into the name array



Cin vs Getline

```
const int SIZE = 21;  
char name[SIZE];  
cin.getline(name, SIZE);
```

- first argument tells getline **where to store** the string input.
- second argument indicates maximum length of the string, including the **null terminator**



Cin vs Getline

```
const int SIZE = 21;  
char name[SIZE];  
cin.getline(name, SIZE);
```

In this example, the SIZE constant is equal to 21,
cin will read 20 characters, or until the user presses the
Enter key, whichever comes first.

cin will automatically **append the null terminator** to the
end of the string.



Cin vs Getline

```
const int SIZE = 21;  
char name[SIZE];  
cin.getline(name, SIZE);
```

If you are using cin and cin.getline together, you would have to clear the input buffer inbetween, **to remove the null character inserted by cin**

Use **cin.ignore();** for this.



Cin vs Getline

If you are using cin and cin.getline together, you would have to **clear the input buffer inbetween**

Use `cin.ignore();` for this.

```
int x, arr[3];  
cin>>x;  
cin.ignore(); //clears the input stream  
buffer  
cin.getline(arr,3);
```



Pointers to Constants

```
const int a = 5;
```

```
int *foo = &a;
```

ERROR!!

If we want to store the address of a **constant** in a pointer, then we need to store it in a **pointer-to-const**

```
const int *foo = &a;
```



Pointers to Constants

This is a **READ-ONLY** pointer.

```
const int *foo= &a;
```

```
*foo = 26; //ERROR
```



Pointers to Constants

```
const int a = 5;
```

```
const int *foo= &a;
```

Be careful:

`const` is applied to the thing that `foo` points to, **not** `foo` itself


The pointer itself is **not constant**



Pointers to Constants

```
const int a = 5;
```

```
const int *foo = &a;
```



The data type
foo points to

Because foo is a **pointer to a const**, the compiler will not allow us to write code that changes the thing that foo points to.



Pointers to Constants

```
const int a = 5;
```

```
const int *foo= &a;
```

```
*foo = NULL;
```

- Like standard pointers you can also set a pointer to constant NULL



Pointers to Constants

```
const int a = 5;
```

```
const int *foo= &a;
```

```
*foo = new int;
```

- Like standard pointers you can also use a pointer to constant for dynamic memory allocation



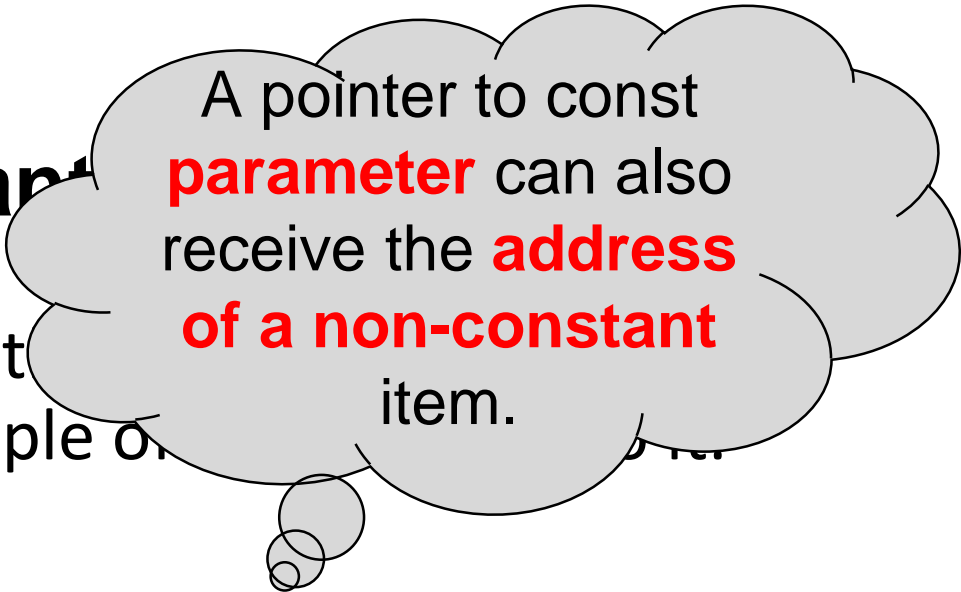
Pointers to Constants

- Example: Suppose we have the following definitions:

```
const int SIZE = 6;  
const double payRates[SIZE] =  
    { 18.55, 17.45, 12.85,  
      14.97, 10.35, 18.89 };
```

- In this code, **payRates** is an array of constant doubles.

Pointers to Constant



A pointer to const **parameter** can also receive the **address of a non-constant** item.

- Suppose we wish to pass to a function? Here's an example of...

```
void displayPayRates(const double *rates, int size)
{
    for (int count = 0; count < size; count++)
    {
        cout << "Pay rate " << (count + 1)
              << " is $" << *(rates + count) << endl;
    }
}
```

The parameter, rates, is a pointer to **const double**.

Declaration of a Pointer to Constant

The asterisk indicates that rates is a pointer.

`const double *rates`

This is what rates points to.



Constant Pointers

- A constant pointer is a pointer that is initialized with an address, and **cannot point to anything else**
- Example

```
int value = 22;  
int * const ptr = &value;
```



Constant Pointers

* const indicates that
ptr is a constant pointer.

`int * const ptr`

This is what ptr points to.



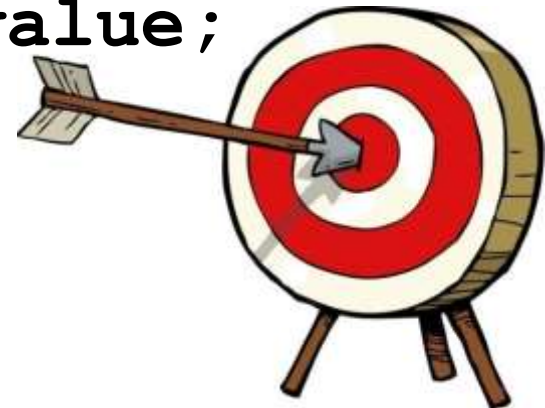
Constant Pointers to Constants

- A **constant pointer** to a **constant** is:
 - a pointer that points to a constant
 - a pointer that cannot point to anything except what it is pointing to

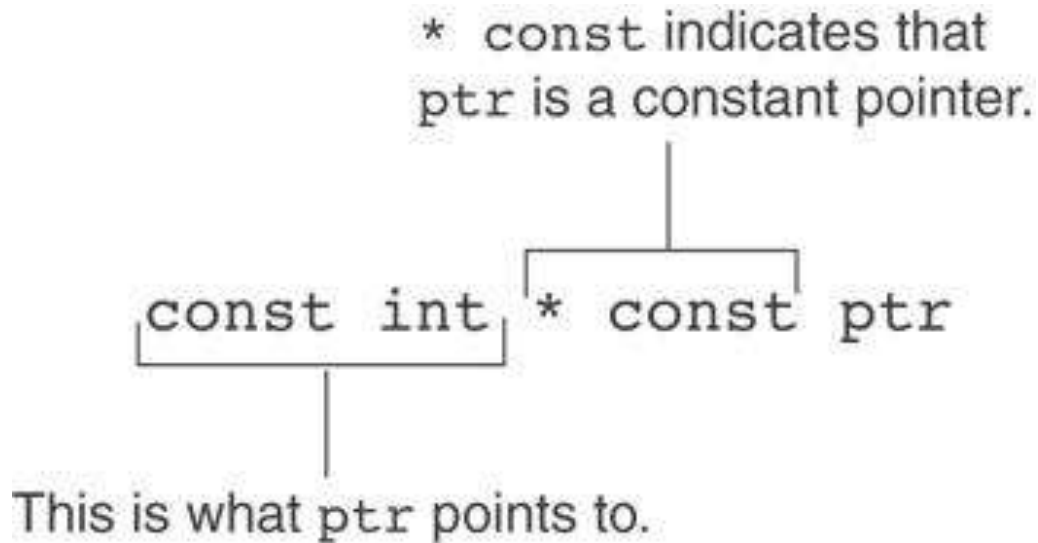
- Example:

```
const int value = 22;
```

```
const int * const ptr = &value;
```



Constant Pointers to Constants



Constant Pointers to Constants

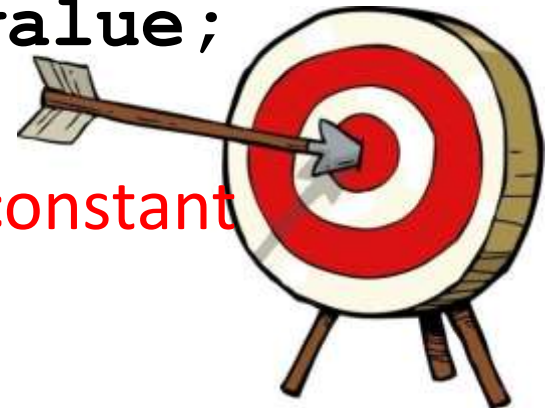
- A **constant pointer** to a **constant** is:
 - a pointer that points to a constant
 - a pointer that cannot point to anything except what it is pointing to

- Example:

```
int value = 22;
```

```
const int * const ptr = &value;
```

Pointer to const can also point to **non-constant**



Pointers as Function Parameters

- A pointer can be a function parameter

```
void getNum(int  
*ptr) { //definition  
    .....  
}
```

- Use pointers as function parameters and addresses as arguments
- Pass address using & operator

```
int num = 7;  
getNum(&num); //function call
```

Pointers as Function Parameters

- A pointer can be a function parameter

```
void getNum(int  
*ptr) { //definition  
    .....  
}
```

- Can also use pointer as an argument

```
int num = 7; int *p = &num;  
getNum(p) ; //function call
```


Pointers as Function Parameters

```
void func(int *num)
{
    *num = 10;
}
```

n = 5	2000
	2400

```
void main()
{
    int n = 5;
    cout<<"Before: n = "<<n<<endl;
    func(&n);
    cout<<"After: n = "<<n<<endl;
}
```

Pointers as Function Parameters

```
void func(int *num)
{
    *num = 10;
}
```

n = 5	2000
num = 2000	2400

```
void main()
{
    int n = 5;
    cout<<"Before: n = "<<n<<endl;
    func(&n);
    cout<<"After: n = "<<n<<endl;
}
```

Pointers as Function Parameters

```
void func(int *num)
{
    *num = 10;
}
```

n = 10	2000
num = 2000	2400

```
void main()
{
    int n = 5;
    cout<<"Before: n = "<<n<<endl;
    func(&n);
    cout<<"After: n = "<<n<<endl;
}
```

Pointers as Function Parameters

```
void func(int *num)
{
    *num = 10;
}
```

n = 10	2000
	2400

```
void main()
{
    int n = 5;
    cout<<"Before: n = "
    func(&n);
    cout<<"After: n = "<<n<<endl;
}
```

Before: n = 5
After: n = 10

Pointers as Function Parameters

- Do not use **&** while passing an array
- Array **name is already an address**

```
void compDouble(int* Ar)
{
    .....
}

void main()
{
    int
    Arr[10]={0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};
    compDouble(&Arr); //ERROR
}
```

Pointers as Function Parameters

- Do not use **&** while passing an array
- Array **name is already an address**

```
void compDouble(int* Ar)
```

```
{
```

```
    .....
```

```
}
```

```
void main()
```

```
{          int
```

```
Arr[10]={0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};
```

```
        compDouble(Arr); //Correct way
```

```
}
```

Pointers as Function Parameters

```
void compDouble(int* Ar)
{
    for(int i=0;i<10;i++)
        {
            *Ar=(*Ar)*2;
            Ar++;
        }
}
```

```
void main()
{
    int
    Arr[10]={0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};
    compDouble(Arr);
}
```

Pointers as Function Parameters

- A function with a pointer parameter, called with pointer argument
 - **Case 1:** If you change the value at the address the pointer points to, the **change will remain even after the function has returned**
 - **Case 2:** If you change the value of the pointer (address), the **change will not be retained after the function ends**
 - This is because the function has a copy of the pointer

Case 1 Example

```
void func(int *num)
{
    *num = 30;
}
```

```
void main()
{
    int n = 5; int *p = &n;
    cout<<"Before: n = "<<n<<endl;
    func(p);
    cout<<"After: n = "<<n<<endl;
}
```



Before: n = 5
After: n = 30

Case 2 Example

```
int g1 = 93;
void func(int *num)
{
    num = &g1;
}
void main()
{
    int n = 5; int *p = &n;
    cout<<"Before: n = "<<n<<endl;
    func(p);
    cout<<"After: n = "<<n<<endl;
}
```



Before: n = 5
After: n = 5

Pointers as Function Parameters

- Two ways to change the value of a pointer (address) in a function with a pointer parameter

1. **Pointer to pointer** (double pointer)

1. **Reference to pointer** (aliasing)



Pointer to Pointer Function Parameter

```
int g1 = 95;
void func(int **num)
{
    *num = &g1;
}
void main()
{
    int n = 5; int *ptr = &n;
    cout<<"Before = "<< *ptr <<endl;
    func(&ptr);
    cout<<"After = "<< *ptr <<endl;
}
```

n = 5	2000
ptr = 2000	2400

Pointer to Pointer Function Parameter

```
int g1 = 95;  
void func(int **num)  
{  
    *num = &g1;  
}
```

n = 5	2000
ptr = 2000	2400
num = 2400	3210

```
void main()  
{    int n = 5; int *ptr = &n;  
    cout<<"Before = "<< *ptr <<endl;  
    func(ptr) ;  
    cout<<"After = "<< *ptr <<endl;  
}
```

Pointer to Pointer Function Parameter

```
int g1 = 95; //address 1500
void func(int **num)
{
    *num = &g1;
}
void main()
{
    int n = 5; int *ptr = &n;
    cout<<"Before = "<< *ptr <<endl;
    func(ptr);
    cout<<"After = "<< *ptr <<endl;
}
```

n = 5	2000
ptr = 2000	2400
num = 2400	3210

Pointer to Pointer Function Parameter

```
int g1 = 95; //address 1500
```

```
void func(int **num)
```

```
{
```

```
    *num = &g1;
```

```
}
```

```
void main()
```

```
{    int n = 5; int *ptr = &n;
```

```
    cout<<"Before = "<< *ptr <<endl;
```

```
    func(ptr);
```

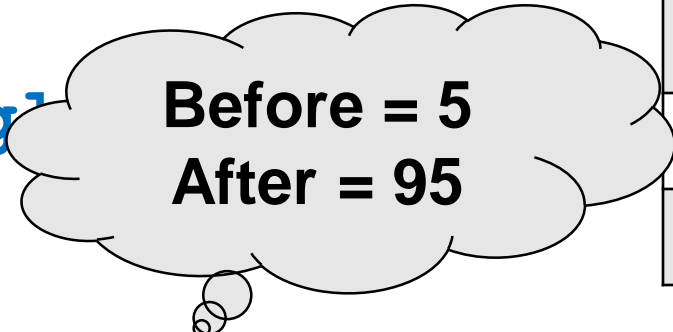
```
    cout<<"After = "<< *ptr <<endl;
```

```
}
```

n = 5	2000
ptr = 1500	2400
num = 2400	3210

Pointer to Pointer Function Parameter

```
int g1 = 95; //address 1500
void func(int **num)
{
    *num = &g1;
}
void main()
{
    int n = 5; int *ptr = &n;
    cout<<"Before = "<< *ptr <<endl;
    func(ptr);
    cout<<"After = "<< *ptr <<endl;
}
```



The diagram illustrates the memory state during the execution of the provided C++ code. It features a vertical stack of four memory cells on the right side. The first cell contains 'n = 5' and is labeled with the address '2000' in red. The second cell is empty. The third cell contains 'ptr = 1500' and is labeled with the address '2400' in red. The fourth cell is empty and labeled with the address '3210' in red. A thought bubble, representing the state of the pointer 'ptr' before and after the function call, is positioned to the left of the stack. It contains the text 'Before = 5' and 'After = 95'. The code snippet shows that 'ptr' initially points to 'n' (value 5). After calling 'func(ptr)', 'ptr' now points to 'g1' (value 95), which is why the 'After' state in the bubble is 95.

n = 5	2000
ptr = 1500	2400
	3210

Before = 5
After = 95

Reference to Pointer Function Parameter

- Recall reference parameters

```
void fun(int &ref) {  
    ref = 20;
```

```
}
```

```
void main() {  
    int x = 10;
```

```
    fun(x);
```

```
    cout<<"New value of x is "<< x;
```

```
}
```



The reference parameter **ref** is just another name for **x**. Like an [alias/nickname](#)

Reference to Pointer Function Parameter

- Recall reference parameters

```
void fun(int &ref) {  
    ref = 20;
```



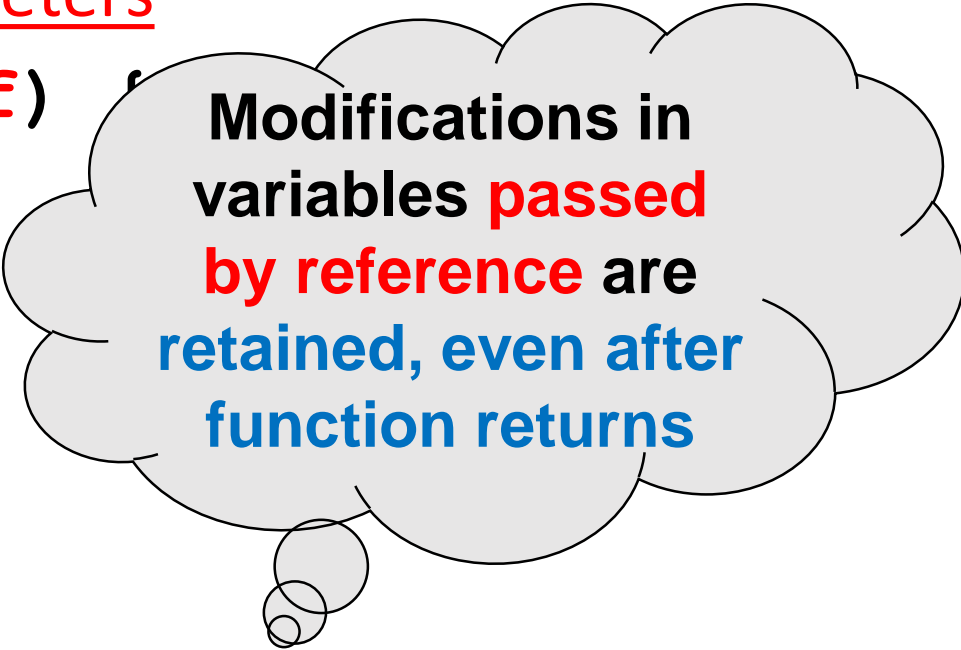
```
}  
void main() {  
    int x = 10;  
    fun(x);  
    cout<<"New value of x is "<< x;  
    //prints 20  
}
```

The reference parameter **ref** is just another name for **x**. Like an [alias/nickname](#)

Reference to Pointer Function Parameter

- Recall reference parameters

```
void fun(int &ref) {  
    ref = 20;  
}  
  
void main() {  
    int x = 10;  
    fun(x);  
    cout<<"New value of x is "<< x;  
    //prints 20  
}
```



Modifications in variables **passed by reference** are retained, even after function returns

Reference to Pointer Function Parameter

```
int gl = 95; //address 1500
```

```
void func(int *&num)
```

```
{
```

```
    num = &gl;
```

```
}
```

```
void main()
```

```
{    int n = 5; int *ptr = &n;
```

```
    cout<<"Before = "<< *ptr <<endl;
```

```
    func(ptr);
```

```
    cout<<"After = "<< *ptr <<endl;
```

```
}
```

n = 5	2000
ptr = 2000	2400

Reference to Pointer Function Parameter

```
int gl = 95; //address 1500
```

```
void func(int *&num)
```

```
{  
    num = &gl;
```

```
}
```

```
void main()
```

```
{    int n = 5; int *ptr = &n;
```

```
    cout<<"Before = "<< *ptr <<endl;
```

```
    func(ptr);
```

```
    cout<<"After = "<< *ptr <<endl;
```

```
}
```

n = 5	2000
ptr = 2000 num =	2400

num is just another
name for **ptr**.

Reference to Pointer Function Parameter

```
int gl = 95; //address 1500
```

```
void func(int *&num)
```

```
{  
    num = &gl;  
}
```

```
void main()
```

```
{  
    int n = 5; int *ptr = &n;  
    cout<<"Before = "<< *ptr <<endl;  
    func(ptr);  
    cout<<"After = "<< *ptr <<endl;  
}
```

n = 5	2000
ptr = 1500 num =	2400

Before = 5
After = 95

num is just another
name for **ptr**.

Pointer to Pointer(**) vs Reference to Pointer(*&)

- Reference is just another name(alias), pointer is a variable that stores an address
- References are simpler to use, does most of the work for you
 - However, **references cannot be NULL**, pointers can
- Cannot make an array of references



Quiz Questions


```
int main() {  
    // use the following dimensions of an array  
    int N = 4;  
    int M = 4;  
    // Write code for dynamic allocation of a 2D array named A,  
    using a double pointer[1 marks]  
    int** A = new int* [N];  
    for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {  
        A[i] = new int[M];  
    }  
    // Assume that you have populated the array as following.  
    for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i) {  
        for (int j = 0; j < M; ++j) {  
            A[i][j] = i + 5;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

//Use pointer arithmetic and print the output of the following statements [5 marks]

//Assume starting address of this dynamically allocated array of pointers is 100

```
cout << **A << endl;           // write your output here: 5
cout << *(*A + 2) + 1 << endl;  // write your output here: 6
cout << **A + 100 << endl;      // write your output here: 105
cout << *(* (A + 2) + 3) + 5 << endl; // write your output here: 12
cout << *A + 3; // write your output here: starting address of first
integer array + 12 bytes
```

// write your code to De-allocate the dynamic memory of the 2D array A [1 marks]

```
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    delete [] A[i];
}
delete[] A;
A = NULL;
return 0;
}
```

Q2. Write the output of the following code [3 marks]

```
void funct(int* x, int* y, int*& z)
{
    z = x;
    x = y;
    *x = 200;
}

int main() {
    int i = 10;
    int j = 20;
    int* p = &j;
    funct(&i, &j, p);
    cout << "i is = " << i << endl; // write your output here: 10
    cout << "j is = " << j << endl; // write your output here: 200
    cout << "p is = " << --(*p) << endl; // write your output here: 9
}
```

(a) Given the following code snippet, create a pointer to the given pointer (ptr) named ptr_to_ptr, then print the value stored in variable 'x' using this newly created ptr_to_ptr: [1 Mark]

```
int x = 10;
```

```
int* ptr = &x;
```

```
int **ptr_to_ptr=&ptr;
```

```
cout<<**ptr_to_ptr;
```

(b) Given the following code snippet, what will be the output? [1 Marks]

```
int x = 100;
```

```
int y = 200;
```

```
int *p = &x, *q = &y;
```

```
p = q;
```

```
cout<<*p;      200
```

(c) Given the following code snippet, what will be the output? [1 Marks]

```
char arr[20];
```

```
int i;
```

```
for ( i = 0; i < 10; i++ )
```

```
    *(arr + i) = 65 + i; // '65' is ASCII code of 'A'
```

```
*(arr + i) = '\0';
```

```
cout << arr;
```

ABCDEFGHIJ

(d) Given the following code snippet, what will be the output? [2 Marks]

```
char *ptr;
```

```
char arr[ ] = "abcdefgh";
```

```
ptr = arr;
```

```
ptr + = 5;
```

```
cout << ptr;
```

fgh

(e) Given the following code snippet, what will be the output? (Assuming memory address of variable 'x' is 01434CC3.) [2 Marks]

```
int x = 50;
```

```
int *ptr = &x;
```

```
ptr = ptr + 1;
```

```
cout << ptr;   01434CC7
```