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CSC209H Worksheet: Array and Pointer Basics

- Here is the code of a small program that uses both arrays and pointers. Beside it we have drawn a memory diagram with the stack frame of `main`.

Use this diagram to trace the execution of the program. When the value stored at a location changes, cross out the old one and write the new one (rather than simply writing the new one). If there are uninitialized blocks of memory when `main` returns, write their values as ???.

```
int main() {
    int i = 2;
    int j = 30;

    int a[4];

    int *p;
    int *q;

    p = &i;
    j = *p;
    *p = 1;

    a[0] = 10;
    a[3] = 12;
    a[i] = 11;
    return 0;
}
```

Section	Address	Value	Label
stack frame for main	0x234	??	q
	0x238		
	0x23c	0x258	p
	0x240		
	0x244	10	a
	0x248	11	
	0x24c	??	
	0x250	12	
	0x254	30 2	j
	0x258	2 1	i
	0x25c		
	0x260		
	0x264		

remember that $a[4] = *(a+4)$

So $a[4]$ may not crash, even though it is out of bounds!

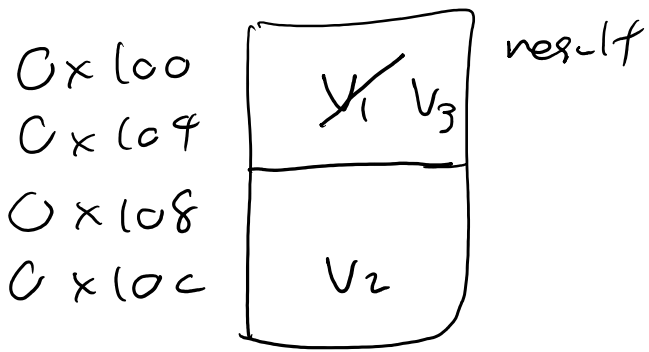
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the name of the array is a pointer to its first element!

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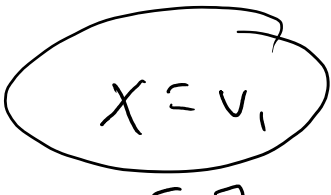
2. Each example below contains an independent code fragment. In each case there are variables `x` and `y` that are missing declaration statements. In the boxes to the right of the code write declaration statements so that the code fragment would compile and run without warnings or errors.

| Code Fragment | Declaration for <code>x</code> | Declaration for <code>y</code> |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <code>x = 10;</code>
<code>y = 'A';</code> | <code>int x;</code> | <code>char y;</code> |
| <code>int age = 99;</code>
<code>x = &age;</code>
<code>y = *x;</code> | <code>int *x;</code> | <code>int y;</code> |
| <code>double *p;</code>
<code>x = &p;</code>
<code>y = &x;</code> | <code>double **x;</code> | <code>double ***y;</code> |
| <code>float f = 4.5;</code>
<code>float *p = &f;</code>
<code>x = &p;</code>
<code>y = **x;</code> | <code>float **x;</code> | <code>float y;</code> |
| <i>↪ array of char*</i>
<code>char *result[2];</code>
<code>x = result[0];</code>
<i>// some hidden code</i>
<code>result[0] = "read only";</code>
<code>y = x[0];</code> | <code>char *x;</code> | <code>char y;</code> |



assuming V_1, V_2 are some arbitrary values.

V_3 is a pointer to the string (more on this when we talk about strings)



$$\overbrace{1 - v_1}$$

$$x[0] = * (x + 0) = * x$$