

Arrays in C are actually pointers

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int arr[4] = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4 \};
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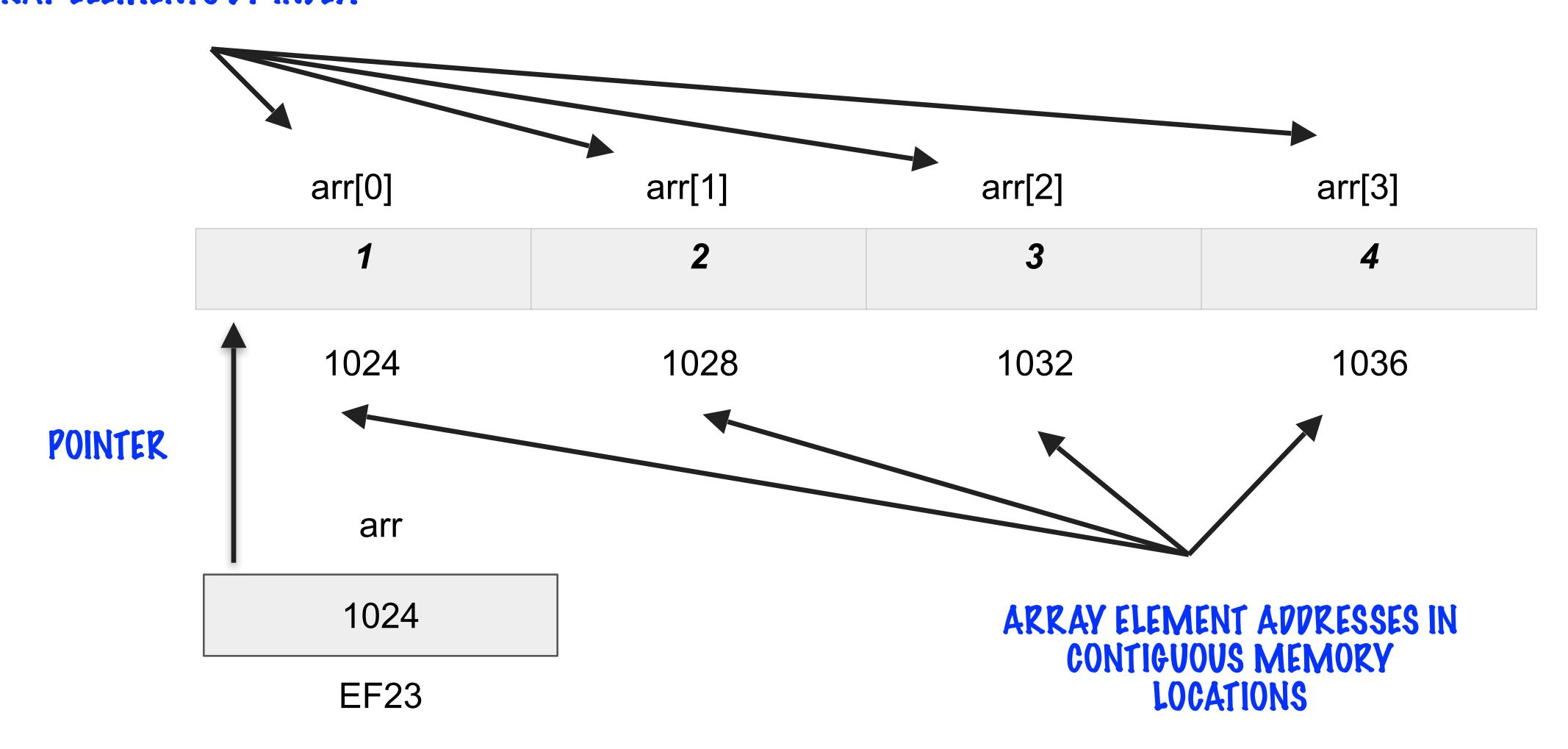
The way to access individual elements in the array is via indexes arr [0]...arr [3]

If you just refer to arr what kind of variable is it?

To answer this we must first see how arrays are laid out in memory

ARRAY LAYOUT IN MEMORY

ARRAY ELEMENTS BY INDEX



Array variables are simply pointers

arr is a pointer to an integer and it points to the address location of the very first element in the integer array.

The type of arr is int*

Similarly if you have char array

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char chararray[4] = \{ 'a', 'b', 'c', 'd' \};
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then chararray is of type char*

```
int arr[4] = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4 \};
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"arr" will contain the address of the first element in the array which is &arr[0]

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int *intptr = arr;
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Let's say we perform the increment operation on the variable "intptr" i.e. we call

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intptr++;
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What does this do?

This takes us squarely to pointer arithmetic