C Pointers
Pointers

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Variables

- Variable names correspond to memory locations in memory. Every variable has a type, a name and a value.

```c
int i;        i
i = 4;
```

*the address of i*)  
&i
int main ()
{
    int i;
    i = 4;
    printf("i = %d, address of i = %u\n", i, &i);
    return 0;
}

$./ptr1
i = 4, address of i = 3220392980
Pointers

- What is a pointer?
  - a variable that contains a memory address as its value.
  - Pointers contain the address of a variable that has a specific value (an indirect reference).

- Pointers in C are typed.
  - a pointer to a variable of type int
  - a pointer to a variable of type char
  - a pointer to a defined type or an object.
Fig. 7.1 Directly and Indirectly Referencing a Variable

- *count* directly references a variable that contains the value 7

- Pointer *countPtr* indirectly references a variable that contains the value 7
/* Welcome to the world of Pointers! */
Pointers are a powerful tool */

```c
int main ()
{
    int i;
    int *ptr; /* pointer declaration */
    i = 4;
    ptr = &i;
    printf(" i = %d\n address of i = %u\n address of pointer = %u",
            i, ptr, &ptr);
    return 0;
}
```

```
./ptr2
i = 4
address of i = 3219352564
address of pointer = 3219352560
```
/* Do you think in Hex ?*/

```c
int main ()
{
    int i;
    int *ptr;
    i = 4;
    ptr = &i;
    printf(" i = %d\n address of i = %p\n address of pointer = %p\n", i, ptr, &ptr);
    return 0;
}
```

`i = 4`

`address of i = 0xbfe07244`

`address of pointer = 0xbfe07240`
/* Never trust a Compiler. */
int j, i;            /* think globally! */
int *ptr1, *ptr2;
void printit ()
{
    printf(" i = %2d, ptr1 = %p\n", i, ptr1);
    printf(" j = %2d, ptr2 = %p\n", j, ptr2);
}
int main ()
{
    i = 4;  j = 8;
    ptr1 = &i;
    ptr2 = &j;
    printit ();
    *ptr2 = *ptr2 + 1;
    ptr1 = ptr1 - 2;   /* You cannot know this */
    printit ();
    i = 6;
    *ptr1 = *ptr1 + 10;
    printit ();
    return 0;
}
7.4 Calling Functions by Reference

- Call by reference with pointer arguments
  - Pass address of argument using & operator
  - Allows you to change the actual location in memory
  - Arrays are not passed with & because the array name is already a pointer.

- * operator
  - Used as alias/nickname for variable inside of function
    
    ```c
    void double( int *number )
    {
      *number = 2 * ( *number );
    }
    ```
  - *number used as nickname for the variable passed.
/* Fig. 7.7: fig07_07.c */

Cube a variable using call-by-reference with a pointer argument */

#include <stdio.h>

void cubeByReference( int *nPtr ); /* prototype */

int main( void )
{
    int number = 5; /* Initialize number */
    printf( "The original value of number is %d", number );
    /* pass address of number to cubeByReference */
    cubeByReference( &number );
    printf( "\nThe new value of number is %d\n", number );
    return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
} /* end main */

/* calculate cube of *nPtr; modifies variable number in main */
void cubeByReference( int *nPtr )
{
    *nPtr = *nPtr * *nPtr * *nPtr; /* cube *nPtr */
} /* end function cubeByReference */

The original value of number is 5
The new value of number is 125
/* A simple memory swap using pointers */

void swap (int *i, int *j) {
    int temp;
    temp = *i;
    *i = *j;
    *j = temp;
}
int main () {
    int i;
    int mem1,
    mem1 = 12;
    mem2 = 81;
    swap (&mem1, &mem2);  /* swap two integers */
    printf("mem1:%4d mem2:%4d\n", mem1, mem2);
    for (i = 0; i < 4; i++)
    {
        ray1[i] = 10*i;
        printf("ray1[%d] =%4d ", i, ray1[i]);
    }
    printf("\n");
Swap: A Pointer Example

```c
swap (&mem1, &ray1[3]);
swap (&mem2, &ray1[2]);
printf("mem1:%4d mem2:%4d\n", mem1, mem2);

for (i = 0; i < 4; i++)
    printf("ray1[%d] =%4d ", i, ray1[i]);

printf("\n");
return 0;
}
```

mem1:  30 mem2:  20
Pointers and Arrays

```
int main ()
{
    int i, r[6] = {1,1,1};
    int *ptr;
    ptr = r;
    *ptr = 83;
    *(ptr + 2) = 33;
    for (i=0; i < 6; i++)
        printf(" r[%d] = %d\n", i, r[i]);
}
```
```c
int main()
```
```c
```
```c```
ptr = r + 1;
*(ptr + 2) = 7;
```
```c```
for (i=0; i < 6; i++)
```c```
printf(" r[%d] = %d
", i, r[i]);
```c```
Pointers and Arrays

```c
int main ()
    { 
        int r[6] = {83, 6, 33, 7, 83, 0};
        int *ptr = r;

        r[4] = *ptr;
        ptr++;  
        *ptr = 6;
        *(ptr +2) = 7;
        for (i=0; i < 6; i++)
            printf (" r[%d] = %d \n", i, r[i]);
        return 0;
    }
```
/* An example of operator precedence trouble */
int main ()
{
    float x, y, z;
    float *ptr1, *ptr2, *ptr3;

    x = 2.0; y = 8.0; z = 4.0;
    ptr1 = &x;
    ptr2 = &y;
    ptr3 = &z;
    printf ("%u %u %u\n", ptr1, ptr2, ptr3);

    *ptr3++;
    printf ("%f %f %f\n", x, y, z);
    printf ("%u %u %u\n", ptr1, ptr2, ptr3);
    printf ("%f %f %f\n", *ptr1, *ptr2, *ptr3);

    $ ./prec
    3220728372 3220728368 3220728364
    2.000000 8.000000 4.000000
    3220728372 3220728368 3220728368
    2.000000 8.000000 8.000000
Precedence Example

```c
(*ptr1)++; printf(" %f %f %f\n", *ptr1, *ptr2, *ptr3);

--*ptr2; printf(" %f %f %f\n", *ptr1, *ptr2, *ptr3);
return 0;
}
```

```
3.000000 8.000000 8.000000
3.000000 7.000000 7.000000
```
Summary

- This section demonstrated the relationship between pointers and addresses and introduced the respective operators & and *.
- Showed the use of pointers in simple examples.
- Introduced call by reference with pointers.
- Detailed the relationship between pointers and arrays.