

"Should array indices start at 0 or 1? My compromise of 0.5 was rejected without, I thought, proper consideration."
Stan Kelly-Bootle

<http://www.devtopics.com/101-great-computer-programming-quotes/>

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Upcoming schedule

Today 10/23	Monday 10/26	Wednesday 10/28	Friday 10/30	Monday 11/2
Finish-up Wednesday Some specifics for HW3 Social implications Friday	Memory management		Midterm review	Midterm

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Wednesday: after class question

- Paraphrase: "If I overwrite memory outside the bounds of my process, can I hurt other processes or my computer?"
- No, you can't
- Indeed, although you can do almost anything within your process – and can make your life miserable doing so – Unix keeps everything you do within your own process (well, close enough)
- Indeed, that's why you get a segfault if you access memory outside of your virtual address space
- So, you can destroy your process, but other processes and your computer remain safe

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Pointer: a memory address referring to another value

```
type* name;           // declare
type* name = address; // declare/initialize

int x = 42;
int* p;
p = &x;               // p stores address of x

printf("x is %d\n", x); // x is 42
printf("&x is %p\n", &x); // &x is 0x0022ff8c
printf("p is %p\n", p); // p is 0x0022ff8c

int* p1, p2; // int* p1; int p2;
int *p1, p2; // int* p1; int p2;
int* p1, *p2; // int* p1; int* p2
int *p1, *p2; // int* p1; int* p2
```

Dereferencing: access the memory referred to by a pointer

```
*pointer           // dereference
*pointer = value;  // dereference/assign

int x = 42;
int* p;
p = &x;           // p stores address of x

*p = 99;          // go to the int p refers to; set to 99

printf("x is %d\n", x);

Output: x is 99
```

* vs. &

- many students get * and & mixed up
 - & references (ampersand gets an address)
 - * dereferences (star follows a pointer)

```
int x = 42;
int* y = &x;
printf("x is %d \n", x); // x is 42
printf("&x is %p\n", &x); // &x is 0x0022ff8c
printf("y is %p\n", y); // y is 0x0022ff8c
printf("*y is %d \n", *y); // *y is 42
printf("&y is %p\n", &y); // &y is 0x0022ff88
```

- What is *x ?

L-values and R-values

- L-value: Suitable for being on left-side of an = assignment -- a valid memory address to store into
- R-value: Suitable for right-side of an = assignment


```
int x = 42;
int* p = &x;
```
- L-values : `x` or `*p` (store into `x`), `p` (changes what `p` points to)
 - not `&x`, `&p`, `*x`, `*(*p)`, `*12`
- R-values : `x` or `*p`, `&x` or `p`, `&p`
 - not `&(&p)`, `&42`

Pass-by-value: copy parameters' values

- Cannot change the original ("actual") parameter variable

```
int main(void) {
    int a = 42, b = -7;
    swap(a, b);
    printf("a = %d, b = %d\n", a, b);
    return 0;
}

void swap(int a, int b) {
    int temp = a;
    a = b;
    b = temp;
}
```

Pass-by-reference: point to parameters

- Can change the actual parameter variable using the "formal"

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#1 to know for HW3: arguments to main

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    printf("%s#%d#%d\n",
        argv[1] // print 1st argument as string
        strlen(argv[1]), // show it's a string
        atoi(argv[1])+1); // convert it to an int
}

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$ a.out 546
546#3#547
$
```

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#2 to know for HW3

- `printf("%4d%2d%3.1f%%\n"...)`
- Printing fixed-width field
- Printing fixed number of decimal places
- Printing %

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#3 to know for HW3

- Input functions to consider (depending on your approach)
 - `scanf` – read and convert values
 - `getchar` – read next character
- Depending on your approach, you may need to convert among data types [I didn't need any of these, except for one `atoi`]
 - `atoi` – ascii to int
 - `sscanf` – same as `scanf`, but from a string instead of a file (stream)
 - `sprintf` – same as `printf`, but into a string instead of to a file (stream)

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Questions?
