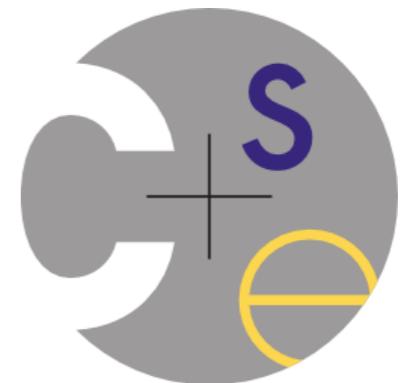


# CSE 333

## Lecture 3 - pointers, pointers, pointers



# Administrivia

ex2 is out

- due on Wednesday

we've been working on grading

- expect grades for hw0, ex0, and ex1 “soon”
- more regular after that...

survey results

# Agenda

Today's goals:

- pointers
- more pointers
- pointers and call-by-reference
- arrays and pointers

# & and \*

*&foo* // address of foo - “address of”  
*\*pointer* // dereference a pointer  
*\*pointer = value;* // dereference / assign

deref.c

```
int x = 42;
int *p;           // p is a pointer to an integer
p = &x;          // p now stores the address of x
printf("x is %d\n", x);
*p = 99;
printf("x is %d\n", x);
```

# Something curious

Let's try running this program several times:

asr.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int x = 1;
    int *p = &x;

    printf("&x: %p;    p: %p;    &p: %p\n",
           &x, p, &p);
    return 0;
}
```

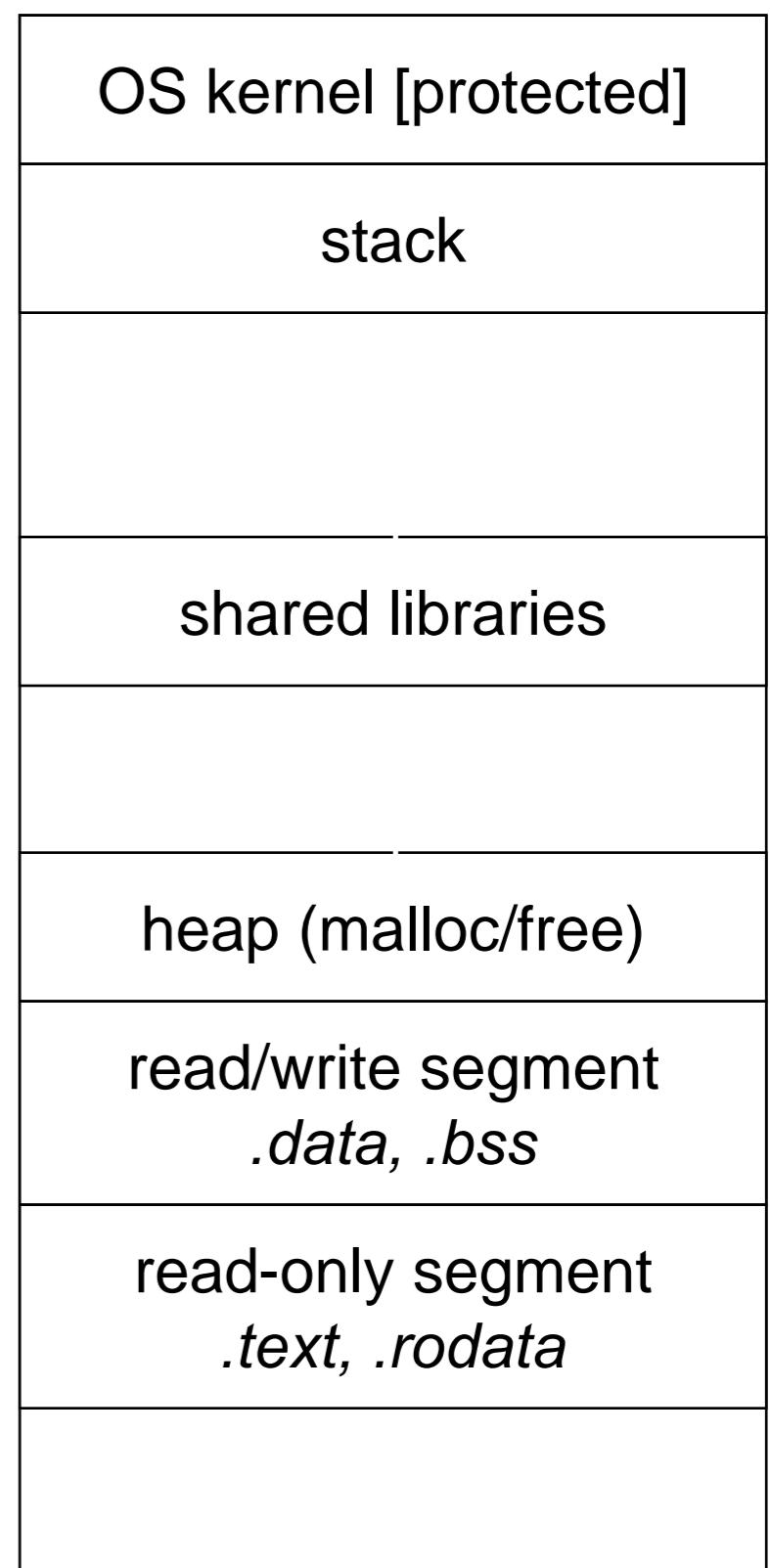
```
$ ./asr
&x: 0xbfa521dc;    p: 0xbfa521dc;    &p: 0xbfa521d8
$ ./asr
&x: 0xbf836f5c;    p: 0xbf836f5c;    &p: 0xbf836f58
$ ./asr
&x: 0xbfea39dc;    p: 0xbfea39dc;    &p: 0xbfea39d8
```

# ASR

Linux uses address-space randomization for added security

- Linux randomizes:
  - › base of stack
  - › shared library (mmap) location
- makes stack-based buffer overflow attacks tougher
- makes debugging tougher
- google “disable linux address space randomization”

0xFFFFFFFF



0x00000000

# Box and arrow diagrams

boxarrow.c

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int x = 1;
    int arr[3] = {2, 3, 4};
    int *p = &arr[1];

    printf("&x: %p;    x: %d\n", &x, x);
    printf("&arr[0]: %p;    arr[0]: %d\n", &arr[0], arr[0]);
    printf("&arr[2]: %p;    arr[2]: %d\n", &arr[2], arr[2]);
    printf("&p: %p;    p: %p;    *p: %d\n", &p, p, *p);

    return 0;
}
```

address

name	value

&x

x	value

&arr[0]

&arr[1]

&arr[2]

arr[0]	value
arr[1]	value
arr[2]	value

&p

p	value

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    printf("&arr[2]: %p;    arr[2]: %d\n", &arr[2], arr[2]);
    printf("&p: %p;    p: %p;    *p: %d\n", &p, p, *p);

    return 0;
}
```

address

name	value
------	-------

&x

x	1
---	---

&arr[0]

&arr[1]

&arr[2]

arr[0]	2
arr[1]	3
arr[2]	4

&p

p	&arr[1]
---	---------

# Box and arrow diagrams

boxarrow.c

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int x = 1;
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    int *p = &arr[1];

    printf("&x: %p;    x: %d\n", &x, x);
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    printf("&p: %p;    p: %p;    *p: %d\n", &p, p, *p);

    return 0;
}
```

address

name	value
------	-------

0xbfff2dc	x	1
-----------	---	---

0xbfff2d0	arr[0]	2
0xbfff2d4	arr[1]	3
0xbfff2d8	arr[2]	4

0xbfff2cc	p	0xbfff2d4
-----------	---	-----------

# Box and arrow diagrams

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    int x = 1;
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    printf("&arr[0]: %p;    arr[0]: %d\n", &arr[0], arr[0]);
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    printf("&p: %p;    p: %p;    *p: %d\n", &p, p, *p);

    return 0;
}
```

address

name	value
------	-------

0xbfff2dc	x	1
0xbfff2d8	arr[2]	4
0xbfff2d4	arr[1]	3
0xbfff2d0	arr[0]	2
0xbfff2cc	p	0xbfff2d4

main( )'s stack frame

# Box and arrow diagrams

boxarrow.c

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int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int x = 1;
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    int *p = &arr[1];

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    printf("&arr[0]: %p;    arr[0]: %d\n", &arr[0], arr[0]);
    printf("&arr[2]: %p;    arr[2]: %d\n", &arr[2], arr[2]);
    printf("&p: %p;    p: %p;    *p: %d\n", &p, p, *p);

    return 0;
}
```

address

name	value
------	-------

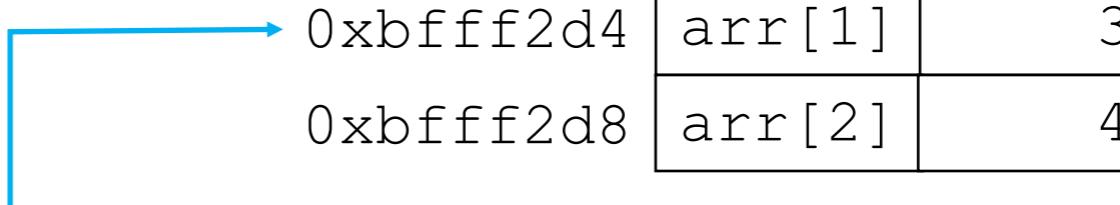
0xbfff2dc

x	1
---	---

0xbfff2d0

arr[0]	2
arr[1]	3
arr[2]	4

0xbfff2d4



0xbfff2cc

p	0xbfff2d4
---	-----------

# Box and arrow diagrams

boxarrow2.c

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {  
    int x = 1;  
    int arr[3] = {2, 3, 4};  
    int *p = &arr[1];  
    int **dp = &p; ←  
  
    *(*dp) += 1;  
    p += 1;  
    *(*dp) += 1;  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

address

name	value
------	-------

0xbfff2dc

x	1
---	---

0xbfff2d0

arr[0]	2
--------	---

0xbfff2d4

arr[1]	3
--------	---

0xbfff2d8

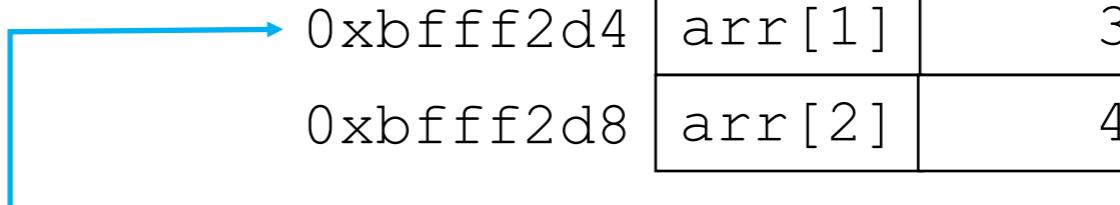
arr[2]	4
--------	---

0xbfff2c8

dp	0xbffff2cc
----	------------

0xbfff2cc

p	0xbffff2d4
---	------------



# Box and arrow diagrams

boxarrow2.c

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {  
    int x = 1;  
    int arr[3] = {2, 3, 4};  
    int *p = &arr[1];  
    int **dp = &p;  
  
    *(*dp) += 1; ←  
    p += 1;  
    *(*dp) += 1;  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

address

name	value
------	-------

0xbfff2dc

x	1
---	---

0xbfff2d0

arr[0]	2
--------	---

0xbfff2d4

arr[1]	4
--------	---

0xbfff2d8

arr[2]	4
--------	---

0xbfff2c8

dp	0xbffff2cc
----	------------

0xbfff2cc

p	0xbffff2d4
---	------------

# Box and arrow diagrams

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    int **dp = &p;  
  
    *(*dp) += 1;  
    p += 1; ←  
    *(*dp) += 1;  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

address

name	value

0xbfff2dc

x	1

0xbfff2d0

arr[0]	2
arr[1]	4
arr[2]	4

0xbfff2d4

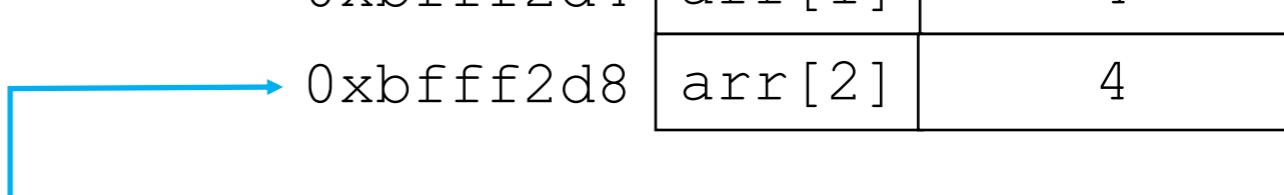
0xbfff2d8

0xbfff2c8

dp	0xbffff2cc

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p	0xbffff2d8



# Box and arrow diagrams

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    int x = 1;  
    int arr[3] = {2, 3, 4};  
    int *p = &arr[1];  
    int **dp = &p;  
  
    *(*dp) += 1;  
    p += 1;  
    *(*dp) += 1; ←  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

address

name	value

0xbfff2dc

x	1

0xbfff2d0

arr[0]	2
arr[1]	4

0xbfff2d4

arr[2]	5

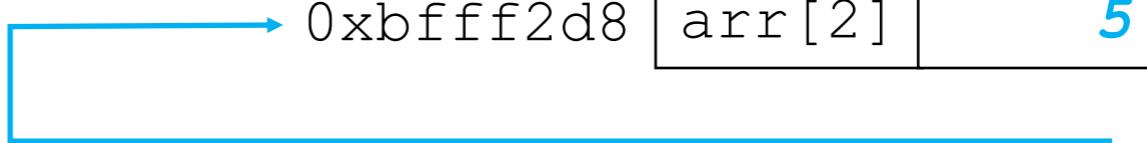
0xbfff2d8


0xbfff2c8

dp	0xbffff2cc

0xbfff2cc

p	0xbffff2d8



# Pointer arithmetic

## Pointers are typed

- `int *int_ptr;` vs. `char *char_ptr;`
- pointer arithmetic obeys those types
  - The address held in a pointer is always a byte address
  - `int_ptr++` increments by 4; `char_ptr++` increments by 1
- see *pointerarithmetic.c*

```

#include <stdio.h>

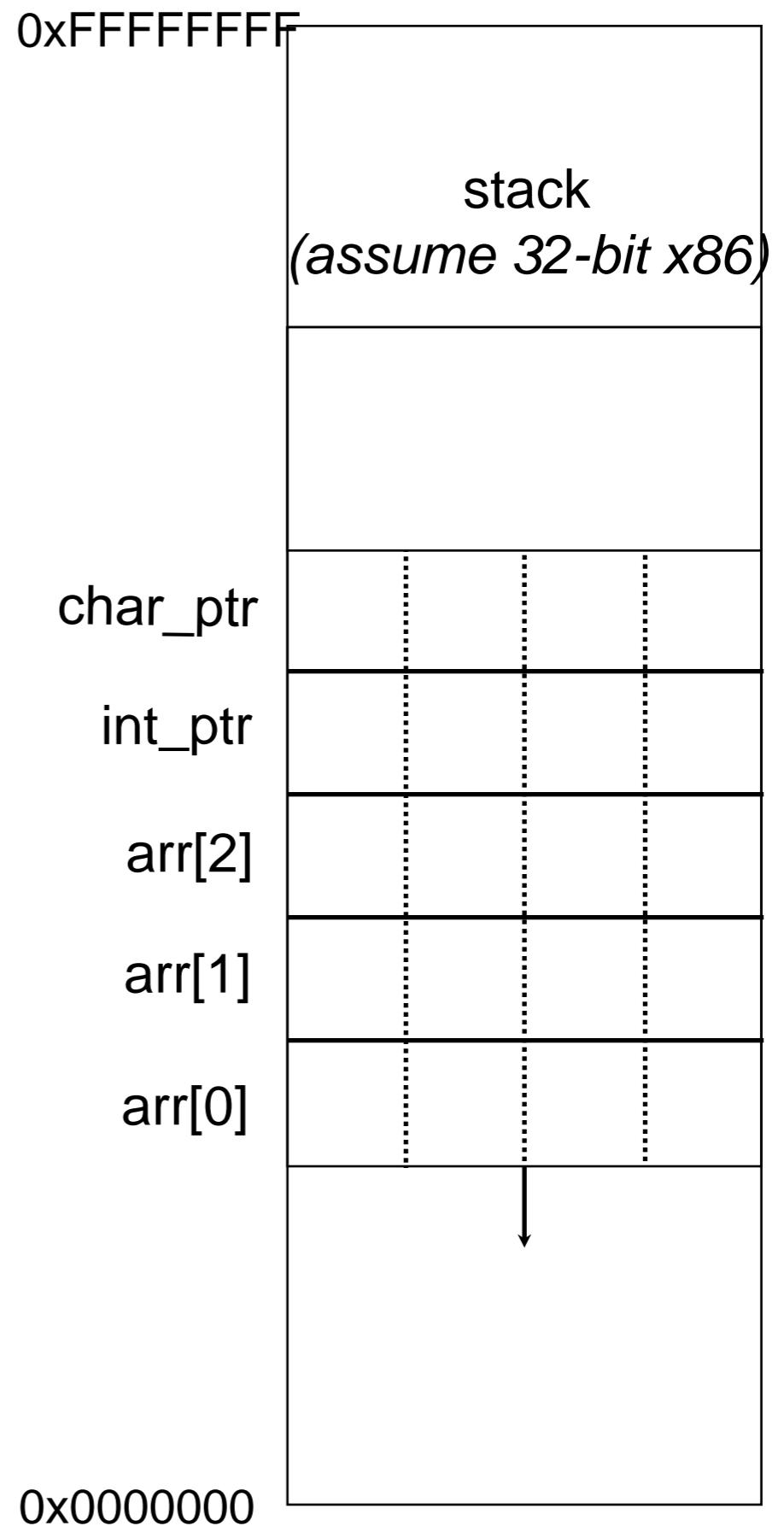
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int arr[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *int_ptr = &arr[0];
    char *char_ptr = (char *) int_ptr;

    printf("int_ptr: %p; *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 1;
    printf("int_ptr: %p; *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 2; // uh oh
    printf("int_ptr: %p; *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);

    printf("char_ptr: %p; *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 1;
    printf("char_ptr: %p; *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 2;
    printf("char_ptr: %p; *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);

    return 0;
}

```



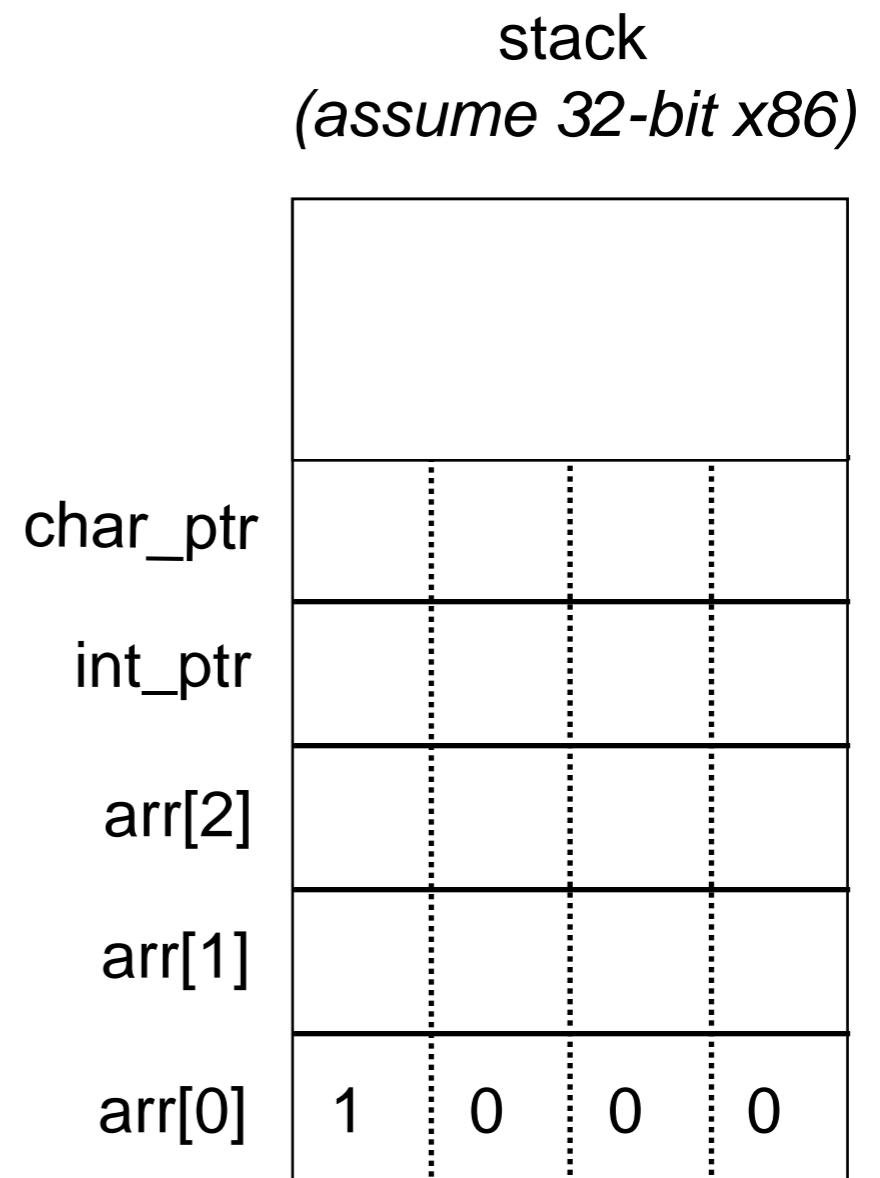
```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int arr[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *int_ptr = &arr[0];
    char *char_ptr = (char *) int_ptr;

    printf("int_ptr: %p;    *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 1;
    printf("int_ptr: %p;    *int_ptr: %d\n",
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           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 1;
    printf("char_ptr: %p;    *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 2;
    printf("char_ptr: %p;    *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);

    return 0;
}
```



(x86 is little endian)

```

#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
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    int *int_ptr = &arr[0];
    char *char_ptr = (char *) int_ptr;

    printf("int_ptr: %p; *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 1;
    printf("int_ptr: %p; *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 2; // uh oh
    printf("int_ptr: %p; *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);

    printf("char_ptr: %p; *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 1;
    printf("char_ptr: %p; *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 2;
    printf("char_ptr: %p; *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);

    return 0;
}

```

stack  
(assume 32-bit x86)

char_ptr				
int_ptr				
arr[2]	3	0	0	0
arr[1]	2	0	0	0
arr[0]	1	0	0	0

```
#include <stdio.h>

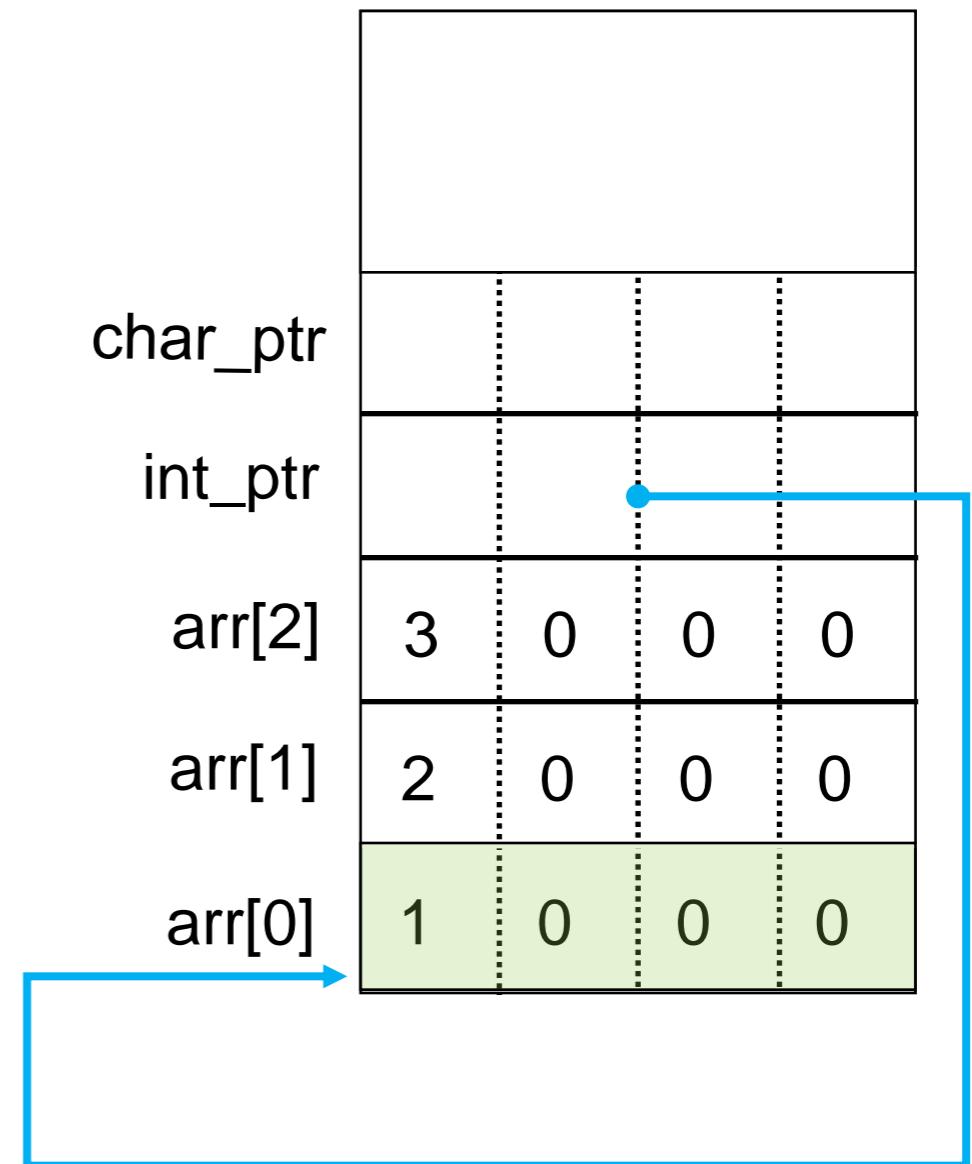
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    int *int_ptr = &arr[0];
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           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 1;
    printf("int_ptr: %p;    *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 2; // uh oh
    print("int_ptr: %p;    *int_ptr: %d\n",
          int_ptr, *int_ptr);

    printf("char_ptr: %p;    *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 1;
    printf("char_ptr: %p;    *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 2;
    printf("char_ptr: %p;    *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);

    return 0;
}
```

stack  
*(assume 32-bit x86)*



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           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
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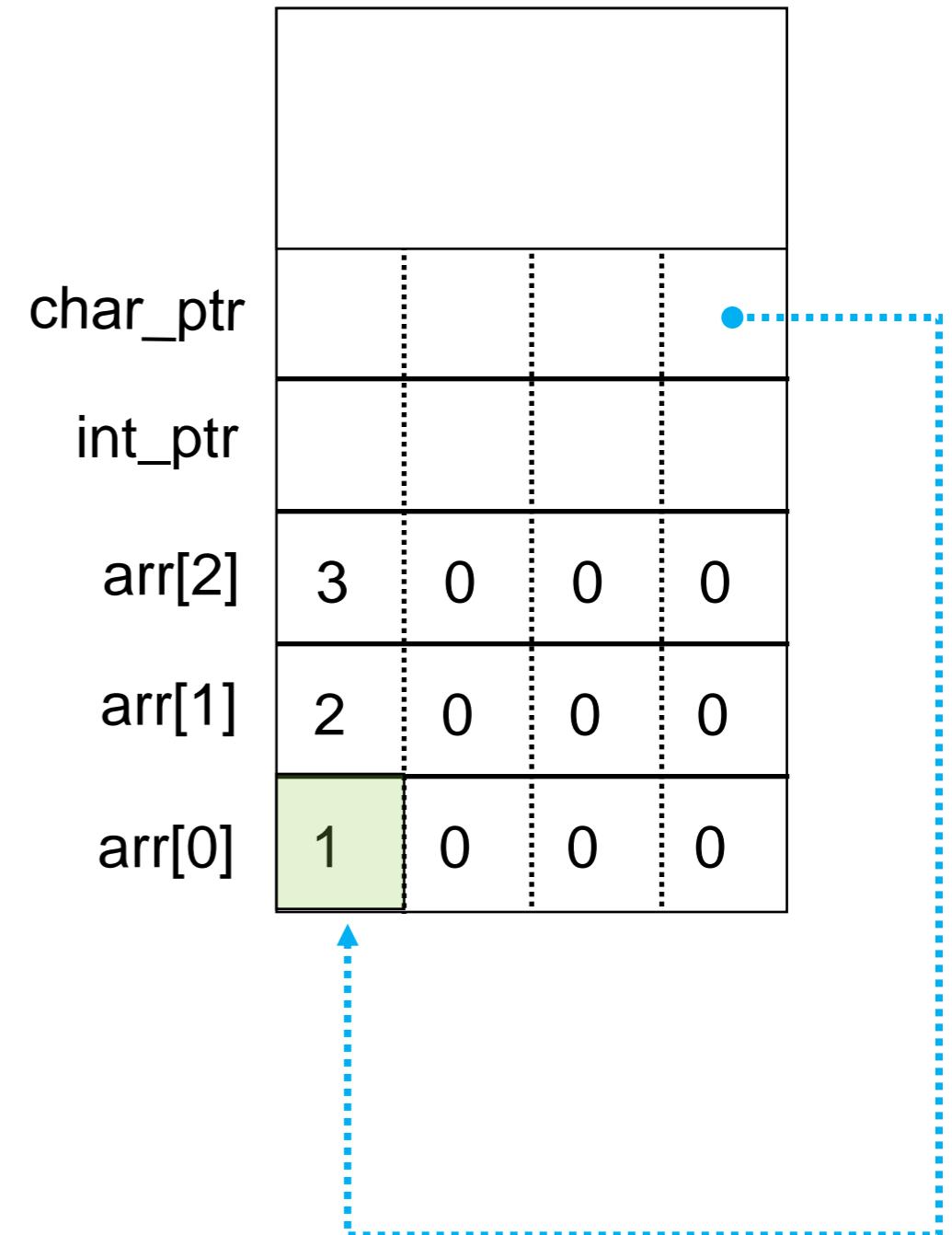
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           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 1;
    printf("char_ptr: %p;  *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 2;
    printf("char_ptr: %p;  *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);

    return 0;
}

```

pointerarithmetic.c

stack  
(assume 32-bit x86)



```

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int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int arr[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *int_ptr = &arr[0];
    char *char_ptr = (char *) int_ptr;

    → printf("int_ptr: %p;  *int_ptr: %d\n",
              int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 1;
    printf("int_ptr: %p;  *int_ptr: %d\n",
              int_ptr, *int_ptr);
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    printf("int_ptr: %p;  *int_ptr: %d\n",
              int_ptr, *int_ptr);

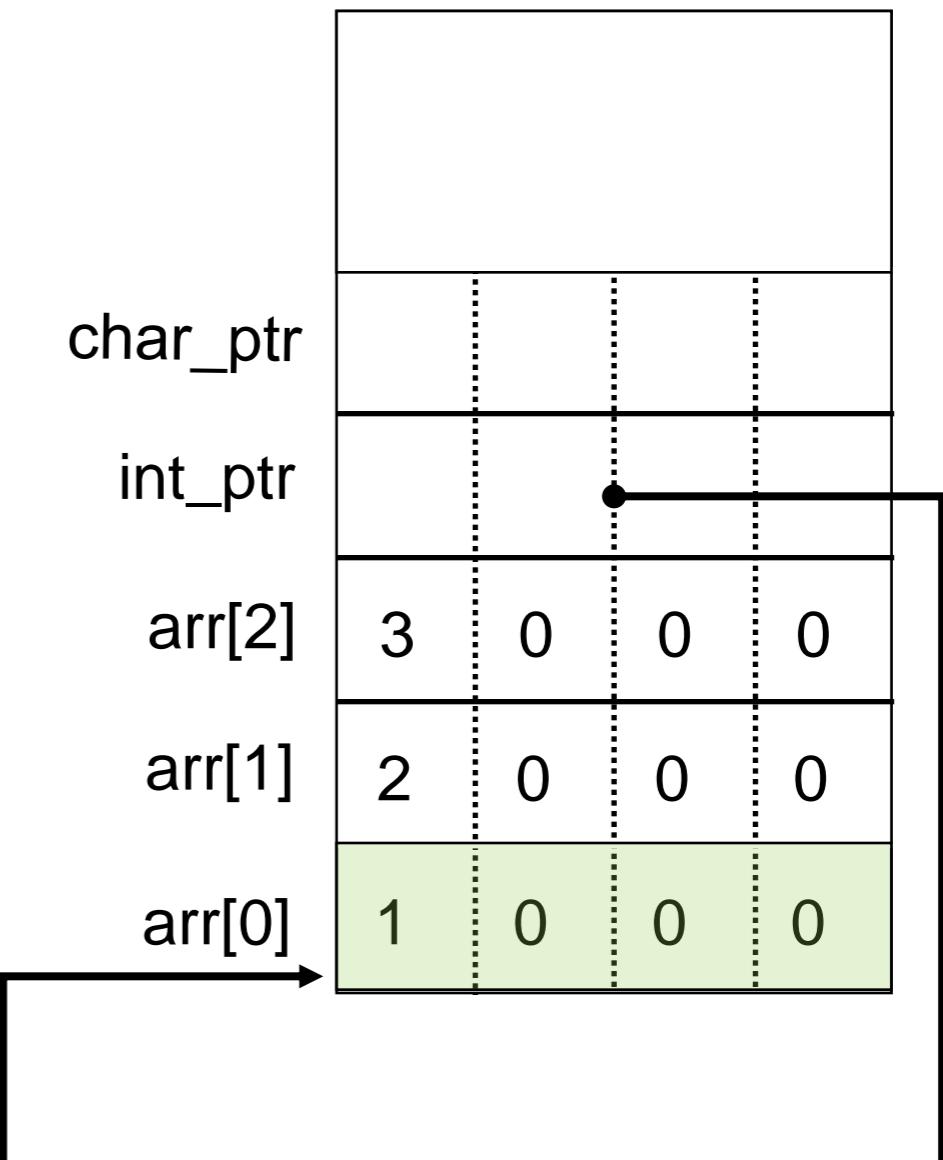
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              char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 1;
    printf("char_ptr: %p;  *char_ptr: %d\n",
              char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 2;
    printf("char_ptr: %p;  *char_ptr: %d\n",
              char_ptr, *char_ptr);

    return 0;
}

```

pointerarithmetic.c

stack  
(assume 32-bit x86)



int\_ptr: 0xbfffff2ac; \*int\_ptr: 1

```

#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int arr[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *int_ptr = &arr[0];
    char *char_ptr = (char *) int_ptr;

    printf("int_ptr: %p;  *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 1;
    printf("int_ptr: %p;  *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 2; // uh oh
    printf("int_ptr: %p;  *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);

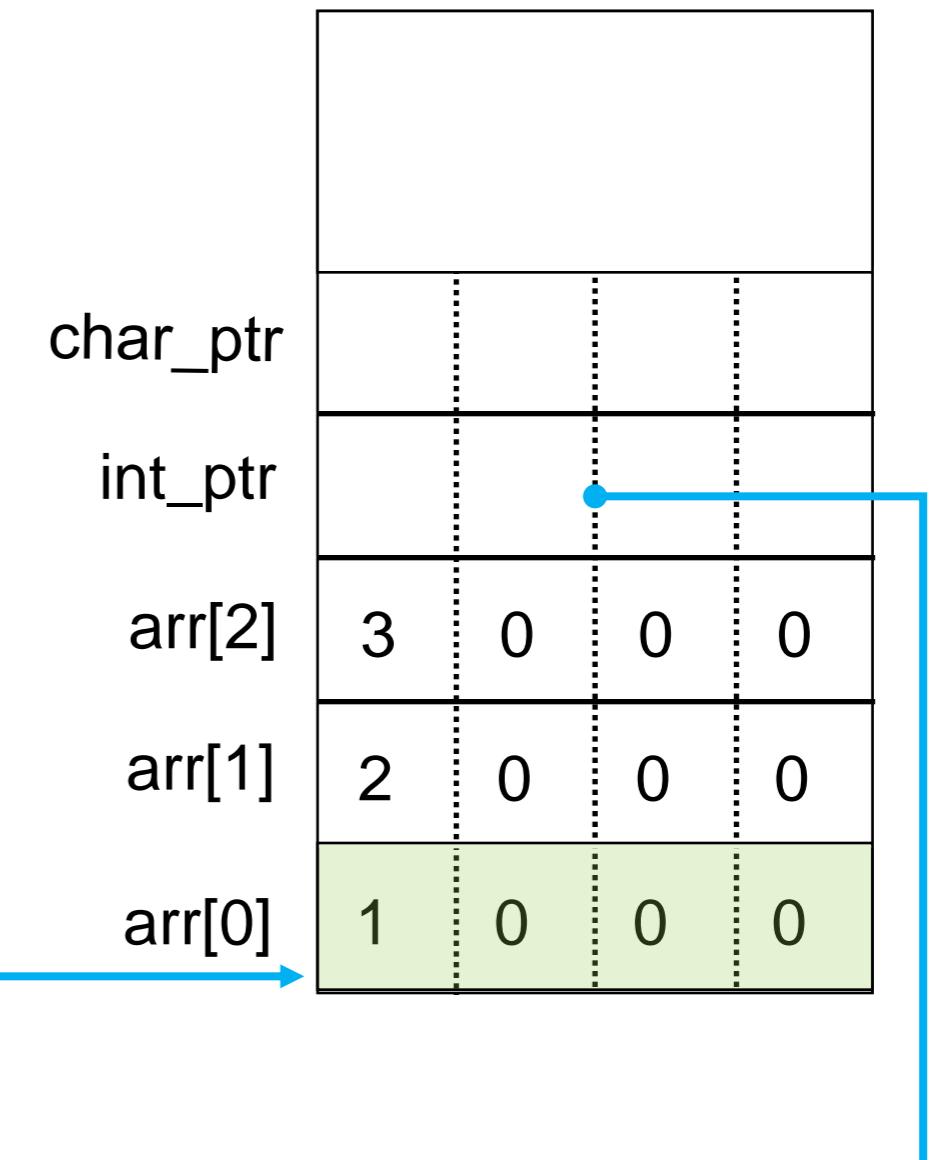
    printf("char_ptr: %p;  *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 1;
    printf("char_ptr: %p;  *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 2;
    printf("char_ptr: %p;  *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);

    return 0;
}

```

pointerarithmetic.c

stack  
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int\_ptr: 0xbffff2ac; \*int\_ptr: 1

```

#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int arr[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *int_ptr = &arr[0];
    char *char_ptr = (char *) int_ptr;

    printf("int_ptr: %p;  *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 1;
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           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 2; // uh oh
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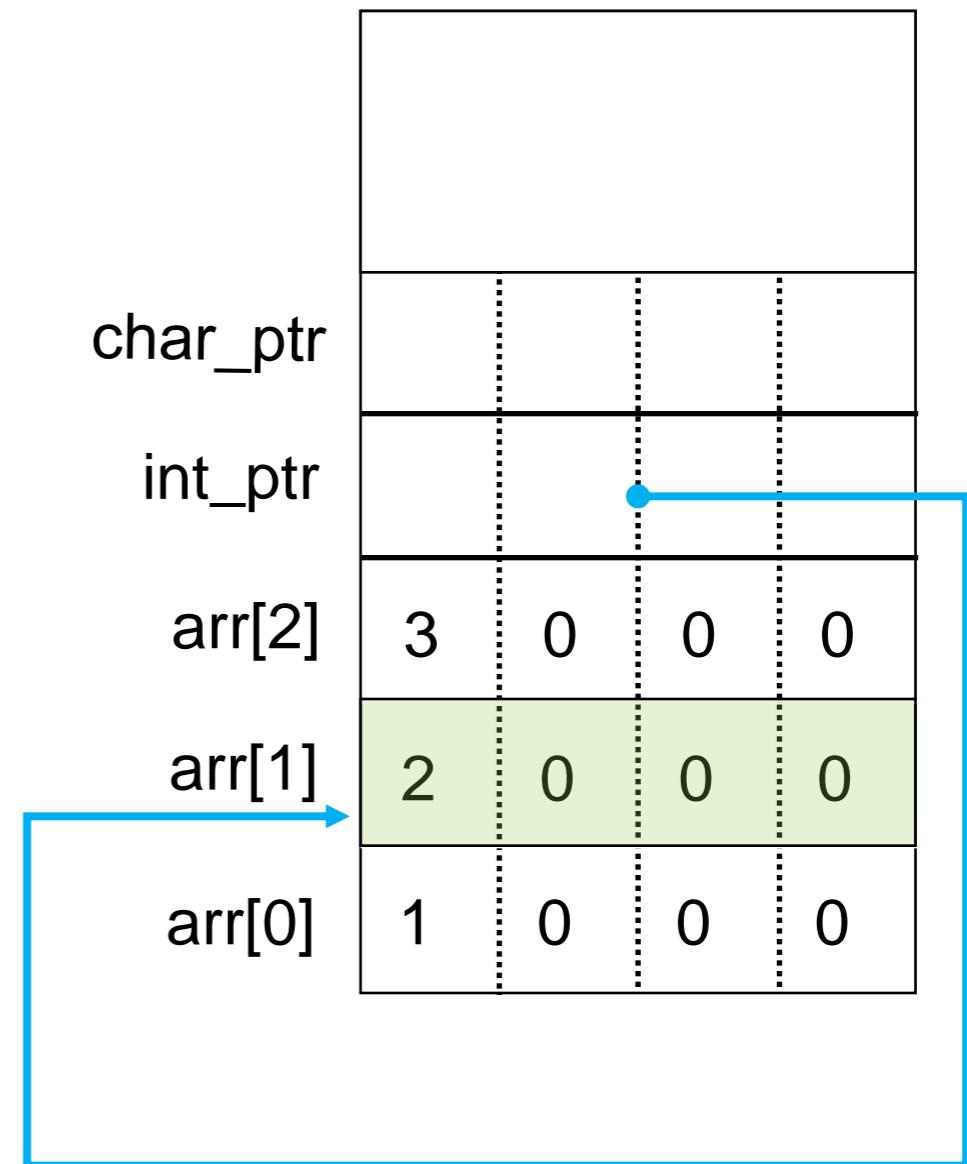
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           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 1;
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           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 2;
    printf("char_ptr: %p;  *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);

    return 0;
}

```

pointerarithmetic.c

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int\_ptr: 0xbfffff2ac; \*int\_ptr: 1

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int main(int argc, char **argv) {
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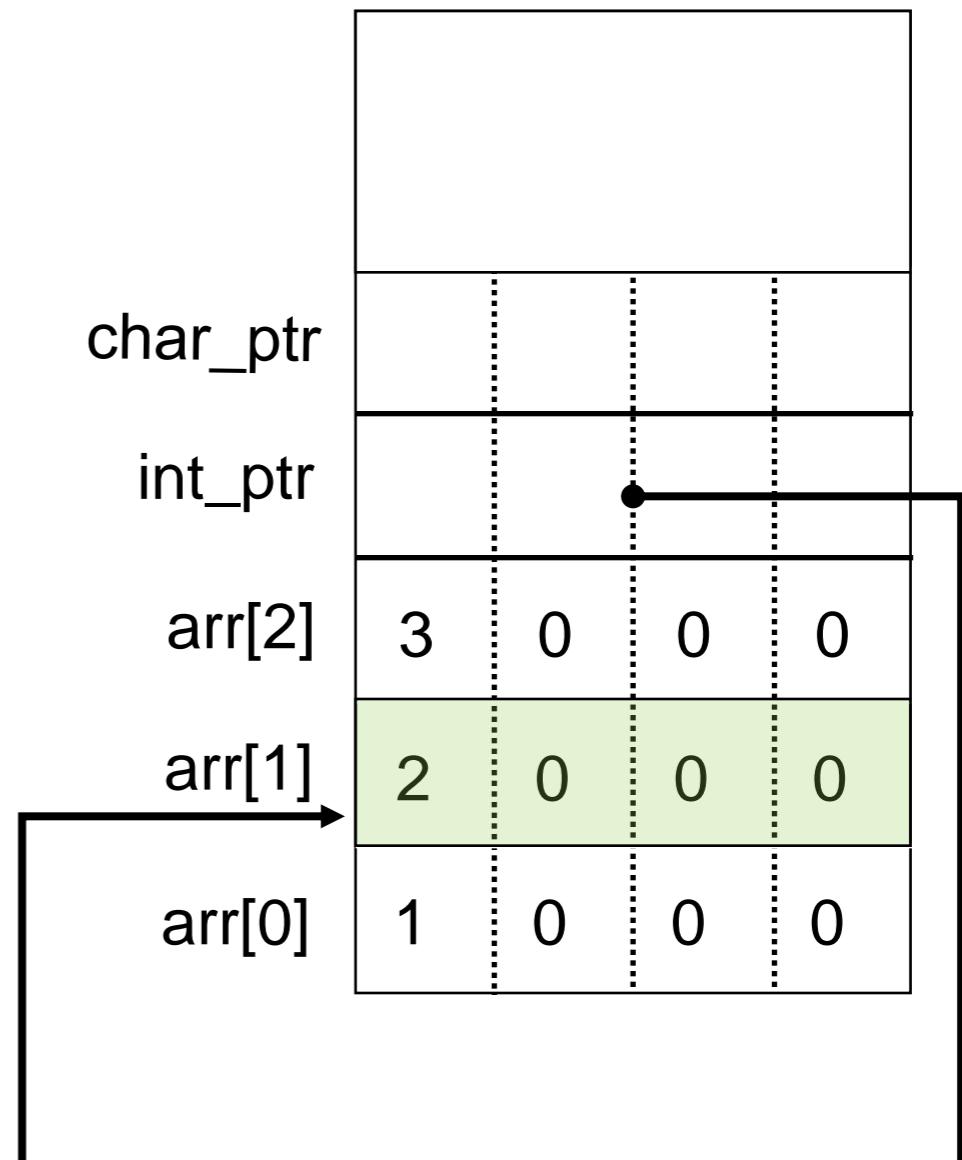
    printf("char_ptr: %p; *char_ptr: %d\n",
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    char_ptr += 2;
    printf("char_ptr: %p; *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);

    return 0;
}

```

pointerarithmetic.c

stack  
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int\_ptr: 0xbffff2ac; \*int\_ptr: 1  
 int\_ptr: 0xbffff2b0; \*int\_ptr: 2

```

#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int arr[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *int_ptr = &arr[0];
    char *char_ptr = (char *) int_ptr;

    printf("int_ptr: %p; *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 1;
    printf("int_ptr: %p; *int_ptr: %d\n",
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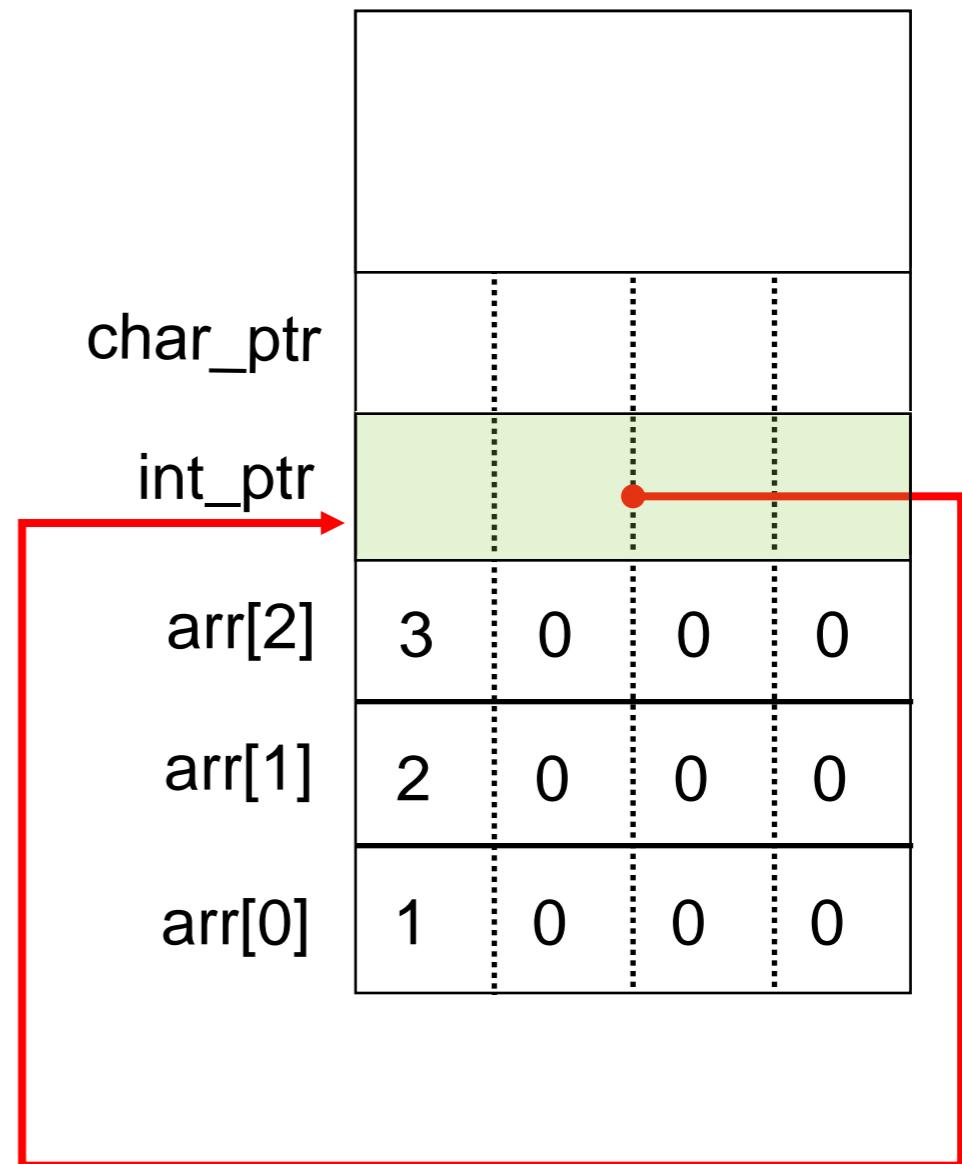
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           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 2;
    printf("char_ptr: %p; *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);

    return 0;
}

```

pointerarithmetic.c

stack  
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`int_ptr: 0xbffff2ac; *int_ptr: 1`  
`int_ptr: 0xbffff2b0; *int_ptr: 2`

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    int *int_ptr = &arr[0];
    char *char_ptr = (char *) int_ptr;

    printf("int_ptr: %p; *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 1;
    printf("int_ptr: %p; *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 2; // uh oh
    printf("int_ptr: %p; *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);

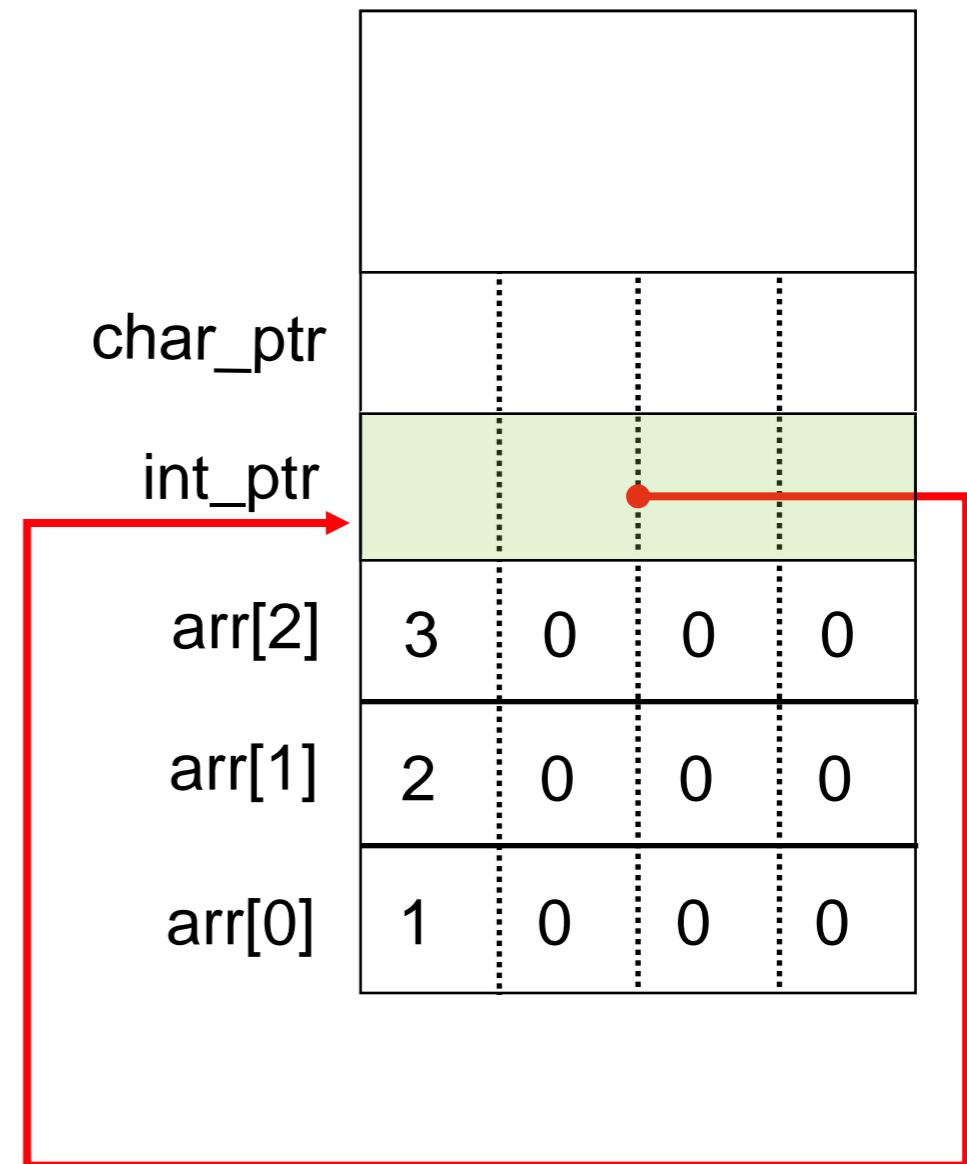
    printf("char_ptr: %p; *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 1;
    printf("char_ptr: %p; *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 2;
    printf("char_ptr: %p; *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);

    return 0;
}

```

pointerarithmetic.c

stack  
(assume 32-bit x86)



`int_ptr: 0xfffff2ac; *int_ptr: 1`  
`int_ptr: 0xfffff2b0; *int_ptr: 2`  
`int_ptr: 0xfffff2b8; *int_ptr: -1073745224`

```

#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int arr[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *int_ptr = &arr[0];
    char *char_ptr = (char *) int_ptr;

    printf("int_ptr: %p;  *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 1;
    printf("int_ptr: %p;  *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 2; // uh oh
    printf("int_ptr: %p;  *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);

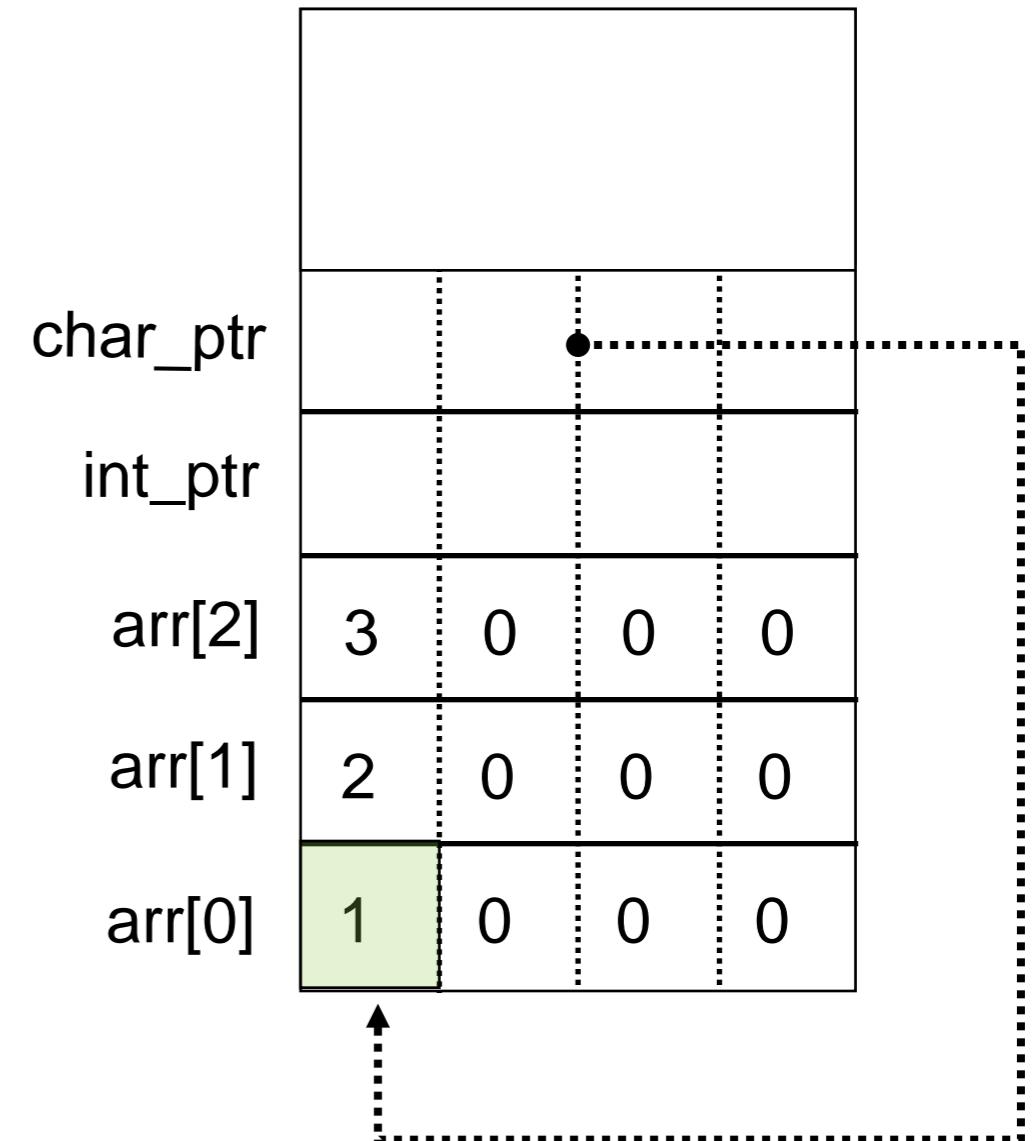
    → printf("char_ptr: %p;  *char_ptr: %d\n",
             char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 1;
    printf("char_ptr: %p;  *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 2;
    printf("char_ptr: %p;  *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);

    return 0;
}

```

pointerarithmetic.c

stack  
(assume 32-bit x86)



char\_ptr: 0xbfffff2ac; \*char\_ptr: 1

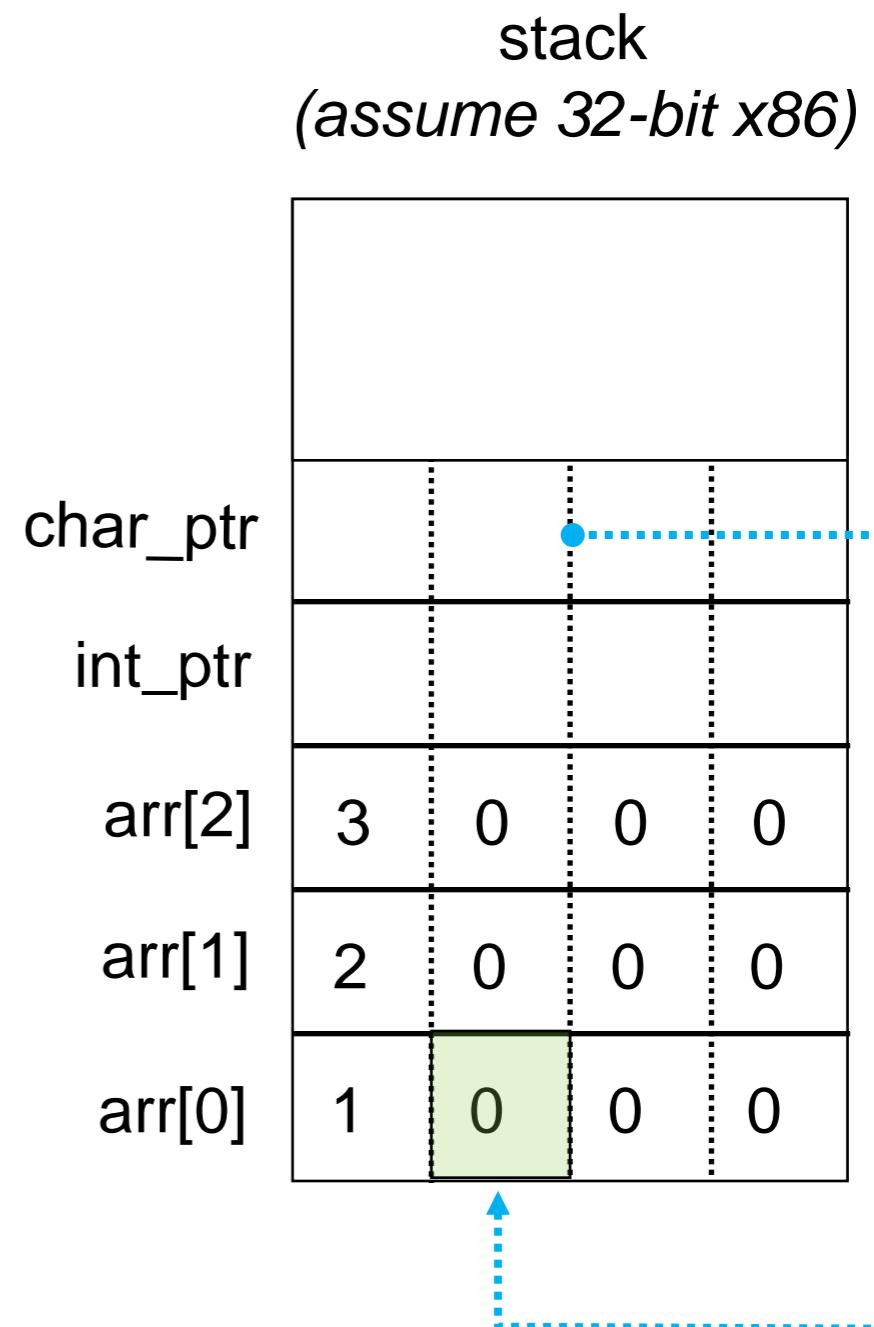
```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int arr[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *int_ptr = &arr[0];
    char *char_ptr = (char *) int_ptr;

    printf("int_ptr: %p;    *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 1;
    printf("int_ptr: %p;    *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 2; // uh oh
    printf("int_ptr: %p;    *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);

    printf("char_ptr: %p;    *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 1;
    printf("char_ptr: %p;    *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 2;
    printf("char_ptr: %p;    *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);

    return 0;
}
```



```
char_ptr: 0xbfffff2ac;  *char_ptr: 1
```

```

#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int arr[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *int_ptr = &arr[0];
    char *char_ptr = (char *) int_ptr;

    printf("int_ptr: %p; *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 1;
    printf("int_ptr: %p; *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 2; // uh oh
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           int_ptr, *int_ptr);

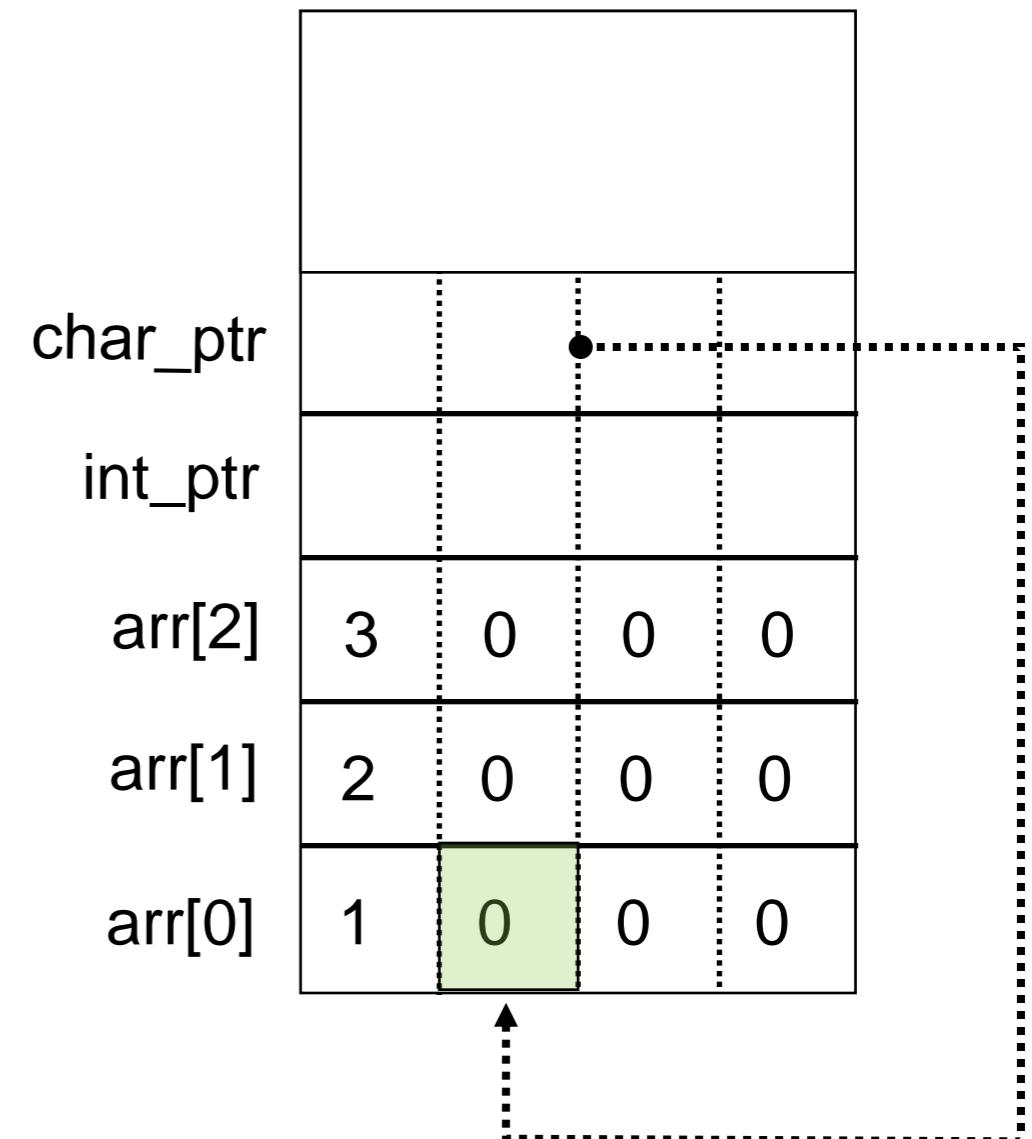
    printf("char_ptr: %p; *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 1;
    printf("char_ptr: %p; *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 2;
    printf("char_ptr: %p; *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);

    return 0;
}

```

pointerarithmetic.c

stack  
(assume 32-bit x86)



char\_ptr: 0xbfffff2ac; \*char\_ptr: 1  
char\_ptr: 0xbfffff2ad; \*char\_ptr: 0

```

#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int arr[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *int_ptr = &arr[0];
    char *char_ptr = (char *) int_ptr;

    printf("int_ptr: %p;  *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 1;
    printf("int_ptr: %p;  *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 2; // uh oh
    printf("int_ptr: %p;  *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);

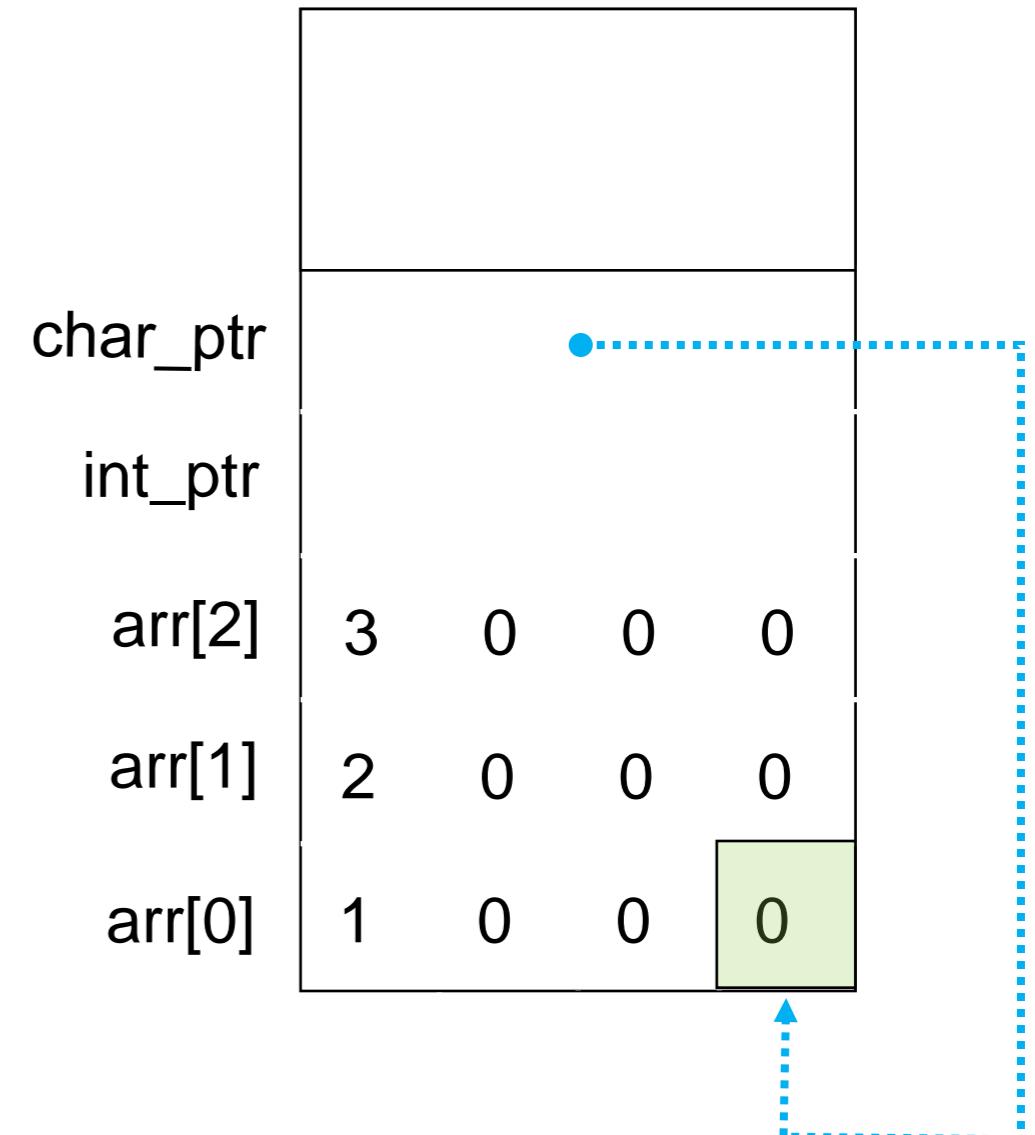
    printf("char_ptr: %p;  *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 1;
    printf("char_ptr: %p;  *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 2;
    printf("char_ptr: %p;  *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);

    return 0;
}

```

pointerarithmetic.c

stack  
(assume 32-bit x86)



`char_ptr: 0xbffff2ac; *char_ptr: 1`  
`char_ptr: 0xbffff2ad; *char_ptr: 0`

```

#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int arr[3] = {1, 2, 3};
    int *int_ptr = &arr[0];
    char *char_ptr = (char *) int_ptr;

    printf("int_ptr: %p; *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 1;
    printf("int_ptr: %p; *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);
    int_ptr += 2; // uh oh
    printf("int_ptr: %p; *int_ptr: %d\n",
           int_ptr, *int_ptr);

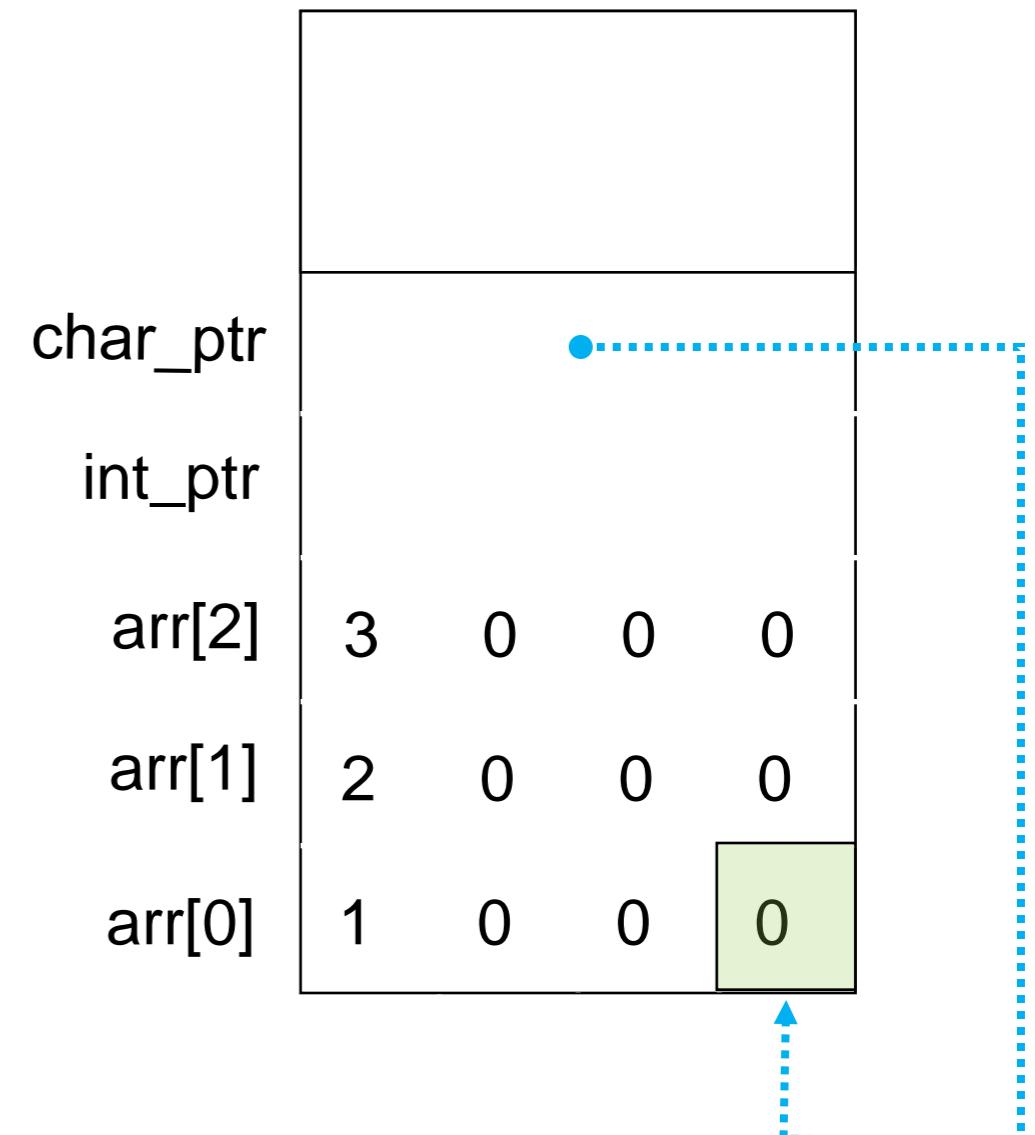
    printf("char_ptr: %p; *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 1;
    printf("char_ptr: %p; *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);
    char_ptr += 2;
    printf("char_ptr: %p; *char_ptr: %d\n",
           char_ptr, *char_ptr);

    return 0;
}

```

pointerarithmetic.c

stack  
(assume 32-bit x86)



```

char_ptr: 0xbffff2ac; *char_ptr: 1
char_ptr: 0xbffff2ad; *char_ptr: 0
char_ptr: 0xbffff2af; *char_ptr: 0

```

These are slightly modified versions of slides prepared by Steve Gribble

# Pass-by-value

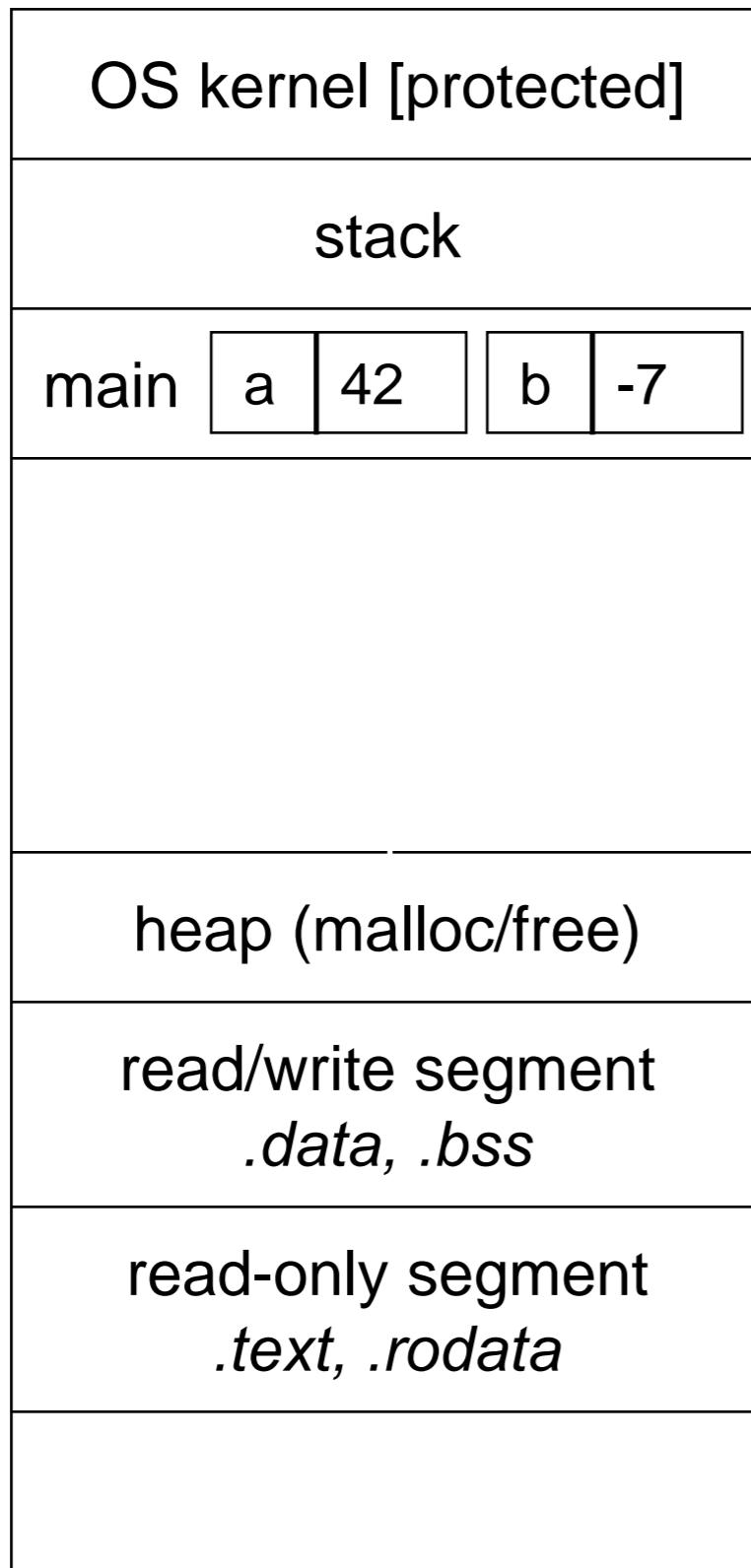
## C passes arguments by value

- callee receives a copy of the argument
- if the callee modifies an argument, caller's copy isn't modified

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

brokenswap.c

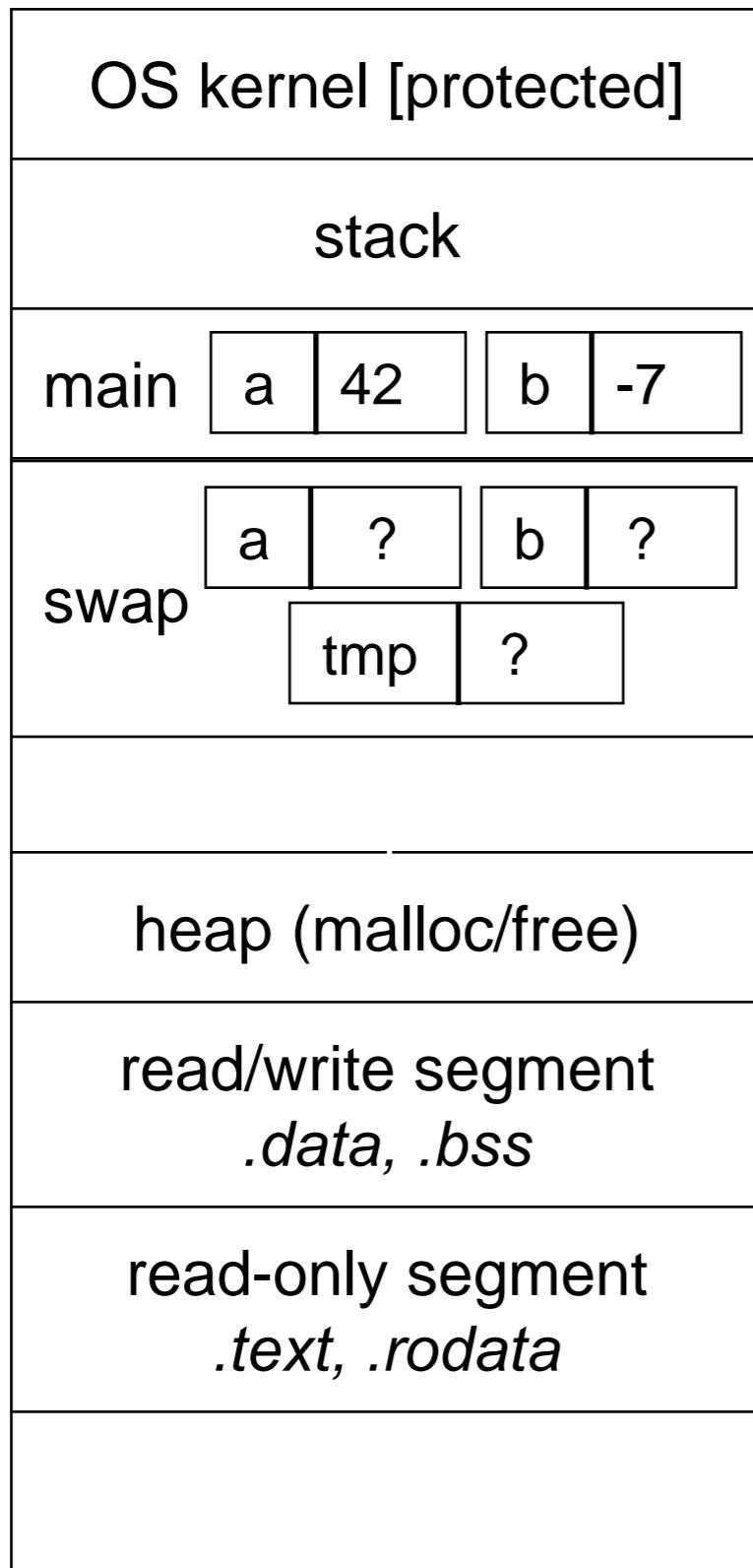
# Pass-by-value (stack)



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

brokenswap.c

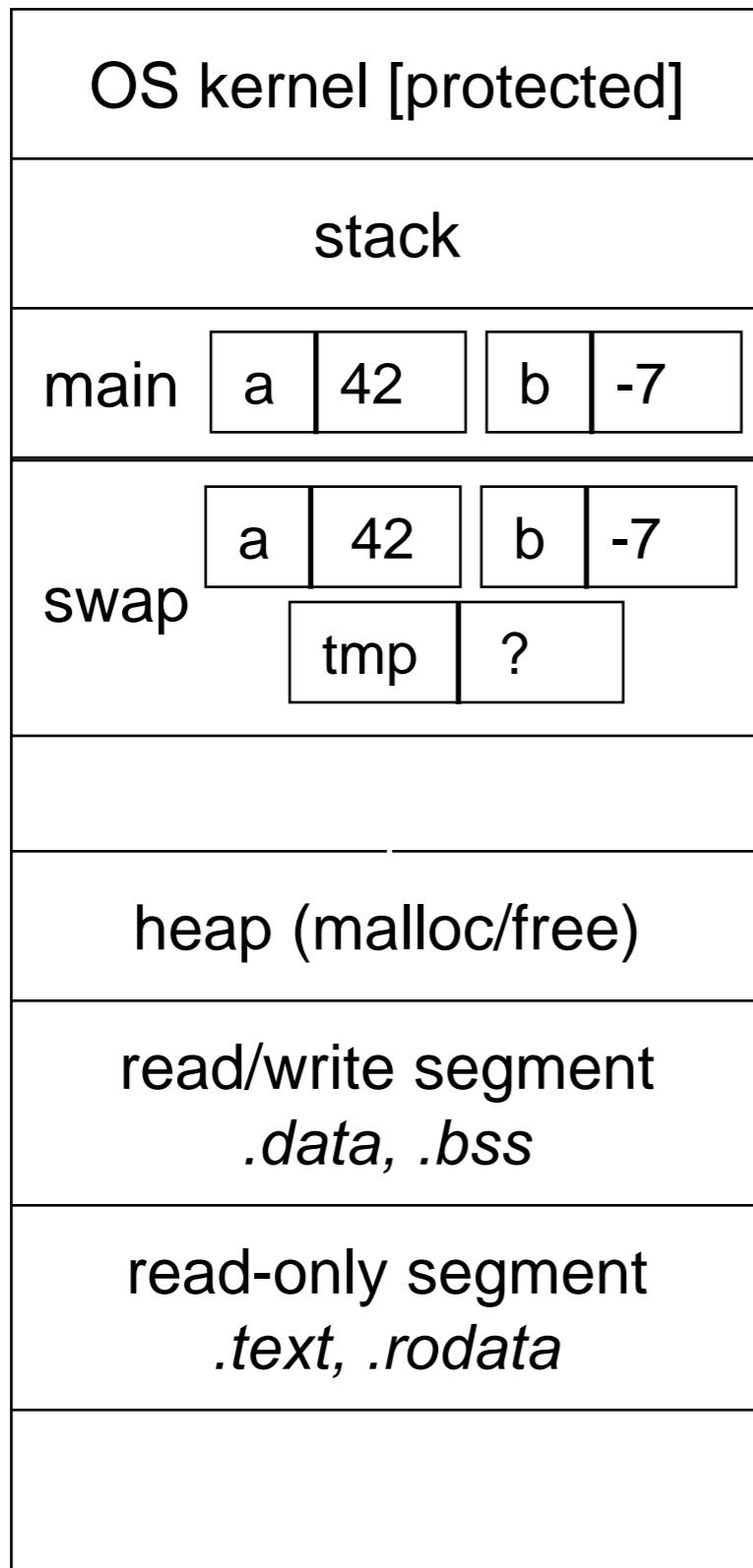
# Pass-by-value (stack)



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

brokenswap.c

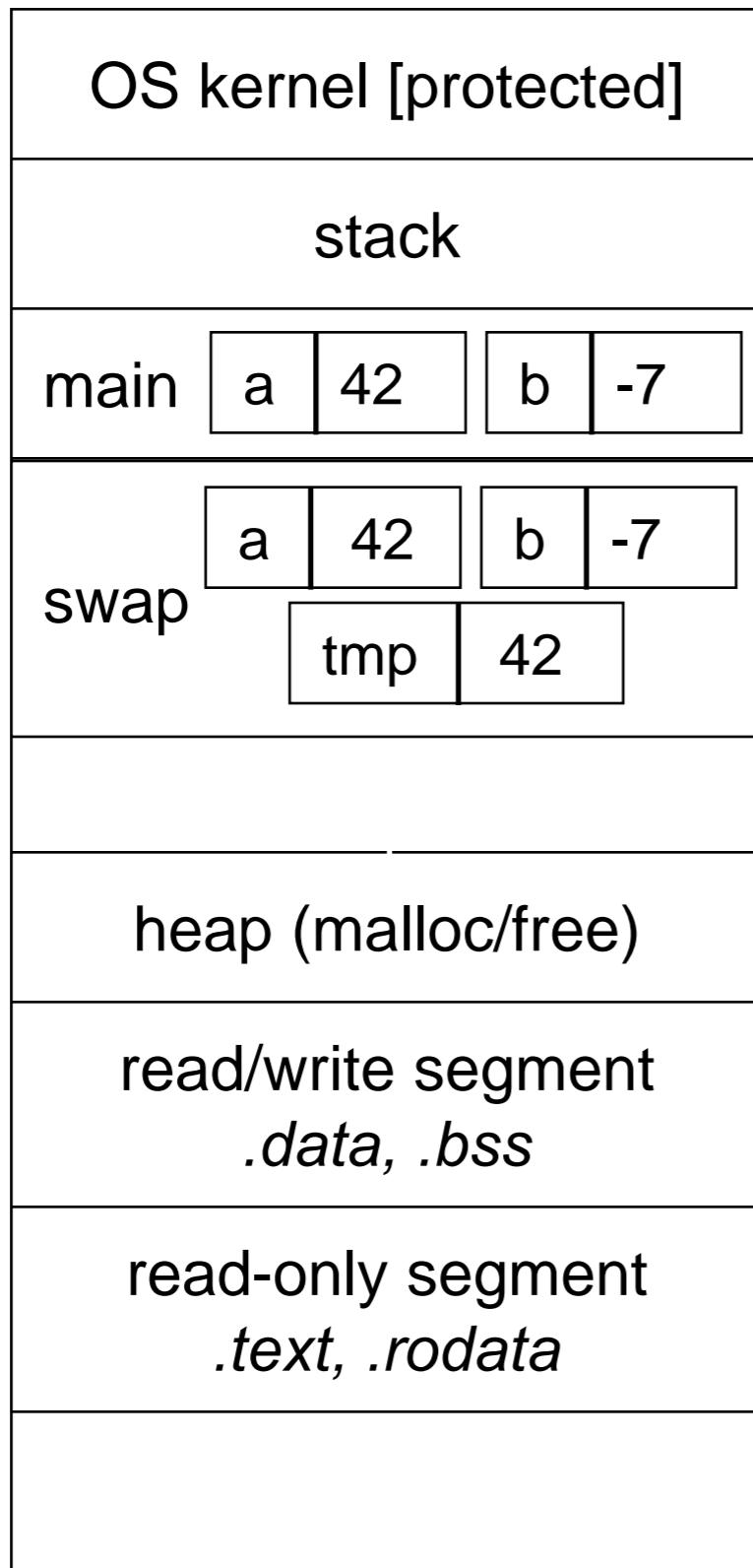
# Pass-by-value (stack)



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

brokenswap.c

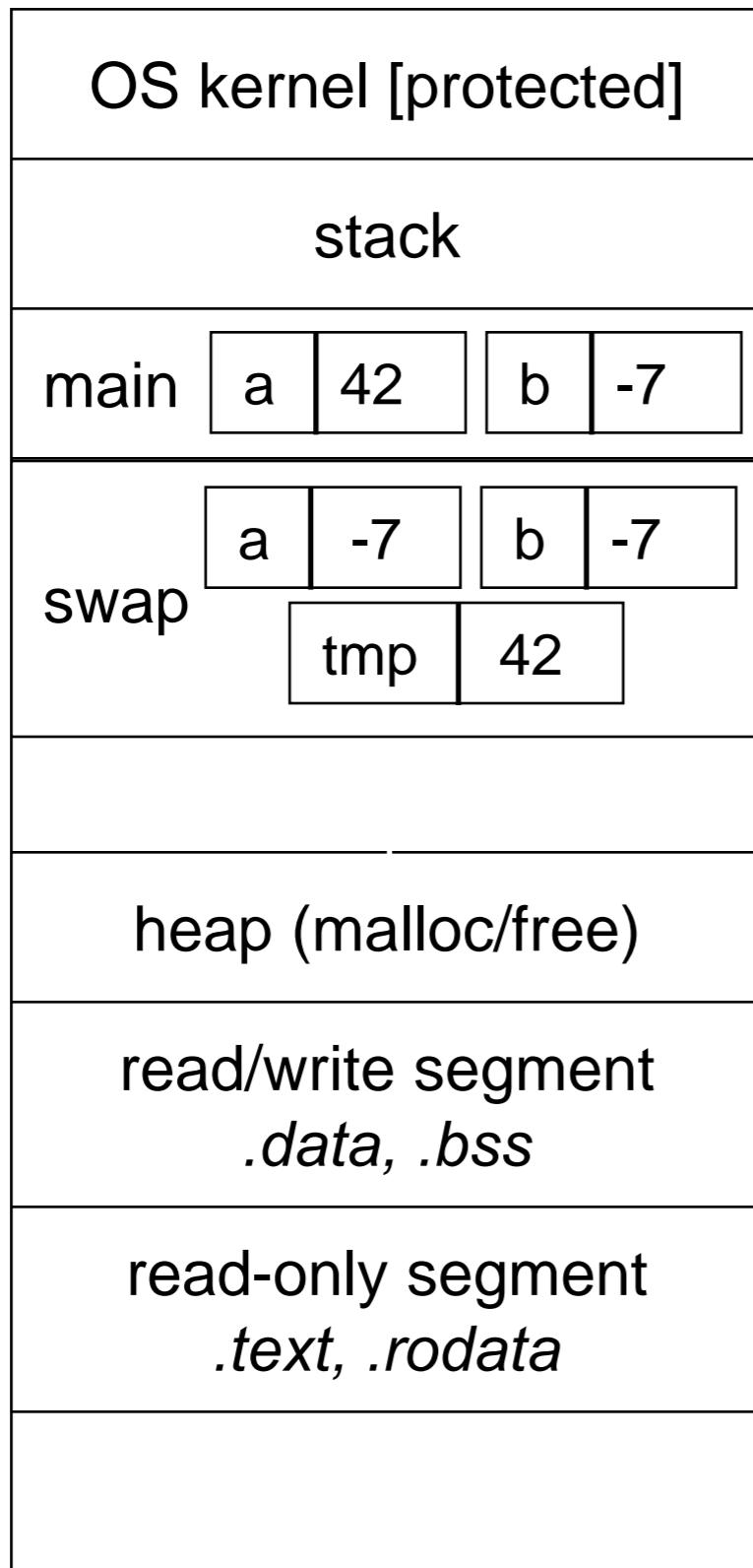
# Pass-by-value (stack)



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

brokenswap.c

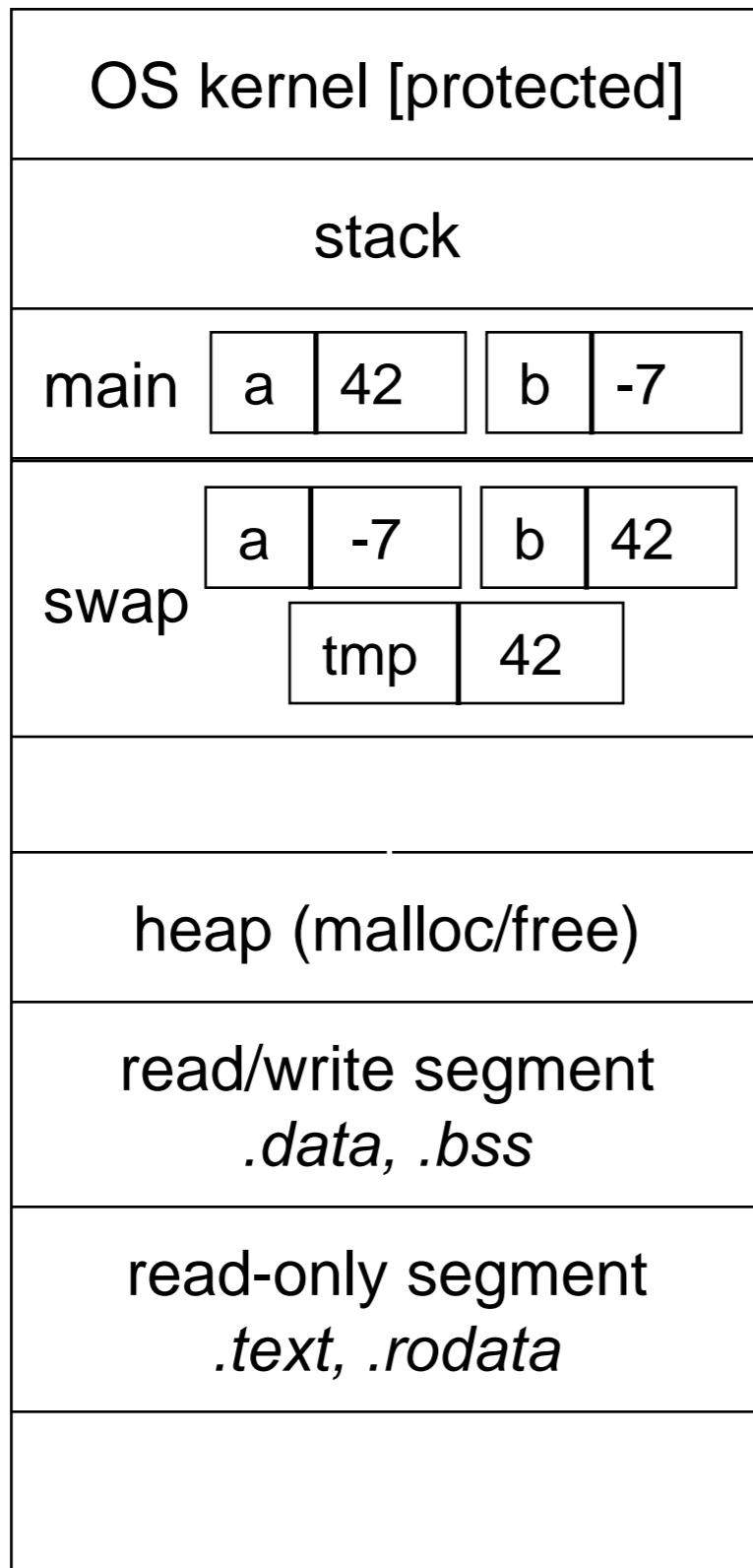
# Pass-by-value (stack)



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

brokenswap.c

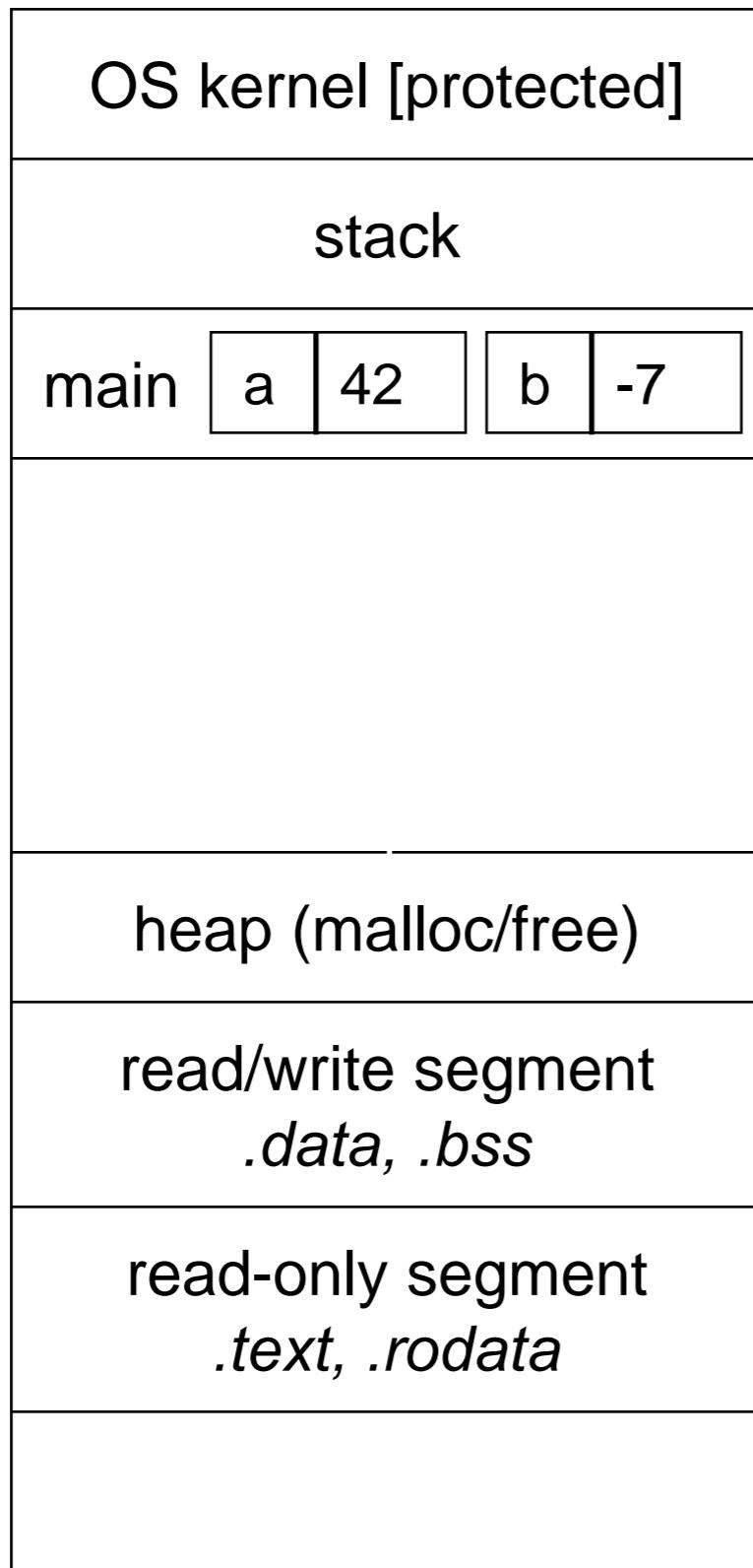
# Pass-by-value (stack)



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

brokenswap.c

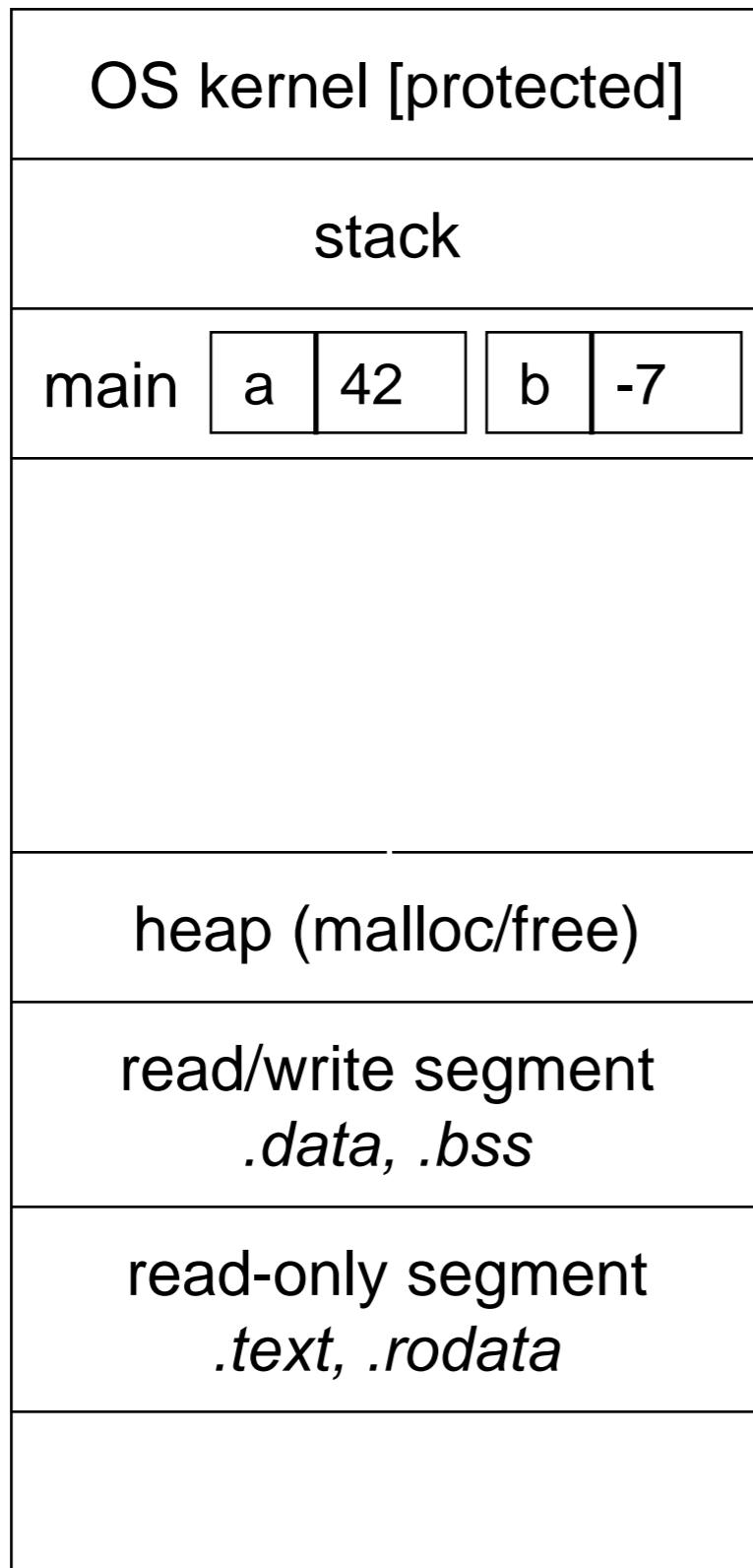
# Pass-by-value (stack)



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

brokenswap.c

# Pass-by-value (stack)



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

brokenswap.c

# Pass-by-reference

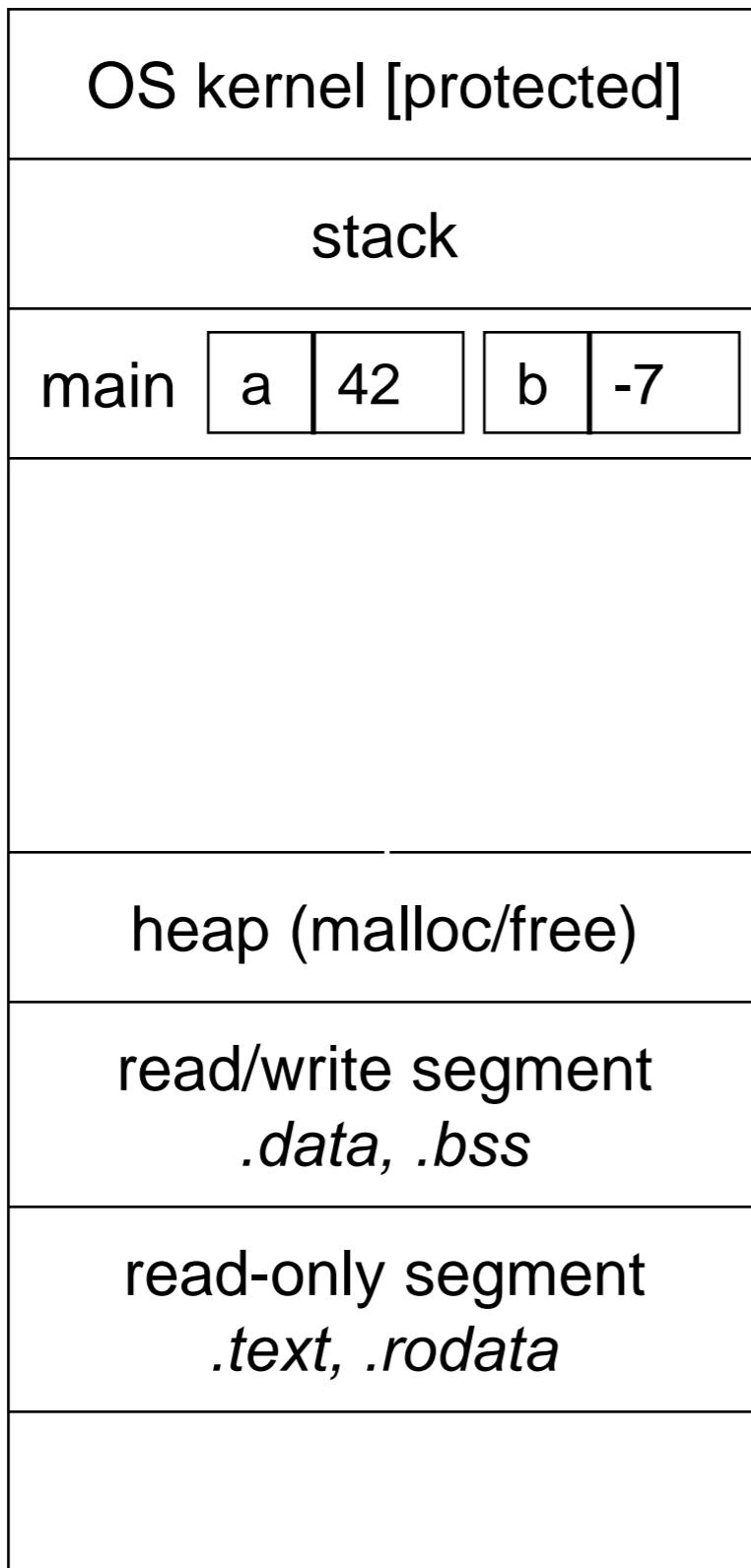
You can use pointers to pass by *reference*

- callee still receives a copy of the argument
  - › but, the argument is a pointer
  - › the pointer's value points-to the variable in the scope of the caller
- this gives the callee a way to modify a variable that's in the scope of the caller

```
void swap(int *a, int *b) {  
    int tmp = *a;  
    *a = *b;  
    *b = tmp;  
}  
  
int main(int argc, char **argv)  
{  
    int a = 42, b = -7;  
  
    swap(&a, &b);  
    printf("a: %d, b: %d\n", a,  
b);  
    return 0;  
}
```

swap.c

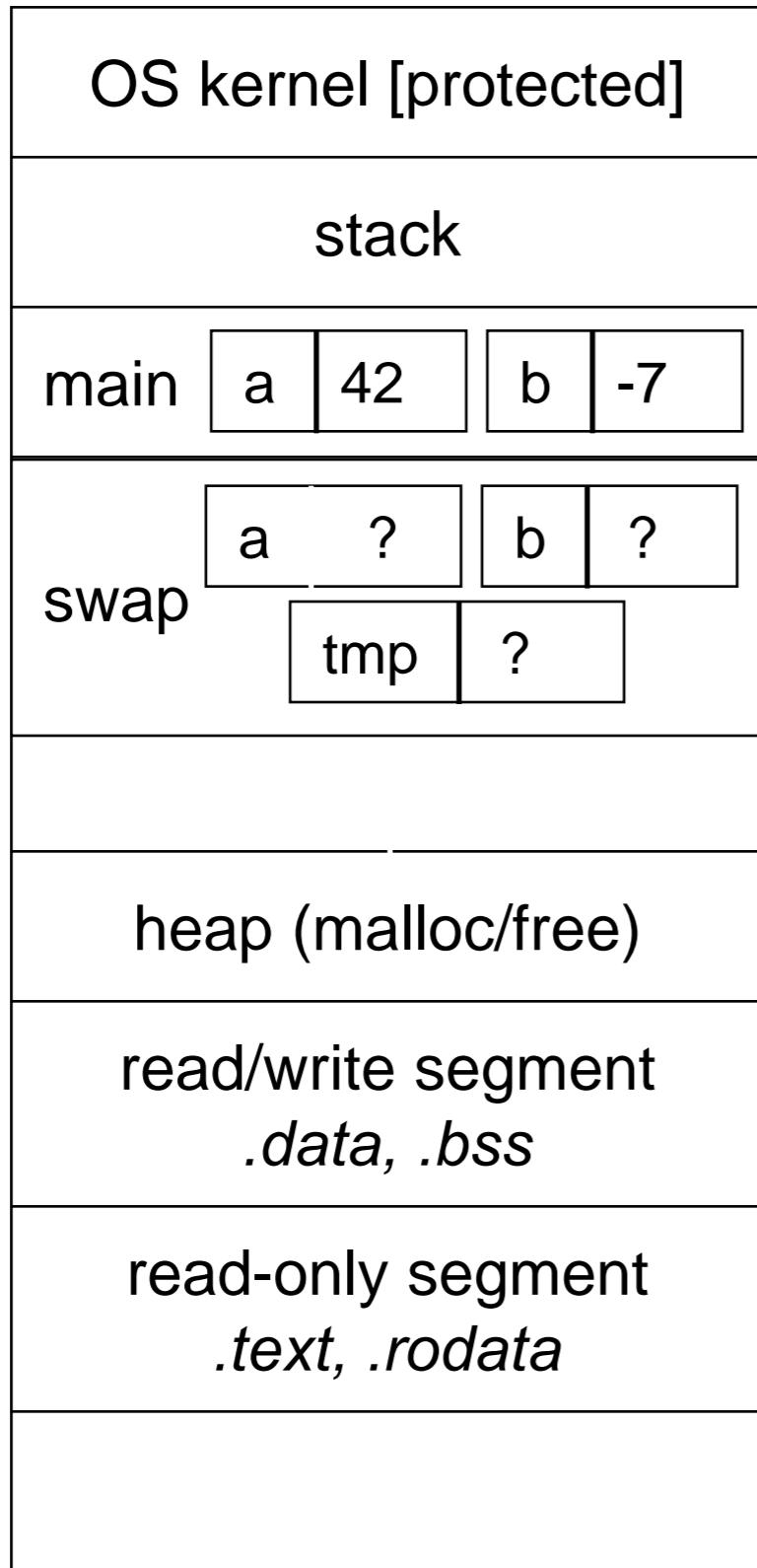
# Pass-by-reference (stack)



```
void swap(int *a, int *b) {  
    int tmp = *a;  
    *a = *b;  
    *b = tmp;  
}  
  
int main(int argc, char **argv)  
{  
    int a = 42, b = -7;  
  
    swap(&a, &b);  
    printf("a: %d, b: %d\n", a,  
b);  
    return 0;  
}
```

swap.c

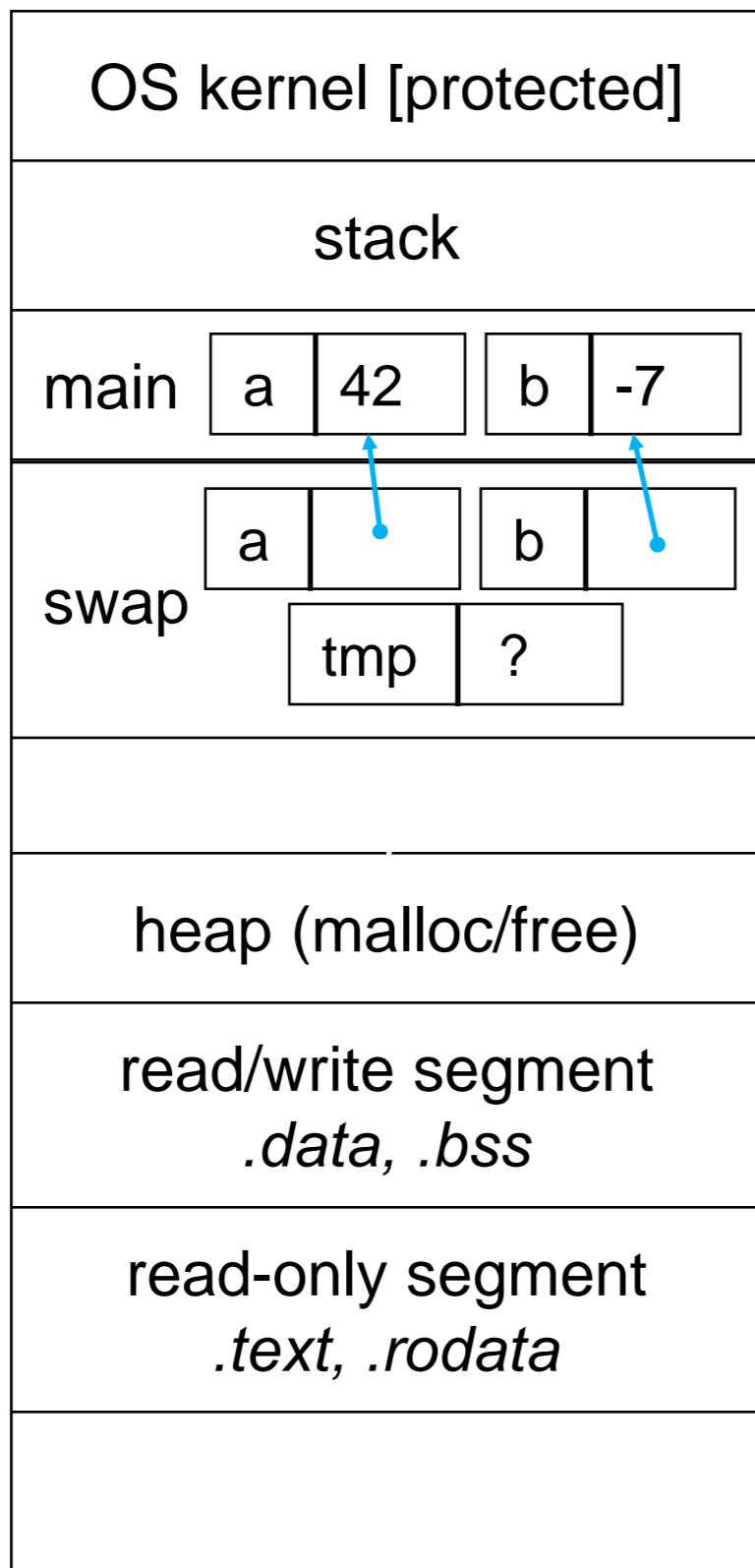
# Pass-by-reference (stack)



```
void swap(int *a, int *b) {  
    int tmp = *a;  
    *a = *b;  
    *b = tmp;  
}  
  
int main(int argc, char **argv)  
{  
    int a = 42, b = -7;  
  
    swap(&a, &b);  
    printf("a: %d, b: %d\n", a,  
          b);  
    return 0;  
}
```

swap.c

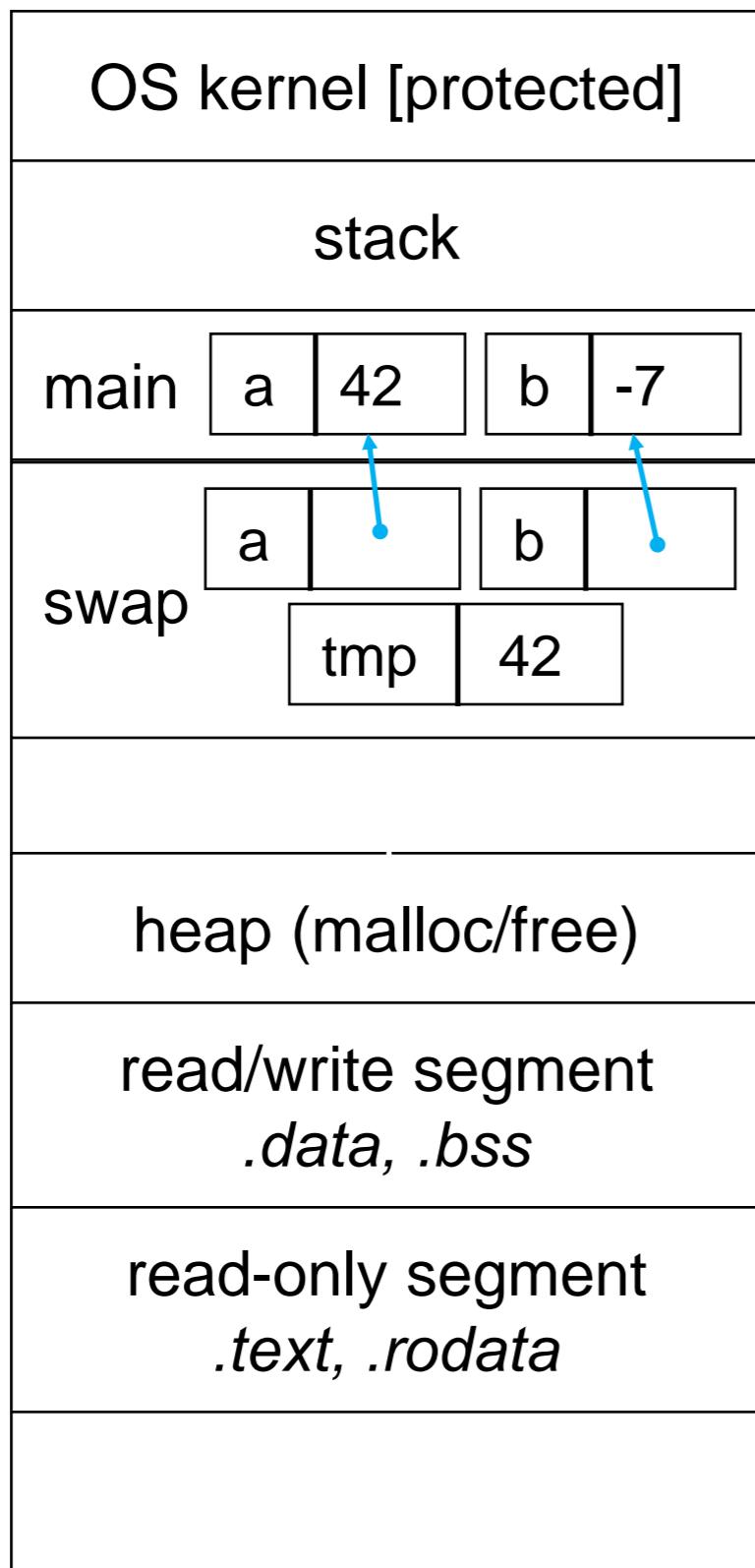
# Pass-by-reference (stack)



```
void swap(int *a, int *b) {  
    int tmp = *a;  
    *a = *b;  
    *b = tmp;  
}  
  
int main(int argc, char **argv)  
{  
    int a = 42, b = -7;  
  
    swap(&a, &b);  
    printf("a: %d, b: %d\n", a,  
b);  
    return 0;  
}
```

swap.c

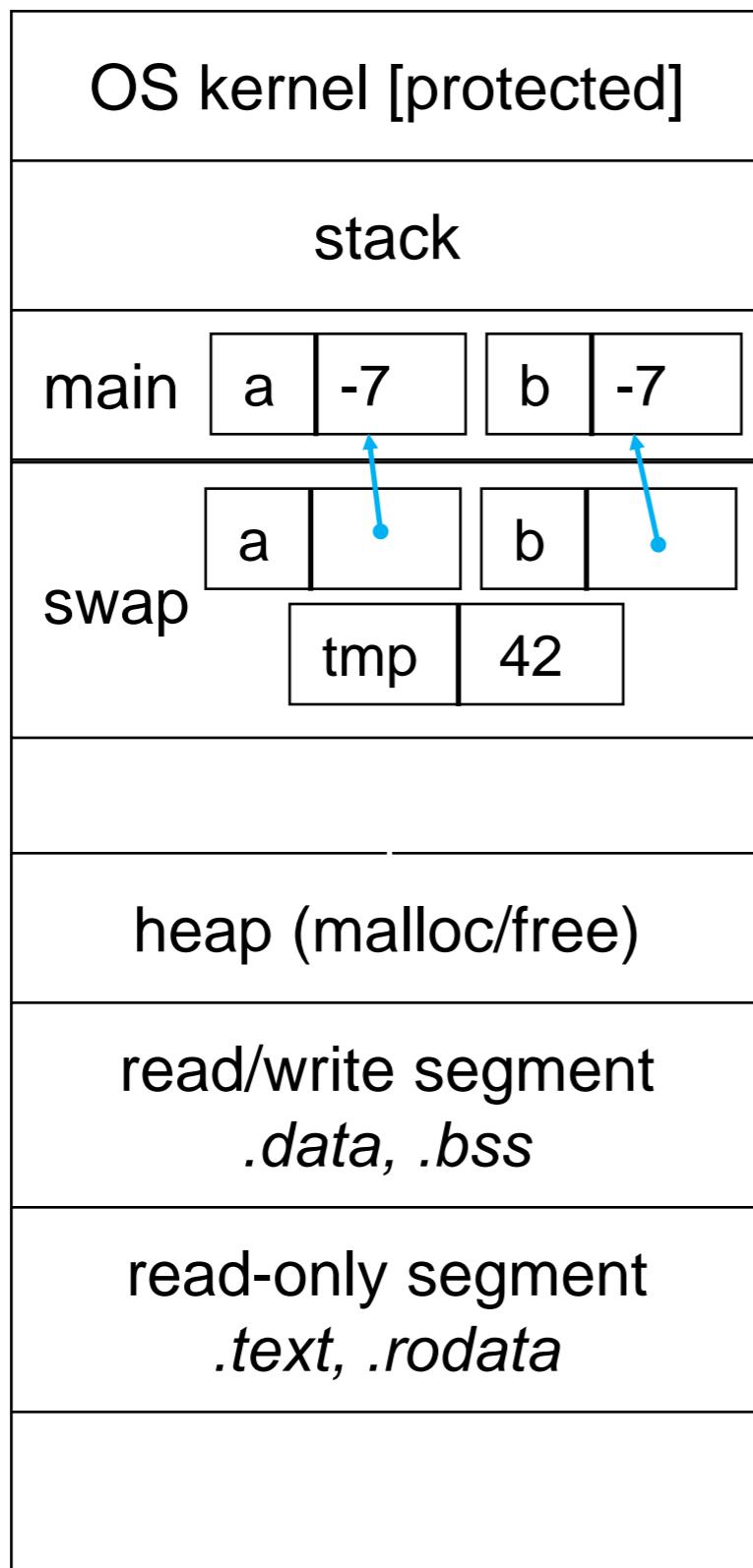
# Pass-by-reference (stack)



```
void swap(int *a, int *b) {  
    int tmp = *a;  
    *a = *b;  
    *b = tmp;  
}  
  
int main(int argc, char **argv)  
{  
    int a = 42, b = -7;  
  
    swap(&a, &b);  
    printf("a: %d, b: %d\n", a,  
b);  
    return 0;  
}
```

swap.c

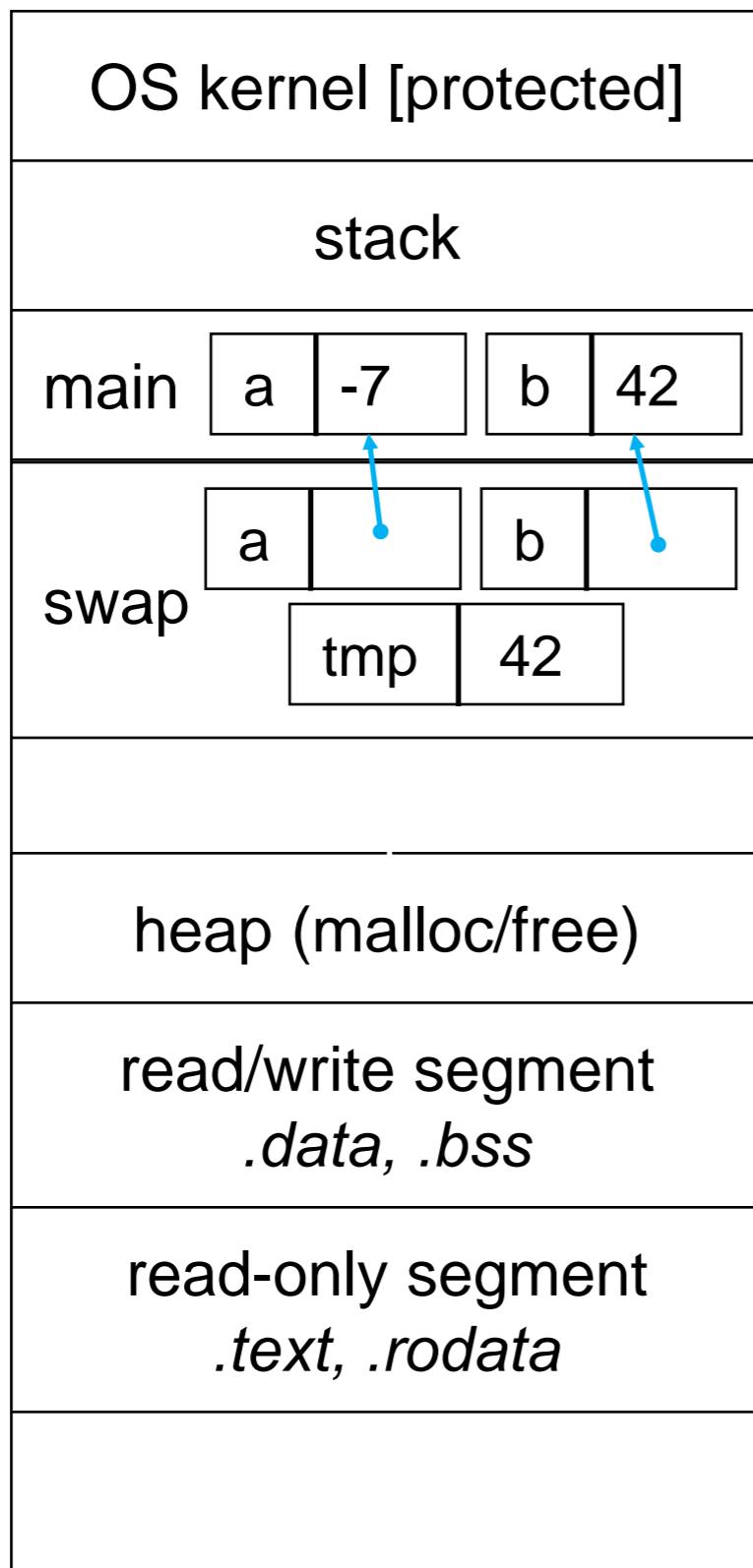
# Pass-by-reference (stack)



```
void swap(int *a, int *b) {  
    int tmp = *a;  
    *a = *b;  
    *b = tmp;  
}  
  
int main(int argc, char **argv)  
{  
    int a = 42, b = -7;  
  
    swap(&a, &b);  
    printf("a: %d, b: %d\n", a,  
b);  
    return 0;  
}
```

swap.c

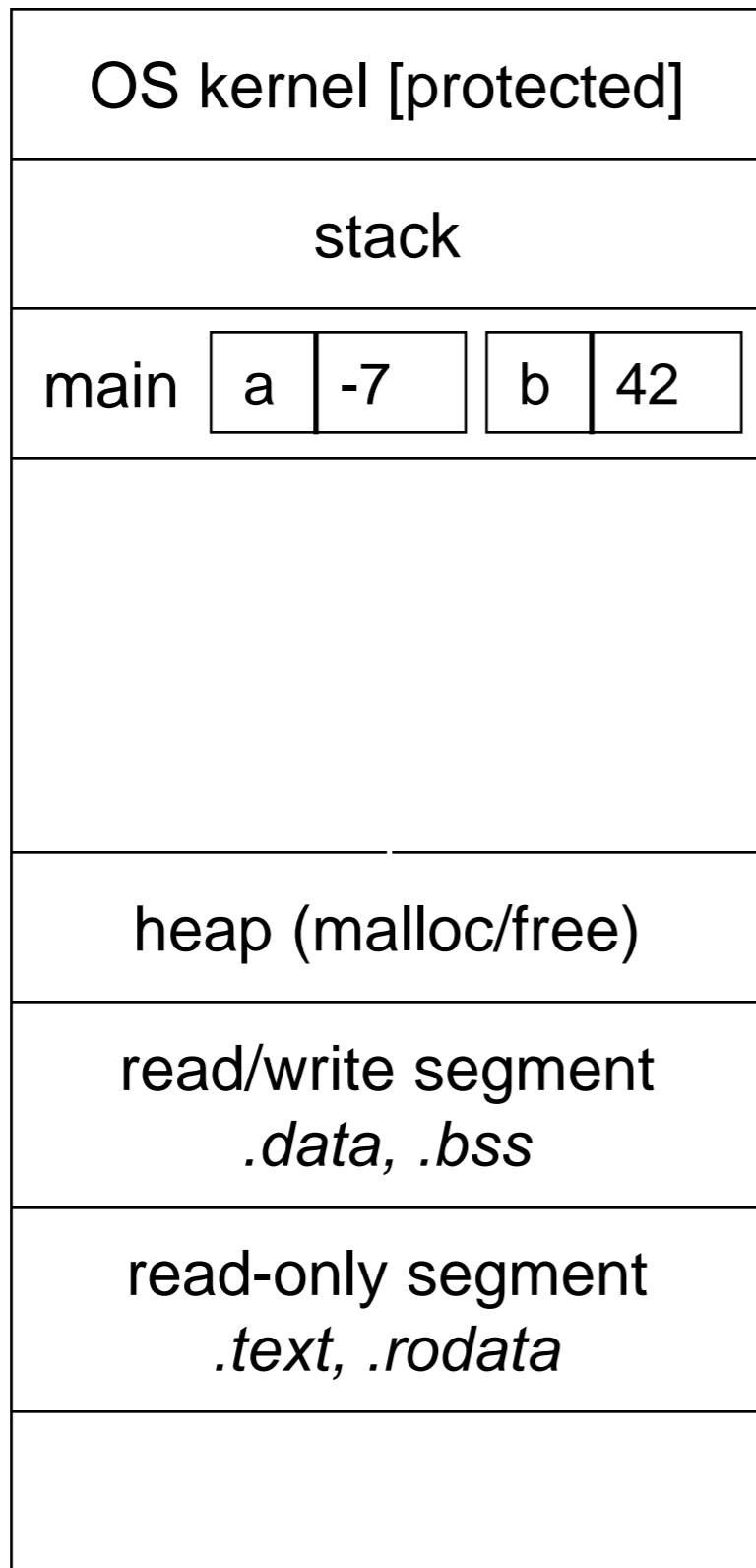
# Pass-by-reference (stack)



```
void swap(int *a, int *b) {  
    int tmp = *a;  
    *a = *b;  
    *b = tmp;  
}  
  
int main(int argc, char **argv)  
{  
    int a = 42, b = -7;  
  
    swap(&a, &b);  
    printf("a: %d, b: %d\n", a,  
          b);  
    return 0;  
}
```

swap.c

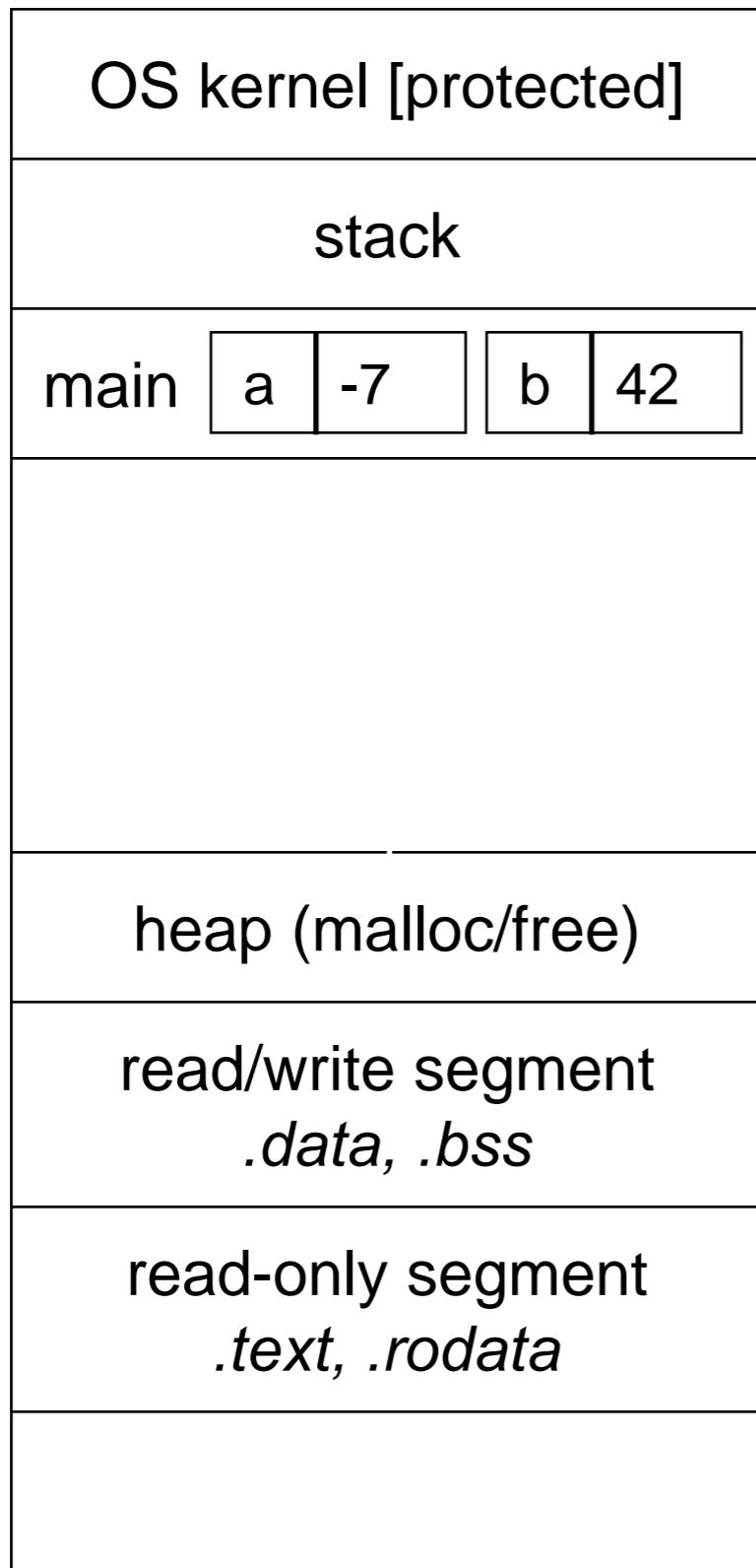
# Pass-by-reference (stack)



```
void swap(int *a, int *b) {  
    int tmp = *a;  
    *a = *b;  
    *b = tmp;  
}  
  
int main(int argc, char **argv)  
{  
    int a = 42, b = -7;  
  
    swap(&a, &b);  
    printf("a: %d, b: %d\n", a,  
b);  
    return 0;  
}
```

swap.c

# Pass-by-reference (stack)



```
void swap(int *a, int *b) {  
    int tmp = *a;  
    *a = *b;  
    *b = tmp;  
}  
  
int main(int argc, char **argv)  
{  
    int a = 42, b = -7;  
  
    swap(&a, &b);  
    printf("a: %d, b: %d\n", a,  
b);  
    return 0;  
}
```

swap.c

# Arrays and pointers

a pointer can point to an array element

- an array's name can be used as a pointer to its first element
- and, you can use [] notation to treat a pointer like an array
  - **pointer[i]** is *i* elements' worth of bytes forward from pointer

```
int a[5] = {10, 20, 30, 40, 50};  
int* p1 = &a[3];    // refers to a's fourth element  
int* p2 = &a[0];    // refers to a's first element  
int* p3 = a;        // refers to a's first element  
  
*p1 = 100;  
*p2 = 200;  
p1[1] = 300;  
p2[1] = 400;  
p3[2] = 500;      // final: 200, 400, 500, 100, 300
```

# Passing arrays as parameters

Array parameters are really passed as pointers to the first array element

- the `[]` syntax on parameters is just for convenience

```
void f(int a[]);  
  
int main(...) {  
    int a[5];  
    ...  
    f(a);  
    return 0;  
}  
  
void f(int a[] ) {
```

your code

```
void f(int *a);  
  
int main(...) {  
    int a[5];  
    ...  
    f (&a[0]);  
    return 0;  
}  
  
void f(int *a) {
```

equivalent code

# Self-Exercise 1

Use a box-and-arrow diagram for the following program to explain what it prints out:

```
#include <stdio.h>

int foo(int *bar, int **baz) {
    *bar = 5;
    *(bar+1) = 6;
    *baz = bar+2;
    return *((*baz)+1);
}

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int arr[4] = {1, 2, 3, 4};
    int *ptr;

    arr[0] = foo(&(arr[0]), &ptr);
    printf("%d %d %d %d %d\n",
           arr[0], arr[1], arr[2], arr[3], *ptr);
    return 0;
}
```

# Self-Exercise 2

Write a program that prints out whether the computer it is running on is little endian or big endian.

- (hint: see pointerarithmetic.c from today's lecture)

# Self-Exercise 3

Write a function that:

- accepts an (array of ints) and an (array length) as arguments
- malloc's an (array of (int \*)) of the same length
- initializes each element of the newly allocated array to point to the corresponding element in the passed-in array
- returns a pointer to the newly allocated array

# See you on Wednesday!