

Memory, Data, & Addressing II

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Administrivia

- ❖ Lab 0 due today @ 11:59 pm
 - *You will be revisiting this program throughout this class!*
- ❖ Homework 1 due Wednesday
 - Reminder: autograded, 20 tries, no late submissions
- ❖ Lab 1a released today, due next Monday (10/8)
 - Pointers in C
 - Reminder: last submission graded, *individual* work

Late Days

- ❖ All submissions due at 11:59 pm
 - Count lateness in *days* (even if just by a second)
 - Special: weekends count as *one day*
 - No submissions accepted more than two days late
- ❖ You are given **5 late day tokens** for the whole quarter
 - Tokens can only apply to Labs (not HW)
 - No benefit to having leftover tokens
- ❖ Late penalty is 20% deduction of your score per day
 - Only late labs are eligible for penalties
 - Penalties applied at end of quarter to *maximize* your grade
- ❖ Use at own risk – don't want to fall too far behind
 - Intended to allow for unexpected circumstances

Review Questions

- 1) If the word size of a machine is 64-bits, which of the following is usually true? (pick all that apply)
 - a) 64 bits is the size of a pointer T
 - b) 64 bits is the size of an integer F (32 bits = 4 bytes)
 - c) 64 bits is the width of a register T
- 2) (True/False) By looking at the bits stored in memory, I can tell if a particular 4-bytes is being used to represent an integer, floating point number, or instruction.
- 3) If the size of a pointer on a machine is 6 bits, the address space is how many bytes?

0b -----
represent 2^6 things \rightarrow 2^6 addresses \rightarrow 2^6 bytes of data
64 B

Memory, Data, and Addressing

- ❖ Representing information as bits and bytes
- ❖ Organizing and addressing data in memory
- ❖ **Manipulating data in memory using C**
- ❖ Boolean algebra and bit-level manipulations

Addresses and Pointers in C

* is also used with variable declarations

- ❖ & = "address of" operator
- ❖ * = "value at address" or "dereference" operator

equivalent { ^{datatype} `int*` ptr;
`int` *ptr;

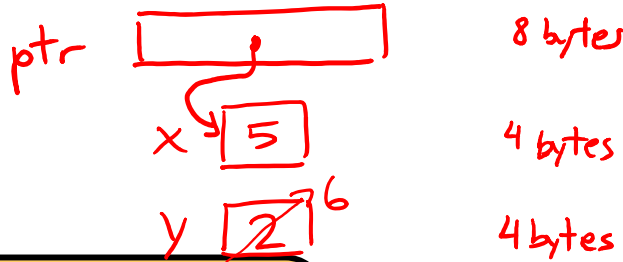
Declares a variable, ptr, that is a pointer to (i.e. holds the address of) an int in memory

```
int x = 5;
int y = 2;
```

Declares two variables, x and y, that hold ints, and initializes them to 5 and 2, respectively

```
ptr = &x;
```

Sets ptr to the address of x ("ptr points to x")



```
y = 1 + *ptr;
```

Sets y to "1 plus the value stored at the address held by ptr. Because ptr points to x, this is equivalent to y=1+x;

"Dereference ptr"

What is *(&y) ?

↳ returns value stored in y (equivalent to just using y)

Assignment in C

- ❖ A variable is represented by a location
- ❖ Declaration ≠ initialization (initially holds “garbage”)
- ❖ `int x, y;`

- `x` is at address `0x04`, `y` is at `0x18`

| | 0x00 | 0x01 | 0x02 | 0x03 | |
|------|------|------|------|------|---|
| 0x00 | A7 | 00 | 32 | 00 | |
| 0x04 | 00 | 01 | 29 | F3 | x |
| 0x08 | EE | EE | EE | EE | |
| 0x0C | FA | CE | CA | FE | |
| 0x10 | 26 | 00 | 00 | 00 | |
| 0x14 | 00 | 00 | 10 | 00 | |
| 0x18 | 01 | 00 | 00 | 00 | y |
| 0x1C | FF | 00 | F4 | 96 | |
| 0x20 | DE | AD | BE | EF | |
| 0x24 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | |

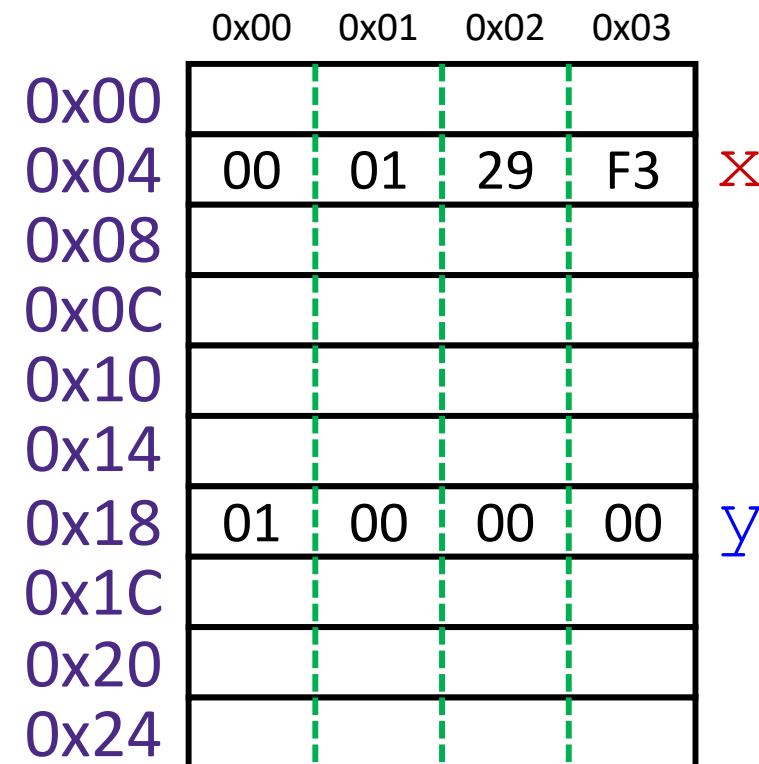
current state
of memory

Assignment in C

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(pointers are 32-bits wide)

little-endian

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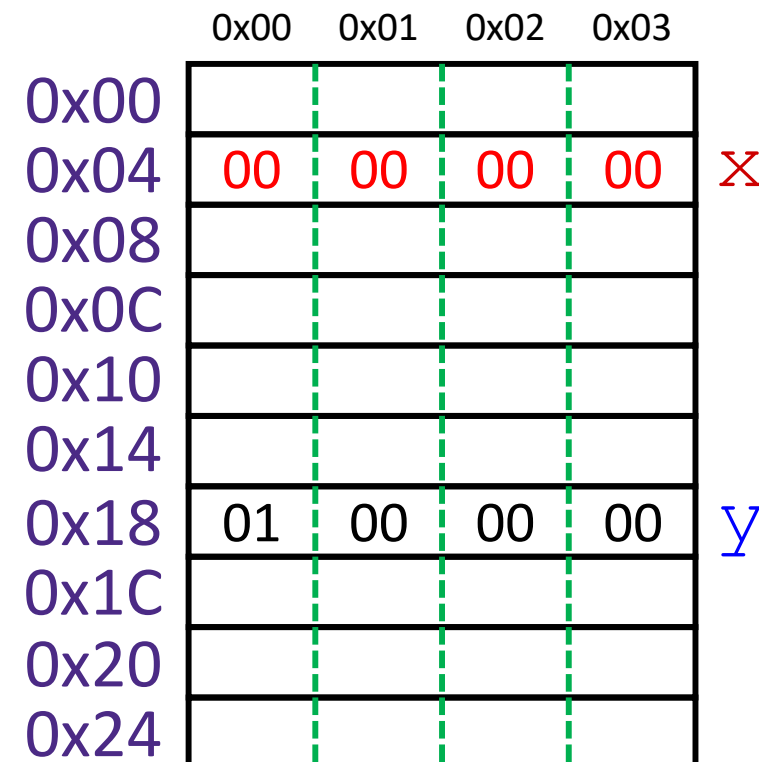
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```

```
❖ x = 0; 0x00 00 00 00
```

pad →

↑ int (4 bytes)



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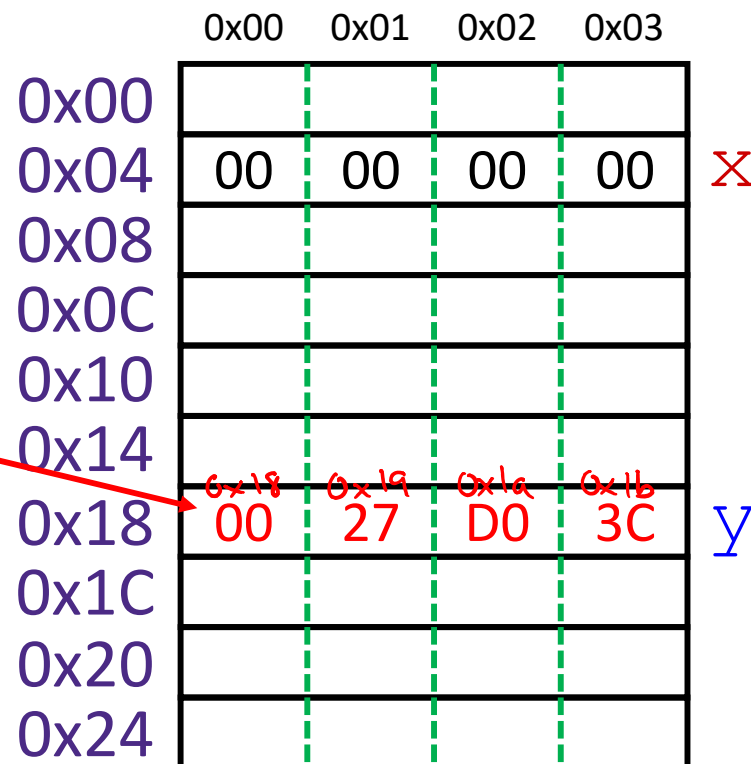
```
❖ int x, y;
```

```
❖ x = 0;
```

```
❖ y = 0x3CD02700;
```

least significant byte

little endian!



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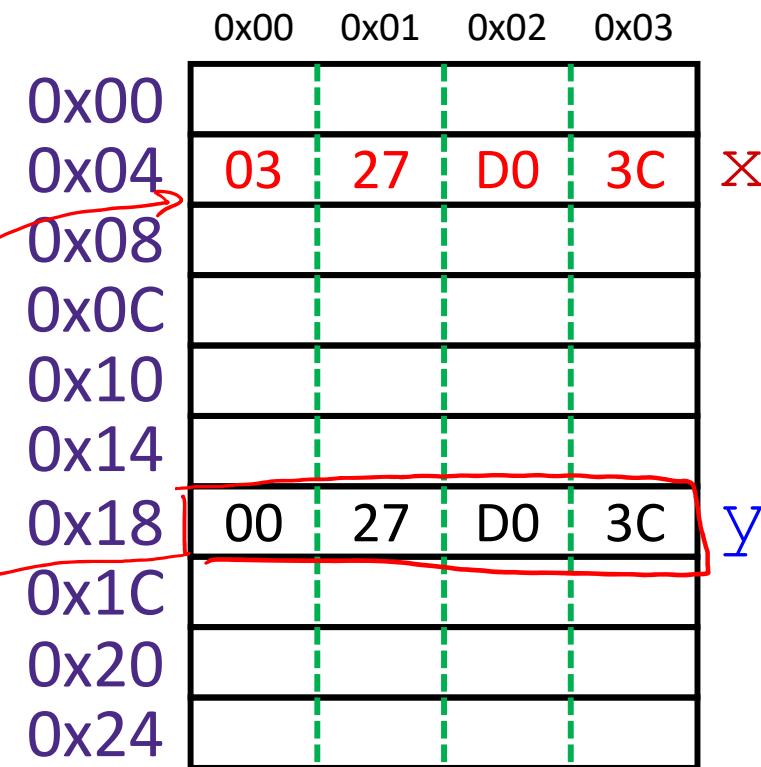
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❖ x = y + 3;
    ■ Get value at y, add 3, store in x
```

0x3CD02703



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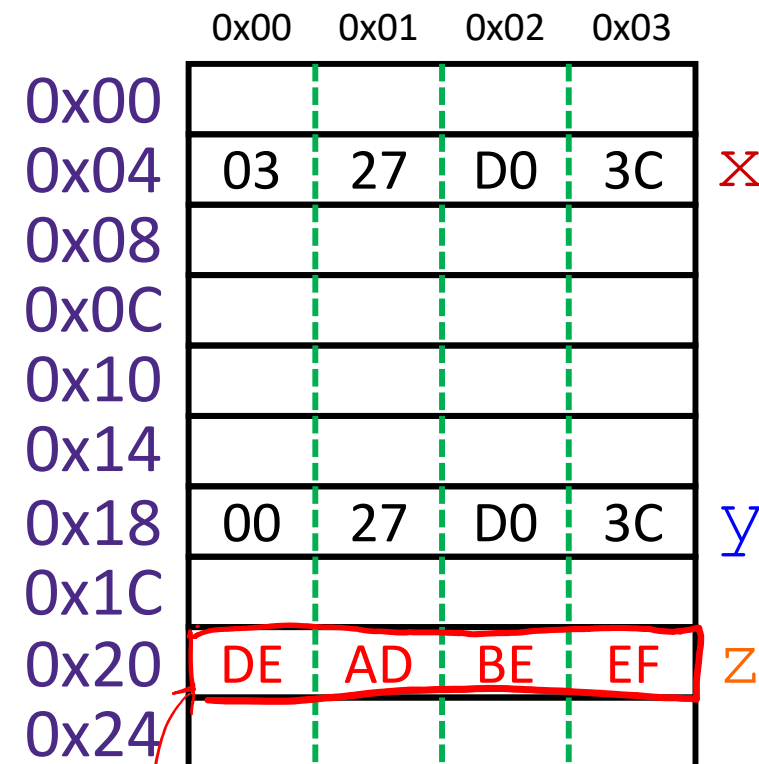
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```
❖ int* z; ← pointer to an int
```

- *z* is at address 0x20



initial value is whatever bits were already there! ("garbage")

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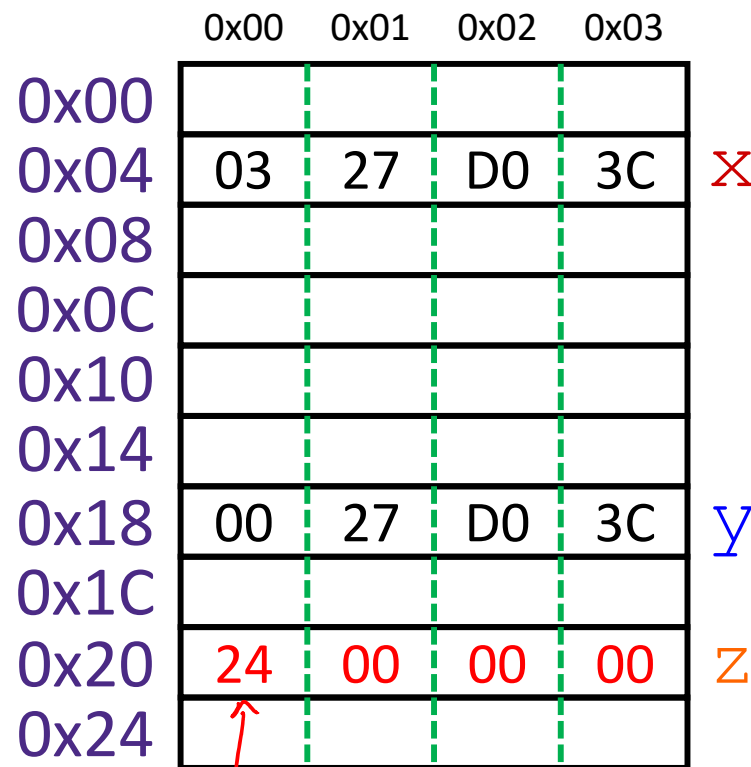
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```

- Get value at *y*, add 3, store in *x*

```
❖ int* z = 0x18&y + 3; // expect 0x1b
```

- Get address of *y*, "add 3", store in *z*



↑ get this instead

Pointer arithmetic

Pointer Arithmetic

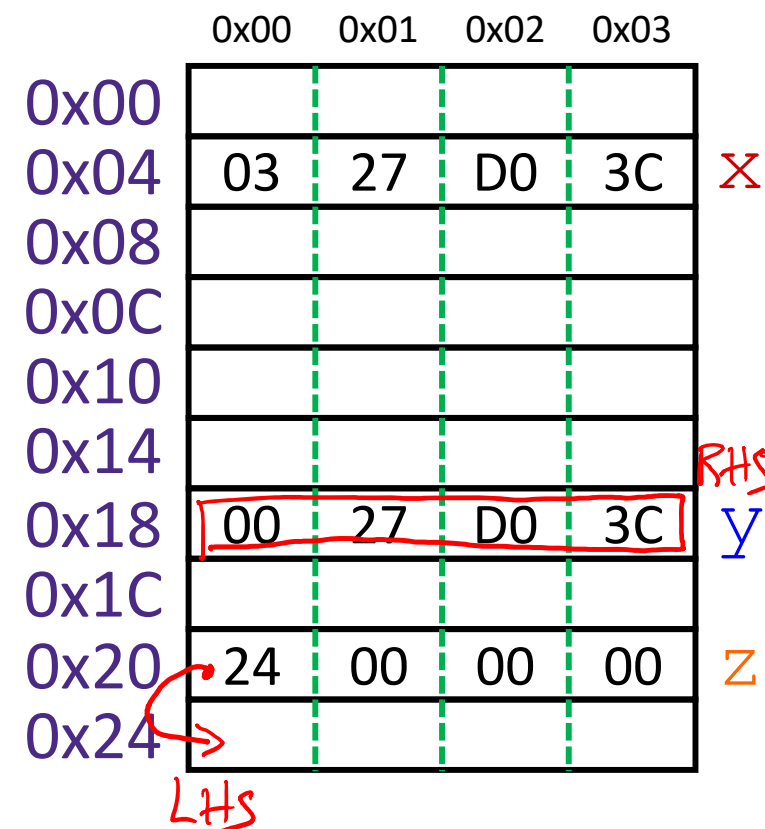
- ❖ Pointer arithmetic is scaled by the size of target type
 - In this example, `sizeof(int) = 4`
- ❖ `int* z = &y + 3;`
 - Get address of `y`, add $3 * \text{sizeof}(\text{int})$, store in `z`
 - $\&y = 0x18 = 1 * 16^1 + 8 * 16^0 = 24$
 - $24 + 3 * (4) = 36 = 2 * 16^1 + 4 * 16^0 = 0x24$
- ❖ **Pointer arithmetic can be dangerous!**
 - Can easily lead to bad memory accesses
 - Be careful with data types and *casting*

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- ❖ `int* z = &y + 3;`
 - Get address of `y`, add **12**, store in `z`
- ❖ `*z = y;`
 - What does this do?



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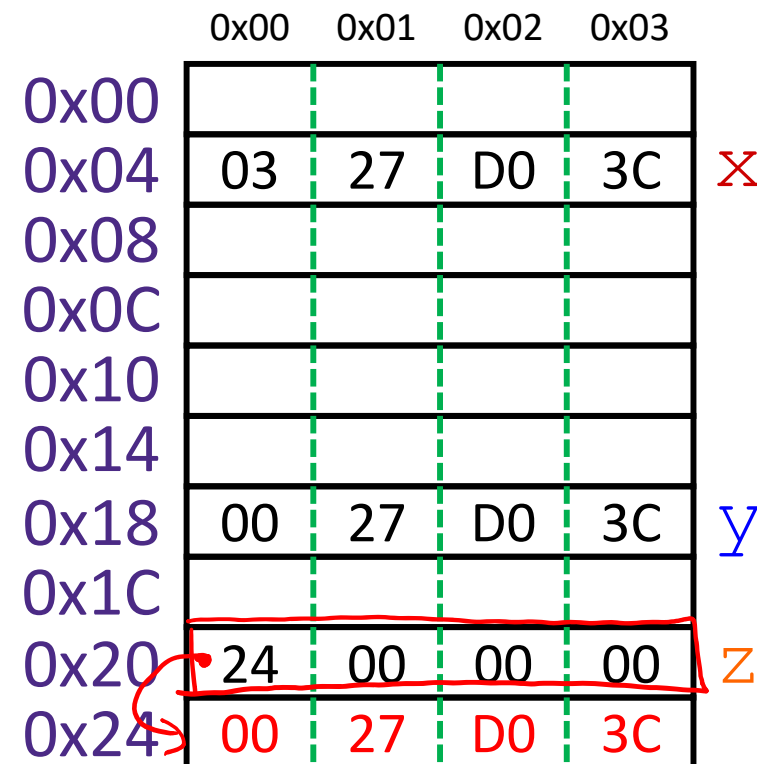
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The target of a pointer is also a location

 - Get value of `y`, put in address stored in `z`

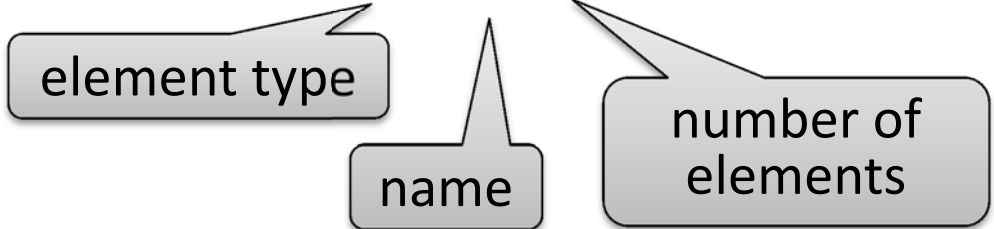


Arrays in C

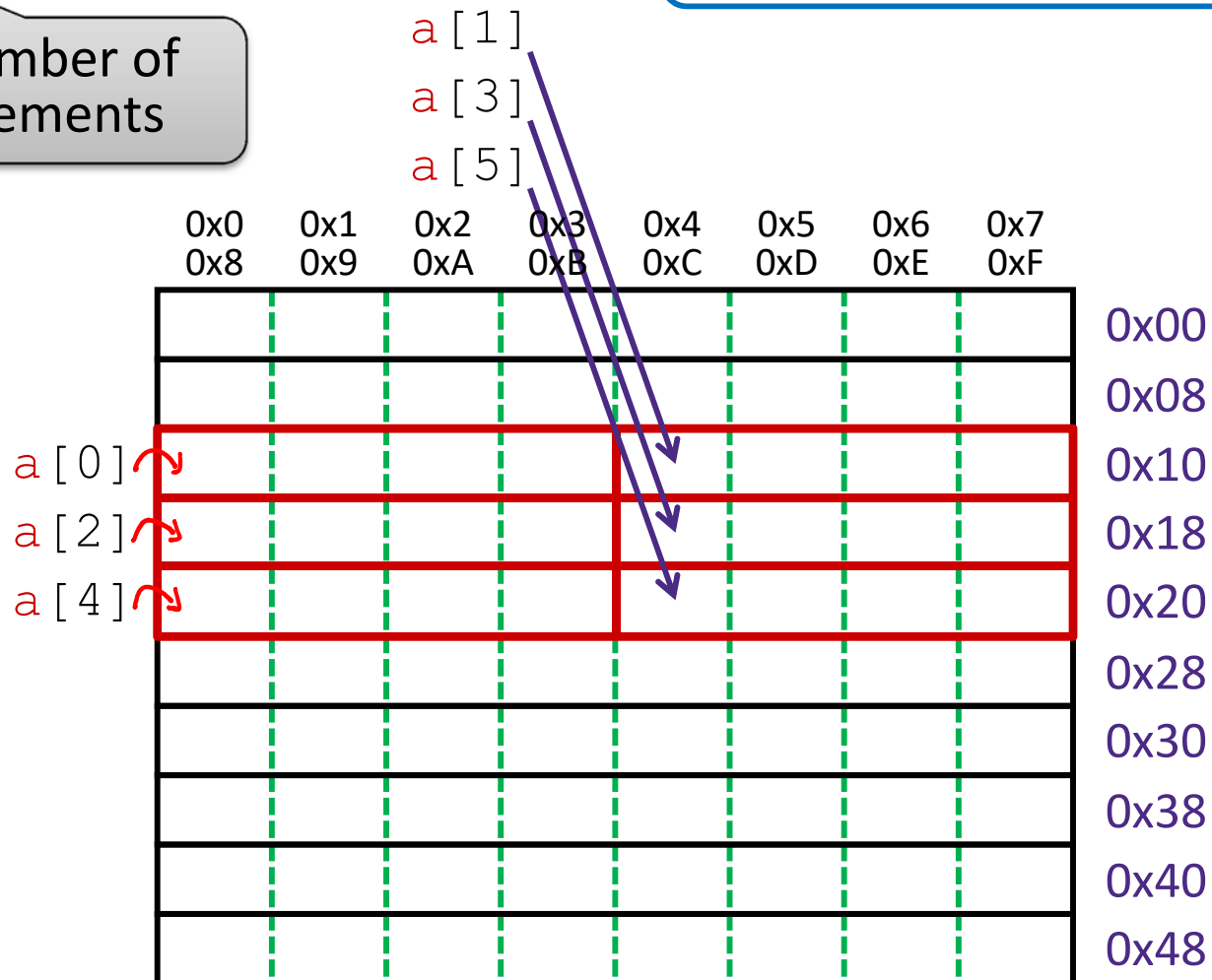
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64-bit example
(pointers are 64-bits wide)



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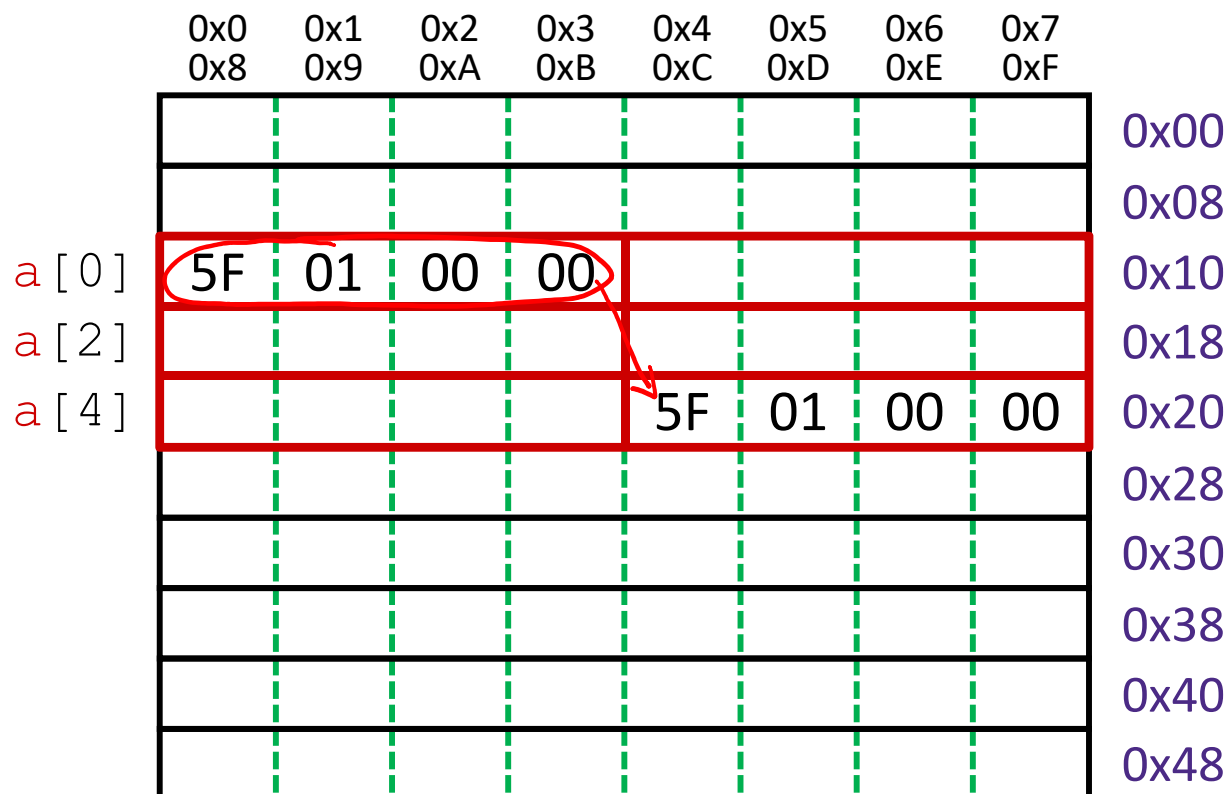
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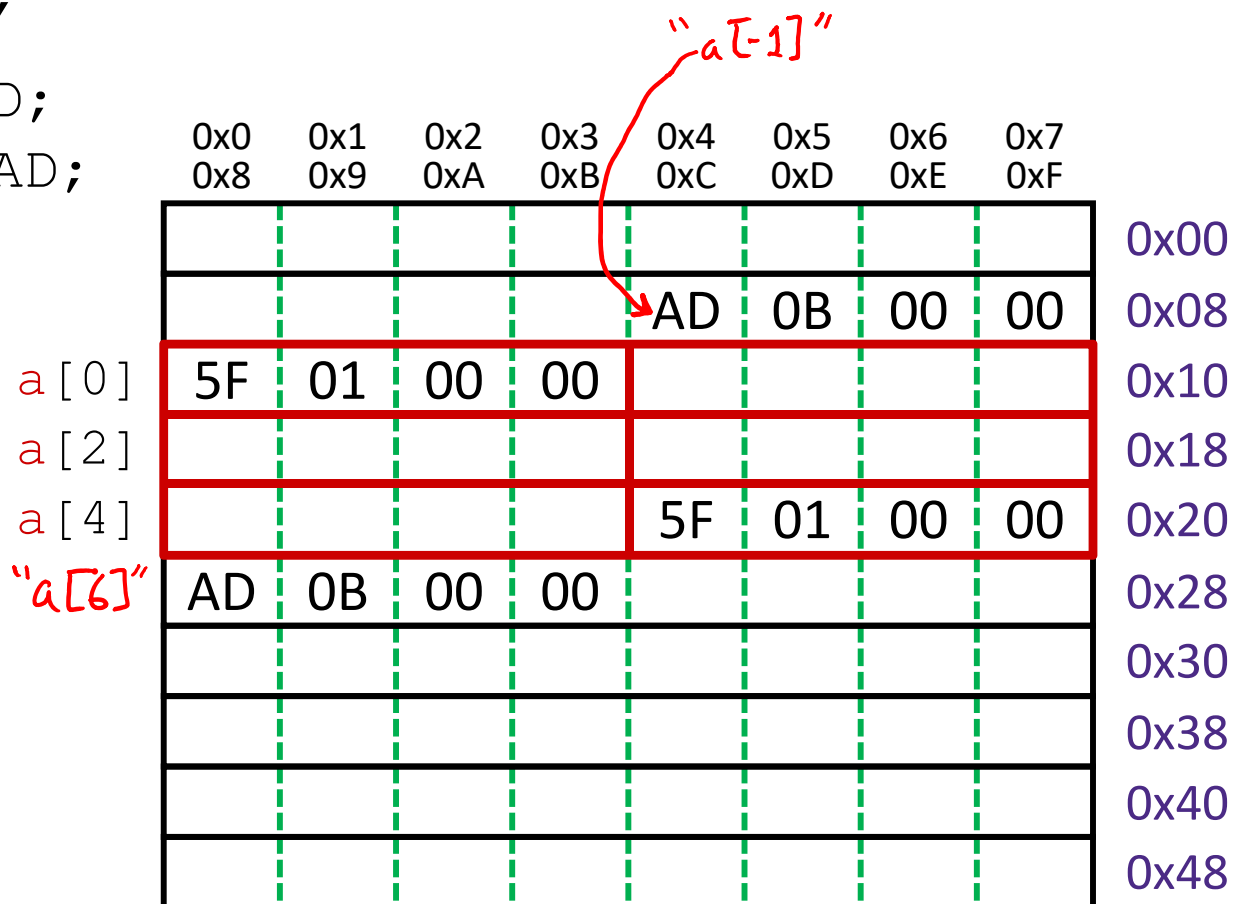
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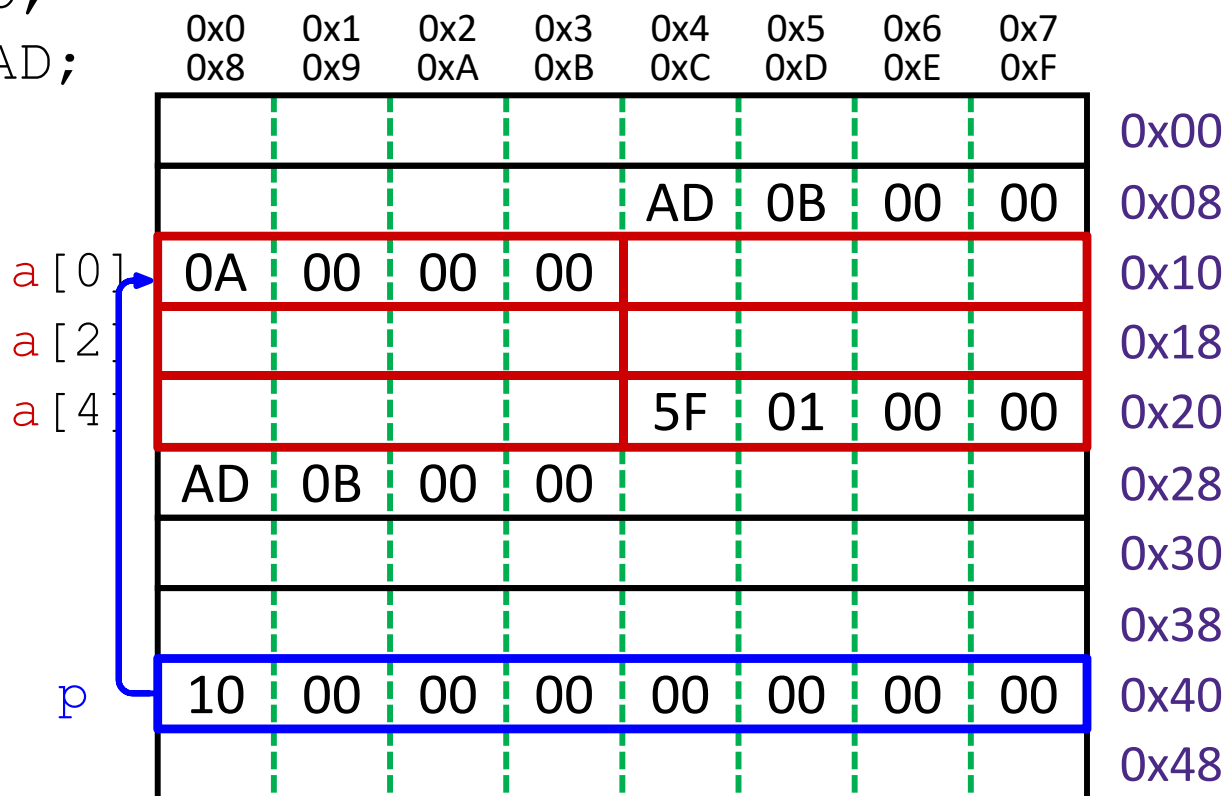
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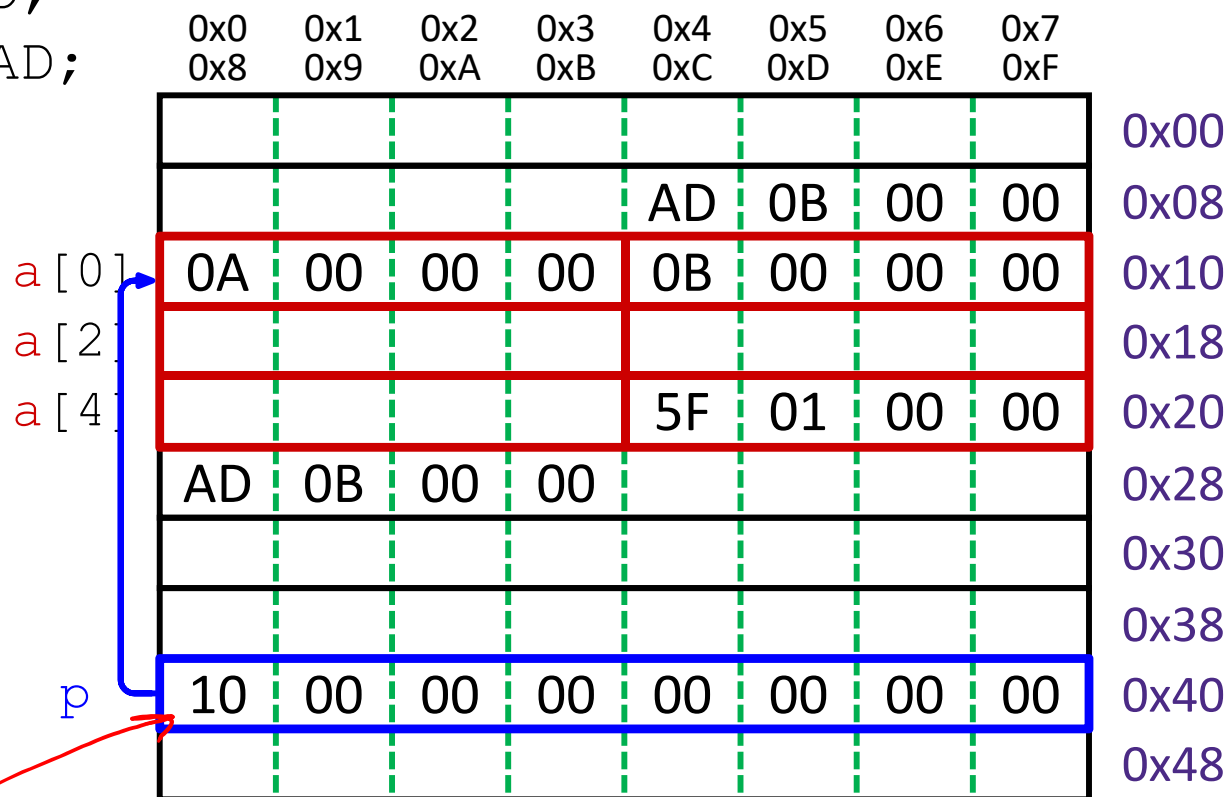
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 pointer arithmetic: $0x10 + 1 \rightarrow 0x14$
 $p = p + 2;$
 $0x10 + 2 \rightarrow 0x18$



$$a + 2 * \text{sizeof}(\text{int}) = 0x18$$

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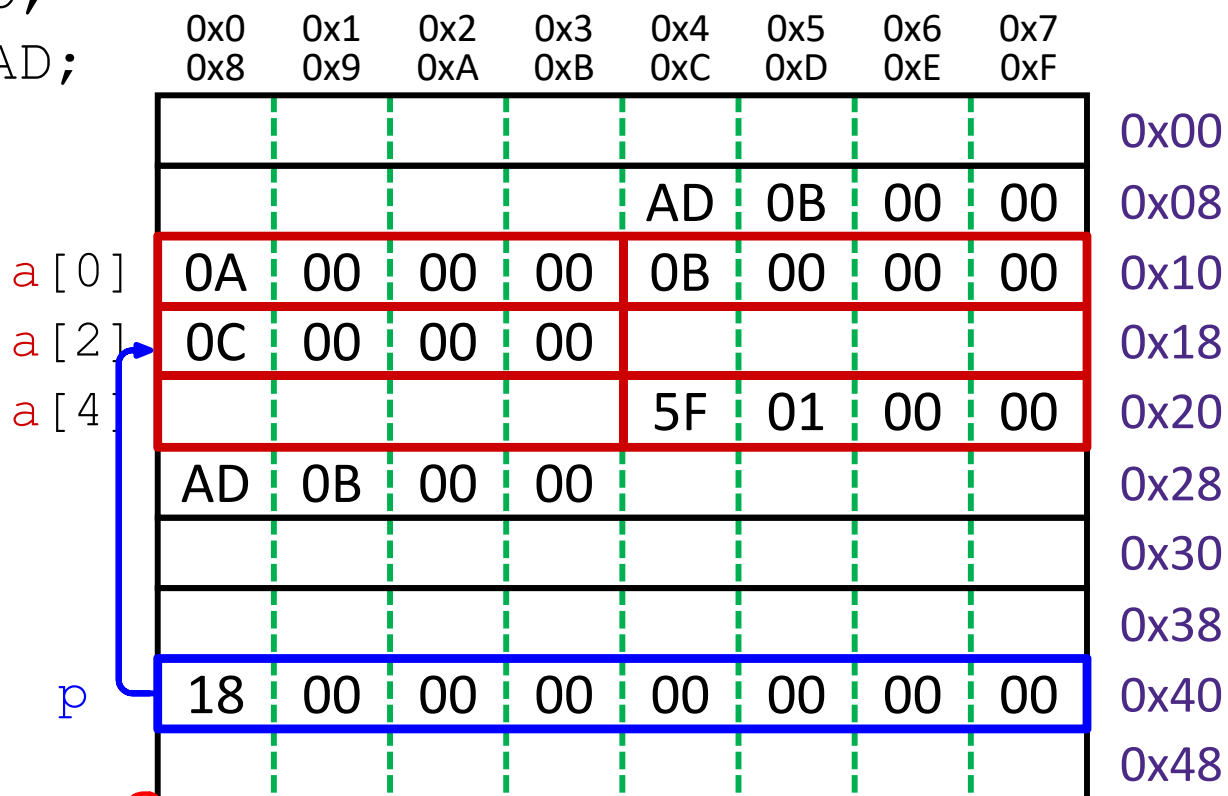
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store at 0x18 $\rightarrow *p = a[1] + 1;$ $0xB + 1 = 0xC$

(no pointer arithmetic)

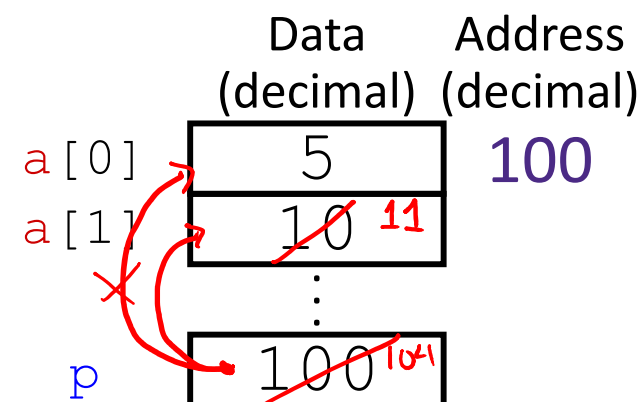


Question: The variable values after Line 3 executes are shown on the right. What are they after Line 4 & 5?

- Vote at <http://PollEv.com/justinh>

```

1 void main() {
2   int a[] = {5, 10};
3   int* p = a;
4   p = p + 1; // sizeof(int) = 4
5   *p = *p + 1;
6 }
    
```



| | After Line 4 | | | | | After Line 5 | | | |
|-----|--------------|----|------|------|------|--------------|----|------|------|
| | p | *p | a[0] | a[1] | then | p | *p | a[0] | a[1] |
| (A) | 101 | 10 | 5 | 10 | then | 101 | 11 | 5 | 11 |
| (B) | 104 | 10 | 5 | 10 | then | 104 | 11 | 5 | 11 |
| (C) | 100 | 6 | 6 | 10 | then | 101 | 6 | 6 | 10 |
| (D) | 100 | 6 | 6 | 10 | then | 104 | 6 | 6 | 10 |

Representing strings

- ❖ C-style string stored as an array of bytes (**char***)
 - Elements are one-byte **ASCII codes** for each character
 - No “String” keyword, unlike Java

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|-------|----|---|----|---|----|---|-----|---|-----|-----|
| 32 | space | 48 | 0 | 64 | @ | 80 | P | 96 | ` | 112 | p |
| 33 | ! | 49 | 1 | 65 | A | 81 | Q | 97 | a | 113 | q |
| 34 | ” | 50 | 2 | 66 | B | 82 | R | 98 | b | 114 | r |
| 35 | # | 51 | 3 | 67 | C | 83 | S | 99 | c | 115 | s |
| 36 | \$ | 52 | 4 | 68 | D | 84 | T | 100 | d | 116 | t |
| 37 | % | 53 | 5 | 69 | E | 85 | U | 101 | e | 117 | u |
| 38 | & | 54 | 6 | 70 | F | 86 | V | 102 | f | 118 | v |
| 39 | ' | 55 | 7 | 71 | G | 87 | W | 103 | g | 119 | w |
| 40 | (| 56 | 8 | 72 | H | 88 | X | 104 | h | 120 | x |
| 41 |) | 57 | 9 | 73 | I | 89 | Y | 105 | i | 121 | y |
| 42 | * | 58 | : | 74 | J | 90 | Z | 106 | j | 122 | z |
| 43 | + | 59 | ; | 75 | K | 91 | [| 107 | k | 123 | { |
| 44 | , | 60 | < | 76 | L | 92 | \ | 108 | l | 124 | |
| 45 | - | 61 | = | 77 | M | 93 |] | 109 | m | 125 | } |
| 46 | . | 62 | > | 78 | N | 94 | ^ | 110 | n | 126 | ~ |
| 47 | / | 63 | ? | 79 | O | 95 | _ | 111 | o | 127 | del |

ASCII: American Standard Code for Information Interchange

Null-Terminated Strings

- ❖ **Example:** "Donald Trump" stored as a 13-byte array

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--|
| <i>Decimal:</i> | 68 | 111 | 110 | 97 | 108 | 100 | 32 | 84 | 114 | 117 | 109 | 112 | 0 |
| <i>Hex:</i> | 0x44 | 0x6F | 0x6E | 0x61 | 0x6C | 0x64 | 0x20 | 0x54 | 0x72 | 0x75 | 0x6D | 0x70 | 0x00 |
| <i>Text:</i> | D | o | n | a | l | d | | T | r | u | m | p | \0 |

6 chars 1 char
↓ 5 chars

13 bytes total!

- ❖ Last character followed by a 0 byte (' \0 ') (a.k.a. "null terminator")
 - Must take into account when allocating space in memory
 - Note that ' 0 ' ≠ ' \0 ' (i.e. character 0 has non-zero value)
- ❖ How do we compute the length of a string?
 - Traverse array until null terminator encountered

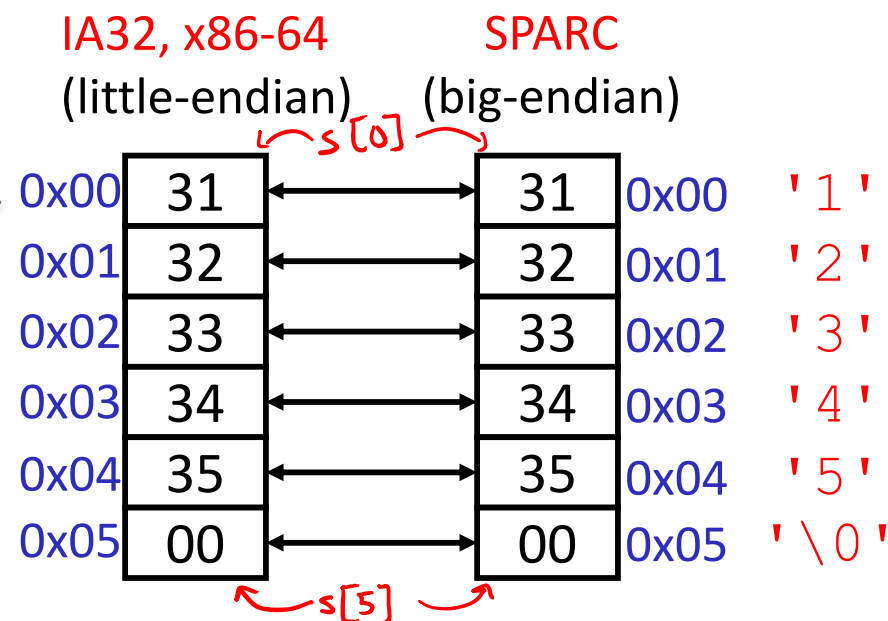
C (char = 1 byte)

Endianness and Strings

```
char s[6] = "12345";
```

String literal

0x31 = 49 decimal = ASCII '1'



- ❖ Byte ordering (endianness) is not an issue for 1-byte values
 - The whole array does not constitute a single value
 - Individual elements are values; chars are single bytes

Examining Data Representations

- ❖ Code to print byte representation of data
 - Any data type can be treated as a *byte array* by **casting** it to `char`
 - C has **unchecked** casts **!! DANGER !!**

```
void show_bytes(char* start, int len) {
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < len; i++)
        printf("%p\t0x%.2x\n", start+i, *(start+i));
    printf("\n");
}
```

printf directives:

| | |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| <code>%p</code> | Print pointer |
| <code>\t</code> | Tab |
| <code>%x</code> | Print value as hex |
| <code>\n</code> | New line |

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format string

*pointer arithmetic on char**

```
void show_int(int x) {  
    show_bytes((char *) &x, sizeof(int));  
}
```

*int**

4 bytes

"cast" (treat as)

show_bytes Execution Example

```
int x = 12345; // 0x00003039
printf("int x = %d;\n", x);
show_int(x); // show_bytes((char *) &x, sizeof(int));
```

❖ Result (Linux x86-64):

- **Note:** The addresses will change on each run (try it!), but fall in same general range

```
int x = 12345;
0x7fffb7f71dbc      0x39
0x7fffb7f71dbd      0x30
0x7fffb7f71dbe      0x00
0x7fffb7f71dbf      0x00
```

Summary

- ❖ Assignment in C results in value being put in memory location
- ❖ Pointer is a C representation of a data address
 - $\&$ = “address of” operator
 - $*$ = “value at address” or “dereference” operator
- ❖ Pointer arithmetic scales by size of target type
 - Convenient when accessing array-like structures in memory
 - Be careful when using – particularly when *casting* variables
- ❖ Arrays are adjacent locations in memory storing the same type of data object
 - Strings are null-terminated arrays of characters (ASCII)