Memory, Data, & Addressing II

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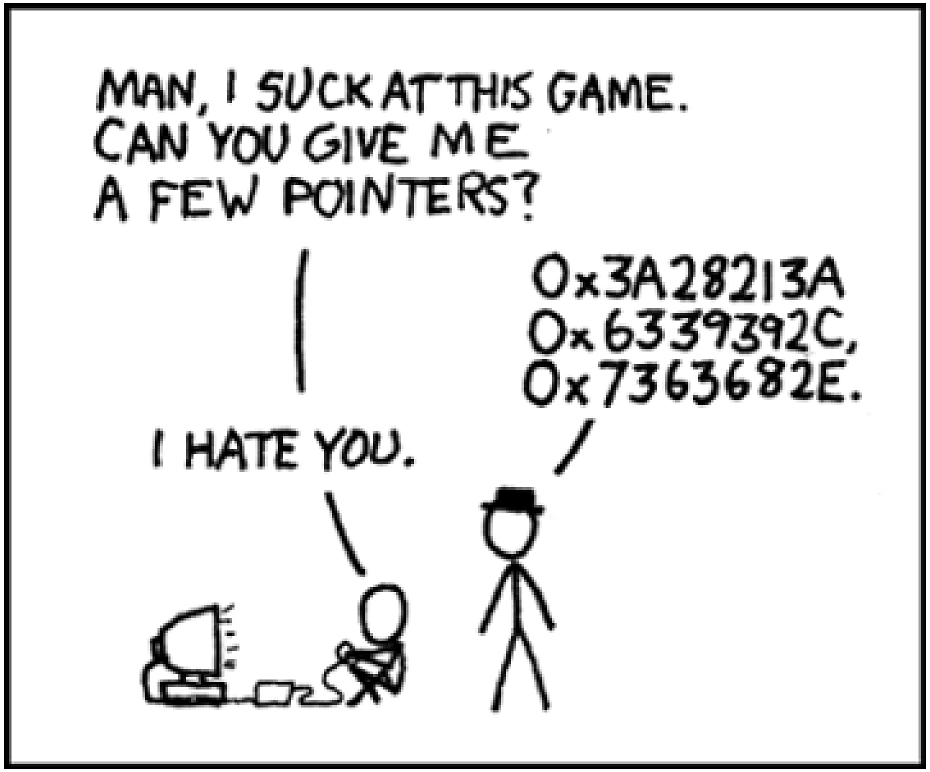

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Administrivia

- Assignments – Nothing Due this week!
- Lecture Video to watch before Monday (4/06)
  - Not a full lecture, but part of one to help us retain time in lectures for small group interaction.
  - Posted later today, should be watched before lecture on Monday
- Pre-Course Survey, hw0, hw1, hw2 due Mon (4/06) – 11:59pm
- Lab 0 due Tuesday (4/07) – 11:59pm
- hw3 due Wednesday (4/08) – 11am
  - Autograded, unlimited tries, no late submissions
- Lab 1a released today, due next Monday (4/13)
  - Pointers in C
  - Reminder: last submission graded, *individual* work
- Feedback for today: https://catalyst.uw.edu/webq/survey/rea2000/387932

Late Days

- You are given 7 late days for the whole quarter
  - Late days can only apply to Labs & Unit Summaries
  - No benefit to having leftover late days
- Count lateness in *days* (even if just by a second)
  - Special: weekends count as *one day*
  - No submissions accepted more than two days late
- Late penalty is 20% deduction of your score per day
  - Only late work is 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

Memory, Data, and Addressing

- Representing information as bits and bytes
  - Binary, hexadecimal, fixed-widths
- Organizing and addressing data in memory
  - Memory is a byte-addressable array
  - Machine "word" size = address size = register size
  - Endianness – ordering bytes in memory
- **Manipulating data in memory using C**
  - **Assignment**
  - **Pointers, pointer arithmetic, and arrays**
- 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

```
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;
```

"Dereference 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;

What is *(&y) ?

Assignment in C

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- `int x, y;`
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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	
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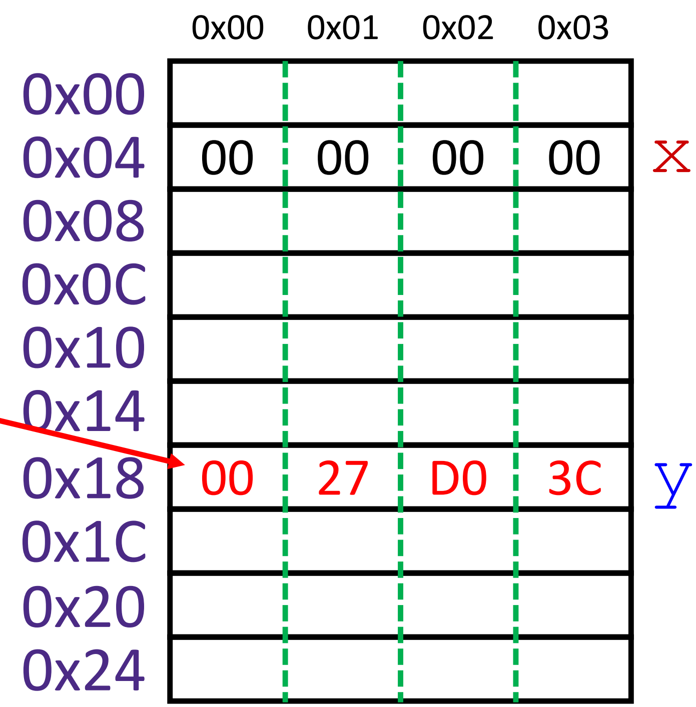

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Pointer Arithmetic

- 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*sizeof(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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  - Get address of `y`, add **12**, store in `z`
- `*z = y;`
  - What does this do?

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The target of a pointer is also a location

- `*z = y;`
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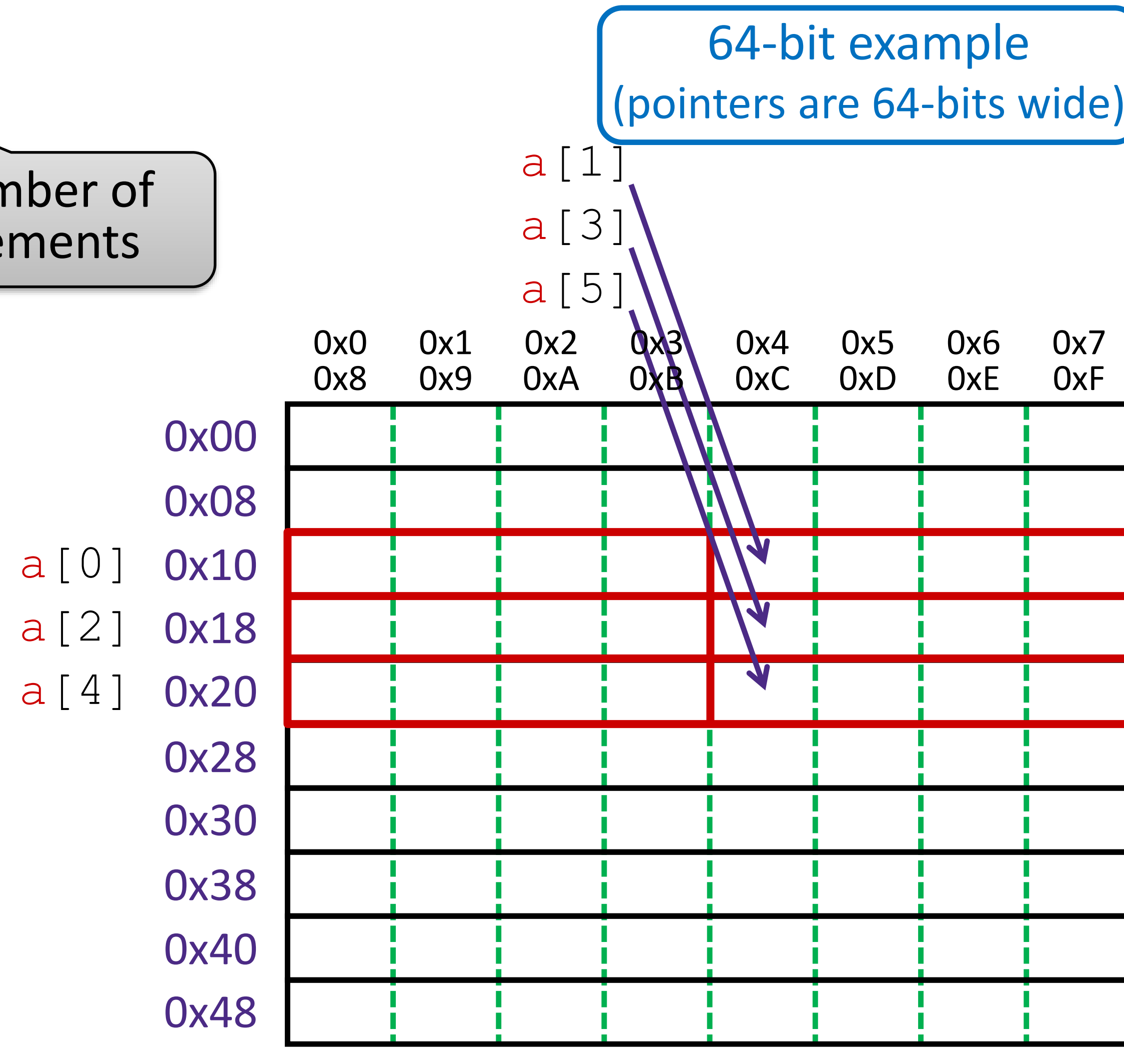
element type — name — number of elements



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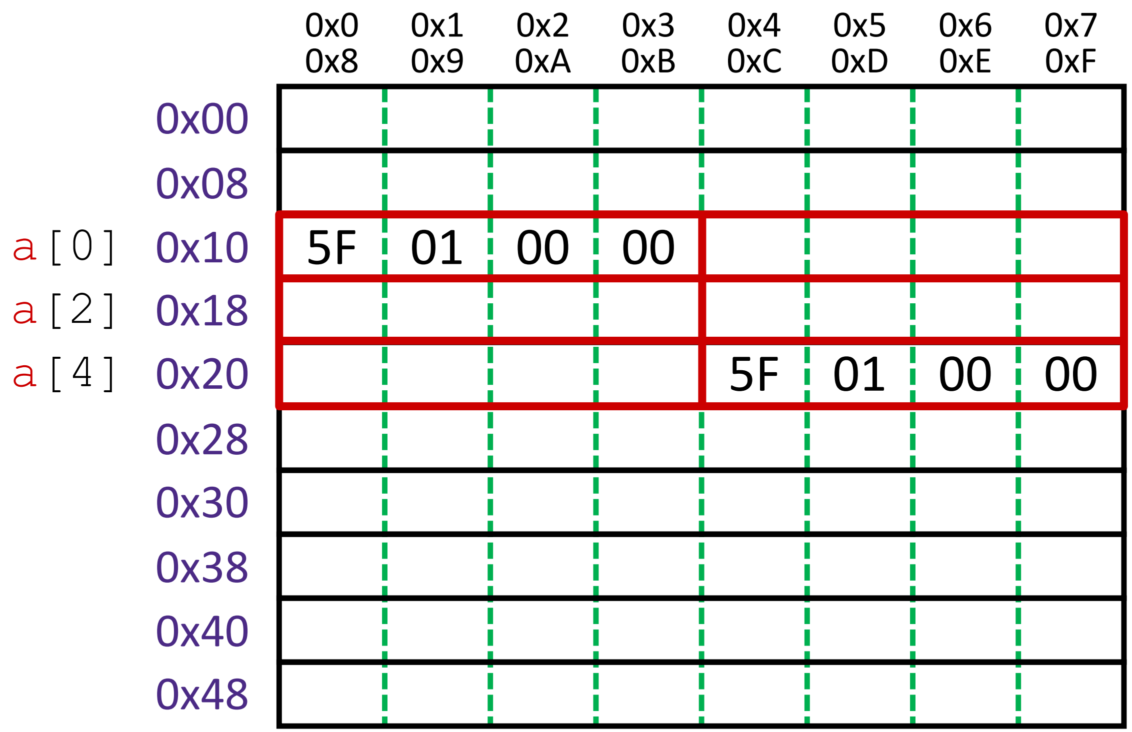

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a[0]	0x10	5F	01	00	00				
a[2]	0x18								
a[4]	0x20					5F	01	00	00
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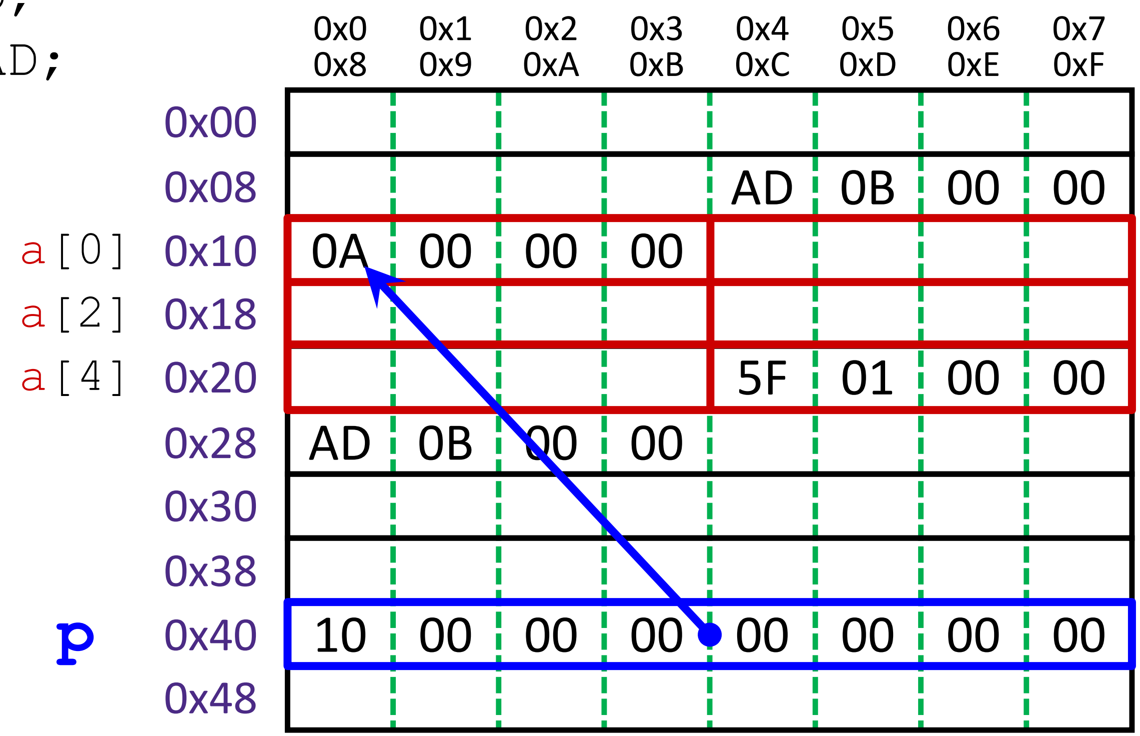

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```
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```
p = p + 2;
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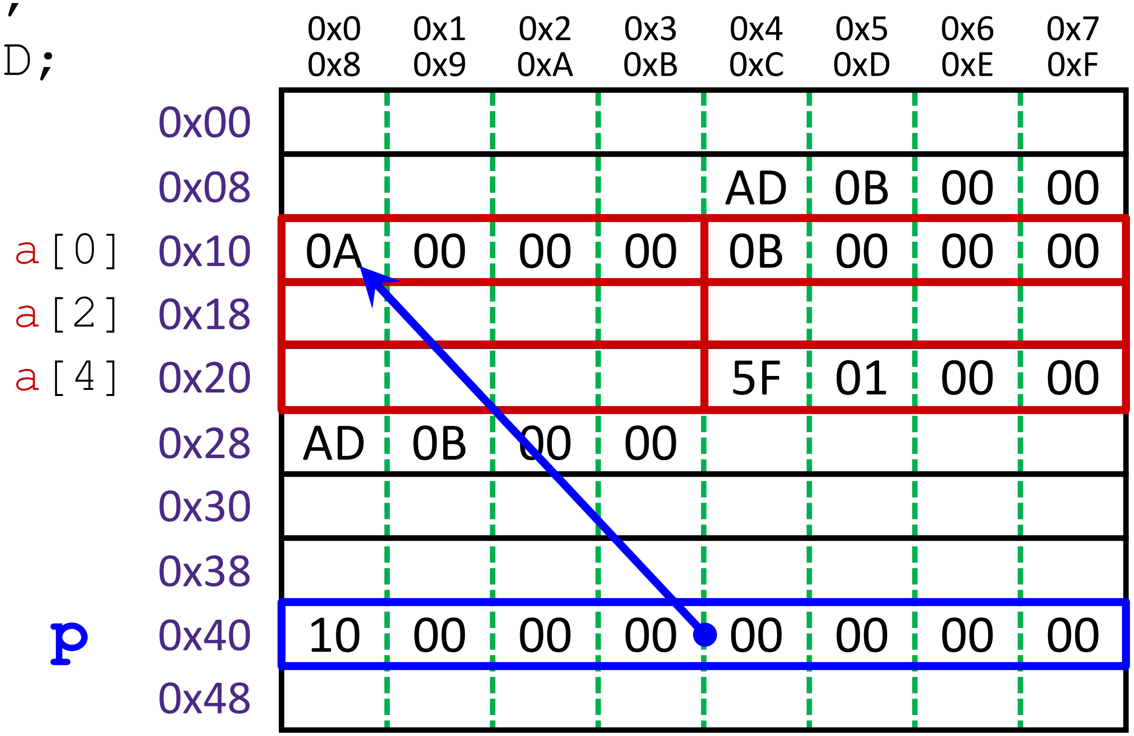

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```
*p = a[1] + 1;
```

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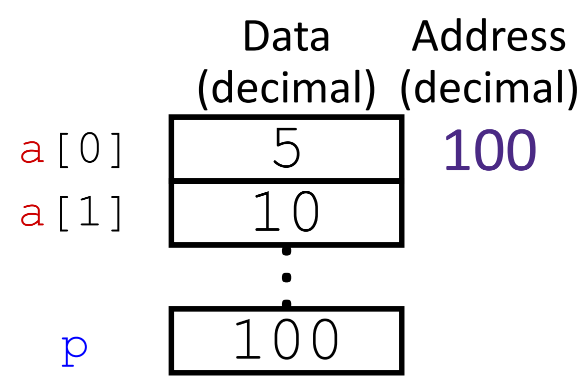
a[2]	0x18	0C	00	00	00				
a[4]	0x20					5F	01	00	00
	0x28	AD	0B	00	00				
	0x30								
	0x38								
p	0x40	18	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
	0x48								

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/rea

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



	p	*p	a[0]	a[1]		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

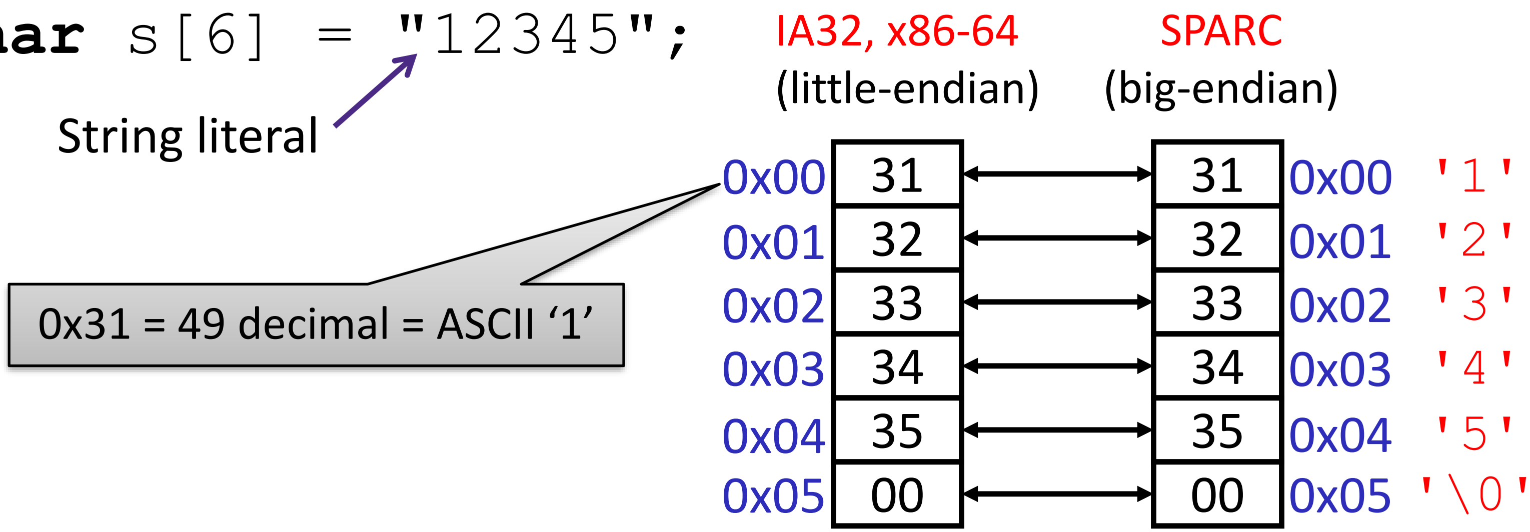
Decimal:	68	111	110	97	108	100	32	84	114	117	109	112	0
Hex:	0x44	0x6F	0x6E	0x61	0x6C	0x64	0x20	0x54	0x72	0x75	0x6D	0x70	0x00
Text:	D	o	n	a	l	d		T	r	u	m	p	\0

- 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

Endianness and Strings

C (char = 1 byte)

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



- 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:**

`%p`	Print pointer
`\t`	Tab
`%x`	Print value as hex
`\n`	New line

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

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)