Memory, Data, & Addressing II

CSE 351 Winter 2021

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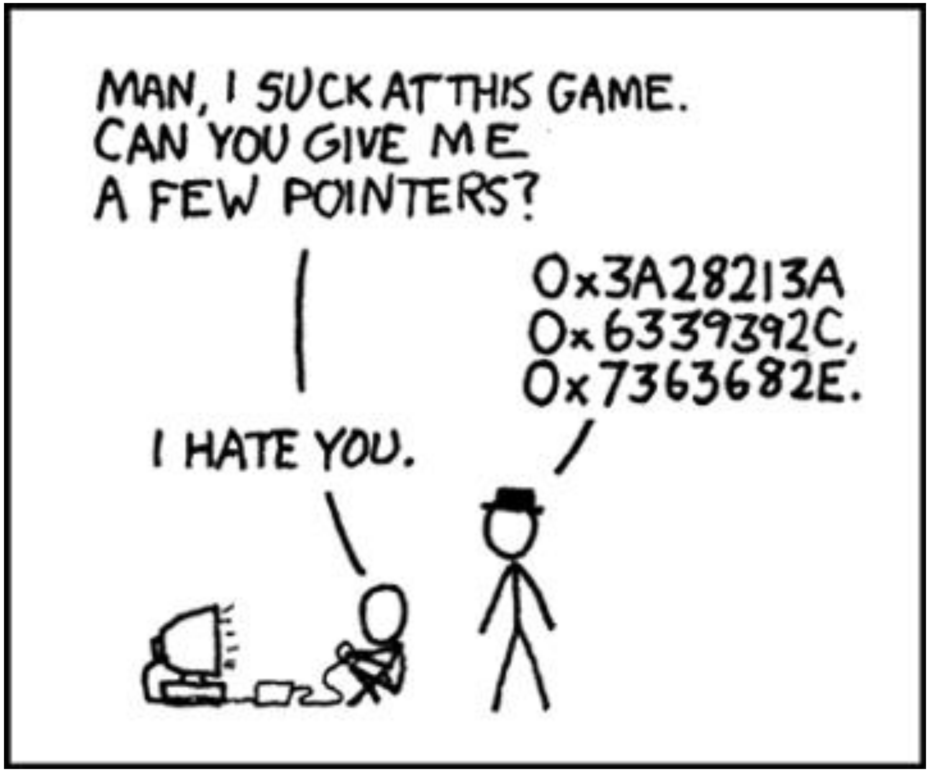
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http://xkcd.com/138/

Administrivia

- Lab 0 due ~~today~~ Sunday @ 11:59 pm
  - *You will revisit these concepts later!*
- hw1 due ~~today~~ @ 11:59 pm

- hw2 due Monday, hw3 due Wednesday @ 11:00 am
  - Autograded, unlimited tries, no late submissions

- Lab 1a released today, due next Friday (1/15)
  - Pointers in C
  - Reminder: last submission graded, *individual* work

National Events, Resources, and Week 1

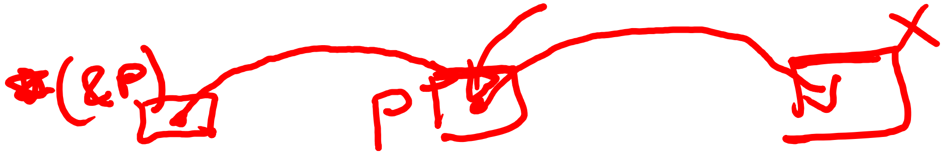
- Blog post by UW President Cauce:
  - https://www.washington.edu/president/2021/01/06/misinformation-disinformation-and-the-assault-on-democracy/
- Be there for each other, check in with friends and classmates, give space to process
- Support resources:
  - CSE Undergraduate Advising: ugrad-adviser@cs.washington.edu
  - Hall Health and Schmitz Hall Counseling Center: https://wellbeing.uw.edu/topic/mental-health/
  - SafeCampus is the UW's central reporting office if you are concerned for yourself or a friend. They have trained specialists who will take your call and connect you with appropriate resources. They are available 24/7 at 206-685-SAFE (206-685-7233).
- CSE 351: all week 1 work due Sunday 1/10 @ 11:59pm

Reading Review

- Terminology:
    - address-of operator (&), dereference operator (*), NULL
    - box-and-arrow memory diagrams
    - pointer arithmetic, arrays
    - C string, null character, string literal

- Questions from the Reading?

Review Questions



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  ```
  int x = 351;
  char *p = &x;
  int ar[3];
  ```

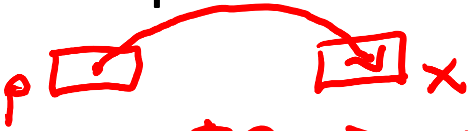
- How much space does the variable p take up?
  - A. 1 byte
  - B. 2 bytes
  - C. 4 bytes
  - [✓ D. 8 bytes]

- Which of the following expressions evaluate to an address?
  - ~~A.~~ x + 10 ← int
  - [✓ B. p + 10]
  - [✓ C. &x + 10] address of ptr
  - [✓ D. *(&p)] =p dereference
  - ~~E.~~ ar[1] ← int
  - [✓ F. &ar[2]] address of ar[2] → ptr

Pointer Operators

char * p = &x

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



*p => x

- Operator confusion
  - The pointer operators are *unary* (*i.e.*, take 1 operand)
  - These operators both have *binary* forms
    - x & y is bitwise AND (we'll talk about this next lecture)
    - x * y is multiplication

    not pointer ops ->
  - * is also used as part of the data type in pointer variable declarations – this is NOT an operator in this context!

$$\underbrace{\text{char*}}_{\text{type of pointer}}\ p\ ;$$

Assignment in C

32-bit example
(pointers are 32-bits wide)

little-endian

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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	
0x24	00	00	00	00	

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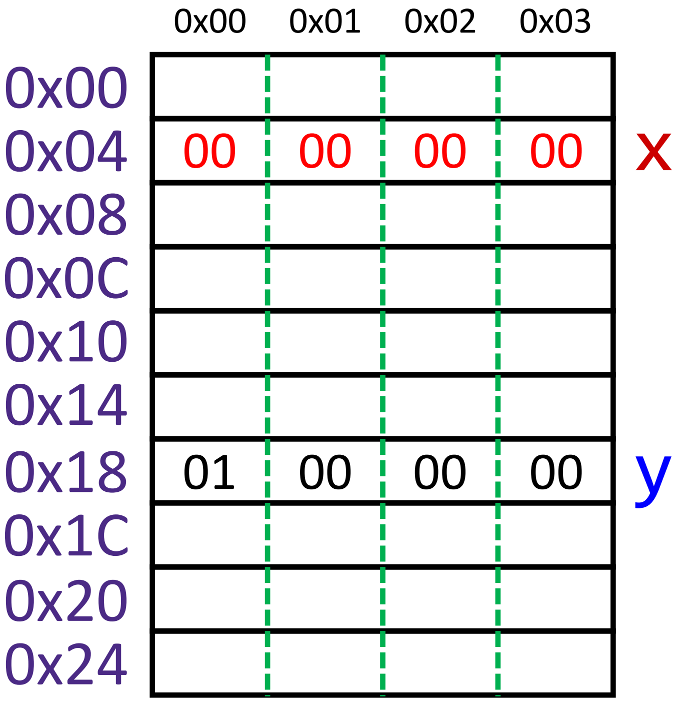

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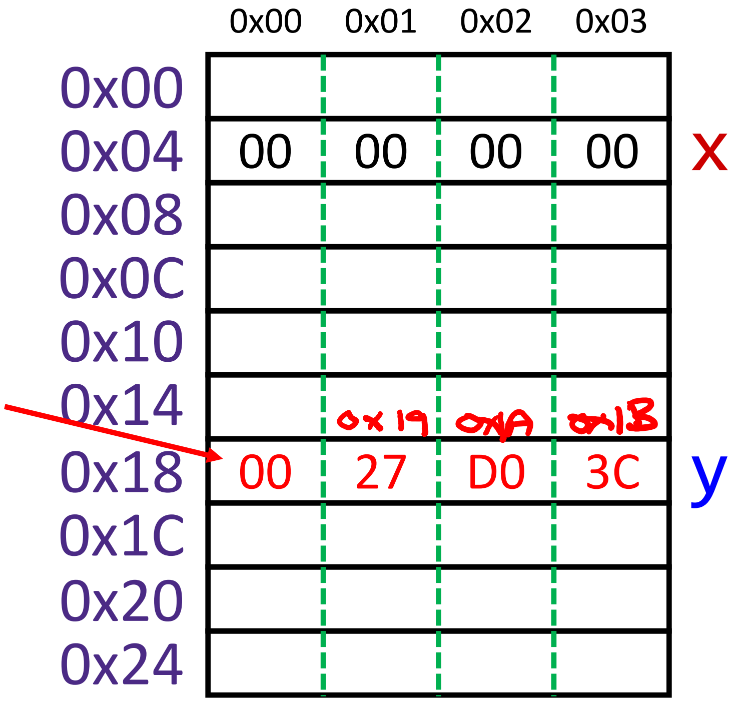

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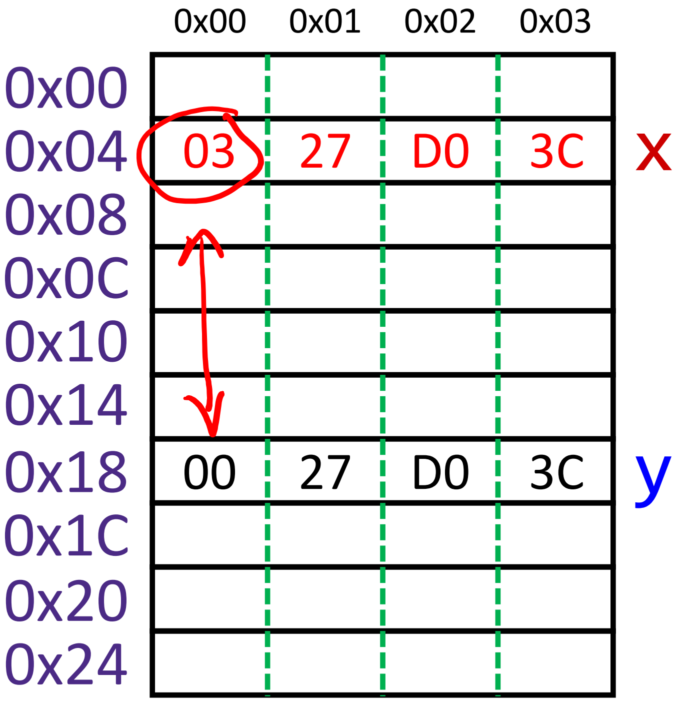
- `x = 0;`
- `y = 0x3CD02700;`
- `x = y + 3;` +0x03
  0x3CD02703
  - Get value at y, add 3, store in x



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  - z is at address 0x20

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- `x = y + 3;`
  - Get value at `y`, add 3, store in `x`
- `int* z = &y + 3;` 0x18
  - Get address of y, “add 3”, store in z

~~might expect: 0x1B~~

sizeof(int)=4

Pointer arithmetic

	0x00	0x01	0x02	0x03	
0x00					
0x04	03	27	D0	3C	x
0x08					
0x0C					
0x10					
0x14					
0x18	00	27	D0	3C	y
0x1C					
0x20	24	00	00	00	z
0x24					

z = 0x18 + 3(4)
0x24 <= +12

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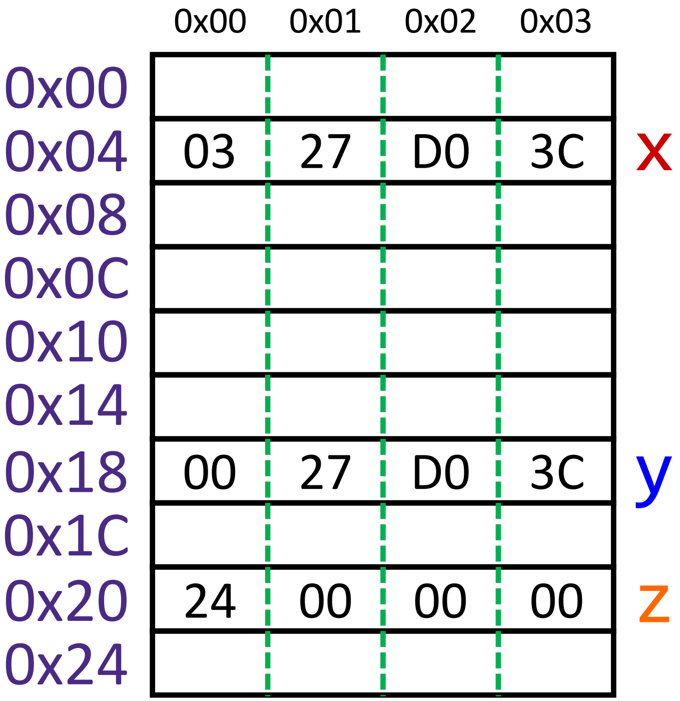
- `*z = y;`



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& = "address of"
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*z → dereference

z* → illegal

z*y → multiplication

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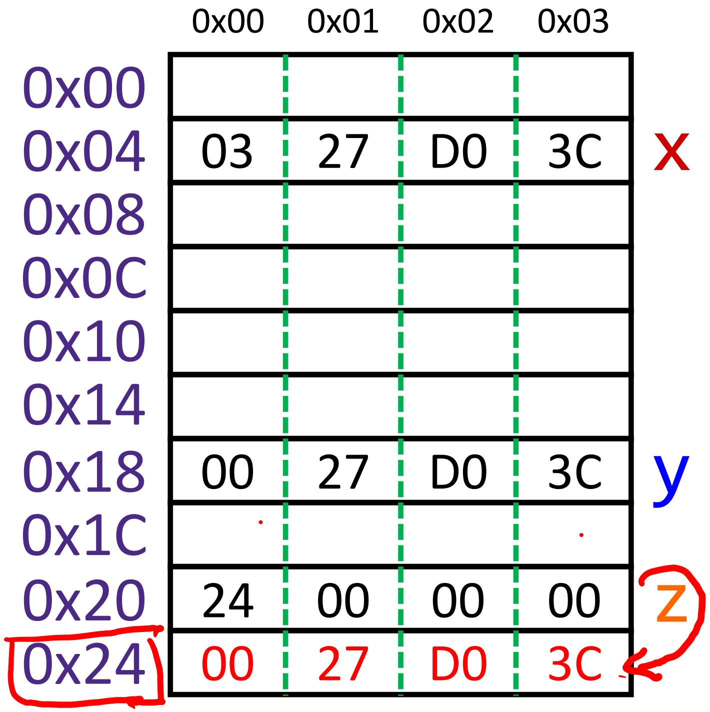
- `x = y + 3;`
  - Get value at y, add 3, store in x
- `int* z = &y + 3;`
  - Get address of y, add **12**, store in z
- `*z = y;`
  - Get value of y, put in address stored in z

The target of a pointer is also a location



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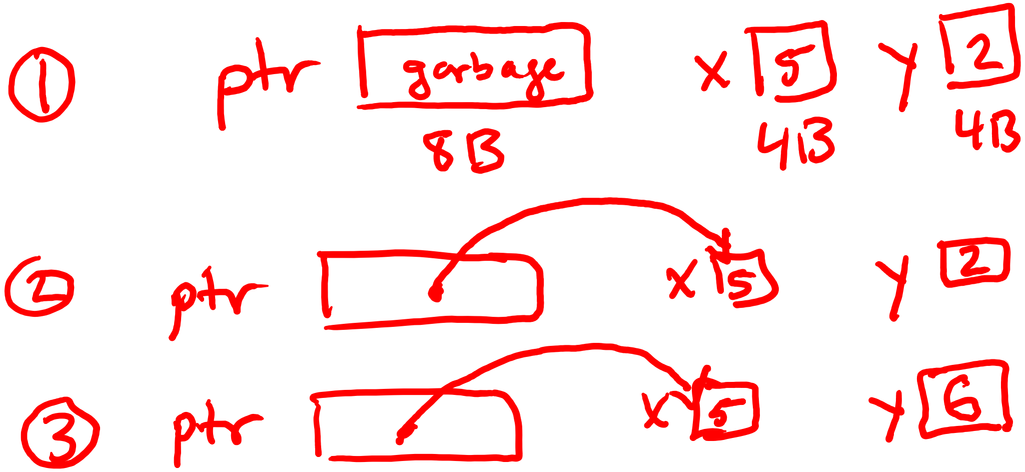
Addresses and Pointers in C

- Draw out a box-and-arrow diagram for the result of the following C code:

```
     int* ptr;
①    int x = 5;
     int y = 2;
② ptr = &x;
                  →5
③ y = 1 + *ptr;   = 6
```



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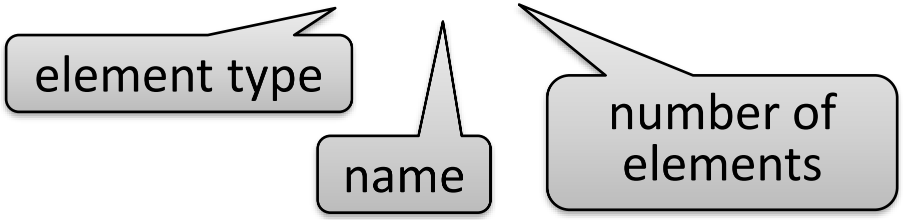

64-bit example
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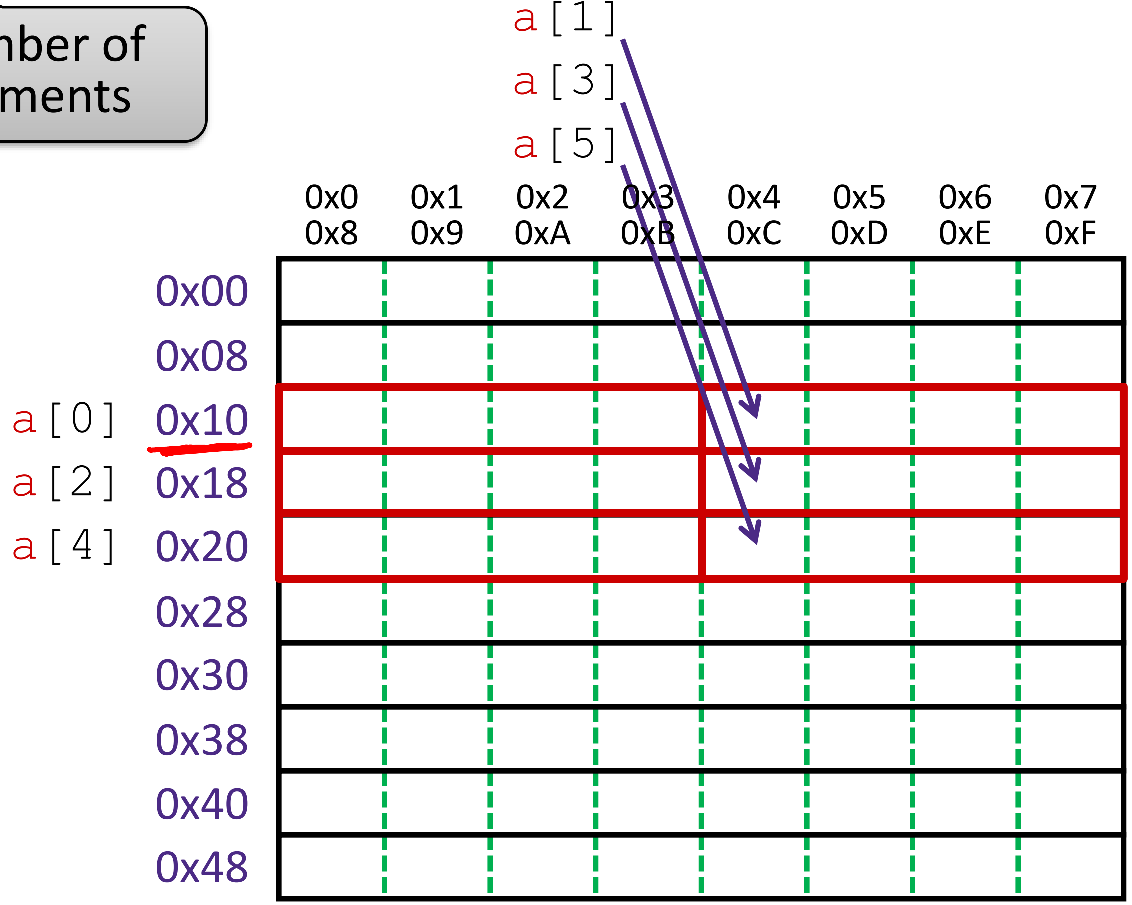

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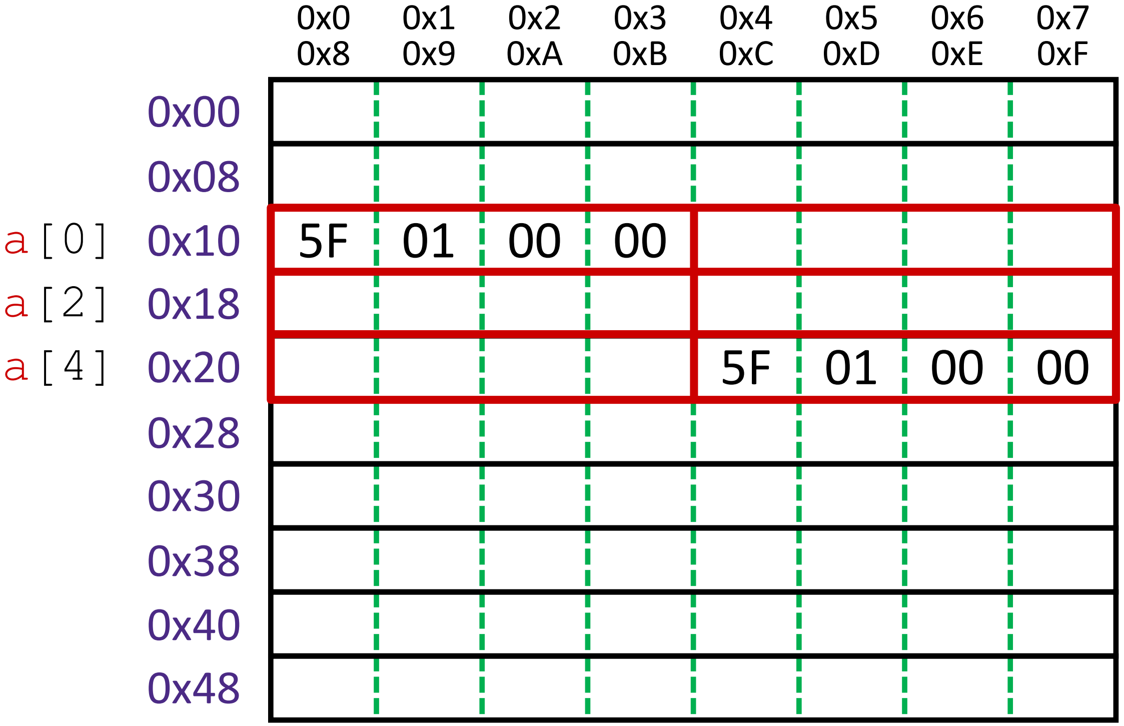

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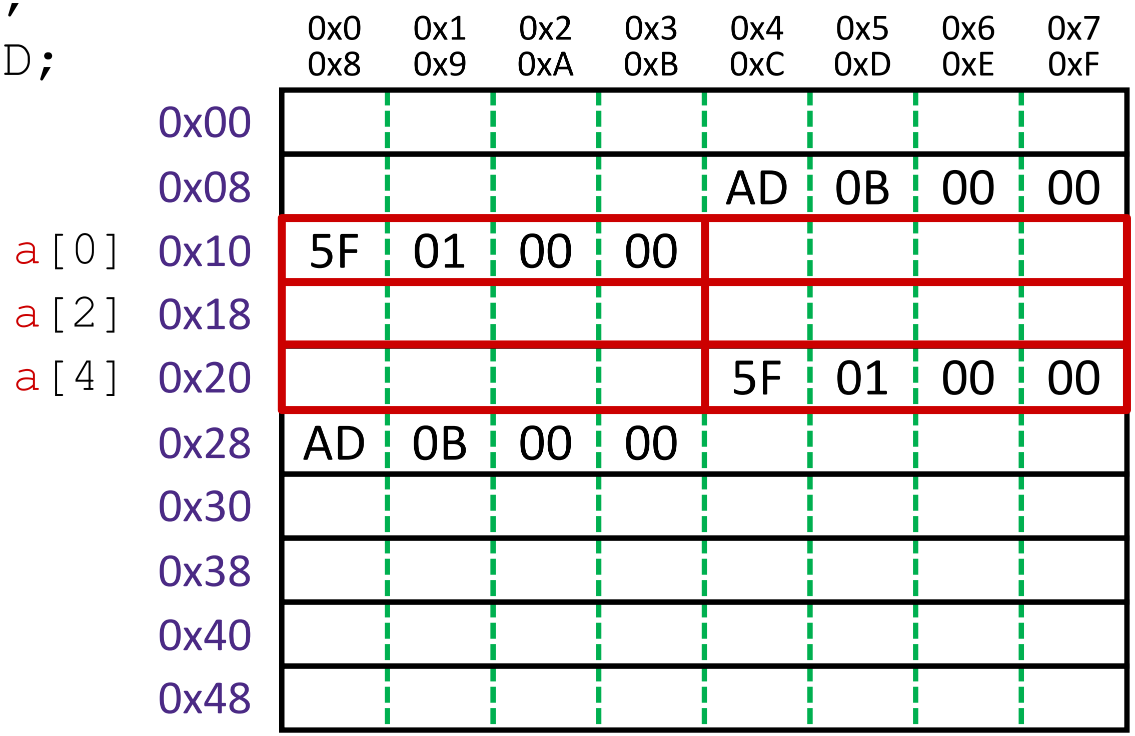

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```
}
```
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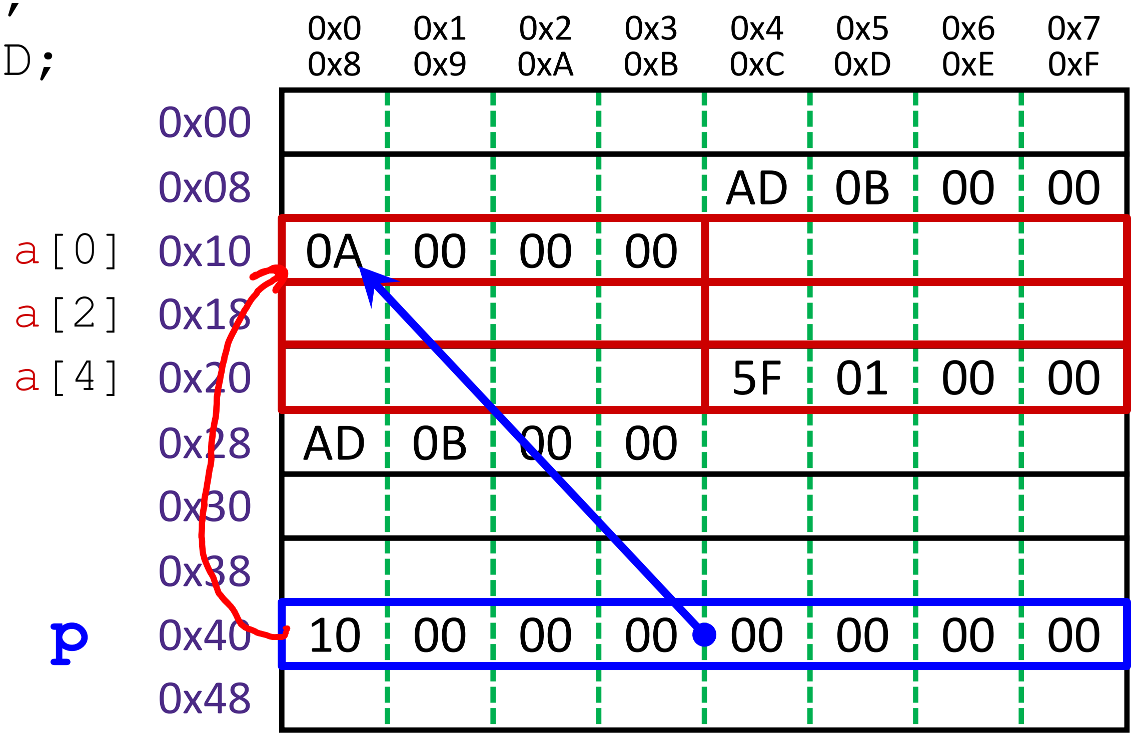

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(both scaled by the size of the type)

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```

```
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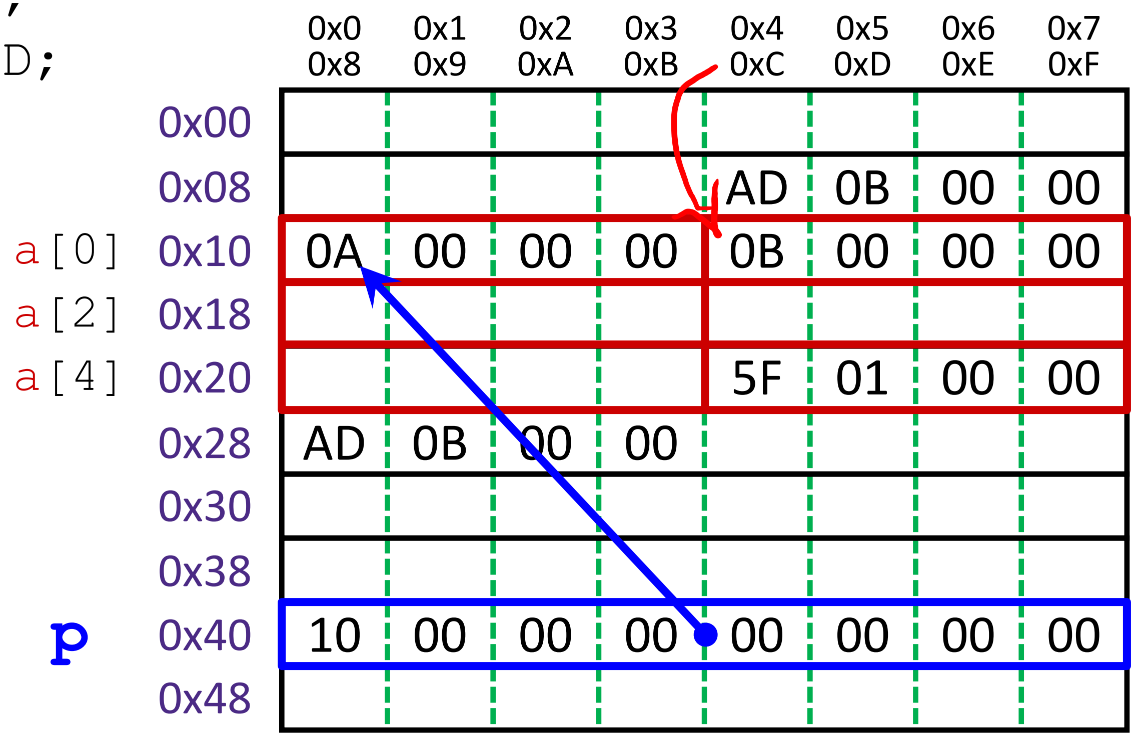

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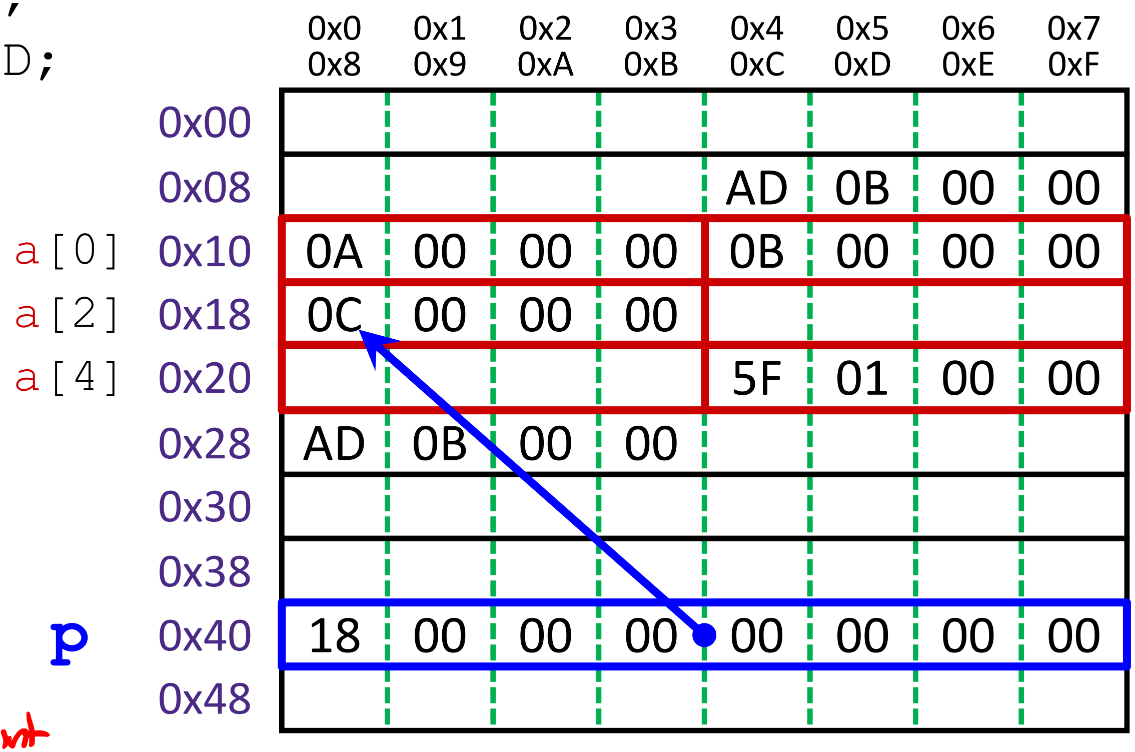

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int

`*p = a[1] + 1;` → int   0xB + 1 = 0xC

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

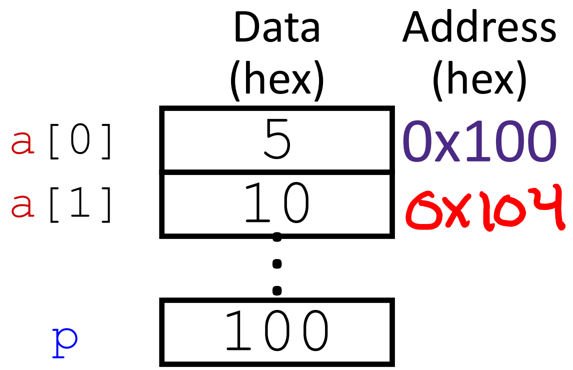
- Vote in Ed Lessons

```
1   void main() {
2      int a[] = {0x5,0x10};
3      int* p = a;
4      p = p + 1;
5      *p = *p + 1;
6   }
```

$\leftarrow$ &a[0]

$\underbrace{\&a[0]}_{0x100} + \overset{1}{\downarrow}\ 4$

0x100 + 4



	p	a[0]	a[1]
(A)	0x101	0x5	0x11
[✓ (B)]	0x104	0x5	0x11
(C)	0x101	0x6	0x10
(D)	0x104	0x6	0x10

p = 0x100 + 1(sizeof(int))
+ 4
= 0x104

5: *p = a[1] = 0x10
RHS

0x10 + 0x1 = 0x11

Representing strings

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

0x30 dec character

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

Representing strings

- C-style string stored as an array of bytes (**`char*`**)
  - No “String” keyword, unlike Java
  - Elements are one-byte ASCII codes for each character
  - Last character followed by a 0 byte (`'\0'`)
    (a.k.a. "null terminator")

Decimal:	80	108	101	97	115	101	32	118	111	116	101	33	0
Hex:	0x50	0x6C	0x65	0x61	0x73	0x65	0x20	0x76	0x6F	0x74	0x65	0x21	0x00
Text:	`'P'`	`'l'`	`'e'`	`'a'`	`'s'`	`'e'`		`'v'`	`'o'`	`'t'`	`'e'`	`'!'`	`'\0'`

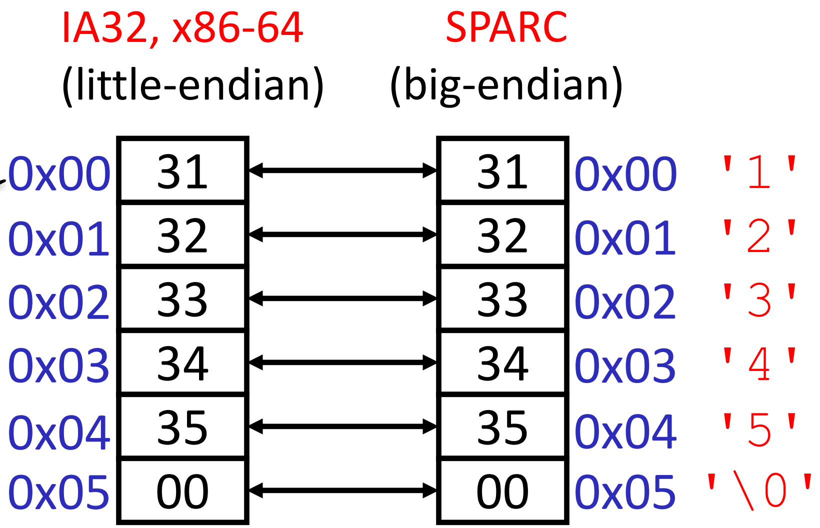
C (char = 1 byte)

Endianness and Strings

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

String literal

0x31 = 49 decimal = ASCII ‘1’



	IA32, x86-64 (little-endian)	SPARC (big-endian)		
0x00	31	31	0x00	'1'
0x01	32	32	0x01	'2'
0x02	33	33	0x02	'3'
0x03	34	34	0x03	'4'
0x04	35	35	0x04	'5'
0x05	00	00	0x05	'\0'

- 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

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  int i;
  for (i = 0; i < len; i++)
    printf("%p\t0x%.2hhX\n", start+i, *(start+i));
  printf("\n");
}
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- printf directives:

%p	Print pointer
\t	Tab
%.2hhX	Print value as char (hh) in hex (X), padding to 2 digits (.2)
\n	New line

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

show_bytes Execution Example

```
int x = 123456; // 0x00 01 E2 40
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 = 123456;
0x7fffb245549c  0x40
0x7fffb245549d  0xE2
0x7fffb245549e  0x01
0x7fffb245549f  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)