

Chapter 5

pointers and arrays

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OutLine

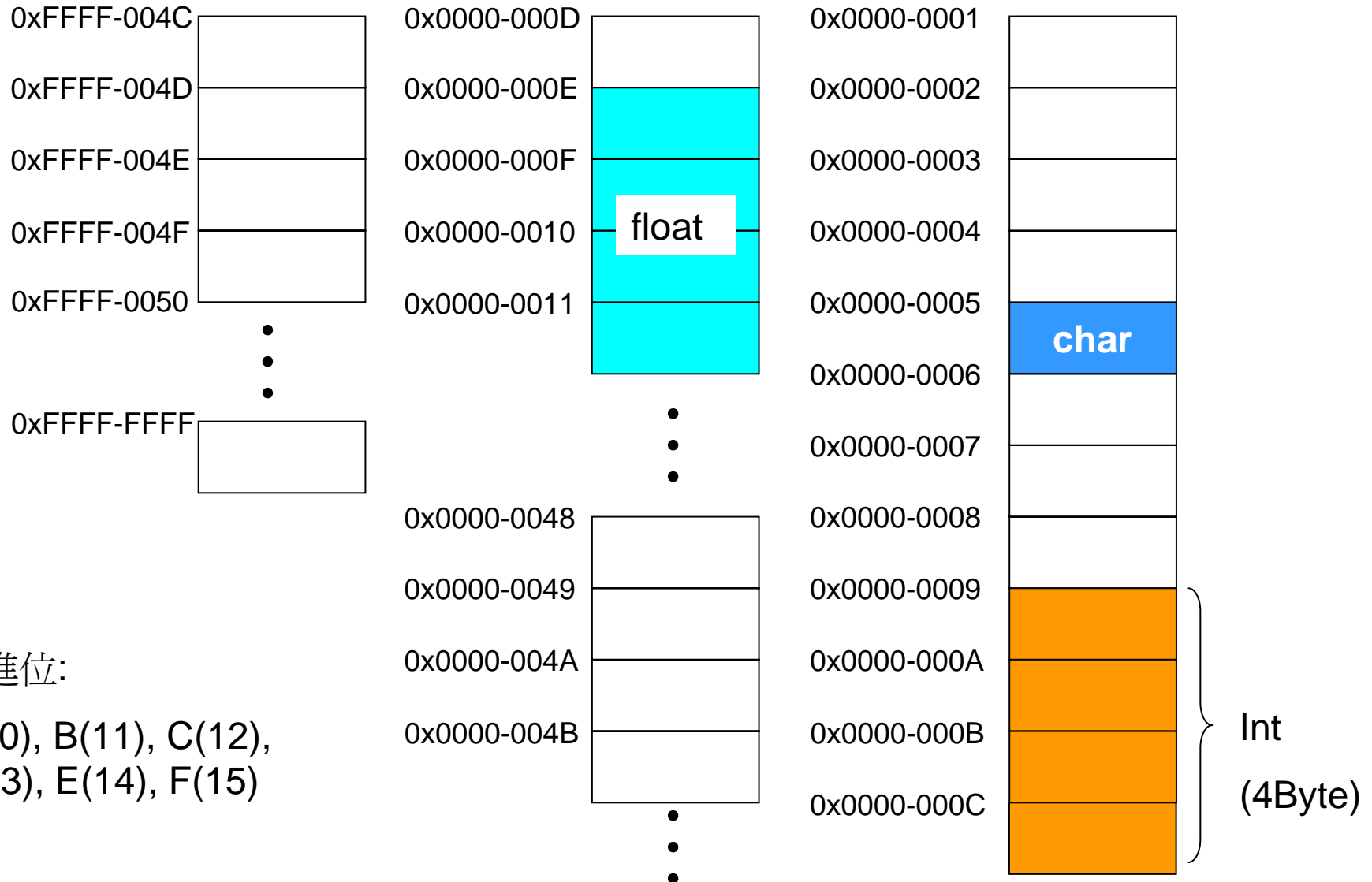
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- Function pointer
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Physical memory



- Basic unit of memory is byte (8 bits)
- Each memory unit (byte) needs an unique address to identify it.
- For 32-bit system, we can address memory from 0 (0x00000000) to $2^{32} - 1 \sim 4 \times 10^9$ (0xFFFFFFFF), total memory is up to 4GB
- For 64-bit system, we can address memory from 0 (0x00000000-00000000) to $2^{64} - 1 \sim 16 \times 10^{18}$ (0xFFFFFFFF-FFFFFFFF), total memory is ∞
- unit: kB = 1000 bytes, 1MB = 1000 kB, 1GB = 1000 MB

1-dimensional memory block in 32-bit system



What is pointer

A pointer is a **variable** that contains the **address of a variable**

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int x = 1 ;
    int y = 2 ;
    int z[10] ; /* z is an integer array */
    1 int *ip ; /* ip is a pointer to int */
    2 ip = &x ; /* ip now points to x */
    3 y = *ip ; /* y is now 1 */
    *ip = 0 ; /* x is now 0 */
    ip = &z[0] ; /* ip now points to z[0] */
    return 0 ;
}
```

1. 宣告 ip 是個整數指標
2. & is called reference operator, 提取 x 的 address 位址給指標 ip
3. * is called dereference operator, 將指標 ip 所存的值當作記憶體位址, 則 *ip 即是變數 x

Question: Since pointer is also a variable, then address = ?, size = ?

Size of pointer type

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    printf("size of char* = %d\n", sizeof( char* ) );
    printf("size of int* = %d\n", sizeof( int* ) );
    printf("size of float* = %d\n", sizeof( float* ) );
    printf("size of double* = %d\n", sizeof( double* ) );
    return 0 ;
}
```

result in windows

```
C:\ "F:\COURSE\2008SUMMER\C_LANG"
size of char* = 4
size of int* = 4
size of float* = 4
size of double* = 4
Press any key to continue.
```



AMD Sempron(tm) Processor 2800+

裝置類型:	處理器
製造商:	Advanced Micro Devices
位置:	Microsoft ACPI-Compliant System

Question: all four pointer types have size 4 bytes, why?

A pointer is a **variable** that contains the address of a variable



32-bit machine uses 32 bit to address a variable

Address of a variable

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int x = 1 ;
    int y = 2 ;
    int z[10] ; // z is an integer array
    int *ip ; // ip is a pointer to int

    printf("address of x = 0x%p\n", &x );
    printf("address of y = 0x%p\n", &y );
    printf("address of z = 0x%p\n", &z );
    printf("address of ip = 0x%p\n", &ip );

    return 0 ;
}
```

result in windows

```
C:\> "F:\COURSE\2008SUMMER\C_LAN"
address of x = 0x0012FF7C
address of y = 0x0012FF78
address of z = 0x0012FF50
address of ip = 0x0012FF4C
Press any key to continue
```

16進位: A(10), B(11), C(12), D(13),
E(14), F(15)

address	content	variable
0x0012FF4C	?	ip
0x0012FF50	?	z[0]
0x0012FF54	?	z[1]
0x0012FF58	?	z[2]
0x0012FF5C	?	z[3]
0x0012FF60	?	z[4]
0x0012FF64	?	z[5]
0x0012FF68	?	z[6]
0x0012FF6C	?	z[7]
0x0012FF70	?	z[8]
0x0012FF74	?	z[9]
0x0012FF78	2	y
0x0012FF7C	1	x

Use debugger to show change of memory [1]

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int x = 1 ;
    int y = 2 ;
    int z[10] ; // z is an integer array
    int *ip ; // ip is a pointer to int

    ip = &x ; // ip now points to x
    y = *ip ; // y is now 1
    *ip = 0 ; // x is now 0
}
```

按 F10

address of x

value of x

watch window

The screenshot shows a debugger interface with three main windows. The left window shows the current context: `main(int, char **)`. The middle window shows the current execution point: `mainCRTStartup()| 1: KERNEL32! 7c816fd7`. The right window is the 'watch window' showing a list of variables and their values:

Name	Value
&x	0x0012ff7c
y	1
&y	0x0012ff78
z	2
&z	0x0012ff50
z	0x0012ff50
&ip	0x0012ff4c
ip	0xc0000000

address of pointer ip

value of ip (address of some variable)

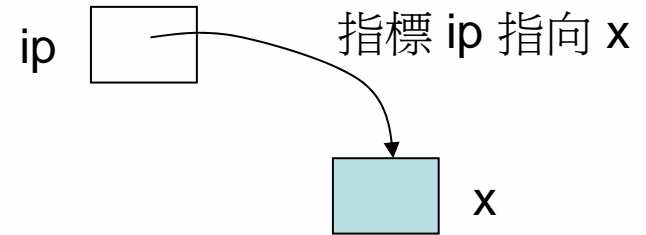
: 0xc0000000 means invalid

Use debugger to show change of memory [2]

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int x = 1 ;
    int y = 2 ;
    int z[10] ; // z is an integer array
    int *ip ; // ip is a pointer to int

    ip = &x ; // ip now points to x
    y = *ip ; // y is now 1 按 F10
    *ip = 0 ; // x is now 0
}
```



Debugger interface showing memory state:

- Context: main(int, char **)
- Current instruction: main(int 1, char * mainCRTStartup() 1: KERNEL32! 7c816fd7)
- Left window (local variables):

Name	Value
*ip	1
ip	0x0012ff7c
&x	0x0012ff7c
y	2
z[10]	2
- Right window (global variables):

Name	Value
&x	0x0012ff7c
x	1
&y	0x0012ff78
y	2
&z	0x0012ff50
z	0x0012ff50
&ip	0x0012ff4c
ip	0x0012ff7c

value of ip = address of x

Use debugger to show change of memory [3]

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int x = 1 ;
    int y = 2 ;
    int z[10] ; // z is an integer array
    int *ip ; // ip is a pointer to int

    ip = &x ; // ip now points to x

    y = *ip ; // y is now 1

    *ip = 0 ; // x is now 0 — 按 F10
```

The screenshot shows a debugger interface with three panels. The left panel shows the current context as 'main[int, char **]' and a list of variables: ip (0x0012ff7c), *ip (1), and y (1). The middle panel shows the current instruction: 'main(int 1, char * mainCRTStartup() 1: KERNEL32! 7c816fd7)'. The right panel shows a list of memory locations: &x (0x0012ff7c), &y (0x0012ff78), &z (0x0012ff50), z (0x0012ff50), &ip (0x0012ff4c), and ip (0x0012ff7c). A blue arrow points from the '1' value in the right panel to the '1' value in the left panel.

Name	Value
&x	0x0012ff7c
&y	0x0012ff78
&z	0x0012ff50
z	0x0012ff50
&ip	0x0012ff4c
ip	0x0012ff7c

因為 *ip 即為 x, 所以 y = *ip 和 y = x 等價, 即 y 被設為 1

Use debugger to show change of memory [4]

```
int *ip ; // ip is a pointer to int
ip = &x ; // ip now points to x
y = *ip ; // y is now 1
*ip = 0 ; // x is now 0
ip = &z[0] ; // ip now points to z[0]
return 0 ;
}
```

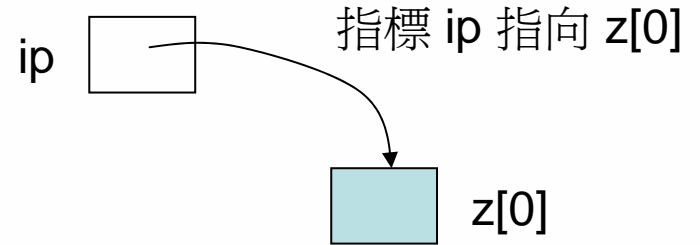
按 F10

Name	Value
&x	0x0012ff7c
&y	0x0012ff78
&z	0x0012ff50
z	0x0012ff50
&ip	0x0012ff4c
ip	0x0012ff7c

因爲 *ip 即爲 x, 所以 *ip = 0 和 x = 0 等價, 即 x 被設爲 0

Use debugger to show change of memory [5]

```
int *ip ; // ip is a pointer to int
ip = &x ; // ip now points to x
y = *ip ; // y is now 1
*ip = 0 ; // x is now 0
ip = &z[0] ; // ip now points to z[0]
return 0 ;
}
```



The debugger window shows the following memory dump:

Name	Value
ip	0x0012ff50
&z[0]	0x0012ff50

The right-hand pane shows a list of variables and their values:

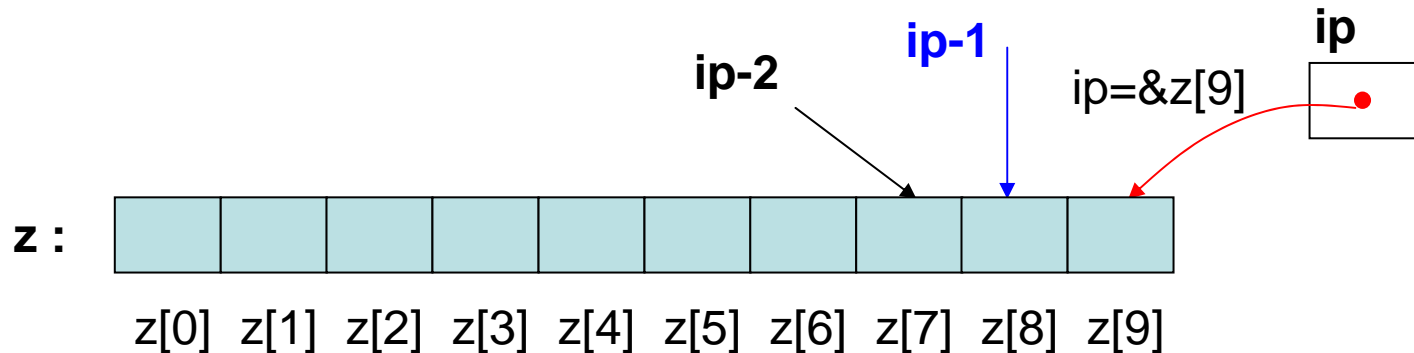
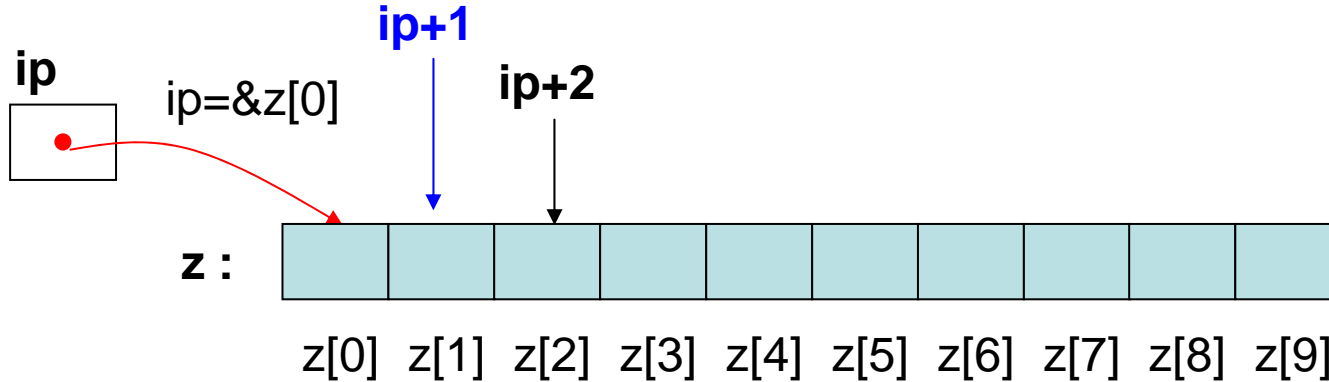
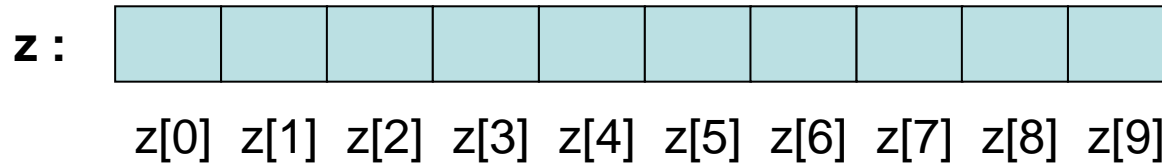
Name	Value
&x	0x0012ff7c
y	0
&z	0x0012ff50
z	0x0012ff50
&ip	0x0012ff4c
ip	0x0012ff50
&z[0]	0x0012ff50

ip = &z[0] 提取 z[0] 的位址並存入指標 ip 內

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Pointer and array [1]



Pointer and array [2]

- $ip := z$ is equivalent to $ip := \&z[0]$ since array name z is synonym(同義字) for first element of z , $z[0]$. In other words, $z = \&z[0]$
- $z[i] = *(z+i)$, this is default substitution in C-language. In other words, $\&z[i] = z+i$
- $ip+i$ points to i -th object beyond ip
- If $ip:=z$, then ip plays the same role as z , say $z[i] = *(ip+i) = *(z+i) = ip[i]$, or $\&z[i] = ip+i = z+i = \&ip[i]$
- $ip++$ is equivalent to $ip = ip+1$, (move pointer ip to next object). However z is name of array, it always points to first element $z[0]$, so $z++$ is illegal. **You may say pointer is a movable array name.**
- $ip+1$ is an integer, but $*(ip+1)$ is a reference to some memory location, l-value

Pointer and array [3]

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int z[10] ; // z is an integer array
    int *ip ; // ip is a pointer to int
    int i ;

    ip = &z[0] ; // ip now points to z[0]
    for( i = 0 ; i < 10 ; i++){
        if ( (ip+i) != (z+i) )
            printf(" ip+%d != z+%d\n",i,i);
        if ( (ip+i) != &ip[i] )
            printf(" ip+%d != &ip[%d]\n",i,i);
        if ( (z+i) != &z[i] )
            printf(" z+%d != &z[%d]\n",i,i);
    }

    for( i = 0 ; i < 10 ; i++){
        if ( ip++ != (z+i) )
            printf(" ip+%d != z+%d\n",i,i);
    }
    printf("ip(0x%p) - z(0x%p) = %d\n", ip, z, ip - z );
    printf("ip(0x%p) - z(0x%p) = %d\n", ip, z, (char*)ip - (char*)z );
    return 0 ;
}
```

Arithmetic of pointer

$$ip+i = (\text{int})ip + \text{sizeof}(\text{int}) * i$$

Integral arithmetic

Casting to pointer pointing to char

```
C:\> "F:\COURSE\2008SUMMER\C_LANG\EXAMPLE\CH...
ip(0x0012FF80) - z(0x0012FF58) = 10
ip(0x0012FF80) - z(0x0012FF58) = 40
Press any key to continue_
```

Why not 0x28=40(decimal)?

Pointer and array [4]

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int z[10] ; // z is an integer array
    int *ip ; // ip is a pointer to int
    int i ;

    ip = &z[9] ; // ip now points to z[0]
    for( i = 0 ; i < 10 ; i++){

        if ( &ip[-i] != &z[9-i] ) {
            printf(" ip[-%d] (0x%p) != &z[%d] (0x%p)\n",i, &ip[-i], 9-i, &z[9-i]);
        }else{
            printf(" ip[-%d] (0x%p) = &z[%d] (0x%p) \n",i, &ip[-i], 9-i, &z[9-i]);
        }
    }

    return 0 ;
}
```

```
c:\ *F:\COURSE\2008SUMMER\C_LANG\EXAMPLE\CHAP
ip[-0] <0x0012FF7C> = &z [9] <0x0012FF7C>
ip[-1] <0x0012FF78> = &z [8] <0x0012FF78>
ip[-2] <0x0012FF74> = &z [7] <0x0012FF74>
ip[-3] <0x0012FF70> = &z [6] <0x0012FF70>
ip[-4] <0x0012FF6C> = &z [5] <0x0012FF6C>
ip[-5] <0x0012FF68> = &z [4] <0x0012FF68>
ip[-6] <0x0012FF64> = &z [3] <0x0012FF64>
ip[-7] <0x0012FF60> = &z [2] <0x0012FF60>
ip[-8] <0x0012FF5C> = &z [1] <0x0012FF5C>
ip[-9] <0x0012FF58> = &z [0] <0x0012FF58>
Press any key to continue_
```

$\&ip[-i]$ is equivalent to $ip - i$, C can accept array index smaller than zero

Address arithmetic

operation	Description
$p++$, $p--$	Increment (decrement) p to point to the next element, it is equivalent to $p+=1$ ($p -=1$)
$p+i$ ($p-i$)	Point to i -th element beyond (in front of) p but value of p is fixed
$p[i]$	Equivalent to $p + i$
$p + n$ (integer)	n must be an integer, its meaning is offset (偏移量)
$p - q$	Offset between pointer p and pointer q
$p+q$, $p*q$, p/q , $p\%q$	invalid
Relational operator of two pointers p , q	valid, including $p > q$, $p < q$, $p == q$, $p != q$, $p >= q$, $p <= q$
<i>malloc</i>	Dynamic memory allocation
<i>free</i>	Release memory block which is allocated by <i>malloc</i>

Static and dynamic allocation

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h> // malloc

int main(int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int x = 1, y = 2 ;
    int z[10] ; // z is an integer array, static
    int *ip ; // ip is a pointer to int

    // dynamic allocate integer array with 10 elements from OS
    // and return address of first element to pointer ip

    ip = (int*) malloc( sizeof(int)*10 ) ;

    if ( NULL == ip ){
        printf("Error: allocation fails\n");
    }

    printf("ip(0x%p) = 0x%p\n", &ip, ip);

    free( ip ) ; // release integer array to OS
    return 0 ;
}
```

z[10]是靜態陣列, 放在堆疊 (stack) 上

ip 指向一個動態陣列, 由作業系統從 **heap** 中截取 40 bytes

ip 所指向的動態陣列位址

ip本身的記憶體位址

C guarantees that zero is never a valid address for data, so return value of zero can be used to signal an abnormal value

stdio.h

```
/* Define NULL pointer value */
#ifndef NULL
#ifdef __cplusplus
#define NULL 0
#else
#define NULL ((void *)0)
#endif
#endif
```

dynamic allocation, `stdlib.h` [1]

When used as a function return type, the `void` keyword specifies that the function does not return a value. When used for a function's parameter list, `void` specifies that the function takes no parameters. When used in the declaration of a pointer, `void` specifies that the pointer is "universal."

If a pointer's type is `void *`, the pointer can point to any variable that is not declared with the `const` or `volatile` keyword. A `void` pointer cannot be dereferenced unless it is cast to another type. A `void` pointer can be converted into any other type of data pointer.

`void * malloc(size_t size)`

```
ip = (int*) malloc( sizeof(int)*10 ) ;
```

`malloc` returns a void pointer to the allocated space or `NULL` if there is insufficient memory available. To return a pointer to a type other than `void`, use a type cast on the return value. The storage space pointed to by the return value is guaranteed to be suitably aligned for storage of any type of object. If size is 0, `malloc` allocates a zero-length item in the heap and returns a valid pointer to that item. Always check the return from `malloc`, even if the amount of memory requested is small.

The `malloc` function allocates a memory block of at least *size* bytes. The block may be larger than *size* bytes because of space required for alignment and maintenance information.

In Visual C++ 2005, `malloc` sets `errno` to `ENOMEM` if a memory allocation fails or if the amount of memory requested exceeds `_HEAP_MAXREQ`. For information on this and other error codes, see [errno](#), [doserrno](#), [sys_errlist](#), and [sys_nerr](#).

`void free(void *p)`

The `free` function deallocates a memory block (*memblock*) that was previously allocated by a call to `calloc`, `malloc`, or `realloc`. The number of freed bytes is equivalent to the number of bytes requested when the block was allocated (or reallocated, in the case of `realloc`). If *memblock* is `NULL`, the pointer is ignored and `free` immediately returns. Attempting to `free` an invalid pointer (a pointer to a memory block that was not allocated by `calloc`, `malloc`, or `realloc`) may affect subsequent allocation requests and cause errors.

dynamic allocation, stdlib.h [2]

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h> // malloc

int main(int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int x = 1, y = 2 ;
    int z[10] ; // z is an integer array, static
    int *ip ; // ip is a pointer to int

    // dynamic allocate integer array with 10 elements from OS
    // and return address of first element to pointer ip

    ip = malloc( sizeof(int)*10 ) ;

    if ( NULL == ip ){
        printf("Error: allocation fails\n");
    }

    printf("ip(0x%p) = 0x%p\n", &ip, ip);

    free( ip ) ; // release integer array to OS
    return 0 ;
}
```

To allocate memory without casting
causes error of type checking

-----Configuration: malloc - Win32 Debug-----

Compiling...

main.cpp

F:\course\2008summer\c_lang\example\chap5\malloc\main.cpp(16) : error C2440: '=' : cannot convert from 'void *' to 'int *'
Conversion from 'void*' to pointer to non-'void' requires an explicit cast

Error executing cl.exe.

main.obj - 1 error(s), 0 warning(s)

dynamic allocation [3]

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h> // malloc

int main(int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int x = 1, y = 2 ;
    int z[10] ; // z is an integer array, static
    int *ip ; // ip is a pointer to int

    // dynamic allocate integer array with 10 elements from OS
    // and return address of first element to pointer ip

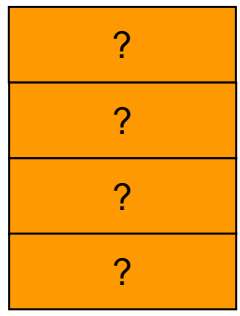
    ip = (int*) malloc( sizeof(int)*10 ) ;

    if ( NULL == ip ){
        printf("Error: allocation fails\n");
    }
}
```

Name	Value
&x	0x0012ff7c
&y	0x0012ff78
z	0x0012ff50
&ip	0x0012ff4c "■N7"
ip	0x00374e08

Heap 内

- 0x00374e08
- 0x00374e0c
- 0x00374e10
- 0x00374e14



address	content	variable
0x0012FF4C	0x00374e08	ip
0x0012FF50	?	z[0]
0x0012FF54	?	z[1]
0x0012FF58	?	z[2]
0x0012FF5C	?	z[3]
0x0012FF60	?	z[4]
0x0012FF64	?	z[5]
0x0012FF68	?	z[6]
0x0012FF6C	?	z[7]
0x0012FF70	?	z[8]
0x0012FF74	?	z[9]
0x0012FF78	2	y
0x0012FF7C	1	x

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Call by value

```
#include <stdio.h>

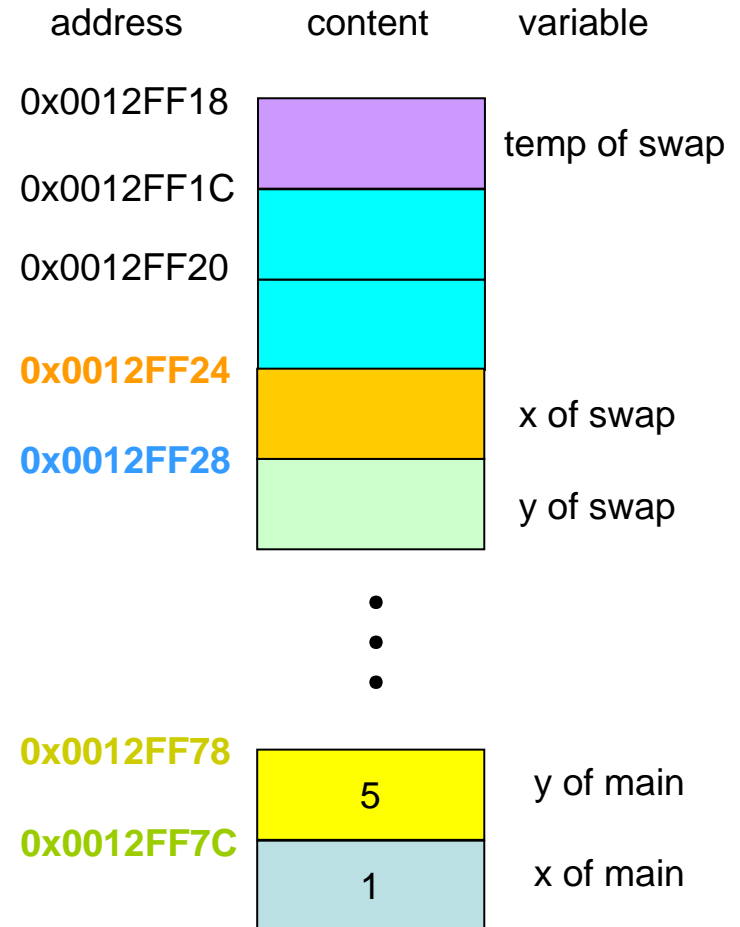
void swap(int x, int y) ; // caller
int main(int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int x = 1 ;
    int y = 5 ;

    printf("Before swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
    swap( x, y ) ; // callee
    printf("After swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
    return 0 ;
}

/* this is wrong version */
void swap(int x, int y)
{
    int temp ;

    temp = x ;
    x = y ;
    y = temp ;
}
```

```
C:\> "F:\course\2008summer\c_lang\example\
Before swap, x = 1, y= 5
After swap, x = 1, y= 5
Press any key to continue
```



Question: why don't x and y swap?

Call graph trace [1]

Use debugger

```
#include <stdio.h>

void swap(int x, int y) ;

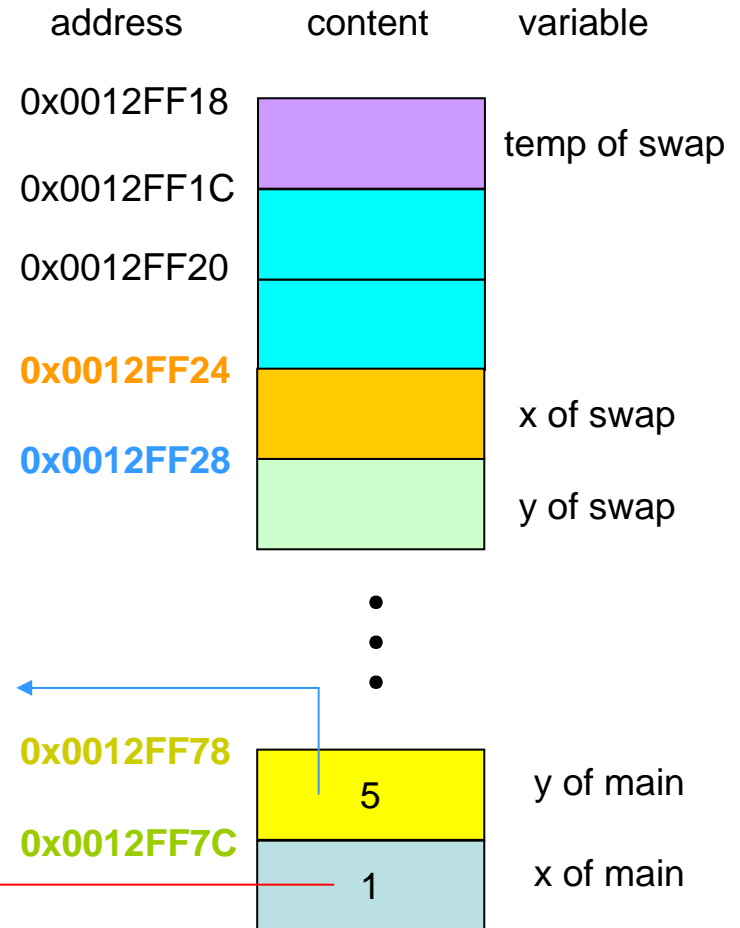
int main(int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int x = 1 ;
    int y = 5 ;

    printf("Before swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
    swap( x, y ) ;
    printf("After swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
    return 0 ;
}

/* this is wrong version */
void swap(int x, int y)
{
    int temp ;

```

按 F11 進入 swap



Call graph trace: caller make a data copy to callee [2]

```

void swap(int x, int y) ;

int main(int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int x = 1 ;
    int y = 5 ;

    printf("Before swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
    swap( x, y ) ;
    printf("After swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
    return 0 ;
}

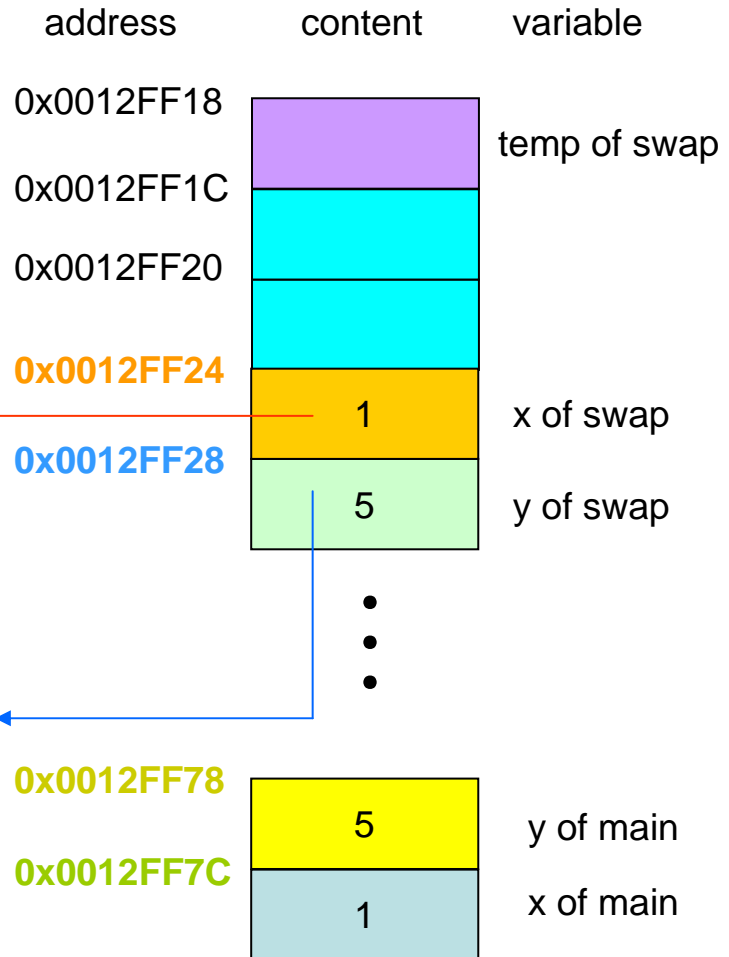
/* this is wrong version */
void swap(int x, int y)
{
    int temp ;
    temp = x ;
    x = y ;
    y = temp ;
}

```

→ k ← 按 F10

Context: swap(int, int)		swap(int main(int mainCRTS KERNEL32	
Name	Value	Name	Value
x	1	&x	0x0012ff24
y	5	&y	0x0012ff28

Local variables in swap



Call graph trace [3]

```

int x = 1 ;
int y = 5 ;

printf("Before swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
swap( x, y ) ;
printf("After swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
return 0 ;
}

/* this is wrong version */
void swap(int x, int y)
{
    int temp ;
    temp = x ;
    x = y ;
    y = temp ;
}

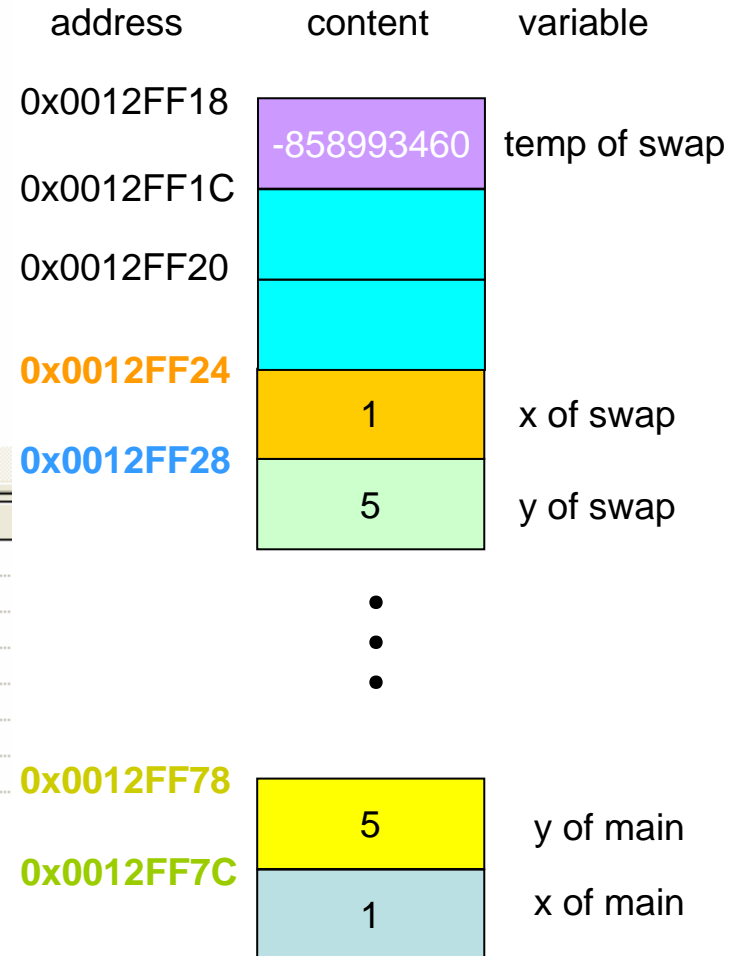
```

按 F10

Name	Value
temp	-858993460
x	1
y	5

Name	Value
&x	0x0012ff24
&y	0x0012ff28
&temp	0x0012ff18
	-858993460

temp has meaningless content



Call graph trace [4]

```

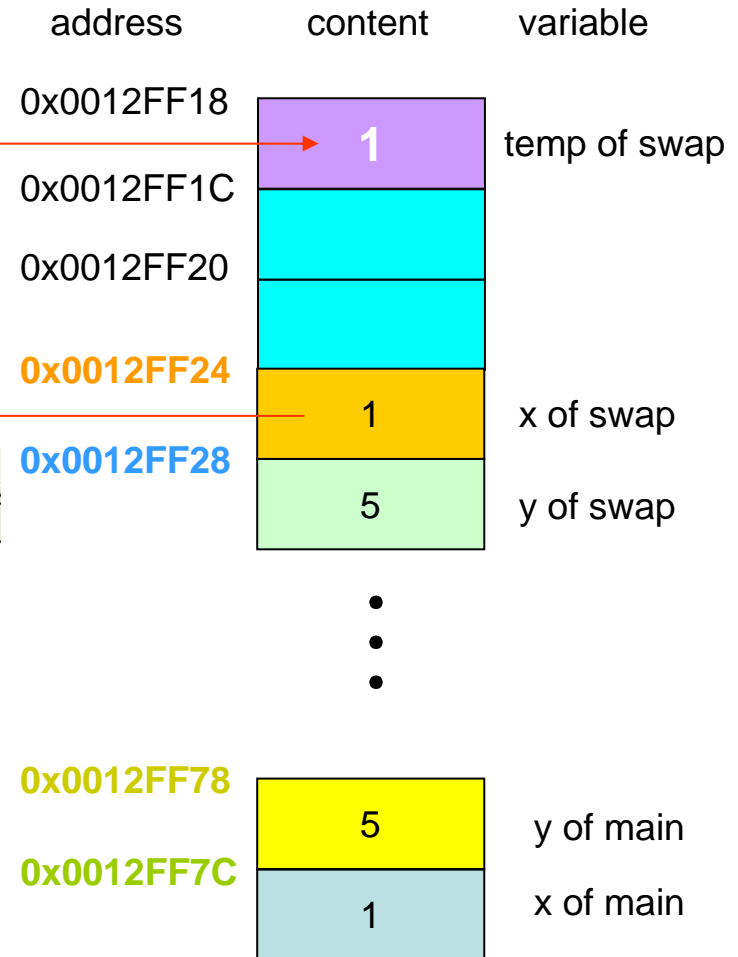
int x = 1 ;
int y = 5 ;

printf("Before swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
swap( x, y ) ;
printf("After swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
return 0 ;
}

/* this is wrong version */
void swap(int x, int y)
{
    int temp ;

    temp = x ;
    x = y ; ← 按 F10
    y = temp ;
}

```



move value of x of *swap* to temp of *swap*

Call graph trace [5]

```
int x = 1 ;
int y = 5 ;

printf("Before swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
swap( x, y ) ;
printf("After swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
return 0 ;
}

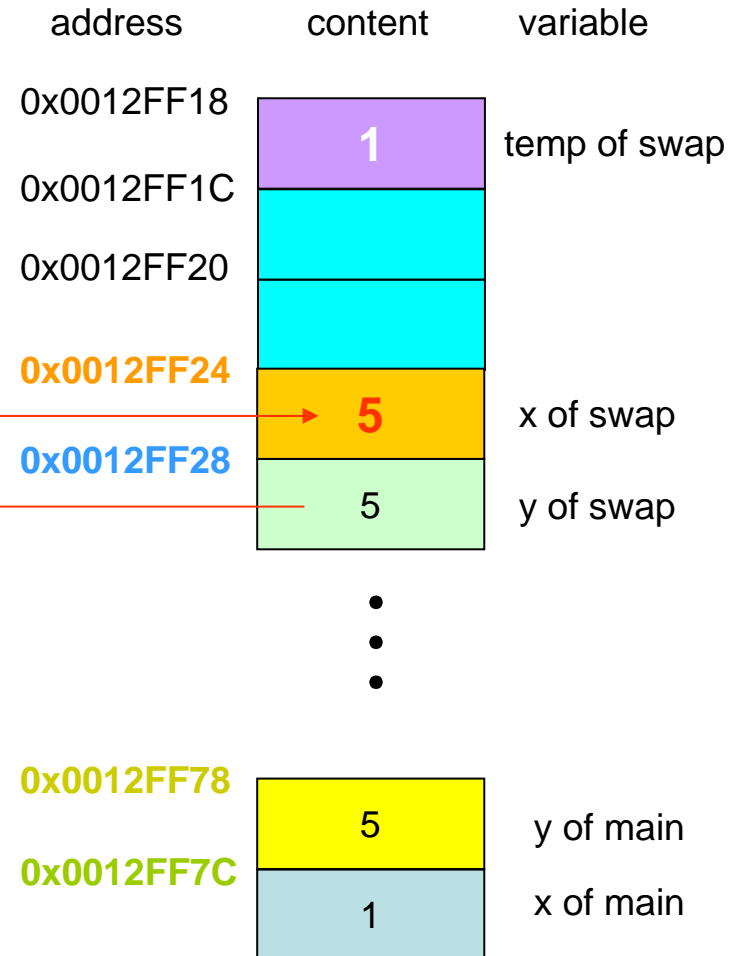
/* this is wrong version */
void swap(int x, int y)
{
    int temp ;

    temp = x ;
    x = y ;
    y = temp ; ← 按 F10
}
```

Name	Value
temp	1
x	5
y	5

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Name	Value
&x	0x0012FF24
&y	5
&temp	0x0012FF18
	1



move value of y of *swap* to x of *swap*

Call graph trace [6]

```

printf("Before swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
swap( x, y ) ;
printf("After swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
return 0 ;
}

/* this is wrong version */
void swap(int x, int y)
{
    int temp ;

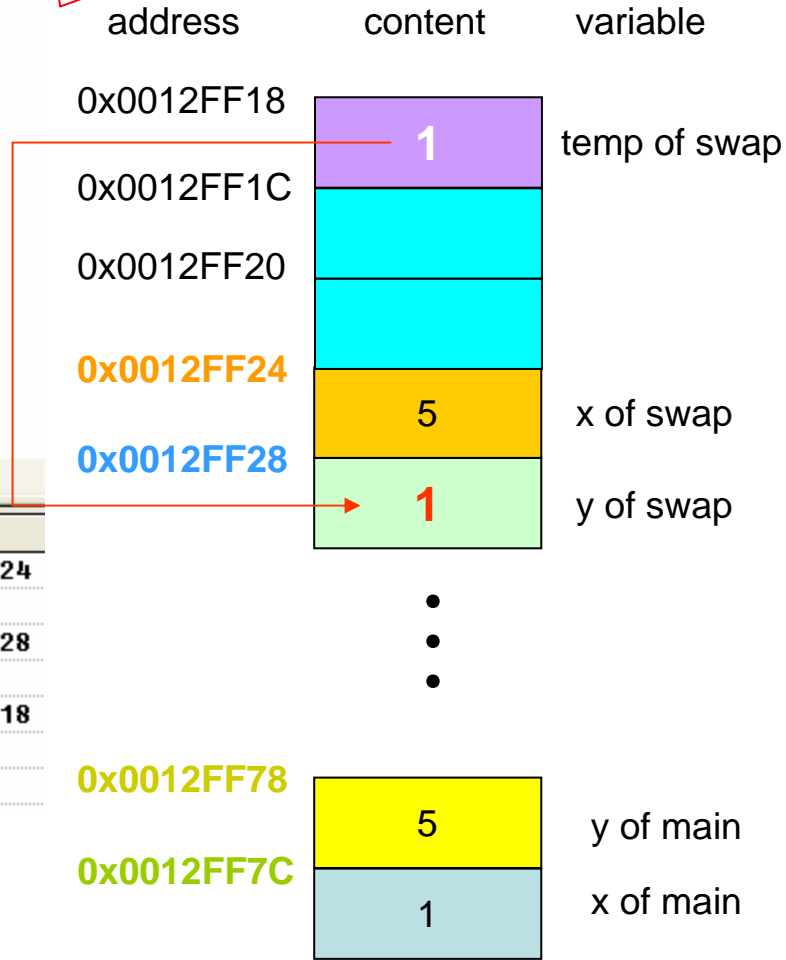
    temp = x ;
    x = y ;
    y = temp ;
}
    
```

← 按 F10 離開 swap

Name	Value
temp	1
y	1

Name	Value
&x	0x0012FF24
&y	0x0012FF28
&temp	0x0012FF18
	1

Only swap x, y in *swap*, not in *main*



move value of temp of *swap* to y of *swap*

Call by value – pointer

```
#include <stdio.h>

void swap(int* x, int* y) ;

int main(int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int x = 1 ;
    int y = 5 ;

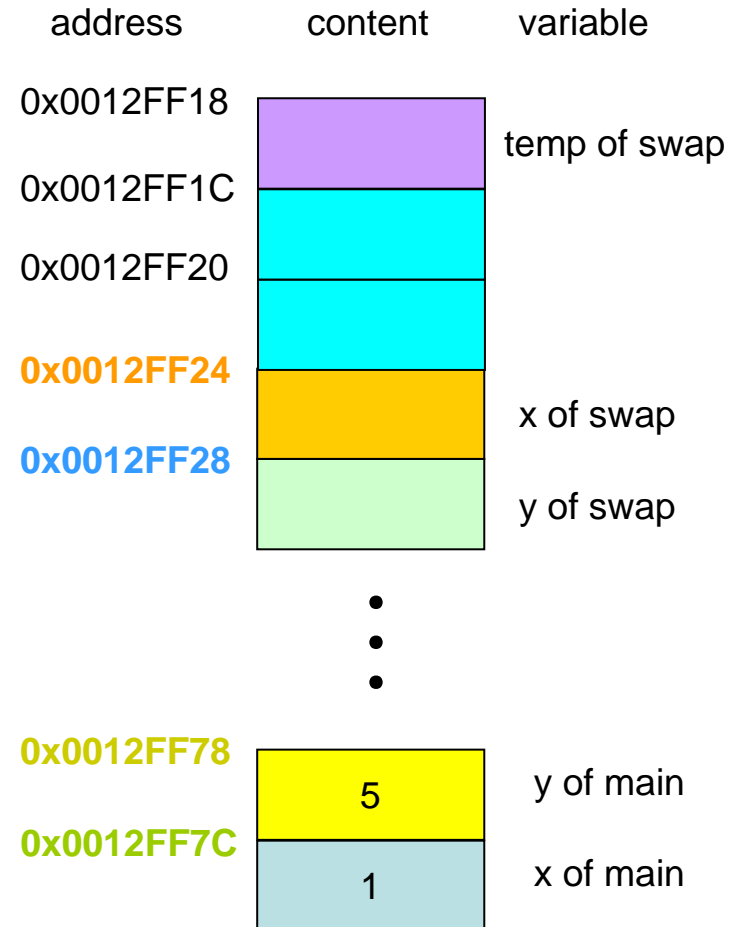
    printf("Before swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
    swap( &x, &y ) ; 用 & 提取 x 和 y 的位址
    printf("After swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
    return 0 ;
}

void swap(int *x, int *y)
{
    int temp ;

    temp = *x ;
    *x = *y ;
    *y = temp ;
}
```

swap x and y indeed

```
C:\F:\course\2008summer\c_lang\exampl
Before swap, x = 1, y= 5
After swap, x = 5, y= 1
Press any key to continue.
```



Call graph trace [1]

```

int x = 1 ;
int y = 5 ;

printf("Before swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;

swap( &x, &y ) ;

printf("After swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
return 0 ;
}

void swap(int *x, int *y)
{
    int temp ;

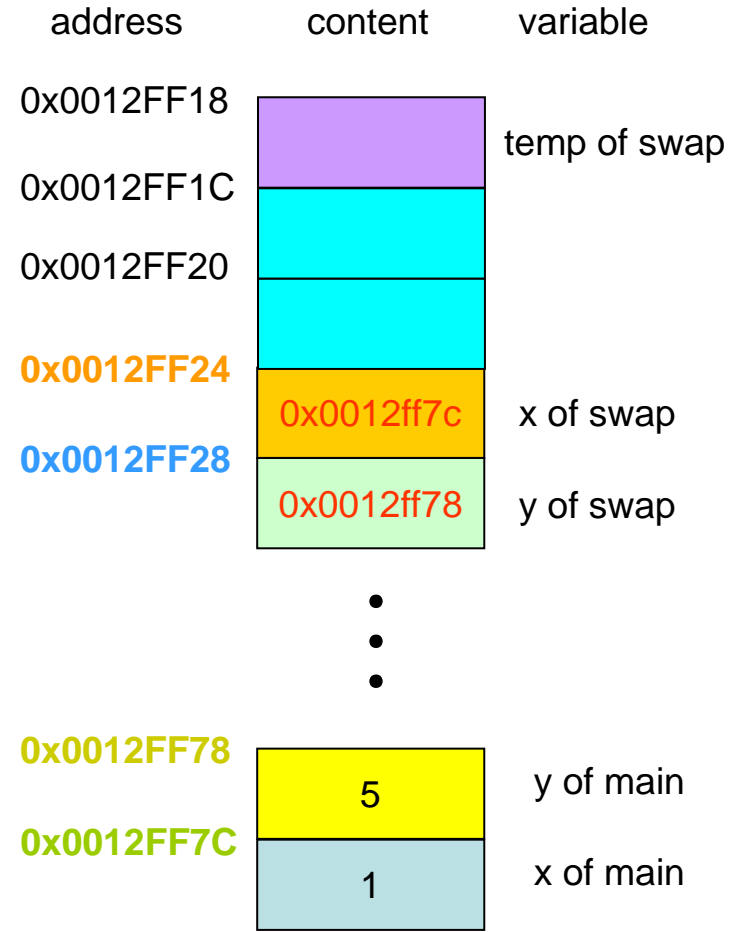
    temp = *x ;
    *x = *y ;
    *y = temp ;
}

```

按 F10 兩次

value of object which x points to

value of object which y points to



Call graph trace [2]

```

int x = 1 ;
int y = 5 ;

printf("Before swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;

swap( &x, &y ) ;

printf("After swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
return 0 ;
}

void swap(int *x, int *y)
{
    int temp ;

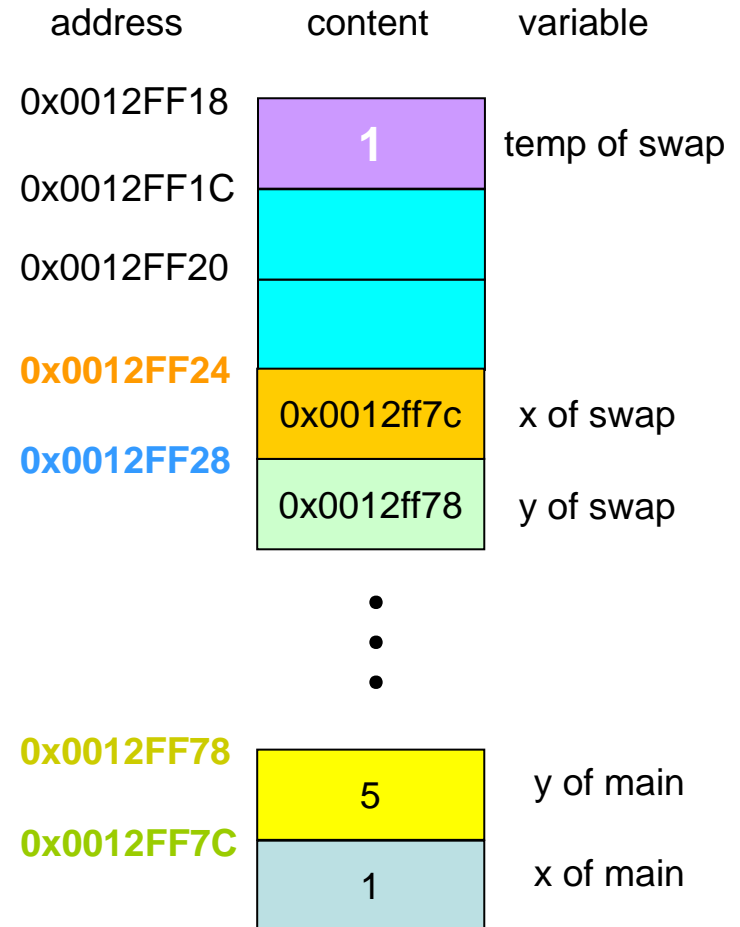
    temp = *x ;
    *x = *y ;
    *y = temp ;
}

```

按 F10

Name	Value
temp	1
x	0x0012ff7c
*x	1
*y	5

Name	Value
&x	0x0012ff24 "ij"
x	0x0012ff7c
	1
&y	0x0012ff28 "xj"
y	0x0012ff78
	5
&tem	0x0012ff18
	1



move value of x of main to temp of swap

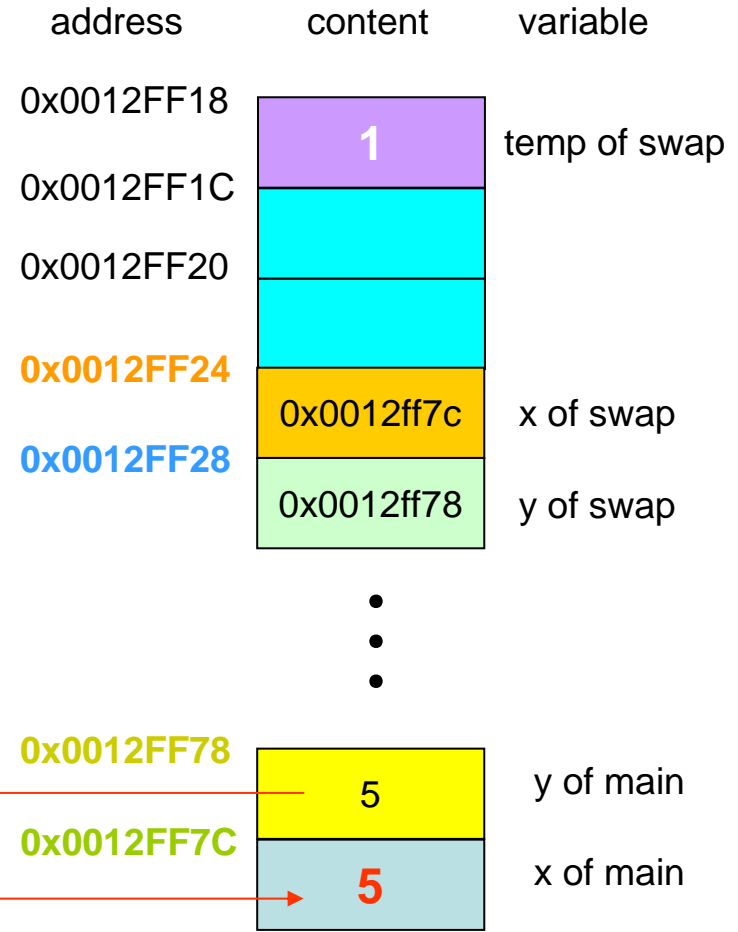
Call graph trace [3]

```

printf("Before swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
swap( &x, &y ) ;
printf("After swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
return 0 ;
}

void swap(int *x, int *y)
{
    int temp ;
    temp = *x ;
    *x = *y ;
    *y = temp ;
}

```



Question: how to check content of x in main ?

Call graph trace [4]

```

printf("Before swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
swap( &x, &y ) ;
printf("After swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
return 0 ;
}
void swap(int *x, int *y)
{
    int temp ;

    temp = *x ;
    *x = *y ;
    *y = temp ;
}

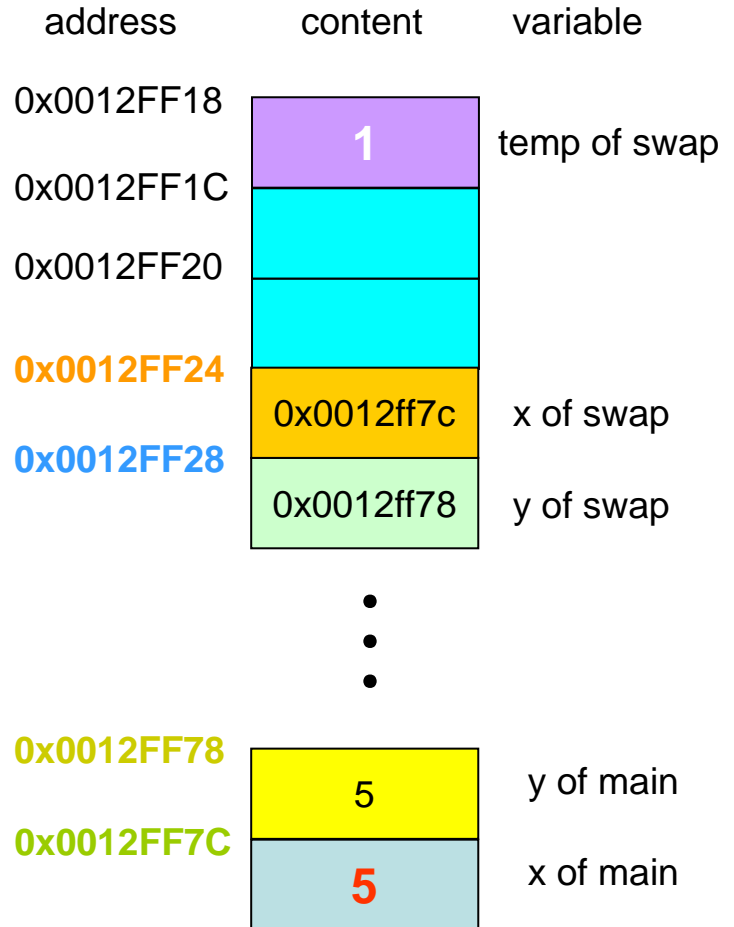
```

按 F10

Name	Value
x	5
&x	0x0012ff7c
y	5
&y	0x0012ff78

Name	Value
&x	0x0012ff7c
x	5
&y	0x0012ff78
y	5
&temp	CXX0017: Error:

x of main, check its address



Call graph trace [5]

```

printf("After swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
return 0 ;
}

void swap(int *x, int *y)
{
    int temp ;

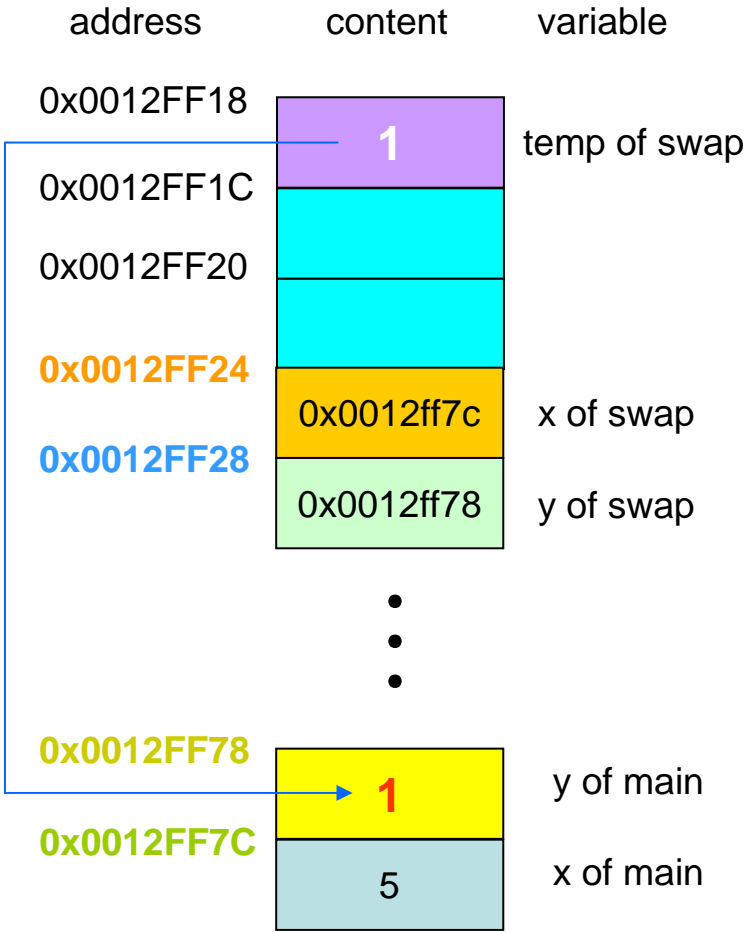
    temp = *x ;
    *x = *y ;
    *y = temp ;
}

```

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Name	Value
temp	1
*y	1

Name	Value
&x	0x0012FF24 "j"
x	0x0012FF7C
	5
&y	0x0012FF28 "xj"
y	0x0012FF78
	1
&temp	0x0012FF18
	1



move value of temp of swap to y of main

Call graph trace [6]

```

int main(int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int x = 1 ;
    int y = 5 ;

    printf("Before swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;

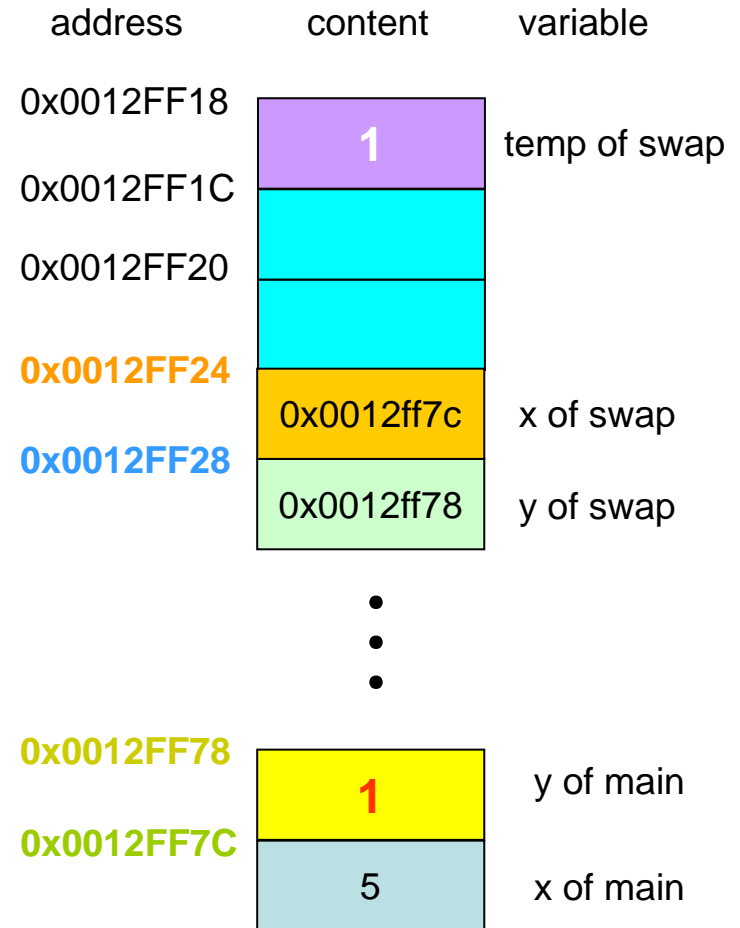
    swap( &x, &y ) ;

    printf("After swap, x = %d, y= %d\n", x, y) ;
    return 0 ;
}

void swap(int *x, int *y)

```

y of main, check its address



Character array v.s. character pointer [1]

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    char amessage[] = "now is the time" ; // an array
    char *pmessage = "now is the time" ; // a pointer

    printf("amessage(0x%p) = %s \n", amessage, amessage ) ;
    printf("pmessage(0x%p) = %s \n", pmessage, pmessage ) ;

    return 0 ;
}
```

Compiler determine length of string and then size of amessage



Modifiable character array



*pmessage is a pointer, initialized to point to a string constant; the pointer may subsequently be modified to point elsewhere, but the result is undefined if you try to modify the string contents

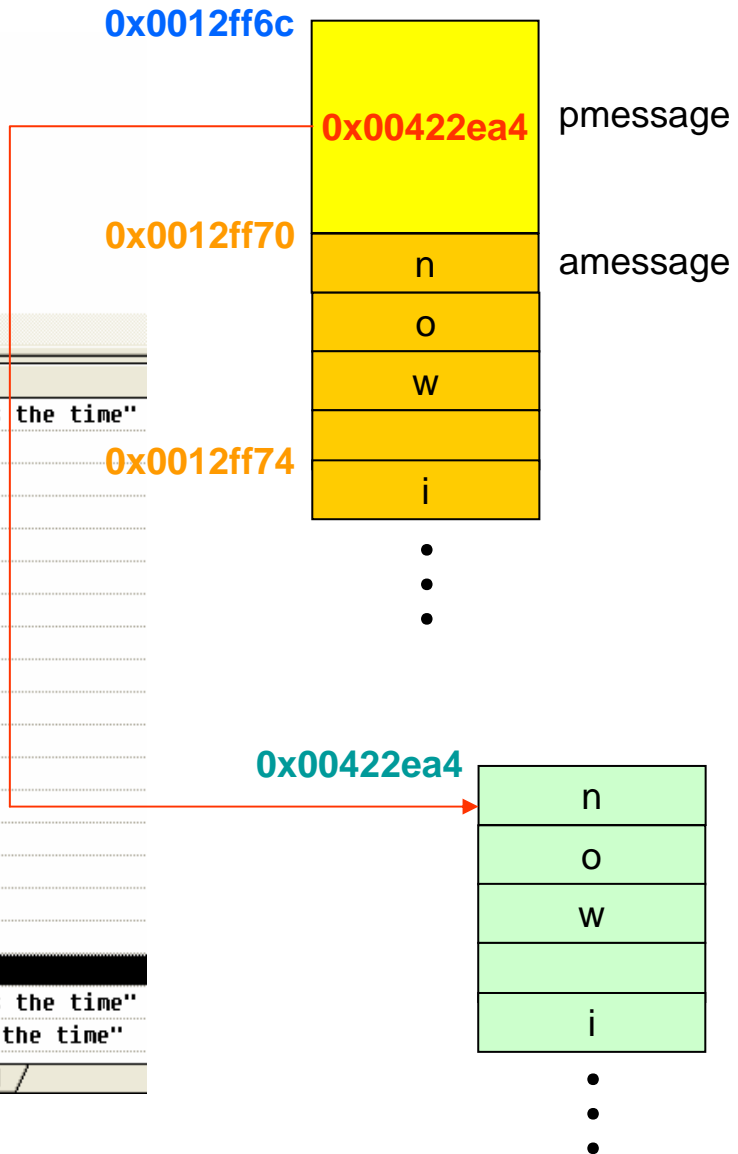
Character array v.s. character pointer [2]

```
int main( int argc, char* argv[] )  
{  
    char amessage[] = "now is the time" ; // an array  
    char *pmessage = "now is the time" ; // a pointer  
  
    printf("amessage(0x%p) = %s \n", amessage, amessage ) ;  
    printf("pmessage(0x%p) = %s \n", pmessage, pmessage ) ;  
  
    return 0 ;  
}
```

The screenshot shows a debugger window with the following data:

Name	Value
amessage	0x0012ff70 "now is the time"
pmessage	0x00422ea4 "now is the time"

Name	Value
amessage	0x0012ff70 "now is the time"
[0]	110 'n'
[1]	111 'o'
[2]	119 'w'
[3]	32 ' '
[4]	105 'i'
[5]	115 's'
[6]	32 ' '
[7]	116 't'
[8]	104 'h'
[9]	101 'e'
[10]	32 ' '
[11]	116 't'
[12]	105 'i'
[13]	109 'm'
[14]	101 'e'
[15]	0 ''
&pmessage	0x0012ff6c
&amessage[1]	0x0012ff71 "ow is the time"



Fixed pointer v.s. movable pointer

s, **t** are regarded as array name, fixed, use index **i** to sweep entire character string

s, **t** are pointers, movable, **s** and **t** sweep entire character string

```
#include <stdio.h>

// strcpy: copy t to s : array subscript version
void strcpy( char *s, char *t )
{
    int i = 0 ;
    while ( '\0' != (s[i] = t[i]) ){
        i++ ;
    }
}

int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    char A[] = "now is the time" ; // an array
    char B[] = "This is a book!" ; // an array

    strcpy( B, A ) ; // copy A to B
    printf("array B = %s \n", B ) ;

    return 0 ;
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>

// strcpy: copy t to s : pointer version
void strcpy( char *s, char *t )
{
    while ( '\0' != (*s = *t) ){
        s++ ;
        t++ ;
    }
}

int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    char A[] = "now is the time" ; // an array
    char B[] = "This is a book!" ; // an array

    strcpy( B, A ) ; // copy A to B
    printf("array B = %s \n", B ) ;

    return 0 ;
}
```

Question: when **s** and **t** move in function **strcpy**, why array A and B in function main are fixed?

String comparison

```
/* strcmp : return < 0  if s < t
              = 0  if s = t
              > 0  if s > t
*/
int strcmp( char *s, char *t )
{
    int i ;

    for ( i = 0 ; s[i] == t[i] ; i++){
        if ( '\0' == s[i] )
            return 0 ; // s = t
    }
    return s[i] - t[i] ; // s != t, compare character
}
```

Lexicographic order of string s and t

We say $s < t$ if there exists index k such that $s[k] < t[k]$ in ASCII code sense.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
0	NUL	SOH	STX	ETX	EOT	ENQ	ACK	BEL	BS	HT	LF	VT	FF	CR	SO	SI
1	DLE	DC1	DC2	DC3	DC4	NAK	SYN	ETB	CAN	EM	SUB	ESC	FS	GS	RS	US
2	SP	!	"	#	\$	%	&	'	()	*	+	,	-	.	/
3	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	:	;	<	=	>	?
4	@	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
5	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	[\]	^	_
6	`	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o
7	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	{		}	~	DEL

A-Z occupies 0x41 ~ 0x5A

a-z occupies 0x61 ~ 0x7A

OutLine

- Memory address and pointer
- Pointer and array
- Call-by-value
- **Pointer array: pointers to pointers**
- Function pointer
- Application of pointer

Pointer array: pointers to pointers [1]

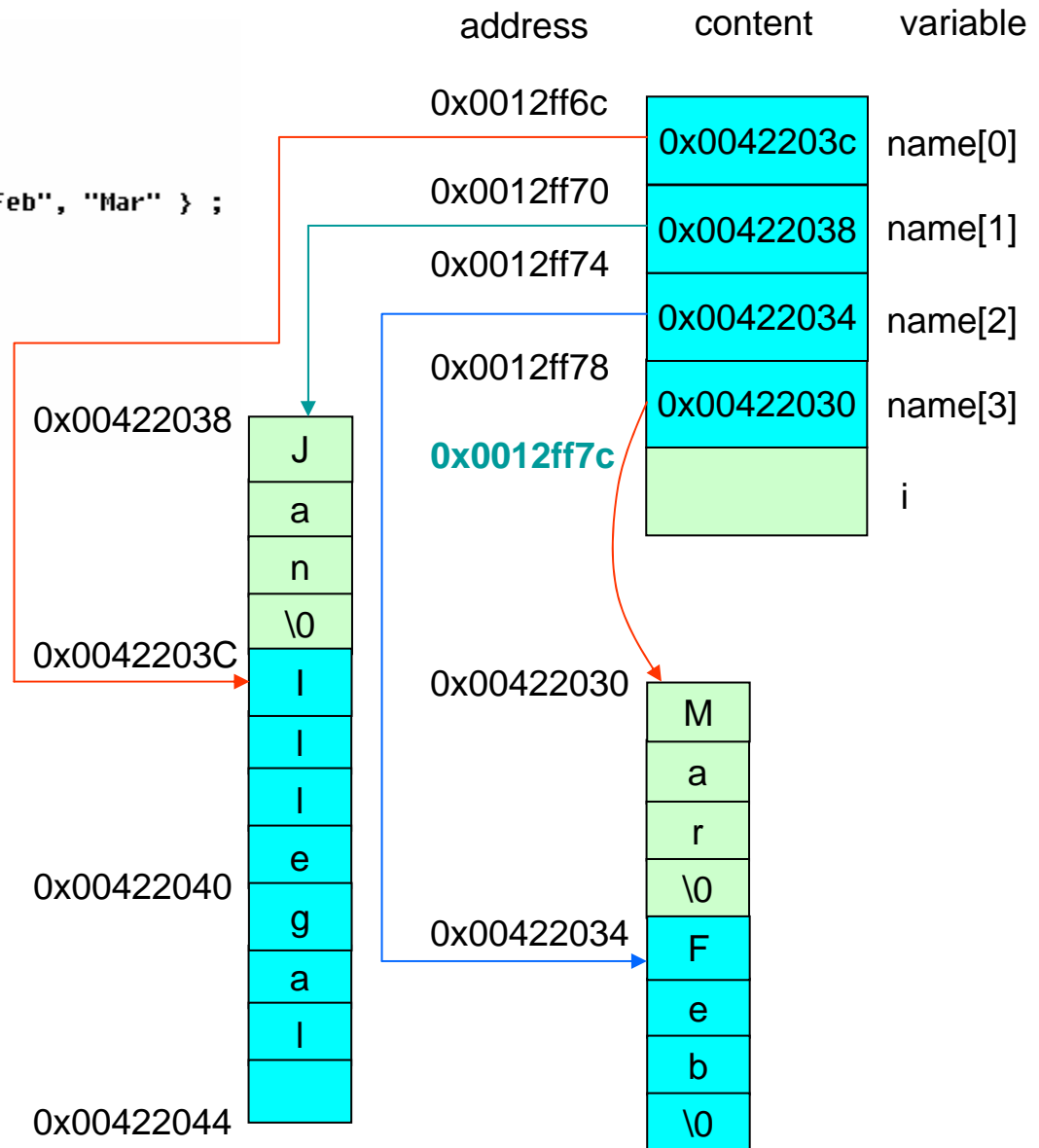
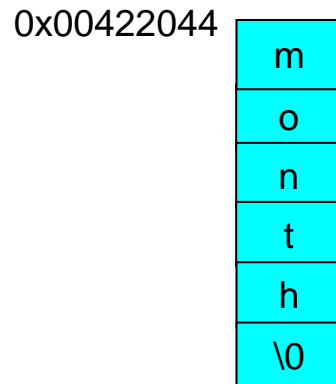
```
#include <stdio.h>

int main( int argc, char *argv[] )
{
    int i ;
    char *name[] = { "Illegal month", "Jan" , "Feb", "Mar" } ;

    for( i = 0 ; i < 4 ; i++ ){
        printf("name[%d] = %s\n", i, name[i] );
    }

    return 0 ;
}
```

```
C:\ "F:\course\2008summer\c_lang\exam
name[0] = Illegal month
name[1] = Jan
name[2] = Feb
name[3] = Mar
Press any key to continue_
```



Pointer array: pointers to pointers [2]

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main( int argc, char *argv[] )
{
    int i ;
    char *name[] = { "Illegal month", "Jan" , "Feb", "Mar" } ;

    for( i = 0 ; i < 4 ; i++ ){
        printf("name[%d] = %s\n", i, name[i] );
    }

    return 0 ;
}
```

Compiler determines that size of array is 4

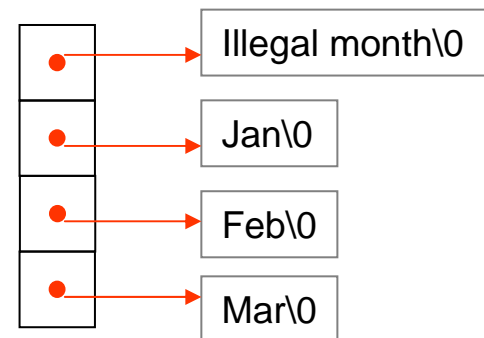
String starts at 0x0042203c

Name	Value
i	-858993460
name	0x0012ff6c

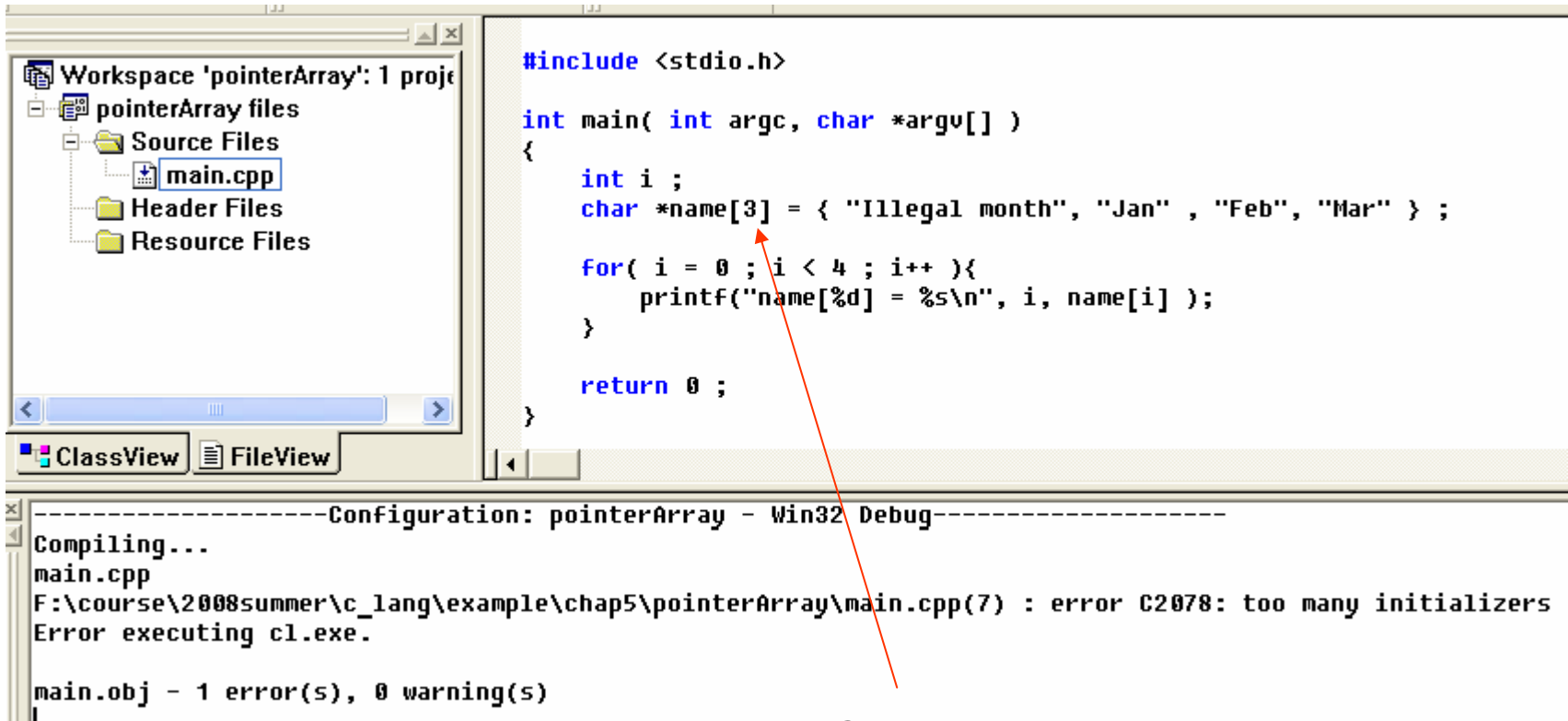
Name	Value
name	0x0012ff6c
[0]	0x0042203c "Illegal month"
[1]	0x00422038 "Jan"
[2]	0x00422034 "Feb"
[3]	0x00422030 "Mar"
&i	0x0012ff7c
&name[0]	0x0012ff6c
&name[1]	0x0012ff70
&name[2]	0x0012ff74
&name[3]	0x0012ff78

Symbolic representation

name:



Pointer array: pointers to pointers [3]



```
#include <stdio.h>

int main( int argc, char *argv[] )
{
    int i ;
    char *name[3] = { "Illegal month", "Jan" , "Feb", "Mar" } ;

    for( i = 0 ; i < 4 ; i++ ){
        printf("name[%d] = %s\n", i, name[i] );
    }

    return 0 ;
}
```

-----Configuration: pointerArray - Win32 Debug-----
Compiling...
main.cpp
F:\course\2008summer\c_lang\example\chap5\pointerArray\main.cpp(7) : error C2078: too many initializers
Error executing cl.exe.

main.obj - 1 error(s), 0 warning(s)

Compiler finds that size of array should be 4 at least, this is conflict to number 3 defined by programmer

Pointer array: pointers to pointers [4]

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h> // prototype of malloc
#include <assert.h> // macro assert()
#include <string.h> // prototype of strcpy
```

```
#define ILLEGAL_MONTH "Illegal month"
#define JAN "Jan"
#define FEB "Feb"
#define MAR "Mar"
```

```
int main( int argc, char *argv[] )
```

```
{
    int i ;
    char **name = NULL ;

    1 name = (char **) malloc( sizeof(char*) * 4 ) ; // allocate a pointer array
    assert( name ) ;
```

```
    2
    3 name[0] = (char*) malloc( sizeof(char) * (strlen(ILLEGAL_MONTH) + 1) ) ;
    assert( name[0] ) ;
    strcpy( name[0], ILLEGAL_MONTH ) ;
```

```
    name[1] = (char*) malloc( sizeof(char) * (strlen(JAN) + 1) ) ;
    assert( name[1] ) ;
    strcpy( name[1], JAN ) ;
```

```
    name[2] = (char*) malloc( sizeof(char) * (strlen(FEB) + 1) ) ;
    assert( name[2] ) ;
    strcpy( name[2], FEB ) ;
```

```
    name[3] = (char*) malloc( sizeof(char) * (strlen(MAR) + 1) ) ;
    assert( name[3] ) ;
    strcpy( name[3], MAR ) ;
```

```
    for( i = 0 ; i < 4 ; i++ ){
        printf("name[%d] = %s\n", i, name[i] ) ;
    }
```

```
    4 for( i = 0 ; i < 4 ; i++ ){
        free( name[i] ) ; // release each string
    }
```

```
    5 free( name ) ; // release pointer array
```

```
    return 0 ;
```

```
}
```

1. allocate pointer array of 4 elements

2. Macro `assert` is used as diagnosis, see page 253 in textbook

3. allocate character array, note that we need one more space for `\0`

4. First, release each string

5. Finally release pointer array

Diagnosis Macro: assert

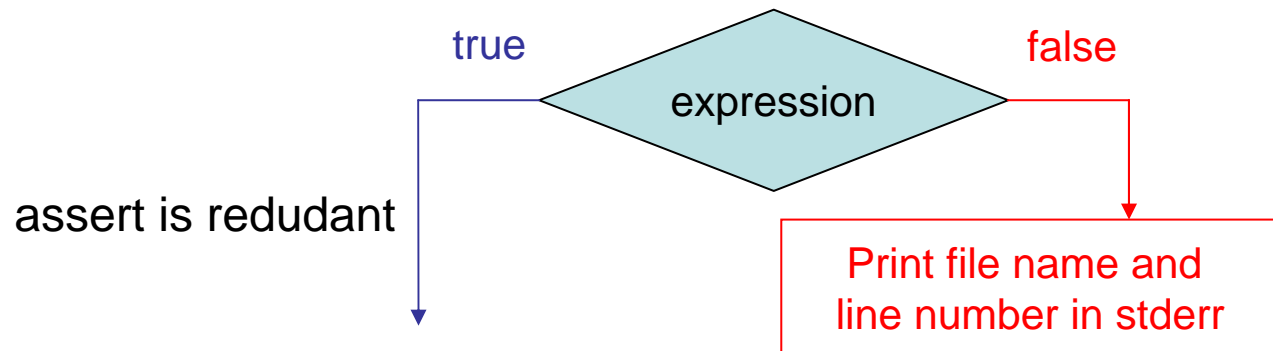
void assert(int expression)

The `assert` macro is typically used to identify logic errors during program development by implementing the *expression* argument to evaluate to **false** only when the program is operating incorrectly. After debugging is complete, assertion checking can be turned off without modifying the source file by defining the identifier **NDEBUG**. **NDEBUG** can be defined with a `/D` command-line option or with a `#define` directive. If **NDEBUG** is defined with `#define`, the directive must appear before `ASSERT.H` is included.

`assert` prints a diagnostic message when *expression* evaluates to **false** (0) and calls `abort` to terminate program execution. No action is taken if *expression* is **true** (nonzero). The diagnostic message includes the failed expression, the name of the source file and line number where the assertion failed.

In Visual C++ 2005, the diagnostic message is printed in wide characters. Thus, it will work as expected even if there are Unicode characters in the expression.

The destination of the diagnostic message depends on the type of application that called the routine. Console applications always receive the message through `stderr`. In a Windows-based application, `assert` calls the Windows `MessageBox` function to create a message box to display the message along with an **OK** button. When the user clicks **OK**, the program aborts immediately.



Command-line arguments [1]

argc: argument count

argv: argument vector

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int i ;

    printf("argc = %d\n", argc );
    for( i = 0 ; i <= argc ; i++ ){
        printf("argv[%d] = %s\n", i, argv[i] );
    }
    return 0 ;
}
```

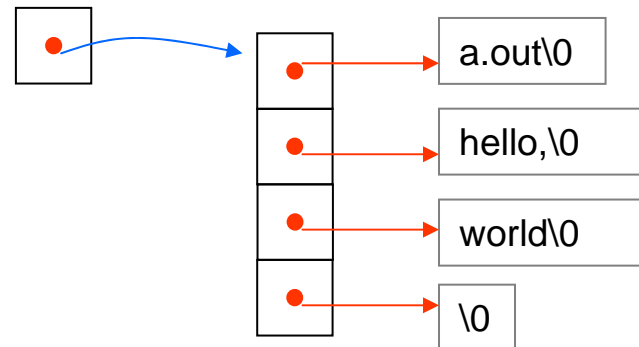
```
#include <stdio.h>

int main( int argc, char** argv )
{
    int i ;

    printf("argc = %d\n", argc );
    for( i = 0 ; i <= argc ; i++ ){
        printf("argv[%d] = %s\n", i, argv[i] );
    }
    return 0 ;
}
```

```
[imsl@linux commandLine]$
[imsl@linux commandLine]$ ./a.out
argc = 1
argv[0] = ./a.out
argv[1] = (null)
[imsl@linux commandLine]$ ./a.out hello, world
argc = 3
argv[0] = ./a.out
argv[1] = hello,
argv[2] = world
argv[3] = (null)
[imsl@linux commandLine]$
```

argv: Symbolic representaiton



Command-line arguments [2]

```
#include <stdio.h>

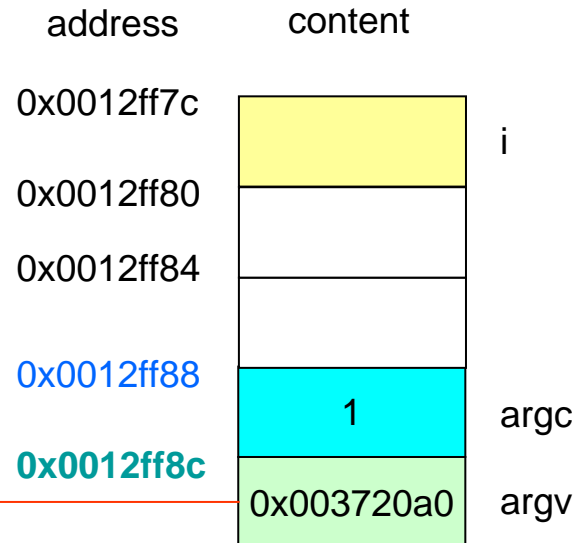
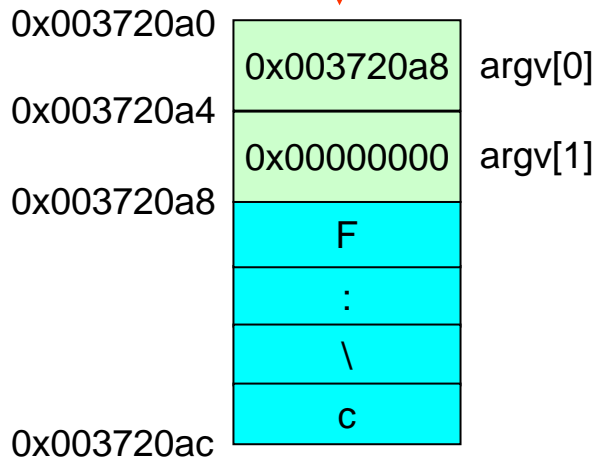
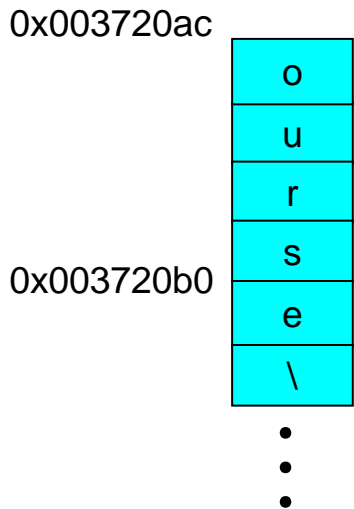
int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int i ;

    printf("argc = %d\n", argc );
    for( i = 0 ; i <= argc ; i++ ){
        printf("argv[%d] = %s\n", i, argv[i] );
    }
    return 0 ;
}
```

使用debugger, 只有執行檔, 沒有引數, 所以 `argc = 1`

Name	Value
argc	1
argv	0x003720a0
0	0x003720a8 "F:\course\2f
i	-858993460

Name	Value
&argc	0x0012ff88
1	1
&argv	0x0012ff8c ""?"
0	0x003720a0
1	0x003720a8 "F:\course\2008summer\c_lang\example\chap5\commandLine\Debug\commandLine.exe"
i	0x0012ff7c



Command-line arguments [3]

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main( int argc, char** argv )
{
    int i ;

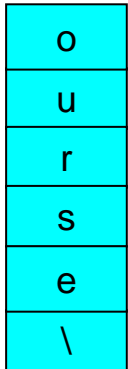
    printf("argc = %d\n", argc );
    for( i = 0 ; i <= argc ; i++ ){
        printf("argv[%d] = %s\n", i, argv[i] );
    }
    return 0 ;
}
```

char** argv 等同於 char* argv[]

Name	Value
argc	1
*argv	0x003720a8 "F:\course\2008summer\c_lang\example\chap5\commandLine\Debug\commandLine.exe"
i	-858993460

Name	Value
&argc	0x0012ff88
1	1
&argv	0x0012ff8c ""?"
-96 '?'	-96 '?'
argv	0x003720a0
&i	0x003720a8 "F:\course\2008summer\c_lang\example\chap5\commandLine\Debug\commandLine.exe"
argv+1	0x003720a4
0x00000000 ""	0x00000000 ""

0x003720ac



0x003720b0

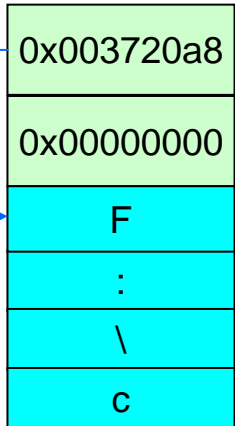
⋮

0x003720a0

0x003720a4

0x003720a8

0x003720ac



argv[0]

argv[1]

address

content

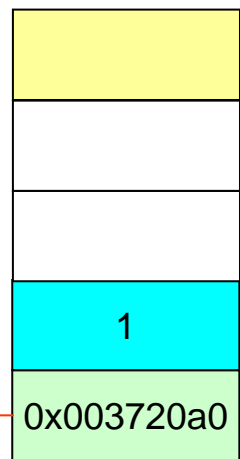
0x0012ff7c

0x0012ff80

0x0012ff84

0x0012ff88

0x0012ff8c



i

argv

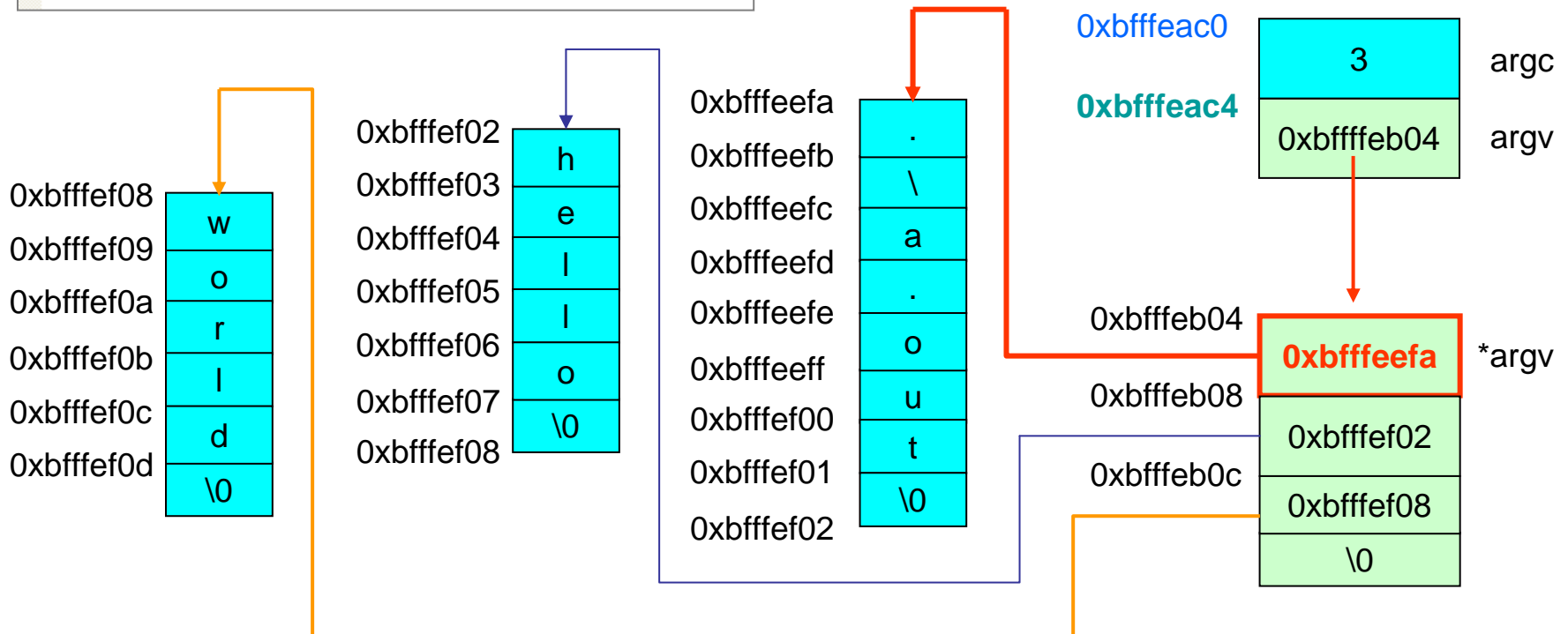
argv

Command-line arguments [4]

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    printf("argc (%p) = %d\n", &argc, argc );
    printf("argv (%p) = %p\n", &argv, argv );
    while( *argv ){
        printf("argv= %p, *argv(%p) = %s\n", argv,
              *argv, *argv );
        argv++;
    }
    return 0 ;
}
```

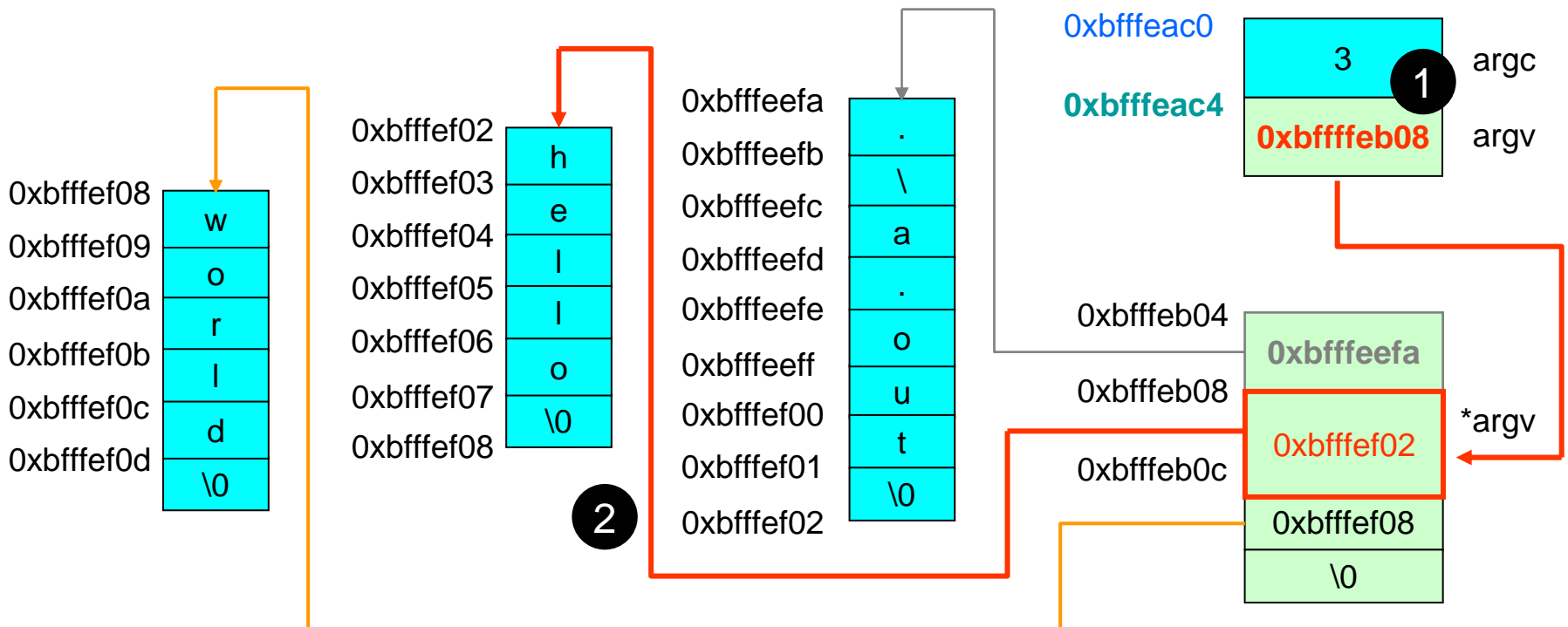
```
[imsl@linux commandLine]$
[imsl@linux commandLine]$ ./a.out hello world
argc (0xbfffeac0) = 3
argv (0xbfffeac4) = 0xbfffeb04
argv= 0xbfffeb04, *argv(0xbfffeefa) = ./a.out
argv= 0xbfffeb08, *argv(0xbfffef02) = hello
argv= 0xbfffeb0c, *argv(0xbfffef08) = world
[imsl@linux commandLine]$
```



Command-line arguments [5]

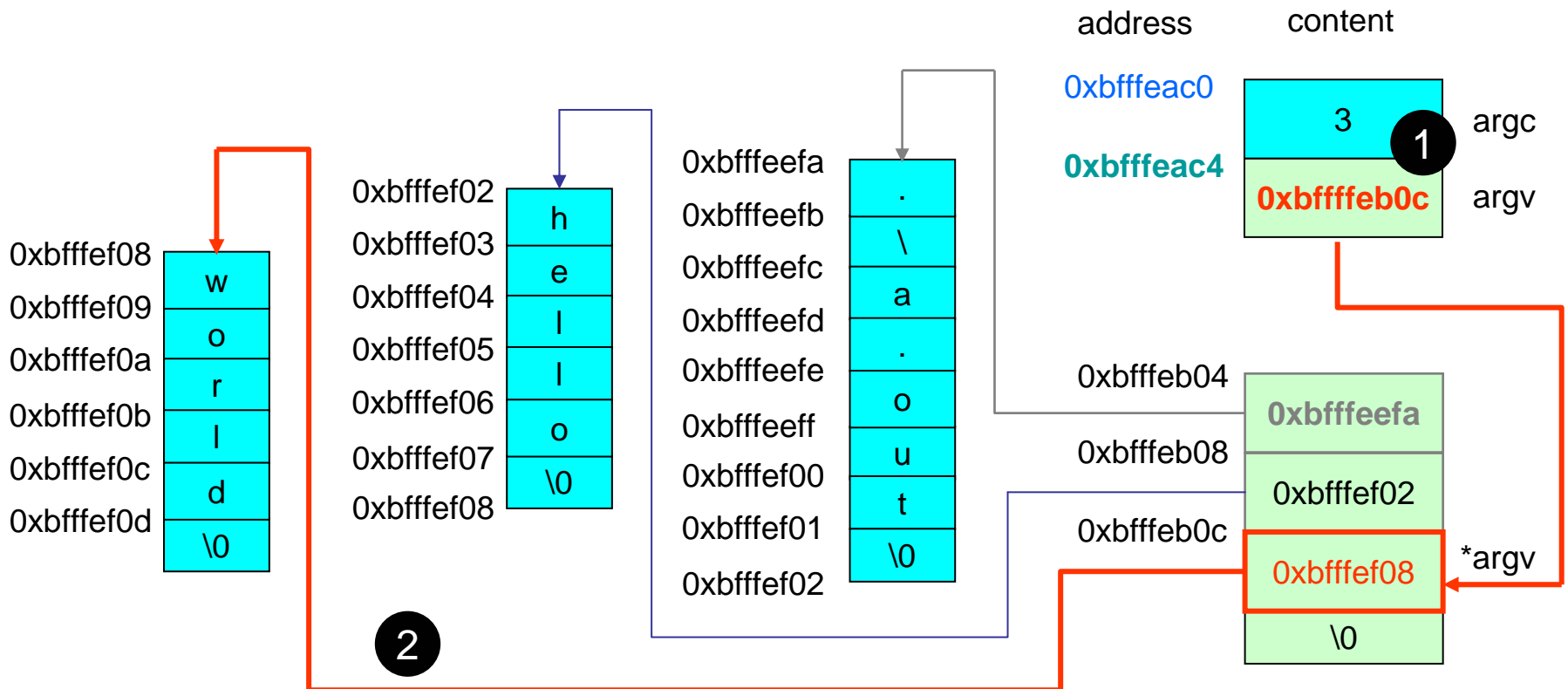
```
char** argv  
char* (*argv)  
char (**argv)
```

- 1 argv++
- 2 print string whose address is in *argv



Command-line arguments [6]

- 1 argv++
- 2 print string whose address is in *argv



OutLine

- Memory address and pointer
- Pointer and array
- Call-by-value
- Pointer array: pointers to pointers
- **Function pointer**
- Application of pointer

Function = address [1]

```
#include <stdio.h>

void swap(int* x, int* y) ;

int main(int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int x = 1 ;
    int y = 5 ;

    swap( &x, &y ) ;

    printf("address of main = %p\n", &main ) ;
    printf("address of swap = %p\n", &swap ) ;

    return 0 ;
}

void swap(int *x, int *y)
{
    int temp ;

    temp = *x ;
    *x = *y ;
    *y = temp ;
}
```

Function pointer is pointer which points to address of a function

Each function has an address, we can use reference operator **&** to extract its address, however since function is equal to an address (this is different from variable), sometimes we neglect operator **&**

Question: a function name is equal to an address, why?

```
c:\ "F:\course\2008summer\c_lang\exam
address of main = 0040100A
address of swap = 00401005
Press any key to continue_
```

Function = address [2]

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```
#include <stdio.h>

void swap(int* x, int* y) ;

int main(int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int x = 1 ;
    int y = 5 ;

    swap( &x, &y ) ;

    printf("address of main = %p\n", &main ) ;
    printf("address of swap = %p\n", &swap ) ;

    return 0 ;
}
```

選擇組合語言表示

View → Debug Window → Disassembly

Context: main(int, cl		main(int mainCRTSt KERNEL32!		Name	Value
&x	0x0012ff7c			&main	0x00401020 "U HSUW 號"
y	5			main	0x00401020 main(int, char * *)
&y	0x0012ff78			&swap	0x004010b0 "U DSUW 撕"
	5			swap	0x004010b0 swap(int *, int *)

main 和 &main 有相同值, 因為函數名等價於位址

Question: why main = 0x00401020 in debugger but

main = 0x0040100A in output

Function = address [3]

```
11:      swap( &x, &y ) ;
00401046  lea     eax,[ebp-8]
00401049  push   eax
0040104A  lea     ecx,[ebp-4]
0040104D  push   ecx
0040104E  call   @ILT+0(swap) (00401005) 跳到函數 swap: 0x00401005
00401053  add     esp,8
12:
13:      printf("address of main = %p\n", &main ) ;
00401056  push   offset @ILT+5(_main) (0040100a)
0040105B  push   offset string "Before swap, x = %d, y= %d\n" (0042203c)
00401060  call   printf (00401100)
00401065  add     esp,8
14:      printf("address of swap = %p\n", &swap ) ;
00401068  push   offset @ILT+0(swap) (00401005)
0040106D  push   offset string "After swap, x = %d, y= %d\n" (0042201c)
00401072  call   printf (00401100)
```

The screenshot shows a debugger window with three panes. The left pane shows the context for 'main(int, char * *)' with variables: &x (0x0012ff7c), y (5), &y (0x0012ff78), and another y (5). The middle pane shows the current function 'main(int mainCRTSt KERNEL32!)'. The right pane shows a list of symbols:

Name	Value
&main	0x00401020 "U HSUW 號"
main	0x00401020 main(int, char * *)
&swap	0x004010b0 "U DSUW 撕"
swap	0x004010b0 swap(int *, int *)

按 F11進入swap

Function = address [4]

在位址0x00401005內的值表示指令 `jmp swap (0x004010b0)`

The screenshot shows a debugger window with assembly code and a variable table. The assembly code is as follows:

```
@ILT+0(?swap@YAXPAH002):
00401005 jmp swap (004010b0)
@ILT+5(_main):
0040100A jmp main (00401020)
0040100F int 3
00401010 int 3
00401011 int 3
00401012 int 3
00401013 int 3
00401014 int 3
00401015 int 3
00401016 int 3
00401017 int 3
00401018 int 3
00401019 int 3
0040101A int 3
0040101B int 3
```

The variable table at the bottom right is as follows:

Name	Value
&main	0x00401020 "U HSUW 號"
main	0x00401020 main(int, char * *)
&swap	0x004010b0 "U DSUW 撕"
swap	0x004010b0 swap(int *, int *)

Annotations in the image include a yellow arrow pointing to the first instruction and a red text label "1. 按 F11 跳到 swap".

在位址0x0040100A內的值表示指令 `jmp main (0x00401020)`

Function = address [5]

```
004010AF int 3
--- F:\course\2008summer\c_lang\example\chap5\fn_pointer\main.cpp -----
18:
19: void swap(int *x, int *y)
20: {
21:     int temp ;
22:
```

004010B0 push ebp ←
004010B1 mov ebp,esp
004010B3 sub esp,44h
004010B6 push ebx
004010B7 push esi
004010B8 push edi
004010B9 lea edi,[ebp-44h]
004010BC mov ecx,11h
004010C1 mov eax,0CCCCCCCCh
004010C6 rep stos dword ptr [edi]

Context: swap[int *, ...]
Name Value
x 0x0012ff7c
y 0x0012ff78

swap(int main(int mainCRTSt KERNEL32?)

Name	Value
&main	0x00401020 "U HSUW 號"
main	0x00401020 main(int, char * *)
&swap	0x004010b0 "U DSUW 撕"
swap	0x004010b0 swap(int *, int *)

進入函數 swap 後第一個指令，其存在位址 0x004010b0 之處，所以 swap 的位址可爲此處

Question 1: How to define function pointer?

Question 2: How to assign function pointer an address of another function?

Function pointer (函數指標) [1]

```
#include <stdio.h>
void swap(int* x, int* y) ;

int main(int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int x = 1 ;
    int y = 5 ;
    // declare function pointer swap_ptr with initial value is NULL
    // its prototype is
    // parameter 1 = int*   parameter 2 = int*
    // return void (no return value)
    1 void ( *swap_ptr )(int* , int* ) = NULL ;
    2 swap_ptr = &swap ; // assign address of swap to pointer swap_ptr
    3 (*swap_ptr)( &x, &y ) ; // equivalent to swap( &x, &y ) ;

    printf("swap_ptr = %p\n", swap_ptr ) ;
    printf("after swap: x = %d, y = %d \n", x, y);
    return 0 ;
}

void swap(int *x, int *y)
{
    int temp ;
    temp = *x ;
    *x = *y ;
    *y = temp ;
}
```

括號是必要不可缺

函數指標三部曲

1. 宣告函數指標 `swap_ptr`, 其函數原型宣告用來作 type checking

2. 將目標函數 `swap` 的位址存入指標 `swap_ptr` 內

3. 用 dereference 算子將 指標 `swap_ptr` 內的值視為函數位址

```
C:\ "F:\course\2008summer\c_lang\exam
swap_ptr = 00401005
after swap: x = 5, y = 1
Press any key to continue
```

Function pointer (函數指標) [2]

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
void swap(int* x, int* y);

int main(int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int x = 1;
    int y = 5;
    // declare function pointer swap_ptr with initial value is NULL
    // its prototype is
    // parameter 1 = int*   parameter 2 = int*
    // return void (no return value)
    void ( *swap_ptr )(int* , int* ) = NULL;

    // swap_ptr = &swap; // assign address of swap to pointer swap_ptr
    swap_ptr = &strcpy; // 將函數 strcpy 的位址給 swap_ptr

    (*swap_ptr)( &x, &y ); // equivalent to swap( &x, &y );

    printf("swap_ptr = %p\n", swap_ptr );
    printf("after swap: x = %d, y = %d \n", x, y);
    return 0;
}
```

swap_ptr 的原型

- Win32 Debug-----

ointer\main.cpp(17) : error C2440: '=' : cannot convert from 'char *(__cdecl *)(char *,const char *)' to 'void (__cdecl *)(int *,int *)'
_cast, a C-style cast or function-style cast

strcpy 的原型為 char* strcpy(char* , const char*)

和 swap_ptr 的原型不合

Function pointer (函數指標) [3]

```
int y = 5 ;  
// declare function pointer swap_ptr with initial value is NULL  
// its prototype is  
// parameter 1 = int*   parameter 2 = int*  
// return void (no return value)  
void ( *swap_ptr )(int* , int* ) = NULL ;  
  
swap_ptr = &swap ; // assign address of swap to pointer swap_ptr  
  
(*swap_ptr)( &x, &y ) ; // equivalent to swap( &x, &y ) ;  
  
printf("swap_ptr = %p\n", swap_ptr ) ;  
printf("after swap: x = %d, y = %d \n", x, y);  
return 0 ;  
}
```

按 F11 進入 swap

```
void swap(int *x, int *y)
```

Context: main(int, char **)		main(int 1 mainCRTSta KERNEL32!		Name		Value	
+	&swap	0x004010b0 "U DSUV 撕"		+	&main	0x00401020 "U	LSUV 晶"
	swap_ptr	0x00401005 swap(int *,int *)			+	&swap	0x004010b0 "U DSUV 撕"
						swap_ptr	0x00401005 swap(int *,int *)

Function pointer (函數指標) [4]

```

● (*swap_ptr)( &x, &y ) ; // equivalent to swap( &x, &y ) ;

printf("swap_ptr = %p\n", swap_ptr ) ;
printf("after swap: x = %d, y = %d \n", x, y);
return 0 ;
}

void swap(int *x, int *y)
{
    int temp ;
    temp = *x ;
    *x = *y ;
    *y = temp ;
}

```

確實進入 swap 內

Name	Value
x	0x0012ff7c
y	0x0012ff78

Name	Value
&main	0x00401020 "U" LSUV 晶
&swap	0x004010b0 "U" DSUV 撕
swap_ptr	CXX0017: Error: symbol "swap_ptr" not found

Question: declaration `void (*swap_ptr)(int* , int*)` is long and awkward (笨拙), can we have any other choice?

Function pointer (函數指標) [5]

typedef defines a new type, You can use typedef declarations to construct shorter or more meaningful names for types already defined by C or for types that you have declared

```
#include <stdio.h>

void swap(int* x, int* y) ;

// define a new data type PointerToFunction
typedef void ( *PointerToFunction )(int* , int* ) ;

int main(int argc, char* argu[] )
{
    int x = 1 ;
    int y = 5 ;

    PointerToFunction swap_ptr = NULL ; // equivalent to void ( *swap_ptr )(int* , int* ) = NULL ;

    swap_ptr = &swap ; // assign address of swap to pointer swap_ptr

    (*swap_ptr)( &x, &y ) ; // equivalent to swap( &x, &y ) ;

    printf("swap_ptr = %p\n", swap_ptr ) ;
    printf("after swap: x = %d, y = %d \n", x, y);
    return 0 ;
}

void swap(int *x, int *y)
{
    int temp ;
    temp = *x ;
    *x = *y ;
    *y = temp ;
}
```

High readability (可讀性)

Question: why we need function pointer? any application?

Application of function pointer: bubble sort

- bubble sort(氣泡排序法) is simplest way for sorting, the basic idea is “push the largest element upward to last location, then recursively do the same thing over remaining unsorted sub-array”.

pseudocode

Given un-sorted array $a[0:n]$

for $k = n:-1:1$

for $j = 0:1:k-1$

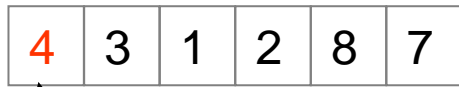
 if $a[j] > a[j+1]$ then *swap*($a[j], a[j+1]$)

endfor

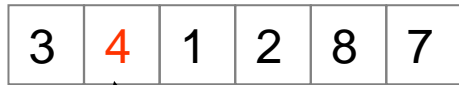
endfor

Process of bubble sort [1]

Unsorted array:



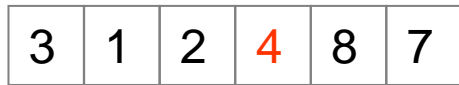
4 > 3, swap



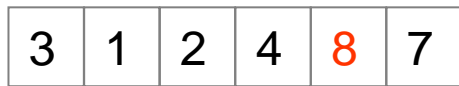
4 > 1, swap



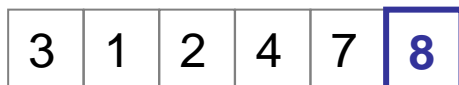
4 > 2, swap



4 < 8, no swap



8 > 7, swap



First pass, k = 5



3 > 1, swap



3 > 2, swap



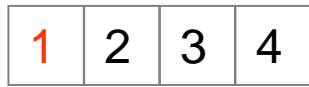
3 < 4, no swap



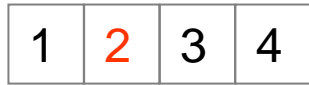
4 < 7, no swap

second pass, k = 4

Process of bubble sort [2]



1 < 2, no swap



2 < 3, no swap



3 < 4, no swap



third pass, k = 3



1 < 2, no swap



2 < 3, no swap



4-th pass, k = 2

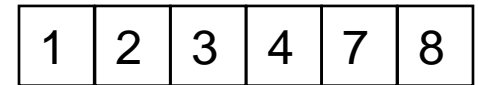


1 < 2, no swap



5-th pass, k = 1

Sorted array:



bubble sort: integer version

main.cpp

```
#include <stdio.h>

// bubble sort for integer
// definition is in bubble_sort_int.cpp
void bubble_sort_int( int a[] , int n ) ;

int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int i ;
    int a[] = { 4, 3, 1, 2, 8, 7 } ;

    bubble_sort_int( a , 5 ) ;

    for(i = 0 ; 5 >= i ; i++){
        printf("%d ", a[i]);
    }
    printf("\n") ;

    return 0 ;
}
```

```
C:\> "F:\course\2008summer\c_lang\exam
```

```
1 2 3 4 7 8
Press any key to continue_
```

bubble_sort_int.cpp

```
void swap_int( int *x, int *y ) ;

// sort integer array a[0], a[1], ..., a[n] in ascending order
void bubble_sort_int( int a[] , int n )
{
    int k , j ;

    for ( k = n ; 0 < k ; k-- ){
        for ( j = 0 ; j < k ; j++ ){
            if ( a[j] > a[j+1] ){
                swap_int( &a[j], &a[j+1] ) ;
            }
        }
    }
}

void swap_int( int *x, int *y )
{
    int temp ;

    temp = *x ;
    *x = *y ;
    *y = temp ;
}
```

Question: Can we sort **string**?

bubble sort: string version

main.cpp

```
#include <stdio.h>

// bubble sort for integer
// definition is in bubble_sort_int.cpp
void bubble_sort_int( int a[] , int n ) ;

// bubble sort for string
// definition is in bubble_sort_string.cpp
void bubble_sort_string( char* a[] , int n ) ;

int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int i ;
    char* a[] = { "September", "Jan" , "Mar",
                  "Feb"      , "July", "October" } ;

    bubble_sort_string( a , 5 ) ;

    for(i = 0 ; 5 >= i ; i++){
        printf("%s ", a[i]);
    }
    printf("\n") ;

    return 0 ;
}
```

```
C:\> "F:\course\2008summer\c_lang\example\chap5\bubb
Feb Jan July Mar October September
Press any key to continue_
```

bubble_sort_string.cpp

```
#include <string.h>

void swap_string( char **x, char **y ) ;

// sort string array a[0], a[1], ..., a[n] in
// ascending order, compare two strings with
// lexicographic order
void bubble_sort_string( char* a[] , int n )
{
    int k, j ;

    for ( k = n ; 0 < k ; k-- ){
        for ( j = 0 ; j < k ; j++ ){

            if ( strcmp( a[j], a[j+1] ) > 0 ){

                swap_string( &a[j], &a[j+1] ) ;

            }
        }
    }
}

void swap_string( char **x, char **y )
{
    char* temp ;
    temp = *x ;
    *x = *y ;
    *y = temp ;
}
```

x is a pointer
pointing to data
type `char*` (string)

swap_string only swaps pointers, not string content

Process of bubble sort : string [1]

Unsorted array:

September	Jan	Mar	Feb	July	October
0x00422fdc	0x00422048	0x00422044	0x00422040	0x00422fd4	0x00422034



September > Jan, swap

Jan	September	Mar	Feb	July	October
0x00422048	0x00422fdc	0x00422044	0x00422040	0x00422fd4	0x00422034



September > Mar, swap

Jan	Mar	September	Feb	July	October
0x00422048	0x00422044	0x00422fdc	0x00422040	0x00422fd4	0x00422034



September > Feb, swap

Jan	Mar	Feb	September	July	October
0x00422048	0x00422044	0x00422040	0x00422fdc	0x00422fd4	0x00422034



September > July, swap

Process of bubble sort : string [2]

Jan	Mar	Feb	July	September	October
0x00422048	0x00422044	0x00422040	0x00422fd4	0x00422fdc	0x00422034

September > October, swap



Jan	Mar	Feb	July	October	September
0x00422048	0x00422044	0x00422040	0x00422fd4	0x00422034	0x00422fdc

Jan < Mar, no swap

Jan	Mar	Feb	July	October	September
0x00422048	0x00422044	0x00422040	0x00422fd4	0x00422034	0x00422fdc

Mar > Feb, swap



Jan	Feb	Mar	July	October	September
0x00422048	0x00422040	0x00422044	0x00422fd4	0x00422034	0x00422fdc

Mar > July, swap



Process of bubble sort : string [3]

Jan	Feb	July	Mar	October	September
0x00422048	0x00422040	0x00422fd4	0x00422044	0x00422034	0x00422fdc

Mar < October, no swap

Jan	Feb	July	Mar	October	September
0x00422048	0x00422040	0x00422fd4	0x00422044	0x00422034	0x00422fdc

Jan > Feb, swap

Feb	Jan	July	Mar	October	September
0x00422040	0x00422048	0x00422fd4	0x00422044	0x00422034	0x00422fdc

Jan < July, no swap

Feb	Jan	July	Mar	October	September
0x00422040	0x00422048	0x00422fd4	0x00422044	0x00422034	0x00422fdc

July < Mar, no swap

Process of bubble sort : string [4]

Feb	Jan	July	Mar	October	September
0x00422040	0x00422048	0x00422fd4	0x00422044	0x00422034	0x00422fdc

Feb < Jan, no swap

Feb	Jan	July	Mar	October	September
0x00422040	0x00422048	0x00422fd4	0x00422044	0x00422034	0x00422fdc

Jan < July, no swap

Feb	Jan	July	Mar	October	September
0x00422040	0x00422048	0x00422fd4	0x00422044	0x00422034	0x00422fdc

Feb < Jan, no swap

Feb	Jan	July	Mar	October	September
0x00422040	0x00422048	0x00422fd4	0x00422044	0x00422034	0x00422fdc



observation

- Data type is immaterial, we only need to provide comparison operator. In other words, framework of bubble sort is independent of comparison operation.
- How can we implement an algorithm for bubble sort such that it is independent of data type, for example, string ?

pseudocode

Given un-sorted array $a[0:n]$

for $k = n:-1:1$

for $j = 0:1:k-1$

 if $a[j] > a[j+1]$ then *swap*($a[j], a[j+1]$)

endfor

endfor

User-defined comparison operator



Framework of bubble sort [1]

define a new data type

string_type = char*

```
typedef char* stringType ;  
  
#include <stdio.h>  
  
// bubble sort for string  
// definition is in bubble_sort_string.cpp  
void bubble_sort_string( stringType a[] , int n ) ;  
  
int main( int argc, char* argv[] )  
{  
    int i ;  
    stringType a[] = { "September", "Jan" , "Mar",  
                      "Feb"      , "July", "October" } ;  
  
    bubble_sort_string( a , 5 ) ;  
  
    for(i = 0 ; 5 >= i ; i++){  
        printf("%s ", a[i]);  
    }  
    printf("\n") ;  
  
    return 0 ;  
}
```

```
typedef char* stringType ;  
  
#include <string.h>  
  
void swap_string( stringType *x, stringType *y ) ;  
  
// sort string array a[0], a[1], ..., a[n] in  
// ascending order, compare two strings with  
// lexicographic order  
void bubble_sort_string( stringType a[] , int n )  
{  
    int k, j ;  
  
    for ( k = n ; 0 < k ; k-- ){  
        for ( j = 0 ; j < k ; j++ ){  
  
            if ( strcmp( a[j], a[j+1] ) > 0 ){  
  
                swap_string( &a[j], &a[j+1] ) ;  
  
            }  
        }  
    }  
  
    void swap_string( stringType *x, stringType *y )  
    {  
        stringType temp ;  
  
        temp = *x ;  
        *x = *y ;  
        *y = temp ;  
    }  
}
```

Data type for sorting

Framework of bubble sort [2]

```
#include <stdio.h>

// bubble sort for integer
// definition is in bubble_sort_int.cpp

void bubble_sort_int( int a[] , int n ) ;

int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int i ;
    int a[] = { 4, 3, 1, 2, 8, 7 } ;
    bubble_sort_int( a , 5 ) ;

    for(i = 0 ; 5 >= i ; i++){
        printf("%d ", a[i]);
    }
    printf("\n") ;

    return 0 ;
}
```

Data type for sorting

```
void swap_int( int *x, int *y ) ;

// sort integer array a[0], a[1], ..., a[n] in
// ascending order

void bubble_sort_int( int a[] , int n )
{
    int k , j ;

    for ( k = n ; 0 < k ; k-- ){
        for ( j = 0 ; j < k ; j++ ){
            if ( a[j] > a[j+1] ){
                swap_int( &a[j], &a[j+1] ) ;
            }
        }
    }
}

void swap_int( int *x, int *y )
{
    int temp ;

    temp = *x ;
    *x = *y ;
    *y = temp ;
}
```

Question: How about if we change `int` to `void*` ?

Framework of bubble sort [3]

```
#include <stdio.h>

// bubble sort for integer
// definition is in bubble_sort_int.cpp

void bubble_sort_int( void* a[] , int n ) ;

int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int i ;

    int a[] = { 4, 3, 1, 2, 8, 7 } ;

    bubble_sort_int( (void**) a , 5 ) ;

    for(i = 0 ; 5 >= i ; i++){
        printf("%d ", a[i]);
    }
    printf("\n") ;

    return 0 ;
}
```

強制轉型, type
checking

```
void swap_int( void* *x, void* *y ) ;

// sort integer array a[0], a[1], ..., a[n] in
// ascending order

void bubble_sort_int( void* a[] , int n )
{
    int k , j ;

    for ( k = n ; 0 < k ; k-- ){
        for ( j = 0 ; j < k ; j++ ){
            if ( a[j] > a[j+1] ){
                swap_int( &a[j], &a[j+1] ) ;
            }
        }
    }
}

void swap_int( void* *x, void* *y )
{
    void* temp ;
    temp = *x ;
    *x = *y ;
    *y = temp ;
}
```

```
C:\ "F:\course\2008summer\c_lang\exam
1 2 3 4 7 8
Press any key to continue_
```

int 和 void* 有同樣的大小,
在32位元機器上, 其size = 4 Bytes

Framework of bubble sort [4]

```
#include <stdio.h>

// bubble sort for string
// definition is in bubble_sort_string.cpp

void bubble_sort_string( void* a[] , int n ) ;

int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int i ;
    char* a[] = { "September", "Jan", "Mar",
                  "Feb", "July", "October" } ;

    bubble_sort_string( (void**) a , 5 ) ;

    for(i = 0 ; 5 >= i ; i++){
        printf("%s ", a[i]);
    }
    printf("\n") ;

    return 0 ;
}
```

強制轉型, type checking

```
#include <string.h>

void swap_string( void* *x, void* *y ) ;

// sort string array a[0], a[1], ..., a[n] in
// ascending order, compare two strings with
// lexicographic order
void bubble_sort_string( void* a[] , int n )
{
    int k, j ;

    for ( k = n ; 0 < k ; k-- ){
        for ( j = 0 ; j < k ; j++ ){
            if ( strcmp( (char*) a[j], (char*) a[j+1] ) > 0 ){
                swap_string( &a[j], &a[j+1] ) ;
            }
        } // for j
    } // for k
}

void swap_string( void* *x, void* *y )
{
    void* temp ;

    temp = *x ;
    *x = *y ;
    *y = temp ;
}
```

Great! `swap_string` is the same as `swap_int`.

Question: How to handle comparison operation (use function pointer) ?

Framework of bubble sort [5]

```
void bubble_sort_int( void* a[] , int n )
{
    int k , j ;

    for ( k = n ; 0 < k ; k-- ){
        for ( j = 0 ; j < k ; j++ ){
            if ( a[j] > a[j+1] ){
                swap_int( &a[j], &a[j+1] ) ;
            }
        } // for j
    } // for k
}
```

```
void bubble_sort_string( void* a[] , int n )
{
    int k , j ;

    for ( k = n ; 0 < k ; k-- ){
        for ( j = 0 ; j < k ; j++ ){
            if ( strcmp( (char*) a[j], (char*) a[j+1] ) > 0 ){
                swap_string( &a[j], &a[j+1] ) ;
            }
        } // for j
    } // for k
}
```

```
int operator>( (int) a[j], (int) a[j+1] )
```

```
int (*comp)( void* , void* )
```

comp is a function pointer, either **strcmp** or **integer operator>**

protocol(協定): $(*comp)(s,t)$ return $\begin{cases} < 0 & \text{if } s < t \\ = 0 & \text{if } s = t \\ > 0 & \text{if } s > t \end{cases}$

Framework of bubble sort [6]

```
#include <stdio.h>

void bubble_sort_prototype( void* a[] , int n,
                            int (*comp)(void*, void*) ) ;
// return > 0 if x > y
//       = 0 if x = y
//       < 0 if x < y
int integer_comp( int x, int y )
{
    return x - y ;
}

int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int i ;

    int a[] = { 4, 3, 1, 2, 8, 7 } ;

    bubble_sort_prototype( (void**) a, 5,
        (int (*)(void*, void*)) &integer_comp ) ;

    for(i = 0 ; 5 >= i ; i++){
        printf("%d ", a[i]);
    }
    printf("\n") ;

    return 0 ;
}
```

prototype of this function pointer

```
void swap( void* *x, void* *y ) ;

// prototype of bubble sort, accept function pointer
// comp as comparator
void bubble_sort_prototype( void* a[] , int n,
                            int (*comp)(void*, void*) )
{
    int k, j ;

    for ( k = n ; 0 < k ; k-- ){
        for ( j = 0 ; j < k ; j++ ){
            if ( (*comp)( a[j], a[j+1] ) > 0 ){
                swap( &a[j], &a[j+1] ) ;
            }
        }
    }
}

void swap( void* *x, void* *y )
{
    void* temp ;

    temp = *x ;
    *x = *y ;
    *y = temp ;
}
```

comp: function pointer

```
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1 2 3 4 7 8
Press any key to continue_
```


Framework of bubble sort [7]

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

void bubble_sort_prototype( void* a[] , int n,
                           int (*comp)(void*, void*) );

int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int i ;
    char* a[] = { "September", "Jan" , "Mar",
                 "Feb"      , "July", "October" } ;

    bubble_sort_prototype( (void**) a, 5,
        (int (*)(void*, void*)) &strcmp );

    for(i = 0 ; 5 >= i ; i++){
        printf("%s ", a[i]);
    }
    printf("\n");

    return 0 ;
}
```

Standard library

prototype of this function pointer

```
void swap( void* *x, void* *y ) ;

// prototype of bubble sort, accept function pointer
// comp as comparator
void bubble_sort_prototype( void* a[] , int n,
                           int (*comp)(void*, void*) )
{
    int k, j ;

    for ( k = n ; 0 < k ; k-- ){
        for ( j = 0 ; j < k ; j++ ){
            if ( (*comp)( a[j], a[j+1] ) > 0 ){
                swap( &a[j], &a[j+1] ) ;
            }
        }
    }
}

void swap( void* *x, void* *y )
{
    void* temp ;

    temp = *x ;
    *x = *y ;
    *y = temp ;
}
```

Question: how about floating-point array?

```
C:\F:\course\2008summer\c_lang\example\chap5\bubble
Feb Jan July Mar October September
Press any key to continue_
```

Framework of bubble sort [8]

```
#include <stdio.h>

void bubble_sort_prototype( void* a[] , int n,
                           int (*comp)(void*, void*) );

// return > 0 if x > y
//         = 0 if x = y
//         < 0 if x < y
int double_comp( double x, double y )
{
    return (int)(x - y);
}

int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int i;
    double a[] = { 4.0, 3.0, 1.0, 2.0, 8.0, 7.0 };

    bubble_sort_prototype( (void**) a, 5,
                          (int (*)(void*, void*)) &double_comp );

    for(i = 0; 5 >= i; i++){
        printf("%6.2f ", a[i]);
    }
    printf("\n");

    return 0;
}
```

sizeof(double) = 8 bytes
!= sizeof(void*)

```
#include <stdio.h>

void bubble_sort_prototype( void* a[] , int n,
                           int (*comp)(void*, void*) );

// return > 0 if x > y
//         = 0 if x = y
//         < 0 if x < y
int float_comp( float x, float y )
{
    return (int)(x - y);
}

int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int i;
    float a[] = { 4.0, 3.0, 1.0, 2.0, 8.0, 7.0 };

    bubble_sort_prototype( (void**) a, 5,
                          (int (*)(void*, void*)) &float_comp );

    for(i = 0; 5 >= i; i++){
        printf("%6.2f ", a[i]);
    }
    printf("\n");

    return 0;
}
```

sizeof(float) = 4 bytes
= sizeof(void*)

```
C:\> "F:\course\2008summer\c_lang\example\chap5\bubble_sort_po
4.00  0.00  0.00  2.00  8.00  7.00
Press any key to continue
```

Wrong!

```
C:\> "F:\course\2008summer\c_lang\example\chap5\bubble_sort_po
1.00  2.00  3.00  4.00  7.00  8.00
Press any key to continue_
```

Correct!

Framework of bubble sort [9]

```
#include <stdio.h>

void bubble_sort( void* base, size_t n, size_t size,
                 int (*comp)(void*, void*) );

int double_comp( double *x, double *y )
{
    return (int)(*x - *y) ;
}

int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int i ;
    double a[] = { 4.0, 3.0, 1.0, 2.0, 8.0, 7.0 } ;

    bubble_sort( (void*) a, 6, sizeof(double),
                (int (*)(void*, void*)) &double_comp );

    for(i = 0 ; 5 >= i ; i++){
        printf("%6.2f ", a[i]);
    }
    printf("\n") ;

    return 0 ;
}
```

```
C:\F:\course\2008summer\c_lang\example\chap5\bubble_sort_po
1.00 2.00 3.00 4.00 7.00 8.00
Press any key to continue
```

此處 void 可視為 any data type

```
#include <stddef.h>
void swap( void *x, void *y , size_t size ) ;

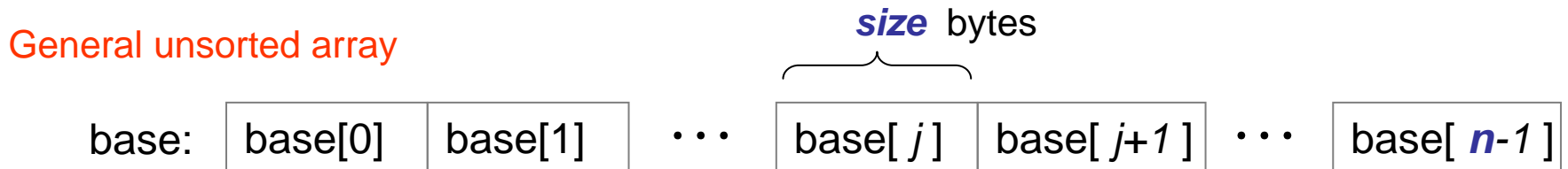
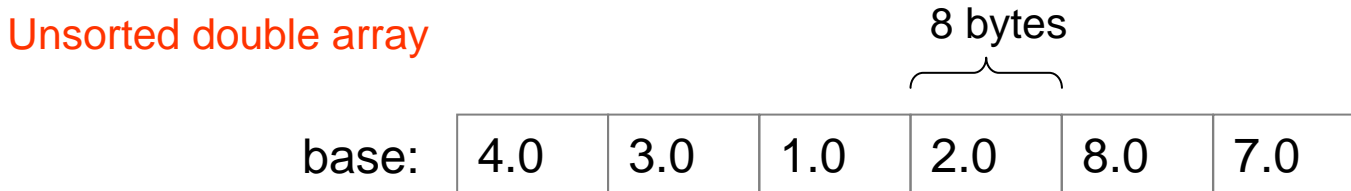
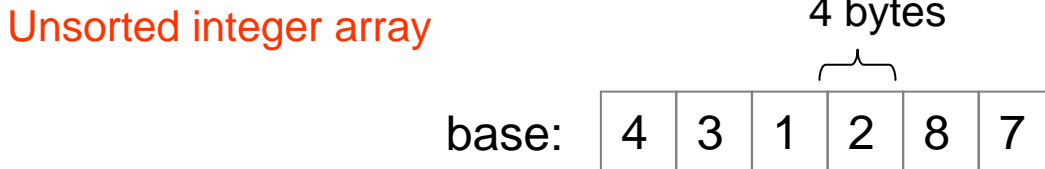
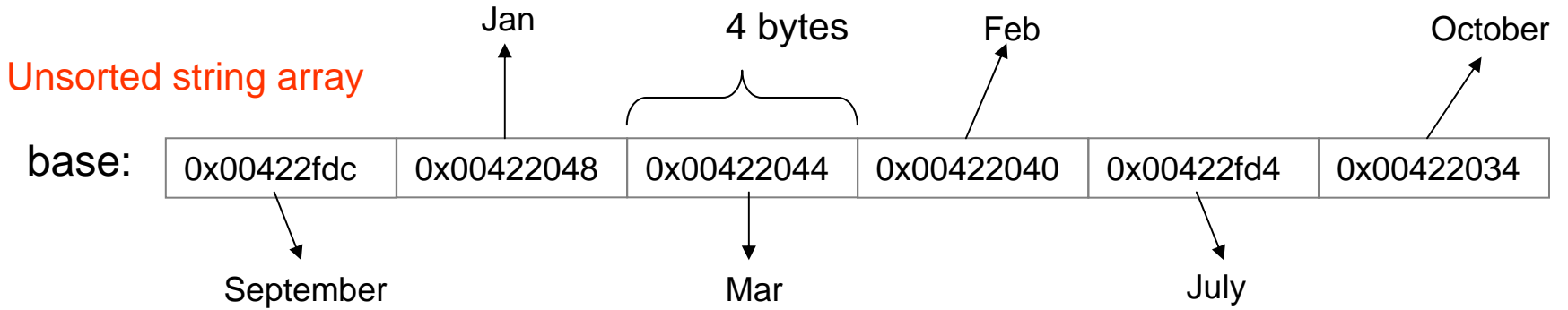
// sort base[0], ... base[n-1], total n elements
void bubble_sort( void* base, size_t n, size_t size,
                 int (*comp)(void*, void*) )
{
    int k, j ;
    char* a = (char*) base ;
    char* aj ; // &a[j]
    char* aj_plus1 ; // &a[j+1]

    for ( k = n-1 ; 0 < k ; k-- ){
        for ( j = 0 ; j < k ; j++ ){
            aj = a + size*j ;
            aj_plus1 = aj + size ;
            if ( (*comp)( aj, aj_plus1 ) > 0 ){
                swap( (void*) aj, (void*) aj_plus1,
                    size ) ;
            }
        } // for j
    } // for k
}

void swap( void *x, void *y, size_t size )
{
    size_t i ;
    char temp ;
    char* px = (char*) x ;
    char* py = (char*) y ;

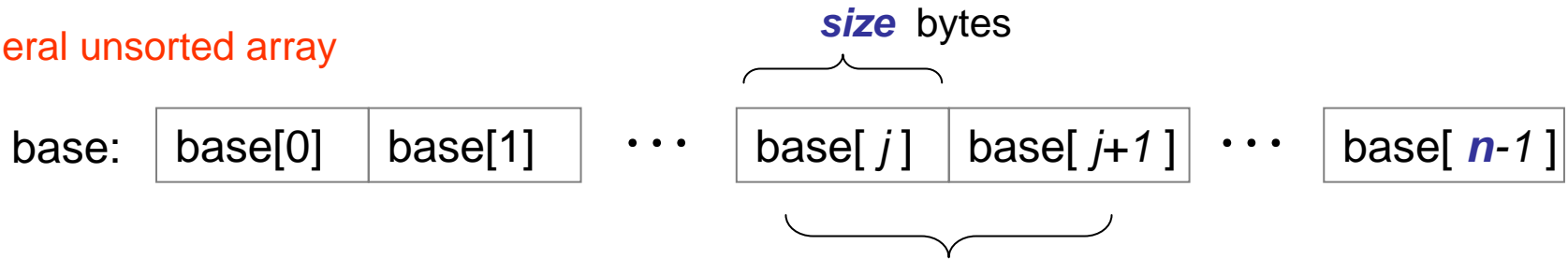
    for ( i = 0 ; i < size ; i++){
        temp = *px ;
        *px = *py ;
        *py = temp ;
        px++ ;
        py++ ;
    }
}
```

Framework of bubble sort [10]



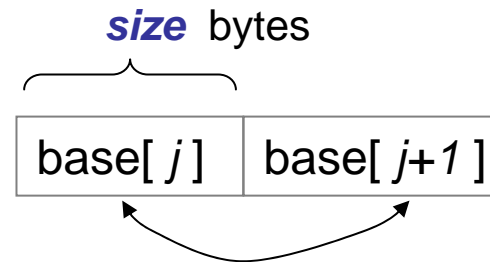
Framework of bubble sort [11]

General unsorted array



`(*cmp) (&base[j], &base[j-1])`

We send address of `base[j]` and `base[j-1]` to user-defined comparison operator `*cmp` since we don't know the data type so far.



`swap(&base[j], &base[j-1], size)`

We send address of `base[j]` and `base[j-1]` to swap function since we don't know the data type, also in order to swap both elements we require *size* of data type

Framework of bubble sort [12]

```
void bubble_sort( void* base, size_t n, size_t size,  
                 int (*comp)(void*, void*) )
```

```
void qsort( void *base, size_t n, size_t size,           page 253  
           int (*cmp)( const void *, const void * ) )
```

qsort sorts into ascending order an array `base[0]`, ... `base[n-1]` of objects of size `size`. The comparison function `cmp` is

$$\text{protocol(協定): } (*cmp)(s,t) \text{ return } \begin{cases} < 0 & \text{if } s < t \\ = 0 & \text{if } s = t \\ > 0 & \text{if } s > t \end{cases}$$

The `qsort` function implements a **quick-sort algorithm** to sort an array of `n` elements, each of `size` bytes. The argument `base` is a pointer to the base of the array to be sorted. `qsort` overwrites this array with the sorted elements. The argument `cmp` is a pointer to a user-supplied routine that compares two array elements and returns a value specifying their relationship. `qsort` calls the compare routine one or more times during the sort, passing pointers to two array elements on each call.

Framework of bubble sort [13]

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int double_comp( double *x, double *y )
{
    return (int)(*x - *y) ;
}

int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    int i ;
    double a[] = { 4.0, 3.0, 1.0, 2.0, 8.0, 7.0 } ;

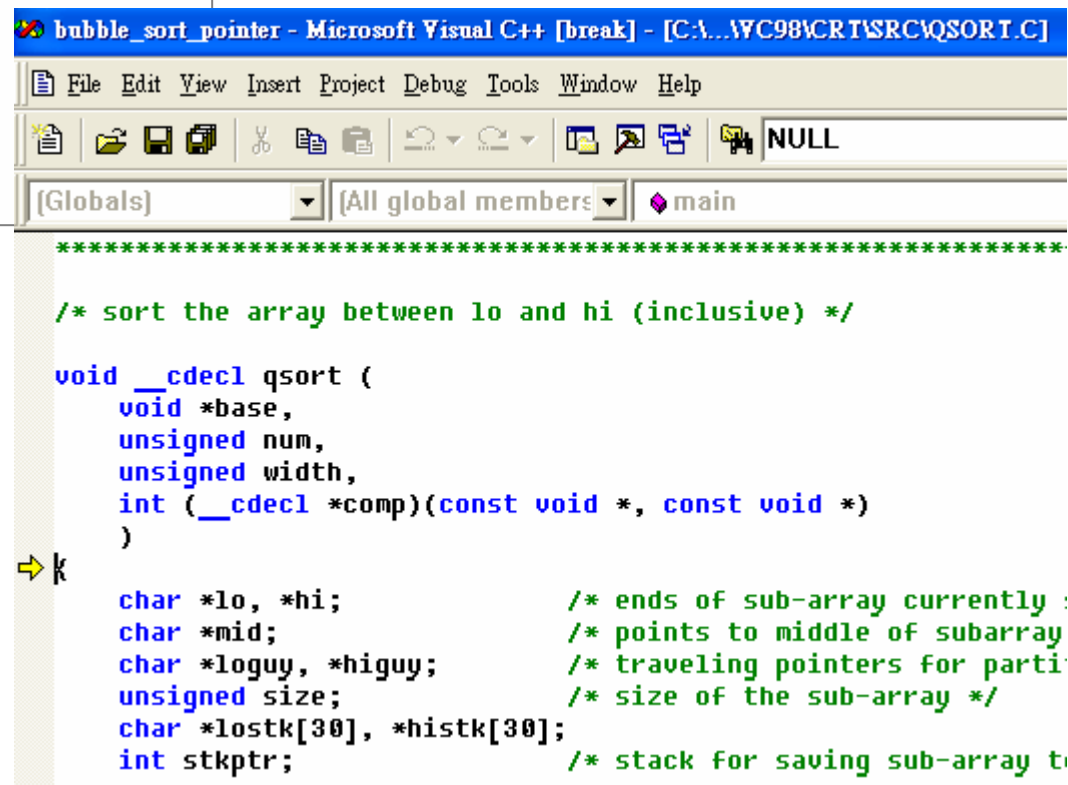
    qsort( (void*) a, (size_t) 6, sizeof(double),
        (int (*)(const void*, const void*)) &double_comp ) ;

    for(i = 0 ; 5 >= i ; i++){
        printf("%6.2f  ", a[i]);
    }
    printf("\n") ;

    return 0 ;
}
```

C:\Program Files\Microsoft Visual Studio\VC98\CRT\SRC\QSORT.C

Exercise: you can trace the source code to find out quick-sort algorithm



```
*****
/* sort the array between lo and hi (inclusive) */

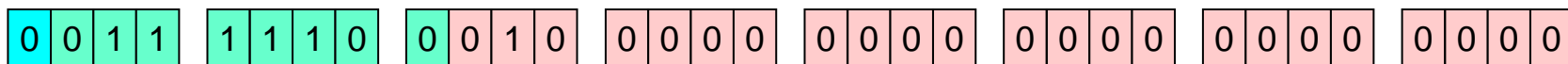
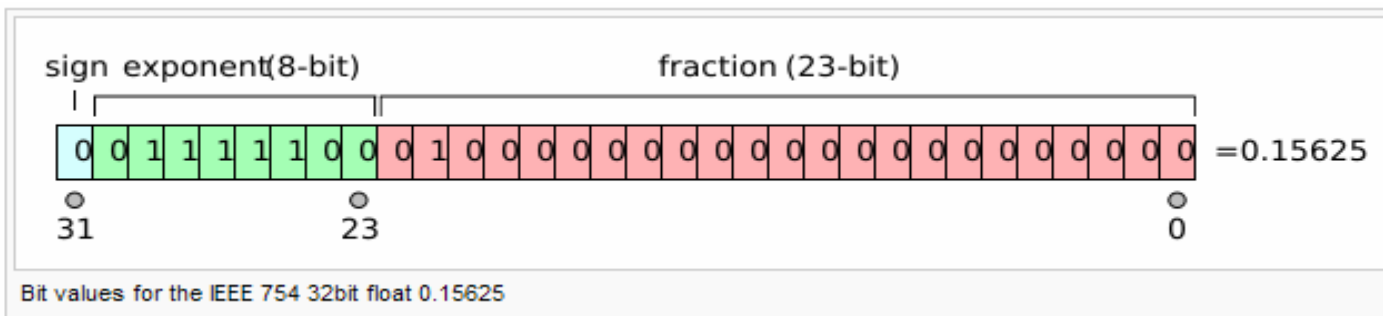
void __cdecl qsort (
    void *base,
    unsigned num,
    unsigned width,
    int (__cdecl *comp)(const void *, const void *)
)
    k
    char *lo, *hi;           /* ends of sub-array currently :
    char *mid;              /* points to middle of subarray
    char *loguy, *higuy;    /* traveling pointers for parti
    unsigned size;          /* size of the sub-array */
    char *lostk[30], *histk[30];
    int stkptr;             /* stack for saving sub-array to
```

OutLine

- Memory address and pointer
- Pointer and array
- Call-by-value
- Pointer array: pointers to pointers
- Function pointer
- **Application of pointer**

Application: How to extract value each field of a floating number

single precision



16進位 3 E(14) 2 0 0 0 0 0

```
float a = 0.15625 ;  
int *aInt_ptr = (int*) &a ;
```

Question: what is result of
printf ("%X", *aInt_ptr)

How to extract exponent field

$a = 0.15625$

3	E	2	0	0	0	0	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

&

7	F	8	0	0	0	0	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

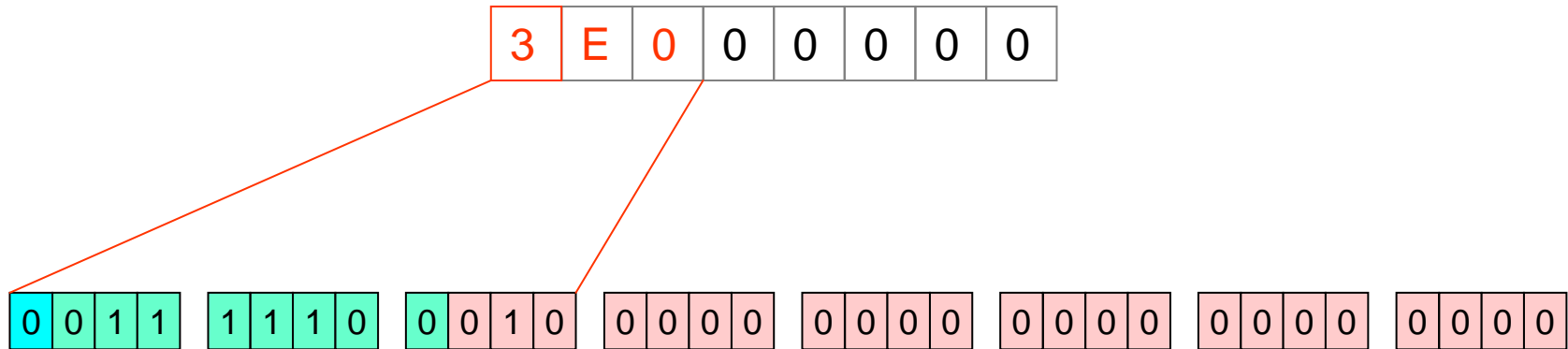
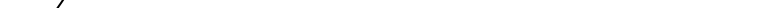


3	E	0	0	0	0	0	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

&

0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---



Report value of sign, exponent and fraction fields

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    float a = 0.15625 ;
    int sign = 0 ;
    int exponent = 0 ;
    int mantissa = 0 ;
    int *aInt_ptr = (int*) &a ;

    printf("a (double ) = %25.16f\n", a) ;

    sign      = *aInt_ptr & 0x80000000 ;
    exponent  = *aInt_ptr & 0x7F800000 ;
    mantissa  = *aInt_ptr & 0x0007FFFFFF ;

    printf("\t\t before shift\n") ;
    printf("sign      = %x\n", sign) ;
    printf("exponent = %x\n", exponent) ;
    printf("mantissa = %x\n", mantissa) ;

    sign      = ( *aInt_ptr & 0x80000000 ) >> 31 ;
    exponent  = ( *aInt_ptr & 0x7F800000 ) >> 23 ;
    mantissa  = *aInt_ptr & 0x0007FFFFFF ;

    printf("\t\t after shift\n") ;
    printf("sign      = %x\n", sign) ;
    printf("exponent = %x\n", exponent) ;
    printf("mantissa = %x\n", mantissa) ;

    return 0 ;
}
```

```
C:\> "F:\course\2008summer\c_lang\example\chap2\extract_
a (double ) = 0.1562500000000000
                before shift
sign      = 0
exponent  = 3e000000
mantissa  = 200000

                after shift
sign      = 0
exponent  = 7c
mantissa  = 200000
Press any key to continue_
```

Question: interpret value of sign, exponent and fraction after shift